

Youth Faith Formation at Saint Susanna Parish

Our Youth Faith Formation is a dynamic program which strives to enthusiastically share our faith with our youngsters. Faith - a friendship with God and a coming to live within God - is a process.

Here at Saint Susanna during our time together with our youth from age 6 years to 16 years, we like to make the child and later on the teenager realize that God is not someone out there and far away, somebody only available at certain times, i.e. on Sundays, or at certain spaces, i.e. in a church, but that He is rather very close, living within and around us at all times, no matter where we are.

We like to guide them a bit away from the noise of the world into a more listening, contemplative, and intuitive way of experiencing an ever-present God and thus an ever-present guide for their lives.

Through Jesus Christ, God has shown us, how close He is to us, how He is in love with us and only wishes the very best for us. We like to not only teach our youth about Jesus, the son of God, and how much he sacrificed for us, but widen the message into how they are themselves sons and daughters of God and what that beautiful and almost overwhelming fact could mean for their lives now and in the future.

We like for our young members to become a part of our community of faith, centered on service to others and community building. Each year, the students will be involved with helping out people in need in an age-appropriate way.

The content of the Curriculum for the different youth faith formation grades is as follows:

Grade 1: God and Prayer

Grade 2: The Eucharist and Reconciliation

Grade 3: Jesus and his life with us, then and now

Grade 4: The Ten Commandments

Grade 5: The Sacraments

Grade 6: The Bible, the Hebrew Scriptures and the Gospels

Grade 7: The Church and the Body of Christ

Grade 8: The Saints and the Calling in my life

Grade 9 and 10: The Holy Spirit,
The Meaning of my life