

What's happening for youth at St. Bernard?

Elementary

- Children are doing outreach with Jenna Noll our missionary in Mongolia... cards, letters and emails are going out regularly!
- Cookies and cards for the Warming Shelter
- Displaying their study of saints in the hallways
- Catechists are continually creating theologically strong and solid lessons that support our curriculum from Sadlier Publishing called We Believe. Check out the website at www.weblievenet.org

Middle School

- Teens are studying Morality, the Trinity and God's Revelation this semester.
- Youth meet for prayer together at 6:15 and then head to their classroom to learn about the topic, form community and hear about ways to continue the learning at home and beyond.
- Our curriculum is from Harcourt Publishers Call to Faith and meets national and diocesan curriculum guidelines!
- Youth are always informed and invited to youth ministry activities in the parish and beyond.
- Baking breakfast foods for the Warming Shelter was a great Saturday morning activity for our youth!
- A service over night is coming up March 19th!

High School

- Youth meet every other week in a large group, youth ministry setting. We begin with community builders and prayer and then have a large group teaching - topics this semester are Morality, God's Revelation and the Trinity.

- Our web-based curriculum is from Harcourt Publishers – Call to Discipleship. Check out our amazing program at www.calltodiscipleship.org. This curriculum meets national and diocesan guidelines and standards.
- Volunteer catechists meet to plan sessions on their off week and then teach and lead small group discussions!
- High School Youth are in the middle of fundraising for the summer Young Neighbors in Action mission trip to Gallup, New Mexico this summer.
 - stock sale.booyah dinner.fun nights for elementary children.m&m sale
 - famous daves's barbeque night
- Youth have formed a committee to learn about teen homelessness and create an action plan to follow! Thanks to Abby Ross a sophomore at West for her great idea!

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Sunday mornings (September through April) at 8:30 and 10:15 masses we offer Children's Liturgy of the Word for children ages pre-school through 4th grade. Everyone is welcome...parents and siblings too!

What it is: Children are invited up by the priest for a blessing and then are led out of mass by the volunteer catechists. They go into classrooms where they hear the gospel story in a way they can understand , do an activity that reinforces the good news and then head back to church to share what they did with their families.

What are some other things that Faith Formation designs and creates?

- Sacrament preparation and celebrations for first Eucharist, First Reconciliation and Confirmation
- Retreats for Sacraments
- Seder Meal
- St. Bernard's Café
- Ash Wednesday dinner
- Vacation Bible School
- Summer Kids Klub
- Summer Youth Group

- Meals for Pioneer Haven, Warming Shelter, and COTS
- Participates in Fun in the Sun - city-wide youth ministry events to great America, Noah's ark, Mt. Olympus and Disc GOLF
- Service Overnights with middle and high school youth throughout the year
- Youth Bands in concert

We encourage youth and family participation in liturgy by coordinating and organizing youth masses led by different grades levels once each month. Children and youth are mentored by parishioners in liturgical ministries and learn how to be a good lector, usher, greeter, hospitality minister and more!

We help to coordinate the youth band along with our liturgy and worship coordinator.

We have offered an internship for college youth and seniors in high school each summer. Interns help design and created summer programming and learn what it means to be a youth minister in the church. Currently one of our former interns is a missionary in Mongolia and one is studying to be a youth minister. All of them have continued working with youth in some volunteer position!

The staff belongs to professional leadership organizations:

St. Bernard staff hosts diocesan catechetical events such as Kick off Day, regional in services for catechists and youth ministry meetings

ProCLAYM professional catechetical leaders and youth ministers - a local organization that encourages professionalism, shared leadership and support for the diocese of green bay.

FVCYMA Fox Valley Youth Catholic Ministry Association

WDREF the Wisconsin state organization for professional catechetical leaders

NCCL the National Catholic Catechetical Leadership - the national organization that supports diverse, yet unified strong catechetical ministry throughout the nation

