

# Holy Apostles

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**Check our WEB-site for announcements and dates: [www.hanb.org](http://www.hanb.org)**

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New Berlin, WI 53151  
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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 <http://www.archmil.org/safeguarding>. Scroll down for a list of all facilities or churches and dates of sessions. For registration instructions, click on the appropriate location and 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](mailto:mcrain@hanb.org). E-mail contact is preferable.

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## 2009 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 17 between and after all Masses in Lofy Hall.

The registration period is from April 18 to May 17, 2009. Registrations received after May 17 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 17 deadline is greatly appreciated.

## **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

When having a child baptized the parents “accept the responsibility of training [their] child in the practice of the faith.”

Children’s ministry is an outreach of the church to support parents in meeting their obligation to pass on the faith to their children. It depends on an active family faith life to be effective. As with any educational endeavor, parental involvement and support are essential to its success. A family’s regular attendance at Mass, praying at home, and parents modeling service are all things that contribute to the effectiveness of our programming.

Through the dedicated efforts of our volunteers, children are encouraged to explore the significance of their Catholic faith. They are introduced to prayer, sacrament, scripture, moral behavior, and creed through the lessons that are presented and the activities in which they participate. They learn to cooperate with each other in the class setting and share their faith with each other. And as children grow and develop they are invited to explore the Catholic tradition at deepening levels.

In the following pages you will find program offerings for pre-school, elementary and junior high levels as well as sacrament preparation programs and a special needs program. This catalog includes all the significant dates and times as well as a general description of how the program functions.

We look forward to working with you and your child in the year ahead.

Peace,

*Michael J. Crain*

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Director,

Child, Adult and Family Ministry

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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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## **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, 2009.

### **REGISTRATION:**

April 18 through May 17, 2009. Return the form your child received during April classes to the CFO, before May 17. 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 17 between and after all Masses. Children must register every year.

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

May 17, 2009 after 11:15AM Mass.

### **FEE:**

\$62.00 per child.

### **SCHEDULE:**

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

2009	1) Sept. 13	2010	8) Jan. 10
	2) Sept. 27		9) Feb. 14
	3) Oct. 11		10) Feb. 28
	4) Oct. 25		11) Mar. 14
	5) Nov. 8		12) Mar. 28
	6) Nov. 22		13) Apr. 11
	7) Dec. 13		14) Apr. 25
			15) May 9

### **SERVICE:**

Catechists needed for each age level.

### **CATECHIST TRAINING:**

August 27, 2009  
7:30-8:30PM

### **PARENT MEETING:**

August 30, 2009  
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 18 through May 17, 2009. Return the form your child received during April classes to the CFO before May 17. 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 17 between and after all Masses.

Children must register every year.

### **REGISTRATION DEADLINE:**

May 17, 2009, after 11:15AM Mass

### **FEE:**

\$80.00 per child enrolled.

### **PARENT MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Parent information sessions are held 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. 19, 2009 - 9:00AM - 9:30AM

Sunday, Sept. 20, 2009- 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
2009 1)	Sept. 19	Sept. 20
2)	Oct. 17	Oct. 4, 18
3)	Nov. 21	Nov. 1, 15
4)	Dec. 19	Dec. 6, 20
2010 5)	Jan. 16	Jan. 3, 17
6)	Feb. 20	Feb. 7, 21
7)	Mar. 20	Mar. 7, 21
8)	Apr. 17	Apr. 18
9)	May 15	May 2, 16

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. 3, 2009, Thurs., 7:00PM - 8:30PM

Jan. 9, 2010 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 18 through May 17, 2009. Return the form your child received during April classes to the CFO before May 17. 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 17 between and after all Masses.

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

May 17, 2009 after 11:15AM Mass.

## FEE:

\$35.00 per child enrolled.

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## ***RECONCILIATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE***

Sept. 16, 2009 - Parents only, 6:30-7:30PM  
Oct. 17-18, 2009 - Completed book returned to CFO  
Oct. 24 or - Retreat I, Parents & students or  
Oct. 31, 2009 - Retreat II, Parents & students  
9:00-11:00AM

### Celebration:

6:30PM - 7:30PM, Church  
November 5, 2009 or  
November 11, 2009

### Teacher In-service:

Oct. 21, 2009, 7:00PM - 8:00PM

## ***Eucharist Preparation Schedule***

Jan. 27, 2010 - Parents & students, Church, 6:30PM - 7:30PM  
Mar. 13-14, 2010 - Completed book returned to CFO  
Mar. 24, 2010 - Parents & students, Lofy, 6:30PM - 7:30PM

### Celebration Weekends:

All Masses, Church  
April 10-11, 2010 or  
April 17-18, 2010

### Practice:

Lofy/Church, 9:00AM - 11:30AM  
April 10, 2010 or  
April 17, 2010

### Teacher In-service:

Jan. 20, 2010, 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. One person will teach the large-group sessions, 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 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> 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 18 through May 17, 2009. 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 17 between and after all Masses. Children must register every year.

### REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

May 17, 2009, after 11:15AM Mass

### FEE:

\$75.00 per child enrolled.

### SCHEDULE:

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

2009	Sept. 22	Parents and Students
	Oct. 27	
	Nov. 17	
	Dec. 15	
2010	Jan. 19	
	Feb. 13	Sat. Retreat Day, 1:30-5:15PM
	Mar. 23	
	April 20	

\*\*\*\*(See next page for Teacher Meeting schedule)\*\*\*\*

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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

2009	Sept.	15
	Oct.	20
	Nov.	10
	Dec.	8
2010	Jan.	12
	Feb.	9
	Mar.	16
	Apr.	13

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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

A major component of total youth ministry is catechesis. A major component of catechesis is spiritual growth. A major part of spiritual growth is relationship. Jesus' parable of the sower (Mark 4: 3-8) uses an agricultural image to tell a story of spiritual growth.

As spring takes hold in our lives, we find ourselves planting all sorts of seeds that will eventually bring us much beauty and food. We will be careful to sow the seeds, so that there is great potential for bounty. The sower in Jesus' parable sows seed on the pathway, on rocky ground, with the weeds and finally on good soil. There is only one place where the seed can grow to fruition that is good ground, ground that will need to be cultivated throughout the growing season.

For the seed, the person of Jesus, to grow in the lives of our youth we need to be sure we work the soil, preparing it, trusting that God has already planted the seed. To keep the seed growing we must provide conditions for the seed to be in good relationship with the soil. If Jesus is the seed, and the lives of our youth, the soil, do we not need to help that relationship to blossom? With teamwork, discipline and coordination we can join Our Lord in the Body of Christ to bring Jesus' life, mission and ministry alive and ever growing in the lives of our youth. Then the youth can establish their own relationship with him possessing knowledge and participating in activity that emphasizes building and sustaining relationships with God, others and self.

On the following pages you will find various opportunities for youth to become good soil. Parents can provide encouragement and support for their son/daughter to continually develop his/her own relationship with Jesus. Adult parishioners are needed to guide and assist the youth as catechists and youth workers in all the programs. God has give us the seed in Jesus, it is up to us to garden properly, so our youth can grow spiritually and tend to all their relationships through Christ, Our Lord.

*Judith A. Deysach*

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Director of Youth Ministry

Supporting Documents:

[Adult Hold Harmless form](#) (pdf, 10kb)

[Youth Permission form](#) (pdf, 425kb)

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# CHRISTIAN YOUTH FORMATION "CYF"

## BASIC BELIEFS AND CHRISTIAN MORALITY

(Programs outlined on next two pages)

### REGISTRATION:

Tuesday, May 12, 2009,  
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 12, 2009.

### DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:

Thursday, May 14, 2009

### FEE:

\$114.00 (fee does not include overnight Human Sexuality and Christian  
Wholeness retreat fee of \$95.00)

### 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 6, 2009  
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 in Johnson Hall

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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. 19-20, 2010.

### 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. 19 - Saturday, Feb. 20, 2010.

### COST:

\$95.00 - 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 2010.

## 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 15-17, 2010 OR

January 29-31, 2010.

## RETREAT COST:

\$115.00, includes meals & transportation.

Rite of Confirmation - late April or early May of 2010.

## 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 5, 2009,

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 7, 2009.

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 5, 2009 for Information session and/or May 19, 2009 for Orientation Session.

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

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION:

Participation Agreement Due

Wednesday, May 13, 2009, 2:00 pm at the CFO,  
Room 172.

ORIENTATION:

Tuesday, May 19, 2009,

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

Parent/Youth Orientation Session - **MANDATORY**

PROGRAM FEE:

\$114.00 (Fee does not include weekend retreat fee of an additional \$115.00).

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 in 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 21, 2009, 2:00PM.

## FEE:

None

## CONF. RETREAT:

Confirmation Peer Ministers attendance is optional.  
Fee for peer ministers \$95.00

## 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

## SAFE ENVIRONMENT STAFF - SES:

In compliance with the USCCB Charter for the Protection of Children and Youth, the Standards for Small Groups in the Home – Archdiocese of Milwaukee and Holy Apostles Youth Ministry, adults of the parish are needed to be present in the home of a catechist or host family for the entire duration of the small group session, ensuring that the participants remain in the designated small group area and not be left alone in the catechist's or host family's home for safety.

## 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](mailto:jdeysach@hanb.org).

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# YOUTH WORKCAMP

## OFFERED TO:

Youth, Grades 9 - 12

## TIME:

One week during the summer of 2010 - to be determined by the participants in June of 2009.

## 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 9, 2009, 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:

\$750.00 youth, \$150.00—\$200.00 Adults

This is the sixteenth year the workcamp program is in existence at Holy Apostles. This coming summer 17 youth and 5 adults will be traveling to Lead / Deadwood, South Dakota which was once a stomping ground for Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane (both buried in nearby Deadwood). Lead has historically been a mining town. Several years ago, however, the mine laid off half of its workforce, devastating the local economy. Lead is slowly recovering, but most jobs are now found in lower-paying service and tourism sectors. With smaller paychecks, there's a great need for assistance with home repair and there's a great opportunity to show the people of lead Jesus' love through service. 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 9, 2009  
Wednesday, November 4, 2009  
Wednesday, January 13, 2010  
Wednesday, February 17, 2010  
Wednesday, March 10, 2010  
Wednesday, April 14, 2010  
Wednesday, May 12, 2010

The '09 Workcampers are:

Haley Anderson, Emily Bobke, Jack Hebar, Katie Heyse, Emily Hitchcock, Sarah Hitchcock, Lindsey Landgraf, Erin Lindsey, Benjamin Link, Luke Rivard, Ryan Revers, Hannah Shanley, Alec Sheperd, Zach Sheperd, Brian Skupien, Alison Wanie, and Carolyn Wanie

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 X109 or e-mail [jdeysach@hanb.org](mailto:jdeysach@hanb.org)

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## ADULT & FAMILY MINISTRY

Adult formation is all about faith sharing. In the Dialogues of St. Gregory the Great he tells a story about St. Scholastica and her brother St. Benedict of Nursia. Scholastica came from her convent one day to visit her brother. They spent the day together talking at length about the spiritual life. When the hour became late Scholastica asked her brother to stay with her that they might talk all night. He was horrified and said, "What are you saying, I simply cannot stay outside my cell." At this Scholastica folded her hands and bowed her head to her hands and began to pray. At this a severe thunderstorm erupted and the downpour was so intense that Benedict could not cross it to return to his monastery. Benedict said to her, "Sister what have you done?" She replied, "I asked you and you would not listen, so I asked my God and he did listen."

Since he could not return safely to his monastery he reluctantly stayed the whole night conversing with his sister about the spiritual life. Three days later Scholastica died. It is obvious that Scholastica treasured her time with her holy brother and it is likely that they gained much from each other in their spiritual lives.

It is not only saints who need to share their experiences of the spiritual life; all adults can grow by sharing their faith and encountering the faith stories of others. In fact, it is the most effective way to feed your faith.

In the following pages are listed a number of opportunities for adults to feed their faith through study and sharing their experience of God in their lives.

When Jesus came to visit Martha and Mary, Martha was too busy serving to give Jesus her attention; Mary abandoned the busyness to give Jesus her undivided attention. When Martha complained to Jesus about Mary not helping with the busyness he replied, "She has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Why not take a few minutes from your busy life and look over the various offerings to find one that fits your life and schedule and make some space in your life to feed your adult faith.

*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 27, 2009.

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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**

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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## **MONDAY MORNING SCRIPTURE REFLECTION**

Join Fr. Joe Anderson on Monday mornings to reflect on the reading for the coming Sunday.

Schedule:

Each Monday at 10:00 AM in the Rectory.

No registration necessary.

Contact:

Mike Crain (262) 786-2035

## **Child Care**

Child care is provided for children 6 months to 4 years old during the 9:15AM Mass in Lofy Hall, Room 8 from September through May. (Infants should be able to sit up by themselves.)

Parents using the service take turns supervising the children on a rotating basis along with teen helpers.

For more information, call: Carissa Brayer (262) 797-6337

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## **PLAY GROUP**

This ministry 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 held in indoor facilities during the winter and at a local park in the warmer months.

Look for schedule in summer bulletins.

Contact:

Carol Roder (262) 782-1936, [acroder@sbc.global.net](mailto:acroder@sbc.global.net)

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## **ELIZABETH MINISTRY**

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

This ministry includes visits to all families who have a baby baptized in our parish providing a meal and presenting a small gift from the parish. It also includes outreach to families experiencing a crisis.

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

The Elizabeth Ministry also sponsors two to three educational programs per year that support our mission and serve women in our parish community. The format may consist of book discussion, guest speakers, movie viewing and discussion, etc.

Watch the bulletin for information on up coming events.

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, 2009.

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 couples 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**

Starting in September, the adult bible study group will spend 23 weeks uncovering the riches of St. Luke's Gospel. Meetings are held Wednesday evenings from 7:00-9:00PM at Holy Apostles or Thursday mornings from 9:30-11:30AM at St. John Vianney. Prayer, lectures, guided study questions and group discussions are the format used.

### FEE:

\$50.00 per person or \$75.00 per couple

### SCHEDULE:

Semester I will be from:

Sept. - Nov., 2009

Semester II will be from:

Jan. - Mar., 2010

Refer to bulletin for specific dates.

### Contact person:

Lucy Clancy 262-641-9193, Lclancy@wi.rr.com

Miles Vilski 262-251-8897

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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## **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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## **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.

Saturday February 20, 2010 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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## **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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