



15 August 2024

Dear Parents,

As it is our custom, the Solemnity of the Assumption is when we begin to distribute our informational letter for the upcoming High School Youth Group, Mission Krewe 2025, and Confirmation Preparation year. It seems fitting as all parents are entrusted with the responsibility of bringing their child(ren) to God following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

This upcoming year we are returning the same line up of Pastoral Leadership Team of myself, Fr. Augustus, Brian Meeuwse, Pastoral Associate, Tammy Scheenstra, Pastoral Ministry Assistant, and Core Team volunteers of Francis Duyck, Thomas Finegan, Alex and Libby Funk (including baby Theo in toe), Annie Hatton, and Anyon Weis.

This year, the theme will focus on Sacred Scripture. Each Life Nite will follow a modified session from Fr. Mike Schmitz's "Bible in a Year" podcast program that will include Fr. Mike and biblical scholar Jeff Cavins explaining selected passages and small group engagement and discussion led by myself and the Core Team.

The Kick Off event is scheduled for Sunday, September 8, 2024 at 6:00pm Visitation Parish Center. There will be a Parent Information Meeting in the Visitation Parish Center from 6:15-6:45pm to fill out the High School Registration Form and go over the 2024-25 Schedule (see attached).

As part of the faith formation program which focuses on the 4 pillars of Catechesis, Fellowship, Prayer and Service, teens entering the 9th grade in September or older youth have the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confirmation preparation which requires participation in Sunday Life Nite Sessions, Weekend Retreat (October 4-6), and monthly Saturday Vigil Mass with lessons (5 total).

Interested teens and at least one parent must attend the Informational Meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 6:00pm St. Edward Parish Hall North Plains. Attached are the Confirmation Registration Form, 2024-25 Confirmation Schedule, and Candidate Expectation. Please fill out and have it ready at the Confirmation Parent Information meeting on September 18.

Finally, there is an opportunity for Mission Krewe 2025 to Calgary, Alberta Canada from June 23-30, 2025. This year we will be partnering with various Catholic and Community Social Outreach agencies. Parent and Teen Information Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2024 at 6:00pm Visitation Parish Center. Space is limited and it is first come first served with a commitment to participate in all HS Youth group meetings and fundraisers.

If there are any questions, please contact Tammy Scheenstra 971-245-9913 or tammy.scheenstra@hotmail.com.

In Christ,


Fr. Michael and Core Team