

St. Mary & St. Joseph Youth Group Expectations

These policies are in place to provide a space for safe interaction between all individuals participating in youth ministry in a meaningful way that helps us all grow in **virtue, holiness, and maturity**. You are expected to adhere to these policies at all youth group events, on campus or off campus. Thank you for helping make this a fun and fruitful space for your faith!

Attendance

- If you need to be late or leave early, please do not come or leave in a disruptive manner.

CONFIRMATION PREP STUDENTS:

The attendance information in the next two bullet points pertains to those attending Wednesday evening youth group for the period of preparation leading up to receiving the sacrament of Confirmation.

- You must be present the whole time in order to get credit for attendance for Confirmation Prep, unless late arrival/early departure is cleared with me in advance.
- You are permitted to miss up to 5 classes during the confirmation prep period. Material from missed classes should be made up by the student at home.
- Katie is happy to help you catch up on any work missed!

Dress

- Please dress modestly. Out of respect for God, yourself, and your neighbor, do not wear clothing that is inappropriate, too tight or revealing or with images/wording promoting topics out of line with Church teaching.

Behavior

- We expect you to respect yourself, your peers, and your core members.
- Do not use your phones during youth group gatherings during presentations, faith discussion and sharing. Fellowship events/time are fine for phone usage.
- Do not use vulgar language, profanity, or the Lord's name in vain.
- Refrain from side conversations during talks and small group sharing.
- There is a zero tolerance policy for bullying and/or gossip.
- Give respect to the presenter by paying attention
- Do not interrupt others.
- Refrain from PDA and roughhousing.
- Please try not to leave the room except for legitimate reasons such as to use the restroom or deal with an emergency.
 - Make sure a core member knows where you are going **before** you go **anywhere**.
 - If you need to leave the room for a reason beyond what is listed, please speak to an adult core member and get permission before leaving.
 - The event is not over until you are dismissed by the youth minister or a core member.

Consequences for poor behavior

- I understand that expectations, especially when they haven't been reviewed in a while, are often difficult to follow. I will of course offer a certain amount of lenience if/when you don't follow an expectation (unless it's a serious situation). If breaking expectations continues to be a problem, the following will take place:
 - For minor issues (goofing off, immodest dress, etc.)
 - i. Subtle, immediate redirection.
 - ii. If redirection doesn't solve the problem, we'll need to have a conversation addressing the issue.

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- iii. If the conversation doesn't solve the problem, it will become a major issue.
- For major issues (putting self or others in danger, severe disrespect, etc.)
 - i. First major issue or a minor issue that's not solved after a conversation will result in a call home.
 - ii. If the call home doesn't solve the problem, you and a parent will have to meet with me to discuss the problem.
 - iii. If we continue to have the problem after the meeting, you will no longer be allowed to attend youth group events without a parent present
 - parent must be safe environment certified to attend

If you or a parent would like to discuss these expectations, I'd be happy to schedule a time to talk. Please feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Katie Warren
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By signing below, I agree that I have read and understand the above stated participation requirements and behavioral guidelines for youth ministry/Confirmation prep at St. Mary (Lanesville) and St. Joseph (Corydon).

Printed Parent Name: _____ Date: _____

Parent Signature: _____