

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 St. 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, St. 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.

2014 Curriculum: 1st - 6th Grades

2014 Theme: The Commandments / 2014 Mysteries: The Luminous Mysteries

Monday

Class #1 The Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan

Class #2 Laying the Foundation: Moses & Israelites

Class #3 1st Commandment: Love of God

Class #4 Saint Study

Tuesday

Class #1 The Wedding Feast at Cana

Class #2 2nd Commandment: The Lord's Name

Class #3 3rd Commandment: Keep Holy the Sabbath

Class #4 Saint Study

Wednesday

Class #1 The Proclamation of the Kingdom

Class #2 4th Com: Honor Your Mother and Father

Class #3 5th Commandment: You Shall Not Kill

Class #4 Vocational Discernment

Thursday

Class #1 The Transfiguration

Class #2 6th/9th Com: Adultery and Coveting

Class #3 8th Com: Shall Not Bear False Witness

Class #4 Adoration

Friday

Class #1 The Institution of the Eucharist

Class #2 7th/10th Com: Stealing and Coveting Your Neighbor's Goods

2014 Topics: 7th - 12th Grades

Sunday

Witnessing to the Truth / Made in the Image of God

Monday

Love of God / Love of Neighbor

Tuesday

Adoration and Confession

Wednesday

Vocations in the Church / Apologetics

Thursday

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 2014-15 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