

***Sacred Heart of Oscoda’s***

**Youth Ministry Calendar 2025-26**

**Questions? Call Sacred Heat’s *Coordinator of Youth Ministry* Marilyn Trumper-Samra at (313) 719-3226.**

***Sunday, Sept. 14, remember to register for Youth Ministry after Mass THIS weekend.***

***Sunday, Sept. 21, in the parish Library, after the 9 a.m. Mass, “Judging a Book by its Cover.”* Are we too quick to make a decision about who a person is or the opportunity for new experiences based on what we think we see, or what we think we know? Have we talked ourselves right out of new friendships, or learning new things, or having new adventures, because we simply don’t like the way someone looks, or dresses, or thinks, or we decide a new opportunity is “stupid” and smugly don’t get involved? Why do we do that? Are we afraid? Jealous? Just small thinkers? What have we missed out on in life living this way? And how do we break the habit? Most importantly – why? A consecrated host to the uniformed just looks like a small, round, white wafer. We as Catholics know it’s so much more – *and life-saving!* Learn how to think and live big the way God designed us to – using the Eucharist to fuel our decisions! Great food, and snacks! Friends are always welcome and they don’t have to be Catholic!**

***Sunday, Sept. 28 – No class – do something holy with your family!***

***Sunday, Oct. 5, in the parish Library, after the 9 a.m. Mass, “How to Know God is Talking to You!”* God is never going to steer us wrong, or encourage us to do anything that would hurt our bodies, minds or souls. All we have to do is listen. But so often we choose to listen to other voices in the world that steer us wrong, making certain evils look great, a thing to desire, a thing to pull close. And it always leads to sin. Our conscience is a gift from God. When activated by the Holy Spirit to help in decision-making, its pang and gnawing are a powerful message to NOT go that way! GO the opposite way! What does the voice of God sound like? Where do we hear it? Who often delivers it? How do we know what voices to trust? Great food, and snacks! Friends are always welcome and they don’t have to be Catholic!**

***Sunday, Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 5,6 and 7 – the Parish Mission! Check the bulletin for all details!***

***Sunday, Oct. 12, in the parish Library, after the 9 a.m. Mass, “We Catholics love the Blessed Mother!”* We will talk briefly about why that is – and what can we do to support people who share our faith – who also support the Blessed Mother – especially in a very public way! How do we gain courage from the support of others? From where do you think Jesus gained his courage? Then we’ll head out dressed for the weather in an adult-driven vehicle to visit people who have a statue of the Blessed Mother in their yard – and gift them with a blessing bag of “Thanks for your courage!” Permission slips/medical form are required and available from Marilyn, or on the table in the Gathering Space. Service Hours for those who need them! Great food, and snacks! Friends are always welcome and they don’t have to be Catholic!**

***Sunday, Oct. 19, in the parish Library, after the 9 a.m. Mass, “Ouija Boards.”* Are they a simple parlor game designed to illicit squeals of fear and delight, like a good ghost story around the fire? Or are they more? Something to reject and from which to stay away? A danger? And what does messing around with one mean you are open to – *even if you don’t think so yourself?* What does the Catholic Church teach about Ouija Boards and why is it important to know? How might this knowledge one day help you, or a friend or a family member? What’s the big deal? Evil does exist. Come and learn! Great food, and snacks! Friends are always welcome and they don’t have to be Catholic!**

***Sunday, Oct. 26 - No class – do something holy with your family!***

***Sunday, Nov. 2, in the parish Library, after the 9 a.m. Mass, “Painting Food Boxes.”* There are quite a few places here in town that regularly offer food to those in need, and FISH is one Sacred Heart regularly works with. How delightful would it be to provide a family their food in a painted box, decorated with positive affirmations, Scripture references and thoughtful art? A box that says “We are thinking about you – and want you to know it!” No artistic skills necessary. Service Hours for those who need them! Great food, and snacks! Friends are always welcome and they don’t have to be Catholic!**

***Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 8-9, in the Gathering Space, after the 4 p.m. and 9 a.m. Masses, hand out pocket snacks and a St. Hubert prayer and bio to hunters as they exit the church!* If you can wear hunter’s blaze orange or camo to identify you – that would rock! Service Hours for those who need them!**

***Sunday, Nov. 9, in the parish Library, after the 9 a.m. Mass, “The Best Way to Handle Rude Comments!”* Jesus had his share of rude comments, snarky challenges and hateful thoughts. If we model the way Jesus handled it – will that ensure the comments never happen again? Did they stop for Him? How do we know? We are called as Catholic Christians to love, turn the other cheek, and stand tall in faith. Why is it so hard? How can we learn to respond to rudeness as Christ did? When can we be confident we will come out on the winning side? Great food, and snacks! Friends are always welcome and they don’t have to be Catholic!**

***Sunday, Nov. 16, in the parish Library, after the 9 a.m. Mass, “Rarest and Most Common Miracles!”* We look today at the miracles of Jesus, and into what classes they might be divided. The reality of Jesus’ miracles is overwhelming! “*The Gospels are four separate accounts of Christ’s life, written within a generation or two of his ministry and share many overlapping details of his miracles. They are recorded by Jews and pagans as well, and writings outside of Scripture.”* (I did not write the former, and can’t remember where I got it.) How does the Catholic Church define a “miracle” and what is its purpose? Do miracles occur today? How do we know? Great food, and snacks! Friends are always welcome and they don’t have to be Catholic!**

***Sunday, Nov. 23, in the Social Hall after the 9 a.m. Mass, FAMILY ACTIVITY!***

***Sunday, Nov. 30 - No class – do something holy with your family!***

***Friday, Dec. 5, come to Marilyn’s and help build the parish float for the Oscoda Christmas Parade! Call (313) 719-3226 to let her know you are coming! 7- 9 p.m. Garage is heated! Service hours for those who need them! Invite your families! If you come alone, you will need paperwork!***

***Saturday, Dec. 6, probably line up at 5:45 p.m. at Furtaw Field for probably a 6 p.m. Parade Start. Times are approximate. You will be notified of actual times. Dress for the weather and be ready to hand out candy! You are encouraged to wear lights on your body that light up! Parade lasts about an hour. Service Hours for those who need them. Invite your family! If you come alone – you will need paperwork.***

***Sunday, Dec. 7, in the Library, after the 9 a.m. Mass, TBA!*  Friends are always welcome and they don’t have to be Catholic! Great food, friends and fun!**

***Sunday, Dec. 7, we gather to sing Christmas Carols to the folks in Oscoda from 6-8 p.m.*  Park in the Three Pipes Park parking lot and dress for the weather. As a group, we’ll go from house to house on the old Air Force Base, knock on the door, and if someone answers, we sing a verse of a traditional Catholic Christmas hymn like “Joy to the World” or “We Three Kings.” You know them – and if you don’t – come and learn! We have the song books. Open to all in the parish – especially families! A great way to get into the Christmas Season and herald our Lord’s birth in this often-dark world that longs to see His light! We have been well-received the past two years – join us for the third! Wear Santa hats or Christmas lights. Show Oscoda what kind of people worship at Sacred Heart! Service Hours for those who need them! To RSVP call Marilyn at (313) 719-3226 so she knows who is coming! Invite your families! If you come alone – you will need paperwork! Hot chocolate and donuts!**

***Sunday, Dec. 14, in the parish Library, after the 9 a.m. Mass, “Talking to the Younger Kids.”* If you helped out at the Easter Egg Hunt, or Vacation Bible School – then you know the parish little people look up to you! They know you are not an adult – they know you are a kid, older than them – and they think you are cool! They see you in the pews, they see you serving Mass, they see you coming out of Youth Ministry, they see you marching with the seminarian to military cadences and checking out the answers at the Easter Egg Hunt. You serve in responsible positions at the parish. You are involved in your ministry and living a life of faith. If you think your being Catholic is important – THEY think it’s important! Today, we visit the classrooms of the little people, chat them up – and tell them why we do what we do at the parish! We love God, and want to serve God! They should too! Then we’ll fire up the buzzers and you quiz them on what they know! Candy prizes, of course! Great food, and snacks! Friends are always welcome and they don’t have to be Catholic! Service Hours for those who need them!**

***Sunday, Dec. 21, in the Social Hall after the 9 a.m. Mass, – no class - FAMILY ACTIVITY!***

***Sunday, Dec. 28, no class! Blessed Christmas! Christ is born – Glorify Him!***

***Sunday, Jan. 4, in the parish Library, after the 9 a.m. Mass, “A Pro-Life Message!”*  Catholics believe and teach that life is a gift from God, created by and delivered into the world - by God. We are made in HIS image, beautifully and wonderfully made! What problems occur when man decides he can play God, and decide when life begins and when it ends? We’ll explore some of the arguments and find out how to defend the faith. Great food and snacks! Friends are always welcome – and they don’t have to be Catholic!**

***Sunday, Jan. 11, in the parish Library, after the 9 a.m. Mass, “How Do I Know What to Pray About?”* Do we need to prioritize our lives when talking to God, or does God want to know about anything and everything going on in our lives? *(Of course, He already does! 😊)* Is there anything we can’t bring to Him? When we mess up – does he want to hear from us then? *Or most especially then?* *Or, before?* If we talk to God about everything how might that change what our lives look like? How might that change about how we feel – about our lives and our decisions. Do you think we will make better decisions more often? Great food, and snacks! Friends are always welcome and they don’t have to be Catholic!**

***Sunday, Jan. 18, in the parish Library, after the 9 a.m. Mass, “Circle of Grace.”*  What is a personal boundary? Can you touch a personal boundary? How do you develop it? How do you enforce it? Why is it important to enforce it? What should you do when someone crosses that boundary? Come and learn how boundaries keep us safe, define relationships, and why that’s a benefit to your life as you make your way in this world! Great food and snacks! Friends are always welcome and they don’t have to be Catholic!**

***Sunday, Jan. 25 - no class – do something holy with your family!***

***Sunday, February 1, in the parish Library, after the 9 a.m. Mass, “Mixing it up for Lent!”* Marilyn has a commitment in Metro-Detroit. In her place, an adult will fill in. It’s not enough to say “I’ll pray for you.” If we say we will, we have an obligation to do it! Each of you will receive a special Lenten packet to help keep you on track this Lent with a special mission target that just might create a new Lenten vibe for YOU AND the happy recipient! Sound mysterious? *It kind of is!* All will be revealed this morning! Service Hours after Lent, for those who need them. Great food, and snacks! Friends are always welcome and they don’t have to be Catholic!**

***Sunday, Feb. 8, in the parish Library, after the 9 a.m. Mass, “We LOVE you!”* We’ll talk briefly about how to make a difference in Christ’s name – then head over to an as yet, unnamed locale but certainly here in town - to senior citizens gathered in their shared space – and gift each of them with a bag of deliciousness for Valentine’s Day! It does not take a lot to put a bounce in someone’s step! *Be the bounce!* Permission slips and medical forms available from Marilyn, are due Feb. 8. Service Hours for those who need them. Great food, and snacks! Friends are always welcome and they don’t have to be Catholic!**

***Sunday, Feb. 15, in the Social Hall after the 9 a.m. Mass, FAMILY ACTIVITY!***

***Wednesday, Feb. 18 – It’s Ash Wednesday! Enjoy a Lenten Soup Dinner and attend evening Stations of the Cross with your family. See bulletin for time, etc.***

***Sunday, Feb. 22, no class – do something holy with your family!***

***Sunday, March 1, in the Library after the 9 a.m. Mass, “Where your Heart is, there Your Treasure Lies!”* What does that from Matthew 6:21 mean? What do you treasure in life? What does that reflect about your values and character? What do people decide about you – based on what they see you valuing and how they see you living? Who was St. Patrick and what did he treasure? How do we know? Then of course – a treasure hunt!!!! Great food, and snacks! Friends are always welcome and they don’t have to be Catholic!**

***Sunday, March 8, in the Library, after the 9 a.m. Mass, “Egg Stuffing!”* In preparation for our Second Annual Egg Hunt for the little people – we stuff plastic eggs with delicious, lovely treats! Great food, and snacks! Friends are always welcome and they don’t have to be Catholic! Service Hours for those who need them.**

***Sunday, March 15, in the Social Hall after the 9 a.m. Mass, FAMILY ACTIVITY!***

***Sunday, March 22, outside after the 9 a.m. Mass – the Second Annual Easter Egg Hunt for parish little people!* Marilyn and George will have it all set up! Youth Group mans the table, and hands out prizes for those who answer their Catechism question correctly, or who have a prize coming to them indicated by a note in an egg! Service Hours for those who need them! *DRESS FOR THE WEATHER!***

***(Marilyn and George are leaving late March and will return in early May – from walking the Le Puy en Velay Pilgrimage route, from Le Puy, France, up over the Pyrenees and we will end our adventure in Pamplona, Spain. About six weeks journey we think! Please keep us in prayer – you will be in ours! In my absence, I have a number of wonderful parishioners to lead class and teach you about our loving God!***

***Sunday, March 29, no class. It’s Palm Sunday! At Coffee and Donuts, learn how to make palm weavings!***

***Sunday, April 5, no class. It’s Easter Sunday! Christ is Risen!***

***Sunday, April 12, “Help with Coffee & Donuts”* After Mass, make your way to the kitchen and look for MaryJo Samotis and Hailee Lumbardo. They will tell you what to do! This time together after Mass is important to so many people in the parish. They find old friends, make new friends, and are part of the fabric of what makes Sacred Heart such a beautiful parish! How lovely to do so over a cup of hot coffee and a wonderfully fresh donut. For people who live alone, this time to socialize is an important part of their week. Service Hours for those who need them.**

***Sunday, April 19, “Vacuum the Church!”* Meet in the Library after Mass for deliciousness! Pattie Snyder will be there in Marilyn’s place. After eating – you’ll head over to the Church sanctuary! Parishioners clean the Church and we save the parish the cost of hiring a professional cleaning or janitorial crew. This is one way to give back to the parish that does so much for you – especially if you are a kid who has no cash to give in the Sunday collection - but who can vacuum! Volunteers dust and vacuum every week. Join their ranks for one day and see what it’s like to do a job for the Lord! Great food and snacks! Friends are always welcome and they don’t to be Catholic! Service Hours for those who need them!**

***Sunday, April 26, no class – do something holy with your family!***

***Sunday, May 3, in the library, after the 9 a.m. Mass, “Picking it Up!”* Meet Pattie Snyder after the 9 a.m. Mass in the Parish Library. Dress for the weather! What makes our parish grounds different than the tire store’s next door, or the hotel to the north? The grounds are an extension of the Church. What happens in the Church that is different than any other place in the world – except another Catholic Church? Why should we want the outside to reflect the inside? Cleaning the parish grounds is something we do for ourselves, fellow parishioners – AND most importantly - God! It’s good and holy work! Service Hours for those who need them! Great food and snacks! Friends are always welcome and don’t have to be Catholic!**

***Sunday, May 10, no class, it’s Mother’s Day! Don’t forget to thank your Mother for giving you life!***

***No class Sunday May 17.***

***No class Sunday, May 24***

***Sunday, May 31 – Plant Flowers!* After Coffee & Donuts – help Mrs. Negro beautify both approaches to the Church and show Oscoda that we know the outside of our Church is a reflection of what goes on inside! Beautiful! Perfection! Jaw-dropping! Service Hours for those who need them! Show all who enter how much we love our parish and want her dolled up and looking beautiful for the summer – *especially to greet our Summer Guests!*  Bring a garden trowel if you have one, gardening gloves are a plus, and wear or change into clothes that can get dirty!**

***Monday, Wednesday and Friday June 8, 10 and 12 – Vacation Bible School for our parish little people! This year’s theme: “I DIRTY, TRIPLE, DOUBLE-DARE YOU!” - Nights of Extreme Challenges!* Wear old clothes – the kind where you don’t care what happens to them – and each night bring a black garbage bag with holes cut out for your head and arms – to wear home in the car or truck! *You will get messy!* What does messy faith look like? How can you avoid it? What does the Church have in place to help you stay on the straight and narrow? Is there an actual path we can follow – and if so – who walked it first and showed us how? Help run VBS for the parish little people and earn Service Hours – *while you have fun!***

***Friday, July 3 – Decorate the parish float for the Oscoda-AuSable Chamber of Commerce July 4th Parade!* We meet in Marilyn’s driveway! Probably around 1 p.m. RSVP to let her know you are coming and she will firm up the time. Bring your family if you want – it’s great fun and goes quickly! If you come alone – you will need paperwork! Service hours for those who need them!**

***Saturday, July 4 Oscoda-AuSable Chamber of Commerce July 4th Parade!* Meet in Furtaw Field and look for the float! Wear red, white and blue! Dress lightly – it’s always soooooo hot! You will be handing out candy to parade goers along the way! Service Hours for those who need them! This is a GREAT family event! If you come sans family – you will need paperwork! As of this writing, Marilyn can’t remember what time we line up. If you RSVP – she will let you know.**