



15 August 2025

Dear Parents,

Each year, on the Solemnity of the Assumption, it is our custom to distribute our welcome letter and information for the upcoming Middle School Youth Group and Confirmation Preparation year. Registration is open on Monday, August 18.

We entrust all our youth educational and formation program to our Blessed Mother. She is the model of how parents should be prayerful and discerning of leading their children to Jesus. This year, the Pastoral Leadership Team of myself, Fr. Augustus, Brian Meeuwsen (Pastoral Associate), Tammy Scheenstra (Pastoral Ministry Assistant) and the addition of Karl Kemper (vice principal at Visitation Catholic School) are excited to assist all parents as primary educators in their child(ren) faith formation and development.

This year, the theme will focus on Moral Decision/Choices. The Kick Off event is scheduled for Sunday, September 14, 2024 at 6:00pm 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 High School Registration Form and go over the 2025-26 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 3-5), and monthly Saturday Vigil Mass with lessons (5 total).

Interested teens and at least one parent must attend the Informational Meeting on Wednesday, September 10, 2025 at 6:00pm Visitation Parish Center, Verboort. Attached are the Confirmation Registration Form, 2025-26 Confirmation Schedule, and Candidate Expectation. Please fill out and have it ready at the Confirmation Parent Information meeting on September 10. The first lesson for Confirmation preparation will be held during the Saturday 5:00pm Vigil Mass at Visitation church, Verboort on September 20.

Finally, there is an opportunity for Mission Krewe 2026 from June 22-29, 2026. This year we will partnering with various Catholic and Community Social Outreach agencies. Parent and Teen Information Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, September 24, 2025 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