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Welcome to a new year of Faith Formation for the children and Youth of Resurrection University Parish! Our program is designed for youth in grades

- Kindergarten through Grade 5 (Elementary Program)
- Grades 6-8 (Middle School Program)
- Grades 9-12 (High School Program)

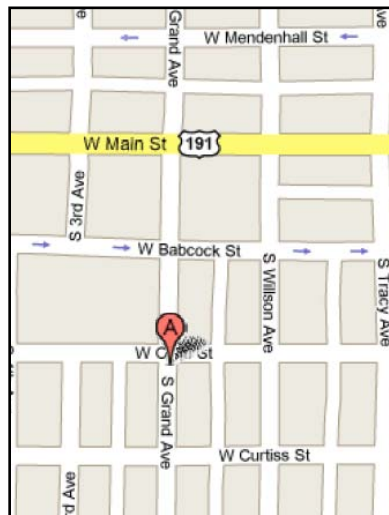
## DAYS, TIMES AND GATHERING PLACE

Gatherings are held on the following days:

- Elementary: Wednesdays 3:45-4:45 (new time)
- Middle School: Wednesday Evenings 6:30-7:45
- High School: Wednesday Evenings 8:00-9:00 (new time and day)

Gatherings are held at the following location:

- BC<sup>3</sup> (Bozeman Catholic Community Center) located at 210 South Grand



BC<sup>3</sup> is located one block west of S. Willson Avenue between Olive and Curtiss, south of Main Street.

## ABOUT THE PROGRAMS:

### Elementary Youth

Kindergarten through 5th graders will be growing in faith through workshops. Students attend a different workshop each week. The workshops provided include praise and worship, bible study, art and drama, technology, woodworking, creative writing and multicultural exploration of our rich Catholic traditions and beliefs. Contact Annette at [amcarson@msn.com](mailto:amcarson@msn.com). Gatherings are held on Wednesdays from 3:45-4:45.

All information about the K-5 program can be found here: <http://resurrectionfaithformation.shutterfly.com/> (Password protected)

### Middle School

M.S. Youth can expect the unexpected! Skits, bible scavenger hunts, and praise and worship are just the beginning. Look forward to parish and community service projects, social justice outreach and the first EVER Diocesan Middle School Leadership Camp held in Bozeman! Meet friends from around Montana at the CYC Rally. You asked for it and we've planned it: Food, Fun, Faith and Fellowship (bowling and bonfires)! We have an amazing team of youth leaders. Ann is the contact person at [bucknerseven@bresnan.net](mailto:bucknerseven@bresnan.net). Gatherings are held on Wednesdays from 6:30-7:45.

### High School

Enthusiasm builds as Kelly, our new youth minister, and a team of students plan a new design! Students will witness the youth group from a fresh perspective as they explore new areas of faith. Retreats, fun nights, guest speakers, Search (Helena) and CYC Convention will enhance the youth's understanding of their Christian Catholic identity. Contact information for Kelly will be shared in the church bulletin. Wednesday gatherings will be held from 8:00-9:00. Additional focused gatherings will be held. Contact Kelly for more information.

## GET INVOLVED!

Your participation in the Faith Formation Classes of your child is very important to the success of the program, and importantly to your child's spiritual development. You are welcome to come and join the fun and find ways to in which to help. Volunteers can commit to the entire year of gatherings or for specific rotations of four weeks at a time.

## COSTS:

Faith Formation programs are supported by registration fees. Your payment directly supports your child and volunteer leader. Registration fees cover teaching supplies and resources, plus teacher training, curriculum planning meetings and retreats.

Parents are required to register their children. Costs are \$40 for each child, or \$90 for families of three or more. Preparation (1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist and Reconciliation, or Confirmation) is an additional \$40 per child. Bilingual books are ordered for Sacramental Preparation classes for parents and children. Registration fees are waived for children of full time volunteers in the program. *Please do not let registration costs prohibit you from registering your child.* For those families who are not members of Resurrection Parish, an extra \$20 is required to cover program costs, for each program for which kids are being registered.

## REGISTRATION:

Registration forms are available at the church, on the Resurrection Parish website (see directions below), or at the K-5 program website found at <http://resurrectionfaithformation.shutterfly.com/>. Register all children in your family, K-12, on one form:

- Kindergarten – 12th grade Registration
- Sacramental Preparation Registration (Confirmation will not be held this year.)

To locate the forms on the parish website,

- go to [www.resurrectionbozeman.org](http://www.resurrectionbozeman.org)
- click the [Parish Ministries & Services Tab](#)
- click [Resurrection University Faith Formation](#)

Please Note: Faith Formation Forms are **NOT** the Online [Parish](#) Registration.

Mail forms and payment to:

Resurrection Parish Faith Formation  
1725 S 11th Ave  
Bozeman, MT 59715-5404

## COMMUNICATION

In an effort to reduce paper waste, information will primarily be shared through emails and our Faith Formation website. Information about the website will be shared in the bulletin and at our beginning Faith Formation Gatherings. Let us know if you do not have email on the registration form. Along with this, information will also be shared in the weekly Sunday Resurrection Parish bulletin.

## DROP OFF AND PICK UP PROCEDURES

Elementary and Middle School Programs: In order to ensure your child's safety, parents are requested to walk their children into the facility, sign their children in, and return to the room to pick up their children. Parking is available on side streets or in the Holy Rosary parking lot. The BC<sup>3</sup> is approximately one block from the Holy Rosary parking lot.

## BEHAVIOR EXPECTATIONS

All children are expected to

- Do their best.
- Be respectful of themselves, others and the facility.
- Work as a team.
- Glorify God in their words and actions.

If a child persists in not adhering to the expectations, Faith Formation teachers and volunteers will first speak to the child and work together to develop an action plan for behavior improvement. Parents will be notified about this plan and asked to participate.

## SNACKS

Parents are asked to provide snacks for their children prior to the Faith Formation Gatherings. Snacks will not be provided at the gatherings.

## CALENDAR

Classes run from the first week of October till the last week of April. Contact each program coordinator for specific dates. A calendar for the

Elementary K-5 program is available on their website:  
<http://resurrectionfaithformation.shutterfly.com/>

## PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN©

Resurrection Parish and all Catholic Parishes in the Helena Diocese, are mandated to present lessons from the program, Protecting God's Children ©. All leaders, teachers, Shepherds and regular volunteers are required to attend training sessions and complete on-line training throughout the year. Our parish is required to teach two lessons a year to the children of our Faith Formation groups. Parents are notified of the dates of these two lessons prior to the event.

Information about the program can be found here  
[http://www.virtus.org/virtus/protecting\\_children.cfm](http://www.virtus.org/virtus/protecting_children.cfm). Explanatory information about the program from this website follows:

*Child sexual abuse is a worldwide public health issue. Child abuse, particularly child sexual abuse, is reprehensible—especially when the wrongdoer is affiliated with the Church. The VIRTUS® programs assist the Church in being a safe haven for children and a messenger for preventing child sexual abuse within the Church and society in general. We seek to achieve this lofty goal through our child sexual abuse prevention program: Protecting God's Children®.*