

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This letter is intended for parents/guardians of a school age child(ren) who belong to St. Gertrude/Christ the King Parishes. You may already be aware of recent changes to our Regional Faith Formation/Youth Ministry programs. Effective July 1, 2021, St. James the Greater and Our Lady Queen of Peace are no longer a part of our Faith Formation/Youth Ministry program. Christ the King and St. Gertrude will continue to work together to provide a combined Faith Formation/Youth Ministry program led by myself in a part-time capacity. Additionally, I will be serving as a part-time Faith Formation director for the partner parishes of Christ Prince of Peace, Ford City/St. Lawrence, Cadogan and will split my time between the individual programs. These four churches will occasionally meet together for some faith formation/youth ministry opportunities.

All Christ the King/St. Gertrude Faith Formation/Youth Ministry programs will be held at St. Gertrude Parish Center (former Cardinal Maida Academy). **Save the date: Our first Faith Formation, LIFETEEN and EDGE session will be held on Sunday, September 12th.** Please see the backside of this letter for more information on exciting volunteer opportunities!

For the 2021-2022 in-person school year will be Sundays from 6:00pm - 7:30pm

- Kindergarten through 5th grade: Twice a month
- EDGE (6th - 8th grades): Weekly following a Youth Ministry format
- LIFETEEN (9th - 12th grades): Weekly following a Youth Ministry format



Additional Formation events may be scheduled on an off Sunday or different day. Some materials will be provided for home instruction on the off week so that each week your child(ren) will either be learning about their faith in the classroom or in the home. Attending First grade is a prerequisite to receive First Communion in the second grade. Your teenager(s) will be given a weekly take home notice which will describe the lesson covered, a thematic challenge for you to do as a family and announcements. Confirmation prep will take place in EDGE and is designed to be a required three year program for 6th - 8th graders. EDGE/LIFETEEN participants will be invited to create a new group name for our Youth Ministry as FUSED4 Youth Ministry no longer exists.

Again this year, we will be asking you to register for Faith Formation/Youth Ministry online. To register, scan the QR code above using a smartphone or visit CTKLeechburg.org > Formation tab > Faith Formation/Youth Ministry. The "Early Bird discount" program fees are as follows: one child is \$25 and two or more children is \$45. To receive the Early Bird discount please register and complete the forms by **Sunday, August 29, 2021**. After 8/29/21 fees increase by \$5. It is essential for families to abide by the final deadline. Registration fees only apply to children in grades K-5. *Note: a PayPal account is not needed to make your payment.*

We require that child(ren) are registered each year. Once registration is received, you will receive a calendar and policies via email. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions. Thank you for allowing us to work with you as a partner in the faith formation of your child. We are very excited for the youth and families of this area to unite to grow in our Catholic faith together!

God's blessings,

Katie Tylinski
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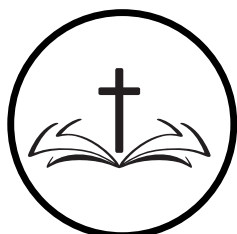


Stewardship of Time and Talent—God needs you!

As Saint John Paul the Great said "It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives..." This is an invitation to respond to your Baptismal call to share the Gospel with all peoples.

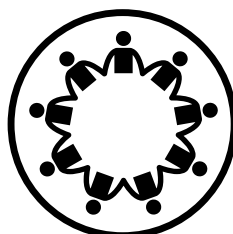
Adult Volunteer Roles

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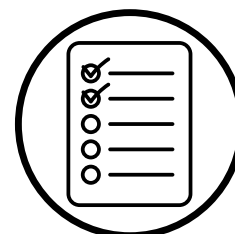
Catechists & Substitutes

Practicing Catholics who will teach the assigned curriculum to a primary grade twice a month for an hour and a half. They will communicate with students and parents outside of the sessions to help cultivate a "lived" faith. Substitutes will also be needed to fill in for absent teachers.



CORE Team

Practicing Catholics who will volunteer with either of our weekly programs; Middle School EDGE (6th-8th grade) program or our LIFETEEN (9th-12th grade) program. This involves team teaching an assigned curriculum that has real life application, leading small group discussions, being a witness, etc. We follow a Youth Ministry model instead of a classroom model.



Administrative & Organizational Tasks

Need help with mailings etc. and need those with organizational skills to help occasionally.



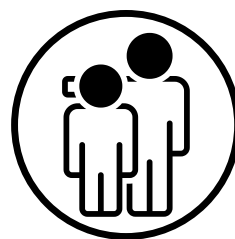
Event Volunteers

Assisting in the planning/implementation of faith based events.



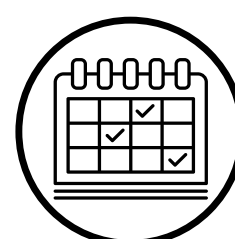
Outreach

Participating in the various avenues of Evangelization.



Chaperones

Being a group leader for off-site events and providing transportation when needed.



Service

Assisting in the planning/implementation of service projects.

**Training
Provided!**

***Other opportunities are available.
Contact Katie Tylinski for more information.
We will guide you on how to obtain the necessary clearances.***