



Our Lady of Grace & St. Benedict

Middle School and High School

Youth Ministry

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 ministry, 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.

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2025-2026 YOUTH MINISTRY SCHEDULE



MSYM: Grades 6-8 meet from 4:00 p.m.-5:30 p.m.
HSYM: Grades 9-12 meet 6:30 p.m. - 8 p.m.

September

14 Youth Nite
28 Youth Nite

October

12 Youth Nite
26 Youth Nite

November

2 Youth Nite
16 Youth Nite

20-23: National Catholic Youth Conference
(NCYC) for teens in 9th-12th grades
Pre-Registration Required.

December

14 Feast of Nations Family Celebration
after 10:30 a.m. Mass
There will be opportunities for teens to help

January

11 Youth Nite
25 Youth Nite

February

1 Youth Nite
22 Youth Nite

March

8 Youth Nite
22 Youth Nite

April:

27 YM service project, Children's Party
| 9 am - 10:15 am

June:

15-19 Vacation Bible School

All YM Teens are invited to help prepare for
and/or serve during the week of VBS

July 12th-17th APPALACHIA SUMMER MISSION TRIP

Open to those who have completed
9th grade through Sophomore year
in college. Pre-Registration Required



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REGISTER

REMINDER TO TEENS IN 7th & 8th Grades:

While we encourage all teens in middle school to participate in youth ministry, those in grades 7th & 8th who do not attend Catholic School are required to participate in all Youth Nites, in person or virtually, as part of their preparation for Confirmation.
If there are special circumstances that prevent your 7th or 8th-grade teen from meeting this commitment, please contact Emily to make other arrangements.