

Upcoming Events - Parish

September 27: Annual Parish Potluck Dinner after the 11:30 am Mass

Calendar - YFF & Sacraments

9/13 Opening Class

9/20: Regular Class

2:00 - 3:30 Confirmation Parent Meeting FLC Room #4

9/27: NO YFF CLASS

10/4: Regular Class

2:00 - 3:30 First Reconciliation/Eucharist Parent Meeting FLC Room #4

10/11: Regular Class (Snack Sunday)

2:00 - 3:30 Confirmation Class #1 FLC Gym (sponsors encouraged)

Dan Procopio, Youth Minister
dan@saintmichaelparish.net

YFF is on Instagram!

Did you know that YFF has an Instagram account? It is called “@learningfaithtogether” and you can find and follow it here:



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Youth Faith Formation
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Please remember if you are out of town and unable to make it to Mass here at Saint Michael, take a picture of your family with the bulletin in the church and send it to Miss Fessler.

Saint Michael Parish
Youth Faith Formation
September 2026



From Miss Fessler:
Welcome to Youth Faith Formation 2026-2027! This is our fourth year of our program. The catechists and I continue to work to make YFF a strong formation experience. We have some great things planned for this year.

Over the summer, Father Lavelle and I reached out to Dan Procopio to consider joining the staff as the part time Youth Minister. Father and I continue to be happy that Dan said “yes” to the challenge of building up Youth Ministry in our parish. Next month, I will be giving Dan the front page of the newsletter to share his ideas, hopes, and dreams for his first year. Personally I am so excited to have Dan as part of the staff and YFF team. One thing to remember: it takes time to grow new ministries. YFF didn’t happen overnight and neither will Youth Ministry. Small goals will lead to amazing successes, one step at a time.

Looking at YFF this year, we have moved to a new textbook series, Christ Our Life by Loyola Press. The catechists and I were thrilled with the material in the books at each grade level and the robust digital library. There is also a wonderful parent / family section in each chapter with QR codes for additional resources. I put more information about our new textbooks inside the newsletter. My goal is to highlight sections of the new textbooks and parent digital resources each month.

Finally, as a reminder, Remind is the primary way to contact me for YFF. Please, be sure to download the app. If I do not respond to your message, even with a “thumbs up”, within three hours, I have not received your message and you may want to email me at: mfessler@saintmichaelparish.net . If we find Remind becomes unreliable, I will notify everyone and all communication will be done via email.

God bless,
Miss Fessler

Gift a Cake

Birthdays are a time to celebrate the gift of life into our lives and families. Not all families are able to celebrate with a cake. In honor of the Blessed Mother's birthday on September 8th and the feast day of our parish on September 29th, YFF is going to put together the "Gift of a Cake" care packages. Each grade will have one component to bring in over the next few weeks: cake mix, frosting, sprinkles, candles, cans of pop, aluminum pan with a cover. Grades 5 & 6 will assemble the care packages. The packages will be distributed through Catholic Charities. Check the stapled insert for details.



Spotlight on: Our NEW Textbook Series: Christ Our Life, by Loyola Press

After a year of research and discernment, YFF has changed to a new textbook series: Christ Our Life by Loyola Press. This series is robust with the basics of our faith: scripture, prayer, saints, living a good Catholic life. The part of the series that impressed us all was the digital library and the use of QR codes in every chapter. The exciting part is that parents can use a QR code to find supplemental materials for each chapter called "Families in Mission." Items include: Carpool Catechesis, Building Family Faith, Interactive Chapter Review, and Chapter Study Guide. There is also a section of Grade Level Resources. You will be able to read an overview of what is contained in every chapter of your child's book, prayer cards, and glossary among other helpful tools.

The only way to access these digital resources is through the QR code, on your phone or tablet. If you have questions about the digital resources or QR codes, please ask me or your child's catechist.

You, as parents, were a huge part of the process of discernment. We wanted to find the best way to easily engage you in the formation of your children. Loyola Press has done an outstanding job making this possible.

Welcome to the Saint Michael Staff & Catechetical Team for Grades 7-8

If you read the bulletin you know that after much searching, praying, and trusting in God, we have hired Dan Procopio as our Youth Minister! Dan has been a catechist and substitute catechist for many years. He has such a great rapport with the junior high youth and passion for our faith that it made sense to ask him to take on the task of building the youth ministry program at Saint Michael. An important part of his ministry will be helping to bridge junior high and high school, especially after Confirmation. Dan has been brainstorming and has reached out to our high school families.

As "lead catechist" for grades 7-8, he will teach with our two new junior high catechists: Kim Gilbert and John Wise. We will be spotlighting our catechists and classes throughout the year in the newsletter.

Monthly Prayer

The September Monthly Prayer is:
Saint Michael Prayer

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.



Please pray the Saint Michael Prayer with your children throughout the month at home.

We will be praying it during class time.



Welcome Mr. Procopio

