

The St. Thomas Christian Formation program seeks to create an environment where both young and old may develop and enrich their faith through education and encounter Jesus Christ in a way that will change us for life.

St. Thomas involves kids deeply in church at every available level. Through worship, music, Kids' Club, and outreach opportunities, kids can benefit from being a part of many different communities, learning from people of all ages ... from people who are like them and from people who are quite different.



Read more about the St. Thomas Kids' Club on our website: www.stthomasmedina.org.

If you have any questions about our programs, would like to help out, or would like to receive emails about upcoming events for youth, please contact:

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the st. thomas KIDS' CLUB



youth group for the
younger set (grades 3-5)



2011-2012



Youth Group for the Younger Set

Long before their teen years, many of today's kids are making up their minds about whether a church community will play any role in their lives. Soccer, skiing, music, and other worthy pursuits can have the unfortunate side effect of relegating kids' spiritual lives to the back seat.

Kids' Club aims to create an alternative community for 3rd to 5th graders: a place where they can get in touch with God through outreach, liturgy, and wacky fun with friends they may only see at church. It works hand-in-hand with Sunday school and weekly worship to develop a kid's spiritual life from many angles.

Monthly Get-Togethers

After the 10:15 service once a month, the Kids' Club meets for lunch. In the 2010-2011 year, we saw nine to 18 kids per month; 27 different kids participated at least once. Parents take turns providing food for the Kids' Club.



After lunch, we take on a project: either a special form of community service, some deeper learning about liturgy and worship, or a team-building activity. We also plan for a great year-end party in June.

Creative Outreach

In 2010-2011, the St. Thomas Kids' Club provided toiletries for sailors through the Mission to Seafarers, sang Christmas carols at a retirement home, and baked cookies for women incarcerated at Purdy Prison.

But perhaps the group's most talked-about ministry was the brainchild of one of its own members: to pot plants and deliver them to residents of retirement homes and assisted living facilities in our community.



Liturgical Engagement

In the past year, the Kids' Club also connected with God on a Lenten labyrinth walk and handed out palms on Palm Sunday.

We also did a lot of blessing in the past year, as four Kids' Club members moved away at various times. We prayed and laid hands on each one as a group. We look forward to new members and new friendships this year!

This Year's Schedule

Kids' Club meets on the second Sunday of each month: **September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11, January 8, February 12, March 11, April 8, May 13, and June 10.**

Watch the St. Thomas website for changes as the year goes on, or contact **Brian Gregory** at brian@stthomasmedina.org to be put on the group's email list.

