



## St. Ann Home School Ministry (SAHSM): General Information

Thank you for your interest in the St. Ann Home School Ministry (SAHSM)! The SAHSM is composed of homeschooling families who are united in their efforts to provide programs and opportunities to assist them in their desire to form their children morally, academically, and socially, in the truths and traditions of the Catholic Church. As a parish ministry, in addition to supporting its members, it also seeks to serve the wider St. Ann community in a variety of ways, at the pleasure of the pastor. The St. Ann Homeschool Ministry is powered by our amazing homeschooling families! Our members are the manpower behind all events, service projects and academic programs.

**Ministry Membership:** Membership in the St. Ann Home School Ministry is for families of practicing Catholics (or those enrolled in RCIA) established by at least one parent/guardian who is homeschooling at least one child, between the ages of four and high school graduation. Families need not be registered parishioners of St. Ann as long as the enrolling parent/guardian is referred by either the pastor or an existing member family of the Ministry. In order to obtain a membership, the following requirements must be met:

- Comply with Diocesan safe environment requirements
- Pay the annual dues
- Complete a family registration form
- Satisfy the volunteer requirements
- Agree to abide by the SAHSM Code of Conduct and Handbook of policies

**SAHSM Volunteer Requirements:** We require each member to volunteer for one event throughout the school year. This is a member fueled organization and the more participation we have, the better things will run. This volunteer role can be satisfied in a variety of ways - help out with a scheduled event, host a mom's night out, assist with a retreat, create a new event for the ministry, volunteer for an academic program, etc. In lieu of the volunteer requirement, a family may choose to pay an additional annual fee.

### SAHSM Membership Benefits:

- Privileges of member families include:
  - Access to the electronic communication system (online message forum & email list)
  - Ability to chaperone or volunteer for programs and events
  - Participation in membership & planning meetings with a voting right of one vote per family, when applicable
  - Access to "Ministry members only" events
  - Discounted admission to public SAHSM sponsored events
  - Access to SAHSM academic programs

### Current Academic Programs Offerings:

- Classical Catholic Enrichment (CCE) Elementary
  - Co-op (parent participation required)
  - PK-6 enrichment only (classical memory work, art, music & games)
  - Friday mornings
- Classical Catholic Enrichment (CCE) Middle School
  - Drop-off program
  - Full classical curriculum (history, language arts, Latin & sacred art)
  - 6th-8th grade
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- Homeschool High School Program
  - Drop-off program
  - a la carte classes (course offerings vary year-to-year based on ministry needs and instructor availability)
  - 9th-12th grade
  - Wednesdays from 8a-5p

**Liturgical, Service & Social Events:** The ministry offers liturgical, service & social activities and celebrations throughout the year. Below are some examples of events we have enjoyed in the past.

- Back to School Mass & Blessing
- Cupcake Rosary
- Family Dance
- Service Project: Fundraising Booth at Parish Carnival
- All Saints' Party
- All Souls' Day: Praying for souls at the cemetery
- St. Nicholas Feast Day Party
- Advent Evening of Reflection
- Epiphany Party
- Winter High School Formal Dance
- St. Valentine's Feast Day Party
- Lenten Evening of Reflection
- St. Joseph Feast Day Celebration
- Feast of the Annunciation Event
- Service Project: Easter Cards for the Homeless
- May Crowning & Ice Cream Social
- Spring High School Formal Dance
- Homeschool Baccalaureate Mass, Graduation Ceremony & Reception

In addition to the above, Moms' Night Out as well as Pray & Play groups for young children have been organized. This is only a sampling of activities, and families are encouraged to suggest and help plan any celebration or observation related to the liturgical calendar and ministry needs. Celebrations are community efforts and offer much enjoyment and fellowship for our families.

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