

BOYNE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: Faith Formation

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Faith formation is a womb to tomb program. It encompasses everyone. We offer the catechizing of all ages PreK– adults. The Youth Ministry also does different service projects. Faith Formation for PreK–High School generally meets three times per month at 5:00 PM on Sundays through the school year.

Parents' Meeting

The parent meeting for faith formation and youth ministry is Sunday, September 14th at 6:00 PM at St. Matthew Parish Hall. It is important that at least one parent attends the meeting. Parents will be given the calendar for the year, along with important information on Sacramental preparation and guidelines for the year. Parents will also be able to meet the catechetical team for this year, which includes Jennifer Kreft, Annabelle Seeyle, Judy Phreed, Dara Sterly, Hannah Hollingsworth, Al Dzwik, Teri Donaldson, and Amy Salfai. Let us pray for a safe and wonderful year of faith formation and youth ministry

Mission Statement:

Anointed and empowered by the Spirit, the Boyne Valley Catholic Community Education Commission endeavors to develop, promote and support all of the educational efforts throughout the faith community. By calling forth the gifts of the faith community and by enabling and empowering persons at all levels of this ministry, Boyne Valley Catholic Community Education commission strives to proclaim the word, to promote God's presence in the world, as well as throughout our parish community, to celebrate holiness, and to teach as Jesus taught.

Catechetical Sunday

Sunday, September 21st we will celebrate Catechetical Sunday. The 2025 theme, "Always be ready to give an explanation...for the reason for your hope," encourages us to be prepared to share the basis of our faith, the Lord, and the hope he provides. In the same manner Saint Peter encouraged the believers of his time, the Scripture reminds us, the sharing should be done with gentleness and respect.

We will have a commission at all the weekend liturgies for all of our teachers and catechists, those who teach, instruct and nurture us, from womb to tomb. We are blessed with so many who step forward to offer their services and their ministry to our faith community.

All Are Welcome

We have an intergenerational night twice a year during Advent and Lent. This is where the whole faith community is invited to come join in on the event.

This year's sacramental program for the parents is entitled "Building Strong Catholic Families." The focus of the program is to share practical ideas with the parents to help them build a family with strong values amidst a culture that is at times adverse to this concept. We will look at a variety of topics, including peer pressure, bullying, virtue, discipline, etc. Our hope is to gather parents "of all ages" who can share ideas and wisdom with newer parents.

Our first sacramental preparations session will be held on Sunday, October 12th at 5:00 pm at St. Matthew's Parish Hall. All are encouraged and welcomed to attend. For more information, please contact Patty

Interested in getting involved?

If you are interested in getting involved, contact Sue or Patty at the Parish Office.

If you are on the fence about getting involved, know that It is interesting to see the eyes of the children as they are learning about our faith. It is very rewarding in many ways.

All Pre-K thru high school kids are welcome to join Faith Formation classes/Youth Ministry, and all are welcome on Intergenerational and Sacramental Prep nights!

Virtue of the Month - Humility

Humility is the virtue that leads a person to an honest self-assessment, recognizing their limitations and dependence on God while acknowledging that all good things come from Him. It is a foundational virtue, described as the "foundation of prayer" and the opposite of pride, involving a willingness to receive God's mercy and submit to His will and His authority through others.

Humility in Action

Seeing yourself as you truly are, acknowledging both their strengths as gifts from God and their weaknesses as opportunities to rely on His grace.

Humility acts as a bulwark against pride, an inordinate ambition or desire for personal greatness that turns a person away from God.

"It was pride that changed angels into devils; it is humility that makes men as angels." - St. Augustine