

August 31, 2017

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for enrolling your teen in one of our high school programs. We hope that they have a wonderful year with friends both new and old and that they will experience the love of Christ in this place.

My name is Joshua Hamilton, and I am the new Director of Youth Ministry and Confirmation here at the parish! Some of you may remember me from my two years (2014-2016) as the youth ministry intern here. I am very excited to start all of our confirmation and youth ministry programs in October. My primary goal with high school programming is to allow teens to encounter Jesus in a more personal way, and to guide them on their own faith journey. We will focus on growing a personal daily prayer life, learning to listen to God in scripture and in our daily lives, and coming together in community to support each other!

Please know that we are here for our teens, to help them grow stronger in faith and closer to Christ and His Church. If there is ever anything we can do for you or your teen, please let me know!

COMPLETING REGISTRATION - If your family was registered in our program last year, you will find a computer-generated form for each child. **PLEASE CHECK THE ACCURACY OF THIS INFORMATION.**

- 1) **Review carefully** and make corrections (*especially new phone numbers, schools, etc.*);
- 2) Fill in any missing items, ***please print***;
- 3) **E-mail is the way we will send newsletters and other communication; please make sure your email address is both correct and legible!**
- 4) Register for the session(s) you prefer.
- 5) Fill in the tuition option you choose on the reverse side of the enrollment form. *If you have already paid for Religious Education Pre-8th grade for other children*, you will only pay the difference for your High School/Confirmation students. For example: if you are registering a 2nd child you will pay \$75.00 more and add \$25.00 more for a 3rd or more children for a total of \$200. Please **make checks payable to: St. Thomas Aquinas Parish or St. John Church & Student Center.** Note that teens may attend a Scripture-based program in addition to Youth Group at no extra charge.

If you have additional children or teens to enroll for this coming year, please call the Formation Office at 351-5460 and we will take your information about the new enrollees over the phone.

SCHEDULE -

Sunday -

10:05 – 10:55 a.m. – Small group faith sharing and scripture study

4:30 – 6:00 p.m. – Youth Group

High School Classes are held downstairs in the main church building.

Sunday Morning - Bishop Baraga Room

Sunday Evening – Fr. Mac Hall

TUITION –You can write a check payable to St. Thomas Aquinas Parish or St. John Church & Student Center. You also have the option of going onto our parish website and paying online:

<http://elcatholics.org/registration-1>

For the purposes of figuring tuition, include all children in the family preschool – high school. Students at Lansing Catholic High School are heartily encouraged to attend all youth programs, but are not required to pay an additional fee.

Please, if the fees present a financial hardship **register and send your teen to the program!** We are happy to work out payment arrangements or tuition assistance, and ***scholarships are available for those who need them.***

COMMUNICATION – Each week we send out a special email update regarding the High School program *in addition to* the emails regarding the program for younger students. If you are not receiving it, please let us know! We also have a Facebook Group: “East Lansing Catholic Teens”

ADDITIONAL FORMS – Please complete one copy of the *Health/Emergency* and the *Permission and Media* forms (back to back) for each teen you are enrolling. Please sign *both sides* of this sheet and return this form with your registration. Finally, we need your support to make our program run; if there is any possibility that you would like to serve on our leadership team, lead one of the Scripture-based sessions, chaperone for events, or provide snacks please complete and return the Volunteer Form!

Your registration will be *confirmed with an email* containing further information about this year's program. **Please let us know if you do not receive it!**

So, here is what we need:

- 1) Registration form, corrected and updated, *one per teen*.
- 2) Media Release/Permission/Communications Form and Health/Emergency form *for each teen* (back to back)
- 3) Volunteer Form, *one per family*
- 4) Tuition and fee payment. See back of the enrollment form.

Turn in all forms and fees to Dian Silvey, Formation Assistant, in our Catholic Formation Office or Mail to: Attn: Dian, Catholic Formation Office, 955 Alton Rd. East Lansing, MI 48823.

As always, please feel free to contact us anytime with your questions, concerns or suggestions.

God bless,

Sincerely,

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