# **ASSUMPTION B.V.M/ST. STANISLAUS** RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 109 East Pulaski Street Pulaski, WI 54126

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### Mission

"Every person touched by our parish community will be welcomed, valued, and enriched in Christ."

God of love, of compassionate care, of creative energy, our parish is composed of people like me.

I help to make it what it is.

It will be friendly, if I am.

It will be holy, if I am.

Its pews will be filled, *if I help fill them*.

It will do great work, if I work.

It will be prayerful, *if I pray*.

It will make generous gifts to many causes, if I am a generous giver.

It will bring others into worship, if I invite and bring them in. It will be a place of loyalty and love, of fearlessness and faith, of compassion, charity and mercy,

if I, who help to make it what it is, am filled with these same things.

Therefore, with your help, all-knowing and generous God, I dedicate myself to the task of being and modeling all the things that I want our parish to be. I ask these things in Jesus' name.

Amen



~ a disciple's prayer

# FAITH FORMATION OFFICE HOURS Sunday - 8:00- 11:00am (when sessions are scheduled) Monday- Friday - 8:00am - 3:00pm (920)822-5650

Stay connected and informed:

- 1. Watch your emails and texts coming from <a href="mail@flocknote.com">mail@flocknote.com</a>
- 2. Check out your parish bulletin weekly
- 3. Follow us on Facebook (Assumption B.V.M.-St. Stanislaus)
- 4. Download myparishapp.com; search for Assumption B.V.M.; available for download with I-Phone or Android device

# STAFF/ CONTACT INFORMATION

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### **FAITH FORMATION PROCEDURES**

<u>FAMILY NEWSLETTERS</u>, come home once a month with youngest or only family member. Read each month and note the timely information.

ATTENDANCE & ABSENTEES- regular attendance is required for students to achieve the best experience. If absent, please email <a href="mailto:deanne.wilinski@abvm.org">deanne.wilinski@abvm.org</a>, reply to our Flocknote reminder, or call Education Office (920)822-5650) prior to class time.

CELL PHONES or any other electronic devices are ONLY to be used by students during our class sessions, retreats, or any other activities, per

request of their catechist or coordinator.

### CODE OF CONDUCT FOR PARTICIPANTS

All are expected to:

- Follow classroom rules
- Participate willingly in their learning and activities
- Respect others' safety, well-being and property
- Be accountable for their behavior and responsive consequences
- Participate in creating a safe, positive environment conducive to learning

If inappropriate conduct occurs, catechist & coordinator will speak with student. Follow-up with parent as need arises.

ALL VOLUNTEERS who work with your children need to have completed a 3-step process ensuring they are safe to be with your child – as outlined by our Diocese – background check completed, completes ongoing Safe Environment training, and signs a code of ethics.

CANCELLATION OF CLASSES – watch for a notification coming to you from Flocknotes as a text message or email. Also, check with local TV. Stations. If the Pulaski Schools closes on a Wednesday that we have a scheduled activity, we will **not** meet.

PARKING & PICKUP – high school student drivers park in rectory lot (across the street from the Church). Parents - all our outside doors of school building are open on class days – <u>be very careful not to park and block area</u> by the elevator.

 $1^{st}$  &  $2^{nd}$  grade parents – come into the building to pick up or send an older sibling to pick up.

CURRICULUM FOR GRADES 1-8 – is entitled "Alive in Christ" and cycles through 9 themes from the Catholic Catechism – Jesus, Revelation, Morality, Sacraments, Catholic Social Teachings, Scripture, Prayer, Kingdom of God, and Trinity.

FIRST RECONCILIATION (2<sup>nd</sup> Grade) & FIRST EUCHARIST(3<sup>rd</sup> Grade)

- ❖ Children must have attended 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Faith Formation or a Catholic School to receive 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation.
- ❖ 2<sup>nd</sup> Graders or older children who have not been enrolled in Faith Formation or a Catholic School and who have not received their First Sacraments must attend one full year of instruction prior to

- the year in which the sacraments are to be received.
- All students preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist and their parents prepare for the sacraments by participating in series of sessions called "Journeying Together in Faith" as well as a morning retreat.
- ❖ Per Diocesan Guidelines, preparation and reception of First Reconciliation must be received *prior* to First Eucharist.

CURRICULUM FOR GRADE 9-12 -is a Confirmation journey that immerses our youth into a life of discipleship as they participate in sessions focused on life in Christ, morality, Bible, the Sacrament of Confirmation, the Sacrament rituals, the gifts and fruits of the Spirit, and living in the life of God's Spirit. They will also participate in retreats, the prayer life of the Catholic Church and service opportunities. <u>RETREATS</u>: Grade 11 participates in an Evening of Reflection. Grade 12 participates in an all-day Confirmation retreat.

## SERVICE PROJECTS: (for Assumption B.V.M. Parish)

**Grade 7**- participate in the "Meals of Hope" service project

**Grade 8** – warming hearts, souls & bodies, making winter scarves and blankets for our local Community Pantry and local Homeless Shelters

**Grade 9** – participate in the "Meals of Hope" service project

**Grade 10** – participate in the "Meals of Hope" service project

**Grade 11** – preparing and leading the Stations of the Cross during Holy Week

JOURNEYING TOGETHER IN FAITH – (process of accompanying parents as the  $1^{st}$  teachers of the faith) continue with all Grades 4-11 annually. See Faith Formation Schedule for more information.

HOME STUDY – this option of learning is available upon request. Contact <a href="mailto:deanne.wilinski@abvm.org">deanne.wilinski@abvm.org</a> for more information.

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