



## Resurrection Catholic Community Faith Formation News 2022-2023

### Welcome to All!

We're delighted that you and your family are members of our Catholic family of faith, the Church! And we're excited to be able to resume our K-8 ministries in person this school year. The past couple of years have been so challenging, but by the grace of God, we have come through the challenges with strength and determination. The world has changed, it seems, and we have changed with it. Thank you for making sure that God and his Church are still part of your lives, and even the center of your lives, for all good things and blessings are the gifts of God.

As we enter into this new year of faith formation and discipleship, let us appreciate more deeply the opportunities we have to thank God throughout the day. One of the best things that we can do for our children is to grow closer to God ourselves. May your spiritual journey with your children be enriched by our programs and by your openness to God's presence and grace at all times and in all things!

Blessings,

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Faith Formation  
for all Ages!

#### Important Dates:

- 9/25 High School Confirmation Orientation Meeting for Parents & Youth on Zoom at 7:00 pm
- 10/9 First Eucharist Parent/Child Meeting after 10:15 Mass
- 10/4 Catholic Information Night at 7:30 pm

## Christian Parenting/Early Childhood Baptism (ages 0-4):

First-time parents are invited to attend one Baptism class with Deacon Patrick. Please contact him at 831-840-3750 or [pfconway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfconway@sbcglobal.net)



## For Children in Grades K-5

This Fall, we offer both in-person and home study options. In-person classes begin on Thursday, September 29 at 3:45 pm, concluding at 5:00 pm.

The home study option provides a book along with interactive online resources, including holy games!

Registration forms are available on our website at

<https://resurrection-aptos.org> on our Resource page under Faith Formation, in the church entrance, and in the parish office.

## Sacraments: Baptism, Reconciliation & Eucharist

**Baptism for School-Age Children:** Please contact Deacon Patrick at [pfconway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfconway@sbcglobal.net) or 831-840-3750.

**First Eucharist & First Reconciliation for Children:** For children in Second Grade (or older) in any school - Catholic and other. **(Catholic schools do not prepare children for 1st Eucharist. This is done in parishes.)**

Children must have at least one previous year of religious education. Preparation begins on October 9th with a Parent/Child meeting in the church (following the 10:15 am Mass). The Rite of Enrollment for the children will be on Sunday, October 23rd at the 10:15 am mass.

First Eucharist will be celebrated on Saturday, May 6 at 11:00 am & Sunday, May 7 at 2:00 pm (your choice). There is a \$80 materials fee for 2 text books, a children's Bible, and a cross. For more information please contact Deacon Patrick at 831-840-3750 or [pfconway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfconway@sbcglobal.net)



## **Middle School (Grades 6-8)**

Fr. Romeo and Friends will lead this ministry this year! It will be held on Sundays at 11:30 am in the Church or in Markey Community Center. The first meeting will be on Sunday, October 16.



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## **High School Youth Ministry: Grades 9-12 & Confirmation 1st & 2nd Year**

### **Confirmation Orientation Meeting for Parents & Youth:**

Sunday, September 25 at 7:00 pm on Zoom

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82201571184>

Meeting ID: 822 0157 1184

**High School Youth Group** is open to ALL in grades 9-12. We meet Sunday mornings from 11:30 am – 1:00 pm in Markey Community Center & the Youth Center. In addition to our regular meetings, we have special events and trips. Our first meeting will be on Sunday, October 23rd.

**Youth Confirmation** is open to all High School Youth, beginning in 9th Grade and is a **two-year program**. Any Juniors & Seniors who would like to be confirmed and have not yet completed their 1st year, it is not too late! For more information, please contact Mrs. Gabe Summers.

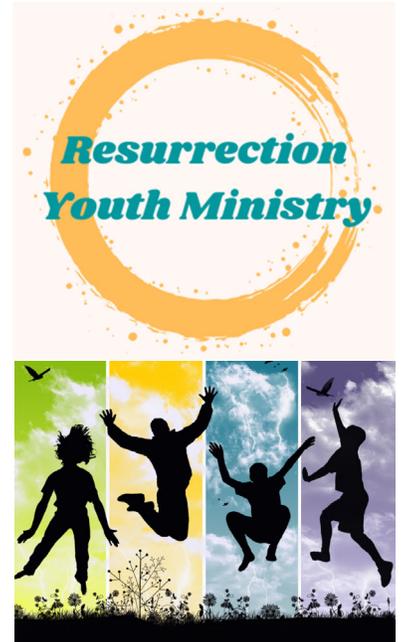
- **1st Year** Confirmation students meet Sunday mornings beginning with 10:15 am Mass and conclude at 1:00 pm in the Youth Center. 1st Year includes **attending Year 1 Confirmation meetings/High School Youth Group**, participation in youth group special events, participation/volunteering in parish wide events and fundraisers.
- **2nd Year** is for youth who have completed year one. We meet Sunday mornings beginning with 10:15 am Mass and conclude at 1:30 pm in the Youth Center. 2nd year includes **attending ALL 2nd Year Confirmation** meetings, attending a weekend retreat, participation/volunteering in parish wide events and fundraisers, participation in High School Youth Group **and** special events.

**Communication:** Emails and texts are sent out about upcoming events and reminders. We provide a calendar at the beginning of the year but sometimes dates change so be sure to read your emails. ***Be sure to indicate your email address and cell phone number as well as your child's email address and cell phone number on your registration form.***

### **Contact Information:**

- Gabe Summers at 831-688-4300 x22, [gb-summers@att.net](mailto:gb-summers@att.net)

**All Youth are Welcome!** You do not need to be a registered parishioner at Resurrection Church or even Catholic to participate. You are encouraged to invite your friends; however, please remember Faith Formation registration and permission slips must be filled out for everyone who plans to participate.



**The Mission  
of Youth Ministry  
is to provide a safe place  
for youth to grow in their  
faith, their friendships,  
and their community.**

## For Adults

**Catholic Information Nights:** Are you a non-Catholic who would like to learn more about Catholicism? Do you know of someone who would? Join or invite them to join our Catholic Information Nights on Tuesday evenings at 7:30 pm in the Pentecost Chapel beginning October 4th (also available on Zoom). All are welcome!

Contact Deacon Patrick at [pfconway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfconway@sbcglobal.net) or 831-840-3750 for more information.

**Sacraments:** If you are a baptized Catholic and would like to complete your initiation into Christ through the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, please contact Deacon Patrick Conway at [pfconway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfconway@sbcglobal.net) or 831-840-3750.

### **Spiritual Direction**

Want to grow closer to God? Want to discover God's guidance through the many choices of life? For centuries Christians have benefitted from this ministry of counsel and discernment. Meet with a specially-trained spiritual director for support and help. For more information, contact Deacon Patrick Conway at [pfconway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfconway@sbcglobal.net) or 831-840-3750.

### **The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius**

Saint Ignatius of Loyola developed these tried-and-true spiritual "exercises" (meditations and prayers) to help anyone who wishes to grow closer to God and to know God's will. The exercises can be done during a 30-day retreat at a retreat center or at home over the course of 30 weeks. Regular support of a spiritual director trained to give the exercises is included. For more information, contact Deacon Patrick Conway at [pfconway@sbcglobal.net](mailto:pfconway@sbcglobal.net) or 831-840-3750.

### **Seasonal Events**

Other presentations and opportunities for learning and spiritual growth will happen throughout the year. Stay tuned for more information!

