

Faith Formation

Baptism Preparation

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Goals and Purpose

The purpose of the Baptism Preparation Ministry is to provide the parents and families of children who are to be baptized with a proper understanding of and reverence for the Liturgy and significance of that sacramental event.

Responsibilities

We, as Church, believe it is our duty to offer parents and guardians, as well as Godparents, the opportunity to fully understand the privileged commitment they are undertaking for a child and themselves through the Sacrament of Baptism. Members of this ministry teach and facilitate the Parish's baptism preparation session in order to make it meaningful and place those who attend into a more relaxed and prayerful state of mind as the Baptism day approaches. Responsibilities also include scheduling the sessions, coordinating the required sacramental documentation, distributing materials, and attending the Sacrament of Baptism to assist the celebrating priest or deacon.

Helpful Attributes

Appreciation and reverence for the Sacrament of Baptism and its importance in the spiritual lives of the child, parents and Godparents. Willingness to learn more about the Church's teachings relating to the Sacrament of Baptism. Ability to convey warmth and empathy.

Time Commitment

Varies depending upon commitment as a teacher / facilitator or providing administrative support. Requires attendance at the evening baptism preparation training session, scheduled at various times during the year depending upon the number of children to be baptized. Help is needed with the following administrative duties: coordinating needed documentation at the beginning of the evening class in regard to the actual baptisms; verifying information and receiving correct documentation from the parents, as well as the Godparents, to finalize all the documentation for the baptisms.

Training Required Diocesan and Parish training provided.

Fingerprinting Required No

Bible Studies

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Goals and Purpose

Study together the "Word of the Lord" to discover the full meaning of the Bible, which can give new insights and nourishment to our Faith experience.

Responsibilities

All members share the responsibility of creating an atmosphere of loving support and trust in the group by respecting the opinions and experience of others, and by affirming and encouraging one another.

Helpful Attributes

Willingness to learn and share.

Time Commitment

20 minutes per day and one hour meeting per week. Daytime and evening groups available.

Training Required None

Fingerprinting Required No

Catholic Book Club

Coordinator Nancy Kenny

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Goals and Purpose

With the help of the Holy Spirit, the mission of this ministry is to engage in reading spiritual books to help us grow stronger in our faith and be more Christ-centered.

Responsibilities

Members of this ministry meet on the first Friday of every month at 9am to discuss selected book(s). Books will generally be readily available on Amazon.com, as well as at Barnes & Noble and Borders - in hard and soft covers, used and Nookbook (e-book).

Helpful Attributes

Looking to grow spiritually while making new friends at the same time through reading and discussing spiritual books.

Time Commitment Reading the selected book and monthly meetings for discussion.

Training Required None

Fingerprinting Required No

Parish School of Religion

Faith Formation is a life-long process which includes Adult Enrichment, Youth Religious Education, Sunday Children's Liturgy, Sacrament Preparation Programs, and the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and Children (RCIA).

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Goals and Purpose

Carrying out the command of Jesus to "...go therefore, and make disciples of all nations." To minister to children, youth and adults, forming them in the Catholic Faith.

Responsibilities

In addition to parents, Catechists (teachers) are the child's teachers in the formation of Faith. Catechists also share their faith with other adults.

Helpful Attributes

A love of our Catholic faith and have a desire to share it with others. Teachers, you have a love for your Catholic faith. You enjoy teaching children of various ages - come join our staff of Catechists. We need your stewardship in sharing your stories of faith and love for the Mass. Share this joy with our St. Bernadette children and youth.

Time Commitment

Classes are generally 1 hour with some preparation time needed. Classes are held during the months of September-May following the public school calendar.

Training Required

Diocesan and Parish training provided.

Fingerprinting Required Yes

Project Children's Literacy

Coordinator Mary Huffstetter

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Mission Statement: The Project Children's Literacy Ministry exists to provide the opportunity for members of our parish to share in the educational, spiritual and social growth of the youngest and most impressionable members of our community. With the assistance of quality children's literature and reliable instructional methods, our ministers play an integral part in building the foundations our children need to succeed in school, and to become avid readers

and writers. Our ministers draw inspiration from the incomparable teacher, Jesus, and accept his proclamation that we are the light of the world. We are determined to let our lights shine for all, particularly for the at-risk elementary students in our community.

Purpose

To provide the time and talent necessary to assist the staff at Garden City Elementary in Fort Pierce in providing engaging literacy experiences to at-risk elementary school children in our community.

Responsibilities

Your choice!!! Read to the children; engage in one on one conversations; listen to children; read with them and help them develop fluency and vocabulary; or work on other literacy skills.

Helpful Attributes

Keen listening skills, respect for all children and a sense of humor.

Time Commitment Flexible. Attendance at one-hour monthly meetings is encouraged.

Training Required Initial meeting to review materials. On-the-job training as needed. Parish workshop also provided.

Fingerprinting / Background Check Required Yes

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Coordinator Sonny Gaudet

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Goals and Purpose

RCIA is the process by which adults become members of the Roman Catholic Church. The process is concerned with the total formation of the person into believing with the Church community (doctrinal formation), living with the Church community (practical formation), praying with the Church community (liturgical formation), and serving the Church community (apostolic formation). The central and unifying principle of the Rite is conversion. This gradual development culminates in the celebration of the initiation sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Eucharist at Easter.

Responsibilities

To be able to share your faith stories as either a catechist, sponsor, or discussing the holy Scriptures.

Helpful Attributes

A love of our Catholic faith and a desire to share it with others.

Time Commitment

Generally classes are held once a week for an hour and a half, with some advance preparation time needed.

Training Required

Diocesan and parish training provided.

Fingerprinting Required Yes

Youth Ministry

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Goals and Purpose

To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the world today; to draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community; to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person by helping

those individuals to recognize her/his own giftedness; to encourage young people to make a stewardship response to that giftedness. Comprehensive youth ministry is ministry that is to, with, by and for youth.

Responsibilities

To create a safe environment and acceptance of all young people so that they feel comfortable sharing their relationship with God and others.

Helpful Attributes

Patience, understanding, cheerfulness, and a sense of humor, willingness to be open to the youth of the parish.

Time Commitment

2-3 hours per week

Training Required

Diocesan and parish training provided.

Fingerprinting Required Yes