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THE BRANCHES OF FAITH

MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT YOUTH MINISTRY
FALL NEWSLETTER



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WELCOME!

We are excited to begin another year of youth ministry in the community. The Branches of Faith Youth Ministry is open to all young people and their families at Most Blessed Sacrament and Sacred Heart Parishes. We cannot wait to meet you and say hello! Join us for any of our in-person events or follow us online.

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YOUTH GROUP GRADES 7+

Join Us on the last Friday of the month for friendship, food, and games. Our Fall Kick Off will be September 29th from 7:00 to 8:30 PM.

Download a permission form from the parish website or pick one up at the door.



FAMILY EVENTS

The youth ministry will be planning bi-monthly events for families to gather and celebrate together.

Save the Dates:

Fall Pumpkin Carving

Sunday, October 22nd
More information to follow

Breakfast with Santa

Saturday, December 2, 2023



LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

We are looking for young people and their families to partake in our liturgical ministries during the weekend Masses. Consider being a:

- Lector
- Eucharistic Minister
- Altar Server
- Choir Member
- Greeter/Usher
- Liturgy of the Word for Children Leader

See Fr. Charlie or Rachel for more information.



SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Children in Grade 2 who are baptized will receive their First Holy Communion in the Spring.

For young people in Grade 7 or those in Grade 8+ who missed the celebration of Confirmation during the Pandemic, Registration will be sent out at the end of September.



A MESSAGE FROM RACHEL MCNAMARA, YOUTH MINISTER

We are so excited to begin another year of fantastic opportunities to meet and walk with you! First of all, I would like to welcome the Our Lady of Lourdes school community to our parish community. We are so blessed to have you join our community. Last year was our first year back in person since the lockdowns. We were able to gather as a community and cultivate friendships and lasting memories. Our Friday Night Youth Group continues to grow, as well as our family-focused afternoons. We hope to continue to see you.

This summer I had the opportunity to attend World Youth Day in Portugal with others from the parish. We heard countless times from Pope Francis how the Church is for everyone! He stated several times "todos, todos, todos" (meaning everyone), throughout the week! We welcome **everyone** with open arms and hearts to our Youth Ministry. There is a spot for you in the pew and in our groups. At the final Mass in Portugal, Pope Francis reminded young people it is their time to "shine, listen, and do not be afraid. We want this energy in our parish community. We want to hear from you and see you shine!

As we start the "new year", I will continue to keep all of you in my prayers. Come and say hello to me at Mass, or send me a quick message online to introduce yourself.

Rachel McNamara
Youth Minister
Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

MASS KITS FOR CHILDREN

If you have small children, we now have Mass kits that can be borrowed during Mass. Please see one of the ushers for one of the Mass kits. We welcome all families, regardless of the age or stage their children are at.



MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES FOR GRADE 4-6 STUDENTS

We are looking to offer some children's ministry opportunities for our Grade 4 to 6 students. Continue to check out the parish website and social media for programs and events.

Our annual GLOW Sleepover is in the works!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We cannot run our ministry without caring adults. If you are interested in supporting our young people, please contact Rachel for more information. There are many different ways you can support our youth and families!



MASS TIMES

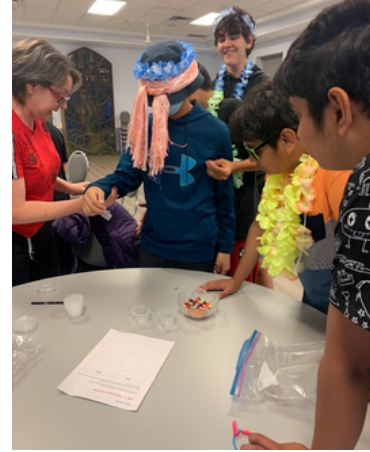
Saturday 5:00 PM - Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

Sunday 9:00 AM - Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish

Sunday 11:00 AM* - Most Blessed Sacrament Parish

*Liturgy of the Word for Children takes place for JK to Grade 3 Students

HIGHLIGHTS OF OUR 2022-2023 YEAR



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