



Youth of Epiphany & Sebastian

Youth Ministry

Junior: Gr. 6-8 Senior: Gr. 9-12

What is it?

A program for the youth of our parish. Our goal is to strengthen & deepen the faith of our young people in ways appropriate to their age. The ministry has four main aspects:

- Catechetical-theological & spiritual development
- Service-living the faith thru service to others
- Worship-shared prayer & liturgical experiences
- Social-Fun activities where our youth can spend time with each other

What can you do?

There are so many ways to help with this ministry. You can help organize a service project or social activity. You can speak at a youth meeting about a topic relating to faith in your life. Or you can join the youth in prayer & worship.

What is the commitment?

There are various levels of commitment.

These many ministry goals are the responsibility of Epiphany Parish.

YOU are Epiphany of Our Lord Parish

WE NEED YOU!



"Then they said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning (within us) while he spoke to us on the way and opened the scriptures to us?'"

I would like to volunteer to help with:

- RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
- RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS
- BAPTISM PREPARATION
- MARRIAGE PREPARATION
- JUNIOR/SENIOR YOUTH GROUP
- ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

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Faith Formation Ministry Epiphany of Our Lord Parish



The role of the Faith Formation Office is to enrich, support and expand the faith life of parishioners. We attempt to offer this spiritual nourishment to people at every stage of life and faith development. Our tools are theological and scriptural education, along with opportunities to use that education in worship and service.



"Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you." Matt. 28:19

BAPTISM PREPARATION

What is it?

A Class for new or expecting parents explaining:

- The history & meaning of the Sacrament of Baptism
- The significance of the symbols of Baptism
- Choosing Godparents
- What to expect the day of a child's Baptism

What can you do?

To be a part of the Baptism Prep team you need to be excited about children being brought into our church family. You need to be comfortable enthusiastically sharing the details and meaning of this sacrament.

What is the commitment?

Training by the Director of Faith Formation and presenting Baptism Preparation to parents for 2 hours on a Wednesday evening 2 or 3 times a year.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION

What is it?

A class for engaged couples in which we explain marriage from the church's point of view and share some wisdom about married life.

- Meaning of the Sacrament of Marriage
- In-laws/blending family traditions
- Normal highs & lows of married life
- Communication/listening
- Sexuality, Children, & Finances

What can you do?

Couples are needed for Marriage Prep. These couples have to believe in Christian marriage and have a desire to help young couples get off to a good start. You need to be comfortable sharing some of your stories.

What is the commitment?

Training by the Director of Faith Formation.

Help at a Marriage Prep weekend a couple times a year.

The "weekend" is 7–9 pm Friday and 10am–3pm on Saturday.



FAITH FORMATION Elementary Grades 1–5

What is it?

This is the parish's effort to support and enrich the faith taught in the home. With the help of parish volunteers we try to exemplify and teach the following:

- Spirituality & Prayer Life
- Forms of Worship & Community Prayer
- Service to Others
- Basic Knowledge of the Faith, such as
 - The Trinity
 - Scripture
 - Sacraments, etc.

What can you do?

To be a catechist (teacher) in this ministry there are a few obvious requirements. You have to like working with children. You need to be joyful & positive about sharing your faith. Most catechists are driven by a strong desire to pass on our faith traditions to the next generation.

What is the commitment?

This ministry demands more time than the others. For Grades 1–5 the sessions are every Monday evening from 6:15–7:30 pm, Sept. thru April. There is training offered for new teachers & the proper clearances are necessary to work with children.

R.C.I.A.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

What is it?

- The way we introduce new people to the Catholic Church
- Spiritual and education training to join the Church
- Rituals & prayers in preparation to receive the Sacraments
- Welcoming & integration into the parish family

What can you do?

People joining the Church are taking a big step into unknown territory. What they need most is someone to walk that journey with them and make them feel welcome. You do not need to be a bible scholar or religion teacher to help with R.C.I.A. The sessions are run by the Director of Faith Formation. You just need to love your faith and want to share it with others.

What is the commitment?

- One night a week for an hour, Sept. thru the Easter Season
- Some special Sunday Masses in Lent



ADULT EDUCATION

Workshops and classes are offered throughout the year. These events are designed to help adult Catholics in their desire to grow in faith and knowledge.