

**St. Mary of Nazareth
K-8 Faith Formation & SMART Youth Group
4600 Meredith Drive
Des Moines, Iowa 50310
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May 2019

It is time to register for Faith Formation & SMART Youth Group for the school term, 2019-20.

St. Mary's Lifelong Faith Formation includes adults & children in an ongoing process of:

1. **Gathering** together for encouragement
2. **Encountering** Jesus's healing love
3. **Transforming** as disciples of His way & truth
4. **Sharing** our stories and gifts to help others do the same

Parents are encouraged to browse adult faith formation opportunities on the enclosed flyer and consider one new thing to try. Also enclosed is one registration form for the children of your family for 2019-20. **Please fill it out and return by June 14, 2019.**

On the registration form, please indicate which session you prefer your children to be placed in.

Your choices are:

- Wednesday: 5:30pm to 6:30pm will have space for students in grades K - 8
- Wednesday: 7:00pm to 8:00pm will have space for students in grades 1 – 8
- Wednesday: 7:00pm to 9:00pm SMART Youth Group for grades 9 – 12

Registration forms need to be returned with full tuition. If your preferred session is full, you will be placed on a waitlist.

CONFIRMATION PREP:

Confirmation Prep is a **three year commitment** beginning in 8th grade.

- 8th Grade Prep - expected to attend 8th grade class each week on Wednesday.
- 9th Grade Prep – expected to attend Sunday classes once a month.
- 10th Grade Prep – expected to attend fall Confirmation Mass

2019-2020

ONE Student is \$75.00 ** **TWO** Students are \$100.00****THREE OR MORE** is \$125.00
\$25.00 per family LATE FEE if registration and check are received after June 15, 2019

Our children's Faith Formation & Youth Group programs rely solely on volunteers.

Take a look at the chart on the back to see where we could use your talents. VIRTUS is an online training program designed to help protect children within a religious organization. This takes about one hour to complete.

There are also volunteer opportunities for high school students. Contact the Faith Formation office or Youth Ministry for more information.

POSITION	DESCRIPTION	NEEDED	ADDITIONAL INFO
Lead Catechist Assistant Catechist	Weekly Teaching Opportunity Grades K - 5	Wednesday Night (choose session) 5:30 to 6:30 7:00 to 8:00	VIRTUS completed Background Check Tuition Waived
EDGE Core Team GIRLS	Team Teaching Opportunity 6 th & 7 th Grade GIRLS Combined Classroom	Wednesday Night (choose session) 5:30 to 6:30 7:00 to 8:00	VIRTUS Completed Background Check Tuition Waived
EDGE Core Team BOYS	Team Teaching Opportunity 6 th & 7 th Grade BOYS Combined Classroom	Wednesday Night (choose session) 5:30 to 6:30 7:00 to 8:00	VIRTUS Completed Background Check Tuition Waived
SMART Youth Group Core Team	Group Teaching Opportunity 9-12 th Grades	Wednesday Night 7:00pm to 9:00pm	VIRTUS Completed Background Check Tuition Waived
Parent Café' Host	Invite and welcome parents to come in to a relaxing space during faith formation to get to know one another better; prepare beverages or activities if desired.	Wednesday Night (choose session) 5:30pm to 6:30pm 7:00pm to 8:00pm	VIRTUS Completed Background Check Tuition Waived
"VBS" Vacation Bible School	5 mornings of fun, music and bible learning	Planning/Implementing VBS	VIRTUS Completed Background Check
G.I.F.T. Gather In Faith Together EVENT CORE TEAM	- Meal Crew (Prepare/serve/clean up) - Decorating Crew (prepare environment according to the theme) - Childcare or Youth Session Leaders (fill in for catechists who wish to attend the adult session) - Table discussion leaders for adult session	Choose one date for each semester, plus a few preparation meetings. You may volunteer for one semester or both. <u>Fall:</u> Wednesday Nov 6 th (afternoon/evening) or Sunday Nov 10 th (morning/afternoon) <u>Spring:</u> Wednesday Mar 25 th (afternoon/evening) or Sunday Mar 29 th (morning/afternoon)	VIRTUS Completed Background Check

Please direct inquiries to:

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Thank you,

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