

Youth Ministry Update – Parish Council

Hello 😊

Moving into 2021, Youth Ministry will be focusing on providing normalcy and in-person interaction for our children as much as possible and as safely as possible. We will be focusing on service, community, and the fact that, in times of trouble we need to have outreach, however small, to remind others that God is always present even in times of trouble. We also need to work on our spiritual health in order to achieve God's purpose for each of us... relationship with our Creator, holiness and discipleship.

Wish List:

- Mass prior to Religious Ed on Sundays – 5 – 6 pm – This will allow families to attend Mass and then go to Religious Ed/Youth and Adult/Parent Education from 6 – 7 pm with Youth 7 – 8 pm.
- Adult/Parent Education and outreach – 5 pm Sunday Mass would encourage parents to stay after for speakers, trainings, etc... Parents and families are the first teachers of the faith to our young people. We want to make sure that they feel educated, enabled and empowered to confidently speak to their children about the Gospel, sacramental church, and the promotion of our faith. Parent outreach is the key to the future spiritual growth and mission of our church.

Just a few ideas for Youth:

- Outreach – Blessing bags – necessities placed in little bags, kept with youth to give to those in need
- Outreach – Volunteers of America (Melissa) – Homeless Veteran's Support – winter clothing
- Outreach – Writing notes to those who are sick/shut-in in our parish
- Outreach – Monthly Mass announcements and updates to keep our parish informed of what's happening in Youth Ministry
- Parish Support – 500 club ticket (donation from youth and purchase)
- Parish Support – Youth Masses will continue each month until Summer
- Socialization – Possible prayer services, lock-ins, extended meetings... especially for HS Youth
- Socialization/Mission – Service projects, clean-up, etc... to help people in need in our community
- Socialization/Mission – several youth and families will be joining ArchLou for the Walk/Mass for Life on Jan 22
- Socialization/Mission – Youth tries to participate in ArchLou programming when possible

- Social Justice – we plan to work with the school resource officers to provide needed items to the children and families of our community – food, clothing, etc...
- Prayer/Spirituality – Would like to encourage Youth to attend adoration on Mondays

Recent projects:

We have been extremely limited in our mission due to restrictions from Covid19, but we have managed to meet in person, for the most part, up to the holiday breaks. When not in person, we have had Zoom meetings. We met weekly, had lessons, shared meals together. We were able to invite five veterans to Youth/RE for a special Q&A on Veteran's Day and the kids really enjoyed that. We donated, assembled and sent last year's HS seniors care packages to remind them that we are still thinking of them and praying for them. We also packaged a small Christmas gift bag and prayer to the parishioners and gave them out at the holidays reminding them that we are thinking and praying for our church and its members. We continue to have as much outreach as possible via social media (Instagram, Facebook, Twitter).

Thanks so much, as always, for your support. We encourage you and all adults in our parish to join us any time for youth ministry events and meetings. Your participation and care are vital to the mission of bringing Christ to the kids. Please let us know if you have any ideas that may help us fulfill the mission.

Sincerely,



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