



St. Ann's Youth Ministry

2020-2021

Parents,

Our goal is to try to serve you and your youth as best as we can this year. We understand that this year has not been what we expected but we hope to make the best of it! We ask for patience and flexibility as we navigate this interesting time. As we get ready to begin our ministries again, please read this note to get a better understanding of what we are planning to do this year. Thank you for your understanding and support! Please let us know if there is anything we can do to improve our ministries. We are here to serve you and your families.

Precautions for all our groups:

1. If you are sick, feeling sick, or have encountered someone who is sick – please stay home.
2. Masks are required and will be worn at all time.
3. We will practice social distancing.
4. Each person (adult volunteer and youth) will have their temperature taken *before* entering the building or space we are gathering in. If their temperature is over 100.00° they will be sent home. If you are dropping your youth off, please do not leave until we have taken their temperature. If the youth drive, a parent or guardian will be called before they are allowed to leave.
5. We ask parents who are dropping off their youth to remain outside during drop-off and pick-up. This will help limit the amount of foot traffic coming in and out the building.
6. Our rooms will not be filled to capacity.

Our Ministry Plans:

EDGE (middle school): Sundays from 3pm to 4:30pm in the gym

In Person: We plan to continue our EDGE ministry in person as we have traditionally done. We hope to have more small groups to limit large group interaction.

At Home: We will have a weekly zoom call at the same time as EDGE. Those families that prefer “at home” will be able to watch the event that is going on and then participate in a small group discussion with a virtual small group. This will allow those teens to still feel connected in some way to the larger group that is participating in EDGE.

Life Teen (high school): Sundays from 6pm to 8pm in the gym

Life Teen is for all high school students. We want to invite parents to continue to encourage their youth to join Life Teen even once they are Confirmed. We know that Confirmation is not a graduation but a beginning! For youth in first year Confirmation prep, they will be asked to attend Life Teen as best as they can for the first year. Once a youth is Confirmed he/she may join S.A.L.T. (St. Ann’s Leadership Team). This group grows deeper relationships with Christ and others and looks to serve their peers in Life Teen.

In Person: We plan to continue our Life Teen ministry in person as we have traditionally done. We hope to have more small groups to limit large group interaction and encourage community among our youth.

At Home: We will have a weekly zoom call at the same time as the Life Night. Those families that prefer “at home” will be able to watch the event that is going on and then participate in a small group discussion with a virtual small group. This will allow those teens to still feel connected in some way to the larger group that is participating in person.

**Confirmation Prep (second year youth ONLY):
One Thursday a month from 6pm to 7:30pm in the gym**

Second year Confirmation prep is a time for us to focus on the youth as best as we can. Our goal with this group is to be able to have more personal interactions with each one and meet their individual needs. These sessions will be more educational as we prepare our youth to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on their own accord. Confirmation is a time for the youth to accept the faith for themselves. We aim to equip our youth with everything they need to make the Catholic faith their own.

In Person: Our in-person group will meet one Thursday a month at 6pm in the gym. We will be breaking open different topics such as faith and belief, prayer, and much more. A sponsor or a parent is asked to attend with their youth.

At Home: We will have a monthly video recording of the session for that month. Once the video is posted, the sponsor/parent and youth should watch the session and answer some discussion questions together. Once the short discussion with either the parents or sponsor is done, the youth will write a short (1-2 paragraphs) summary of the discussion they had with their sponsor/parent.

We hope that this has answered some questions you may have had. If you have other questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact Francisco at the office. You can reach him by email (youth@stannsparish.us) or by calling the office at (432) 682-6303.

While this year may look different, it is a great opportunity for you parents to share your faith with your youth! Our youth today need adult role-models who show that living out their Catholic Faith is not something boring or dull, but something that gives joy and meaning to their life! Take heart, for Jesus has given you the strength to lead your families closer to His Sacred Heart!

“Families must have the courage to set before their young people the radical decision to follow Christ, showing them how deeply rewarding it is.”

- Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI

We are here to serve you as best as we can.