

Common Questions about Youth Ministry

Edge, Ascension Catholic Teens & Confirmation

The Edge Program (7th and 8th grade)

1. What is the Edge program?

Answer: Edge is a program designed by Life Teen Inc. It is a movement within the Roman Catholic Church helping to lead teenagers and families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. Each semester, we will choose a specific curriculum that follows the guidelines of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops and implement it on Wednesday evenings from 6-7:30 PM. During our Edge Nights on Wednesday's we always eat dinner together, play an opening game/activity, hear a talk about the theme of the evening, enter into small group time and then have a closing prayer experience. We also have social nights mixed into the schedule throughout the year (ex: Messy Game Night, Glow Night, Christmas Party, etc.).

2. Why is the Edge program only for seventh and eighth graders?

Answer: Edge curriculum is designed mainly for 7th and 8th grade students. A 6th grader may not be mature enough to discuss some of the topics. Additionally, we currently have anywhere from 60-80 teens attending any given Edge Night and it is open to all schools. We simply do not have the manpower to include another grade level that could bring in another 40 teens.

3. Do I have to pay a fee for Edge?

Answer: There is a fee of \$100 for those teens that do not attend Ascension Catholic School. There is a discount for families who have multiple children registered in our Faith Formation Program. All fee's and registration forms should be turned into the Faith Formation Office. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Shelly Wackley in the Faith Formation office at swackley@ascensioncatholicsch.org . The fee covers the expenses of the program, materials and supplies for our Edge Nights.

4. Can my teen bring friends to Edge Night who do not regularly attend Edge Nights?

Answer: Yes! Anyone who is in 7th and 8th grade can come to an Edge night. Even if someone is not registered in our system and just wants to come to try it out, they are more than welcome to. If they enjoy coming and would like to come on a regular basis then we would ask him or her to fill out a registration form.

Ascension Catholic Teens (9th-12th Grade)

1. What is Ascension Catholic Teens?

Answer: Ascension Catholic Teens is our youth group at Ascension that is open to any teen 9th-12th grade. Our goal is to help lead teenagers and their families closer to Christ and into a deeper relationship with His Church. We are a Eucharistic centered youth group that comes together every Sunday at the 5:30 PM Mass and then afterward to hear a speaker each week, games, dinner, small group time and prayer. Each semester has a specific theme that follows the guidelines of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. We also come together every Monday from 7-8:30 PM for Bible Study led by Fr. Jeff. We have other events that happen throughout the year including retreats, fundraisers, mission trips, youth conferences and camps.

2. Is there a fee for Ascension Catholic Teens?

Answer: No

3. Can my teen bring a friend to Ascension Catholic Teens?

Answer: Yes, anyone who is in 9-12 grade can join us for any of our Ascension Catholic Teen events. Even if someone is not registered in our system and just wants to come to try it out, they are more than welcome to. If they enjoy coming and would like to come on a regular basis then we would ask him or her to fill out a registration form. If they are coming to one of our special events (ex: Retreat), then they must fill out a specific form for that event ahead of time.

Rite of Confirmation

1. What grade do the teens begin the Confirmation preparation program?

Answer: The first Confirmation session is in the Fall of their 9th grade year.

2. How long is the program?

Answer: The Bishop usually assigns our Confirmation date to be held in October so the Confirmation prep program typically runs from Sept/October of their 9th grade year until October of their 10th grade year.

3. Is there a fee for Confirmation?

Answer: Yes, the fee is \$70. The first \$50 of that goes toward paying for their required retreat that they will attend with Ascension Catholic Teens.

4. Where can I find more information about the program and requirements?

Answer: On ascensioncatholic.net under "Sacraments-Confirmation" there is a packet with all of the information/requirements outlined along with contact info if you have any questions.

5. How do I register my teen for Confirmation?

Answer: On ascensioncatholic.net under "Sacraments-Confirmation" there is a registration form. Please fill out the registration form and drop it off with the \$70 fee to the Faith Formation office or to the parish front office. If you have any other questions about how to register, please contact swackley@ascensioncatholic.org in the Faith Formation office.