

April 8, 2019

Dear Parents of High School Students –

Although the programming year is not quite done, we are already looking ahead to next year! I have enjoyed getting to know your students over these past few months, and I look forward to working with them for their Freshman and Sophomore years! If you have any questions, comments or concerns about their religious education experience this year, please do not hesitate to get in touch! You can call me at 725-0660, email me at mlauer@smcatholicschools.org or stop in for a visit. Working together makes this program successful!

High school is a time of great growth academically, socially, and emotionally. It is also a great time of spiritual growth, and we are honored to walk in this journey with your family. High school discipleship programming will include a variety of methods and activities to help them cultivate a personal relationship with Jesus. Large group discussions, small group discussions, activities, videos and personal reflection and prayer will allow the students to dive deeper into their faith and break open the teachings with their peers and small group leaders.

High School Discipleship nights will be Sunday evenings from 6-7:30, twice per month, September through May. In order to get the most benefit from our high school discipleship programming, it is recommended to be at every session. Each session is “stand alone” content, but the relationship and community building aspect that happens in each session is integral to the success of the program. That being said, I completely understand that there are unavoidable conflicts. As a mom of five kids myself, I am well aware of the multitude of commitments and activities our children are part of. As the parent, you are the first educator of your child, and I respect your decision should your child need to miss class for any reason. Please note, two years of instruction are required for Confirmation, and makeup work will need to be completed if a student misses more than two classes. I am willing to work with any family that anticipates missing a large number of classes, provided we know this information in advance.

Additionally, students in 9th and 10th grade are asked to complete 7 Hours of “Faith in Action” service. These hours are not meant to be burdensome; but rather, they are meant to show the students they are already living lives of faith in many of the things they do. These hours also count towards the required instruction time set by the Green Bay Diocese, and allow us to take learning outside of our church walls on your own schedule. Volunteer opportunities will be offered throughout the year.

Please use the enclosed registration form to enroll your child. There are also a number of volunteer opportunities you may be interested in. Please see below for more details and prayerfully consider helping us out in one of these areas. If you have never volunteered before, it’s a great time to try it out! Many Gifts from the Same Spirit make this program work – we’d love to have you! I look forward to hearing from you!

Warm Regards,

Meredith Lauer

Name: _____ Phone/Email: _____

_____ **9/10 Discipleship Small Group Leader:** Students are divided by grade level and gender, and led by a small group leader. Small group leaders commit to building relationships with their group and facilitate discussions. Desire to work with young people and a willingness to share your faith is the only requirement! Training for small group leaders is provided.

_____ **9/10 Discipleship Substitute Leader:** Life happens! A substitute is our “on call” leader in the event one of our regular leaders is unable to attend. Desire to work with youth and willingness to share your faith is the only requirement! Training is provided.

_____ **Prayer Warrior:** We covet your prayers! Prayers are pivotal in leading teens closer to Christ, and you will be provided with a specific group of teens to pray for on a regular basis. St. Paul tells us to Pray Without Ceasing (Thess 5:17). Will you join me in prayer?