

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM INFO

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YOUTH MINISTER:
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2020-2021

Parish Life

Full participation in Parish Life and regular Mass attendance on Sundays at Santa Clara de Asis is essential.

Youth Nights

Attend a minimum of 8 youth nights each year, and a minimum of 16 youth nights over the course of 2 years.

Yearly Retreats

Year 1 Retreat – November 14, 2020

Year 2 Retreat – March 5-6, 2021

Retreats are a vital part of our faith formation. They are mandatory. Both retreats include a parent mini retreat.

Choose A Saint!

Each teen is must select a patron saint for their Confirmation journey. This year's saint art project will be completed with the family, at home

Sponsor

You must choose a fully initiated practicing Catholic to mentor you through this process.

You will be scheduling (3) encounters with them **each** year so they must reside locally and have availability:

1. Social
2. Service and
3. Spiritual

Letter to the Bishop

{Year 2 teens only}

In April of 2021, teens will be asked to write a letter to the bishop about why they are choosing to be Confirmed and to reflect on the Gospel reading for the Confirmation Mass.



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SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR SMALL GROUP MEETINGS

FOR YOUTH NIGHTS THAT ARE TITLED "HOLY HOUR AND TEACHING"

- Parents/families are encouraged to attend alongside your teenager
- Face mask required to be worn at all times
- Outdoor chairs set up for Mass will be utilized
- Bring your own bottle of water
- Check your temp at home before leaving
- Do not come if you have any symptoms of illness for the previous 72 hours
- You will be asked the above at check-in

FOR FALL YOUTH RETREAT

- Face mask required to be worn at all times if still deemed necessary by Mandates
- Bring your own refillable bottle of water
- Bring your own chair
- Check your temp at home before leaving
- Do not come if you have any symptoms of illness for the previous 72 hours
- You will be asked the above at check-in

FOR YOUTH NIGHTS THAT ARE TITLED "SMALL GROUP MEETINGS"

- Face mask required to be worn at all times
- Bring your own chair and bottle of water
- Teens will be socially distanced in small group circles and remain outside
- Check your temp at home before leaving
- Do not come if you have any symptoms of illness for the previous 72 hours
- You will be asked the above at check-in

FOR YOUTH NIGHTS THAT ARE TITLED "FAMILY FAITH DAY"

- Face mask required to be worn at all times
- Details on virtual at-home option may become available pending permission
- Check your temp at home before leaving
- Do not come if you have any symptoms of illness for the previous 72 hours
- You will be asked the above at check-in

AT HOME FAMILY YOUTH NIGHTS

New this year! We will have 2 Youth Nights that you schedule and host as a family in the comfort of your own home.

- You are required to complete this experience during its respective month that it is scheduled on the youth night calendar (January & March).
- You must RSVP to participate in them and pick up the supplies for the events.
- More information will be sent out via email closer to the months of the events.

Look forward to:

January - Family Saint of the Year and Art Project Clay Night

March - Hunger Banquet Lenten Project

COMMUNICATION

NEWSLETTERS/EMAILS

Contact Kirsten King at: kirsten@scdayl.org

Information and program updates will be communicated primarily through email to parents and teens.

A monthly email newsletter will go out through mailchimp that will contain all of the month's events and details for Middle School Youth Ministry, High School Youth Ministry, Teen Leadership and Adult Volunteers as well as information on Parish events, Parish needs, volunteer and stewardship opportunities, Parent Resource corner and thoughtful spiritual and faith-filled insights on the month.

DOCUMENTS

ALL documents that are distributed will always be available for download on the Youth Ministry page of our SCDA website for the duration of the year.

When submitting documents for Youth Nights and Sponsor Forms, please use the google drive links provided for upload to ensure I am able to keep track of the documents being submitted.

MANDATES

Should the details, mandates or requirements change throughout the year, we will adapt and adjust as necessary. Those adjustments will be communicated through email. The intention of all of our events is to do "meaningful" not "more."

In the event that we are allowed to begin gathering indoors, we will adjust accordingly as well, but for the sake of planning the year, the dates and times are firm and will not change even if mandates are lifted.

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YOUTH MINISTRY POLICIES

BEHAVIOR

We expect that the members of a Catholic Youth Community behave in a manner which demonstrates our Catholic Christian values and morality. We believe both our Team and youth have a responsibility to co-create an atmosphere of unconditional love, respect and support. In Youth Ministry, we remind each other that we were made to be servants of Jesus Christ and called to be people of character, conscience and courage.

CELL PHONES

Cell phones are a huge distraction (for all of us, right?). During Youth Nights, teens AND adults will be placing their phones in a basket for the duration of their small group time to allow full attention and participation in the evening. At the end of the evening, teens are responsible for retrieving their phones from the designated location.

UNACCEPTABLE BEHAVIORS

Drugs (illegal narcotics, alcohol, vaping and smoking) or weapons are strictly forbidden at any Youth Ministry event. In the event that there is a circumstance involving any substances or weapons, immediate action will be taken. Fighting is strictly forbidden at any Youth Ministry event. Immediate action will be taken with any youth involved in fighting.

PROPERTY DAMAGE

We have beautiful facilities at Santa Clara, and we need to take great care of them! All youth will show respect toward church property and all facilities that we USE. Youth that purposely damage church property or other property will be held financially responsible for repair or replacement costs.

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DRIVING

1. Teens are allowed to drive their own cars to any YM event held on Parish grounds.
2. Once they arrive at the Youth Ministry event, teens are not allowed to drive other teens in a carpooling situation. In carpooling situations, all minors must ride with a person 25 years or older to an event that is off of the Parish grounds.
3. During events, teens are not allowed to leave via car with any other teen.
4. We ask for a respect for the environment when you are driving into the parking lot – watch what type of music you're playing and how loud it is! Mass, events or prayer time for those in the church could be going on. And respect the parking lot... watch your speed and park appropriately in marked stalls only!

FOOD

It is our pleasure to offer hospitality in the form of food and drink at many of our events. Please let us know if you have any severe allergies or dietary restrictions that could harm your teen (or you), before the event that you are attending to increase our awareness and to prevent any illness or incident.

INCIDENT REPORTS

Incidents which involve the health, safety or personnel of the Youth Ministry staff or Team shall be reported to the Pastor, the Youth Minister and the Director of Risk Management or the other appropriate authority. All such reports will be kept confidential unless otherwise stated or governed by the church, state or federal laws mandating disclosure.

MEDICAL INCIDENT REPORTS

All incidents which result in the physical injury or medical treatment must be reported to the Pastor, Youth Minister and the Director of Risk Management, as soon as possible after the medical emergency has been handled by professional care personnel.