



Life of the Parish Faith Formation

The Catholic Community of St. Jude

Family Name _____

NAME of EVENT

Children's Names:

Grades:

Date of Attendance:

Family Phone Number

How might this Life of the Parish Event help a member of the parish grow in their faith?

List possible benefits of participating in these parish events?

Describe your experience:

Other Comments:

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NCCL awarded St. Jude the 2014 New Wineskins Award for this Life of the Parish Faith Formation Program!

Our holistic approach to Faith Formation came from an intense study and reflection by our Faith Formation Board and Staff of documents written by our U.S Catholic Bishops. *The Parish is the Curriculum!* Please see our Life of the Parish (Explore Four) Packet for a full description/explanation of this parish life focus.

Because this approach is focused on forming ourselves and our children in the Catholic faith by full participation in the **life of the parish**, Explore Four events focus on **PARISH** opportunities for being formed in the faith. Most community events, though positive in nature and intent, **do not count** as Explore Four events.

Occasionally, a parish group will participate in a community event together (Junior High Youth Ministry service events, intergenerational mission trips, Peace and Social Justice learning field trips, etc.) - these types of event do count as Explore Four events, because the parish community participates together. Certain diocesan events also help us grow in our faith and build up our local community as well as our universal Catholic Church. If an event is not a St. Jude parish or Joliet Diocese event, please do not list it as an Explore 4 event. If you have questions about whether an event can be included or not, please call our office at 815-463-4260/463-4262.

Upcoming Life of the Parish Events

- 5K/10K Run for Faith (Aug 23)
- Advent Family Wreath Special (Nov 30)
- Advent Reconciliation Service (Dec 17)
- Arctic Blast Retreat Grades 5 & 6 (Feb 15-16)
- August Parish Picnic (Aug 24)
- Cantatas (Nov 30)
- Catholic Skills 101: Scripture (Oct 5-6)
- Catholic Skills 101: Mass (Dec 7-8)
- Catholic Skills 101: Prayer (Mar 8-9)
- Cross Walk (April 3)
- Church Tours (TBA)
- Feast of St Francis Pet Blessing (Oct 3)
- Field Trips (Varies-TBA)
 - The Shrine of Christ's Passion
 - Greater Chicago Food Depository
 - Feed My Starving Children
 - Family Day Dec 20
 - Grades 5 & 6 Jan 24
 - Other dates TBA
- Giving Tree Volunteerism (Dec 8-14)
- Holy Halloween Party - Grades 1-4 (Oct 18)
- Ice Skating Party Grades 5 & 6 (Dec 29)
- Learning Events by Ministries (Varies)
- Local Service Opportunities (TBA)
- CASA Christmas Train (Dec 6)
- Lenten Reconciliation Service (April 1)
- Lenten Pilgrimage Special (TBA)
- March Madness Tourney Grades 5 & 6 (Mar 15)
- Mass/Ice Cream Social Grades 5 & 6 (Apr 19)
- Movie Night Grades 1-4 (Feb 14)
- Nativity Walking Grades 1-4 (Dec 6)
- PARISH MISSION (Feb. 9-10, 2015)
- RETREATS (Varies - TBA)
- Sharefest Project Day (Sept 13)
- Stations of the Cross (Fridays during Lent)
- Summer Mission Trips (TBA)
- Teen Mission (Feb 8, 2015)
- Vacation Bible School - Totus Tuus (TBA)



Life of the Parish Events

Ongoing Opportunities for Life of the Parish Participation

- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
 - Holy Hour Thursdays
 - First Friday Adoration
- Bible Studies/Gospel Small Groups
- Biblical Institute (added cost)
- Catechist/Coach Ministry
- Christ Renews His Parish
- Daybreak Ministry
- Extraordinary Minister of Communion for Shut-ins
- Junior Women's Club
- Life in the Spirit Prayer Group
- Liturgy of the Hours
- Knights of Columbus
- Meal Angels
- Mens Ministry Prayer Group
- MOMS Social Group
- Music Ministries
- Peace and Social Justice
- RCIA- Rite of Christian Initiation
- Respect Life Ministry
- Rosary for Life
 - Wednesdays 7pm
 - Saturdays 8am

SACRAMENTAL PREP

- First Reconciliation Prep
 - Dec 2 or 3
- First Eucharist Prep
 - January 17, 10am-2pm
 - OR Jan 27 AND Mar 3, 6-7:30pm
- First Eucharist Practice
 - May 5 or
 - May 12
- Confirmation Preps #1-3
 - Sept 14 or 15 (#1)
 - Jan 25 or 26 (#2)
 - Mar 29 or 30 (#3)

Speaker Series 2014-2015

Sarah Hart

9am-12:30pm Saturday
September 20
Women's Morning
of Reflection

Bill Johnson

5:00-6:30pm October 19
Mission Inspiration:
Get Pumped to Serve!

John Lamperis

5:00-6:30pm
Sunday, November 30
Grades 5 & 6 only

Roy Petitfils Teen Mission

4:00-6:30pm February 8

Parish Mission
Blessed, Broken & Shared
7pm February 9 & 10

Scripture Speakers TBA

Watch the bulletin and
newsletter for info or go to:
www.dynacal.com/stjudes

Additional events may be added during the year, check www.stjudes.org/faith for info!