

# Vision & Values

The youth ministry for the Partner Parishes of Our Lady of Grace and St. Benedict, is a place for young people to grow in the love & knowledge of Jesus Christ.

# Values

# A Culture of Welcome

We are all children of God our Creator. We embrace a spirit of welcome and belonging and do not exclude anyone. We also recognize that young people are vulnerable, easily influenced, and in need of our protection.

# A Culture of Discipleship

Everyone, regardless of age, has a vocation to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Each person offers a unique gift of self to help bring about the reign of God. Catechesis is not the only thing necessary for a person to become a disciple. Therefore, the Youth Ministry focuses on all aspects of discipleship including catechesis, prayer and worship, service, and other skills for helping young persons grow throughout their life on their individual journey of faith.

# A Culture of Mature Leadership

We are always striving to develop leadership for a new generation. The youth ministry gives young people the opportunity to learn leadership skills through direct experience in leadership roles. The seeds of this leadership are planted when teens are in middle school and continue to grow into their high school years.

# **General Information**

Our Lady of Grace and St. Benedict will continue to partner to provide a dynamic youth ministry for the teens of both parishes. It is open to parishioners, non-parishioners, Catholics, and non-Catholics.

### LOCATION

The Middle School Youth Nites will meet at Our Lady of Grace in Albanese Hall (upper hall). All High School Youth Nites will take place at Our Lady of Grace in the Youth Loft in Albanese Hall (upper hall).

### STAYING CONNECTED

It is vital that while coming together as one youth minsitry, that the teens continue to connect with their own, individual parishes. To help foster this connection, various activities will be offered that are parish specific.

## **COST**

Due to the commitment of both parishes to the young Church, there is not cost for Youth Ministry. Special events will incur a fee. When possible, the fees will be subsidized by the parishes.

# **How to Participate**



Go to www.ourladyofgracechurch.org - OR-Go to www.stbenchurch.org Click on the Youth Ministry Banner



Complete the Smartwaiver (online registration) to register.

# **Contact Information**

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# MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATED SCHEDULE

Grades 6-8
Sundays 4:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Grace Upper Hall



SCAN TO REGISTER

# **Participation**

While we encourage all teens in middle school to participate in youth ministry, teens in grades 7th & 8th who do not attend Catholic School, are required to participate at least 2 Youth Nites per month as part of their preparation for Confirmation.

If there are special circumstances that prevent your 7th or 8th grade teen from attending 2x per month, please contact Katrina.

# September

- 17 Youth Nite
- 24 Youth Nite

### October

- 1 Youth Nite
- 8 Youth Nite
- 15 Youth Nite
- 22 Donut Sunday/Youth Nite
- 29 NO YOUTH NITE

### November

- 5 Youth Nite
- 12 Youth Nite
- 19 NO YOUTH NITE (NCYC)
- 26 NO YOUTH NITE (THANKSGIVING BREAK)

# **December**

- 3 Youth Nite
- 10 Christmas Market, NO YOUTH NITE
- 17 NO YOUTH NITE
- 24 NO YOUTH NITE (CHRISTMAS EVE)
- 31 NO YOUTH NITE (NEW YEARS EVE)

# January

- 7 Youth Nite
- 14 Youth Nite
- 21 Youth Nite
- 28 NO YOUTH NITE

# **February**

- 4 Youth Nite
- 11 NO YOUTH NITE (SUPER BOWL)
- 18 Youth Nite
- 25 Donut Sunday/Youth Nite

# March

- 3 Youth Nite
- 10 Youth Nite
- 17 Youth Nite
- 24 NO YOUTH NITE (PALM SUNDAY)
- 31 NO YOUTH NITE (EASTER SUNDAY)

# April:

- 7 NO YOUTH NITE
- 14 Youth Nite
- 21 NO YOUTH NITE
- 28 Youth Nite

# May:

19 Donut Sunday/Senior Mass

### **Iune:**

17-22 Vacation Bible School

Dates and times are subject to change pending the hiring of a regional youth minister