

Did you know that -

- construction of a new youth ministry building is scheduled to begin this spring?
- lunch is being served in Columbus Hall on Mondays during the ORHS Lunch period for Juniors and Seniors?
- High School Youth was meeting on certain Mondays from 7-8:30 pm for fun and fellowship?
- Junior High Youth was meeting on select Tuesdays from 7-8:00 pm?
- The bulletin board in the narthex of the church is updated monthly?

Check out the website for more information, permission and registration forms, committee information, and a monthly calendar.

www.stmarysoakridge.org/Parish/youth/youth.html

ST. MARY'S CATHOLIC
CHURCH

YOUTH MINISTRY

A People-Based Ministry



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The mission of Youth Ministry at St. Mary's is based from the Holy Scriptures. When our Youth Ministry team was trying to figure out the "Why?" of why do we have Youth Ministry here, we found our answer in Jesus' words.

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always until the end of the age." (Matthew 28: 19-20)

The Youth Ministry at St. Mary's is coordinated by Angie Fleck. The Youth Council which is comprised of the youth coordinator, and representatives of each of the seven youth ministry committees, serves to ensure that the Youth Ministry is a success.

YOUTH MINISTRY is a PARISH MINISTRY to be administered by ALL parishioners. Our teens are NOT the future of the church, they are the church NOW and as confirmed, adult Catholics, it is our RESPONSIBILITY and PRIVILEGE to offer a comprehensive youth ministry that challenges them to grow in their faith and to come to a deeper understanding of the love of Jesus Christ.

Our prayer and expectation is that ALL ADULTS in the parish will review the seven ministries described herein and offer their gifts to serve the youth in a ministry that is best suited for them.

SOCIAL COMMITTEE

- To help plan, shop for, prepare, and/or serve food for youth events such as weekly youth group gatherings, weekly lunches, senior potlucks, holiday events, etc. Creating a hospitable environment for teens and exemplifying an attitude of warmth and welcome to teens. Making and maintaining positive relationships with teens. Chaperoning events.
- Verse: Ephesians 5:1-2

RETREAT TEAM

- To plan and participate in parish teen retreats that would include a junior high retreat, a high school retreat and a Confirmation retreat.
- Verse: Acts 2:42

ADVOCACY

- Big event promotion, calendars, public relations, bulletin boards, web page. Applaud accomplishments of teens, birthday cards, "teens in the news", "Speak Up," etc.
 - Verse: Proverbs 31: 8-9
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FUNDRAISING

- To promote fundraising efforts and to lead and participate in fundraising activities for youth programming, special needs, national/annual youth ministry conferences and mission trips.
- Verse: 2 Corinthians 9:6

CATECHESIS & EVANGELIZATION

- To teach or help with Religious Education on Sunday nights. To lead small group Bible studies, to lead prayer for weekly teen gatherings, etc.
- Verse: 1 Timothy 4:13

LEADER DEVELOPMENT

- To call forth, affirm and empower the gifts, talents and abilities of adults and teens in leadership positions. Coordinates and assists in monthly leadership days. Helps promote, develop, implements and evaluates youth ministry programs.
- Verse: Romans 12: 6-

PRAYER & WORSHIP

- Promotes authentic participation of teens in Sunday liturgies. Helps provide opportunities for creative prayer with teens. Apprentices teens in liturgical ministries. Coordinates Intercessory Prayer Base. To pray for the teens by name on a daily basis and to participate in weekly adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
- Verse: 2 Thessalonians 1:11-12