

## Middle School/ High School Ministry Program

### “Team Pathways!”

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Grades 7-10

Team Pathways is the High School Ministry program for St. Jude the Apostle Parish. Teens wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must be involved in the program for a minimum of 2 years in Grades 9th & 10th.

#### Registration can be done online

Complete the registration process online, by simply using the link provided which brings you to a google form to fill out and submit. The cost of the program is \$45 per teen, \$75 for 2 or more children. You can mail the registration fee to 42 Dana Ave, Wynantskill NY 12198. Once registered you will receive a follow up email regarding our first meeting and schedule.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1g3vijpiUk73J8vryCInEK4vIZg2aVnRcFkuygIPVfV8/edit>

**Welcome!** Your dedication and commitment to your children and their growth in faith continues to keep our program strong. I look forward to working with you and your students this year. I ask for your prayers as we begin this new year; let us together ask God for a successful year of faith and service for our students.

I ask that you please take the time to read the following information to familiarize yourself with the ins and outs of the Team Pathways Program.

#### The Structure of the Program:

The program is made up of three components:

##### **(1) Class Sessions**

Our program holds sessions on Sundays from 9:15a.m. until 10:15a.m. It will be held in the Gymnasium of the school for grades 9&10. Each grade level may also have specific events and retreats that will also occur throughout the year(TBA). We will be using the Visions curriculum through Pflaum publishing this year. It has both a **workbook** and a **manual** to reference during lessons along with online materials for the students to use. It is recommended students use a folder to hold both of these items and a pen or pencil to write with when they come to class. **Students are issued 1 set of materials and are responsible for them for the duration of the year.**

##### **(2) Service**

Jesus reminds us at the Last Supper that leadership comes through service to others. Following His example, this program holds service opportunities as a key component of leadership and Christian life. **Each student in our program is expected to complete 10 hours of service each year.** Throughout the year there will be some opportunities for students to sign up for service events. Service hours can be completed outside the parish as well. It is the responsibility of the family to keep track of service hours. Letting me know is always appreciated, as I enjoy hearing about some of the things students are involved in.

Some areas within our Parish that students could participate in are....**music ministry(during masses), altar serving, lecturing(reading) at mass, Tech support(pressing the “record” button for the 10:30am streaming of mass) & ushering, to name a few.** Any additional opportunities inside or outside the parish I will let everyone know as the year goes on.

### **(3) Mass**

The Eucharist is the **source** and **summit** of our Catholic faith and it is an essential part of our continued mission. **As part of our program we ask that parents and students attend Mass on a regular basis,** as a family if possible. In order for our students to continually grow in their faith, regular attendance at Mass is necessary(whether at St Jude or other parish).

### Communication:

Email continues to be the easiest and fastest way to provide information and answer any questions parents or students might have about the program. My email is: **moorep285@gmail.com.** By enrolling your child in this program and providing a valid email when you registered, you will receive regular email updates of schedule and service opportunities.

Yours in Christ,

Paul Moore

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