

July 9, 2025

Dear Parents and Guardians of youth grades 1-12,

This letter contains the instructions to “opt-out” of this lesson on your child's registration form.

In an effort to assist in the monumental mission of protecting children from abuse, St. Nicholas & Holy Family Parishes is partnering with you to present a safe environment lesson to your youth within their youth program. It is our cherished role as adults to fully protect our children. In addition, we must also teach children about their safety rights and boundaries, so that they have tools to protect themselves.

This school year, your child will be presented with a program entitled *Empowering God's Children*, in which Lesson Leaders present a safety lesson to children that houses a grade-appropriate video component along with a hands-on activity. The material is designed to better equip your child to know their rights, recognize their boundaries, and to empower them to protect themselves when safe adults are not immediately available—and ultimately be safer from people who might want to harm them. Youth will participate in Lessons 1 & 2:

Lesson 1 - Physical Boundaries: Safe and Unsafe Touching Rules
Lesson 2 - Safe Adults, Safe Touches and Special Safe Adults

As the primary educators of your children, parents and guardians are encouraged to review these materials ahead of time and discuss the information at home. If you have ever thought about how to empower children to protect themselves, fortify their boundaries or increase their safety through in-person and online situations, then reviewing the lessons on your own to both begin *and* reiterate the message at home is the best next step to take. Thank you for your partnership with us to protect youth.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

Date of in-program training: _____ *Wednesday, September 24, 2025*

For questions, or to obtain access to the specific lesson and related activities, please communicate with:
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Please note: You have the ability to “opt-out” the youth out of the formal in-program safety lesson if you only plan to provide safe environment education at home. Please follow the directions below to opt-out.

TO OPT-OUT YOUR CHILD FROM THE SAFETY LESSON:

Please click: No, I choose to OPTOUT my child from this lesson with the knowledge that my child(ren) CAN NOT ATTEND CLASS OR YOUTH NIGHT when this lesson is presented, unless written permission is provided by the parent or guardian, on your child's registration form.