



Faith Formation & Youth Ministry 2016 June Report

Faith Formation & Youth Ministry Programs – see all upcoming summer events -

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Winding down for year. Last session is June 5 & 6

Classes for next year begin with Summer Institute for Middle School June 25-30. Will include family based service, Mass and meal “kick off” and Monday through Thursday full day sessions for those entering Grades 6-9.

Catechist formation

We continue to meet with our current catechists and are always looking to recruit new catechists. At these meetings we are discussing and exploring what it means to be a disciple, the tasks of being a catechist, and what our vision is for Faith Formation and Youth Ministry at St. Kateri.

Next fall we hope to launch a catechist formation process to fully educate, train, and empower our catechists in a discipleship model of formation. All staff, council members, and other volunteer/ministry leaders will be invited to join us for these gatherings to nourish their faith. More info coming.

Registration—Family Conversations

Ongoing – very fruitful conversations with our parish families to get to know the realities of their lives, their hopes and struggles in growing in their practice of the faith.

Adult Formation

Jodi is looking to organize an adult team to look at the formation opportunities we offer adults. This will be an informal study group that will capture what we are currently doing and see what we might want to explore in the future.

Youth Ministry

Youth Ministry CORE Team– A long term plan/strategy is taking shape. At our most recent meeting 5.16.16 we had adults and teen and we developed three main priorities:



- begin gathering youth regularly – both a CORE planning team and an open and welcoming youth group style meeting. CORE team will meet about every other week during the summer and about once a month during the school year to plan for the fall kick off event that will lead into a monthly youth group style meeting.
- focus on outreach to youth in specific areas (upper high school and junior high youth)
- increasing youth involvement in liturgy

Youth will be at some Masses the next few weeks to promote summer activities and planning for the fall.

Senior High School blessing – June 12 at 9, 10, 11 am Mass – youth will receive a blessing and a small gift. If you would like to assist with the coffee hour reception and/or make a donation to defray the cost of the gift, please let Colleen know.

CYO

We have notified all current players via email of changes for next year – rightsizing the number of teams – 3 per division and 12 player max on each team and that priority will be given to Saint Kateri youth parishioners and school children. Will also communicate this via bulletin, email, social media. Currently 54% of our CYO players are Saint Kateri Parishioners and/or School Students. Diocese Policy is that we are at 67% minimum. CYO is truly an evangelizing opportunity – it gets people in the door and connected with Saint Kateri. In the current roster 67% self identify as Saint Kateri parishioners, but only 54% are actually registered. Even one of the coaches didn't realize the difference between affiliating with Saint Kateri through CYO and registering. 13% of the youth are enrolled in Faith Formation and 7% are enrolled in a Catholic School. This is of course not even looking at the next levels of evangelization of bringing people into relationship with Jesus – but we will be working on infusing more Christian Virtue into CYO through a program called Sports Leader. The Diocese would like to Pilot this program at Saint Kateri and several other parishes.

Young Adult

Flour City Alpha – This program is about meeting people where they are, engaging them in conversations about life's important questions, introducing them to the person of Jesus, and ultimately helping them build a relationship with Jesus, one another and the Catholic Church. **Though we are targeting young adults, all are welcome to attend. check out <https://www.facebook.com/flourcityalpha/>**

Thursdays 6:30-8pm: June 9, June 23, July 7, July 21, August 4, August 18 at Irondequoit Library



Small Group Gathering

Our college age young adults will be leading a weekly Prayer (Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament) and faith sharing group during the summer. Sunday nights about every other week 7-8pm – start date June 5. All ages are welcome for the adoration, discussion groups will separate by age – one for college students (but welcoming high school seniors and recent college grads) and other for young professions (post college young adults). If others wish to discuss, just need someone willing to lead that target group.

Post Cana – Post Baptismal Prep

A key time in the faith life of young adults is the time when they are newly married and when they are new parents. We are working in faith formation, and collaboratively with other staff and volunteers to help support young adults at these times and connect with them spiritually. More info coming.

May 21-Post Baptismal Gathering 11-1 Christ the King Room 137, Babysitting offered, but parents may also choose to keep their children with them.