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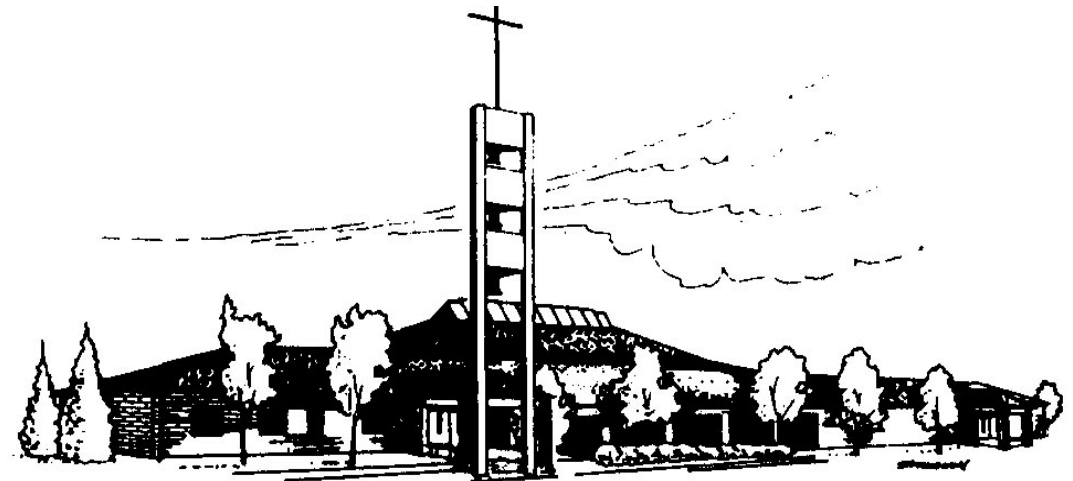
Sometimes it becomes necessary to change the schedule. Check the Youth Ministry section of the bulletin each week for reminders and updates. Dates and times are also kept current on St. Michael's website: [www.stmichaelsfsd.org](http://www.stmichaelsfsd.org).

If a session needs to be cancelled due to inclement weather, that decision will be announced by 3:00 PM. Cancellations will be announced on radio stations KELO AM & FM as well as KDLT TV. If we are having a session and you feel uncomfortable with the weather, use your own discretion about bringing your child/ren.

“A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.”

Luke 6:40

# St. Michael Jr High and High School Youth Ministry 2015-2016 HANDBOOK



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## **FAITH FORMATION**

**At St. Michael we are enabling parents to be the primary educators of their children in the Catholic faith!**

**At the heart of all religious faith formation is the home: the domestic church as Pope John Paul calls it. Home lessons provide the backbone for your families spiritual formation and cover all the major tenets of our Catholic Faith. Pope John Paul II said. “Families, become who you are.” The teachings given in these lessons help you become the domestic churches you are called to be.**

**By devoting approximately one extra hour per week to the faith throughout the school year, faith within your family will soon become a way of life. Lessons may include a variety of hand-on activities for the whole family with memory verses. It may include suggested audio cassettes/CDs, stories, games and seasonal booklets to aid you in developing family liturgical traditions. The weekly classes exist to help you, the family, in the spiritual development of your children, the future of our Church.**

**Children and their families are encouraged to attend Sunday Mass and receive the Sacraments on a regular basis. It is in this way that the children learn to participate in the liturgy as well as having the experience of the larger parish community.**

## **GENERAL GUIDELINES**

**The Youth Ministry Program blends the needs and concern of the families of with the learning expectations and sacramental opportunities of the larger Church community.**

**Within the classroom, the children are offered experiences in prayer, Scripture, doctrine and faith sharing. Inspired by Scripture, they are guided and encouraged in various Stewardship opportunities to serve in family, parish and community.**

**Classes maybe scheduled on various days and various times. A variety is offered to strike a balance between the needs of the family and the educational needs of the youth. Please consult your student’s calendar for the correct time, day and location.**

**The curriculum of all of our programs is based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church to ensure that the Christian Message is presented in its entirety and richness. The texts selected are in conformity to the Religious Education Curriculum Guidelines mandated by the Bishop of the Sioux Falls Diocese.**

**This Parent handbook outlines policies for all our Youth Ministry Sessions, those that meet on our campus and those off campus.**

**Students are expected to observe the rules of conduct that enhance the religious learning experience. Parents or Guardians will be contacted in the event that a teacher or staff member deem it necessary. Every attempt will be made to settle any difficulty in a Christian manner.**

## **ATTENDANCE**

**Regular attendance and commitment is essential to the continuity and reinforcement of the to the faith journey experience. This implies arriving on time, being attentive , participating and cooperating.**

**If a student cannot be present for a session, a parent or guardian must notify the office by phone or e-mail prior to, or on the day of the scheduled class .**

## **VOLUNTEERS**

**All of our teachers/small group leaders are volunteers. Without their many hours of love and devotion, this program could not exist. Be sure to take the time to introduce yourself to them, know them by name, and thank them often for helping to pass on the Catholic faith to your children!!**