# **Welcome Back!**

# **Middle School Schedule for 2023/2024**

Registration is now open for all grades 1-10 for the 2023/24 school year.

The 2023/24 school year will feature 8 livestreamed spotlight lessons just like last year. I had a great time doing them and I think they work for your busy lives. For the upcoming year I will continue to build on past lessons and include guest speakers and topics that are timely and relevant to your lives in middle school and the world we live in.

Our large group sessions will return on Monday and Wednesday afternoons and evenings. This year we will have five large group sessions.

This past year we started our G.A.I.M. time masses that took place during the 12 noon masses once a month. G.A.I.M. (Gospel Alive In Me) was so successful we will expand this service to twice a month. Our team of Liz Greenop and Sue Hess have been amazing and will return to make the Sunday readings come alive to our students. GAIM works like this: Students/families come to the 12-noon mass, and after the opening blessing we have the students come to the altar and then go to the chapel for us to “decode” the scriptures and put it on your level. This idea came from our Synod listening sessions we had this year. Our students have requested a more personal approach to understanding the scriptures and that is what we plan to do!

Large Group Class times will remain the same for 2023/2024. Your attendance is required for all sessions. (Students only need to attend on the day and time you select)

Monday - Grades 5/6 from 4 to 5 pm and Grades 7/8 from 7 to 8 pm

Wednesday – Grades 7/8 from 4 to 5 pm and Grades 5/7 from 7 to 8 pm

**Large Group Sessions 23/24**

**October**

Monday, October 16 and Wednesday, October 18

**November**

Monday, November 13 and Wednesday, November 15

**December (with parents for our big trivia and Advent service)**

Monday, December 18 and Wednesday, December 20

**January**

January 21, 2024, Middle School Retreat open to all middle school students 1 to 5:30 pm (includes mass)

**February**

Monday, February 12, and Wednesday February 21

**March – This large group will feature a guest speaker in the gym. All families are invited to attend.**

Monday, March 18, and Wednesday March 20

**Sptotlight! Lessons 23/24**

All lessons are interactive and will stream live on our YouTube page. If you miss the live lesson, you can watch anytime post stream. All PDFs of the lessons will be posted on the middle school page of our website after the livestream. You can access the lesson and watch the stream if you miss it live. All students are encouraged to participate in the live lesson.

**Spotlight Livestream session on our YouTube page:** [**https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3649Z9YPegSgbPCGhQ\_GIybEayo0Gk-v**](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL3649Z9YPegSgbPCGhQ_GIybEayo0Gk-v)

**All livestreams are on Sunday nights at 7:30 pm via YouTube**

**September 24 – Spotlight! 1 - 7:30 pm**

**October 15 – Spotlight! 2 – 7:30 pm**

**November 12 – Spotlight! 3 - 7:30 pm**

**December 17 – Spotlight! 4 – 7:30 pm**

**January 28 – Spotlight! 5– 7:30 pm**

**February 18 – Spotlight 6 – 7:30 pm**

**March 10 – Spotlight! 7– 7:30 pm**

**April 21 – Spotlight! 8 – 7:30 pm**

**G.A.I.M. Time Masses for 23/24 at the 12-noon mass (open to all students grade 5-8 to hear and learn the Gospel message in an age-appropriate way. G.A.I.M. resources will be available each week on our website and YouTube channel so you can learn more about the Gospel each week.**

**Sunday, October 1 – 12 pm (welcome social after mass in the gym)**

**Sunday, October 22 – 12 pm**

**Sunday, November 5 – 12 pm**

**Sunday, November 19 – 12 pm**

**Sunday, December 3 – 12 pm**

**Sunday, December 17 – 12 pm (Christmas social after mass)**

**Sunday, January 7 – 12 pm**

**Sunday, January 21 – 12 pm (Middle School Retreat Day!)**

**Sunday, February 4 – 12 pm**

**Sunday, February 25 – 12 pm**

**Sunday, March 17 – 12 pm (youth day social with high school after mass)**

**Sunday, April 7 – 12 pm**

**Sunday, April 21 – 12 pm (end of year social in gym after mass)**

**Service Hours for Middle School**

All grades 5 to 8 are encouraged to serve the community and be the living Gospel to others.

All students will serve for six (6) hours. You can download the service form from our website and submit it via our online portal.

**Important links:**

[www.Sainthelen.org](http://www.Sainthelen.org)

<https://sainthelen.org/religious-education/grade-5-through-8/>

Any questions. or concerns, please email me or call/text at 908-265-2169.

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