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# LIVING LIFE\*



## *\*lifelong intergenerational faith & evangelization* **St. Jude Faith Formation 2018-2019**

Faith is a lifelong journey. We are grateful to have the opportunity to share this journey with you, and to partner with you in the faith formation of your children. Parenting really is at the heart of discipleship, and as parents, when you present your children for baptism and raise them in faith, you are answering Jesus' call to "Go and make disciples."

***Faith Formation Office Phone Number is 815-463-4260. Office hours are 9am-4pm Monday - Friday.***

***Full contact information can be found on pages 11 and 12.***

**Studies say,  
“Parents  
matter most!”**

When it comes to raising children in faith, parents matter more than any other factor. When a child is registered in a drop-off religious ed program, the catechists can influence 3/1000 of the hours in a child's year. Without partnering with parents, that influence will have little impact. St. Jude Faith Formation is an award winning program\* that emphasizes both learning and living the faith in the home and in the community. St. Jude Faith Formation offers a multi-component approach, which includes Life of the Parish, Families Living the Gospel challenge, etc. More info at [www.stjudes.org](http://www.stjudes.org).

## Life of the Parish Faith Formation - Explore 4

**A “living” component of our Faith Formation program (4 reflections required for Grades 1-8)**

*“You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words... in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise.”*  
~ Deuteronomy 6:5-7 NRSV

Jesus charged us with the mission: *“Go and make disciples.”* We do not have to cross oceans, travel to other continents, or minister to strangers in strange lands, though God may very well call some of us to do this. Instead, most of us will be called to spread the gospel a little closer to home - passing the faith on to the next generation.

Mother Teresa said: *“Each person's mission is a mission of love...begin where you are, with the people closest to you.”* At home, at work, at church, begin with the people closest to you, where you live. It is in the life of the parish that children truly see us being Church together. It is here that they see us living our faith.

We ask parents to “explore four”... **explore the four pillars of our faith:** Creed, Sacraments/Worship, Christian Prayer, Christian Living through the Life of the Parish. “Explore Four” includes faith opportunities intended to help us explore and grow in our faith. We (and the parish-at-large) provide these opportunities very intentionally to meet people where they are, focused on everyday living of the faith, and learning the traditions of our faith. Some events will be audience specific (for kids/adults only) and others will be intended for all ages, and perfect for whole families. Some events may have an added cost (such as weekend retreats and mission trips). A *Life of the Parish* Reflection Form is available in the Faith Formation section of our website - [www.stjudes.org](http://www.stjudes.org) - and in the Faith Formation Office. After attending/participating in any of these events, fill out the reflection form, and turn in the completed form at your next Families Living Faith/Families Called to the Table or JHYM session. Events are listed on the form.

## Families Living the Gospel

**A “living” component of our Faith Formation program**

In 2014-15, St. Jude Family Faith Formation was awarded a Ministry Grant from the Catholic Education Foundation of the Diocese of Joliet. The grant was awarded to support our Families Living the Gospel initiative. We hope to follow the lead of Pope Francis as he has called us to become a “Missionary Church” and a “Church of Mercy.” At this year's Families Living Faith/Families Called to the Table parent sessions, we will be exploring the Corporal Works of Mercy. Families are encouraged to perform works of service and mercy each month, then complete and turn in a Families Living the Gospel Reflection form to enter their family in the Works of Mercy Challenge. Up to two of these reflection forms may also count toward the Explore Four expectation. It is our hope that this will enable our families to spend quality time together, learn about their community's needs and become empowered to live the message of compassion and love proclaimed in the Gospel.

*\*St. Jude Faith Formation won a National Award from the National Conference on Catechetical Leadership for our Life of the Parish component called Explore 4. National Catholic leaders call it innovative, catechizing & evangelizing. Author/Speaker Joe Paprocki wrote about St. Jude's Faith Formation program for the Catholic publisher Loyola Press, and U.S. Catholic News published a story in 2015 talking about our Family Faith program. We are thrilled to partner with you on this faith journey.*

## Explore Four Reflection Form



# Life of the Parish Faith Formation

*The Catholic Community of St. Jude*

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

NAME of EVENT: \_\_\_\_\_

Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Grades: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Attendance: \_\_\_\_\_

Family Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

How might this Life of the Parish Event help a member of the parish grow in their faith?

List possible benefits of participating in these parish events?

Describe your experience:

Other Comments:

Please turn completed forms in at Families Living Faith, Families Called to the Table, JHYM Sessions, or to the Faith Formation Office. You may also send forms to the Office of Faith Formation, St. Jude, 241 West Second Ave, New Lenox, IL 60451.



# Life of the Parish Faith Formation

*NCCL awarded St. Jude the 2014 New Wineskins Award for this Life of the Parish Faith Formation Program!*

**Our holistic approach to Faith Formation came from an intense study and reflection by our Faith Formation Board and Staff of documents written by our U.S. Catholic Bishops. *The Parish is the Curriculum!* Please see our Life of the Parish (Explore Four) Packet for a full description/explanation of this parish life focus.**

Because this approach is focused on forming ourselves and our children in the Catholic faith by full participation in the **life of the parish**, Explore Four events focus on **PARISH** opportunities for being formed in the faith. Most community events, though positive in nature and intent, **do not count** as Explore Four events.

Occasionally, a parish group will participate in a community event together - these types of event do count as Explore Four events, because the parish community participates together. Certain diocesan events also help us grow in our faith and build up our local community as well as our universal Catholic Church. If an event is not a St. Jude parish or Joliet Diocese event, please do not list it as an Explore 4 event. Some multi day events (like Christ Renews His Parish/Welcome weekends) count as two Explore 4 events. Up to two Families Living the Gospel reflection forms can be used for Explore 4. If you have questions about whether an event can be included or not, please call our office at 815-463-4260/463-4262.



## Life of the Parish Events Ongoing Opportunities for Explore 4 Participation

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
  - Holy Hour Thursdays
  - First Friday Adoration
- Bible Studies/Gospel Small Groups
- Biblical Institute (added cost)
- Catechist/Coach Ministry
- Christ Renews His Parish/Welcome
- Daybreak Ministry
- Elizabeth Ministry
- Extraordinary Minister of Communion for Shut-ins
- Junior Women's Club
- Life in the Spirit Prayer Group
- Liturgy of the Hours
- Knights of Columbus
- Meal Angels
- Men's Ministry Prayer Group
- MOMS Social Group
- Music Ministries
- Peace and Social Justice
- RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation
- Respect Life Ministry
- Rosary for Life
  - Wednesdays 7pm
  - Saturdays 8am

## SACRAMENTAL PREP

- First Reconciliation Prep
  - Nov 27 or 28
- First Eucharist Prep
  - Saturday, March 9 or
  - Saturday, March 16 or
  - Saturday, April 6
- First Eucharist Practice
  - April 30 or May 7 (assigned)
- 2 Confirmation Year 1 Workshops
  - September 23 or 24
  - January 27 or 28
- 3 Confirmation Year 2 Preps
  - September 16 or 17
  - January 13 or 14
  - April 14 or April 15

## Upcoming Life of the Parish Events 2018 -19

- 5K/10K Run for Faith (Aug. 25)
- Advent Reconciliation Service (TBA)
- Cantatas
- College Care Packages (TBA)
- Cross Walk (April 19)
- Dive In July 8-12
- Family Advent Wreath Special (Dec. 1)
- Family Game Night (Oct. 20)
- Family Movie Night (Feb. 1)
- Field Trips (Varies -TBA)
  - Service, i.e. Feed My Starving Children
  - Faith Friends, i.e. American Islamic Association in Frankfort
- Giving Tree Volunteerism (Dec. 2 - 7)
- The Legend of St. Nicholas (Dec. 15)
- Learning Events by Ministries (Varies)
- Lenten Reconciliation Service (TBA)
- Local Service Opportunities (TBA)
- Mission Trips Informational Meeting (TBA)
- Parent Orientation (Sept. 12)
- PARISH MISSION (TBA)
- RETREATS (Varies - TBA)
- ROOTS (Nov. 17 & Feb. 23; for 5th & 6th grade)
- Spring Parish Day of Service
- Saint Francis Pet Blessing
- Sharefest Recycle Palooza
- Sharefest Projects (Sept. and Oct.)
- Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Supper (April 18)
- Solemn Liturgy of the Lord's Passion (April 19)
- Stations of the Cross (Fridays during Lent)
- Summer Wednesday Adult Faith Formation Series - Pivotal Players (see details right)

### SPECIAL EVENTS

#### Summer Wednesday Night Adult FF Series PIVOTAL PLAYERS

7:00 - 8:30pm

June 13  
June 20  
June 27

#### 2018 SUMMER KIDS CAMP

9am - 12:30pm

July 16 - 19

#### 2019 PARISH MISSION

*tentative dates...*

7:00 - 8:30pm

February 25, 26 & 27

*check back in August for  
finalized schedule*

*Watch the bulletin and  
newsletter for info or go to:  
[www.dynacal.com/stjude](http://www.dynacal.com/stjude)*



## ALL AGES-Preparation for the Reception of Sacraments

There is a two year preparation period for the reception of sacraments in the Diocese of Joliet as mandated by the Office of the Bishop. This preparation is in addition to regular and ongoing faith formation! Generally children in the second grade are considered as having reached the age of reason, and thus ready to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. In these younger grades, children receive two years of religious instruction with additional preparation for the sacraments in the second year (second grade). If a child arrives in the second grade, this will be their first year of instruction and sacramental preparation will begin in the third grade. If a child arrives after this time, a similar process will be followed and the child will be placed in their grade level classroom. This is because preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in our parish takes the form of family instruction. This is a faith journey for all of us as we renew our understanding of and commitment to the gift of grace we receive in the sacraments. After all gathered sacrament preparation family sessions, activity materials will be sent home with the families. Parents are expected to continue sacramental preparation at home. These family preparation sessions count toward the family "Explore Four" requirement. There will be one preparation session for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Children will then have the opportunity to receive the sacrament in the weeks that follow this session. There will be a family Retreat and family practice for First Eucharist. The dates for the reception of the Sacrament of First Eucharist will be assigned by class. Families may also choose to have their children receive First Eucharist at a Sunday celebration of the Liturgy.

During preparation for Confirmation in the junior high years, BOTH 7th and 8th grade youth receive two years of religious instruction AND additional sacramental preparation. This sacramental preparation takes the form of retreats, special stewardship opportunities, a focus on the importance of regular Mass attendance, and content specific workshops (Catholic Skills Workshops 1-2 and Confirmation Prep sessions 1-3). The content specific workshops are intended for both youth and their parents and can also count toward the "Explore Four" requirement with parent participation.

Students often show up in our program in the older grades in need of First Reconciliation/First Eucharist. Each of these situations will be handled in a pastoral manner; often these students and parents will meet with a faith formation team leader over the period of two years outside of the regular instruction sessions. Each case will be considered on an individual basis, but **two years of formal instruction and preparation is the minimum**. Students who have missed years of faith formation may be required to make up that formation. If a child comes from another program or another school, they still will be expected to go through our preparation sessions. Exceptions may be made if the director/principal of their former program provides us with written testimony to the fact that the youth has received preparation under their direction, and in accordance with the Diocese of Joliet or their home diocese.

If a child has not yet been baptized after he/she reaches the age of reason (approximately 7 years of age), please contact the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation regarding special preparation for your child. If an adult desires to receive the Sacraments or is an adult who wishes to become Catholic, please call the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation for specific instructions on who they should contact and how they too can prepare for the Sacraments as adults. We look forward to this special preparation with you and your family!

## Sunday School (PreSchool-Kindergarten)

The Early Childhood years are an important time in a child's faith formation journey. The young child has a unique understanding of God's Unconditional Love, and a natural receptivity to the awe and wonder of the Mystery of God. The St. Jude Sunday School program uses a balanced curriculum targeting the young child's open heart with tangible experiences of God's presence through lessons from the 7 Catholic doctrinal themes which are taught in a spiraling curriculum throughout the Pre-K through 8th grade years. This program includes prayer experiences, crafts, music, and games, which are all developmentally designed for your child's particular age and stage of life. Students are dropped off at their assigned classroom just prior to the 9am Mass and picked up immediately following Mass on assigned Sundays during the school year.

Calendar dates (14 sessions) are: September 16 & 23; October 7 & 21; November 4 & 11; December 2 & 9;  
January 13 & 20; February 3, 10 & 17; March 3

Code - SS

**Coordinator - Denise Boisvert** [dboisvert@stjudes.org](mailto:dboisvert@stjudes.org) or 815-463-4292

Please read the following pages, complete registration forms, and return to the Faith Formation Office before **June 29, 2018**. Registration forms will be accepted beginning **April 9, 2018**.

## Families Living Faith (Grades 1-6)

In our Families Living Faith program, children in grades 1- 6 and their families come together for an hour and a half session, once per month. In these sessions students are introduced to a new unit of study by catechists in age-appropriate classrooms. At the same time, parents participate in exploring these same concepts through adult presentations and small and large group discussions. Parents then teach the next two chapters of the unit at home and children complete the unit review before the next class.

In the past we have had speakers from our own parish, as well as visiting speakers. Some months parents are exposed to the latest research about kids at various ages and stages; other months parents are given ideas about how to unpack the lessons of the current unit using various resources, including media and technology. Every month the theme and the methods may vary, but the friendships and the camaraderie continue to grow. Our faith journey is lifelong, and never ends.

Lessons follow the seven thematic units of the children's curriculum. Families meet once a month to explore these units. Families are also expected to explore four (or more) life of the parish events that support faith formation in the areas of Creed, Sacraments/Worship, Christian Prayer, Christian Living (see details on page 2). Sacramental Preparation also counts toward Explore Four. Families are expected to complete and turn in four or more *Explore Four* reflection forms each year. In addition, **Catholic Mass reflections** are expected to be turned in monthly, and families are encouraged to participate in the **Families Living the Gospel Challenge**.



Families Living Faith will be offered at the following times throughout the month. Families sign up for a session time and attend that session time throughout the year. Registrations will be accepted in the order they are received - beginning on **April 9, 2018**.

Day/Session	Time of Day	Registration Code
FLF Sunday A 10:15am	10:15-11:45am	FLF Sun A
FLF Sunday B 10:15am	10:15-11:45am	FLF Sun B
FLF Tuesday A 5:30pm	5:30-7:00pm	FLF Tues A
FLF Tuesday B 6:00pm	6:00-7:30pm	FLF Tues B
FLF Wednesday A 5:30pm	5:30-7:00pm	FLF Wed A
FLF Wednesday B 6:00pm	6:00-7:30pm	FLF Wed B

Babysitting for children 3-5 years of age will be offered at these sessions, provided enough volunteers come forward to make this ministry possible. Children must be potty-trained. Children must be registered for the babysitting program. Please request a nanny ministry registration form if interested. Availability at each FLF session is limited due to space. Please register ASAP to receive first choice in schedule. We will make every effort to honor your request, but placements are made in the order that registration paperwork is received.

**Code - FLF**

## Families Called to the Table (Grades 1-6)

A home study faith formation program in which families receive curriculum support through our publisher, including children's workbooks, and online support for parents and youth. Parents are expected to attend any regularly offered parent session each month and teach all chapters of the unit at home. We encourage families to connect faith formation to liturgy by providing "Magnifikid" magazines 32 weeks of the year. Families will participate in family sacramental preparation and/or "Explore Four" events, and turn in completed reflection forms. Families also complete and turn in **monthly Catholic Mass reflections** and are encouraged to participate in Families Living the Gospel Challenge. Children (1st-3rd grade) are invited to participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) when scheduled. Parents of children in 1st-3rd grade are asked to assist at CLOW periodically throughout the year. CLOW is scheduled at 9am and 11am Masses most weeks September through May, except Christmas, New Year's and Easter breaks, and Catholic Schools Week. Please refer to the parish calendar at [www.stjudes.org](http://www.stjudes.org) for details.

**Code - FCT**



## Junior High Youth Ministry

PARTICIPATION FAITH FELLOWSHIP STEWARDSHIP

**RIISING UP TO BECOME  
WHO GOD CREATED YOU TO BE!**

Matthew Krumdrick 815-463-4213 [MatthewK@stjudes.org](mailto:MatthewK@stjudes.org)  
Jenny Krumdrick 815-514-0051 [JenKrumdrick@yahoo.com](mailto:JenKrumdrick@yahoo.com)

Our goals are to engage junior high teens and their parents, to evangelize and inspire a renewed understanding of the Catholic faith, and to invite them into a deeper relationship with Jesus. This high-energy and dynamic program will regularly emphasize four cornerstones: Participation, Faith Growth, Fellowship, and Stewardship. The youth meet once or twice a month at scheduled times for meaningful experiences of prayer, worship, scripture, community service and catechesis within a relational context. The catechetical sessions are Sundays at 4:45pm or Mondays at 6:30pm for an hour and a half. (Register for one or the other). In addition, 7th grade teens are required to attend the two Catholic Skills Workshops (Scripture and Christian Prayer) and 8th grade teens must attend three Confirmation Prep Sessions. Corresponding Parent Sessions are offered on Catholic Skills and Confirmation Prep Nights; parents' attendance counts for "Explore Four" with a written reflection form turned in (see page 2 for details). Both 7th and 8th grade teens also need to attend one retreat each year, participate in a variety of service projects, and turn in **monthly Family Catholic Mass Reflections** and one Stewardship Log with a Stewardship Reflection in April.

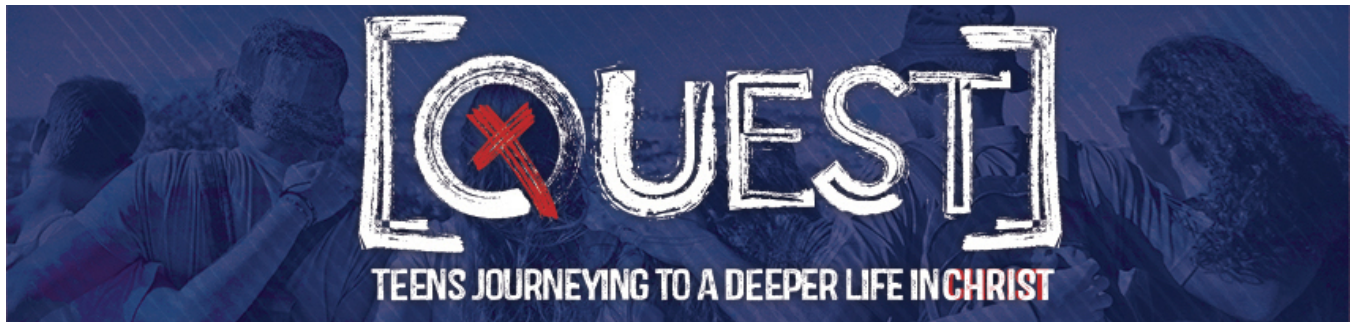
**LIFE MASS 6:30 pm!**

JH Sunday Sessions Code - JH 7/8 Sun

JH Monday Sessions Code - JH 7/8 Mon



All teens are **STRONGLY** encouraged to attend 6:30 pm LIFE Mass. JHYM teens are encouraged to attend with their huddles on the Sundays of JHYM.



**HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY** - Our high school students are offered a variety of dynamic outreach experiences each month. Mass is a core element of our spiritual and communal growth. QUEST's weekly Alpha nights are also a core element of the ministry. In small groups we build faith, leadership, and camaraderie. QUEST Nights are monthly faith experiences on Sunday nights immediately following 6:30pm LIFE Mass that may include prayer, meal time, music, impacting teachings and inspirational discussions! QUEST provides high school students the opportunity for spiritual growth while also providing the opportunity to meet new friends and strengthen old friendships. QUEST offers parents the opportunity to support their teens through involvement in a variety of the teen activities such as retreats, service outings, and community-building social activities.

Code - QUE

Director of Youth Ministry - Matthew Krumdrick  
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## Families Living Faith and Families Called to the Table

Directors - Katie Neu: [kneu@stjudes.org](mailto:kneu@stjudes.org) /815-463-4291 & Steve Martin: [smartin@stjudes.org](mailto:smartin@stjudes.org) /815-463-4223

Catechetical Support Associate - Berni Kacor: [bkacor@stjudes.org](mailto:bkacor@stjudes.org) /815-463-4262

### **TENTATIVE Schedule for 2018-19** Updated calendars will be available in August 2018.



#### **Sunday A 10:15am**

Code FLF Sun A

September 16  
October 14  
November 4  
January 6  
February 10  
March 10  
April 7

*Plus Explore Four/Gospel Challenge reflections, Monthly Catholic Mass Reflections and Unit Reviews*

#### **Tuesday A 5:30pm**

Code FLF Tues A

September 18  
October 16  
November 6  
January 8  
February 12  
March 12  
April 2

*Plus Explore Four/Gospel Challenge reflections, Monthly Catholic Mass Reflections and Unit Reviews*

#### **Wednesday A 5:30pm**

Code FLF Wed A

September 19  
October 17  
November 7  
January 9  
February 13  
March 13  
April 3

*Plus Explore Four/Gospel Challenge reflections, Monthly Catholic Mass Reflections and Unit Reviews*

#### **Sunday B 10:15am**

Code FLF Sun B

September 23  
October 21  
November 11  
January 13  
February 24  
March 17  
April 28

*Plus Explore Four/Gospel Challenge reflections, Monthly Catholic Mass Reflections and Unit Reviews*

#### **Tuesday B 6:00pm**

Code FLF Tues B

September 25  
October 23  
November 13  
January 15  
February 19  
March 19  
April 9

*Plus Explore Four/Gospel Challenge reflections, Monthly Catholic Mass Reflections and Unit Reviews*

#### **Wednesday B 6:00pm**

Code FLF Wed B

September 26  
October 24  
November 14  
January 16  
February 20  
March 20  
April 10

*Plus Explore Four/Gospel Challenge reflections, Monthly Catholic Mass Reflections and Unit Reviews*

### ***Sacramental Preparation***

#### **First Reconciliation Preparation Session:**

Tues., November 27, 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
OR Wed., November 28, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

#### **First Reconciliation**

Tues., December 11, 6:00 - 7:30 pm  
OR Wed., December 12, 6:00 - 7:30 pm

#### **First Eucharist Preparation Sessions**

**A Day of Reflection/Preparation on the Eucharist with your child**  
(includes lunch). Choose one date:

- Saturday, March 9th from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm
- Saturday, March 16th from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm
- Saturday, April 6th from 10:00 am to 2:30 pm

*First Eucharist dates assigned by class will be either May 4 or May 11, 2019*

*First Eucharist Practice is on April 30th or May 7th, time TBA, dates assigned.*

### **Look for more XtraOrdinary Events in 2018-2019.**

Some being offered this year include:

- St. Francis Pet Blessing - (TBA)
- Family Game Night (Oct. 20)
- Roots! (Nov. 17 & Feb. 23)
- Family Advent Wreath Making (Dec. 1)
- Legend of St. Nicholas (Dec. 15)
- Feed My Starving Children Service Trip (Jan. 26)
- Family Movie Night (Feb. 1)



# Junior High Youth Ministry 2018-19

PARTICIPATION FAITH FELLOWSHIP SERVICE

All Junior High teens are known and valued members of their small group huddle. Caring adult and high school leaders will journey with teens as they develop and deepen their personal relationship with Jesus through prayer, Scripture, and faith sharing. Teens are offered a variety of engaging stewardship (service) projects and experiential retreats, and are given opportunities to grow in leadership skills. The sessions complement whole parish faith formation and intergenerational service learning opportunities.

We encourage families to attend 6:30 pm teen-ministered Mass immediately following the Sunday sessions!

## Year #1: 7th Grade

**Sunday**

**4:45-6:15\*\* pm**

**Monday**

**6:30-8:00 pm**

Intro to JHYM & Scripture Workshop (Parents attend)

**September 23\***

**September 24\***

Small Group Huddle Gatherings:

October 14                      October 15

October 28                      October 29

November 11                      November 12

November 25                      November 26

December 9                      December 10

7th Grade Retreat: January 12 9am - 12 pm

Prayer Workshop (Parents attend)

**January 27\***

**January 28\***

Small Group Huddle Gatherings:

February 10                      February 11

**Attend 1 night of Mission:**

*Feb 24th 4 pm for Teens  
or Feb 25th 7 pm for all*

**Attend 1 night of Mission:**

*Feb 24th 4 pm for Teens  
or Feb 25th 7 pm for all*

March 3

March 4

March 17

March 18

April 7

April 8

\* **Dates in bold: Catholic Skills Workshops!**

\* Parent(s) are asked to attend (count as Explore 4)

\*\* Teens are encouraged to attend 6:30 pm Life Mass with their small groups. Families are encouraged to attend.

## LIFE MASS 6:30 pm!

All teens are **STRONGLY** encouraged to attend 6:30 pm Life Mass with their huddles on the Sundays of JHYM.

## Year #2: 8th Grade

**Sunday**

**4:45-6:15\*\* pm**

**Monday**

**6:30-8:00 pm**

Confirmation Prep #1: attend with parent(s)

**September 16\***

**September 17\***

Small Group Huddle Gatherings:

October 14                      October 15

October 28                      October 29

November 11                      November 12

November 25                      November 26

December 9                      December 10

Confirmation Prep #2: attend with sponsor

**January 13\***

**January 14\***

Small Group Huddle Gatherings:

February 10                      February 11

**Attend 1 night of Mission:**

*Feb 24th 4 pm for Teens  
or Feb 25th 7 pm for all*

**Attend 1 night of Mission:**

*Feb 24th 4 pm for Teens  
or Feb 25th 7 pm for all*

March 3

March 4

March 17

March 18

April 7

April 8

Confirmation Prep #3: attend with sponsor

**April 14\***

**April 15\***

\* **Dates in bold: Confirmation Preparation**

\* Parent/sponsor must accompany teen (Explore 4).

\*\* Teens are encouraged to attend 6:30 pm Life Mass with their small groups. Families are encouraged to attend.

## Confirmation Retreat Options

8th grade teens are asked to choose one of the following retreats and register on JHYM website.

Spots are limited, register on line starting in April

**Dive In Teen Nights @ St. Jude July 8-12**

**Power of the Cross #1 @ Hands of Hope**

**Sports & Nature Retreat @ Mount Assisi**

**Works of Mercy Retreat @ MOLA in Chicago**

**Winter Xtreme @ Camp TimberLee in WI Feb 22-24**

**Power of the Cross #2 @ Hands of Hope**

## Expectations & Opportunities

★ Teens are expected to participate in a minimum of **6 stewardship projects** (approximately 20 hours)

• ie: Care Package Assembly, Feed My Starving Children, Rake & Run, Scavenger Hunt (among many others!)

★ Teens are asked to attend **1 retreat each year**

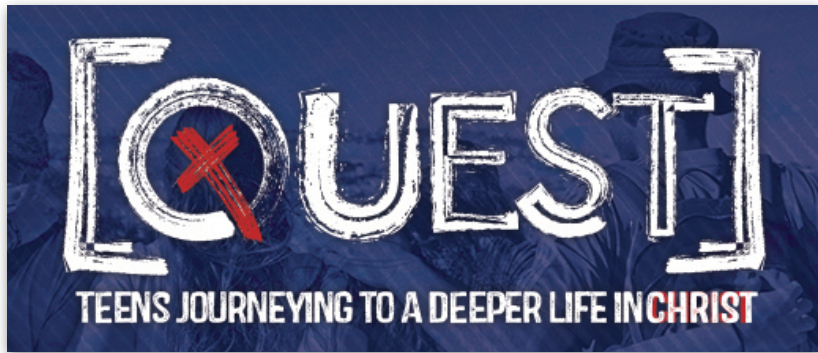
★ Teens are asked to attend Mass and fill out **7 Family Mass Reflections** (1 each month)

★ Teens and families are asked to participate in **4 Explore 4 events**

★ Teens are welcome to participate in any of these outstanding & **EXTRAORDINARY** events:

• Fright Fest, Mission Trip Meeting, "Represent," Late Night Social, NEX Retreat





**Small Groups:** "Twice monthly" small groups for teens at every level of development, for teens just starting out, there's "alpha" or teens working on becoming next level Disciples! These groups take place in homes, coffee shops, and at church! Your teens are invited to let US know what day works best for them: **Mondays, Tuesdays, or Thursdays.**

**Open QUEST Nights - Wednesdays:** ANY/ALL teens in HS are welcome to come to any Wednesday sessions!

<b>Kick Off</b>	October 3, 2018	December 5, 2018	February 6, 2019	April 3, 2019
<b>August 15, 2018</b>	October 10, 2018	December 12, 2018	February 13, 2019	April 10, 2019
August 22, 2018	October 17, 2018	December 19, 2018	February 20, 2019	April 17, 2019
August 29, 2018	October 24, 2018	CHRISTMAS BREAK!	February 27, 2019	April 24, 2019
September 5, 2018	November 7, 2018	January 9, 2019	March 6, 2019	May 1, 2019
September 12, 2018	November 14, 2018	January 16, 2019	March 13, 2019	May 8, 2019
September 19, 2018	November 21, 2018	January 23, 2019	March 20, 2019	May 15, 2019
September 26, 2018	November 28, 2018	January 30, 2019	March 27, 2019	

### Special Nights and Events

Sunday August 12 Welcome back  
6:30 Mass & Bonfire After  
Sunday August 19, HS Bonfire  
Sunday August 26, HS Bonfire  
Sunday Sept 16 Camp Fire Night



Sunday Oct 21 C.F.N.  
Sunday Nov 18 C.F.N.  
Sunday Dec 2\* C.F.N.  
Sunday Jan 13 C.F.N.  
Sunday Feb NO C.F.N.  
Sunday March 17 C.F.N.  
Sunday April 14 C.F.N.

### SPECIAL EVENTS

- SUMMER'18 LOCK OUT [Service Project. Mid-Night Movie, Rec. Center & Swimming] (TBA)
- Great America FrightFest - Oct. 8, 2018
- Discovery Retreat - Nov. 17 - 18, 2018
- Our Lady of Guadalupe Augustinian Youth Celebration - Dec. 7
- Teen Mission Night (TBA)
- Winter Xtreme Retreat Feb. 15 - 17, 2019
- Holy Thursday Retreat - April 18, 2019
  - & Good Friday Cross Walk - April 19, 2019

### A Sampling of QUEST Stewardship

Christ calls us to live out His mission - to be his hands and feet in the world!

- Local Service Projects (Raking, Shoveling, F.M.S.C)
- CASA Train in December
- Parish Day of Service in April
- Catholic Heart Workcamp in June!

Local Service Opportunities and Mission Trips are offered throughout the year. Watch the website, newsletters, and bulletins for details.

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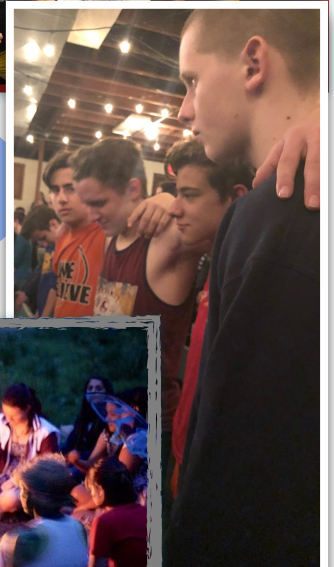
QUEST offers impacting youth ministry that is implemented through programming that focuses on the 8 components of youth ministry:

- \*community life
- \*justice & service
- \*evangelization
- \*leadership development
- \*pastoral care
- \*prayer & worship
- \*advocacy
- \*education/catechesis

QUEST offers **pastoral care** by creating a network of care and support for teens. QUEST **advocates** for teens and empowers them by giving them a voice to speak up about issues that influence their lives.



**LIFE MASS 6:30 pm!**  
All teens and FAMILIES are invited to an engaging, teen-ministered evening Mass.





# Your St. Jude Faith Formation Team

*As partners in your child's faith formation, we think it's important for you to know who we are. This team brings almost 80 years of faith formation experience to this parish. With advanced degrees in ministry and experience in teaching students and catechetical leaders from around the country, this team combines education with experience, and a love of Christ with a passion for this ministry. We are like you: working jobs (sometimes more than one), planning weddings, raising children, sending kids to college, and enjoying our families. Thank you for accompanying us on our own faith journeys. We feel privileged to work with our St. Jude family!*

## Catechetical Support Associate

**Lisa Raspante**

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Lisa has been part of St. Jude Parish since 2012. Prior to joining St. Jude, Lisa and her family attended St. Elizabeth Seton in Orland Hills. Upon completing the R.C.I.A program in 2004, Lisa has been sharing her love of the faith with others. One of her passions is helping children on their journey in faith. Lisa attended school at Moraine Valley Community College and Governors State University. Lisa met her husband Rick at Oak Lawn High School. The two have been married since 1999 and have five children. Lisa loves spending time with her family and cooking. One of the many things that drew Lisa and her family to St. Jude was the various opportunities to get involved in the parish. She is excited to be part of the Faith Formation Team and to work with the JHYM. She hopes to help see the teens continue to grow in their faith well into their adult years.

## Catechetical Support Associate

**Berni Kacor**

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Berni has lived in New Lenox and been a member of St. Jude Parish since 1994. She started as a volunteer with various St. Jude groups before becoming part of the Faith Formation support staff in 2004. Berni grew up in Chicago near Midway Airport as part of St. Camillus Parish where she attended their elementary school, then Queen of Peace High School. She received her A.B.A. from MacCormac Junior College and her B.B.A. from Loyola University of Chicago. Berni enjoys spending as much time as possible with her three children and one grandson. Her interests include walking, bike-riding, watching movies, playing board games, bowling, reading and crocheting. Berni feels St. Jude to be a welcoming, comforting and generous community and offers many opportunities for people to be involved. By working with St. Jude families, she hopes to help enrich their faith life, as well as her own.

## Director of Parish Outreach (Early Childhood Family Formation/Ministry Outreach)

**Denise Boisvert**

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For 25 years, Denise has enjoyed fulfilling roles in business, ministry and parenting. Denise earned her Bachelor's Degree at Western Illinois University with certification to teach K-9<sup>th</sup> grade. Denise launched a marketing career with Heartland Blood Centers, spanning 11 years, retiring as Director of Blood Donor Recruitment to begin her family. Denise enjoyed active roles in ministry at St. Jude since 2001, joining the Faith Formation staff in 2008. In addition to her current role at St. Jude, Denise works as Consultant to the Diocese of Joliet in Early Childhood Family Formation, and for Our Sunday Visitor Curriculum Division as Family Formation Program Consultant. At St. Jude, Denise has earned 6 grants from the Catholic Education Foundation launching new ministries such as MOMS: Ministry of Moms Sharing, Families Called to the Table, Baptism and Beyond, and Building Blocks for Parents. Denise believes young children are uniquely receptive to the awe and wonder of the mystery of God. By offering countless opportunities to experience God's Love in developmentally appropriate ways, parishes can profoundly impact the entire family's faith journey.

**Director of Lifelong Faith Formation (*1st-6th and families, including Sacramental Prep*)****Katie Neu**[kneu@stjudes.org](mailto:kneu@stjudes.org)**815-463-4291**

Katie comes to us from St. Barnabas Parish on the south side of Chicago. She grew up serving others with her family; they could often be found at a pop-up soup kitchen serving meals and helping out around the church where her father is a Deacon and her mother was the youth minister. She attended Quincy University where she earned a B.A. in Theology and Philosophy. While at Quincy, Katie was involved in the University's Campus Ministry program leading retreats and interning at a Crisis Pregnancy Center. After graduation, Katie attended the Catholic Theological Union in Hyde Park to earn her Master of Arts degree in Pastoral Studies. Katie worked as the Campus Minister and Religion Teacher at Mt. Assisi Academy in Lemont for two years. Katie loves working with St. Jude families as they continue to know and love Jesus. Katie enjoys reading historical fiction, crocheting little animals, spending time with her sister, and traveling the world.

**Director of Elementary Family Faith Formation (*1st-6th and families, including Sacramental Prep*)****Steve Martin**[smartin@stjudes.org](mailto:smartin@stjudes.org)**815-463-4223**

Steve began serving in parish ministry through sharing his gift of music as a volunteer during Mass and at various youth ministry events, programs and retreats. Through his growing involvement in youth ministry, Steve began to discover a call to serve as a leader in the church. He studied at St. Xavier University in Chicago and University of Wisconsin. In addition Steve has completed a 2 year lay ministry program through the Archdiocese of La Crosse, received youth ministry certification through Wartburg Seminary, completed the La Crosse Diocesan Leader of Prayer Program, and attended 1 year of the La Crosse Diocesan Diaconate Formation Program. He has served the church for over 17 years working in youth & family ministry and religious education before taking the position of Co-Director of Family Faith Formation here at St. Jude. He is thankful for this opportunity to serve the community of St. Jude. The Lord has blessed Steve with a wonderful family. Steve and his wife Amy have four children: Grace, Noah, Anne, and Teresa. They too are very excited to be journeying together in faith with the community of St. Jude.

**Director of Junior & Senior High Youth Ministries****Matthew Krumdrick**[matthewk@stjudes.org](mailto:matthewk@stjudes.org)**815-463-4213 or 630-730-1368**

Matthew grew up and was schooled at St. Jude in Joliet. During high school he grew to love leading retreats, program nights and mission trips with the youth ministry program at the Cathedral of Saint Raymond's (Joliet, IL). After graduating from Eastern Illinois University where he was deeply engaged in the mission of their Catholic campus ministry, he came to work at the Guardian Angel Home (Joliet, IL) in their residential and day school programs. He graduated from Lewis University (Romeoville, IL) with his Masters degree in Leadership Studies and Pastoral Ministry. He has been working for the Diocese of Joliet for over 20 years doing youth ministry and faith formation with children through young adults. Matthew also heads up the I-80 Youth Discipleship Corridor of catholic parishes. He has been working at St. Jude as a Director of Youth Ministry for the past 10 years where his aim is to bring teens closer to Christ one step at a time. His hope is for each teen to know what it is to: Live freely, animated and motivated by God's Spirit. (Galatians 5:16)

**Youth and Discipleship Coordinator****Jenny Krumdrick**[jenkrumdrick@yahoo.com](mailto:jenkrumdrick@yahoo.com)**815-514-0051**[jenkrumdrick@stjudes.org](mailto:jenkrumdrick@stjudes.org)**815-463-4266**

Jenny has been joyfully and enthusiastically serving the teens of St. Jude in youth ministry for 15 years. She received her degree in Educational Studies from the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee with a minor in Communications. She went on to intern as a youth minister with Cultivation Ministries for one year, traveling the country to put on youth rallies and work with parish teams to start up and reignite parish youth ministries. Jenny has a deep passion for social justice and chastity issues. She strives to work with St. Jude parishioners to create a growing, impacting, and sustainable *disciple-making* youth ministry that reaches out to all teens of the parish. Many parishioners at St. Jude have expressed that working with Jenny and the teens' "contagious energy" is a joy and blessing. Jenny loves to hike, bike, canoe and travel with her family, as well as design quilts. She and Matthew have three children.