

# NEWSLETTER

# YOUTH MINISTRY

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## YOUTH MINISTRY

The St. Patrick Youth Ministry program is intended for current 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders. It is not a part of Faith Formation. These are additional opportunities that involve service, trips, retreats, studies, games, and other activities to continue growing the faith outside of the “classroom” in a fun and more relaxed setting.

Because Youth Ministry is intended to continue fostering ways to lead youth to Christ, an essential part of the ministry is to participate in the liturgical elements and be in charge of them. One is to be a disciple of Christ (Matthew 28:19-20). There are ministry options towards the end of the newsletter.

Activities offered are open to anyone in those grades. They can be members of St. Pat's or friends of youth involved. Youth do not need to be Catholic, keep in mind most activities will be Catholic based.

If there is a cost associated, I will try to keep it as low as possible. Bigger activities like service trips, conferences, etc. will involve fundraising to help offset out of pocket expense.

11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup>, and non-Faith Formation youth should sign up for **YOUTH GROUP** on the online registration form. This will allow me to keep those interested posted on opportunities.

Parents will receive a quarterly newsletter.

### TOPIC 01

#### YOUTH MINISTRY -

What is it? And how to be involved.

### TOPIC 02

#### MIDDLE SCHOOL -

Learn about the events such as Youth Jam and service trip for M.S youth only!

### TOPIC 03

**High School** activities can found in this section. Like LOTEK. The summer H.S trip for 2019. See what LOTEK means on Page 3

**NCYC 2019 begins now! Check page 4 out for details.**

# Middle School

## YOUTH JAM 2018-

The annual Middle School Youth Rally will take place on **Saturday, October 20** from 2-7:30 pm at Blessed Maria Assunta Pallota (BMAP) Middle School in Waterloo.

The Youth Jam is open to those in **grades 6-8**, Parents are welcome to chaperone or attend as well. The cost is \$29 for youth and \$10 for adults.

There will be activities, games, a speaker, Mass, and dance party. [DJ Bill Lage](#) will be providing entertainment.

He is a multi-talented professional DJ who understands the many nuances of youth culture. Bill has the innate ability to take youth to a new level of genuine happiness. His magnetic spirit, deep faith, passion for life, dynamic stage presence and competent leadership combine to make him one of the most sought after and valuable personalities for a Catholic youth event in the country.



## Service Trip 2019

This summer a group of 6 youth and 2 adults (including myself) participated in the *Just 5 Days* M.S service trip to Omaha, NE. It was a fun and God filled time. Everyone on the trip not only learned about themselves, but the others in the group. Relationships were built and we hope to maintain them. Eyes were opened to new and different ways to worship Christ. A little more contemporary if we will. Service and solidarity were at the center of the programming and we all couldn't have enjoyed it more. It was unanimous that we should do it again.

A registration form is attached at the end of the newsletter. If you have any questions please let me know.

Therefore, I will be planning another M.S service trip for next summer. Location and dates are still to be determined, since that information won't be announced until after Labor Day. Tentative cost is \$375/youth and sometime in mid-June. Official details in Fall Newsletter

### Future M.S (only) Opportunities to come

Retreat  
Lock-In  
Serve 'n Slide



# High School

## LOTEC 2019-

*Life on the Edge: Colorado* (LOTEC) is a nine-day intense spiritual, physical, and catechetical experience of our Catholic faith. This retreat will guide participants closer to their God, to their peers, and to their own selves as they learn to overcome challenges that they feared were beyond their potential.

Our goal is to give participants an awareness of the strength they have through God's grace to overcome all the challenges they will face as they grow older and leave the faith communities that raised them.

The trip itself will be from **July 26-August 3, 2019** however we will spend 13 weeks, prior to the trip, training together.

Participants will be doing hiking, climbing a mountain, and spending time outdoors so we'll need to prepare physically beforehand. The 13 weeks will also allow us to grow as a team by learning about God's Word.

Those able to participate will be anyone going into 10<sup>th</sup> grade or higher. I have 2 squads currently reserved, which allows me to take up to 12 youth (and I'll need 2 more adult chaperones).

Cost is roughly \$875/participant. We will be doing some major fundraising. **If your youth (or you) would like to attend LOTEC please let me know by Friday, August 31<sup>st</sup>.** A registration\* form will be emailed at that time, with a \$100 deposit needed by September 21 to reserve your spot.

\*The registration form will include some questions as to why a youth would like to participate. These may be used in forming squads, pending interest level.



“Serve one another through love”

-Galatians 5:13

## Service Trip 2019

I do not currently plan on having a separate H.S Service Trip from LOTEC, due to cost and time commitment. I may offer a local retreat for those unable to attend LOTEC and would still like to have the service trip experience this summer. More details to come.



# Upperclassman

**Leadership Team-** the leadership team should consist of youth that have been confirmed. They will help plan and facilitate different events like retreats, bible studies, and small groups. Please let me know if your youth is interested in being part of the team.



**TEC (Teens Encounter Christ)-** a three-day Catholic retreat experience for high school juniors and seniors; an age when young men and women are at a natural time of making decisions about their lives definite direction.

- Experience a new environment in which to learn and grow
- Meet other Catholic youth who share similar questions, concerns, and hopes
- Encounter Christ, risen and ALIVE today
- Find time to reflect on your life, your relationship with others, your relationship with God, and much more!
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Dates	Location	Register by:
Nov. 10-12, 2018	Dubuque	Oct. 26
Nov. 17-19	Cedar Rapids	Nov. 2
Jan. 26-28, 2019	Bellevue	Jan. 11
March 2-4	Dyersville	Feb. 15
April 6-8	Calmar	March 22

**Cost-** \$95      **To register-** [www.dbqarch.org/TEC](http://www.dbqarch.org/TEC)

## Future H.S (only) Opportunitites to come

- Bible Study
- Service Opportunities

# H.S & M.S

open to all 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade youth



2019

Even though NCYC will take place November 21-24, 2019, it's time to register!

NCYC is the National Catholic Youth Conference. It is a three-day celebration of Catholic young people.

The conference gathers 20,000+ high school teens and adults from across the country to pray, learn, and celebrate. It is the premier event for Catholic teens in the country.

Youth will experience loads of oppurtunities at NCYC for the youth to have a postitive faith experience. There are nationally recognized speakers, inspiring music, and oodles of teen energy at the twice-daily general sessions. The days are filled with amazing workshops, prayerful and informative hands-on activities, and a chance to bond with our Catholic brothers and sisters from all over the United States.

Why should your youth go?

It helps teens to feel comfortable being Catholic.

1. It helps teens feel part of a larger Universal Church.
2. It provides opportunities to experience Reconciliation and Mass.

**Who can go?** Current 8-11<sup>th</sup> graders (since they'll be H.S youth at the time of the conference).

Groups are registered by parish. Anyone that submits a form to me will be registered under the St. Patrick Parish group. Please let me know if you have questions.

Cost- \$575      Deposit- \$75

Registration form can be found at the end of the newsletter.

**Deposit & Registration due by December 5.**

## Youth Ministries:

**Youth Group-** a.k.a. the more fun committee. This group of youth will focus on helping create events that address the needs of their peers, like a game night, movie night, bible studies, etc.; the fun stuff. We'll start the night with a social and then go into planning activities. The first meeting will be on **Sunday, September 16 from 6-8 pm** in the **Youth Center**. It's Mexican Independence Day, so I'll provide some traditional games, snacks, and beverages. Maybe even a pinata.

**Worship Team-** I would like to form a team of youth of 7-12<sup>th</sup> graders that will help prepare liturgies and music before Faith Formation nights, host special worship nights, or Masses. Those of you that are musically gifted, instrumental or vocally are highly encouraged to join. Or if you have an interest in how the liturgy works (Masses) this would be something up your alley. Please let me know if you would like to join.

**Youth Choir-** Any youth from 7-12<sup>th</sup> grade can take part in this ministry. The youth choir is lead by Elliot Kranz on Wednesday nights (before Faith Formation). If you have interest, email Mr. Kranz at [eliott.kranz@cfschools.org](mailto:eliott.kranz@cfschools.org) for full details



### Other Activities:

**Prayer Services-** brief prayer service at the Peace Pole, located in front of the Grace House (tentatively). However, a Peace Pole still needs to be created so...

Peace Pole Assembly- Wednesday, September 5 from 6-8 pm in the Youth Center.

Peace Pole Events-

- Suicide Prevention - Monday, Sept. 10 at 7 :15 am
- International Day of Peace - Friday, Sept. 21 at 7:15 am

## Parents

**A Friendly reminder:** Faith Formation registration will **close** on **Friday, August 31, 2018**. This includes Confirmation registration.

Catholic speaker, **Chris Stefanik** will be speaking in Ames on Thursday, October 18 from 7-9:30 pm. Myself and a few others plan to attend. If you would like to join, please let me know. Tickets are \$22. I will be placing an order by Tuesday, September 4.

**Save the Dates:** St. Patrick will host a **Holy Hour for Vocations** on Monday, October 22 from 7 - 8 pm. The evening will provide an opportunity to pray before our Eucharistic Lord in Adoration, a seminarian's witness to God's call in his life, as well as scripture and reflection by Archbishop Jackels. All are welcome!

The **Parish Retreat** is scheduled from November 4-7.  
More details to come.