

## Middle School & High School "Youthinators" Ministry

**Middle School (7th & 8th) 6:00–7:30 p.m.**

**High School 10:00–11:30 a.m. OR 6:00–7:30 p.m.**

Youth come together on the 2nd Sunday of each month diving deeper into the Faith as they continue preparations for Confirmation. Monthly apostolic ACTIONS (service projects) continue to be part of our Youth Ministry program counting toward Confirmation and even Silver Cord!

**YOUTH TRUTHINATORS:** Seeking young adults in their 20's and 30's to join our current team allowing more small group time and male/female breakout sessions. Stomp out the lies of the world by teaching Faith, Hope, Love, Honesty, Courage, Justice, Humility, Inclusivity, Charity, Forgiveness, Justice, Peacemaking and Compassion!

**EMERGENCY YOUTH TRUTHINATORS:** Youth Truthinator substitute

**BREAKING THE FAST CREW:** Preparation and serving of breakfast before class.

**SNACKINATORS:** Preparation and serving of snack before the evening class.

**WHAT'S YOUR STORY:** Share your faith story during the last 10 minutes of class.

### **OTHER...**

**APOSTOLIC ACTIONATORS:** Assist with monthly ACTIONS (service projects) including parish opportunities (serving, music, elementary faith formation), and community needs with Milton Community Action, MOME clothing exchange, Milton Area Youth Center and more!

**MISSIONATORS:** Assist with and/or attend summer mission trips

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** Assist with snacks, meals, small groups

**ADVENT ADVENTURE:** Assist with planning and follow thru of Saturday activities for the little kiddos on November 19 from 9 a.m.—1 p.m.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** Help hide eggs before Easter Masses

**FAITH, FOOD AND FUN NIGHT:** Chaperon or help plan monthly social/outreach events for youth.

**CONFIRMATION:** The Family is the ongoing center for their son/daughter to learn to live the Faith. The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in the spring for Sophomores and Juniors this year. Candidates must attend Mass and classes regularly, volunteer for ACTIONS, and attend a retreat.

**Confirmation retreat will be held on September 18, 2016. Families will be notified of the Confirmation date when St. Mary is notified from the Bishop's office.**



## Saint Mary Faith Formation

St. Mary provides Faith Formation programs focused on bringing the Faith to life! Preschool children are invited out of church each week for an age-appropriate translation of the Sunday Gospel. Elementary volunteers share Bible stories, portray saints, explain Catholic traditions and teach prayers. Middle school youth sessions begin with icebreakers before diving into Scripture and Theology. High school youth discover how God has chosen them to carry on the Faith. Returning from last year is a new formation program for the whole family!

**Online Registration:** Sign up for classes and become registered parishioners on our parish website at [www.saintmarymilton.org](http://www.saintmarymilton.org). Contact the Faith Formation office at (608) 868-3334 or by email at [sabrina.elsen1@gmail.com](mailto:sabrina.elsen1@gmail.com) for more information!

**Tuition:** Payments may be paid in full or throughout the year using a payment plan or Pay Pal. Statements are mailed out quarterly. No child will be refused Faith Formation at St. Mary due to inability to pay tuition at any given time. Just call Sabrina at 868-3334. *There is no tuition for Preschool "Seeds" Ministry.*

One child: \$100 2+ children: \$150 Year-round Volunteers: \$50 Shuttle Bus: \$25 per child or \$75 max

**Safe Environment Training:** Volunteers working with children/youth are required to attend a one-time training session called *VIRTUS: Protecting God's Children*. For the protection of the volunteers and children, a background check is also completed. A session is offered at St. Mary in the fall.

### **Additional Information**

**Absentee Mailbox:** Parents notify the Faith Formation office of child absences by calling 868-3336.

*Parents will be called if child is marked absent from class.*

**Shuttle Bus Transportation:** Children attending Tuesday or Wednesday 4:00 p.m. sessions may ride the shuttle bus from Milton East, Milton West, Harmony and Northside for a small fee.

**Cancellation of Classes:** St. Mary follows the Milton School District calendar. During months of inclement weather, staff will be in contact with the schools and bus company to determine whether or not classes will be cancelled. Parents will be notified thru their FlockNote (email or text) account and the cancellation will also be posted on the homepage of our parish website.

**FlockNote** sends you information regarding classes, meeting reminders, parish events, class cancellations, and more! You choose the method of communication email or text.

**Baptism:** Preparation for the Sacrament of Baptism is required before the Sacrament is celebrated, Contact the Parish office to set up a meeting time at (608) 868-3338.

## EDUCATION COMMISSION:

Develop faith formation policies, help plan and continue to develop our faith formation programs as we open the door of Faith for God's children from Baptism through Confirmation. Meetings are held on the fourth Tuesday of the month in the evening. Parents, Godparents, someday parents, just-like-kids representatives are needed and appreciated.



## YOUTH BOARD ASSISTANT:

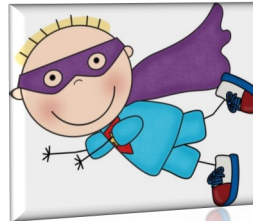
Assist the youth board with planning social and outreach events.



## Preschool "Seeds" Ministry

Sundays at 9:00 a.m. September 18– April 30

Seeds Ministry is for preschool thru Kdg "seeds" developing their super listening skills. Captain Father Dave, calls forth the children at the beginning of the 9:00 a.m. Mass each Sunday morning for a blessing as they prepare to become a super saint. The "Germinators" lead their seeds into the Germination Station (Parish Center is the location) for their gospel lesson. Children return to their families during the offertory song!



**EMERGENCY "GERMINATOR":** Come to the Rescue when one of the leads may be on a secret mission.

## Family "Incredibles" Ministry

Families looking for an alternative to traditional 4:00 p.m. Faith Formation come for Family Formation as the INCREDIBLES! Families gather on the 2nd Sunday from September through April, following the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 11:30 a.m. for eight sessions. This year, the curriculum will be based on this year's catechetical theme from the United States Council of Catholic Bishops, "Prayer: The Faith Prayed." The morning will include a fellowship meal, large group discussion, breakout session, monthly family projects and conclude with a family huddle.

**SUPERHERO BREAKFAST CREW:** Assist with morning superfood buffet.

**SUPER SAINT TRAINER:** Facilitate a lesson with Parents or 5th grade and up or 4th grade and under.



## Elementary (K-6) Super Saints In Training (SSIT)

Tuesday or Wednesday 4:00–5:15 p.m.



SSIT kids travel at super sonic speeds to four 10-minute Salvation Stations. At each station, they are given a message to decode from the SSIT Trainer.

**STATION INTERPRETATION** (Explore Being Catholic): Explore Catholicism

**CREATOR MOTIVATOR** (Time With God): Pray!

**SUPER SAINT DISGUISE** (Faith-Filled People): Portray SSIT Alumni. Where are they now?

**BIBLE DECODER** (Sharing God's Story): Help SSIT decode the Sunday Gospel message.

### OTHER...

**VISUAL COMMUNICATION:** Guide SSIT groups thru training stations

**EMERGENCY FILTRATION:** Save the day and step in for last minute station interpretation or visual communication

**DICTATION STATION:** Answer phones, report AWOL SSIT, secure building during stations.

**CAPTAIN CALISTHENICS (3:30-4:00 P.M.):** Run children on the playground before class exhausting their super strength or lead indoor games.

**SNACKINATOR:** Crowd control upon the attack for the snack!

### EXHIBITION GAMES

**Advent Adventure:** November 19 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

**Christmas Reflection:** (Costumes, scenery, practice, performance—December 13/14)

**Lent:** K&I Prayer; 2 Sacrament prep; 3rd Matchstick crosses; 4th Stations of the Cross; 5th ACRE testing prep; 6th CRS Rice Bowls

**First Communion:** Photos, pre-celebration, reception,

**Vacation Bible School:** Assist with planning and presenting a summer program.



**FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION:** The Family is where the love of God is lived, taught and celebrated. The demonstration of sorrow and forgiveness should be experienced within the family. The Parents are expected to bring their child to the weekend Liturgy, to worship God and experience the community of believers thru our Faith Formation programs. Children celebrate their First Reconciliation in March during a reflection morning. First Communions will be celebrated as a group on the first Sunday in May. *In order to meet the needs of all students in our Faith Formation program, individualized programs and/or instruction may be provided to students with exceptional needs.*