



Saint Daniel Catholic Community

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Dear parents and 6th & 7th graders,

Orientation Meeting: Sept. 19, 2010, 12:15 – 1:30 – Weingartz Rm.
The orientation meeting is required for incoming 6th graders and new 7th gr. & parents.
Class schedules are listed on page 2.

Middle School meets on Sunday after the 11:00am Mass, from 12:15 to 2:15 for each semester. A mid week classes will be offered : Thursday, 3:20 – 5:00 p.m. each semester, mid-week classes are limited to 15 students . (see schedules on p.2) Wed. if a teacher & aide are found.

To fulfill course requirements students are asked to do classes and to participate in the Faith, Service and Exploration activities in the box below. You are also invited to take part in many more activities – for growth in knowledge, faith, service, and for fun!

All classes meet for two semesters per year –

We know you have busy schedules and are ready to work with you. For example, if you cannot take the regular Sunday class module when it is offered, look at the *Wed. or Thurs.* schedules. Many of the faith experiences, explorations & social activities can be chosen at a convenient time for your family's schedule. Catholic School students are always welcome to take an active part in any of the faith or service activities but are not required to attend classes here.

All 6th & 7th graders, whether in Clusters, Home Cat or private school are expected to perform Service and Faith Exploration activities. The 6th grade students in Home Catechesis may continue to meet with their families or the scheduled classes. The 6 & 7th grade students who participate in Clusters (FIRE) may continue to meet with their family groups. Your service activities & Faith Explorations may be done in conjunction with Clusters, Home Study, your catholic school, or as a member of the scheduled St. Daniel classes. Service is recorded for each student regardless of the type of program participation.

Check the Middle School Activities board and the St. Daniel website for all upcoming social activities/permission slips.

6 & 7th Grade Requirements

Required Text: **Catholic Youth Bible**, available at St. Daniel, \$20.00; if you already have a Catholic bible you may use what you have. **BRING IT TO CLASS!**

◆ **Classes: Two Modules – one per semester**

Fall: -- Sun. (7 two hour sessions) or Wed. or Thurs (8 - 1½ hr. sessions)

Winter: -- Sun. (8 two hour sessions) or Wed. or Thurs (10 - 1½ hr. sessions)

◆ **Faith Explorations** (select two – see yellow list –top)

And:

◆ **Faith Experiences** (select two - see yellow list)

◆ **Service Activities** (select three – see green list)

Please turn over

Schedule of Activities 6 & 7 Grade Students

Registration/Orientation Weekend:

****Orientation Meeting for 6th – 7th graders: Sept. 19, 2010 from 12:15 - 1:30 p.m. – Weingartz Room – Cushing Center.**

Please bring your completed medical release form, completed (blue) registration form, and service, explorations, experiences choices. Thank you.

Orientation Agenda:

- Parents sign up to participate in/assist with activities, driver form.
- Program explanation
- Ice breaker fun

Service and Faith Exploration forms should be signed and turned in on or before September 24th to the Faith Formation office for you to get your desired volunteer activities.

Sunday classes begin, Oct. 3, 10, 17, 24, 31, Nov. 7, 14 (seven weeks): 12:15 – 2:15 p.m.
2nd Semester: Jan. 9, 16, 23, 30, Feb. 6, 13, 27 Mar. 6, (eight weeks) Total: 15 two hr. classes)

**** Midweek Wed. :** 4:45- 6:15 p.m. (if a parent or catechist volunteers!)

****Midweek Thurs. 3:20-5:00 p.m. classes** begin Sept. 30, Oct. 7, 14, 21, 28, Nov. 4, 11, 18 (8 weeks)
2nd Semester: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27, Feb. 3, 10 17, 24, Mar. 3, 10; (10 weeks) Total: 18 1 1/2 hr classes

A WED. 4: 45 – 6:15 CLASS WILL BE OFFERED IF ADULTS VOLUNTEER.

Overview of the Program

The *Sunday 6th and 7th grade* students will use the Celebrating the Liturgy series: Covenant People. **Each student needs a Bible of their own.** We are suggesting the **Catholic Youth Bible available at St. Daniel - \$20.00.** It will be used as your text for the next four years. Class will cover the Sunday readings and activities which include doctrine and ways of living out the Catholic faith. Students should find it both interesting and rewarding. *Nine to eleven adults / parents are needed to assist as table leaders, set out refreshments, etc. and you are always welcome to sit in on a class session. Table group leaders who serve as Learning Guides will serve for each week of class. (15 sessions)*

*****Wednesday / Thursday 6/7 gr.* students do an intensive study of the **Gospel of Mark**. Class size is limited to 15. The teacher will be Mr. Hein. Midweek students will need a copy of the Catholic Youth Bible described above for this study. An additional parent is asked to assist in setting up supplies, beverages, etc.

Parent participation is required and necessary to make the program successful.

Examples of parent participation are:

*Learning Guide - Lead a group through one or both semesters using lessons prepared by director, but requiring your overview, smiles and encouragement.

*Learning Aide - Assist the Learning Guide by joining in discussions, gathering materials for small group activities.

*Refreshments, supplies, set up – 8 parents to rotate on Sundays

*Activity volunteers for the special events, special game days, trips away from church.

Call if you have questions. Betty Haran, Dir. Of Children's Catechesis Gr. 1-7 248- 625-1750

Check out the parish website: <http://www.stdanielclarkston.org>

Circle your interests, sign your full name, and return this form to Betty Haran. It will be recorded and returned to you

Name: _____
Phone: _____

Faith Explorations (Select at least two.)

Circle the ones you are interested in. Turn this in by Sept. 24.
Get Permission slips and details at the Middle School bulletin board or online.

- Feb.** Visit to **Temple Beth El** (Sat. 8:45 am); attend a prep session at St. Daniel, then attend the Saturday service.
- April 21 (Thurs.)** **Seder Meal** – take part in the preparation and celebration of the Passover Meal as Jesus did, learn the connection to the Last Supper - 4:40 – 6:45 p.m. in the Social Hall. Parents are welcome to participate, pre-register for this so we can plan (*table set up and food preparation is done by students*).
- DIA -- TBD** Religious Artifact Treasure Hunt at the Detroit Inst. of Arts. Using a worksheet as a guide to help you find treasured artworks that reflect our Catholic faith at the DIA!

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Faith Experiences (Select any two)

- Participate in Reconciliation (communal) Sat. Dec. 11, 10:00 a.m.; Tues. Dec. 21, 7:00 p.m.; Sat. Apr. 2, 10:00 a.m., Tues. Apr. 19, 7:00 p.m, or any Saturday at 4:00 p.m.
- Attend Stations of the Cross – any Friday eve. in Lent.
- Mar. 9 Ash Wednesday -Attend Mass, receive ashes, 7:00 p.m.
- April 21 Holy Thursday Mass and foot washing. This is the beginning of the Easter Triduum liturgies - the holiest of our Catholic rituals. 7:00 pm-8:30 pm
- April 23 Attend the Saturday Easter Vigil, blessing of fire, new water, baptism of adults; Sat. 8 pm –11:30 p.m.

Reminder - Your Service, Faith Explorations, and Faith Experiences need to be logged on a "Service Hours" half sheet which is available from your catechist or from the table in the Faith Formation Hall. Thanks.

PURELY FUN STUFF:

Middle School Youth : For grades 6, 7 & 8 - 9 Students,
 please circle the ones you are interested in so we can plan & make reservations!
 Actual sign up will take place on forms retrieved from the Middle School bulletin board or online.
 Times, fees, etc will be on the permission forms.

Parent leaders
 needed.
 Pick any activity
 you and your
 children will
 enjoy!

	Joe Dumars Recreation	TBA
	Glow Golf	TBA
	Detroit Pistons game	Mar or Apr.
	Weekend Horseback Retreat	May 20, 21, 22

Any ideas you would like to suggest?? _____

Parents, we need you to plan / chaperone at monthly activities:
 please initial the event you will help with as chair, driver, paper organizer, or?

This activity schedule will be developed in more detail. All details will depend on
 parent participation and involvement. Parent drivers and chaperones are asked to
 fill out authorization for criminal background check, attend Protecting God's
 Children, and provide proof of insurance forms if driving.

St. Theresa's Prayer

Christ has no body now but yours,
 No hands, no feet on earth but yours.
 Yours are the eyes through which he
 Looks compassion on this world.
 Yours are the feet with which he
 Walks to do good.
 Yours are the hands with which he
 Blesses all the world.
 Yours are the hands, Yours are the feet,
 Yours are the eyes,
 You are His body.
 Christ has no body now but yours.

☺ **BONUS** (Memorize and recite the above prayer – good for one Faith Experience)
 (Re-memorize & say the Act of Contrition – good for your Soul & one large Hershey bar).
 Recite your prayers to your group leader or Betty Haran when you are ready!

Name: _____

Phone No. _____

Email _____
 (I promise to keep it secret and private)

Name:

St. Daniel Faith Formation – Grades 6 & 7

Service Activities (Select three)

Select at least three, - and do tell us about any other service projects you or your family may already be involved in, they may substitute. Permission form needed for offsite activities – Medical Release information form needs to be completed and turned in.

Year Around: A team of young people to set up & take down a library cart display of new materials during Coffee & Donuts; teams would take turns, display would go up perhaps 1x per month.

Year around: ***Classroom Aide** – after school, Gr. 1 –5, Mon & Tues. (4:25 -5:45); or (6:10-7:30)
Beg. 10/3-5/4 Or, Wed. (4:55-6:15 p.m.) (weekly commitment-requires a training session)

Year around: ***Sunday a.m. Aide** - Pre-school classes during 9:00 & 11 a.m. Masses. (Ex. Aide at 9 am, 10/3-5/1 worship at the 5pm or 11am. (weekly commitment- req. training sessions)

Year around: **Child care - parent meetings only.* You will be called and scheduled as needed.
**Assist at a Pancake Breakfast.* – Social Hall 8:45 –10:45. You will be scheduled.

****Oct. 3 - –March** Bring in adult men & woman’s socks, vitamins, non-prescription medications, bandages, underwear, soap, shave supplies, toothpaste, brushes for creating and packing personal care bags for the homeless or for the Medical Mission. Earn the money yourself for these things. This is an opportunity to learn personal charity. Label your donation “Medical Mission” or “Grace Centers of Hope”

Sept. 18 Aide at parent/student Reconciliation prep. meeting I-a; 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Oct. 2 Aide at parent/student Reconciliation prep. meeting I-b; 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.

Oct. 1 - 31 Make a Difference Day – **You find** a community service project, school service project, (ex. Clean-ups, help neighbor, create cards & letters to seniors in nursing homes.)
Take part in it – just let us know what you did. Honor system!

Food Drive – **You take the responsibility** to be the organizer and money earner to buy food for a hungry family! Put non-perishables in the boxes at the church door entrances.

Oct. 3-Nov. 12 Pack a “Shoe Box for Appalachia”. Again, **you earn** the funds to supply the contents for a person of any age, infant, child, teen, adult, or senior. Select and pack a shoe box with pleasant new gift items that will allow the poor of Van Sant, West Virginia to have a Christmas gift. New socks, shirts, toiletries, small games, notebooks, pens, pencils, stationery, stamps, whatever you can think of that is appropriate for an infant of a few months to an elderly senior citizen. Wrap the box and cover separately, and label the age of the intended receiver.

Oct. 3 – February 9. Collect vitamins, cough drops, band-aides, first aid supplies, anti-fungals, healing salves and used baseball gloves for Medical Missionary team led by Maureen Tippen. When you bring in donations, be sure to label the bag, “Medical Mission” or “For Maureen Tippen”. Put donations in the collection box in church or in the hallway. Again, **you earn, then sacrifice**.

Oct. 30 Work at Gleaners warehouse, (north Pontiac) preparing food parcels 12 n – 2:30 p.m.

Nov. 13 Grace Centers of Hope – soup kitchen/pantry work day 9:00 - am – 1 pm

Nov. 14 Begin rehearsals for Youth Choir – We need your strong voices for the Christmas 4 pm Mass; rehearsals begin at in 12:15 pm
*Turn in your Shoe Boxes for Appalachia!

- Nov. 20 (Sa)** Aide at parent/child Reconciliation Workshop II-a 8:30-11:00 a.m.
- Dec. 2 (Thurs.)** Aide at parent/child Reconciliation Workshop II-b, 6:30- 8:00 pm
- Dec. 4** Carols at Colombiere, Saturday morning – bake cookies, Saturday afternoon. Sing and visit with retired priests/ play checkers, bingo, ... **Adult Coordinator needed.**
- Dec. 19** Face Painting or lead children’s games at Parish Tree Trimming Party, 6 – 8 p.m.
- Dec. 24** Sing in Young People’s Christmas Choir – sign up early (see Nov. 14 above) so you can be contacted for practice. Rehearsals are on Sunday afternoons- watch for details; warm up in the Cushing Center by 3:00 pm before Mass starts.
- Jan. 8(Sat)** Aide – First Communion workshop I-a 8:30 – 11:00 a.m.
- Jan 8 (Sat)** **Gleaners** warehouse, sort and prepare food parcels 9 – 11:30 a.m.
- Jan. 15 (Sat)** **Gleaners** warehouse, sort and prepare food parcels 9 – 11:30 a.m.
- Jan. 22 (Sat.)** Aide – First Communion workshop I-b 8:30 - 11 a.m.
- Feb. 5 (Sat)** **Grace Centers of Hope** 9 am – 1:00 p.m.
- Mar. 8 (Tues)** Face Painting/games organizer at Mardi Gras 6 – 8 p.m.
- Mar 6 -Apr 21** Save coins from your allowance to fill your Rice Bowl. Turn your coin filled bowls in on Holy Thursday, April 21, 2011
- April 1-25** Do something good for planet Earth - Ecology Sunday, see Mrs. Enneking/Christian Serv.
- March 26th (sat.)** **Grace Centers of Hope Food Kitchen** **9am – 1:00 p.m.**
- April 16** Aide - First Communion workshop II-a 8: 10 am –12 N
- April 17** Assist with distribution of palms at the Palm Sunday Mass processions; arrive 15 min. early, tell the usher you are there to help, then do so! (Begins in social hall)
- April 30** Aide – First Communion workshop II-b 8:10 – 12 N
- June 20 – 24** Vacation Bible School – classroom, music, craft or other aides. 8:45 to 12 Noon
- June 26** Face Painting /games organizer at Parish Family Picnic; 2-7 pm

****Sept.2010- May 2010 Over the next several months collect and gather together shampoo, small combs, small bars of soap, new disposable razors, small washcloths, vitamins.** We can use them to make up personal care “baggies” for the homeless and poor. Adult men’s & women’s, socks, underwear and paper products, etc. are extremely valued. This can be an ongoing project – the poor are always with us – not just at Thanksgiving or Christmas. Earn some cash so you can help clothe the homeless.

Service opportunities need to be selected on this paper. Other activities will also be listed on the Middle School and Teen Connection bulletin boards – and on the St. Daniel website. Check `em out! Please sign your name legibly!! You will be called or emailed to remind you of what you signed up for. Put it on the family calendar so you don’t forget!

Select a variety of service activities which appeal to you and give you a chance to grow in faith and community involvement! **Record your service!** Use note paper or the orange service half-sheet forms (located on the Faith Formation table) to record your service – turn your service record in every 6-8 weeks. ***You are always welcome to suggest ideas and ways to serve! You may already be involved in a project where you serve your school or community. (Ex: You may help your parents with Meals on Wheels, or Humane Society or tutor, or)*** God loves you for serving the body of Christ!!

Please turn the green, yellow sheets in to the Faith Formation office; we will photocopy them and give you the originals back as a reminder document. Thanks.