

Ministry Areas for Pax Christi Summer Camp "Journey with St. Paul"



As Catholics, we realize that our faith is a journey, not a one-time change as other religions may believe. Other denominations may ask, "Have you been saved?" We realize faith is a life-long process.

Daily themes:

- Monday - *God's love changes us.* *St. Paul's conversion*
- Tuesday - *God's love is a gift.* *St. Paul escapes in a basket*
- Wednesday - *God's love is worth sharing.* *St. Paul writes letters*
- Thursday - *God's love saves us.* *St. Paul is freed from jail*
- Friday - *God's love is always with us.* *St. Paul is shipwrecked.*

Expectations for all

- be the hands, the heart of God
- actively attend daily Mass
- be a positive role model
- be willing to be flexible
- ensure health and well-being of campers (especially spiritual health)
- complete an incident form for **any injuries**
- communicate any concerns to Joyce
- sign Diocesan code of conduct form (print page 7, sign & return)
- if 18 or older, complete the online Safe Environment training @ www.dow.org
- conduct yourself in a professional, caring, and positive manner
- smile & have fun!

Teachers/assistants

- be responsible for your group of campers (stay with them all day)
- follow the lesson plan provided recognizing your God-given talents (if you like to sing, then sing - if you prefer dramatics, act out the story.....)
- ensure supplies are ready for the upcoming day
- at the beginning of the day, please have one catechist (teacher) with the group in the pew, the other greets in the gathering area to escorts child(ren) to their

designated pew making sure to model proper blessing with Holy Water, genuflecting, etc.

- be aware of the parts of the Mass - try very hard to encourage use the restroom on an "emergency only" basis during the Liturgy of the Eucharist.
- review the lessons so you are sure of what to do

Games

- be familiar with the game, rules, and supplies needed before teaching the game
- participate, but remember you are the leader
- ensure safety and fairness
- encourage, but do not insist that a child try any activity.

Photos

- use your own digital camera
(you will also need your camera cord with a USB port to download photos)
- take candid photos throughout the week
- print and display pictures
- design Power Point if comfortable with that program (a computer will be provided)

Marketplace

We are trying something new this year - our crafts will be set up like a marketplace similar to one that Saint Paul may have visited. There will be choices of craft activities, varying in difficulty and length of time to finish. Campers may choose from any of the supplies available. Some crafts may have limited supplies; alternate choices may have to be made.

- assist campers in making choices of a craft taking into consideration the difficulty level and age of camper
- can dress as an old-fashioned shopkeeper if desired
- campers will be able to chose a craft that interests them - help where needed
- To to make sure campers finish one craft before choosing the next

Nursery

- be responsible for your group of campers (stay with them all day)
- be especially patient and flexible!

Snack

- ensure safe food handling procedures are followed
- set up, distribute, and clean up daily snack

Greeter

- be a "first impression specialist"
- assist campers in checking in and finding their group
- distribute CDs to parents

Music

- assist in music/songs
- share God-given talent

Mass ministries

acolytes

- perform your duties as trained

lectors

- proclaim the word of God
- practice the readings with Joe the day before you are scheduled to read

Daily Schedule

8:00	<i>"Staff" arrive and prepare rooms</i>	
8:30	Welcome/Praise & Worship/Music	30 minutes
9:00	Daily Mass	40 minutes
9:40	Introduce Theme for the Day	5 minutes
9:45	movement - to dining area/use bathroom	5 minutes
9:50	Snack/Meal Prayer	15 minutes
10:05	movement - to group areas	5 minutes
10:10	Group/Scripture time	25 minutes
10:35	movement - to craft or games area	5 minutes
10:40	Games <u>or</u> Marketplace	30 minutes
11:10	movement - to craft or games area	5 minutes
11:15	Games <u>or</u> Marketplace	30 minutes
11:45	movement - to church	5 minutes
11:50	music/wrap-up of day	10 minutes
12:00	home	
12:30	<i>staff - please plan on staying a few extra minutes - we will have a short meeting in church each day to review and look forward to the next day.</i>	

Bells will ring, but it is helpful to have a watch.

Groups will be labeled by Paul's writings:

- Romans
- Corinthians
- Galatians
- Ephesians
- Philippians
- Colossians
- Thessalonians
- Timothy
- Titus
- Philemon
- Hebrews

What do I do if?:

- There is an accident? Bring the child to the nursery. Annie Stevermer will be there to help you. There is an incident report form to complete. This must be done for any break in the skin or anything that brings a child to tears. This is done for the protection of you and our children. If a parent calls later that day about something that happened, I need to know about it.
- I am sick in the morning? Any time you know you will be absent, please call Joyce @ 282-8542 ext. 108 or at home 281-4726 as soon as possible.
- **I have a disciple problem?** Contact Joyce - always remember to phrase requests of a child in a positive, "Please walk" rather than "Don't run" and to give them choices when applicable. ("Would you rather _____ or **less desirable option** _____.")
- **I am unsure of what to do?** Ask for help! We are all here on a faith journey and anyone (especially Joyce or any of the committee members) would be glad to help.