

# Sunday Schedule

(September - June)

8:00 - 8:45 am Holy Eucharist	9:45 - 10:45 am Church School
9:15 - 9:45 am Family Eucharist	9:45 - 10:45 am Youth Classes
9:45 - 11:30 am Nursery Available	10:00 - 11:15 am Holy Eucharist



*The Church School at St. Andrew's welcomes children and youth of all ages to a journey of faith formation from preschool through their high school graduation.*

With the support of the parish, our children and youth experience the church as a warm, welcoming place that instills an abundance of faith, hope and love.

As our children grow into adolescence and become young adults, we want each person to know they always have a home at St. Andrew's.



## Faith Formation for Children and Youth

*The mission of our Church School is to nurture the gift of faith as we share the Good News of Jesus Christ.*

Each year we continue to fulfill this mission by learning about the Bible, participating in liturgical services, reaching out to others, and making friends at St. Andrew's.

*Ready to begin your child's journey of faith?*

Contact Carol to register or learn more about our Faith Formation programming.

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*We hope to see you soon!*



*Clergy, staff and volunteers at St. Andrew's have received "Safe Church for the Protection of Children and Youth" training as required by the Episcopal Diocese of Michigan.*

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**FAITH FORMATION**

*for Children and Youth*



# Curriculum

*The Church School offers an integrated program of faith formation, through worship, lessons, outreach, ministry, and community, providing an environment that truly nurtures the gift of faith in all ages.*

## Families with Young Children

Our youngest children joyfully experience the mystery of God in a special way when attending our child-friendly Family Service held each Sunday at 9:15 am in the Chapel. This abbreviated Eucharist encourages curiosity, imagination and invites these young ones to enter into the Bible story.

## Early Childhood

Based on a Montessori approach to the “wonder of worship,” Godly Play® recognizes that children have an innate sense of the presence of God. Teachers facilitate appropriate language, parables, silence, sacred stories and liturgy through “shared wonderings” to help identify, nurture, and guide a young child’s spiritual quest.

## Elementary

During the elementary years, teachers and learners focus on both faith and practice using thematic curriculum materials that follow the Biblical narrative and liturgical orientation. Young learners also come to know Episcopal customs and practices. The creative weaving of scripture, sacraments and church themes, serve in the discovery of God within oneself, one another and the world, as well as create experiences for participation in worship and the liturgy.

## Youth Program

For our teens in middle and high school, we hope to help them understand that God’s Word is a powerful force and can be a foundation to help them fit the pieces of their everyday lives together. The heart of the youth program is in the weekly lessons, young adult forums, outreach activities, social events and shared experiences. Opportunities are available to serve in outreach ministries and regularly participate in congregational worship as acolytes, ushers, lectors, and choir members.

**Middle School** Students take their first steps towards adulthood by exploring new ideas and honoring their pondering questions of doubt and faith in both fun and serious activities. They build friendships and begin to take active and visible roles in worship and other ministries.

**High School** Teens in early high school grades explore their faith more deeply and become aware of their own story as they navigate the challenges of everyday life. Life skills such as team-building, planning and organizing are emphasized. They form a strong peer group within the Church as they prepare for a Pilgrimage journey.

**Capstone** With the guidance of mentors, youth in upper high school contemplate their future and embrace adulthood. They begin to assimilate into the life of the parish in adult ministries and prepare for Confirmation as they discern how their passions, natural talents and spiritual gifts work together with God’s calling to serve in the wider world.



# Special Programs

## OUTREACH



### *Sharing and Caring*

We encourage our children and youth to share what they have with others through a variety of age-appropriate outreach initiatives with local and international organizations.

## MUSIC



### *Raise a joyful voice*

Children and youth of all ages are invited to participate in one of our three youth choirs. Weekly rehearsals provide a musical education that will serve young musicians.

## THEATRE



### *Shine so others see Him through you*

Throughout the year, children and adults come together to perform a variety of religious and popular musical theatre productions centering on the Liturgical seasons.

## Liturgical Celebrations

- Annual Church School lessons and special family-friendly events have included:**
- Christmas Eve Family Service & Party
  - Epiphany
  - Carnivale
  - Ash Wednesday Family Service
  - Seder Dinner
  - Stations of the Cross
  - Animal Blessing
  - Easter Egg Hunt
  - Día de los Muertos
  - Feast of St. Andrew
  - St. Nicholas Party