

ELEMENTARY FAITH FORMATION

Our programs are better and stronger with your involvement. Volunteers are members of a community who share their gifts from God with the youth of all ages. These shared gifts, large or small, will help to assure that “our children will have faith,” and we promise you the personal rewards are even better! **Adult opportunities are listed first and youth opportunities follow.**

PRESCHOOL CO-CATECHIST: Contact Patti Kamper (pkamper@saint-mikes.org) if you are interested in learning more. Preschool co-catechists work with a partner and share the responsibility, on a rotating basis, of leading classes for preschool during the 9:15am and 11:15am Sunday liturgies. They teach from our new curriculum “Allelu!” A parent volunteer assists in the classroom each week. Catechists are required to:

- New to the role? Attend our New Catechist Orientation session offered on: Wednesday, Aug. 24th at 9:30 OR 6:30pm
- Attend an All-Catechist Orientation session offered on: Sunday, Sept. 25th, from 12:30-2:30pm

KINDERGARTEN CO-CATECHIST: Contact Patti Kamper (pkamper@saint-mikes.org) if you are interested in learning more. Kindergarten co-catechists work with a partner and share the responsibility, on a rotating basis, of leading classes for the kindergartners during the 9:15am and 11:15am Sunday liturgies. They teach from the Pflaum “Gospel Weeklies.” A parent volunteer assists in the classroom each week. Catechists are required to:

- New to the role? Attend our New Catechist Orientation session offered on: Wednesday, Aug. 24th at 9:30 OR 6:30pm
- Attend a Catechist Orientation session offered on: Sunday, Sept. 25th, from 12:30-2:30pm

ELEMENTARY GRADE-LEVEL CATECHIST/CO-CATECHIST: Contact Patti Kamper (pkamper@saint-mikes.org) if you are interested in learning more. Grade-level catechists lead classes from our Pflaum “Gospel Weeklies” curriculum. Catechists **may** have a co-catechist and will have a parent aide assisting them in the classroom on a weekly basis. If you require *childcare for younger siblings while you are in the classroom, please notify Patti Kamper.* Catechists are required to:

- New to the role? Attend our New Catechist Orientation session offered on: Wednesday, Aug. 24th at 9:30 OR 6:30pm
- Attend a Catechist Orientation session offered on Wednesday, Sept. 7th, from 9:30-11:30am OR 6:30-8:30pm

SACRAMENT CATECHIST/CO-CATECHIST: Contact Patti Kamper (pkamper@saint-mikes.org) if you are interested in learning more. Catechists lead our First Reconciliation and First Eucharist preparation classes. This is an eight-week commitment, four weeks in January for Reconciliation and four weeks in April/May for Eucharist. Training and resources with our New “Call to Celebrate” curriculum will be provided.

- Attend Catechist Training sessions before classes begin:
 - Dates/Times TBD (First Reconciliation) and
 - Dates/Times TBD (First Eucharist)

All Catechists are required to:

- Attend a Catechist Orientation session
- Attend a **one-time** Pathways Diocesan catechist certification through the diocese
- Attend a diocesan required **one time** 3-hour VIRTUS child sexual abuse awareness/prevention training
- Complete a Diocesan ScreeningONE

SUBSTITUTE: (Preschool/Kindergarten/Elementary) Contact Patti Kamper (pkamper@saint-mikes.org) if you are interested in learning more. If you are unable to commit to a regular catechist position, but would like to help on a flexible basis, be “on-call” to substitute for a catechist or co-catechist with minimum prior notice. (LESSON MATERIALS PROVIDED)

- Attend a VIRTUS and Complete a Diocesan ScreeningONE

CHILDRENS’ LITURGY LEADER: (Grades 1-3) Contact Pat Mundy (pmundy@saint-mikes.org) if you are interested in learning more. Leaders and Assistant Leaders are needed on a rotating basis to plan and conduct liturgy of the word for the children in grades 1-3.

- Attend the training session – TBD.
- Attend a VIRTUS and Complete a Diocesan ScreeningONE

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: - Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094faba722aa8-cave>

Co-Directors, snack coordinators, games leaders, storytellers, craft leaders, crew leaders and childcare workers are all needed to make our Vacation Bible School week a success. VBS will be held in July 18-22nd

- Attend the training session on: Monday, June 27th at 7:00pm
- Attend a VIRTUS and Complete a Diocesan ScreeningONE

CLERICAL HELPER: (Elementary) Contact Patti Kamper (pkamper@saint-mikes.org) if you are interested in learning more. One Clerical Helper is needed to sit at the desk in the hallway during each formation session. Their responsibility is to maintain the attendance book and prepare postcards to be sent to absent children during each session.

- Attend a VIRTUS and Complete a Diocesan ScreeningONE

HALL MONITOR: (Elementary) Contact Patti Kamper (pkamper@saint-mikes.org) if you are interested in learning more. One to two Hall Monitors are needed to sit at each end of each hallway to help supervise the arrival and dismissal of children and monitor the hallways during each Grade 1-5 Faith Formation session. A schedule will be distributed the week before classes begin.

- Attend a VIRTUS and Complete a Diocesan ScreeningONE

LEARN MORE ABOUT:

- ❖ **Pathways Diocesan catechist certification** program which will help develop your skills for this ministry at <http://www.richmonddiocese.org/ocf/pathways/index.htm>.
- ❖ **Diocesan required VIRTUS** child sexual abuse awareness/prevention training session at <http://www.richmonddiocese.org/VirtusTraining.htm>.
- ❖ **Diocesan ScreeningONE** Background Check – valid for 5 years (available in the parish office or online at www.saint-mikes.org). Contact Joy Dawson (jdawson@saint-mikes.org) if you have completed one before and want check about renewal.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH IN MIDDLE OR HIGH SCHOOL:

- **Catechist Aide** – assist a catechist with the preschool or elementary age children in the classrooms at any of the elementary sessions. Contact Patti Kamper (pkamper@saint-mikes.org) if you are interested in learning more.
- **Childcare Helper** – work with an adult in the childcare center, playing with kindergarten age children and younger, during the Elementary Sessions (Wed 4-15-5:30 or 6-7:15 or Thurs 4:15-5:30pm). Contact Patti Kamper (pkamper@saint-mikes.org) if you are interested in learning more.
- **Children's Liturgy Aide** – assist an adult leader with the 1-3rd grade children in the Day Chapel during 9:15 OR 11:15 mass. Contact Pat Mundy (pmundy@saint-mikes.org) if you are interested in learning more.
- **Special Needs Mentor** – be a buddy and assist a child with special needs in the elementary faith formation programs. Contact Patti Kamper (pkamper@saint-mikes.org) if you are interested in learning more.
- **Vacation Bible School** – help make Vacation Bible School (July 18-22nd) an amazing experience for the young children of our parish. Sign up here: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f094faba722aa8-cave>
 - Attend the training session on: Monday, June 27th at 7:00pm
- **Special Events Team** – help us set up, run and clean up when large events are happening with faith formation. Contact Patti Kamper (pkamper@saint-mikes.org) if you are interested in learning more.