



Escanaba Catholic Faith Formation

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Important Faith Formation Notes:

- ECFF Hours
Monday – Friday
9:00am-4:00pm
- Wednesday Night Faith Formation classes have begun, but you can still register! Call our office to sign up.
- Learn more at:
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HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP HAPPENINGS



Congratulations to (from left to right) Madelyn Stannard, Casey De-Shambo, Chris Sedenquist, and Megan Thomma on winning the graham cracker house building contest at the Catholic Senior High Christmas Party held December 19th in the basement of St. Joseph & St. Patrick Parish. In addition to the contest, the youth sang Vespers with Father Eric Olson, exchanged white elephant gifts, and ate Amanda Chouinard's famous chili.



Save the following dates!

Sunday, February 13th 4:00-6:00pm at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church -Senior High Youth Group

Tuesday, February 22nd –Tubing at Gladstone Ski Park from 6:00-8:00pm. Come on out and enjoy the winter snow with your friends and family! For just \$3 each, you can go tubing and hang out. Bring a snack to share and we will provide the hot chocolate. This is a family friendly night for everyone!

Sunday, March 6th 4:00-6:00pm at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church –Senior High Youth Group

Saturday, March 12th –Senior High Lenten Retreat (More information coming)

Sunday, March 20th 4:00-6:00pm at St. Joseph & St. Patrick Church –Senior High Youth Group

April 15th-17th (Friday-Sunday) Youth Encounter at Marygrove Retreat Center. Youth Encounter is an intense weekend of experiencing and sharing the Christian Faith for young people, ages 16-20.

Contact Hans for any details regarding High School Youth Group at 233-9566 or hanswhitmer@escanabacatholic.com



K4J is a Catholic virtues program that we will be implementing into our Wednesday Night Faith Formation Program. Holy Name Catholic School is in the second year of the program and it has been going great! Some of your children may have been to our Vacation Bible School last summer which was focused completely around the K4J virtues program. What does this all mean for you? We are excited to teach your children more about virtues with you. We will have certain lessons and activities during class time on Wednesdays and then **the kids will take home a packet that you can work with at home during the month.** K4J gives each child and family a fantastic opportunity to fully learn and live out important virtues. You can expect to see a "send it home packet" with your children within the next couple of weeks. As always, if you have any questions, give Kate a call at 233-9566 or email at kateswan-son@escanabacatholic.com. We feel honored to share in the opportunity to assist you in the role of teaching your child about the Catholic faith!



The purpose of the Escanaba Catholic Faith Formation Office (ECFF) is to bring people to Jesus and membership in his family the Roman Catholic Church, develop them to Christian maturity, and equip them for their apostolate in the Church and vocation in the world, in order to bring glory to God's name. ECFF was founded in 2004 as a central hub of religious education for St. Joseph and St. Patrick Parish, St. Thomas Parish, and St. Anthony Parish, all of Escanaba, Michigan. ECFF provides religious education and sacramental preparation for all age groups.

For more information please contact Director Hans Whitmer.

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**Sacramental Prep
Upcoming Dates:**

First Holy Communion
February 23rd—Book & prayer check (through page #45)

March 16th—6:00-7:30,
Mass at Holy Name
School

March 23rd—
Wednesday night retreat
for parents & children on
the Eucharist 6:30-7:30

April 30th—Books Due!

First Reconciliation
February 23rd—
Wednesday Night Re-
treat (parents & children)
on Reconciliation at Holy
Name School. 6:30-7:30.
Books are due!

March 2nd—First Recon-
ciliation at St. Thomas
Church with a small
reception to follow in
the church hall 6:00-7:30

May 4th—May Crowning
& Potluck at Holy Name
School 6:00-7:30pm

Middle School Youth Group

Tuesday, February 22nd—Tubing night at the Gladstone Sports Park 6:00-8:00pm. Come on out and enjoy the winter snow with your friends and family. For just \$3 each, you can go tubing and hang out. Bring a snack to share and we will provide the hot chocolate. This is a family friendly night for everyone!



Tuesday, March 1st—Lent Preparation Retreat at St. Anthony 6:00-8:00pm. This is a great night to get yourself ready for the 40-day journey ahead in order to prepare ourselves for the Easter season.

Sunday, March 6th—St. Thomas Mardi Gras Party

Tuesday, March 8th—St. Joseph & St. Patrick Mardi Gras Party



Tuesday, March 15th—Meet at St. Thomas Church & Prepare for Spring Fun Day 6:00-8:00pm

Saturday, March 19th—Spring Fun Day at St. Thomas Church. Let's get together and have a great day entertaining kids and raising money for our Middle School Youth Group at the same time!

April 1st-3rd (Friday-Sunday) - St. Paul Youth Rally. Now in it's fourteenth year, each Lifeline evening includes Mass followed by locally and nationally known speakers, musicians, priests, and entertainers who dynamically proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Youth and their parish leaders come to Lifeline to celebrate their faith so they can be encouraged and equipped to share it with their parishes. We will also be visiting the Cathedral of St. Paul, playing laser tag, and spending some time at the Mall of America. You won't want to miss this weekend of fun! Talk to Kate for more details.



WEDNESDAY NIGHT FAITH FORMATION

Schedule Update for Faith Formation 2011

February 9th Class as Usual -Parent Volunteers: Brandy Bougie and Chris Dubord

February 16th Class as Usual -Parent Volunteers: Scott or Laura Vizineau

February 22nd, Tuesday Tubing night at the Gladstone Sports Park 6:00-8:00pm. Get the whole family together for and evening of winter fun on the snow. This is an opportunity for us to gather as a community, so please join us! This does not replace the normal Wednesday night class. We will provide the hot chocolate and we would like each family to bring a snack to share with the group. The cost is \$3 per person and you can pay when you get there.

February 23rd Class as Usual -Parent Volunteers: Troy or Mary Nelson & Darrel Hardwick or Misha Goodchild

March 2nd Class Project: Stations of the Cross due. Parent Volunteers: Gina Furmanski, Joan Flath & Jennifer Polequin (First Confession at St. Thomas for those who have prepared 6:00-7:30)

March 9th No Class—Ash Wednesday

March 16th Family Night, 6:00 Instruction and Mass at 6:30, Holy Name and all Parish members are encouraged to attend. Father Rick will celebrate Mass. Catechists have a mandatory meeting right after Mass

March 23rd Class as Usual. Parent Volunteers: Joyce Greenfield and Randy or Debra Heider

March 30th No Class—Spring Break

April 6th Class as Usual. Catechist Training 7:30-9:00pm -Parent Volunteers: Denise Hughes and Susan Lanaville

April 13th Class as Usual -Parent Volunteers: Deanna Lawson and Jeff or Sharon Taylor

April 20th No Class—Holy Week -See your church bulletin for Mass schedules

April 27th Eucharistic Adoration 6:00-7:30 -Parent Volunteers: Harley or Peggy Coolman and Michelle Oxford (First Holy Communion—May 1st at St. Joseph & St. Patrick 11:30am)

May 4th May Crowning w/Father Eric, Potluck Dinner with Holy Name And Parishes -Last Night of Faith Formation - Parent Volunteers that will be helping our with set-up at 5:30 are Jodi Slaga, Scott or Laura Vizineau, Sage Dubord, Anthony or Kathy Wolak. Ken or Marlo Schwabach, Pat St. John, and Janice VanEffen will stay later to help with cleanup.

(First Holy Communion—May 15th at St. Thomas at 11:00am and St. Anthony at 9:00am)

Questions or concerns? Call Mickey at 233-9566.