

Religious Education for Middle School Students at Queen of Angels Catholic Church

**CLASSES BEGIN AT 7:00 PM
AND END AT 8:00PM**

Queen of Angels Church has a long tradition of providing catechetical instruction for youth of all ages. Our program includes a class for Preschoolers and continues through Confirmation.

We honor the parents in our community as the primary teachers and models for their children. We provide a comprehensive, grade level specific catechesis, and our catechists are well formed, with a true passion for teaching.

We provide a safe and welcoming environment for the students and offer many activities and opportunities throughout the school year.

It is also a great opportunity for you and your children to make more faith filled friends from all around Alpine!

CURRICULUM

Our middle school program is a three-year rotating curriculum. This year we will focus on Discipleship and Morality



The YDisciple model is one of many available through the Augustine institute. We will be using the “Follow Me” module for the first part of the year.

We will be using the VCat, which is a video catechism that is utilized in conjunction with the YouCat. The YouCat was developed several years ago as a way to present the Catechism of the Catholic Church to youth in language they can more easily comprehend. We will focus mostly on morality this year. We will join the first year confirmation class a few times this year for special occasions such as Our Lady of Guadalupe Fiesta, Respect Life, Lent Planning, & Stations of the Cross

Classes are every Wednesday beginning September 12th , 2018 and continuing through May 22nd , 2019 with the following exceptions;

October 31 - All Hallows Eve

November 21 - Thanksgiving holiday

December 26, January 2 - Christmas break

March 6 - Ash Wednesday (please go to Mass)

April 17, April 24 - Easter break

Religious Education classes will not be held on the above listed dates.

Pope Francis Says:

Raising children calls for an orderly process of handing on the faith. This is made difficult by current lifestyles, work schedules and the complexity of today's world, where many people keep up a frenetic pace just to survive. Even so, the home must continue to be the place where we learn to appreciate the meaning and beauty of the faith, to pray and to serve our neighbor.

Amoris Laetitia

(The Joy of Love)

WHY GO TO MASS?

"Mass is boring." "I don't get anything out of Mass — why should I go?" "Why can't I just pray alone?" These are common feelings, especially among young people but among many adults as well. How should we respond?

"Do this in memory of me."

(Luke: 22:19)

"By making himself broken bread for us, the Lord Jesus pours out to us all of his mercy and his love, renewing our heart, our existence and our way of relating to him and our brothers and sisters," Taking part in the Eucharist "conforms us in a unique and profound way to Christ, where with all the saints we will have the unimaginable joy of contemplating God face to face. We will never thank the Lord enough for the gift he gave us with the Eucharist, it's such a great gift and that's why it's so important to go to Mass on Sundays," *Pope Francis*

Consider also service opportunities at Mass to keep the youth engaged. Middle Schoolers can be Altar Servers, Ushers, or join the choir!



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We appreciate your commitment to your child's religious education and understand the challenges facing modern day families. The most important thing a parent can do is bring the family to Mass. Our school year follows the liturgical year of the Roman Catholic Church, and the children are taught about the different Mass colors and decorations, what the different seasons signify in the life of Christ, and the things we can actively participate in during each season. If the family is not attending Mass, they will miss these opportunities.

Just as we would not send our children to one math class in second grade, and then enroll them in algebra in ninth grade expecting them to understand, it is helpful for the youth to attend every year.

Dear young people,
Let us entrust ourselves to Jesus, let us give ourselves over to Him, because He never disappoints anyone! Only in Christ crucified and risen can we find salvation and redemption. With Him, evil, suffering, and death do not have the last word, because He gives us hope and life: He has transformed the Cross from being an instrument of hate, defeat, and death to being a sign of love, victory, triumph and life.

Pope Francis



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