

October 2023



Faith Formation Newsletter

ST. JUDE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
NEW LENOX, IL

Dear Families,

With the seasons changing, the air getting chilly and the holidays on the horizon, let us encourage our families and each other to welcome the change Jesus brings when we accept his love! This is a great time to participate in ministries at our parish that help those in need and start a new devotion like reading scripture or saying the rosary as the nights get cooler. Let the Light of Christ be the warmth we need this season! Be sure to check the Explore 4 section of this newsletter; we have a lot of fun experiences for the family this October!

Don't forget to submit your Mass and Explore 4 reflections! As a friendly reminder: **attending Sunday Mass and Holy Days of Obligation are 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 October 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



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 - October 1st

10:15 - 11:45 am

Tuesday A - October 3rd

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Wednesday A - October 4th

5:30 - 7:00 pm

Sunday B - October 15th

10:15 - 11:45 am

Tuesday B - October 17th

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Wednesday B - October 18th

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Drop off and Pick up:

Drop off and pick up in the Gym Door #6 on Sundays.

Drop off at the Gym entrance (Door #6) and pick up in the Church on
Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

**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, **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!



**PRE-SCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN
FAITH FORMATION BEGINS
OCTOBER 1ST!**



**NEXT SESSION IS OCTOBER 15TH AT 9:00AM
EMAIL BKACOR@STJUDES.ORG TO
REGISTER**



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

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF ST. JUDE



Year 1 & Year 2 Teens

Session 2

October 22nd 4:45 - 6:15 pm

October 23rd 6:30 - 8:00 pm

**Sign up for your Year 2 student's
Confirmation retreat soon! Click the link
to sign up: [Catholic Community of Saint
Jude - Confirmation. Retreats \(snappages.site\)](#)
NOT FOR YEAR 1!!!**

You will see the web accessible version of
our Youth Ministry page here:
[Catholic Community of Saint Jude - Home](#)

First Retreat Option

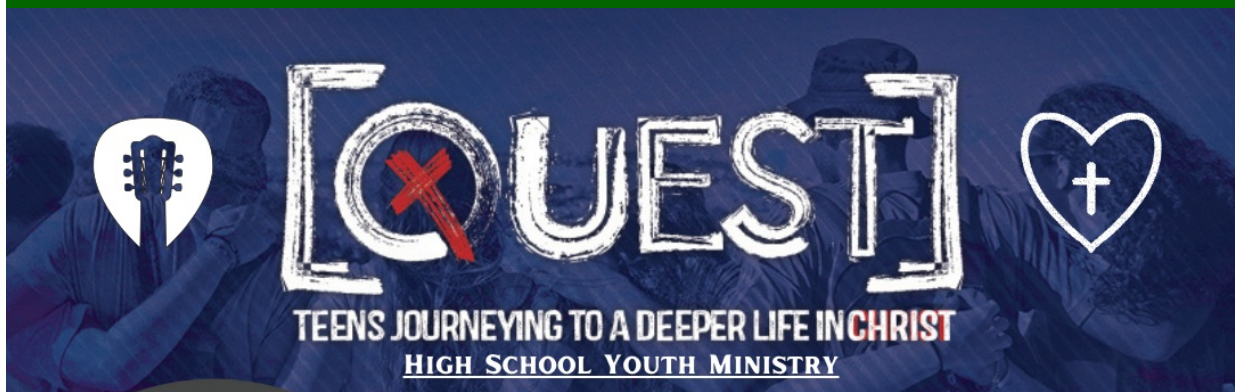
October 14th 11:30 am - 6:00 pm
Register ASAP space extremely limited!

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 LIFE 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 + CAMPFIRES

QUESTION. UNCOVER. ENCOUNTER. SERVE. TRANSFORM.

Kickoff

Life Mass

Date:

Sunday, October 15

Time/place:

6:30 pm Mass

St. Jude New Lenox

EVERYONE IS INVITED

**worship music, community,
and youth participation!**

MUSIC

led by



worship band

**Stay for refreshments
after Mass!**



TEENS! QUEST youth group bonfire
after Mass!

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!

Explore 4 Opportunities



ST. JUDE PARISH LIVING ROSARY

OCTOBER 13 AT 7PM
IN THE CHURCH

Praying for an increase in the belief of the true
presence of Christ in the Eucharist
241 W. Second Ave. New Lenox



OCTOBER 15TH 4:00 - 6:00 PM

**BRING YOUR FAMILY AND A BOARD GAME OR CARDS
FOR A FUN AFTERNOON OF PLAY AND FOOD! PIZZA
AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE PROVIDED!**

**Click Here to register by October 10th.
You must register your family to attend!**



[Click Here to register for the Game Night!](#)

Join Us For a Refugee Journey Simulation




St Jude Gym

Wednesday, October 11

7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.



Scan here to register for this event →

-  Learn about who refugees are and how they get to the United States.
-  Engage physically & emotionally in this guided experience.
-  Better understand a refugee's complex & difficult journey.

[Click Here to Register!](#)

SPECIAL ST. JUDE MASS

**IN PREPARATION FOR ST. JUDE'S
FEAST DAY WE ARE PROUD TO ANNOUNCE**

**ST JUDE MASS, VENERATION OF THE ARM RELIC
OF ST. JUDE, & ST. JUDE OIL BLESSINGS**

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2023

7:30 PM

AT ST. JUDE CATHOLIC CHURCH

**241 W SECOND AVENUE
NEW LENOX, IL 60451
(815) 485-8049**

**PRESENTED BY FR. MIKE FORD, O.P. — DIRECTOR OF
THE DOMINICAN SHRINE OF ST. JUDE, CHICAGO, IL**



The-Shrine.org

**The Dominican Shrine
of St. Jude Thaddeus**



Bring your whole family to this historic event for our parish! The relic of our parish patron, St. Jude the Apostle, will be here in New Lenox for veneration along with a Mass in his honor. What's a Relic and why are they important?

[Click Here to find out!](#)



ALL SAINTS' DAY COSTUME PROCESSION



PARENTS, BRING YOUR LITTLE SAINTS TO OUR CHILDREN'S ALL SAINTS' DAY PROCESSION! DRESS THEM UP AS THEIR FAVORITE SAINT AND LET THEM LEAD A PRE-MASS PROCESSION ON NOVEMBER 1ST AT 7:00 PM IN THE CHURCH. SHARE THIS FUN TRADITION WITH YOUR FAMILY ON ALL SAINTS' DAY. FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS OF ALL AGES. STAY AFTERWARD FOR A GROUP PICTURE WITH FR. RAY!

Please arrive by 6:30 PM with your child or teen in costume. We will make an announcement before Mass begins to let them know when to head to the Narthex.

[Need costume ideas? Click here for some fun ideas!](#)



YOU are invited to become an active member of our Music Ministry. Children grades 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



The season of Advent is a time of preparation in our Church. It begins on December 3rd. One way our parish prepares for Christmas is by helping local families in need through the Giving Tree Project. In the past, faith formation families have been a great help. We are asking for your help again this year by donating the following:

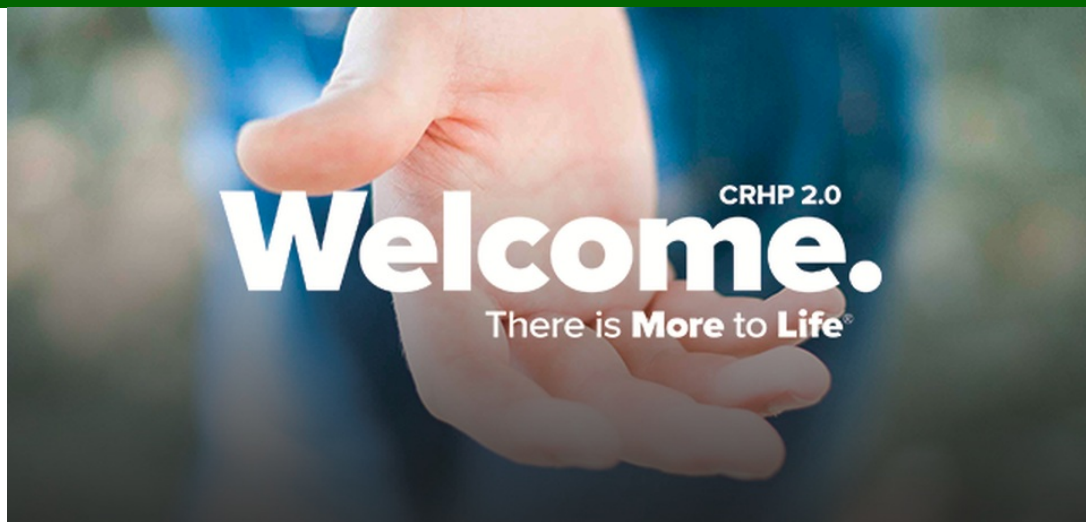
Items we need the most:

- Theater size Boxed candy
- Games for ages 8+
- Christmas Gift Bags
- Extra items for teenage boys – (some suggestions-bath & body products, hat, scarf, gloves, water bottle, wallet, cologne, etc.)
- Extra items for teenage girls - (some suggestions- bath & body products, bath bombs, nail polish, hat, scarf, gloves, scrunchies, headbands, cute water bottle, etc.)

Please bring your donated item to the November session.

givingtreestjude@gmail.com

For the Parents



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!](#)



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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