



# ST. MARIA GORETTI MS/HS RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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## Hello!

My name is Melissa Coleman, Director of Youth Ministry. While I am still a Texan at heart, we have lived in Wisconsin for almost 13 years now. My husband, Bryon and I have 3 children ranging in age from 23 to almost 18 years old and a dog, Colt. My background in secondary education and my passion for the Catholic faith is what brought me into this line of work. I served in the same role at our previous parish and am blessed to be here at St. Maria Goretti. I was tasked to build a solid catechetical foundation and to bring consistency into our programming. I am excited about the venture and I am looking forward to getting to know our students and their families!



**Registration is now open! Click [HERE](#) to go to our Registration and Calendars page!**

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

During the 3 middle school years, students will be taught the foundational teachings of the Catholic Church, thus better preparing them for Confirmation prep their freshman year of high school. The format will primarily be in small group settings according to grade levels. We are still looking for catechists! If you are interested in deepening your knowledge and passing on the faith, please join our team! Lesson plans already made and adult formation is built into our schedule.

We say the Creed every Sunday Mass but do we really know what each line means? Our 6th graders will focus on the Creed and the 10 Commandments. 7th graders will dive into the 18 commandments (yes, I said 18....curious?) and the sacraments. 8th graders will cover all this as we prepare them for Confirmation! We will also incorporate service projects throughout the year.

### **MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY**

ALL middle school students are invited to join the fun and service offered in youth ministry. Check out the middle school calendar of events. Information will be distributed for registration of each activity and will be made available on the parish website. We will need chaperones for each event! We have a 6:1 ratio required by the diocese. Prayerfully consider volunteering for some middle school fun and service!

### CONFIRMATION PREP

**WHO:** All high school 9th graders and any other high school student not yet confirmed and wanting to be!

**WHAT:** Classes to prepare you in the faith to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation!

**WHY:** Who doesn't need God's help in navigating our world and living a life with true meaning and purpose?

**WHEN:** You choose! 1) Sunday mornings beginning with 9am Mass and class from 10:30-noon OR 2) attend the weekend Mass of your choice and class Sunday evening 6:30-8pm

**WHERE:** We meet in the school.

**WE STILL NEED SMALL GROUP LEADERS!** All materials are provided and adult formation has been built into our schedule. This is a great way to increase your knowledge and faith while passing it on to the future of the Church.



**Registration is now open! Go to our Faith Formation page on the parish website!**

*Grant me, O  
Lord my God, a  
mind to know  
you, a heart to  
seek you,  
wisdom to find  
you, conduct  
pleasing to you,  
faithful  
perseverance in  
waiting for you,  
and a hope of  
finally  
embracing you.  
Amen.*

*- St. Thomas  
Aquinas*

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

Work has begun to establish an identity with several teens this summer which will lead to a fun and faith-filled culture as we move forward. Here is what I can tell you right now:

1. Our purpose is to know, love and serve God so to spend eternity with Him in heaven.
2. We will meet the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month 7:30-9pm to continue our learning and growing in faith in community with each other.
3. We will participate in events and activities that increase our prayer and sacramental life so to grow our love of God.
4. We will have an opportunity to serve our neighbors each month.
5. We are working on a "name" that is not simply "youth ministry" that fits our identity here at St. Maria Goretti. This is a process and a big decision. Stay tuned!