



Three Parishes One Family in Christ

15 August 2024

Dear 6th, 7th and 8th Grade Parents,

As it is our custom, the Solemnity of the Assumption is when we begin to distribute our informational letter for the upcoming Middle School Youth Group and Confirmation Preparation year. It seems fitting as all parents are entrusted with the responsibility to 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 Meeuwsen, Pastoral Associate, Tammy Scheenstra, Pastoral Ministry Assistant, and High School Volunteers who have committed to helping provide a good example to their younger peers.

This year, the theme will focus on Virtue. The Kick Off event is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, 2024 where we will gather for Mass at 6:00pm Visitation Catholic Church. All families are invited to attend. After the Mass, there will be a Parent Information Meeting in the Visitation Parish Center from 6:45-7:15pm to fill out the Middle School Registration Form and go over the 2024-25 Schedule (see attached).

As part of the faith formation which focuses on the 4 pillars of Catechesis, Fellowship, Prayer and Service, this includes for 7th and 8th grade aged youth the opportunity for the Sacrament of Confirmation preparation.

Interested 7th-8th Grade youth 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, this year, the **overnight retreat is ONLY for 7/8th graders** as they are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation as the focus is for that purpose. We hope that the 6th graders will look forward to this experience as they get closer to participate in Confirmation preparation.

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

In Christ,

Fr. Michael, Pastor