

TOTUS TUUS

"TOTALLY YOURS"



Dear Parents,

We would like to ask parents of all children participating in Totus Tuus to provide one box of cookies, crackers, a bag of chips, etc. to share during snack time. Please send this with your child Monday or as soon as possible. Also, please note, your child will need to bring a sack lunch with drink daily. Following lunch, children will have recess and are encourage to bring frisbees, jump ropes, balls, etc. Play clothes and tennis shoes are recommended. If you have any questions about the program, please call the parish office at 815-223-0641.

Totus Tuus

The Totus Tuus parish summer catechetical youth program is a week-long "parish mission" for Catholic youth entering grades 1st through 12th. It is dedicated to the proclamation of the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith through evangelization, catechesis, apologetics, Christian witness, the sacraments, Marian devotion, and Eucharistic worship. Totus Tuus aims to assist parents and parishes in the evangelizing and catechizing of their youth by supplementing the work they are already doing.

Mission

The mission of Totus Tuus is to inspire in young people a true longing for holiness, a deep desire for daily conversion, and an openness to their vocation by constantly challenging them to give themselves entirely to Christ through Mary and by continually strengthening their prayer lives in imitation of Her.

Totally Yours

Totus Tuus, a Latin phrase meaning "totally yours," was the motto of Venerable Pope John Paul II. Taken from St. Louis de Montfort's True Devotion to Mary, it signifies our desire to give ourselves entirely to Jesus Christ through the hands of our Blessed Mother Mary. It also expresses our effort to give all that we have to every young person we encounter.

When asked to explain this motto chosen for his papacy, Pope John Paul II responded, "Totus Tuus. This phrase is not only an expression of piety, or simply an expression of devotion. It is more.... At first, it had seemed to me that I should distance myself a bit from the Marian devotion of my childhood in order to focus more on Christ. Thanks to Saint Louis of Montfort, I came to understand that true devotion to the Mother of God is actually Christocentric, indeed, it is very profoundly rooted in the Mystery of the Blessed Trinity, and the mysteries of the Incarnation and Redemption" (Crossing the Threshold of Hope, p. 212-213).

Method

Totus Tuus calls upon college students and seminarians from the Catholic Diocese of Peoria and across the United States to carry this mission to every young person they encounter. Totus Tuus teachers are energetic, enthusiastic, have a deep love for the faith, are committed to spiritual growth, and desire to work with youth.

Teachers are trained, grouped into teams of four, and sent out to a different parish every week for five weeks, where they conduct a week-long "parish mission," teaching and inspiring the parish's youth.

2013 Curriculum: 1st - 6th Grades

Theme: The Sacraments / Mysteries: The Joyful Mysteries

Monday

Class #1 The Annunciation

Class #2 What is a sacrament?

Class #3 Jesus gives the 7 Sacraments.

Class #4 The Church and the Sacraments

Tuesday

Class #1 The Visitation

Class #2 Baptism

Class #3 Discipleship

Class #4 Confirmation

Wednesday

Class #1 The Nativity

Class #2 Eucharist: The Last Supper

Class #3 Eucharist: Source & Summit- 7 -

Class #4 Reconciliation

Thursday

Class #1 The Presentation in the Temple

Class #2 Anointing of the Sick

Class #3 Marriage

Class #4 Holy Orders

Friday

Class #1 The Finding in the Temple

Class #2 Our Mission to Serve: Stewardship and

Vocations

2013 Topics: 7th - 12th Grades

Sunday

Why sacraments? / Baptism & Identity as a Child of God

Monday

Eucharist / Confirmation & Discipleship

Tuesday

Adoration and Confession

Wednesday

Chastity / Vocations

Thursday

Apologetics Q&A / Evening Social

Grade School Program

The Totus Tuus Grade School Program runs Monday through Friday from 9:00am-2:30pm and is designed for children entering first through sixth grades in the 2013-14 school year. Totus Tuus endeavors to show the youth that a humble and courageous desire to know God must be based upon a personal relationship with our Lord and a steadfast, disciplined life of prayer combined with the reception of the sacraments.

The Grade School Program is very structured with the high point of each day being Mass, allowing us to center everything we do around Christ present to us in the Eucharist. A large portion of each day is spent on catechesis of the youth in a classroom setting. The children are split up into age groups (usually 1st & 2nd, 3rd & 4th, and 5th & 6th) so that instruction and questions can be directed appropriately. While classes comprise a large part of the day, Totus Tuus is not school and makes sure that the kids have FUN too! Therefore, we have a "pump up" to start each day, snack break in the morning, recess and "cool down" after lunch, and a skit break in the afternoon.

Daily Schedule 1st-6th GRADE PROGRAM

9:00 a.m. INTRODUCTION

9:15 a.m. Warm-up/Songs

9:25 a.m. CLASS PERIOD #1

9:50 a.m. Snack Break

10:10 a.m. CLASS PERIOD #2

10:35 a.m. Music Preparation for Mass

10:45 a.m. Mass Preparation/Confessions

11:15 a.m. MASS

12:00 p.m. Lunch-Recess

12:45 p.m. Cool Down-Water Break/ decade of the Rosary w/ day's mystery

12:55 p.m. CLASS PERIOD #3

1:20 p.m. Skit Break

1:40 p.m. CLASS PERIOD #4

2:05 p.m. Gather, Review and Closing Prayer

2:15 p.m. DISMISSAL

Junior High and High School Program

Totus Tuus offers instruction in the evening Sunday through Thursday from 7:00-9:15pm for junior high (entering grades 7th-8th) and high school youth (entering grades 9th-12th). The Totus Tuus Junior High and High School Programs comprise of instruction, small group discussions, quiet meditation, prayer, and fellowship. Additionally, just like the grade school program, Totus Tuus is also FUN! Most evenings begin with an icebreaker activity or game to set the tone that Catholicism is exciting!

Daily Schedule 7th-12th GRADE PROGRAM

7:00 p.m. Introduction/Activity

7:30 p.m. SESSION #1

8:00 p.m. Break

8:30 p.m. SESSION #2

9:00 p.m. Night Prayer (Compline)

9:15 p.m. DISMISSAL