

Wed, March 14, 2018

Dear Parents / Guardians,

It's time to plan for summer activities. TOTUS TUUS, a summer catechetical youth Program will be held at **St. Leo's Church the week of Sun June 3rd -Fri June 8th**. This wonderful opportunity is made available for our youth and it guarantees that they will have FUN!

- The Grade School Program is designed for children who are going into K-6th grade in the 2018/19 school year and will run Monday-Friday from 9:00am-2:30pm.
- The Jr.High and Sr.High youth (grades 7-12) program runs Sunday-Thursday from 7:30-9:30pm.

During the week, the grade school program will participate in four classes each day, attend daily Mass, learn the Mass parts and liturgical songs, and participate in games, ice-breakers, skits, songs, recess, and prayer. The week ends with a large water fight with the children in celebration for the week. The focus is on imparting an understanding and love of the Eucharist, devotion to Mary, catechetical instruction, vocational discernment and providing an enjoyable experience. **Grade school children are asked to bring their own sack lunches for their noon meal.** Please encourage your child to attend even if they miss part of the day or can't attend the whole week.

Totus Tuus offers evening instruction for junior and senior high school youth (grades 7-12) beginning on Sunday evening. They have found that vibrant, faithful, college-aged teachers can effectively impact the junior and senior high youth. The Totus Tuus program includes instruction, small group discussions, quiet meditation, prayer, and fellowship. Adult volunteers are needed to participate along with the youth and assist the team in leading small group discussions. The team requires that the parish provide one volunteer adult for every 8-expected youth for the evening program. This is in place so that our youth may be connected to caring adults in the parish that can continue these relationships after the week has ended.

The team also likes to get to know the parish and its members. To do this, they stay with families of the parish, eat with different families throughout the week and invite the entire parish to a "potluck" dinner on Wednesday night. If you would like to become a host family for the guys or gals, host an evening meal for the team, or volunteer in the kitchen during the day, please contact JoLynn. Lend a Hand, Lift a Heart!

Plan on registering your child/youth early! It is FREE for the St. Leo/Vincent students to attend this awesome program. A \$25.00 fee will be charged for children/youth who aren't members of these parishes. **Please fill out the enrollment form and return to your religious education teachers before the catechism year ends on April 18th.** Thanks.

Sincerely in Christ,
JoLynn Weber--589-3898