

# Youth Formation Handbook 2011-2012



## St. John the Baptist CATHOLIC CHURCH

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# Mission Statement

*The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him and declared,  
‘Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!’  
(John 1:29)*

We, the people of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church, Diocese of Corpus Christi, City of Corpus Christi, Texas in keeping with the example set by our patron saint as well as the Tradition of the Universal Church, view our primary mission as proclaiming the presence of Christ, the Lamb of God, in the community and indeed the larger world, through both word and deed.

We will prepare ourselves for, and fulfill the aims of this mission by:

- Worshiping together as a liturgically vibrant community.
- Providing for the overall spiritual and corporal needs of the community.
- Providing religious education for children, young people and adults.
- Providing social and sporting events to foster cooperation and entertainment within the community.
- Creating an atmosphere which promotes good intellectual, spiritual and physical health.
- Returning to God in thanksgiving a portion of that which He has given to us by tithing our time, talents and treasures.

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Dear Friends,

*“Be rooted and built up in Jesus Christ, firm in the faith.”* (Col. 2:7). This was the theme for this year’s World Youth Day in Madrid where Pope Benedict XVI gathered young people from around the world to confirm and strengthen them in their Catholic faith. Young people today need to be firmly planted in the faith of the Church for it is the ancient faith of the Apostles in Jesus Christ our Lord. This is the call of every Catholic parish and family to assure that all our young people, our children are given every opportunity to learn what it means to be Catholic. What a joyous mission the Church has to our children.

I am particularly excited this year to welcome Theresa Beckers as our new Director of Religious Education. Theresa will work side by side with Angie Windnagle the Youth Minister and team up to form what will become a complete Youth Formation program for our parish in the upcoming months. Together we are envisioning great new things and initiatives to help reach all of the youth of our parish and encourage them to grow in the love of the Lord Jesus. We are also welcoming new teachers and volunteers to our program including new core team members for Life Teen and The Edge. To all of them we owe a debt of gratitude for their willingness to give of their time and talent to this very important apostolic endeavor.

I encourage all our parents and families to ensure that all our children are participating, learning their lessons and prayers, and attending Mass. I encourage you to not only bring your children to the program but join them for Mass by bringing the whole family. Use this as an opportunity to have the family grow in faith and support these young disciples in their own journey to the Lord. Spend time together not only learning lessons, but praying together as a family. Time spent with children praying not only encourages their spiritual growth but helps set a solid foundation of faith for their own human formation and development. Finally, encourage frequent participation in the Sacrament of Penance and the Eucharist, the two pillars of our own faith development and growth.

Finally, as we have dedicated our parish to the maternal protection of the Blessed Virgin Mary having enthroned our church to Our Lady of Schonestatt under the title of Mother of Hope, we entrust to her the souls of our children to her love, may she be their true teacher of faith and inspiration to follow the Lord Jesus.

Fr. Rodolfo D. Vásquez, *Administrator*

# Attendance

Regular attendance and active participation in the classes are important factors in deepening your child's understanding of God through the study of the scriptures. We encourage you to have your child/children at class on time to ensure they will have adequate time to participate in the weekly lesson. Their teachers only have your child/children one hour per week. We would like to make the most of this time, so please be punctual.

By Diocesan mandate, each child's attendance will be taken weekly. Each child will have **three (3)** excused absences. Being on time for class is critical. For every three times a student is **tardy** it will result in **one (1)** absence. If your child is sick or other special circumstances occur that keep your child from class, please let the child's teacher know. We will assist you with any make-up work, as needed.

Children who move into the parish from another parish will need a letter from their previous parish to get credit for the previous year in CCD. This especially applies to those in Sacramental preparation.

We expect good behavior from your children while at CCD. Your child will be reminded of our behavior expectations on the first day of class. If we have problems, a phone call will be made to the parents. If problems continue to persist, we, along with the priest, will discuss with you appropriate actions.

Please remember to **pick up** your children **on time**. Many of our teachers attend Mass with their families following CCD. Your cooperation is appreciated in this matter.

**PLEASE NOTE:** High school students that have been confirmed and are attending Life Teen should make every effort to come each week. Though the above attendance policy does not apply, we encourage you to come as often as they can, especially to the Life Teen retreat.

# Parent Meetings

There will be **two (2)** mandatory meetings for parents whose children will be making the Sacraments of First Holy Communion or Confirmation. Please make every effort to attend these meetings. Attendance will be taken and your absence could hinder your child making their sacraments. Dates for these meeting are listed in the calendar.

## Sacramental Preparation

Each child is special to us at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church and will do our best to make their years in CCD a time they will always remember. Sacramental preparation is a **two-year** preparation program before receiving the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist for the first time and for Confirmation. Some children have special needs due to many reasons (moving, family issues, etc.) and we will work with you to assist you in getting the Sacraments met in a timely fashion.

## Baptism

For those children who have not yet been baptized, please see the CCD coordinator at your earliest convenience to discuss your options. Any un-baptized child registered in CCD will be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Baptism after one year of faithful attendance to the CCD classes. Additional parent meetings will be necessary for the Sacrament of Baptism. The same policies apply for older children (high school).

## First Penance (Confession)

Parents are to attend First Penance with their child/children. Preparation should be completed by the beginning of Lent during the year that the child should receive the sacrament. Children are expected to know the Act of Contrition (found in

Prayers section of this handbook). Your child's teacher will work with them during class, but it is your responsibility to prepare them for this portion of the sacrament. A certificate will be provided to each child following their confession. A child models the behavior of adults. As parents, it is important for our children to see us practice the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We, the parents, are our child's best teacher.



## First Holy Communion

All children enrolled in CCD should be attending Sunday Mass every week with their parents (or spiritual guardians). At Mass, parents should demonstrate how to genuflect and bow before the Blessed Sacrament, and teach their children the reason that we do these things. Parents should also model piety and (to the degree they are able) proper participation in the Mass, including, following the readings and Gospel in the missal, singing with the assembly, and (when properly disposed) receiving Communion.

First and second grade students will prepare for the First Holy Communion. The Second Grade students will make their First Communion at the end of their second year. Children and parents are required to participate in the practice session scheduled for their First Communion. **Copies of the child's Baptismal certificate will be required.**

Sponsors are not required for First Holy Communion. Girls are asked to wear white dresses with sleeves. Veils are optional.

Boys should wear a suit, or dress pants (no jeans) and a white dress shirt (no polo-style shirt). Proper attire is addressed in greater detail at the parent meetings. See calendar for dates.



## Confirmation

The Confirmation process will take place for two consecutive years with Confirmation I during the ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) grade year and Confirmation II to be in the tenth (10<sup>th</sup>) grade. Older students who have not been confirmed will be placed in the appropriate classes determined by the CCD Coordinator. **Copies of Baptismal and First Holy Communion certificates are required for Confirmation.**

Confirmation candidates are to study and select a saint after whom they would like to pattern their lives. This will be their patron saint and the name by which the Bishop will call them at the Confirmation Mass. (Bishop Mulvey often asks candidates about their saints).

For Confirmation, a student will need one sponsor. The sponsor should be\*:

- Appointed by the candidate for confirmation
- 16 years of age or older;
- a Catholic who has been confirmed and has received the Holy Eucharist and who lives a life of faith;
- not bound by any canonical penalty, legitimately imposed or declared;
- not be either the father or mother of the person to be confirmed

*\* based on Canon Law 892,893,874.*

Please refer to pages 13 for details on the Confirmation preparation curriculum.

# 2011-12 Youth Formation Calendar

## St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

### September 2011

September 11

CCD Begins. Grades K-5,  
9:45 to 10:30

**Life Teen and  
Confirmation 1 & 2 Kickoff,**  
7-8:30 PM

September 14

**Edge Kickoff,** 7-8:15 PM

September 18

Catechetical Sunday

*CCD and Life Teen meet September 11, 18 and 25.*

*Edge (grades 6-8) meet September 14, 21, and 28.*

### October 2011

October 2

Respect Life Day

October 9

Vocations Awareness

October 16

**1<sup>st</sup> Parents' Meeting for First  
Communion and Confirmation  
Students: After 11 AM Mass**

October 23

World Missions Sunday

*CCD and Life Teen meet October 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30.*

*Edge (grades 6-8) meets October 5, 12, 19, and 26.*

### November 2011

November 1

All Saints Day (Holy Day)

November 2

All Soul's Day

November 5

Parish Festival

November 18-20

Confirmation Retreat - OLCC

November 20-23

Thanksgiving Holidays (No  
Classes)

November 27

Classes Resume

November 30

Introduction of New Missal  
Edge resumes

*CCD and Life Teen meet November 6, 13, and 27.*

*Edge (grades 6-8) meets November 2, 9, 16, and 30.*

### December 2011

December 3

Edge Day Retreat,

St. John the Baptist

December 8

Immaculate Conception (Holy  
Day)

December 17	Core team/CCD Teacher Day Retreat
December 18	Christmas Holiday (No Classes)
December 21	NO EDGE
December 24	Children's Christmas Mass: 5 P.M. Christmas Program: 10 P.M.
December 25	Christmas Day (Holy Day)

*CCD and Life Teen meet December 4 and 11.  
Edge (grades 6-8) meets December 3, 7, and 14.*

## **January 2012**

January 1	Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day)
January 8	CCD Classes & Life Teen Resume
January 11	Edge Spring Kickoff
January 15	Practice for First Penance
January 22	Practice for First Penance
<b>January 23</b>	<b>First Penance Service: 6 P.M. (First Communion Students)</b>

*CCD and Life Teen meet January 8, 15, 22, and 29.  
Edge meets January 11, 18, and 25.*

## **February 2012**

<b>February 12</b>	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Parents' Meeting for First Communion and Confirmation Students</b>
February 22	Ash Wednesday. NO EDGE Mass at 7 P.M.

*CCD and Life Teen meet February 5, 12, 19, and 26.  
Edge meets February 1, 8, 15, and 29.*

## **March 2012**

March 5	Second Confession for First Communion Students: 6 P.M.
March 11	No CCD or Life Teen, Spring Break
March 14	No Edge, Spring Break

*CCD and Life Teen meet March 4, 18, and 25.  
Edge meets March 7, 21, and 28.*

## **April 2012**

April 5-8

Easter Triduum

April 8

Easter Sunday – No Classes

April 11

NO EDGE

April 22

Diocesan Middle School Youth

Spectacular at the Richard

Borchard Fairgrounds

April 29

Diocesan High School Youth

Spectacular at the Richard

Borchard Fairgrounds

*CCD and Life Teen meet April 1, 15, 22, and 29.*

*Edge meets April 4, 18, and 25.*

## **May 2012**

May 6

Last Class for Elementary  
and Confirmation

May 9

Last Edge Night

May 20

First Holy Communion

May

Confirmation at the Corpus

Christi Cathedral (TBA)

## **Class Schedule**

**Elementary** *Grades K-5* - Sunday morning 9:45 to 10:45 AM

**Middle School** *Grades 6-8* - Wednesday evening 7:00 to 8:15 PM  
Meets in Portable 7

**High School** *Grades 9-12* - Sunday evening 7:00 to 8:30 PM  
Meets in Portable 7

## **Mass Schedule**

**Sunday Vigil - Saturday 4:30 PM**

**Sunday 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM**

**Sunday 6:00 – Youth Mass**

# Youth Formation Curriculum

## **1<sup>st</sup> Grade Objective:**

To develop and awareness of God the Creator

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Objective:**

To present Jesus as our model for Christian living, and to introduce the sacraments of Baptism, Penance and Eucharist.

## **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Objective:**

To deepen our understanding of the Church, and to experience the Church as Christian community.

## **4<sup>th</sup> Grade Objective:**

To help children to form their consciences according to the teachings of the Church, and to learn basics of morality as taught in the Old and New Testaments

## **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Objective:**

To help children experience and understand the rites of the sacraments, and become a more conscious and active participant in the Church's sacramental life

# Youth Ministry

*The Youth Ministry at St. John's will empower young people to live an authentic Christian life with a Catholic world view, to lead them to a deeper participation in the life of the Church especially the Sacraments, and to provide opportunities for an ongoing conversion and spiritual growth.*

*Through the intercession of our patron saints, Bl. John Paul II and St. Maria Goretti, our hope is that we will reach the lives of young people in a dynamic way that will call them "out of darkness and into his wonderful light" (1 Peter 2:9).*

## **EDGE (grades 6-8)**

The Edge program seeks to provide an “engaging [and] interactive setting for comprehensive catechesis “ where youth have the opportunity to hear the Word of God, make a response of Faith, and grow deeper in community. Under the guidance and leadership of the Youth Minister and a Core Team of adults and high school students, the youth will meet weekly and also have opportunities for service projects, spiritual retreats, and social events.

*(The Edge program is in place of our middle school CCD program since it provides all the systematic catechesis and formation necessary for that age group.)*

### **EDGE CURRICULUM SCHEDULE (by semester):**

- *Scripture*
- *Creed*
- *Church*
- *Sacraments*
- *Prayer*
- *Social Justice*

## **LIFE TEEN (grades 9-12)**

Life Teen is a youth ministry program designed to provide a systematic catechesis that is “engaging and relevant.” Youth have ongoing opportunities to learn more about their Catholic Faith, grow deeper in their relationship with Christ and commitment to the Church, and in community with each other and the parish. Through a variety of methods such as spiritual retreats and gatherings, Life Nights, social events, service to the poor and needy, and serving in liturgical ministries, youth have the opportunity to make a mature response of Faith.

### **LIFE TEEN CURRICULUM SCHEDULE (by semester):**

- *Sacred Scripture*
- *Person of Christ*
- *Paschal Mystery*
- *Church*
- *Sacraments*
- *Morality*
- *Social Justice*
- *Vocation*

*For more information on Edge and Life Teen programs please visit [www.lifeteen.com](http://www.lifeteen.com) or [www.catholicyouthministry.com](http://www.catholicyouthministry.com)*

## **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION (2 year preparation program)**

**First year** students will attend formal Confirmation classes where they will receive the proper formation to prepare for the Sacrament. Youth will be required to attend the Life Teen retreat and attend one service project per semester (service projects are planned and organized by the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Society and students must attend projects within the parish – outside projects will not be approved without prior approval.)

**Second year** students attend Life Teen in an effort to provide more opportunities for conversion and prayer through a program designed to connect with teens at their level. They will receive solid catechesis, opportunities for prayer and formation, time in community with their peers, and time with adult mentors who are actively practicing their Catholic Faith. Youth will be required to attend the Life Teen retreat and attend one service project per semester (service projects are planned and organized by the St. Elizabeth of Hungary Society and students must attend projects within the parish – outside projects will not be approved without prior approval.)

***ATTENTION CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS*** : *Students attending Catholic private school are required to attend Life Teen events in order to grow in community within the parish. All students, regardless of school, will also be required to attend the Life Teen retreat with St. John the Baptist. Service projects completed at St. John the Baptist can be used for other service hour requirements outside of Confirmation.*

### **Confirmation Curriculum schedule (by semester):**

- *Understanding the Scriptures*
- *The Blessed Trinity*
- *The Mystery of Redemption*
- *The Church*
- *The Sacraments*
- *Our Moral Life in Christ*
- *Church History*
- *Faith and Revelation*

The Didache Series are the text books used for Confirmation preparation. They are on the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops conformity listing (conforms with the teachings of the Church and the Catechism of the Catholic Church). For more information please visit:

<http://www.ignatius.com/promotions/highschool/index.html>

# Prayers

Since class time is limited, the learning of prayers must be accomplished at home. You, the parents, are asked to encourage your children to pray daily, and to model daily prayer in your own life.

## Sign of the Cross

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.  
Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done on earth as is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread, and  
forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.

## Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you.  
Blessed are you among women, and  
blessed is the Fruit of your womb, Jesus.  
Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners,  
now, and at the hour of our death. Amen

## Glory

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen

## Grace Before Meals

Bless us, O Lord, and these Thy gifts,  
which we are about to receive from thy bounty,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **Guardian Angel Prayer**

Angel of God, my guardian dear,  
to whom God's love, commits me here;  
ever this day be at my side,  
to light and guard, to rule and guide.  
Amen.

### **Act of Contrition**

Oh my God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart,  
in choosing to do wrong and failing to do good.  
I have sinned against you,  
whom I should love above all things.  
I firmly intend with your help to do penance,  
to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Amen

### **St. Michael's Prayer**

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our protection against the wickedness  
and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host,  
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits  
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.  
Amen.

### **Hail, Holy Queen**

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life,  
our sweetness, and our hope.  
To you do we cry, poor banished children of Eve;  
to you do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping  
in this valley of tears.  
Turn then, Most Gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy  
towards us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed  
fruit of thy womb, Jesus.  
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary.  
V. Pray for us, Oh Holy Mother of God  
R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.  
Amen.

### Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
Creator of heaven and earth,  
I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
On the third day He rose again.  
He ascended into heaven, and is seated  
at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church,  
the communion of the saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

### Memorare

Remember, O Most Gracious Virgin Mary,  
That never was it known, that anyone who fled to thy  
protection, implored thy help, or sought thine intercession, was  
left unaided. Inspired by this confidence, we fly unto thee  
O Virgin of Virgins, our Mother.  
To thee do we come, before thee we stand,  
Sinful and sorrowful.  
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions,  
But in thy mercy, hear and answer us. Amen.

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# Notes

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Room Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Class Meets on: **Sunday Wednesday** Time: \_\_\_\_\_

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**“And calling to Him a child, He put him in the midst of them, and said, ‘Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.’” Matthew 18:2**

**“In our own time, in a world often alien and even hostile to faith, believing families are of primary importance as centers of living, radiant faith...It is in the bosom of the family that parents are ‘by word and example...the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children. They should encourage them in the vocation which is proper to each child, fostering with special care any religious vocation.’” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1656)**

**“See that you do not despise one of these little ones; for I tell you that in heaven their angels always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven.” Matthew 18:10**

**“To be little. The great daring is always that of children. Who cries for the moon? Who won’t stop at danger to get what he wants?**

**Put in such a child a great deal of God’s grace, the desire to do God’s will, a great love for Jesus and all the human knowledge he is capable of acquiring, and you’ll have a likeness of the apostles of today just as God undoubtedly wants them.”**

**-St. Josemaría Escrivá**