



THE CATHOLIC  
COMMUNITY OF  
PLEASANTON

## 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Youth Group Children of God (COG)

Begins early September 2021, concludes mid-May 2022  
Wednesday nights from approximately 545pm to 700pm.  
An occasional weekend activity may substitute a weekday session.  
Calendar will be posted and emailed the week before Labor Day.

This program is still part of the Elementary Program, however, in recognition of their age and maturity, gatherings will be held in a youth group format to promote community building and having fun, while learning about our Catholic Faith.

- Using games, crafts and discussion, the program will connect activities with our catechesis.
- A variety of resources (St. Mary's Press, Loyola Press, Ministry to Youth) will foster independent growth while encouraging youngsters to realize their role in the greater community.
- Lessons will be framed around the Liturgical seasons of the Church.
- We will explore and discuss stories from both the Old Testament and New Testament.
- By partnering with volunteer catechists and parents/family members, youngsters will be challenged to experience God's love and grace outside of the class setting.

I am grateful to have had a Catechist join me on each weekly ZOOM meeting in the 2020-2021 Faith Formation (FF) year; I am, again, seeking parent volunteers to –

- 1) Consider being a regular Catechist, a part-time Catechist, or a Co-Catechist. Catechist will meet with a small group of youngsters and 'teach' a short, scripted lesson. Facilitate and participate youth games and activities.
- 2) Snack and/or Session parent. These individuals will sign up to be present during a Faith Formation session and help with small tasks.
- 3) Activity Chaperone. These individuals will help with any off-site activities/field trips.

Please consider helping these youngsters with their faith journey. Think about it, pray about it, and please let me know if you can assist.

**God does not call the qualified, God qualifies the called.**

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