

# St. Jude Faith Formation 2021-2022



Faith is a lifelong journey.

We are grateful to partner with you in the faith formation of your children!

Parenting really is at the heart of discipleship. As parents, when you present your children for baptism and raise them in faith, you are answering Jesus' call to "Go and make disciples".  
(Matthew 28:19)

Here at St. Jude, we partner with your family as you grow in a personal relationship with Jesus, be his disciples and serve him in mission.

**Faith Formation Office Hours**  
**Monday - Thursday 9 am - 4 pm**  
**Evening Hours by Appointment**  
**The Faith Formation Office is closed on Friday.**

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Parents are the  
greatest teachers  
of the faith!

When it comes to raising children in faith, parents matter more than any other factor. Ryan Purcell, Director of Youth Formation at the Diocese of Joliet once said, "As parents, you have the all-important task of bringing your children into relationship with Jesus and teaching them so that they come to know and love God with all their heart. Your children are constantly listening to and learning from you, and they are hard-wired to emulate mom and dad. Your children will pick up your mannerisms and

expressions; they will love who you love, learn what you teach, pray how you pray, and live by the example you model."

Faith Formation is the lifelong process of our communal journey of coming to know God. The Catholic Community of St. Jude envisions this journey as a way to grow in knowledge of our shared faith, to nurture our intimate relationship with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and to fulfill our baptismal call as disciples of Jesus Christ. We utilize a holistic approach, in accordance with the General Directory of Catechesis, to teach what it means to **be** Catholic, to teach what one should **know** about the Catholic faith and prepare each person to **live** as a Catholic. It is through encountering Jesus that our children will recognize and follow him and this requires an intentional journey, rather than a series of tasks.

The parent/guardian and home life provide the primary source of Faith Formation for a child. The faith experience in one's home will impact one's participation in religious faith-building far more than any catechetical program. A home experience focused on knowing, loving and serving God through scripture, prayer and service is essential for establishing a hunger for lifelong, spiritual growth. St. Jude Faith Formation partners with you and offers a multi-component approach to Faith Formation that emphasizes both learning and living the faith in the home and in the community.

## The Mass

*Keep holy the Sabbath Day (7 reflections required for Grades 1 - 8)*

All families enrolled in the St. Jude Faith Formation program are expected to participate in the Sunday Mass and in Masses for all Holy Days of Obligation. In the Catholic Mass, we gather to worship and praise God. We also receive the True Presence of God through Jesus in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the fulfillment of God's covenant with us - His promise to be with us always. With the gift of Christ's presence in our midst, our Church is truly blessed.

Faith Formation families are encouraged to participate weekly in Catholic Mass and stay centered on the importance of the Eucharist in our lives. Families are expected to complete **seven** *Family Catholic Mass Reflections* during the Faith Formation year. The reflection is designed to help facilitate conversations before and after your family's Mass experience. *Family Catholic Mass Reflections* can be submitted online on our website.

St. Jude also offers a once-a-month Sunday evening Teen Mass that is specifically designed for youth and their families; to re-engage and empower youth to understand, embrace and live out discipleship. The Teen Mass creatively uses music, preaching and engaging extras to grab your children's attention, make them think and empower them to take action - specifically, to understand, embrace and live as present-day followers of Jesus. Teen Masses are offered at 6:30 pm on September 12<sup>th</sup>, October 10<sup>th</sup>, November 14<sup>th</sup>, December 12<sup>th</sup> (Teaching Mass), January 9<sup>th</sup>, February 13<sup>th</sup>, March 13<sup>th</sup> and April 10<sup>th</sup>.

<u>DAILY MASSES</u> Monday - Friday 7:30 am	<u>WEEKEND MASSES</u> Saturday 5 pm Sunday 7 am, 9 am & 11 am
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Due to capacity limits in our worship space, before attending Mass at St. Jude, please register your family at <http://stjudes.org/register-for-mass/> and review the safety information.

All Masses are livestreamed at <http://stjudes.org/live-stream-9am-mass/>.

# Explore 4 – The Life of the Parish

A “living” component of our Faith Formation program (4 reflections required for Grades 1 - 8)

**Children need to see us “being Church” together. We have to ask ourselves, “Do we practice the kind of church we want our children to have?”** It is in the life of the parish that children truly see us being Church together. It is here that they see us living our faith.

With “Explore 4”, families are expected to participate in at least 4 St. Jude sponsored events during the course of a year. These events are opportunities to help us explore and grow in our faith and community life.

Due to current pandemic protocols, some in-person parish events may not take place this year. Modified versions of these events and new events will hopefully be added throughout the year as the Faith Formation team assesses options for safe in-person Explore 4 events. We are able to host virtual events and most in-person events are livestreamed. Participation in a St. Jude or Diocese of Joliet sponsored virtual event can count toward your Explore 4 expectation.

To help families complete the Explore 4 expectation during this time of limited parish events, we have developed Explore 4 At Home. Explore 4 At Home gives families the opportunity to choose and complete their own faith-based activities completely at home. Doing faith-based activities at home (outside of a virtual Mass or completing Faith Formation assignments) can count toward your Explore 4 expectation. We have a growing list of suggested activities on our website. This is not an all-encompassing list. If your family does something not on our list that is helping you to continue to grow in faith at home, reflect on this activity and write about your experience.

An Explore 4 Reflection form is available online for your family to use as you reflect on your experience. Families should submit reflections for 4 *different* events or Explore 4 At Home activities. Any event that happens at St. Jude that is not Mass or the Sacrament of Reconciliation is an Explore 4 opportunity. Sacramental preparation does count toward the Explore 4 expectation.

Information about Explore 4 and Explore 4 At Home opportunities will be found in your monthly Faith Formation Newsletter, in the parish bulletin, on our website and Facebook page.

## Upcoming and On-Going Explore 4 Opportunities

Monthly Parent Sessions St. Francis Pet Blessing College Care Packages Holy Halloween Party Kits Rake and Run Family Advent Wreath Making Kits Teaching Mass (Dec. 12) Giving Tree Volunteerism Making Valentines for the Elderly Parish Mission (Feb. 2021) Lent Stations of the Cross Lent Knights of Columbus Fish Fry Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Supper (Apr. 14) Solemn Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion (Apr. 15) Learning Events by Ministries Local Service Opportunities Spring Parish Day of Service	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Welcome retreat Elizabeth Ministry Extraordinary Minister of Communion Junior Women’s Club Life in the Spirit Prayer Group Liturgy of the Hours Knights of Columbus Meal Angels Men’s Ministry Prayer Group Music Ministries Peace and Social Justice RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults Respect Life Ministry Rosary for Life
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# Preparation for the Reception of Sacraments

**There is a two year preparation period for the reception of Sacraments in the Diocese of Joliet as mandated by the Office of the Bishop. This preparation is in addition to attendance in regular and ongoing Faith Formation.** If a child comes from another faith formation/religious education program or a Catholic school, they still will be expected to go through our sacramental preparation sessions. Exceptions may be made if the director/principal of their former program provides us with written testimony to the fact that the youth has received preparation under their direction and in accordance with the Diocese of Joliet or their home diocese.

## **First Reconciliation and First Eucharist**

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are typically received in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or in a child's second consecutive year of Faith Formation. Generally children in the second grade are considered as having reached the age of reason, and thus ready to receive First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. In these younger grades, children receive two years of religious instruction with additional preparation for the Sacraments in the second year (second grade). If a child arrives in the second grade, this will be their first year of instruction and sacramental preparation will begin in the third grade. If a child arrives after this time, a similar process will be followed and the child will be placed in their grade-level classroom. Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in our parish takes the form of family instruction outside of the regular monthly faith formation sessions. This is a faith journey for the whole family as we renew our understanding of and commitment to the gifts of grace we receive in the Sacraments. **F o l l o w i n g** all family sacramental preparation sessions, activity materials will be sent home with the families to help parents continue sacramental preparation at home.

There will be a preparation session for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Children will then have the opportunity to receive the sacrament in the weeks that follow this session. There will be a family retreat and family practice for First Eucharist. We also have home preparation options available to families who would prefer to prepare at home. Sacramental preparation does count toward the family Explore 4 expectation if a reflection is completed. The dates for the reception of the Sacraments will be assigned. See page 6 for tentative dates.

Students often begin in our program in the older grades and are in need of First Reconciliation/First Eucharist. Each of these situations will be handled in a pastoral manner; students and parents will meet with a Faith Formation team leader over the period of two years outside of the regular instructional sessions. Each case will be considered on an individual basis, but **two years of formal instruction and preparation is the *minimum***. Students who have missed years of Faith Formation may be required to make up that formation.

## **Confirmation**

Students who express a desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation may do so after two consecutive years of participation in Junior High Youth Ministry Faith Formation (completing the theme of the month discussions with parents and meeting regularly with their mentor and small group). The earliest that St. Jude will Confirm a student is at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> grade; however, students in high school are welcome to participate in the preparation sessions when they are ready to do so. Sacramental preparation takes the form of three Catholic Skills Workshops in the first year (Scripture Skills, Teaching Mass and Christian Prayer) and three Confirmation prep sessions in the second year, and a retreat each year. The workshops and prep sessions are intended for both youth and a parent or sponsor to attend and count toward the Explore 4 expectation. Teens are expected to write a report on their chosen patron saint, choose a sponsor and write a letter to our pastor requesting permission to be Confirmed.

## **Baptism**

If your child has not been baptized or was baptized in another faith and is over the age of 7, please contact the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation regarding special preparation for your child.

If an adult desires to receive the Sacraments or wishes to become Catholic, please call the Director of Lifelong Faith Formation.

***We look forward to this special preparation with your family!***

# Faith Formation Programs & Calendars

## **In-Person Faith Formation Event Safety Information**

All in-person Faith Formation events are in compliance with the safety protocols outlined by the Illinois Department of Public Health, the CDC, DCFS and the Diocese of Joliet.

## **Families Living Faith** (In-Person Learning for Grades 1 - 6)

In our Families Living Faith (FLF) program, children come together at St. Jude for an hour and a half session approximately once per month. In these sessions, students are introduced to a new unit of study by catechists in age-appropriate classrooms. Parents are provided with resources to teach the next two chapters of each unit at home. Children then complete the unit review before their next session to assure that teaching occurred at home.



Families sign up for a specific session and attend that session throughout the year (see page 6 for dates). Registrations will be accepted in the order they are received. Availability at each FLF session is limited due to space. Please register ASAP to receive first choice in schedule. We will make every effort to honor your request.

**Please use Code–FLF and the session on the paper registration form**

## **Families Called to Table** (Home Learning for Grades 1 - 6)

Families Called to Table (FCT) is a completely homeschool Faith Formation program. Families receive curriculum support, including children's workbooks and scripted parent lesson plans. To assist parents in leading their child's faith formation completely at home, grade-level video lessons will be available that teach the first chapter of each unit. Parents are then expected to use the resources provided to teach the next two chapters of each unit at home and complete a unit review with their child to assure that teaching occurs at home.

**Please use Code–FCT on the paper registration form**

Families in Families Living Faith and Families Called to Table are also expected to complete and turn in four or more **Explore 4** reflection forms each year (see page 3) and monthly **F a m i l y Catholic Mass** reflections (see page 2).

Through monthly parent sessions, offered in person and over livestream, we will explore Scripture and Catholic Teaching at an adult level while also coaching parents on how to teach these concepts at home. Parents are the primary faith teachers of their children and we support you in this call. In these parent sessions, we delve into the themes and concepts the children will be learning in engaging and impactful ways through speakers, prayer experiences and faith sharing. Our faith journey is lifelong and never ends. See page 6 for dates.

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**Families Living Faith Schedule for 2021-2022**

*This calendar is up to date as of April 11, 2021; all dates are subject to change*

<b><u>Sunday A 10:15 am</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday A 5:30 pm</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday A 5:30 pm</u></b>	<b><u>Sacramental Preparation</u></b>
<i>Code FLF Sun A</i>	<i>Code FLF Tues A</i>	<i>Code FLF Wed A</i>	<b><u>First Reconciliation Family Preparation Sessions</u></b>
September 19 October 3 November 7 December 5 - Advent Session* January 9 February 6 March 6 March 20 - Lent Session* April 3	September 21 October 5 November 9 November 30 - Advent Session* January 11 February 8 March 8 March 22 - Lent Session* April 5	September 22 October 6 November 10 December 1 - Advent Session* January 12 February 9 March 9 March 23 - Lent Session* April 6	December 9 <sup>th</sup> <b>OR</b> December 13 <sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm Home Learning Option Available <b><u>First Reconciliation Service</u></b> January 13 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> <b>OR</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> - 6:00 pm
<i>Plus Explore 4 and Monthly Catholic Mass Reflections and Unit Reviews</i>	<i>Plus Explore 4 and Monthly Catholic Mass Reflections and Unit Reviews</i>	<i>Plus Explore 4 and Monthly Catholic Mass Reflections and Unit Reviews</i>	<b>At least one parent is expected to participate in Sacramental Prep with the child.</b>
<b><u>Sunday B 10:15 am</u></b>	<b><u>Tuesday B 6:00 pm</u></b>	<b><u>Wednesday B 6:00 pm</u></b>	<b><u>First Eucharist Family Retreat</u></b>
<i>Code FLF Sun B</i>	<i>Code FLF Tues B</i>	<i>Code FLF Wed B</i>	9:30-11:00 am <b>OR</b> 12:30-2:00 pm March 19 <sup>th</sup> <b>OR</b> April 9 <sup>th</sup> Home Learning Option Available
September 26 October 24 November 14 December 12 - Advent Session* January 23 February 13 March 13 March 27 - Lent Session* April 24	September 28 October 26 November 16 December 14 - Advent Session* January 25 February 15 March 15 March 29 - Lent Session* April 26	September 29 October 27 November 17 December 15 - Advent Session* January 26 February 16 March 16 March 30 - Lent Session* April 27	First Eucharist Mass dates are assigned by class and will be on either May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> or 21 <sup>st</sup> .  First Eucharist Practices are on May 4 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> , or 18 <sup>th</sup> ; time and date to be assigned.
<i>Plus Explore 4 and Monthly Catholic Mass Reflections and Unit Reviews</i>	<i>Plus Explore 4 and Monthly Catholic Mass Reflections and Unit Reviews</i>	<i>Plus Explore 4 and Monthly Catholic Mass reflections and Unit Reviews</i>	

\*These special seasonal faith formation sessions will help your child deepen their experience of the liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent. Following these sessions, parents will not be asked to teach additional chapters at home about these seasons. Optional activities and resources will be suggested that will help your whole family engage in preparing for Christmas and Easter.

**Parent Session Dates**

All parent sessions will be held in the Church from 7:00 - 8:30 pm.  
These sessions will be livestreamed and recorded for viewing at home.  
Participation in parent sessions is encouraged but not mandatory.

September 9 <sup>th</sup>
October 14 <sup>th</sup>
November 11 <sup>th</sup>
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>
January 20 <sup>th</sup>
February 10 <sup>th</sup>
March 10 <sup>th</sup>
April 7 <sup>th</sup>



## [Junior High Youth Ministry \(Grades 7 - 8\) & High School Youth Ministry \(Grades 9 - 12\)](#)



St. Jude Youth Ministry aims to inspire, empower and transform junior high and high school teens and their families to help them to grow in knowledge of their faith and create habits in faith practices of gratitude, prayer and Sacraments. Students and families have access to the LIFElong+ app (available as a free download for all smart phones, tablets and computers, scan the QR code to the right for access). The app allows students and parents to easily access high-quality evangelizing and catechizing content (videos, articles, links to Mass and prayer experiences, etc.). The app also allows students to submit Mass and stewardship reflections as well as their feedback and questions about the videos or articles.

Students will also belong to a small group that meets regularly either face-to-face or virtually on a Sunday or Monday (see page 8 for dates). Mentors will be trained and massively supported by Faith Formation staff. Teen participants are expected to view and read the posted videos or articles on the app each month, discuss the theme with family, submit a brief reflection on the app and develop faith habits of Scripture, Sacraments and service (simple reflection forms for Mass and service will be available to help students track their progress and understanding). Youth Ministry will also offer stewardship events for teens and families - strictly following the Diocesan guidelines for health and safety. Teens are encouraged to attend a monthly Teen Mass with their small groups and families. This very engaging liturgy will inspire and empower your whole family to embrace and live as present-day followers (disciples) of Jesus.

Year One teens, typically 7<sup>th</sup> graders, are required to attend the three Catholic Skills Workshops (Scripture Skills, Teaching Mass and Christian Prayer) and Year Two teens, typically 8<sup>th</sup> graders, must attend three Confirmation Prep Sessions. Parents are asked to accompany their teens at all of those sessions - attendance counts for Explore 4. Both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teens are also expected to attend one retreat each year, participate in a variety of service projects and complete one Stewardship Log with a Stewardship Reflection. Families are also expected to complete and turn in four or more Explore 4 (see page 3) reflections each year and turn in seven Family Catholic Mass Reflections (see page 2).

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### **Adult & Teen Helpers Needed**

If someone in your family commits to contributing to Youth Ministry in any of the following ways, your family can earn a \$25 credit towards Faith Formation tuition.

- **Adult Mentor** for junior high or high school small group (meets once or twice a month September through April)
- **High School Teen Leader** for a junior high small group (meets once or twice a month Sept. through April)
- **Co-coordinate a liturgical ministry** for a monthly Teen Mass. You'll be trained and supported to empower teens to serve as greeters, readers, Eucharistic Ministers, or work the Live-stream Team. Musicians are also needed to lead worship.
- **Service Coordinator** for a variety of service events throughout the year. You can select to contribute to any of the following: College Care Packages, Rake & Run, Card Making, or create your own service event!
- **Prepare Treats** (when we are allowed to serve food) teens will appreciate your help bringing cookies or serving ice cream, pizza, or snacks at a variety of events throughout the year.

Contact Matthew Krumdrick or Jen Lehardt for more information on how you can contribute to the success of St. Jude Youth Ministry!

All dates are subject to change  
 Please use Codes - JHYM 7/8 Sun or JHYM 7/8 Mon on the registration form



## Junior High Youth Ministry 2021-22

RELATIONSHIP DISCIPLESHIP MISSION

Junior High Youth Ministry inspires and empowers teens and families to develop and deepen a personal relationship with Jesus through relevant video content, family discussions, small group participation, engaging monthly Teen Masses and meaningful service events. Teens and families will be equipped to grow in RELATIONSHIP (with each other and God through small group gatherings), DISCIPLESHIP (through monthly Teen Masses) and MISSION (with a variety of meaningful stewardship events throughout the year.) Teens have the option of gathering with their small groups virtually over zoom.



### Participate @ Teen Mass with your Small Group!

All teens will have a role & families are encouraged to attend each month (live or live streamed)

### Year #1: 7th Grade

Sunday time 4:45-6:15 pm; Monday time 6:30-8:00 pm

- ★ September 12: Teen Mass 6:30 pm
- Sept. 19 or 20: **Scripture Workshop** (w/ parent)
- October 3 or 4: SMALL GROUP
- ★ October 10: Teen Mass 6:30 pm
- October 17 or 18: SMALL GROUP
- November 7 or 8: SMALL GROUP
- ★ November 14: Teen Mass 6:30 pm
- November 21 or 29: SMALL GROUP
- December 12: **Teaching Mass 6:30 pm**
- Sat., January 8: 9am-12 pm: SMALL GROUP Retreat
- ★ January 9: Teen Mass 6:30 pm
- January 23 or 24: **Prayer Workshop** (w/ parent)
- February 6 or 7: SMALL GROUP
- ★ February 13: Teen Mass 6:30 pm
- February 21, 22, and/or 23: Parish Mission 7 pm
- March 6 or 7: SMALL GROUP
- ★ March 13: Teen Mass 6:30 pm
- Wed., March 16 7 pm **Teen Reconciliation**
- April 3 or 4: SMALL GROUP
- ★ April 10: Teen Mass 6:30 pm

### Year #2: 8th Grade

Sunday time 4:45-6:15 pm; Monday time 6:30-8:00 pm

- ★ September 12: Teen Mass 6:30 pm
- Sept. 26 or 27: **Confirmation Prep #1** (w/ parent)
- October 3 or 4: SMALL GROUP
- ★ October 10: Teen Mass 6:30 pm
- October 17 or 18: SMALL GROUP
- November 7 or 8: SMALL GROUP
- ★ November 14: Teen Mass 6:30 pm
- November 21 or 29: SMALL GROUP
- December 12: **Teaching Mass 6:30 pm**
- ★ January 9: Teen Mass 6:30 pm
- Jan. 9 or 10: **Confirmation Prep #2** (w/ sponsor)
- February 6 or 7: SMALL GROUP
- ★ February 13: Teen Mass 6:30 pm
- February 21, 22, and/or 23: Parish Mission 7 pm
- March 6 or 7: SMALL GROUP
- ★ March 13: Teen Mass 6:30 pm
- Wed., March 16 7 pm **Teen Reconciliation**
- Mar. 20 or 21: **Confirmation Prep #3** (w/ sponsor)
- April 3 or 4: SMALL GROUP
- ★ April 10: Teen Mass 6:30 pm

### Confirmation Retreat Options

8th graders expected to register for one retreat:  
 September 12, October 10 (virtual) or November 14  
 Time is 3:30-7:30 pm and includes Mass.

## Stewardship Opportunities

Teens are expected to participate in a minimum of **6 stewardship projects** (approximately 20 hours). Students are encouraged to serve their families & community as well as these optional JHYM events. There will be virtual options, too!

- Thursday, October 28: College Care Packages 6-8 pm
- Saturday, November 20: Rake & Run 8-12 pm
- Sunday, January 9: Making Valentines for Elderly 7:30-8 pm
- Sunday, February 13: Delivering Valentines 4-6 pm
- Saturday or Sunday, April 23 or 24: **Small Group Service Day!** Small groups choose one day and sign up to serve in a variety of different ways around the community and then share a meal and discuss their experience at St. Jude.

We hope to plan trips to Feed My Starving Children, the Joliet Hope Center & The Mission of Our Lady of Angels as well!



All dates are subject to change  
Please use Code QUE on the registration form



## High School QUEST Ministry 2021-22

RELATIONSHIP DISCIPLESHIP MISSION

St Jude Youth Ministry inspires and empowers high school teens to develop and deepen a personal relationship with Jesus through participating in a small groups, engaging monthly Teen Masses, and meaningful service events. Teens and families will be equipped to grow in RELATIONSHIP (with each other and God through small group gatherings), DISCIPLESHIP (through monthly Teen Masses), and MISSION (with a variety of meaningful stewardship events throughout the year.)

### 6:30 pm Monthly Teen Mass

Friends and families are encouraged to participate in an engaging youth-focused Mass. High School teens will be trained for leadership in the following roles: Greeter, Emcee, Reader, Eucharistic Minister, or Musician.

- ★ September 12: 6:30 pm Teen Mass
- ★ October 10: 6:30 pm Teen Mass
- ★ November 14: 6:30 pm Teen Mass
- ★ December 12: **Teaching Mass 6:30 pm**
- ★ January 9: 6:30 pm Teen Mass
- ★ February 13: 6:30 pm Teen Mass
- ★ March 13: 6:30 pm Teen Mass
- ★ Wed., March 16 7 pm **Teen Reconciliation**
- ★ April 10: 6:30 pm Teen Mass

**High School teens invited to gather for fellowship from 7:30-8:45 pm after every Mass!**

### Quest Gatherings

All high school teens are invited to enjoy fellowship, faith growth, and accountability in a small group that meets twice a month (either on a Sunday **OR** Wednesday night). Small groups meet in homes, coffee shops, and at church. Participants grow in discipleship and leadership.

#### Sundays 6:30 pm

October 3 & 17  
November 7 & 21  
December 5 & 19  
January 2 & 16  
February 6 & 20  
March 6 & 20  
April 3 & 17  
May 1

#### Wednesdays 7 pm

October 6 & 20  
November 3 & 17  
December 1  
January 5 & 19  
February 2 & 16  
March 2 & 16  
April 6 & 20  
May 4

**“Welcome to Quest” Campfire Socials**  
Wednesdays 7-8:30 pm September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

### Stewardship Opportunities

Put your faith into action, learn new skills, and complete service hours necessary for school graduation and college scholarships!

- Thursday, October 28: College Care Packages 6-8 pm
- Saturday, November 20: Rake & Run 8-12 pm
- Saturday, December 4: Feed My Starving Children
- Wednesdays, December 1, 8 & 15: Assembling & Delivering Freshman Final Care Packages
- Sunday, Jan. 9: Making Valentines for Elderly 7:30-8 pm
- Sunday, February 13: Delivering Valentines 4-6 pm
- Tuesday, March 29 Pack Food at Hands of Hope in Joliet
- Saturday or Sunday, April 23 or 24: **Small Group Service Day:** Small groups choose one day and sign up to serve in a variety of different ways around the community and then share a meal and discuss their experience at St. Jude.
- Saturday Date TBD: Serve at The Mission Of Our Lady of the Angels in Chicago handing out food or clothes

**Look forward to spring & summer mission trips!!!**

### Quest Retreats

Time spent away, together with God and each other, teens uncover a deeper and renewed connection to Christ

- Discovery Retreat in November 13-14, 2021
- Winter Xtreme Retreat in February 2022
- Holy Thursday Retreat April 14, 2022
- Help lead JHYM Confirmation Retreats

### HS Teen Leaders for JHYM

High school teens are needed to as role models for small groups of junior high students. Leaders will be trained and supported. This is a fun and valuable way to earn school service hours while putting your faith into action. Sign up for a Sunday (4:40-6:15 pm) or Monday (6:25-8:00 pm) for these dates:

- October 3 or 4 and October 17 or 18
- November 7 or 8 and November 21 or 22
- 7th grade SMALL GROUP Retreat Jan 8 9-12 pm
- February 6 or 7, March 6 or 7 & April 3 or 4

## ***Your St. Jude Faith Formation Team!***

As partners in your child's faith formation, we want you to know who we are. This team brings over 50 years of faith formation experience to this parish. We have advanced degrees in ministry and experience in teaching both students as well as catechetical leaders from around the country. We combine education with experience and a love of Christ with a passion for ministry. We are like you: working jobs (sometimes more than one), having fun on the weekends, raising children and enjoying our families while growing in relationship with Christ. Thank you for accompanying us on our own faith journeys. We feel privileged to work with our St. Jude family!

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