

**THE CRUSADERS**  
High School Grades 9th -12th

*Designed by Catherine Rodriguez, Sp' 22*

Do Not Let  
**ANYONE**  
Look down on you  
Because **YOU**  
are young BUT  
set an Example  
for  
**BELIEVERS**

St. Joseph's Catholic Church

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**DETAILS & CALENDAR  
FOR 9-12<sup>TH</sup> GRADE  
2023-2024**

**24-AM CLASS- UPPER ROOMS**

**30- SATURDAY...CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE NOLA Flier will be sent home 1<sup>st</sup> class AND in bulletin. MUST CONTACT NICOLE to let her know. 7-12 th grade**

## **OCTOBER**

**1-** sidewalk for life ( **LIFECHAIN SUNDAY**) WITH parents. Can be counted as an opportunity for family event . Posters or shirts encouraged . We have posters made as well. All meet in class then out to the sidewalk afterwards rosary in the gym. All within the Sunday Morning class time.

**4- *Blessing of the Animals*.** Feast of ST. Francis of Assisi. Must be on leashes or in kennels ( unruly animals). 6 pm. St Joseph's Church parking lot. Father will be ready with his special prayers. This can also be another family event opportunity. If you came last year , come again! It was so special )

**8- AM CLASS**

**15- *MAYBE YES FEST ...11:00 am Baton Rouge Highway . FREE to attend waiting on date verification .A whole day of back to back Jesus music concerts and artists***

**16- NO AM CLASS- FALL BREAK**

**22- AM CLASS...confessions for 9<sup>th</sup> grade in Church**

**29- AM CLASS** all THIRST 9-11 in gym for all saints day lesson taught by Nicole .( PS it's also Toula Q and Fall Fest) weekend but we still have our commitment to Jesus 😊)

## **NOVEMBER**

**1-** office closed. **ALL SAINTS DAY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION- 8 PM MASS**

**5- AM CLASS... start bringing school supplies to give to our little school friends in Belize. ...PS DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**

**12- AM CLASS.....** in this month is CIRCLES OF GRACE – Nicole will teach the whole THIRST 9-11th per diocesan requirements ...meet in gym at 9:15. Senior Peer Leaders will assist. Bring school supplies for our school friends in Belize.

10- NO AM CLASS. ABLAZE & THIRST **XLT** 5-7 PM IN CHURCH. Just tweens & teens. Catechists we need your help 😊

8- **HOLY DAY - FEAST OF IMC (MASS at 6 pm – YES IT’S A HOLY DAY. OUR LADY IS THE INTERCESSOR FOR YOUTH**

17- AM CLASS

they get their Eucharist shirts that are brown in color to decorate for March for Life over the holidays. We have about 500 XL shirts left ... it's just decorating for KC banquet. **IT IS REQUIRED THAT ALL THIRST WORK ON THIS OVER THE HOLIDAYS.** The Knights of Columbus are huge supporters of our youth. This is a contest they judge. Please do not use your repeat shirt from before if you have it

*FYI...16-17 ABLAZE FUNDRAISER AFTER MASSES. Please support their sweet efforts 😊*

18- (5-7 pm ). **UGLY SWEATER CHRISTMAS PARTY AND CAROLLING** (5-7 pm) food, movie ,games ./seasonal silliness 🎅 This would be a service project bringing Christmas cheer in the neighborhood behind the church singing for others.

24- NO CLASS...*Merry Christmas !*

31- NO CLASS ...*Happy New Year!*

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2024 🎉🎊🎂🎈

## **JANUARY**

2- I'll be back in office . **ALL EUCHARIST SHIRTS THAT ARE BROWN ARE DUE BETWEEN JANUARY 3 AND 10** IN THE OFFICE. You can slip-shove it in mail slot by office door after or before hours. Judging by the KCs is Jan 13 . You can drop them off in the office . Details to come. WRITE YOUR NAME AND GRADE ON TAG OR PIN A NOTECARD WITH THAT INFO ON IT .

7...**NO AM CLASS** still on holiday break from school \*\*\* Will begin recruiting for VBS help. June 17-21. I have planned it between Chatawa weeks this year... sign up genius will be ready to send. MEGA SERVICE HOURS

## **FEBRUARY**

4- **CLASS IS SAFE HAVEN...PARENTS & TEENS ...ABLAZE & THIRST...GYM ...** Fernando & Nicole to teach class. Catechists attend as well.

11- **NO CLASS** . PALM LEAF DOOR DECORATION CONTEST-DETAILS TO COME. THIS BEGINS MARDI GRAS BREAK

12-13...*OFFICE CLOSED.*

14. **ASH WEDNESDAY HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION. MASS AT 8 AM & 6 PM**

18- **NO AM CLASS...XLT ABLAZE & THIRST. CHURCH. 5-7 PM ..THIS IS YOUR CLASS**

25- **AM CLASS**

**BY THE 25- NO LATER ... 11 th GRADE IMMEDIATE CONFIRMATION LETTER OF INTENT DUE** ( typed and emailed to [nrichard@sjsceusaders.org](mailto:nrichard@sjsceusaders.org). ) or brought to class...there will be a guide sent home.

## **MARCH**

NOT SURE ABOUT ABBEY YOUTH FEST. HOPING

3- **AM CLASS** ...collect plastic eggs & candy in yellow trashcan for Easter Egg hunt

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PADRE CONFESSIONS 10<sup>TH</sup> GRADE (tentative)

11<sup>th</sup> grade – 4<sup>th</sup> Cup with Mike Fulmer TBD

16- TBD--- **FATHER -SON FAMILY EVENT OPPORTUNITY** ( actually wish it could be a requirement ) .. St Joseph Sorrows and Joys morning where each dad - son duo prays with St Joseph prayer morning . Fernando sets this up. Just know it's a Saturday morning

17- **AM CLASS ST JOSEPH'S ALTAR AND WEAR GREEN ---ST PATRICK'S DAY**

**11<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmandi....EVEN THO YOU ARE CONFIRMED- WE STILL NEED YOU TO WORK STRAWBERRY FEST ! Sign ups will be sent out through sign up genius prior.**

**12-14... STRAWBERRY FEST ALL ARE REQUIRED TO HELP ONE**

**( or more ) 2 HOUR SHIFT and Ablaze will be invited. Parent and teen tag team just like last year. Same place around our Holy Church parking lot. includes set up and take down and trash patrol. NO CLASSES THIS WEEKEND. Sign up Genius will be sent out .**

**21- AM CLASS LAST PSR ...YES CONFIRMED 11<sup>TH</sup> GRADE ATTEND**

**- 9-11<sup>th</sup> grade ---service project sheets due** ( copy in parent packet ) scan and email me. Please do not hand me your papers at festival.. Teens may screen shot their papers to turn into their school programs and organizations. Teens must keep track of their own St Joseph service hours.

## **MAY**

**3-4-5...FYI...SJS fair**

**11- tentative mother /daughter “ brush n brunch” ...Saturday morning ..details to come**

**12- Bacculaureate Mass..Grads wear grad robes if possible . Also Mother’s Day**



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## ABLAZE & THIRST YOUTH GROUP RULES & GUIDELINES

### While on St. Joseph's Catholic Church Grounds

Note: You are the responsibility of the Church while on church property. Our volunteers do an excellent job of watching and protecting you during our classes and events. It is very important that you help make your time at St. Joseph's Catholic Church safe by listening and obeying those in authority. Your safety is our number one priority. Below is a list of things we expect from each one of our youth while on the church property.

1. You must stay in designated areas. (Youth Building, classrooms, gym, parking Lot in front of Youth Building)
2. Do not go where an adult is not.
3. Under no circumstances are you to leave the church property unless with a parent who must inform the leader.
4. Obey instruction from adults.
5. No fighting
6. No cursing
7. No bullying
8. Do not disrespect authority
9. Treat the church property and equipment with respect. (Do not intentionally damage property.)

### Eating

Note: Volunteers at St. Joseph's Catholic Church work hard to provide you the opportunity to enjoy a meal or snacks at certain functions. It is very important that you respect the hard work that these men and women do and be thankful for them. Below is a list of things we expect you to do when you eat.

1. Be neat while eating. Do not leave food on tables or floors.
2. Throw away your plate and cup.
3. Do not leave cups in parking lot.
4. Be courteous to the workers and other people eating with you.
5. Take care of the ministry center space.
6. No running or playing in ministry center.

# Youth Guidelines

**All cell phones and other equipment are switched off during class times and events.**

We dress modestly! Here's our dress code...

Dress code:

- A. No spaghetti straps (no bra straps showing)
- B. Guys: the t-shirt stays on
- C. Girls: bathing suit options: one-piece, tankini that covers belly or bikini with a colored shirt overtop. (We will provide a shirt if you are unprepared.)
- D. No really short shorts (must be fingertip length)
- E. No mini skirts
- F. No tight fitting/form-fitting clothes
- G. Shirts must be covering your stomach completely, even when arms are raised
- H. If a student wears spaghetti straps, a jacket or some type of covering must be worn over
- I. No student can have any undergarments visible

Some other rules we want you to follow in our youth ministry:

- 1) Keep a positive attitude.
- 2) Show respect for everyone you come in contact with, by your actions and your words. This means that making fun of others and cutting each other down is not acceptable. (sarcasm is a no-go)
- 3) Respect your brothers and sisters in Christ. (e.g., do not speak when someone else is speaking.)
- 4) Respect the facilities. (e.g., do not throw or kick balls at the doors or walls, no standing, walking, or running on church furniture or chairs, clean up after yourself.)
- 5) No obscene language.
- 6) No drugs, alcohol, or tobacco use.
- 7) No Weapons
- 8) Public displays of affection while at church functions are inappropriate. This detracts from our purpose as we meet together. Youth leaders will model appropriate behavior.
- 9) Rule of three. Students and leaders should always be in an open area with at least two other people. Do not disappear into vacant rooms or hallways.
- 10) You will not be dismissed until your parent or designated guardian comes to sign you out unless other arrangements have been made with Youth Minister
- 11) If parents need to contact their teen, Ms. Kayla will have her phone on her for parents to contact, as well as any volunteers present for youth functions.
- 12) Students may only have their phones to take pictures during events only.

**St. Joseph's Catholic Church Requirements for a Minor's Behavior**

**I understand that the following conduct is not allowed when participating in St. Joseph's Catholic Church Youth Ministry:**

**-Bullying** of any kind (cyber, physical, texting, phone calls, stalking, etc) will not be tolerated and will be immediately addressed to offer intervention and determine repercussions which may result in being dismissed from all future youth events.

**-Inappropriate** speech (cursing, humor, sexual, etc), physical contact and/or behavior including, but not limited to: aggressive physical contact (punching, hitting, kicking, choking, etc), sexting, sitting on each others laps, creating/distributing/viewing any form of pornography, any types of massage, kissing, fondling/petting/or any type of genital contact, will not be tolerated and will be immediately addressed to offer intervention and determine repercussions which may result in being dismissed from all future youth events.

**-All behaviors listed in *Youth Guidelines***

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Minor's Name (Printed): \_\_\_\_\_

Minor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Adult Witness: \_\_\_\_\_







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## PHOTOGRAPH AND VIDEO CONSENT FORM:

From time to time, pictures and video may be taken of youth ministry events and gatherings. We would like to be able to use these photographs and videos for flyers, parish and diocesan publications, and the ministry website. Written consent of both the student and parent/guardian is required. Names will not be posted unless written authorization is given by the student and parent/guardian, and then only first names will be used. If there are concerns about pictures or videos posted on the website, please contact the ministry coordinator or webmaster, and they will promptly be removed.

I/We, the parent(s)/guardian(s) of this youth (name) \_\_\_\_\_, authorize and give full consent, without limitation or reservation, to (parish/school) \_\_\_\_\_, to publish any photograph or video in which the above named student appears while participating in any program associated with (parish/school) \_\_\_\_\_ ministry. There will be no compensation for use of any photograph or video at the time of publication or in the future.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

