

Dear Parents/Guardians,

## WELCOME BACK!

*'Put on Christ!' in your life, and you will find a friend in whom you can always trust; 'put on Christ' and you will see the wings of hope spreading and letting you journey with joy towards the future; 'put on Christ' and your life will be full of his love; it will be a fruitful life.*

*Pope Francis World Youth Day 2013-Rio de Janeiro*

The church views the role of parents in the spiritual formation of their children as both a privilege and an obligation. The formation we offer is meant to support the parents in their responsibility as the first educators of faith. We are happy to assist you as the primary educator of your child, but it does require many faithful volunteers to make it a fruitful experience. Thank you for your interest in our Religious Education Program and Discipleship and Evangelization Youth Ministry.

### **\*RELIGIOUS FORMATION PROGRAM—K-8<sup>th</sup> Grades**

**Wednesday nights:** (First session Sept 7<sup>th</sup>)

6:00pm—Martha's Kitchen—all are welcome!

7:00-8:00pm (K-5<sup>th</sup> grades)

7:00-8:30pm (6-8<sup>th</sup> grades)

### **\*YOUTH DISCIPLESHIP & EVANGELIZATION—9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grades**

Martha's Kitchen @ 6:00pm

First Large Group for all HS youth—Wed. Sept 7<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00pm

Youth Discipleship & Evangelization Groups for all HS youth—Wednesdays 7:00-8:30pm

## ***PROCEDURES & GENERAL INFORMATION: (K-8<sup>th</sup>)***

### **Arrival**

Please enter through the north door to the classrooms. Classes will begin at 7:00pm. Please be on time so we can finish on time. If you are tardy please report to the office. An adult will be on duty in the hallway at 6:45pm. We encourage K-2<sup>nd</sup> grades to please bring a book bag for papers and notes.

### **Dismissal**

A parent or older sibling will need to pick-up their (K-2<sup>nd</sup>) child from the classrooms. A bell will be used for dismissal at 8pm for K-5<sup>th</sup> & at 8:30pm for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>. Students are asked to leave from the north doors. Parents, please make arrangements for a younger child if they are waiting for an older sibling. Thanks.

### **Communication**

Communication is the key to a successful program. Our ultimate goal is to communicate with you through e-mail. Please fill out your e-mail address on the registration sheet. If you do not have an e-mail address please write this on your form. A paper copy will be sent home with your child, or it will be mailed through the post office. Please watch the bulletin for upcoming information or go our parish website [www.stleotyndall.com](http://www.stleotyndall.com) to get the latest news and program forms.

### **Cancellations**

During the winter months, please listen to WNAX for any cancellations due to bad weather. Announcements will be given during school hours if there is an early cancellation. If you are unsure, please call before you travel into town.

### **Absences**

If you know your child/youth will be absent from class please call the parish center at 589-3392, E-mail [jolynnweber@yahoo.com](mailto:jolynnweber@yahoo.com), text JoLynn @ 660-7008, or send a note with an older/younger sibling.

### **Attendance**

Attendance will be taken on the scheduled session days. A phone call will be made to parents if their child has missed three consecutive Wednesdays. Perfect Attendance Awards will be given out at the end of the year.

### **Martha's Kitchen**

Supper meals will continue to be offered through Martha's Kitchen this year. The kitchen will be open from 6:00-6:45pm in the FCMC beginning on **Sept 7<sup>th</sup>**. We encourage volunteer teachers and their families, along with the student athletes to take advantage of this wonderful service. A sign-up sheet will be used for the next week's meal.

### **Circle of Grace Youth Training**

The goal of the Circle of Grace program is to educate and empower children and young people to actively participate in a safe environment for themselves and others. Training for youth will take place on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> & Oct 19<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to contact our parish office if you have questions or concerns about your child participating in this program, or if you want more information regarding the Circle of Grace program such as parent-child communication, safety tips, and child abuse/neglect.

### **K-8th Student Mass**

Father has decided to change things for student Mass this year. He has scheduled two Saturday Masses for the St. Leo youth and two Sunday Masses for the St. Vincent youth. Please participate in the Sacrifice of the Holy Mass on these weekends in your home parish. Save these dates.

#### **St Leo's Youth Masses**

Saturday, Oct 8, 2016 @ 5:30pm

Saturday, March 11, 2017 @ 5:30pm

#### **St. Vincent's Youth Masses**

Sunday, Oct 9, 2016 @ 10:30am

Sunday, March 12, 2017 @ 10:30am

### **K-8<sup>th</sup> X-mas Program & High School Pancake Breakfast**

The K-8<sup>th</sup> X-mas Program is scheduled on Sunday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30am at St. Leo's Church. The high school youth will be serving a Pancake Breakfast that morning beginning at 9am to 1pm. Please enjoy a delicious breakfast with your parish family and support the youth.

### ***GENERAL INFORMATION (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grades)***

With such a positive response to our summer youth trip and discipleship camps this year, we will move forward to plan another Steubenville conference trip for July 2017. Please take advantage of all the fundraising opportunities listed below. We welcome the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class to join in this fundraising. Scholarships will be offered to one high school girl and one high school guy this year. More details to come on the criteria of these full-time scholarships.

**9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade Major Fundraisers**--Please save these dates. Parent committees will be organized to help with the details of these suppers. Please call to chair one of these suppers.

**\*\*Saturday, Oct 8, 2016—Potato Supper**

**\*\*Sunday, Dec 11, 2016—Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale**

**\*\*Saturday, March 11, 2017—Spaghetti Supper**

### **Other Fundraisers**

**\*\*Sunday Morning Breakfast**—The youth have the opportunity to serve our parish guests on one of these scheduled **Sundays: Sept 25, Oct 23, Nov 27, Jan 29, Feb 26, and March 26<sup>th</sup>**. A sign-up sheet will be passed around for those who want to participate in this fundraiser. Please bring a dozen rolls/breakfast pastries, serve our guests, and clean up. Be ready to serve after 8:30am Mass at St. Leo's church.

**\*\*KC Fish Fry**—Scheduled Fish Fries are **Fri Nov 18, 2016, Fri March 3, 2017 and Fri April 7, 2017**.

**\*\*SL Altar Society Soup Kitchen**—Jan 2017-No date has been scheduled at this time.

We are very excited to begin a new year of ministry and to continue the mission that Jesus passed down from the apostles and their successors "*Go and make disciples of all nations...*"

Sincerely in Christ,