## **Sunday Morning RE Procedures**

## **ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL**

- We will have RE most Sundays from 9:30AM—10:45AM.
- Drop-Off: 9:15AM in the RE building
- Pick-Up: 10:45AM in the RE Building
- Upon dismissal, 3 year olds through 3rd grade must be picked up in their classroom by a parent or older sibling (who is over 13 yrs old)
- 4th grade and older may be dismissed from their classroom to the parking lot. They must wait on the sidewalk until a parent arrives.



Drop-Off will be at 9:15AM and pick-up will be at 10:45AM at the RE Building (pictured above)

## Attendance, Conduct & Discipline

## **ATTENDANCE**

Regular attendance is expected of all students. Please contact Tanya or Charity if your child or youth is absent. We are happy to provide any materials needed to ensure your child keeps up with their class and, if appropriate, send make-up materials home.



## **CONDUCT & DISCIPLINE**

Proper conduct toward adults, each other, and HNJ property in the form of respect and courtesy is expected of all children and youth before, during, and after class. If your student is experiencing difficulties please let us know!

## Electronic Devices (All ages)

Electronic devices (smart watches, cell phones, video games, iPods, tablets, etc.) have become a regular part of daily life. They also sometimes disrupt classrooms by making sounds or grabbing the attention of their owners or neighbors. Faith Formation is a time to become connected to God as well as our faith community around us. Therefore, there will be a no electronic devices policy for all Faith Formation students. This policy seeks to create a more positive environment while allowing for the necessary use of technology that is part of our world. Please read the policy as a family:

- a. Unless otherwise directed, students are not allowed to have any electronic devices out during class time. If they do have them out, these devices will be taken away until the class is over. As a way to help students and catechists stay tuned in, we ask that electronics are silenced or turned off then placed in the cell phone basket in each classroom.
- b. Students who try to hide a device under a table (to conceal using it), will be asked to turn it in. c. If any student has a legitimate need to use a cell phone during class time, they should explain the need to the Program Director in advance, and they may be granted permission.

# Holy Name of Jesus Faith Formation



# 2023-2024 PARENT HANDBOOK

CALENDARS + CONTACT INFO + POLICIES

Dear Parents and Guardians,

You are the first and primary religious educators of your children. You are the role models that shape their beliefs about God, the Church, and living a Christian life. You introduce your children to Christ.

Our greatest desire is that together we, families and parish, will go ever deeper in learning what it is to know, love, and serve God, and will direct our whole lives toward passing on the bedrock of our faith-- the Kerygma: "Jesus Christ loves you; He gave His life to save you; and now He is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you."

The call to pass on the Kerygma to our children and youth can feel overwhelming and, at times, impossible. Thankfully, though, we are not asked to do it alone. Christ is living at our side as we, families and parish, work together to raise up a generation of disciples. Thank you for allowing us to be a part of your child's faith formation. We are honored that you have entrusted us with this responsibility.

We look forward to the upcoming year, and to continuing to grow in faith alongside you and your loved ones. Be assured of our prayers for you, and please pray for us as well!

May God Bless You All,

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You can also register at flocknote.com and choose any or all ministries you'd like to hear from!

## CHILDREN'S PreK—5th Grade CALENDAR | Sundays 9:30am-10:45am Drop-off: 915am | Religious Education Building

**SEPTEMBER** 

10: RE #1 Welcome!

**17**: RE #2

**24**: RE #3

**OCTOBER** 

1: RE #4 Safe Environment

8: RE #5 Parent Meeting

**15:** RE #6

Sat. 21: Fall Festival

22: No RE

29: RE #7 All Saints Parade (Family Mass)

**NOVEMBER** 

**5**: RE #8

(Daylight Savings/Turn clocks back 1 hr)

**12:** RE #9 **19:** RE #10

26: No RE Thanksgiving

**DECEMBER** 

3: RE #11 (Advent Begins) **10**: RE #12 4 & 5th Grade Play

Rehearsal (Main/Lectors)

17: RE #13 9:30am in Church Children's Christmas Play \*\*FULL 25: RE #19

Dress\*\* Rehearsal

**Sun 24:** 4:30 pm Children's Christmas Mass & Play

31: No RE Christmas Break

**JANUARY** 

7: RE #14

14: NO RE MLK Holiday

**21**: RE #15 **28:** RE #16

Wed 31: VBS 2024 Volunteer Meeting 6:30pm

**APRIL** 

Mon 1: VBS 2024 **Registration Opens** 

**7**: RE #22

14: RE #23 21: RE #24

Sat. 27:

11am 1st Communion 28: RE #25 Last Day!

(Parish Picnic at Noon)

7: May Crowning at 11 10: VBS Reg. CLOSES

<u>JUNE</u>

10-14: VBS 2024 Scuba 9am-Noon

Children's Ministry

**FEBRUARY** 

Wed 14: Ash Wednesday

18: No RE Presidents Day

(Daylight Savings/Turn

17: No RE (Spring Break)

24: No RE (Spring Break)

Sat 30: 7:15pm Easter Vigil

31: No RE - Happy Easter!

clocks ahead 1hr)

**4:** RE #17

**11** RE #18

**MARCH** 

**3**: RE #20

**10**: RE #21

## **EDGE Middle School Youth Calendar** | **Join us the in the CYM Zone!** Wednesdays 6-6:30 Daily Mass | Youth meet from 6:30-8pm (dinner provided)

10: First day of School

**SEPTEMBER:** 

13: EDGE Night Kickoff!

20: EDGE Night 27: EDGE Night

**OCTOBER:** 

4: EDGE Night Safe Environment 7: EDGE Night

11: EDGE Night 18: EDGE Night

\*Sat. 21: Fall Festival KidZone!!

25: EDGE Night Halloween Party!

## **NOVEMBER:**

1: No EDGE All Saints 6pm Mass 13: EDGE Night

8: EDGE Night

**15:** EDGE Thanksgiving Potluck

22: No EDGE

29: EDGE Night

#### **DECEMBER:**

6: EDGE Night

13: EDGE Christmas Party

20: No EDGE Merry Christmas

27: No EDGE Happy New Year

## JANUARY:

3: No Edge Winter Break

10: EDGE Night 17: EDGE Night

24: EDGE Night

31: EDGE Night

#### **FEBURARY:**

14: EDGE Ash Wednesday 7pm

21: EDGE Night

28: EDGE Night

## **MARCH:**

6: EDGE Night

20: No EDGE Spring Break

27: EDGE Night

## **APRIL:**

3: EDGE Night

10: EDGE Night

17: EDGE Night

24: EDGE Night

\*Sun. 28: Parish Picnic

## MAY:

1: Final EDGE Night

8: Confirmation 7:15pm

24: Last Day of School!

JUNE: Volunteer for VBS 2024!! (9am-Noon)

10-14: Scuba! Diving into friendship with God!



## For more Information



www.holynamechurch.org

# Life Teen High School Youth Calendar

Sunday Nights 6:00pm—8 pm in CYM Zone (dinner provided)

#### AUGUST:

10: First Day of School!

#### SEPTEMBER:

10: Life Teen Kick Off! \*Confirmation Parent Meeting\* \*5pm: Life Teen Mass

17: Life Night

24 Life Night + Confirmation #1 (& Parent Meeting)

1: Life Night + Safe Environment

8: Life Night

**15:** Life Night + Confirmation #2 (& Parent Meeting) \*5pm Life Teen Mass

\*Sat. 21 Fall Festival at 5pm/Mass 4pm

22: No Life Night

29: Life Teen Halloween Party

### **NOVEMBER:**

5: Life Night

12: Life Night + Confirmation #3 (& Parent Meeting) \*5pm Life Teen Mass

19: Life Teen Thanksgiving Potluck

26: No Life Night

3: Life Night

10: Life Night + Confirmation #4 (& Parent Meeting) \*5pm Life Teen Mass

17: Life Teen Christmas Party

24: No Life Night - Merry Christmas!

31: No Life Night - Happy New Year!

## Confirmation & Parent Meetings are Mandatory

## JANUARY:

7: Life Night

14: No Life Night

21: Life Night + Confirmation #5 (& Parent Meeting) \*5pm: Life Teen Mass

28: Life Night

## **FEBRUARY:**

4: Life night

11: Life Night + Confirmation #6 (& Parent Meeting) \*5pm Life Teen Mass

Wed. 14: Ash Wednesday 7pm

18: No Life Night

25: Life Night

## MARCH:

2-3: Confirmation Retreat (overnight)

3: Life Night

10: Life Night + Confirmation #7 (& Parent Meeting) \*5pm Life Teen Mass

17: No Life Night

24: No Life Night

29: Good Friday: Lifeteen Living Stations!

31: No Life Night - Happy Easter!

7: Life Night

14: Life Night + Confirmation #8 (& Parent Meeting)

\*5pm: Life Teen Mass

21: Life Night

28: No Life Night (Parish Picnic at Noon!)

## MAY:

5: Final Life Teen Night

Wed. 8: Confirmation at 7:15pm w/Bishop Wack

19: Senior's Recognized at 11am Mass

24: Last Day of School!

JUNE: 10-14 Volunteer for VBS Scuba! 2024!!

# Sacramental Preparation

The sacraments of Christian initiation—Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist—lay the foundations of every Christian life." CCC #1212

## **First Reconciliation:**

Student/Parent Sessions:

\*Sun, Nov 12, 2023

\*Sun, Nov 19, 2023

## **First Communion:** Student/Parent Sessions

\*Sun, April 7, 2024

\*Sun, April 14, 2024 During RE 9:30-10:45am During RE 9:30-10:45am

# <u>Confirmation (9th grade and up):</u> \*Confirmation Nights are held once a

month during regular LifeTeen Nights. (Sundays 6:00-8pm). The first meeting for both Confirmandi and their parents will be <u>September 24th</u>

First Communion Retreat: Saturday, April 20, 2024 | 9am-11:30am

First Holy Communion: Saturday, April 27, 2024 | 11am

Confirmation Retreat: Fri/Sat, March 2nd & 3rd (overnight) Confirmation: Wednesday, May 8, 2024 | 7:15pm Bishop Wack

Vacation Bible School 2024: June 10-14, 2024

Online registration opens April 1st/Closes may 10th

Volunteer Meeting: Wed. January 31st at 6:30pm

