

YOUTH MINISTRY

MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL (7-11)

Middle School (7 – 8)

One Sunday per month 5:30 – 8:00 p.m.

High School (9 – 11)

Varies by group

Middle and high school youth gather with a group of their chosen peers and faith group leaders once per month. Scripture, Prayer, Tradition, Liturgical Life, Morality and Apostolic Actions (service) are components of each gathering. Middle school youth will be studying a new series called *T:3 The Teen Timeline* which will prepare youth for in-depth Bible studies in high school.

Freshman: *Personal Jesus* Sophomore: *Sacrificial Jesus* Junior: Resurrected Jesus

A youth Mass, Reconciliation or special service is celebrated for **all youth** each month prior to the middle school youth gathering at 5:30 p.m.

A variety of **new** group Apostolic ACTIONS are scheduled for youth fulfill to their requirement of service hours toward Confirmation. Living the Faith is a crucial component of Youth Ministry...the Word of God cannot be fulfilled without taking action!

On the first Sunday in May, the final gathering of the year concludes with both middle and high school youth coming together for Mass, a meal, Scripture, reflection on the year, and the "*Rooted in the Gospel/Scripture Challenge*." The Challenge includes contests amongst faith groups which include questions about the lessons covered throughout the year. Last year, we used "Minute to Win It" challenges!!

Absence/Make up

Parents notify the Faith Formation office of youth absences at 868-3334. *Parents will be contacted regarding the whereabouts of missing youth.* Make-up lessons are posted on the parish website www.saintmarymilton.org under the Faith Formation link.

Sickness or Accident

Parents will be contacted upon illness or injury of students during class. If a parent cannot be reached, the emergency contact person will be called. If neither parents nor emergency contact persons are located, staff will use their best judgment.

Cancellation of Classes

The cancellation of classes will be posted on the homepage of the parish website www.saintmarymilton.org. You will also be notified by your child's faith group leader.

Safe Environment Training

Volunteers working with children are required to attend a training session called *VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children for Adults*. A background check is also completed.

Christian Learning Environment

Maintaining order during sessions is very important for teens to grasp the fullness of concepts and lessons taught in this short period of time. Therefore, respectful Christian conduct is expected at all times toward everyone. Parents will be notified of behavioral concerns. *Please note that cell phones and electronics must be turned off during class time.*



Emergency Evacuation/Shelters

Fire/Evacuation

A plan of student evacuation in the event of an emergency is in place. Meet your youth at the designated area; they will wait for you there:

Church Hall (lower level) Classes: The south end of the south parking lot.

Center Classes: The storage shed at the northwest corner of the church property.

Tornado

All students will gather in the Church Hall (lower level) with their leaders.

Student Class Grade Placement

Students are placed in the classroom grades in which they attend in their formal education. Students retained/advanced in public schools will be retained/advanced in Faith Formation.

**Middle School Gatherings/
Youth Mass At Saint Mary**

September 18 @ 5:30 p.m.
 October 9 @ 5:30 p.m.
 November 13 @ 5:30 p.m.
 December 11 @ 5:30 p.m.
 January 8 @ 5:30 p.m.
 February 12 @ 5:30 p.m.
 March 11 @ 5:30 p.m.
 April 15 @ 5:30 p.m.
 May 6 @ 5:30 p.m.

**High School Gatherings
at St. Mary**

September 18 @ 5:30 p.m.




Meetings and Confirmation Dates

Confirmation (2012) Parent & Candidate (Junior) Meeting
 September 18 @ 9:30 a.m. Parish Center

Confirmation (2011) Practice for Seniors
 September 18 @ 12:30 p.m. @ St. William Church, Janesville

Middle/High School Parent Meeting
 September 18 after 5:30 p.m. Youth Mass in Church

Confirmation (2011) for Seniors
 September 21 at 7:00 p.m. @ St. William Church, Janesville

Confirmation (2012) Retreat for Juniors—TBD

Youth Ministry Leader In-Services

September 8 @ 7:00 p.m. or September 11 @ 9:30 a.m.
 September 24 @ 9:00 a.m. *VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children (newbies)*
 October 6 @ 7:00 p.m. or October 9 @ 9:30 a.m.
 November 3 @ 7:00 p.m. or November 6 @ 9:30 a.m.
 December 1 @ 7:00 p.m. or December 4 @ 9:30 a.m.
 January 5 @ 7:00 p.m. or January 8 @ 9:30 a.m.
 February 2 @ 7:00 p.m. or February 5 @ 9:30 a.m.
 March 1 @ 7:00 p.m. or March 4 @ 9:30 a.m.
 April 12 @ 7:00 p.m. or April 15 @ 9:30 a.m.
 May 3 @ 7:00 p.m. or May 6 @ 9:30 a.m.

