

Holy Apostles

2008 – 2009 Christian Formation Catalog

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Holy Apostles Christian Formation Catalog is published once a year and contains all the available information for the programs for the coming year. The registration period is now and no further information will be sent out in Fall regarding registration.

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Safeguarding All God's Family

It is required by the Archdiocese of Milwaukee that all persons working with children (17 years or younger) participate in an awareness session concerning child sexual abuse. This training is being run by the Archdiocese and is facilitated by trained facilitators. The sessions are scheduled in various parishes around the Archdiocese and lasts about 3 hours. This training is mandatory.

There is no fee for this training, but pre-registration is required. To register go to www.archmil.org/safeguarding. Scroll down for a list of all facilities/churches and dates of sessions. For registration instructions, click onto the appropriate location/date.

The program educates adults on how to recognize the behavior of predators that enables them to get children alone and abuse them. Forewarned is forearmed. The most startling fact is that most children are abused by someone they know well and who is trusted by them and their parents. How do they win that trust? The answer to that question is one of the most important keys to preventing child sexual abuse.

This program will help adults be proactive and give them ideas on what to look for and how to respond to situations they are concerned about. The basic principle behind the program is identifying dangerous behavior that helps us to prevent abuse before it happens. A perpetrator is going to have a more difficult time winning trust from people who know what to look for.

There will be a local training event each Fall here at Holy Apostles, but the training can be completed at any approved site. Watch the bulletin for local dates. For more information or to learn how to register, contact Mike Crain at (262) 786-2035 or mcrain@hanb.org. E-mail contact is preferable.

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2008 CHRISTIAN FORMATION FEE POLICIES

No one is denied participation in a program due to financial difficulties or inability to pay. Individual circumstances are handled through the pastor and director of the program. Please contact them if such needs arise.

Fees are to be paid in full at time of registration, payable to Holy Apostles Parish thru the Christian Formation Office.

Families with fees due will be billed as necessary.

Your completed registration reserves a place for your child's participation in the programs. No refunds given. Extenuating circumstances considered upon written request and at the determination of the director.

Programs that cannot accommodate participants due to lack of volunteer help will be canceled or adapted as necessary. Participants will be notified accordingly.

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REGISTRATION FOR ALL CHILD MINISTRY PROGRAMS

You may register all of your children, early childhood through Grade 8, on the forms sent home with your children during the April religious education session. The programs listed on your form are described in this catalog. If you did not receive a form in April, you may pick one up in the CFO, Room 172, during regular business hours (Mon.-Fri., 9:00AM-2:00PM) or on Sunday, May 18 between and after all Masses in Lofy Hall.

The registration period is from April 19 to May 18, 2008. Registrations received after May 18 cannot be guaranteed space in the program. Early registration is necessary to allow adequate time for ordering materials, recruiting and training teachers and preparing for our Fall sessions. Your cooperation in abiding by the May 18 deadline is greatly appreciated.

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SACRAMENTS POLICY FOR CHILD MINISTRY

Children preparing to receive the Eucharist or Reconciliation for the first time are required to be enrolled in religious education classes during the year prior to as well as the year of preparation for the sacrament they will be receiving. This means the child must have been enrolled in a formal religious education program at either a Catholic school or parish. It is not necessary this education take place at Holy Apostles to fulfill the requirement.

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CHILD MINISTRY

As the song says, “children are our future.” The future of the Catholic Church is being formed today in the pews and classrooms of our parish. It is important to note that it is in that order, first in the pews then in the classrooms. Being Catholic is not primarily an academic exercise, but rather a lived expression of faith in a God who is exceedingly generous in his blessings. The most important thing we do as a Church is gather for our weekend Mass. It is our defining activity and makes us who we are.

Bringing a child to religious education when they are not being brought to Mass puts the cart before the horse. Our religious education program seeks to help children understand and enter into the life of the Church. While we seek to communicate the what and why of our Catholic faith it is ultimately the regular practice of our faith that is our goal. It is one’s relationship with God that is the key and for Catholics that develops primarily at Mass. After all, our Mass is the weekly encounter with God, present to us in the Eucharist.

The programs that follow in the Child Ministry section of this catalog intend to help children to understand the rituals of the Church and to explore the teaching of the Church about God and the ways that God is present to us. They depend on a practical experience of the life of the Church to make sense. If you have to make a choice between enrolling your child in religious education and going to Mass, go to Mass. When the children have a connection to a sense of the presence of God then they will want to know more about God and then the natural desire of children to know about the things in their lives will be engaged.

Raising children in the Church is no easy task. As parents it is our responsibility to teach our children how to be human beings and how to be Christians. The religious education program here at Holy Apostles is here to assist you in your responsibility.

Peace,
Michael J. Crain
Michael J. Crain

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VINE AND BRANCHES

This is a collaborative program for children with special needs (mental retardation, emotionally disturbed, behavior disorders or learning disabilities). This is an alternative for children unable to succeed in a traditional classroom setting.

Holy Apostles families with children having special needs may participate free of charge due to our ongoing collaboration with St. Leonard's parish. This program pairs children with a tutor prepared to work one-on-one with materials especially designed to fit the needs and abilities of a particular child.

PLACE:

St. Leonard's Parish, Muskego, WI
Mondays - 8 weeks each Fall & Spring

Call:

Karen Cleppe 679-1243 or CFO 786-2035

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RAINBOWS

"Rainbows" is a program for children experiencing grief due to death or divorce in their family. It is intended to help children ages 5-13 to process their feelings of grief.

This program is a collaborative program with several area parishes and meets at St. Leonard's Muskego. The only cost of the program is the price of the participant book.

For registration information please contact the Christian Formation Office at (262) 786-2035. The program begins in Fall and runs through the school year.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD (Ages 3 through Kindergarten)

This program taps into the sense of wonder in the small child and lays groundwork for the formal religious education in the grade school years by inviting the preschool child to playfully explore the religious dimension of life.

To sign your child up for the correct group, state the child's age as of September 1, 2008.

REGISTRATION:

April 19 through May 18, 2008. Return the form your child received during April classes to the CFO, before May 18. If you need a form, stop in the CFO, Room 172, during regular office hours (Mon. - Fri., 9:00-2:00PM) or see us in Lofy Hall on May 18 between and after all Masses. Children must register every year.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

May 18, 2008 after 11:15AM Mass.

FEE:

\$60.00 per child.

SCHEDULE:

9:15-10:15AM, Sundays, Holy Apostles School

2008	1) Sept. 14	2009	8) Jan. 11
	2) Sept. 28		9) Jan. 25
	3) Oct. 12		10) Feb. 8
	4) Oct. 26		11) Feb. 22
	5) Nov. 9		12) Mar. 8
	6) Nov. 23		13) Mar. 22
	7) Dec. 14		14) Apr. 26
			15) May 10

SERVICE:

Catechists needed for each age level.

CATECHIST TRAINING:

August 27, 2008
7:30-8:30PM

PARENT MEETING:

August 24, 2008
10:15-11:15AM

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GRADE SCHOOL FORMATION (Grades 1 thru 6)

Our Grade School formation program offers two options for families, each provides about 27 classroom hours per year.

Our Saturday program meets on the third Saturday of each month from 8:45AM-11:45AM. At the first class, children gather in Lofy Hall and are escorted to the classrooms by their teachers.

Our Sunday program meets on the first and third Sundays of each month from 10:30AM-12:00PM. Classes gather in Lofy Hall to be escorted to their classrooms by their teachers.

Classes are taught by volunteer catechists who receive training to enable them to share our Roman Catholic faith in an effective way.

Parent information sessions will be held during your child's first class session in September. On these dates, the children will have class while the parents meet.

REGISTRATION:

April 19 through May 18, 2008. Return the form your child received during April classes to the CFO before May 18. If you need a form, stop in the CFO, Room 172, during regular office hours (Mon.-Fri., 9:00AM-2:00PM) or see us in Lofy Hall on May 18 between and after all Masses.

Children must register every year.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

May 18, 2008, after 11:15AM Mass

FEE:

\$79.00 per child enrolled.

PARENT MEETING SCHEDULE:

Parent information sessions in Lofy Hall on the first day of child's class. Parent packs and all pertinent information will be distributed at these two sessions.

Saturday, Sept. 20, 2008 - 9:00AM - 9:30AM

Sunday, Sept. 21, 2008- 10:30AM - 11:00AM

******(See next page for class schedule)******

Grade School Formation (continued)

	<u>SATURDAY</u>	<u>SUNDAY</u>
	8:45-11:45AM	10:30AM-12:00
	Meet in Lofy	Meet in Lofy
2008	1) Sept. 20	Sept. 21
	2) Oct. 18	Oct. 5, 19
	3) Nov. 15	Nov. 2, 16
	4) Dec. 20	Dec. 7, 21
2009	5) Jan. 17	Jan. 4, 18
	6) Feb. 21	Feb. 1, 15
	7) Mar. 21	Mar. 1, 15
	8) Apr. 18	Apr. 5, 19
	9) May 16	May 3, 17

Year-end celebration during the last class.

HELP NEEDED:

The help of many people is needed to make our programs work. We need 30 teachers, 6 substitutes, 21 classroom aides, 12 prayer aides, and 2 attendance people to make our program work.

If you can help us with this vital ministry of passing our faith on to the next generation, please call the CFO at 262-786-2035.

Teacher In-service:

Sept. 4, 2008, Thurs., 7:00PM - 8:30PM

Jan. 10, 2009 Sat., 9:00AM - 10:30AM

All teachers, aides/helpers of any kind are invited.

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SACRAMENT PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

Sacraments are celebrations of the full parish community and therefore are prepared for in joint sessions. The specific preparation for sacraments presumes on-going participation in formal religious education through either Holy Apostles School or the Grade School Formation program. Children enrolled the year of preparation and the preceding year are eligible for enrollment in the sacrament preparation programs.

Children who have reached catechetical age (7 years old) are eligible to prepare to receive the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation. The sacramental preparation programs are for all children of Holy Apostles parish.

PREREQUISITE:

Enrollment in formal religious education during the year of preparation and the preceding year.

REGISTRATION:

April 19 through May 18, 2008. Return the form your child received during April classes to the CFO before May 18. If you need a form, stop in the CFO, Room 172, during regular office hours (Mon.-Fri., 9:00-2:00PM) or see us in Lofy Hall on May 18 between and after all Masses.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

May 18, 2008 after 11:15AM Mass.

FEE:

\$35.00 per child enrolled.

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RECONCILIATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

Sept. 17, 2008 - Parents only, 6:30-7:30PM
Oct. 18-19, 2008 - Completed book returned to CFO
Oct. 25 or - Retreat I, Parents & students or
Nov. 1, 2008 - Retreat II, Parents & students
9:00-11:00AM

Celebration:

6:30PM - 7:30PM, Church
November 6, 2008 or
November 12, 2008

Teacher In-service:

Oct. 22, 2008, 7:00PM - 8:00PM

EUCCHARIST PREPARATION SCHEDULE

Feb. 4, 2009 - Parents & students, Church, 6:30PM - 7:30PM
Mar. 21-22, 2009 - Completed book returned to CFO
Apr. 1, 2009 - Parents & students, Lofy, 6:30PM - 7:30PM

Celebration Weekends:

All Masses, Church
April 18-19, 2009 or
April 25-26, 2009

Practice:

Lofy/Church, 9:00AM - 11:30AM
April 18, 2009 or
April 25, 2009

Teacher In-service:

Jan. 28, 2009, 7:00PM - 8:00PM

HELP NEEDED:

Each of these programs needs about 10 –12 adults to lead the child sessions. Also needed are aides and subs and a babysitter to enable parents to participate in these sessions.

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JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FORMATION (GR.7-8)

Our Junior High Program is a large group format that meets once a month. This approach will introduce the students to the large group format that is part of our Christian Youth Formation High School Program. The large group sessions will be taught by one person, with volunteer discussion leaders working with small groups of about 8 students. The sessions will be on Tuesday evenings and run for two hours (7:00-9:00pm).

We will focus on topics concerning spirituality and the life of adolescents. The sessions will be organized thematically and will include all 7th and 8th graders. Students will be grouped with others from their grade level, but all the students will participate in the same topics. The emphasis will be on providing the students with the tools to make choices based on faith and values.

REGISTRATION:

April 19 through May 18, 2008. If you need a form, stop in the CFO, Room 172, during regular office hours Mon. - Fri., 9:00-2:00PM) or see us in Lofy Hall on May 18 between and after all Masses. Children must register every year.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

May 18, 2008, after 11:15AM Mass

FEE:

\$73.00 per child enrolled.

SCHEDULE:

Tuesdays, Lofy Hall, 7:00-9:00PM

2008	Sept. 23	Parents and Students
	Oct. 28	
	Nov. 18	
	Dec. 16	
2009	Jan. 20	
	Feb. 14	Sat. Retreat Day, 1:30-5:15PM
	Mar. 24	
	April 21	

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Junior High School Formation (continued)

HELP NEEDED:

8 facilitators for small group sharing sessions with groups of about 8 young people. If you can help, please call the CFO, 262-786-2035.

Teacher Meetings:

Tuesdays, 7:00PM - 7:30PM

2008	Sept. 16
	Oct. 21
	Nov. 11
	Dec. 9
2009	Jan. 13
	Feb. 10
	Mar. 17
	Apr. 7

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BREAKFAST IN BETHLEHEM

This program offers children an opportunity to enter into the Christmas story by taking part in acting out a pageant.

The event will take place on a Sunday morning in December. Children interested in participating in the pageant can sign up by returning the registration form sent home through the education programs during the month of November.

Please look for registration form to come home with your children in November.

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YOUTH MINISTRY

As spring arrives, especially after a rough winter, it is always meaningful to take stock of what we have, how God has blessed us, and where we are going in our lives. It puts me in mind of Matthew's gospel, the parable of the talents or silver pieces (Matt. 25:14-30). A man leaving on a trip, "called in his servants and handed his funds over to them according to each man's abilities." We know that each servant did not receive the same amount of talents, yet they each acted as they thought their master would have wanted them to act with his funds. Two servants invested the talents they were given, while the last one dug a hole and buried his in the ground.

As parents and Holy Apostles adult community help our youth to nurture and tend to the gifts and talents God has given each, it is best to keep in mind that the youth themselves must realize that using what God has given them will indeed give them great return. However, if youth are not encouraged and supported to use and share their gifts, it is likely they could become lazy, never appreciating how God has blessed them and lose those very gifts.

Faith is a gift. To learn about it and exercise it helps it to grow, just as all other gifts and talents. To worship, to study the word of God, to serve and to build up the community are investments in the gift of faith. Also, they are the result of faith. Are we guiding our young people to participate fully with their talents, thus being able to share in our Master's joy? Are they invested in their faith using it, growing in it and strengthening it?

On the following pages you will find various opportunities for youth to become invested in their faith. Parents, encourage and support your child to be a clever, industrious and reliable servant. All Adult Parishioners, you are needed to guide and assist the youth as catechists and youth workers in all the programs. We do not want any of our youth to lose the "talents" God has given them!

Judith A. Deysach,
Judith A. Deysach
Director of Youth Ministry

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CHRISTIAN YOUTH "CYF"

BASIC BELIEFS AND CHRISTIAN MORALITY

(Programs outlined on next two pages)

REGISTRATION:

Tuesday, May 13, 2008,
7:00PM - 8:00PM, Lofy Hall
Parent/Youth Orientation &
Registration Session **MANDATORY**

Both parent and youth together must attend. If
unable to attend together, please contact Judy Deysach,
DYM, (262) 786-2035, x109 before May 13, 2008.

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:

Thursday, May 15, 2008

FEE:

\$112.00 (fee does not include overnight Human Sexuality and Christian
Wholeness retreat fee of \$92.00)

IMPORTANT:

The program begins in late August. There will be no fall registrations. If the
deadline for information and registration is missed, the youth can register the
following year.

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BASIC BELIEFS

OFFERED TO:

High School Youth, Grades 9-12
Prerequisite for Confirmation Program.

TIME:

10 small group sessions are held in the catechist's home at a time determined by the members of the group.

A service project.

3 large group sessions throughout the year on Tuesday evenings,
7:00PM - 9:00PM in Lofy Hall.

A field trip.

A Twilight Retreat experience on
Friday, November 7, 2008
6:00PM - 11:00PM in Lofy Hall.

CONTENT:

Provides a clear presentation of the major areas of Catholic doctrine using the documents of Vatican II, scriptural basis for the Church's teachings, role of traditional faith sharing and service and field trip experiences for youth.

CATECHISTS NEEDED:

For both the Basic Beliefs and Christian Morality programs. Guides and assists the youth in the above activities and content in these two areas.

CATECHIST MEETING:

Third Monday of every month, 7:00PM - 8:30PM location TBA

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CHRISTIAN MORALITY

OFFERED TO:

High School Youth, Grades 10-12
Prerequisite for Confirmation Program.

TIME:

10 small group sessions in the catechist's home at a time determined by the members of the group.

A service project.

3 large group sessions throughout the year on Tuesdays, 7:00PM - 9:00PM in Lofy Hall.

A field trip.

An overnight Human Sexuality and Christian Wholeness Retreat on Feb. 20-21, 2009.

CONTENT:

Provides Jesus' vision of being fully human as the foundation of Catholic Christian moral values to the life of the adolescent and service and field trip experiences for youth.

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HUMAN SEXUALITY & CHRISTIAN WHOLENESS RETREAT

OFFERED TO:

Youth, Grades 10-12. This retreat is a component of the Christian Morality course in the Christian Youth Formation Program, however, it is open to all youth of the parish attending public school or Catholic high school.

DATE:

Friday, Feb. 20 - Saturday, Feb. 21, 2009.

COST:

\$92.00 - includes meals & transportation.

REGISTRATION:

Advertised in the parish bulletin one month in advance.

Call the CFO - 262-786-2035, x109 Youth Ministry.

Deadline: Thursday, Feb. 5, 2009, 2:00PM. CFO, Room 172.

CONTENT:

The retreat focuses on Christian wholeness, which includes sexuality. The body, mind, emotions, spirit and soul contribute to our human way of being. These areas will be explored through various activities with others in a small and large group setting.

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CONFIRMATION

OFFERED TO:

High School youth, Grades 11-12

PREREQUISITE:

Two years of Christian Youth Formation or theology class in Catholic high school immediately preceding the entrance to the Confirmation program for those being confirmed in the Spring of 2009.

TIME:

8 small group sessions, to be held in the confirmation catechist's home at a time to be determined by the members in the group.

3 large group sessions throughout the year, Tuesday evenings, 7:00 - 9:00pm in Lofy Hall.

Rites of Welcoming and Call to Continuing Conversion at weekend liturgies.

Liturgical service commitment and community service commitment.

A weekend retreat on:

January 9-11, 2009 OR

January 23-25, 2009.

Rite of Confirmation - late April or early May of 2009.

COST:

\$112.00, includes meals & transportation.

CONTENT:

Seeks to provide an intense year of prayer, study, sharing, and service for the young person who must be at least 16 years of age, willing to complete the sacraments of initiation in the Catholic Church.

INFORMATION:

Tuesday, May 6, 2008,

7:00PM - 8:00PM, Lofy Hall

Parent/Youth Information Session - **MANDATORY**

Info-Packs, which include the registration form, will be available. No Info-Packs will be available after Thursday, May 8, 2008.

Both parent and youth together must attend information and orientation sessions. If unable to attend together, please contact Judy Deysach, DYM, (262) 786-2035, x109 before May 6, 2008 for Information session and/or May 20, 2008 for Orientation Session.

****(See next page for Confirmation Registration Info.) ****

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:

Participation Agreement Due

Wednesday, May 14, 2008, 2:00 pm at the CFO,
Room 172.

ORIENTATION:

Tuesday, May 20, 2008,

7:00PM - 8:30PM in Lofy Hall

Parent/Youth Orientation Session - **MANDATORY**

FEE:

\$112.00 (Fee does not include weekend retreat fee of an additional \$112.00).

CONFIRMATION CATECHISTS NEEDED:

Guides, assists, and helps prepare the candidate to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in the above activities.

CONFIRMATION CATECHIST FORMATION:

First Tuesday or Wednesday of every month, 7:00PM - 8:30PM

LOCATION:

Johnson Hall

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PEER MINISTER PROGRAM

OFFERED TO:

Confirmed youth of the parish.

TIME:

Depends on program area selected by youth:
Confirmation, Basic Beliefs or Christian Morality.

CONTENT:

Leadership skills, peer counseling skills and content of the program area chosen by youth.

REGISTRATION:

Notification to the CFO in room 172 should take place by
Thursday, May 22, 2008, 2:00PM.

FEE:

None

CONF. RETREAT:

Confirmation Peer Ministers attendance is optional.
Fee for peer ministers \$92.00

FORMATION:

Confirmation - One meeting a month on Tuesdays or Wednesdays
starting in June, 2008 followed with meetings in Sept. to April,
7:00PM - 8:30PM, Johnson Hall

Basic Beliefs and Christian Morality -

Third Monday of the month, August to April,
7:00PM - 8:30PM, Johnson Hall

PEER MINISTER FACILITATORS NEEDED:

Adults who guide and assist peer ministers in the activities of the program.

CONTACT:

Judy Deysach, 786-2035, x109

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YOUTH Ministry Committee

The Youth Ministry Committee assesses the needs of youth, determines whether and how the eight components of youth ministry (word, worship, community building, service, guidance and healing, empowerment, advocacy and evangelization) are active, makes recommendations for future programming and policies, and encourages and enables youth to participate in other areas of parish life.

The membership for this committee will include ex officio members, director of youth ministry, Christian Formation representative, 2-3 youth in Grades 7-9, 2-3 youth in Grades 10-12, and 2-3 adults, (catechists, parents, other youth workers, etc.).

The importance of this committee to the future of youth ministry at Holy Apostles is the same as the School Ministry Committee is to the future of Holy Apostles School. Members alive in their faith and love for young people are needed. This is also a place where youth can exercise leadership and creative thinking as well as experience good decision-making through consensus. What Holy Apostles Parish has to offer the youth in programming begins with this committee.

At present the committee is not in operation due to too few members. With new volunteers to staff the committee, meetings can be reinstated at any time. If interested, please contact Judy Deysach, DYM, 262-786-2035 X109 or jdeysach@hanb.org.

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RELATIONAL MINISTRY

This area of Youth Ministry is designed to provide a wholesome environment in which youth of the parish can have a good time together socially.

DANCES

OFFERED TO:

Youth, Grades 7 - 9

TIME:

7:30PM - 10:00PM in the gym on the following Fridays:

September 19, 2008

December 5, 2008

March 6, 2009

May 1, 2009

REGISTRATION:

Official permission slip required. Can be obtained at the CFO in room 172, church vestibules, and also available on the HA website.

FEE:

\$5.00 (includes 1 free soda ticket)

DANCE FACILITATOR NEEDED:

Helps to coordinate planning and implementation of dances with the director of youth ministry.

CHAPERONES NEEDED:

Helps to implement dances with facilitator and director of youth ministry.

CONTACT:

Judy Deysach, 262-786-2035, x109.

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LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Become a part of a real life presentation of the cross. Fifteen teens are needed to perform. You can be Jesus, an Apostle, Pilate, Mary, Simon etc. None of the actors/actresses speak but rather pantomime each scene as background music is played. The congregation reflects upon and prays about each station in between the acted scenes.

OFFERED TO:

Youth, grades 7-12

PRACTICE:

Tuesdays, February 24 and
March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, 2009
6:30PM - 8:30PM Church

PERFORMANCES:

During Holy Week in Church.
Tuesday, April 7, 2009, 7:00PM
Good Friday, April 10, 2009, 12 noon.

CONTACT:

Judy Deysach, 262-786-2035, x109

***Director needed to facilitate practices & performances.**

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YOUTH WORKCAMP

OFFERED TO:

Youth, Grades 9 - 12

TIME:

One week during the summer of 2009 - to be determined by the participants.

PURPOSE:

To assist low-income, elderly, and disabled people through home-repair and maintenance projects and to encourage spiritual growth through cross-cultural service experiences for Christian young people and their adult leaders.

FIRST MEETING:

Wednesday, September 3, 2008, 7:00PM - 8:30PM

Johnson Hall. Bulletin announcements and fliers will be available. Those interested *now* may call for more information, Judy, 262-786-2035, x109.

FEE:

\$745.00 youth, \$150.00—\$200.00 Adults

This is the fifteenth year the workcamp program is in existence at Holy Apostles. This coming summer 33 youth and 8 adults will be traveling to Youngstown, Ohio which was the steel capital of the Midwest in its prime. However, with the collapse of the steel industry in the 1970's came record highs in unemployment and poverty rates. The economy has been slowly recovering from that time, but Youngstown is still home to many former steelworkers the majority of whom have struggled to live above the poverty line. Much of the elderly population still reside next to the boarded up steel mills that were ultimately their demise. Many of the homes in the city are in need of repairs that the owners cannot do on their own. The youth will be building wheelchair ramps, painting and repairing these homes.

Our youth must finance their own trip. Family, friends and parishioners contribute to their expenses which include the paint, lumber, siding, caulk and nails used for the repairs, in addition to food, transportation and lodging.

******(See next page for more information and meeting dates)******

Meeting Dates, 7:00PM - 8:30PM Johnson Hall:

Wednesday, September 3, 2008
Wednesday, November 5, 2008
Wednesday, January 14, 2009
Wednesday, February 11, 2009
Wednesday, March 11, 2009
Wednesday, April 8, 2009
Wednesday, May 13, 2009

The '08 Workcampers are:

Brittany Briscoe, Elizabeth Eitel, Maria Garces, Samantha Guess, Katie Heyse, Emily Hitchcock, Sarah Hitchcock, Chris Hughes, Hailey Kuglitsch, Steven Landowski, Kyle Lesniewski, Erin Lindsey, Benjamin Link, Colleen McInerney, Jackie Olson, Carrie Olson, Betsy Preiss, Ryan Revers, Jake Rivard, Luke Rivard, Thomas Ropella, Katherine Schmitz, Emily Schober, Katie Schober, Allison Schoepke, Rebecca Schoepke, Kaitlin Schwabe, Hannah Shanley, Alec Sheperd, Zach Sheperd, Jeff Sugar, Lauren Talatzko, and Scott White

If interested, contact any of them to hear first hand about an "opportunity of a lifetime!"

CHAPERONES NEEDED:

Each year adults are needed to accompany the youth on the workcamp trip and participate on a crew the entire week. The policy is to take one-third to one-half veterans. The remaining adult chaperones are those who have not attended a workcamp previously.

Adults must have a desire to assist and guide the youth in workcamp duties, as well as in their spiritual lives.

If interested, contact Judy Deysach, 262-786-2035 X 109 or e-mail jdeysach@hanb.org

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ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRY

The Archdiocese of Milwaukee is in the process of promoting Catholic identity through the “Living Our Faith, A Love Beyond Belief, Act On It” program. Archbishop Dolan is doing a series of television shows and as a diocese we are trying to promote our Catholic identity. Being Catholic is a privilege that is universally open to all, but it is a privilege.

The most important piece of adult formation is regular attendance at Mass, yet only about half of our parish members are here each Sunday. We are richly blessed, but we have a hard time taking the time to come to Church and thank God for those many blessings.

In addition to our attendance at Mass, as adults, we are challenged to engage the mystery of God’s loving presence in our lives on a regular basis. This can be done through a variety of methods. We can do reading on our own using religious magazines, books or web pages. We can join in prayer with others outside of Mass. We can join a formal scripture study or we can read the bible on our own.

There are many resources here in the Christian Formation Office that can be borrowed to help you reflect on and feed your faith. In the following pages are a number of opportunities for adults to explore and share their faith outside of the Sunday Mass.

In addition to the programs that are currently planned, there will be other opportunities that become available during the year and will be promoted in the parish bulletin. Why not make a plan to do something for your adult faith in the coming year? Your reward will be divine. See you at Mass.

Mike Crain

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Director,

Child, Adult and Family Ministry

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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

The RCIA is a process designed to give ritual support to those preparing for initiation into the Catholic Church. It is a developmental approach to initiation and helps to foster a sense of belonging in those who are asking to be received into the church.

We seek to help people reflect on God's call in their lives and to help them discern for themselves if they are being called to communion with the Roman Catholic faith community.

SCHEDULE:

Sunday mornings beginning September 28, 2008.

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ADULT CONFIRMATION

Because of the many benefits that the RCIA process has given past participants, we invite those adults who need to complete their initiation process by celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation to join us for the catechetical portion of the RCIA process.

This serves as both a review of the basics of the Roman Catholic faith and as a period of preparation and commitment leading up to the celebration. It also provides a community for the candidates during their time of preparation.

If you or someone you know is considering becoming Catholic or would like to complete their initiation into the church through Confirmation, please contact Holy Apostles, Christian Formation Office, 786-2035 or Holy Apostles Rectory, 786-7330.

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BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

All parishioners who are bringing a child to the parish for baptism are required to attend a one-hour parent information session prior to the celebration of the baptism. If you have attended a baptism session within the last four years, you are excused from this session. Through prayer and conversation, parents are invited to reflect on this most important step in their child's changing relationship to the church.

Schedule:

First Wednesday of each month, 7:30PM - 8:30PM
To register call Mike Crain 786-2035

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MEN'S SCRIPTURE REFLECTION

This is a weekly gathering of men studying and discussing upcoming Sunday Gospel readings in an informal setting.

Schedule:

Saturday mornings 7:00AM - 8:30AM, in Parish Center, Room 169

Contact:

Dave Engsberg (262) 542-2972

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WOMEN'S RETREAT DAY

This annual event, formerly sponsored by the parish Christian Women's group, is held each fall during Advent. Facilitated by a guest presenter who understands the spirituality of women.

Date and presenter are to be determined.

Watch the bulletin for further details.

Contact:

Nina Fiedler (262) 641-9366

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LENDING LIBRARY FOR ADULTS

There is a lending library for adults of the parish in the Christian Formation Office.

It is open during the regular office hours (9:00AM - 2:00PM weekdays) or by appointment.

If you are interested in Catholic magazines or books stop by and check out the collection. You are sure to find something to interest you. Among the magazines that we receive regularly are: America, St. Anthony Messenger, Catechist, Origins, Commonweal, and Marriage. Back issues are kept on hand.

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MOMS - PLAY GROUP

MOMS is a branch of our women's ministry. It is geared toward mothers with children of all ages.

Moms get together to visit while their children play. Each mother supervises her own children. Meetings are at a local park in the warmer months.

Look for schedule in summer bulletins.

Contact:

Michelle Gutierrez (262) 787-0787

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MARTHAS AND MARYS

Marthas and Marys is open to all parish women.

Spiritual enrichment including occasional retreat days, study groups and fellowship opportunities focus on strengthening our faith and appreciating our unique spiritual gifts.

Meetings:

Monthly Watch bulletin for details.

Contact:

Nina Fiedler (262) 641- 9366

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ELIZABETH MINISTRY

This ministry is an outreach ministry within the parish, primarily a mentoring ministry by women to women.

Our focus is to visit the families of all the new babies baptized in our parish. We bring them a small gift from the parish and a homemade meal. The ministry has also stepped in to help in times of family crisis.

If you would be interested in being a mentor, or know of someone who could use some help please contact the Elizabeth Ministry at the number below.

Contact:

Tami Donnelly (262) 679-1743

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ADULT TUITION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Adults of Holy Apostles pursuing formal training for pastoral ministry or religious vocation can apply to the parish for tuition assistance. This is available to active parishioners who have been members of the parish for at least one year.

There is a pool of funds that will be split equally between those who apply. Your course of study must be directly related to ministry preparation, whether that training culminates in a certificate or a degree. Checks will be payable directly to the institution which you attend.

Applications must be submitted to the office of Child, Adult, and Family Ministry by June 30, 2008.

For more information or to receive an application, contact the Child, Adult and Family Ministry office at 786-2035.

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MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

What is Marriage Encounter?

Marriage Encounter is an experience for married couples designed to make good marriages better.

It is a unique time spent together remembering and understanding each other; rediscovering the meaning of marital love and the couple's commitment to God and each other. It is a mature honeymoon. It is a gift to your spouse, rekindling the fires of love, listening to and hearing each other's thoughts, feelings, voices and emotions.

It is a weekend together away from the stress and strain of work and world affairs.

For more information or weekend dates,

Contact:

Lynn Lasnicka 782-6296

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METRO BIBLE STUDY

This adult bible study group meets Wednesday evenings from 7:00PM - 9:00PM at Holy Apostles or Thursday mornings from 9:15AM - 11:15AM at St. John Vianney for 23 weeks beginning in mid September and running into Lent.

FEE:

\$50.00

SCHEDULE:

Semester I will be from:
Mid Sept. - Dec., 2008

Semester II will be from:
Mid Jan. - Mid Mar., 2009
Refer to bulletin for specific dates.

Contact person:

Lucy Clancy 262-641-9193, Lclancy@wi.rr.com
Miles Vilski 262-792-9247 or
CFO 262-786-2035

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AMAZING GRACE PRAYER GROUP

All ages are welcome to pray through scripture, song, petition, praise, community support and sharing!

This inviting and relaxed group prays joyfully and You are invited anytime to be a part.

Meets Tuesdays, 7:30PM - 8:45PM

in Holy Apostles Church.
Watch the Sunday bulletin each week for dates!

Contact person:

Dennis Machnik 782-3703

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EVENING FOR COUPLES

Couples of the parish are invited to gather and celebrate the gift of their marriage.

Plan to join us for dinner and an opportunity to reflect on the many blessings that your marriage brings to your life and to look at ways to make you marriage stronger.

Valentines Day, Saturday February 14, 2009 will be a day to celebrate your relationship. Set the date aside and make plans to attend.

Speaker and cost to be determined and will be advertised in the Parish Bulletin closer to the event.

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FAITH IN RECOVERY

A mental health ministry that provides support for those that are challenged with mental illness.

A faith based support group meets monthly. (Except July & August) at 7:00PM on the third Tuesday of the month in Parish Meeting Room. Periodically throughout the year this ministry hosts presentations related to mental health.

Chairperson:

Mary or Seb Hartinger (262) 786-5862

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