



ST. ALOYSIUS 7TH/8TH GRADE CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM
WORDS & WORKS OPPORTUNITIES
FALL 2010

W&W Opportunity: **St. Aloysius Sunday School Assistants**

Open To: **7th and 8th Graders**

One to two helpers a week needed Sundays from 10:00-11:00 a.m. to assist parent teachers in the St. Aloysius Sunday School for 3's, 4/5's and kindergarten aged children. Duties include assisting with set-up of rooms, crafts, activities and clean up. Program runs October thru April. This will fulfill a spiritual work of mercy requirement. The group will also need assistance with craft preparation ahead of time to have ready for Sunday class on an as needed basis.

Contact: Denise Luccarelli 203-966-7731 dluccarelli@aol.com

W&W Opportunity: **Aides for Catechists**

Open To: **8th Graders Only**

Looking for 8th graders to become assistants in religious education classes from 10:00 -11:00 a.m. Sundays. Come read stories to the class, help with crafts, projects and worksheets and assist students to earn community service hours at the same time! They would love one aide for each of the classes or a group who can rotate each week. This will fulfill a spiritual work of mercy requirement

Contact: Kathleen Redman 203-652-1171 kathleencd@starcc.com

W&W Opportunity: **Sisters of Life**

Open to: **7th/8th Graders**

Get involved as an individual or class and assist the Sisters of Life in North Stamford. With advance notice, they have miscellaneous work that needs to be done on Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday afternoons from 2:30-5:00 pm

Contact: Sister Mary Theresa 203-329-1492

W&W Opportunity: Assist Little Sisters of the Poor September 25&26

Open To: 7th/8th Graders

The Little Sisters of the Poor will be visiting St. Aloysius during the Masses on September 25 and 26. These Religious women whose lives are dedicated to providing spiritual, physical and emotional support to our brothers and sisters whose lives require assistance. They will need some assistance in collecting donations at the doors at the 5:30 Mass on Saturday and the Masses on Sunday. If you would like to earn 30 minutes of service for helping them after a Mass, please email Chris Otis with the Mass that you are willing to cover.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 chrisotis@msn.com

W&W Opportunity: "What Not to Wear" Church Etiquette Video

Open To: 8th Graders

Looking for 8th graders interested in helping out as actors in the St. Aloysius Church Etiquette video project that will be used to help remind our Parish of the ways we can show our respect for God the Father while attending Mass

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 chrisotis@msn.com

W&W Opportunity: Music Ministry Hymn Book Updates - Wednesday, September 29

Open to: 7th/8th Graders

We need students to spend an hour in the Church updating hymnals in the pew. We ask that students report at 2:30 for instructions. Please email Chris Otis if you can attend.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 chrisotis@msn.com

W&W Opportunity: Breakfast Run into NYC - Sunday, October 3

Open to: 7th/8th Graders

Come together on Sunday, October 3 at 5:30 a.m. to assemble and then deliver breakfast bags to homeless in New York City. You will return to St. Aloysius by 11:00 a.m. Limited spaces are available, so reply early to ensure a spot. We will need virtus trained parents to accompany the group. This will fulfill a corporal work of mercy requirement.

Contact: Deacon Steve Pond 203-652-1154 youth@starcc.com

W&W Opportunity: Waveny Sunday Service

Open to: 7th/8th Grade Classes

Get involved as a class and plan and execute a Sunday service at Waveny. Service includes selecting readings and songs, lectoring, leading songs, praying with the residents, passing out water after communion and distributing bulletins. The service occurs Sunday mornings at Waveny 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. This will fulfill a spiritual work of mercy requirement.

Contact: Carrie Sindelar 203-972-8030 jsindelar@yahoo.com

W&W Opportunity: Sunday Hospitality Coffee Hosts

Open To: 7th/8th Grade Classes

Work as a class to cover the masses on ONE Sunday as the host for the Sunday Hospitality Sundays. Work would include arranging for refreshments, set up, serving at all of the masses on a selected Sunday and clean up. We would love for all classes to take a Sunday so that our parishioners can see the willingness of our students to get involved and support parish activities.

Contact: Mary Lou Salvati 203-966-4398 marylousalvati@yahoo.com

W&W Opportunity: Connecticut Bike Project - Saturday, October 23

Open to: 7th/8th Graders

Join the 8th grade class of Eppler/O'Leary as they host a bike drive for the Connecticut Bike Project. The Connecticut Bike Project collects and distributes donated bicycles in good shape to the poor of Bridgeport through the Urban Center at St. Charles Parish and our new partnership with Fresh Start - Reentry Program to help those in need of transportation to work and errands. Contact Alicia Eppler to work an hour or two at St. Aloysius.

Contact: Alicia Eppler 203-966-9905 epplered@optonline.net

W&W Opportunity: Cemetery Walks

Open To: 7th/8th Grade Classes

Coordinate a cemetery walk with your class! We will provide to you names of gravesites of members of our Parish. We ask that you locate the gravesites, pray at each gravesite and spruce it up by cleaning the headstone/pulling weeds/removing dead flowers. This will fulfill your Spiritual Work of Mercy requirement. Please contact Chris Otis for a list of gravesites that need visiting. This will fulfill a spiritual work of mercy requirement

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 chrisotis@msn.com

W&W Opportunity: Special Teen Adoration - Friday, November 5

Open To: 7th/8th Graders

We will offer a special teen adoration during our regular adoration from 3:00-4:00 p.m. Designed to help our young teens understand adoration and integrate it into their prayer lives, the hour will offer instruction on what to do during adoration . . . what adoration is . . . and specially selected music that will appeal to our teens. This will fulfill a spiritual work of mercy requirement.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 chrisotis@msn.com

W&W Opportunity: Rose of Mary Prayer Team

Open To: 7th/8th Graders

The prayer team's objective is to satiate the thirst of Christ by supporting the Diocese of Bridgeport's Office for Pastoral Services through prayer and sacrifice. We ask for a daily commitment of prayer for the intentions of each of the Ministries and the office staff. This will fulfill your Spiritual Work of Mercy requirement. Please contact Chris Otis for an outline of specifics of the program.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 chrisotis@msn.com

W&W Opportunity: Trip to the Knights of Columbus Museum - Sunday, October 24

Open To: 7th/8th Graders

Join us as we journey on our first of several Talks and Trips offerings - a visit to the Knights of Columbus Museum in New Haven. The trip will involve a guided tour of the special exhibit: *Mother Teresa: Life, Spirituality and Message*, in observance of the 100th anniversary of the sainthood candidate's date of birth on August 26, 1910. The tour and movie will feature a historical presentation, chronicling Mother Teresa's life from childhood to beatification by the Catholic Church. It includes biographical information, artifacts such as her sari and other religious and personal articles, as well as a full-scale replica of Mother Teresa's convent cell (room) in her Calcutta convent. We will leave St. A's at 12:00 and return in time for 5pm Mass. We will need some additional virtus trained chaperones for the event. Space is limited, so secure your spot early by contacting Chris Otis.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 chrisotis@msn.com

W&W Opportunity: Sr. Afternoon at the Movies

Open To: 7th/8th Classes and 7th/8th Graders

Come assist us in sponsoring an afternoon at the movies for senior citizens of the Parish. This will involve arriving at Stapleton Hall by 2:30 to set up and welcome the seniors who will arrive at 3:00 p.m. to watch a movie from our library. All who participate will be asked to donate refreshments such as baked goods and beverages. After watching the movie with the seniors, the group will clean up before leaving at approximately 5:00-5:30 p.m. We will continue this as a monthly activity, but will request that classes take this on as a class project for the remainder of the year. This will fulfill your Spiritual Work of Mercy requirement.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-652-1173 chrisotis@msn.com

W&W Opportunity: Love Your Neighbor NC Food Pantry Drive

Open To: 7th/8th Graders

Get involved as a class project or as an individual to take on one of the responsibilities of the food drive. Opportunities include publicity, distribution of bags at masses, emptying collection bins, transport to the NC Food Pantry and more! This will fulfill a corporal work of mercy requirement.

Contact: Diane Paturzo 203-972-1208 okemo@optonline.net

W&W Opportunity: New Covenant House Soup Kitchen/Kids in Crisis

Open To: 7th/8th Graders/7th/8th Grade Classes

Take a turn serving a meal to the homeless at the Soup Kitchen. Classes may also elect to prepare and serve a meal. Those who serve are requested to donate homemade baked goods and/or fruit juices. Dates are available. This will fulfill a corporal work of mercy requirement.

Contact: Deacon Steve 203-652-1154 youth@starcc.com

W&W Opportunity: St. Lukes LifeWorks

Open To: 7th/8th Grade Classes

LifeWorks is a non-denominational charity that provides services to more than 400 adults and children who face homelessness in Fairfield, Connecticut. Lifeworks' current focus is on providing educational opportunities, coaching and mentoring, and housing for families and individuals facing homelessness, recovering from mental illness, or living with HIV/AIDS. Service opportunities will vary and can be tailored to a class.

Contact: Denise Dagesse 203-388-0145 ddagesse@stlukeslifeworks.org

W&W Opportunity: Gingerbread House Making for St. Aloysius Homebound

Open to: 7th/8th Graders

Take time with your family or take on as a CCD class service project to build and decorate a gingerbread house that will be delivered to our parish homebound in December. Kits will be provided. You will need to purchase additional candy to decorate the house on your own. Kits will be available for pick up beginning December 6th - all houses must be completed and delivered to Chris Otis by December 16th. Limited kits available, so reserve early!

Contact: Chris Otis 203-966-8658 chrisotis@msn.com

W&W Opportunity: Preview Religious Education Videos

Open to: 7th/8th Graders

Assist the Religious Education Office by pre-viewing a video and writing up a review, based upon your opinion as a middle school student. A form with questions will be provided with the video.

Contact: Chris Otis 203-966-8658 chrisotis@msn.com

W&W Opportunity: Religious Education Office Support

Open to: 7th/8th Graders

Assist the Religious Education Office in jobs that need to be done to support the lower grade classes. Some may be take home work - other work may be in the office.

Contact: Kathleen Redman 203-652-1171 kathleencd@starcc.com

W&W Opportunity: Maryknoll Magazine Student Essay Contest

Open to: 7th/8th Graders

Think about how you are a disciple of Christ! Come up with a way to go out to the world and spread the Good News in our age of instant messaging and digital social networking (i.e. face book) . . . then go out and DO IT . . . and then write an essay and submit it to the contest. For more information and a submission form, please contact Chris Otis.

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