



St. John Neumann

Middle School Faith Formation

Join our Volunteer Team!

Rooted is the Middle School Faith Formation program at St. John Neumann parish. Rooted consists of a series of sessions which follow a retreat model.

Through these sessions, sixth, seventh, and eighth graders participate in learning, fellowship, service, prayer, and fun; with a focus on becoming more ROOTED in their Catholic faith.

About 350 middle schoolers participate in the Rooted program each year and about 100 volunteers are needed to keep the program running smoothly. Please see the reverse side of this flyer for more specifics on volunteer roles.

Volunteers do NOT need prior experience, you just need to be a practicing Catholic and have a desire to pass along our faith to future generations.

Volunteers receive all training and materials needed. Waived Faith formation tuition and priority registration is given to all children of volunteers.

See the reverse for more information. Contact Angela Davis, Coordinator of Middle School Faith Formation, with any questions (see below for contact info). Check out our website for more information and to register as part of the Rooted Volunteer Team!

www.saintjn.org/rooted

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BEFORE BEGINNING THE YEAR

All volunteers should expect to participate in the following (in addition to any role-specific training listed below):

- Completion of the Diocesan's child protection requirements which include paperwork, background checks, and attendance at a VIRTUS "Protecting God's Children" seminar.
- Beginning of the Year Catechist / Volunteer Training

SESSION SPECIFIC ROLES

- **Small Group Facilitator (SGF)** – Accompany a group of about 10 students on their faith journey during the Rooted year. Facilitate small group faith sharing times along with ice breakers and team building activities during each session. Ensure that all students are comfortable and engaged. Attend SGF specific trainings (approximately 3 throughout the year). (SGFs are NOT expected to create lesson plans, lesson plans are emailed out ahead of time.)
- **SGF Floater** – Join with small groups during faith sharing and team building times to assist the Small Group Facilitator. When needed, fill-in as a substitute for SGFs if they are absent. Attend SGF specific trainings (approximately 3 throughout the year).
- **Station Leader** – Lead various activities and lessons during the rotating stations portion of the sessions and assist with large group programming. Attend Station Leader trainings (approximately 3 throughout the year). (Station Leaders are NOT expected to create lesson plans, lesson plans are emailed out ahead of time.)
- **Session Coordinator** – Assist with all aspects of the session as needed. Fill-in as substitutes for other volunteer roles when necessary. Assist with transitions and other tasks to keep sessions running smoothly. Attend SGF and/or Station Leader trainings as schedule permits.
- **Session Monitor** – Set-up, monitor, and clean-up snack. Act as a hall monitor during station rotations. Assist with clean-up during the closing.
- **Attendance Monitor** – Collect attendance sheets after the opening and make phone calls to parents of absent children. Assist with tracking and logging attendance and any other office work needed during the session. Act as a parking lot monitor at the close of each session.

ROLES OUTSIDE OF SESSION TIMES

Non-session volunteers are welcome to also volunteer for other roles if possible.

- **Media Coordinator** – Organize pictures and videos to create slide shows for Rooted and Branching Out. Assist with the bulletin board and contribute ideas for flyers, bulletin announcements, and social media posts. Possibly assist youth in becoming more involved in this aspect of the program. (THIS ROLE DOES NOT NEED TO WORK DURING SESSIONS AND CAN SET ALTERNATE SCHEDULES.)
- **Office Coordinator** – Assist with organizing supplies and paperwork in-between session. (THIS ROLE DOES NOT NEED TO WORK DURING SESSIONS AND CAN SET ALTERNATE SCHEDULES.)
- **Fund Raising Coordinator** – Lead and assist with fund raising efforts and service/outreach for the year. (THIS ROLE DOES NOT NEED TO WORK DURING SESSIONS AND CAN SET ALTERNATE SCHEDULES.)
- **Set-Up Coordinator** – Assist with supervising set-up volunteers (mostly youth) and ensure that rooms are ready for sessions. (Sundays 12pm-2pm and/or Sundays 3pm-5pm)
- **OTHER** – Perhaps you have another idea for a way that you can be involved in the Rooted program. We would love to hear your thoughts