



Saint Daniel Catholic Community

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6-7th Grade Program Information for 2017-18!

Dear parents and 6/7th graders,

Monday evening classes begin September 25th. Wednesday afternoon classes begin September 27th. Sunday afternoon classes begin October 1st. Be sure to register for class by September 15th to avoid late fees! Registration forms were sent home in an earlier mailing! More registration forms are available online or in the office. **Class schedules are listed at the reverse side of this page. All classes meet for two semesters per year.**

6 & 7th Grade Faith Formation Requirements

- **Classes:** Complete two semesters (fall & winter) each year
 - **Fall:** Monday ó 9 sessions. Wednesday ó 7 sessions. Sunday ó 7 sessions.
 - **Winter:** Monday ó 9 sessions. Wednesday ó 7 sessions. Sunday ó 7 sessions.
- **Faith Experiences/Explorations** (Select three ó see salmon colored page)
- **Faith into Action ó Service** (Select three ó see blue colored page)

All 6th & 7th graders whether on-site classes, FIRE or Home Catechesis are expected to participate in faith activities/service. Catholic School students are always welcome to take an active part in the service or fun activities but are not required to attend classes here.

Service is recorded for each student regardless of the type of program participation. You are responsible for reporting your service activities to the Faith Formation Office. Check the Middle School bulletin board or the St. Daniel Website/Faith Formation pages for upcoming activities or permission slips.

- **Absences** ó Please see teacher for make-up chapters
- **Materials** ó All programs (except FIRE) use the Be My Disciples Series. Students will need a bible of their own. We are suggesting the Catholic Youth Bible available at St. Daniel -\$25.00.
- **Parent participation** - Helps to make our program successful. Be a catechist or aide! Lead an activity or service project. There are many ways to volunteer!
- **Field Trips/Service Trips** ó Any time your student travels with a St. Daniel group off-site without a parent, we will need to have a completed Emergency Medical Treatment Release form filled out and on file for the current school year. 2017-18 Medical Release forms are available online and in the Faith Formation Office.

(Over for Class Schedules)

Gr 6-7 Class Schedules for 2017-18

Monday Evening Classes 6:00-7:15 p.m.

1st Semester (9 classes): Sept 25; Oct 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; Nov 6, 13 & 27

2nd Semester (9 classes): Jan 8, 22, 29; Feb 5, 12, 26; March 5, 12 & 18

Wednesday Afternoon Class 3:30-5:00 p.m.

1st Semester (7 classes): Sept. 27; Oct 4, 11, 18, 25; Nov. 8 & 15

2nd Semester (7 classes): Jan 10, 17, 24, 31; Feb 7, 21 & 28

Sunday Afternoon Classes 12:15-1:45 p.m.

1st Semester (7 classes): Oct 1, 8, 15, 28; Nov 5, 12 & 19

2nd Semester (7 classes): Jan 21, 28; Feb 4, 11, 25; March 4 & 11

Name: _____

2017-18 Faith Experiences/Explorations

(Select three)

- Circle the activities/services you are interested in. **Turn this in by September 25th!**
- Get permission slips/details at the Middle School bulletin board or online.
- Be sure your name is on your papers, we will copy them and return the originals to you.
- Record your completed activities/service on a sheet and turn it in to the Faith Formation Office.

Choose your own date!

DIA - Religious Artifact Treasure Hunt. Use the worksheet provided as a guide to help you find treasured artworks that reflect our Catholic Christian faith at the DIA. Pick up Treasure Hunt worksheets from the Faith Formation Office or online!

Participate in Reconciliation

Communal Reconciliations held in Advent & Lent. Watch parish calendar. Or private Reconciliation available any Saturday at 4:00 p.m.

Oct. – March

Interview any adult member who is actively involved in the life of the St. Daniel parish community. Using an interview form provided, find out why people lector, sing in the choir, serve as an EM, serve on a committee. How are they prepared for their volunteer roles? Get the interview form from the Faith Formation Office on online.

Oct. – March

Attend a Spanish Mass one Sunday. St. Michael/St. Damien church in Pontiac has a Mass in Spanish. Please check with them for exact Mass time.

February 14

Ash Wednesday ó Attend Mass, receive ashes 7:00 p.m.

February 15-March 22

Attend Stations of the Cross ó any Friday evening in Lent

February 15-March 22

Lenten Lamentations ó Attend any one Thursday in Lent at 7:00 p.m.

March 28 (Wed)

All Parish Seder Meal ó take part in the preparation and celebration of the Passover Meal as Jesus did, learn the connection to the Last Supper ó 6:00-7:30 p.m. in the Social Hall. Ceremonial Seder Meal celebrated first, followed by a light supper

March 29

Holy Thursday Mass and foot washing. This is the beginning of the Easter Triduum liturgies ó the holiest of our Catholic rituals. 7:00 p.m.

March 30

Good Friday Service 2:00 p.m.

March 31

Attend the Saturday Easter Vigil, blessing of fire, new water, baptism of adults. 8:00 p.m.

Thursdays in May

Participate in Marian devotions held in the church at 7:00 p.m. Special Procession of Mary on May 24th.



Bonus Items!

- Bonus #1 Memorize and recite St. Theresa's Prayer ó good for one Faith Experience/Exploration credit.
- Bonus #2 Recite the Act of Contrition to your teacher or Colleen Snyder ó good for your soul and also Faith Experience/Exploration credit.

St. Theresa's Prayer

Christ has no body now but yours,
no hands, no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes through which he
looks compassion on this world.
Yours are the fee with which he
walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which he
blesses all the world.
Yours are the hands, Yours are the feet,
Yours are the eyes,
You are His body.
Christ has no body now but yours.

Name: _____

2017-18 Service – Faith Into Action

Select at least three service projects & tell us about any other service projects you or your family may already be involved in, they can substitute & the idea is to put your Christian faith into action! The list below is just a suggestion!

We will email you closer to the time of the service activity to see if you are still available. Don't forget to turn in your completed service projects.

You, making the reign of God a reality!

Year around: Classroom Aide & after school, Gr. 1-5 Monday 6:00-7:15 p.m., Tuesday 4:30-5:45 p.m. or Sunday 12:15-1:45 p.m. Weekly commitment.

Year around: Sunday morning preschool aide & During 9:00 or 11:00 am. Masses. Weekly commitment.

Childcare during special events & Evenings or Saturdays at St. Daniel. *You will be called and scheduled as needed.*

Pancake Breakfast Help - Sign up to be contacted and scheduled as needed throughout the year.
9:30-11:30 a.m.

Sept-Feb Maureen Tippen Medical Mission. Bring in men's & women's socks, vitamins, non-prescription medications, bandages, underwear, soap, shave supplies, toothpaste, hair brushes for personal care bags for the homeless or Medical Mission. Earn the money yourself!

Oct 1-Dec 5 Bring in new socks or mittens for needy children or adults. Items will be taken by the Christian Service coordinator to one of seven area care centers for the homeless and needy.

Oct 1-Nov 17 Shoe Box for Appalachia. Pack a shoe box with new gift items that allow the poor of VanSant, W. Virginia to have a Christmas gift. Pick an age group from infant to senior. Package appropriate socks, shirts toiletries, small games, notebooks, pens, pencils, stationery, toys, stamps. Wrap the box and top separately so that the box can be opened. Label with the age/sex of the intended receiver.

October 28 North End Soup Kitchen in Flint & Prepare and serve lunch for the needy. Leave St. Dan's 8:30 a.m. and return by 1:30 p.m.

Nov 11 North End Soup Kitchen in Flint & Prepare and serve lunch for the needy. Leave St. Dan's 8:30 a.m. and return by 1:30 p.m.

Nov-Dec Youth Christmas Choir – Your strong voices are needed for the Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Mass. Rehearsals are at 12:15 p.m. on Sundays.

Faith into Action – Service Selection Cont.

- Dec 17** **Parish Tree Trimming Party** ó Face paint or lead children's games. 6:30-8:00 p.m.
- January 27** **North End Soup Kitchen in Flint** ó Prepare and serve lunch for the needy. Leave St. Dan's 8:30 a.m. and return by 1:30 p.m.
- Jan-Feb** **Fill Easter Eggs** ó For Easter Egg Hunt on Holy Saturday. Eggs & candy provided in the Faith Formation Office.
- Feb 13 (Tu)** **Mardi Gras** ó Face paint or lead children's games. 7-8:00 p.m.
- February 24** **North End Soup Kitchen in Flint** ó Prepare and serve lunch for the needy. Leave St. Dan's 8:30 a.m. and return by 1:30 p.m.
- Mar 28** **Seder Meal** ó Help set up for Ceremonial Seder and light supper that follows.
- April 1-25** **Ecology Sunday and all of April** ó do something good for God's planet Earth. Find a worthy ecology project to do. Write up your good deeds.
- June 18-22** **VBS Decorating Help** ó Paint murals/posters, build decorations, etc.
- June 25-29** **VBS Volunteer** ó Group leaders/aides, music aides, bible story aides, games helpers, crafts, etc.