

St. Pius X Children's Faith Formation 2017-2018 Stewardship Form

As members of a Christian community, God calls us to share our time, talent, and treasure with others as God has blessed us. These questions may help you to discern how to best apply your gifts:

How can I best use my God-given talents to serve my community and others?

How can I best use my time to serve my community and others?

Do I generously support my faith community with treasure to carry on the work of Christ?

St. Pius X Children's Faith Formation is committed to excellence and continual improvement. It depends on the members of its community for its lifeblood and their time and talents for many ministerial needs. In return, the program pledges to make its volunteer ministries fulfilling and rewarding. All parishioners are invited to contribute your time, skills, and interests in support of one or more of these efforts. Below are volunteer ministry opportunities. A special sheet for volunteering is on the back. Thank you for your involvement.

Volunteer Ministry Descriptions

Children's Faith Formation

Catechist: Catechists do more than teach: they "echo" our faith to students from age 3 through 6th Grade. Under the supervision of the Coordinator and the Director of Faith Formation, they implement the Faith Formation Scope and Sequence of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis, using prayer, scripture, personal experience, textbooks, activities, multimedia and other methods. Expectations include: a rich spiritual life; participation in training, including in-service; and a minimum of one hour preparing for each class plus 90 minutes on site during class days (arriving at least 15 minutes before and staying at least 15 minutes after classes). Catechists at the 2nd grade level also help prepare students for the sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation. Most catechists minister as a team of two.

Substitute catechist: Leads class on an as-needed basis, working with catechists who will be away to implement the weekly lesson. Expectations include a rich spiritual life and training/in-service as needed.

LITURGY

Children's Liturgy of the Word: During Sunday liturgy, a continuation of the Mass on the children's level beginning with the first reading and proceeding to the offertory; volunteers scheduled approximately two times per quarter.

HOSPITALITY

Assist with Registration: Greet and answer questions for incoming families to Religious Education during registration weekend.

Coffee & donuts on Sundays: Sell and serve coffee, juice and donuts on class days.

Serve/donate food for special events: Prepare, donate and serve food for special Children's Faith Formation events.

Speakers for Parents and/or Students: Do you have a story that could help others grow in their faith? Have you been on a pilgrimage and would be willing to speak about your experience? Possibly you have faith based topics that could be applicable to parents, students, or both. Consider sharing!

CHRISTIAN SERVICE

Advent Fair: Family Advent prayers and traditions. Assist at craft stations; Help with hospitality; (Due to our Christmas Pageant, the Advent Fair occurs only when we have three class sessions in December). This year we will need volunteers!

Christian Service projects by individual classes: Assists catechists with the Christian service/social justice needs of classes. Duties may include working directly with students and recipients, delivering donated items to recipients, transporting students to off-campus project sites, and collecting materials.

Office Help: Help with large mailings, such as stapling, or making copies; assist during Children's Faith Formation as needed; Assist at the Faith Formation Receptionist desk when needed

SPIRIT BUILDING

Music: Help to teach the students songs and hand motions that can be used in the Special Liturgies and Events.

Arts and Crafts: Donate items needed by catechist request or helping with projects if needed. Lead special art projects to teach the faith. Help decorate the CFF bulletin board.

Welcome Back "Sundae Sunday": Organize volunteers to set-up, bring supplies/items needed: ice cream, toppings and clean-up, or simply to be one of the helpers.

Christmas Pageant/Party: Set up, cleanup, serve during party, or assist with materials for pageant

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Co-facilitators, crafts, games, snacks, station leaders, crew leaders, decorating, donating supplies

MENTOR FAMILY

Mentor a new CFF family.