

## LITURGICAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Parishioners in Grade 6 and higher can minister as altar servers and those in Grade 9 and higher can serve as a lector or cantor. Call the Parish Center 610-525-4801 to talk to Pat Bogdan or email [stvliturg@verizon.net](mailto:stvliturg@verizon.net) for more information.

St. Thomas of Villanova Parish offers several opportunities throughout the year for children and teens to gather for faith formation:

**G.O.O.D. Stewards Camp**

**Kids Care Camp**

**Martin Luther King-Day of Service**

**Family Breakfast with Santa**

**Family Palm Sunday Brunch**

**Family Nights**

**Family Splash Party**

**Turkeys to the Table**

**Poinsettia Delivery**

**Advent Giving Tree**

Call the Parish Center 610-525-4801 to talk to Anne Murphy or email [stvservice@verizon.net](mailto:stvservice@verizon.net) for more information.



## Faith Formation And Ministry Opportunities For Children and Teens



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## THE DOMESTIC CHURCH

The family forms the basic societal unit from which cultures and societies develop. From the New Testament days, the church holds the Christian family as the most basic unit of church life, too. It “constitutes a specific revelation of and realization of ecclesial communion, and for this reason it can and should be called a *domestic church*” (FC 21; LG 11; CCC2204)

In other words, the Christian family-in all its myriad forms-is the church at home.

(FC *Familiaris Consortio*, LG *Lumen Gentium*, CCC *Catechism of the Catholic Church*)



## MISSION

The Christian family has a specific vocation and mission for evangelization of the world through Christian discipleship (CIC 781) As the domestic church, Christian families realize their vocation and mission by embracing and living the seven essential elements of Church life (CIC Codex Iuris Canonici)

**WORD:** Christian message and teaching

**WORSHIP:** prayer, spirituality and worship

**COMMUNITY:** Catholic identity and Christian living

**SERVICE:** social teaching, social justice, social ministry

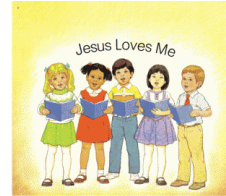
**LEADERSHIP:** proper to the life context of each person

**STEWARDSHIP:** accepting everything as a gift and giving back

**EVANGELIZATION:** our mission to bring all to Christ

## Opportunities for Faith Formation for Children in Grade School

*Mary's House*, is the parish preschool which accepts children 3-5 years of age into morning and extended day programs. Mary's House provides growth in awareness of God's love as experienced in family, parish, and community. Call Director, Mary Kurek at 610-525-7554 or email [mary.kurek@stvpreschool.org](mailto:mary.kurek@stvpreschool.org) for more information.



*Word of God* is the liturgy of the Word for children who attend the 9am Sunday mass in the Rosemont Chapel. This is for 3-7 year olds to listen to God's Word and respond to it in their unique way.

*Catholic Education for K-grade 8* is available through the cooperation of other parishes and the financial support of our parish. Call the Parish Center 610-525-4801 to talk to Karen Farley for more information.

*Religious Education Program* offers classes for children in grades 1-6 who do not attend a Catholic school. Classes are scheduled for Sunday mornings or Wednesday afternoons from September through April. The curriculum follows the guide lines of the Archdiocese. Call the Parish Center 610-525-4801 to talk to Ernie Sherrretta or email [stvrel.ed@verizon.net](mailto:stvrel.ed@verizon.net) for more information.



*Sacrament Preparation* prepares 2nd graders for Reconciliation and Eucharist as well as preparing 6th grade students for Confirmation. Call the Parish Center 610-525-4801 to talk to Ernie Sherrretta or email [stvrel.ed@verizon.net](mailto:stvrel.ed@verizon.net) for more information.

## YOUTH MINISTRY FOR TEENS

St. Thomas of Villanova Youth Group is open to both Junior High (grade 7-8) and High School (grade 9-12) students. Both groups meet on designated Tuesday nights. Meetings are held 7:30pm-9:00pm in the Youth Room in the Parish Center.



The St. Thomas of Villanova Youth Group is a group of middle school and high school students who focus on growth, empowerment, and participation in our Catholic faith. Students are always welcome to suggest topics they would like to discuss, service projects they would like to attempt, and social activities to consider. Call the Parish Center 610-525-4801 to talk to Karen Noonan or email [karentnoonan@gmail.com](mailto:karentnoonan@gmail.com). You can also check out the Youth Ministry blog: <http://stvyouthgroup.blogspot.com>