

Holy Family Church Youth Council

Purpose of the Youth Council

- To serve as a decision-making body for parish youth activities in conjunction with the Director of Youth Ministry.
- To interpret needs of youth in the parish and advocate for their concerns to the pastor, Director of Youth Ministry, and other parish officials.
- To help envision and determine overall direction for youth ministry in the parish.
- To plan and implement parish youth activities
- To assist with Mass on a regular basis
- To pray together and function as a spiritual support for youth ministry in the parish.

Expectations of Youth Council

Commitment: Youth Council will meet once a month. Members of Holy Family Youth Council cannot miss more than three meetings per year. **Members of the council will commit to help at the three main youth ministry fundraisers (crab feed, bazaar, and gala) and sign up for at least 3 other events throughout the year, for a total of 6.**

If any member is unable to attend a meeting or scheduled activity, he/she needs to contact the Youth Director directly in advance (unless it's an emergency). A member may be removed after two unexcused absences.

Members are to be a positive example for others by being in regular attendance in Mass and youth group. When attending Mass, Members will be appropriately dressed in case performing a function on the altar is requested at the last minute.

Punctuality: The meetings will begin on time.. Meetings are held the second or third Sunday each month at 4:30 pm and will include a light dinner. A calendar will be provided. Attendance at Youth Mass follows the meeting so please plan on serving at Mass.

Respect: Council members will demonstrate and give respect to each other. They will separate the problem from the person; they will honor everyone's opinion; speaking destructively about a member will not be tolerated.

Open Communication: It is hoped that each of the members will openly communicate their concerns and/or ideas. Problems that affect the youth pastoral process will be spoken of openly and corrected immediately.

Sincerity: It is hoped that all members will be sincere and honest.

Teamwork: The "we" is more important than the "I". Each member's function is TO SERVE. Collaboration is an important element of the pastoral practice of each member. Always seek the good of others.

Witness of Life: Council members will be consistent in both what they say and what they do. Their conduct will be proper in their pastoral work as well as their daily lives. Members will be involved in their parish activities, such as: regular Mass attendance, and youth group or religious education.

If you have any questions regarding the application process, please feel free to contact Liz @ 307-6403 or in the Youth Room at 509-965-3471.

Application for Holy Family Youth Council

Please print or type all of the information.

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone _____

School _____ Email: _____

Preferred way of regular contact: _____ **Email** _____ **Text Message**

Why do you want to be a member of Youth Council?

What would your expectations be as a member of Youth Council?

What gifts and talents has God blessed you with that you would share with the Youth Council?

How do you plan to stay committed to Youth Council?

What activities (Job, parish, youth group, school activities, or sports) could possibly limit your commitment or attendance at the youth council meetings?

Youth Signature

Parent Signings