

September 2023



Faith Formation Newsletter

ST. JUDE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
NEW LENOX, IL

Dear Families,

Welcome to this new year of Faith Formation! We're so glad to embark on this Faith Journey with you and your children! On this journey, your family will experience God's love in a unique way and see your child become a full member of the Body of Christ. Although the home is truly where growing in Faith takes place, please bring your children to the sacraments - especially the Mass - and talk about Jesus with them. You are the primary example your children have to learn to be Catholic. We couldn't do this without you! Thank you for entrusting us to assist you with your child's journey to God in our Catholic Faith!

Don't forget to submit your Mass and Explore 4 reflections! As a friendly reminder: **attending Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation is expected of all Catholics**, as it stands as the **first precept of our Church**.

For **grades 1 - 8**, seven Mass and four Explore 4 reflections are expected each year. Please submit these promptly to ensure your children experience and appreciate the Mass and our Catholic Community to the fullest.

To learn more about these reflections, **CLICK HERE** and scroll down towards the bottom of the newsletter for some Explore 4 opportunities in September for your family. Thank you for your participation!

You are always in our prayers!

The St. Jude's Faith Formation Team

[Click HERE for Mass and Reconciliation times](#)

2023-2024 FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

**CLICK HERE FOR
REGISTRATION INFORMATION**

Program Information



More information about class sessions will be emailed over the next two weeks!

Families Called To Table

Total Home Learning for Grades 1-6
**The Unit 1 Review is due by
October 26th.**

[Click Here](#) for parent resources
used for teaching at home.

***Resources include links to parent
lesson plans, eAssessments and
parent pages to use as you teach
the new unit at home.***

Families are asked to submit at
least 7 Mass and 4 Explore 4
reflections each year.

[Click here](#) to submit Mass and
Explore 4 reflections.

Families Living Faith

In-Person Sessions Grades 1-6

**Your Unit 1 Review is due at your
October session.**

Sunday A - September 17th
10:15 - 11:45 am

Tuesday A - September 19th
5:30 - 7:00 pm

Wednesday A - September 20th
5:30 - 7:00 pm

Sunday B - September 24th
10:15 - 11:45 am

Tuesday B - September 26th
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday B - September 27th
6:00 - 7:30 pm

Drop off and Pick up:

Drop off and pick up in the Gym on Sundays.

Drop off at the Gym entrance (Door #6) and Pick up in the Church on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. More info will be given at the parent orientation meeting and in an email you will receive before your respective sessions.

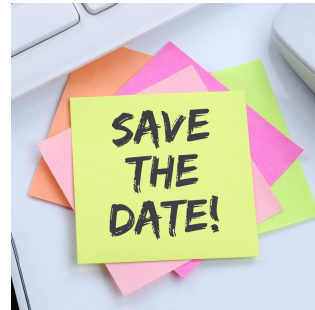
**For Pickup on Tuesday and Wednesday nights:
PLEASE REMAIN SILENT IN THE CHURCH!**

Out of respect for God's house, the Holy Eucharist and choir practice on Wednesdays, **please do not hold conversations in the Church or the Narthex.** Please wait until you are outside the building to begin conversing with your children and each other. Your children learn reverence from your example. You need to be the ones to show them respect for the sacred. Thank you!

Elementary Parent Orientation Meeting:

Thursday, September 14th at 6:30 pm in the Gym.

New and returning parents, learn about our program and what you need to know and do for the school year. **FLF student books will be picked up at the first day of class, not at this orientation!** **At least one parent from each family is required to attend!**





ATTENTION PARENTS:

**PRE-SCHOOL AND
KINDERGARTEN
FAITH FORMATION
ARE RETURNING!**



INTERESTED? EMAIL
BKACOR@STJUDES.ORG
OR
NRESUTA@STJUDES.ORG
ASAP FOR PLANNING
PURPOSES!

WE ALSO NEED VOLUNTEERS! PLEASE
CONSIDER HELPING US! WE'LL PROVIDE THE
MATERIALS AND TRAINING



***Junior High Youth Ministry
Confirmation Preparation***

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JUDE



Year 1 Teens

Scripture Workshop

September 17th 4:45 - 6:15 pm

September 18th 6:30 - 8:00 pm

In the Church

Must be attended with at least one parent!

Year 2 Teens

Confirmation Prep #1

September 25th 4:45 - 6:15 pm

September 26th 6:30 - 8:00 pm

In the Church

You will see the web accessible version of our Youth Ministry page here:

[Catholic Community of Saint Jude - Home](#)

**Year 1 and 2 Small Group Sessions
begin October 1st/2nd!!**

Must be attended with at least one parent!

Sign up for your student's Confirmation retreat soon! Click the link to sign up: [Catholic Community of Saint Jude - Confirm. Retreats \(snappages.site\)](#)

All JH & HS families!

Please keep up to date with all Youth Ministry news and information through our LIFElong@StJude App: [App - Catholic Community of Saint Jude](#).

Questions about how to use the app? View our app tutorial video here: [App Tutorial on Vimeo](#).

QUEST: High School Youth Ministry



**THEREFORE ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER
AND BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP,
JUST AS YOU ARE DOING.
1 THESSALONIANS 5:11**



**6:30 PM TEEN MASS EVERY SUNDAY
NIGHT + ALL ARE WELCOME!**

EVERY WEDNESDAY @7 PM SEPTEMBER - MAY
FOR FOOD, FUN, AND FAITH GROWTH

ALL YEAR STEWARDSHIP/SERVICE PROJECTS

- FALL DISCOVERY RETREAT
- WINTER XTREME RETREAT
- HOLY THURSDAY RETREAT

SERVICE + SOCIALS + CAMPFIRE

QUESTION. UNCOVER. ENCOUNTER. SERVE. TRANSFORM.

We are actively recruiting teen (7th grade to young adult) readers, musicians, greeters and servers for the 6:30 pm Mass. [CLICK HERE](#) to volunteer!

The Science of Eucharistic Miracles with Fr. Luke Spannagel Tuesday, September 12th, 7PM St. Jude New Lenox

Eucharistic Miracles do occur, but how do we know?

**Fr. Luke will guide us through the science behind
proving some of the Church approved
Eucharistic Miracles.**



Session 2 of our Science meets Faith talks!
In the church

Bring your family to learn about the intriguing history of Eucharistic Miracles and the science behind them!

CHALICE US presents CHRIS BRAY Songs & Stories Tour

Spread the word that this faithful man
is coming to inspire us and our youth!

Free Concert
Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00 PM
Chalice US
In the Church



[Click Here to register and more info!](#)

Join Us For a Refugee Journey Simulation



Wednesday, October 11
7:00 p.m.–8:30 p.m.
St. Jude Catholic Church, New Lenox, IL

Join us and you will:

- Learn about who refugees are and how they get to the United States.
- Be engaged physically and emotionally by this facilitator-led experience.
- Gain a better understanding of a refugee's complex and difficult journey.

All are welcome to share this journey together.

To learn more, contact Jason Mohn at
jason.mohn@exodusworldservice.org

EXODUS
world service



YOU are invited to become an active member of our Music Ministry. Children grade 3 and up, teens, and even parents, we have something that will be right for you!

[Click Here for more information](#) or contact John Berardi:

jberardi@stjudes.org

815-463-4209

BOYS' NIGHT OUT



Sponsored by Columbian Squires
Mark J. Andrews Circle #4960

Friday, September 8
6:30pm to 8:30pm

Open to Catholic boys ages 10-17
WITH a dad or other adult guardian

Picnic Grove & Gym
Dinner on an open fire followed by
basketball, bags and other fun!

FREE Event. Questions:
NLSquires4960@gmail.com

Life in the Spirit Healing Mass



**September 21 at 7 PM in the church.
Join us for Mass and in asking God for his
healing and Grace.**

For the Parents

**Eucharistic Minister
Training
9/5, 9/6, 9/11, and 9/14
7:00 PM in the Church**



Contact Sr. Sharon Stola for more information or to volunteer: sskola@stjudes.org



Welcome is a two-day opportunity to help deepen your relationship with Jesus. It is led by fellow parishioners who share their individual faith journeys and the impact on their lives. This is not educational, but experimental with discussions about real life issues. It is a chance to pause the daily routine of life and meet others who share the same struggles. There is time for prayer, quiet time and fellowship. All meals/ snacks are provided.

It may be difficult to set aside time for ourselves, however, there is no greater gift you can give yourself than attending a **Welcome** Weekend. You will feel more equipped to face life, to grow spiritually and be renewed.

Women's Weekend - October 21st - 22nd

Men's Weekend - October 28th - 29th

[Click Here for more info and to register for free!](#)

[For 21 and up](#)
[Click Here to register](#)



ST. JUDE CATHOLIC SCHOOL
PRESENTS...

Oktoberfest Party

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 -
6PM TO 10PM - SCHOOL GYM

GUTEN TAG! TOGETHER WITH THE KNIGHTS OF
COLUMBUS PLEASE JOIN US FOR FUN, FOOD AND
DRINK! \$35 PER PERSON INCLUDES ENTRY, FOOD AND
FUN! AMAZING RAFFLE BASKETS WITH A CHANCE TO
WIN AND CASH BAR AVAILABLE. TICKET SALES
LIMITED, GRAB YOURS NOW!



I WANT YOU

TO FOLLOW ME AND BECOME A CATECHIST OR YOUTH MENTOR!

REGISTER HERE!

Want to share our Faith with your children and others? Consider becoming an Elementary Catechist or Confirmation Mentor and spread the Word of Christ! Encourage your teens to become a catechist aide or teen mentor! We couldn't do this without you!

Faith Formation Office Hours

Monday	9 am - 4 pm
Tuesday	9 am - 4 pm
Wednesday	9 am - 4 pm
Thursday	9 am - 4 pm
Friday	Closed

Evenings by Appointment

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