



## **What is Youth Ministries?**

LOTS of THINGS!

It's Faith Formation – also called Catechesis.

It's Community Service. It's Relationship Building.

It's Pastoral Care for Teens. It's Leadership

Development. It's Prayer and Worship.

Youth Ministries offers something meaningful for everyone – you just have to be willing to find what you are looking for!

## **Take a closer look at what Youth Ministries has to offer!**

### **Faith Formation/Catechesis**

***New for grades 7 – 10: YOU choose the format for faith formation that works best for you and your family when you enroll!***

**Mini-Courses** – on specific topics meet in-person in small groups for 3 consecutive weeks (1 session each week). Youth complete 2 mini-course topics each year. Detailed mini-course descriptions and meeting dates are now available on our parish website <https://www.icglenville.com/youth-ministries-gr-7-12>

**Completely Virtual Learning** - participants will be enrolled in Catholicism 101, an e-learning platform designed by St. Mary's Press. There are a series of learning modules to complete independently and after each module, a virtual discussion session will be held with a catechist. An overview of this program: <https://www.smp.org/product/E6013/Catholicism-101/>

**Family Foundations of Faith** - families choose from a list of suggested activities that they will complete at home, on their own schedule, as a family. After each activity, YM participants will email in a short written or video reflection about how they grew in faith from the experience. Additional details will be available on our parish website in September. Suggested family activities may be updated and added throughout the year.

### **Community Service - YOU put your faith in action!**

Through selecting Mission (out in the community) and Ministry (within our parish) service opportunities that interest you.

### **Relationship Building - YOU live your faith by attending YOUTH EVENTS!**

Like what? Like social and fellowship evenings at the parish, shared experiences and outings, gatherings hosted within the wider Catholic community!

## **Other important information**

- ✚ Family Enrollment for 2020-2021 will be done via mail. All families who were enrolled last year will be mailed their enrollment form in mid-September. Enrollment forms are due by September 30<sup>th</sup> and you will select for format for faith formation when enrolling.
- ✚ If you select the mini-course option, you will select your topics when you enroll. Please note – all mini-courses will be filled in the order enrollment forms are received and will have a cap of 10 participants.
- ✚ Comprehensive health and safety protocols will be in place in compliance with Diocesan and State recommendations due to Covid-19. Detailed information will be sent along with your enrollment form
- ✚ The Youth Ministries Handbook is being updated for 2020-2021. All enrolling participants and parents will be expected to review and sign the handbook. It will be posted online in September.
- ✚ Mission and Ministry service opportunities will be posted on the Youth Ministries page by the early October. We anticipate many service opportunities may be delayed until 2021. We encourage participants to think outside the box in how they can serve their communities this Fall – email us with your ideas!

## **How can parents help their children/teens grow in faith and support the Youth Ministries Program?**

- ✚ Volunteer! We are going to need additional adult support for our in-person sessions to ensure procedures are being followed.
- ✚ Encourage your youth to participate beyond just our faith formation component!
- ✚ Communicate with us! We understand that everyone's family situation is different and that many things are uncertain in light of Covid-19. We want to be flexible and meet your family's needs, but we can only do that if you share your thoughts and concerns with us.
- ✚ Regularly check the YM page of the parish website
- ✚ Read the YM section of the parish bulletin each week (it is available in the gathering space and online)
- ✚ Send us an email and ask to be added to the YM Events and Announcements Email Group
- ✚ Follow Immaculate Conception YM on Facebook

**ANY QUESTIONS? ANY TIME?**

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