

2026 -2027 Youth 'JaM' (Youth 'Jesus and Mary') Program

for 7th – 8th Grade

1st Component: Regular weekly Sunday Mass attendance

2nd Component: Required Parent Orientation Meeting

This required orientation meeting will be held once on Sunday, September 20th, 2026, after the 10:30 am Mass. If you miss this meeting, it will have to be made up before your child can begin the program.

3rd Component: Individual Family Formation

Students are led by their parent(s) in completing weekly catechesis from the '2026-2027 Weekly Catechesis Schedule using The Faith That Marks God's People.' The catechesis should be read together with the student and topics can be further investigated using the referenced paragraph numbers from the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Any suggested scripture passages from the Bible for that week's catechesis should be proclaimed as well.

This component is designed to help designate a time that the parent(s) and student will learn about our faith together as a family.

4th Component: Adoration and Group Formation

Beginning in October 2026 and going through May 2027, Fr. Jason and Fr. Michael will meet with all the Youth 'JaM' participants one Thursday a month from 5 PM to 6 PM in the church. A schedule will be provided at the parent orientation.

During these meetings, the youth will be led in prayer in front of the Blessed Sacrament (Eucharistic Adoration) for the first 30 minutes. The last part of the hour will be for questions and discussion about faith topics (done in an anonymous way, with the youth writing down what they want to ask or talk about and giving Fr. Jason or Fr. Michael an opportunity to review before diving in). In this manner, the youth can have their questions answered and have relevant discussion about how our Faith can guide their lives.

Any questions or topics that might be skipped will have an answer prepared by Fr. Jason or Fr. Michael based on what the church teaches and emailed to all the parents. This way, parents can see what the children are wondering about or looking for answers about and decide if they want to answer those questions with their own children or not.