

Middle School Youth Ministry

Grades 6-8

Held at St. Sebastian Parish

The Middle School Youth Ministry for St. Catherine and St. Sebastian Parishes is focused on helping students in grades 6-8 grow intellectually in their faith. Catechesis for this age will be based on helping the youth understand the two foundations of all Catholic teachings, scripture and tradition. It is essential that they come to know our faith in a manner where they can experience it and in a way that will give them the ability and confidence to share our faith with others. Through catechesis, participation in mass, socializing and community engagement, we strive to provide opportunities for young people to encounter Jesus Christ- through real, authentic experiences and recognizing His presence in our lives and in others. Thus we also hope our catechesis aids them to grow in love of self and neighbor, as they relate God and to self, under the teachings of Jesus Christ. We are committed to offering a program that assists parents in developing wholesome and happy kids, while fostering healthy habits and moral development.

Youth Ministry classes will be offered this catechetical season from September through May. The middle schoolers will meet, once a month, from 9-10:15 am. They will meet in a large group setting with high schoolers once a month for Youth Liturgy of the Word. Those sessions will include a meal and attending the 6pm mass leading the liturgical ministries.

Our goal is for the young people to participate in a comprehensive youth program. The formation team desires to add components of service and social activities. The service activities allow for experiences of faith in action and often service is where youth experience God in profound ways. The fun social activities foster friendships and give them a safe space to empower their individuality. Essential to youth ministry are opportunities to *retreat*, therefore we have planned to have a one day youth retreat on February 28, 2026. This is on the schedule and attendance is expected. Details will be provided closer to the date.

Family Faith Formation

An essential part of our formation program are the family sessions, which are intergenerational lessons focused on one topic. We have scheduled six family programs this year, building upon the liturgical calendar and core themes or teachings of the Catholic Church. Each family program involves a fun activity, sharing in community, take-home resources for continued family engagement and learning. All families are expected to participate in the family programs. We hope these sessions are scheduled in a manner that will allow families from both parishes to participate. Family resources for formation at home are always available, please contact any formation minister if you would like materials to do with your family at home! The cost of these six sessions are included in the registration fee. The dates for family formation sessions are also on the calendar attached.

NOTE: Families involved in Youth Ministry will receive regular updates, with formation information and articles related to growing in faith through the email provided on your registration. Communication will also take place through the bulletin and verbal mass announcements. Your middle schooler(s) may also receive text messages from Margaret Lee.

Contact

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Faith Formation Minister

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2025 – 2026 Faith Formation for grades 6-8

Location: St. Sebastian

September

Sunday – 21 Catechetical Sunday & Catechist Training
Sunday – 28 9:00 am FF Class

October

Sunday – 12 4:00 pm FF Class & 6 pm Youth Mass
Sunday – 26 9:00 am FF Class

November

Saturday – 1 10am-12:00pm Saints & Souls Family Event
Sunday – 9 4:00 pm FF Class & 6 pm Youth Mass
Sunday– 30 4:00-5:30pm Advent Family Event

December

Sunday – 14 4:00 pm FF Class & 6 pm Youth Mass
Sunday – 21 9:00 am FF Class
Sunday – 21 12:00 - 3:00 pm Advent Fun Day (service project)

January

Tuesday – 6 5:30pm-7:00pm Scripture & Tradition Family Event
Sunday – 11 4:00 pm FF Class & 6 pm Youth Mass
Sunday – 25 9:00 am FF Class

February

Sunday – 8 4:00 pm FF Class & 6 pm Youth Mass
Sunday – 22 9:00 am FF Class
Saturday- 28 9:00 am- 1:00 pm Youth Lenten Retreat

March

Sunday – 8 4:00 pm FF Class & 6 pm Youth Mass
Saturday – 14 10:00am-12:00pm Catholic Social Teaching
Sunday – 22 9:00 am FF Class

April

Sunday – 11 4:00 pm FF Class & 6 pm Youth Mass
Sunday – 26 9:00 am FF Class

May

Saturday – 9 10:00am-12:00pm Mary Family Event
Sunday – 17 9:00 am Last FF Class

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Program Fees

Faith Formation fees are designed to defray part of the cost of materials and programs. The fees are a necessity for the programs to occur, however we are committed to providing catechesis to all families, no matter the ability to pay. No one is denied Faith Formation due to an inability to pay fees. If there is a concern, please contact one of the Faith Formation Ministers or Father Peter Patrick to discuss reductions, special arrangements, or waiver of fees.

Fees are the same for participants registered in Catechesis of Good Shepherd, K4-5 Faith Formation and Youth Ministry.

- \$75.00 for one child
- \$150.00 for two children
- \$225.00 for three or more children

Please note:

- Registrations and one-fourth payment of fees are due by September 21st.
- SCRIP credit, if applicable, may be applied to reduce fees.
- Registrations and fees for sacramental preparation, Reconciliation/First Eucharist and Confirmation, are separate registrations.

If you need financial assistance, please reach out to a faith formation minister or Father Peter Patrick to discuss options. We do not want any family to not participate due to finances.

Payment Logistics

Families may choose one of the following payment plans:

- Fee paid in full with registration by September 21st
- Two equal payments: September 21st and January 18th
- Four equal payments: September 21st, November 30th, January 18th, and March 15th

By Check - Please make checks payable to either St. Sebastian or St. Catherine Parish and send to the parish or give it directly to a member of the faith formation team, by September 21st.

Online Registration & Payment Link

[CLICK HERE](#)

- ★ Registration for these programs must be done online, through WeShare.
- ★ Through this link you can sign up your child(ren) participating in programs for grades K4-10th.
- ★ If you want to make installment payments, there is an option to do so.
- ★ If you need to make alternate arrangements for payment, please contact us **before registering**.
- ★ If you pay all fees upfront, you will not need to create a WeShare account. If you need to use the installment plan or pay later option, you must create a WeShare account.
- ★ If you need further assistance with registration, please contact Patrick Schley at pschley@saintsebs.org or 414.453.1061 x149.