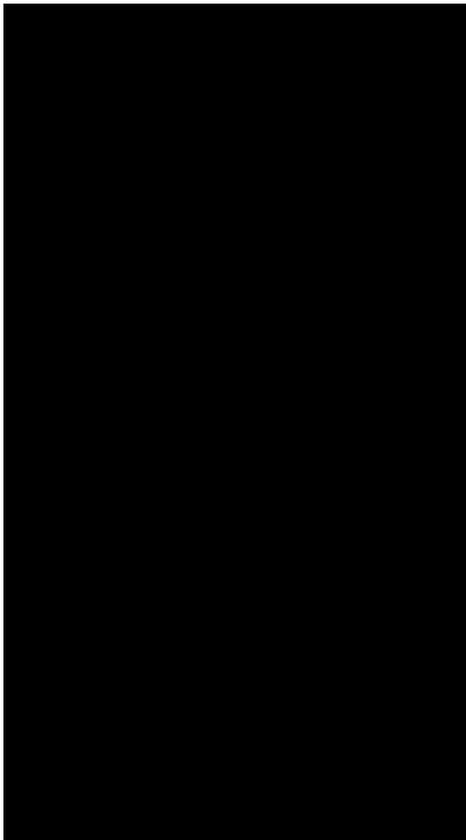


YOUTH CHURCH EDUCATION



The Education

Youth Church can only offer to help parents fulfill their moral obligation forming and instructing their children in Christ. The effectiveness of Youth Church really depends upon their cooperation. Parents are the first and most essential teachers of their children. Therefore, the growth in faith that Youth Church helps to develop can be easily stunted if the family is working against or is absent from the process. And so, it is of the utmost importance that the parents of the parish continue to cultivate their own religious education and become actively involved in the parish family.

Monkey See, Monkey Do

Parents and teachers should always strive to teach by example. Children learn first by imitation. Also, if we cannot teach by example, then we will undercut everything we will try to teach in class. So, please: if you are truly a disciple of Christ, act like it.

The Seven Signs Program

Youth Church also offers a "teach by example" program to the parents called the Seven Signs program. In the Seven Signs program, Youth Church parents are required to volunteer for seven different Youth Church events each school year as a public testament of their commitment to family discipleship and their enrollment in Youth Church (see Youth Church Rules).

Curriculum

The Youth Church curriculum is comprised of a series of academic dialogues engaging the student on Sacred Scripture and Sacred Tradition. The dialogues are based on original lesson plans with special attention given to biblical literacy. The plans are developed with the help of the Bible, the Catechism of the Catholic Church, the Baltimore Catechism, and the Ignatius Press Faith & Life Series. The plans are only stepping stones to help Youth Church parents and teachers to initiate, navigate, and maintain an educated dialogue on the faith.

Dialogue

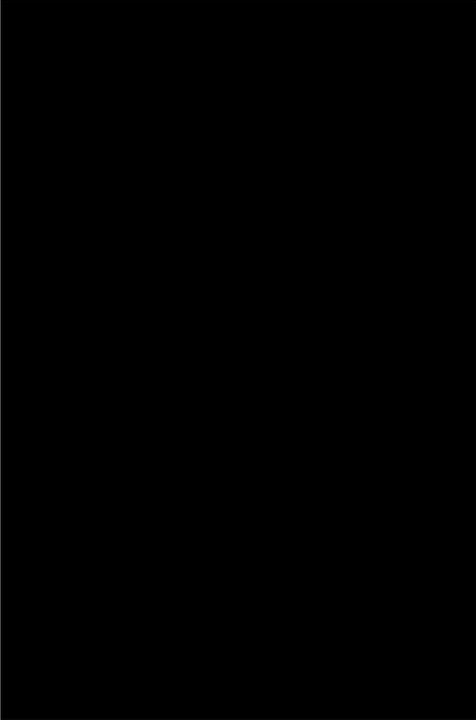
The class focus alternates each year between the Old Testament and the New Testament to ensure that the dialogue is always thorough, fresh, and enjoyable.

Grades 1, 3, 5, 7 will be primarily focused on the Old Testament
Grades 2, 4, 6, 8 will be primarily focused on the New Testament

The Exit Points

In addition to studying Sacred Scripture, all classes must satisfy a set of age-appropriate study objectives pertaining to general catechesis and Catholic practice. These objectives are called Exit Points and are crafted with help of the Ignatius Press Faith & Life Series. An oral assessment will be taken at the beginning of each school year using these exit points. Students





and parents are responsible for knowing all of the exit points appropriate to the student's age before entering the next level of Youth Church.

By enrolling in Youth Church, parents agree to help their children complete their homework and satisfy their exit points in full and active collaboration with Youth Church teachers.

You Are the Primary Teachers

Parents should be able to teach their children the faith well. By providing the resources and a clear set of expectations, Youth Church hopes to incentivize and empower parents in that direction.

Collaborate

The exit points can foster a more dynamic conversation and collaboration between the Youth Church parents and the Youth Church volunteer staff. If you are struggling to teach something to your child, you can contact Youth Church and ask for help. Likewise, if Youth Church is struggling to teach something to your child, teachers should be able to contact you for your help.

The Bible

In class, Pre-K utilizes a Picture Bible. Grades 1-8 utilize the Bible.

Do I need to purchase any books for Youth Church?

In grades 1-4, you are not required to purchase a Bible if you own one already. The homework is assigned by line and verse citations. If you need assistance selecting an appropriate Bible for a student, please contact the Youth Church director at youthchurchred@gmail.com.

In the 2nd grade Youth Church class, we ask for a donation of \$11.00 for the purchase of a student workbook.

In the Holy Communion preparatory course, we ask for a donation of \$41.00 for the purchase of books.

In the 5th and 6th grade, teachers may ask for a donation of \$25.00 for the purchase of a student Bible depending on the needs of a particular class. If this is the case, the Bible they select will be the Bible selected for 7th and 8th grade students.

In the 7th and 8th grade we ask for a donation of \$25.00 for the purchase of a student Bible. If you are unable to pay for something, we will work it out.

No student will be turned away on account of financial hardship.
