

Holy Saints ACC Faith Formation Center

Location: Holy Cross School Building
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Mass Times:

Holy Cross (HC)

10651 Co Hwy 8, Kimball, MN 55353

Saturday 4:00 pm

St. Anne (SA)

441 Hazel Ave E, Kimball, MN 55353

Saturday 5:00 pm

St. Mary Help of Christians (SMHOC)

24588 Co Rd 7, St Augusta, MN 56301

Sunday 8:00 am

St. Nicholas (SN)

15862 Co Rd 165, Watkins, MN 55389

Sunday 8:00 am

St. Wendelin (SW)

22714 State Hwy. 15, Luxemburg, MN 56301

Sunday 10:00 am

Holy Saints ACC (Area Catholic Communities)

The Church exists from age to age to proclaim the Gospel and to make disciples of Jesus Christ. Standing on the foundation laid by the preceding generations, the Diocese of Saint Cloud seeks to foster vibrancy for the sake of Jesus Christ. The current 131 parishes within our Diocese are home to 125,000 Catholics across central Minnesota. Every generation has its gifts and challenges. In the present age, we are facing a decline in Catholic population and priests across the Diocese. To continue to thrive, the St. Cloud Diocese is inviting these Eucharistic communities to come together to intentionally collaborate for the mission of the universal Church

Vision: Every parish in the Diocese of Saint Cloud will be part of an Area Catholic Community consisting of two or more parishes in a given area. All Area Catholic Communities will collaborate to provide for the pastoral and spiritual needs of all. As Area Catholic Communities share resources, talents, and efforts we hope to reenergize Catholics so all parishes thrive in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. Source: stcdio.org

Holy Saints ACC Family Faith Formation Program Details:

Parent Involvement: A guardian (parent, grandparent, older sibling, aunt or uncle) from each family is asked to participate in our parent sessions. For example, the Kleinschnitz family has 6 kids, only one guardian is asked to join the parent session/or volunteer. Please do not just drop off your child, sit in the lodge or parking lot, your presence is valuable and we do want to minister to you as well! Other parishioners, and guests are invited to come to our adult speaker presentations as well!

Our Program is twice a month! Grades 1st grade through 6th grade will meet in activity rooms grouped by grade levels. These activity rooms will include catechesis, prayer/ saint exploration, gospel prep & liturgical living room in the West Wing. 7th grade - 10th grade will meet in the gym space. Parents will meet in the church unless otherwise notified.

Time: 5:30pm - 6:10 pm (Meal)

6:15pm - Programming Begins

Parent Speaker (Church or Gym if specified)

Activity Rooms: Grades 1 - 6th in the West Wing

Secondary Grades: Grades 7th - 10th in the Gym

8:00 pm Programming ends. Families depart together.



Before Program Meal

Meal RSVP

We know how busy it is after school! We will be offering a light meal from 5:30pm - 6:10 pm for families before programming starts. Please respond to the RSVP link emailed/texted out to help Cassie with a headcount! If you would like to donate or volunteer to serve, please email Cassie at hospitality@holysaintsmn.org.

Parking/ Check In : There is parking in the east & west lots of the school, east side of church, street, and on the grass lot between cemetery and baseball field.

Check in: The East Door will be the main door for Family Faith Formation nights! The west door will remain locked until the end of the programming to help provide a safe and secure environment. Primary grades check in the ACTIVITY rooms (West Wing) and Secondary grades check in with leaders in gym.

Discipline: We want to provide a positive environment for everyone. Of course, we expect that each student will demonstrate appropriate behavior such as; listening to catechists, participating in discussions, keeping hands, feet, and objects to themselves, using words that encourage and uplift, and respecting church and faith formation center property. At times, it becomes necessary to give corrections and discipline. These steps will be taken.

1. Verbal warning
2. The student will be asked to leave the room & will meet with site coordinator Cassie Deering. Students then will chat with the site coordinator, and then return to class with an apology. Parents will be notified.
3. If another incident occurs, a parent will be required to be present in the classroom the next time we meet.
4. If a third incident occurs, the child will be removed from the program for the remainder of the year.

Family Formation Fees: St. Mary Help of Christian is our central faith formation financial account keeper. Any faith formation fee payments should be addressed to and delivered to St. Mary Help of Christians (SMHOC) at 24588 Co Rd 7, St Augusta, MN 56301. SMHOC is responsible for handling all money associated with ACC faith formation.

The registration fee is \$30 per child, up to 3 children. The max amount a family will be required to pay for Family Faith Formation will be \$90. *St. Nicholas parish holds specific fundraising to cover registration fees for parish families.*

Scrip: If you use the Scrip program to pay for faith formation, please let Kelli know.

Communication: We will strive to have clear and timely communication. Minimal information will be mailed home to eliminate paper and postal costs. Kelli's personal cell phone number is listed, please be mindful only use this mode of communication within office hour times or in an emergency. Immediate announcements will be made through Remind App, email, and posted to our Facebook & Website page! If you have a concern, please set up a time to call or talk to Kelli in person.

Remind App: To receive vital Faith Formation updates for your child for everything from class cancellations due to weather to weekly class expectations and updates, be sure to join our Remind texting group.

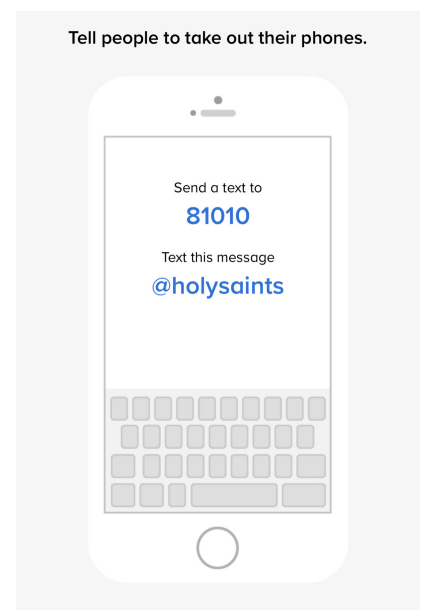
How to Sign Up: Send a text to the number sequence 81010 with the message reading: @Holysaints

*If you registered already and have received the most recent messages, you don't need to sign up again.

Website: HolySaintsMn.Org Click the Faith Formation Tab! Our Faith Formation (Explore the live tabs)

Facebook Page Holy Saints ACC Youth: These posts are made to provide clarification and highlight what we are doing at our Faith Formation Program!

Weekly (Email): The Monday before Wednesday programming, families will receive an email highlighting the speaker, meal RSVP, upcoming events, and other information. ACC bulletin sometimes does not reflect up to date information due to early deadlines.



Kelli's Office Hours:

Monday & Tuesdays: SMHOC 8:00 am - 2:00 pm

Wednesday (Holy Cross) All Day on programming days or SMHOC

Thursday (St. Mary Help of Christians or Home) 8 - 2:00 pm

Please be mindful not to text after office hours to Kelli's phone. Urgent messages are best sent through the Remind app. Emails are the best form of communication for non urgent matters.

Sickness Policy: Covid regulations and mitigations are set forth from the Diocese of St. Cloud. If you are feeling ill, are in the process of receiving covid test results, have a positive test result, or are experiencing symptoms of strep, stomach flu or influenza, please stay home.

Weather: We will monitor weather conditions and school closures. We will do our best to make cancellation decisions as early as possible. We will send a Remind text, post to our facebook page, and send out an email. We recognize that some students may be driving independently and farther than others. You know your route, vehicle and drivers ability.

Other Faith Opportunities for teens: Meet other Young Catholics in our Area! Join us at Youth Group!

Every Sunday night from 7 - 9 pm at St. Mary Center (Wirth Center) behind St. Mary Cathedral (40+ kids)
823 1st St S, St. Cloud, MN 56301 Teens in grades 8th - 12th grade & Young Adults, Parent Chaperones !
Watch the bulletin/website for a location change hopefully on October 1st!

(Other fun events: Senior High Rally, Castaways, Middle School Lock in, Steubenville, Totus Tuus)

Want to get connected to the Catholic community? Join our Family Rosary Night potlucks, women's sessions through Central Minnesota Catholic Moms group or join in Adoration at one of the parishes.

Primary Group Rotations: Grades 1st through 6th participate in 4 rotations per night. These rotation rooms include a Saint Room, Catechesis Room, Liturgical Living Room and Gospel Prep room. At home lessons will consist of Celebrating the Liturgy at Home scripture engagement, prayer booklets for practicing, and additional activity descriptions for upcoming feasts and seasons of the church.

Secondary Grade Group: All 7th - 10 th graders will be participating in large group & small group instruction. They will do a lectio scripture meditation, youth catechism study, video content from Ascension Press: Chosen curriculum, and have fun while building friendships.

Sacrament Folders on the Website: On the HolySaintsMN.org website you will find a Faith Formation tab. In the tab menu, you will see a Sacramental Preparation heading. Click that & select what sacrament your student is participating in. Any newsletters, forms, or pictures from the First Communion/Confirmation Masses will be posted there.

Calendar Dates: If it has Faith Formation within the description, it is a part of our program. St. Cloud Diocese's events are listed in blue and have their own type of registration and are optional. The NET retreat is offered for all students 7th - 10th grade. Confirmation students should attend Faith Formation nights and their specific classes for sacramental formation. Confesstivals are faith formation nights, and parents should attend with their children.

Food For Kidz Event:

We will be participating in a Food Packing Event during our Lenten Confesstival on February, 28th 2024. We are providing all students with a tube of M&Ms with the hopes they will fill it up with quarters to raise money to provide meals for people all over the world!

See Calendar: Subject to change due to weather and unforeseen circumstances.