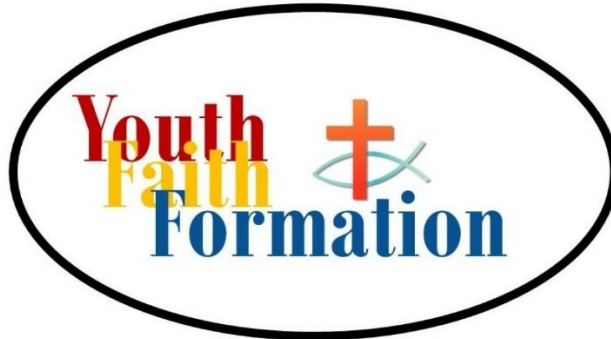


ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH
2024-2025
YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM



A baptized Catholic individual's Faith Formation process is life-long and is aimed at informing him or her in a better understanding of the myriad of aspects relating to our Catholic faith. The adage of old that religious education (RE) "*ends at Confirmation*" is enormously incorrect. Our Catholic *Faith Formation* is a life-long process of learning.

For the upcoming 2024-2025 RE Calendar Year, grades 7 through 12 (combined) will meet from December 2024 to May 2025 (in the upstairs classroom area of the parish's Admin/Classroom Bldg; following the 2024-2025 Child/Youth Faith Formation/RE calendar), for sessions to explore and discuss aspects of our Catholic faith and its applicability today in the world we live in – be it at home, school, work or recreation. Living our Christian Catholic faith is an integral part of our daily lives and baptismal obligation.

Youth Faith Formation sessions will be begin on:

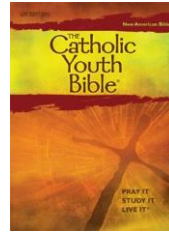
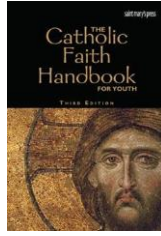
Sunday, December 8, 2024 at approximately 9:00-9:50 a.m.

Our Faith Formation Program introduces our parish community's young adolescents to Jesus Christ in a new way and inspires them to follow Him and become disciples for, of and with Jesus Christ, through service, prayer and evangelization.

The Youth Ministry/Faith Formation Program:

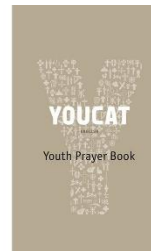
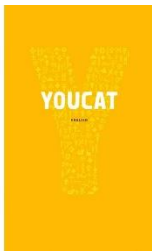
- Fosters the faith of our parish's young adolescents by helping them to make connections between the Catholic faith and everyday life.
- Helps young people to strengthen their connection to the faith community.
- Helps them recognize that it is the power of the Holy Spirit, that has united God's people in love and that continues to be a transforming presence.
- Uses an active, hands-on approach to Faith Formation.

2024-2025 Youth Faith/Formation RE Calendar Year Resources can include:
The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth, Third Edition



The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth, Third Edition (along with the Catholic Youth Bible) is an understandable and down-to-earth guide to all things Catholic. These are an eye-opener and a page-turner, whether you are brushing up on specific Catholic terms and concepts or learning them for the first time.

2024-2025 RE Calendar Year:
YOUCAT (Youth Catechism) and YOUCAT Youth Prayer



YOUCAT is short for ***Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church***. Developed with the help of young Catholics and written for junior and high-school age people and young adults. ***YOUCAT*** is an accessible, contemporary expression of the Catholic faith and is keyed on the Catechism of the Catholic Church, so people can learn and dive deeper in their faith. It explains: What Catholics believe and why (doctrine); How Catholics celebrate the mysteries of the faith (sacraments); How Catholics are to live (moral life); and how they should pray (prayer and spirituality).

2024-2025 RE Calendar Year:
DOCAT: What to do?



DOCAT is an excellent source of information on social justice for young people, helping them to get to know and live the social doctrine of the Church. It is a solid practical successor to ***YOUCAT***, the very popular youth catechism based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church.