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PARENT HANDBOOK



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Greetings Parents and Youth of Saint William Catholic Church!

Here at TRIUMPH, **OUR MISSION** is *to invite young people to personally encounter Jesus Christ, to form them to become His disciples, witnesses, and missionaries of the Gospel.* We seek to realize this mission through formation, small group discipleship, living a sacramental life of grace, Adoration, praise and worship, retreats, activities, and service projects, etc. In short, Triumph seeks to bring the love of Christ to the youth in our weekly ministry.

TRIUMPH supplements the spiritual formation that takes place fundamentally in your homes. We know that parents have the primary responsibility to educate their children in the faith as domestic Churches, but we want to help you in that important mission; to equip them with the joy, truth, beauty, and goodness of our Catholic Faith. As St. John Paul II said, "Life with Christ is an adventure," lets' get started...together.

Personally, it was in middle school that I had an encounter with Jesus in the Holy Eucharist; therefore, I am overjoyed to share this same love of Christ with your children. It is that same love of Jesus in the Eucharist that led me to respond to my religious vocation with the Servants of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary. Our Institute was founded by Mother Adela Galindo, in the Archdiocese of Miami, FL in 1990. The fundamental dimensions of our Marian Charism are Eucharistic, Marian, living in the power of the Holy Spirit, and in the heart of the Church. The sisters are called to be the living image and presence of the Heart, Person and Mission of Our Lady, thus enfleshing the all-embracing Motherhood of Our Lady. I look forward to incorporating some of these dimensions into TRIUMPH.

It is truly a privilege to minister to your family and your youth. Please pray for your children, and for everyone in the program, so that the Holy Spirit may guide and lead our ministry. Finally, know that we have already started praying for your children, so that their hearts and minds are opened to receive all that the Lord has for them.

United in the love of the Pierced Hearts of Jesus and Mary,

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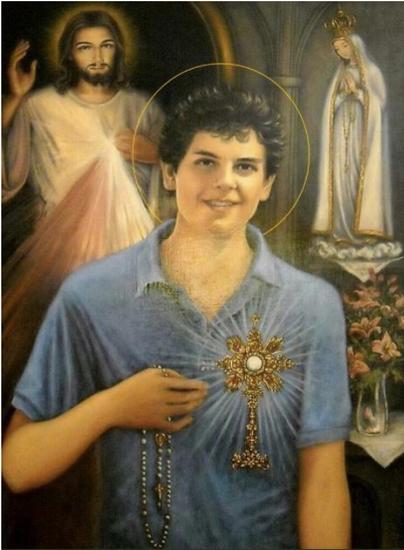
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Theme: “The Eucharist is my highway to Heaven”



Blessed Soon to be St. Carlo Acutis' life is worthy of imitation. From a young age Carlo loved the Lord in the Eucharist and our Blessed Mother. He had a gift for computer programming - which he used to create an online museum of all the Eucharistic Miracles for the Universal Catholic Church. He passed away at the tender age of 15, from leukemia in 2006. In October 2020, he was beatified and will be canonized as a Saint on Sept. 7, 2025.

St. Carlo Acutis, our patron saint for this year of Triumph, our theme comes from how he defined the Holy Eucharist as his and our highway to Heaven. He also was known for saying, “All people are born as originals but many die as photocopies” I believe this is appropriate for the middle school age group, while trying to fit in or be accepted, one can lose the original gift or character of their unique person. We will be studying the life and testimony of St. Carlo Acutis this year in Triumph. For more information on this extraordinary teen, visit www.carloacutis.com

Parents Role

No one is more important than parents in passing on to their children the priceless gift of faith. The parish family assists but cannot replace the vital role and example of the parents. Triumph is meant to supplement the formation that is already occurring at home. This includes family prayer, participation in Sunday Mass, intentional conversations about the faith and morality.

One-way Triumph is seeking to empower parents through weekly formation classes at the same time as the Triumph program. In the Parent Classes we will be learning about the Mass this year. We have included your number in a text messaging tool called Flocknote, in order for you to receive the latest news. If you change your phone number or you are not getting the text alerts, please let us know us.

We are always in need of good volunteers that help Triumph run smoothly. Please prayerfully consider joining us this year. See Core team description below. Thank you in advance for impacting the lives of our youth.

Saint William's has also purchased parish wide access to www.formed.org where families and youth can discover hundreds of Catholic video programs, movies, audios, and e-books. Use our **parish code d53bb for free access**. I strongly encourage you to journey with your spouse and family through numerous elements of Formed.

While the Church has been clear that parents are the Primary Catechists of their children, resources are not always present to empower and encourage parents in their primary role. Saint William Catholic Church has a Adult Faith Formation program that will lead you closer to Christ and empower you to share your relationship with others, including your children. Find out more about the courses and programs we offer for adult spiritual growth at: <https://st-william.org/spiritual-growth>.

Triumph Youth Ministry Core Team

Core Team: Do you love the Lord and love youth? If so, then Core Team may be a fit for you!

The Core Team makes Triumph Youth Ministry effective! They're part of a dynamic team that build relationships with the youth, model God's love, lead small group discussions, and journey with youth in their faith. Most of all, the Core Team are a living witness of Jesus Christ. Core Team commit to helping with Triumph each week and attend a few formation nights throughout the year. There are many ways to serve, leadership, or behind the scenes, and of course prayer that keeps us thriving.

RCIA Sacramental Preparation

For those students preparing to receive the sacraments attendance must be over 80% to move on to the next year. Please do not miss more than 5 classes or the year will need to be repeated.

There will be seven supplemental classes on Wednesdays throughout the year to prepare for the sacraments. These classes will prepare our child to receive the sacrament. We will be using the book Invited by Christ to guide our preparation.



Triumph Schedule

Triumph will always begin at 3:00 p.m. and end by 4:30 p.m. on Sundays. **Please ensure your child is in the Parish Evangelization Center at 3:00 p.m.** We start promptly at 3:00 since we only have 90 minutes with the youth each week. Please arrive on time. Youth will **ALWAYS** be picked-up in front of the Parish Evangelization Center. Youth are **NOT** allowed to leave by themselves, even to the Church. Thank you for understanding and helping us keep everyone safe.

To know the exact dates of when we meet, please see the calendar at: <https://www.st-william.org/triumph->

Dress Code & Code of Conduct

In efforts to create a Christ-Centered environment, dress and behavior must reflect the attitude of Christ. Parents will be notified if their youth is consistently violating the Code of Conduct.

Parents, please take the time to communicate this policy with your youth.

Dress Code

All those participating in Triumph Youth Ministry should come in attire that is appropriate for and respective of themselves, the program, and others. Regarding the dress code, everything we wear must reflect Christian modesty. No youth should wear clothing that contains a violent, offensive or anti-Christian message.

- For Girls: Short shorts, strapless shirts, low cut tops, skintight garments and shirts exposing mid-riff, stomach or underwear are not to be worn.
- For Boys: Saggy pants and short shorts are not to be worn.

Code of Conduct

- Please do not bring cell phones. If they are needed for pick up, please do not use cell phones at Triumph. They will be collected in the beginning and returned at the end of Triumph.
- Respect is vital to creating an environment where one can grow in their faith. It is expected that the youth will respect the adult volunteers and their peers during Triumph.
- Bullying and/or aggressive, threatening, or violent acts will not be tolerated.

- Drugs, alcohol, weapons or other illegal items will not be tolerated. If a youth is found possessing these items, the police will be called first and then the parents.
- Cell Phones and electronics are not to be seen or used during Triumph. Phones will be collected and returned at the end of Triumph.
- Leaving St. William campus will not be tolerated. Youth who sneak off campus or do not go to the proper location will have their parents called immediately.
- Physical affection: Youth who may have a significant other at Triumph should be sure their conduct reflects a focus on their primary relationship with Jesus during Triumph. Public displays of affection are not appropriate during Triumph.

Thank you, Parents and Youth of St. William



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