

Hello Beautiful Parents!

We are changing our meets to Social Nights for the rest of the calendar year. We will be meeting only three times in November and December. While Social Nights are vital to build community and fellowship in our youth ministries, they are not mandatory to attend.

- **November 14**

Thanksgiving - Grateful, Thankful & Blessed: a focus on all we are thankful for.

Along with fun and fellowship, we will have a service experience with the "Thanksgiving Bags" that have been donated. The youth will be inventorying each bag to insure they are complete and ready to be giving out to those in need in our local community. We will also have a short talk by Deacon Zeke going over the many ways our Queen of the Apostles parish helps those in our local community facing food insecurity. Last, but not least, we will have PIE for dinner... 🍕 Pizza pie that is!

- **December 5**

Art in Action: the youth's art projects impact our parish.

This evening middle school will complete their art projects and LifeTeen will start theirs for the *FAB Event* (Fundraiser, Auction and Benefit.) 6th graders collaborative cross, 7th grade a chevron cross, 8th grade flowerpots & 9-12 a birdbath. With all our hard work we will work up an appetite and enjoy a baked pasta dinner together.

- **December 12**

Ugly Christmas Sweater Party: may all our sweaters be ugly & bright.

This annual event is full of festive fun, silly seasonal games, gifts, and treats galore. We ask the youth to bring a dozen cookies to share. Both store bought and homemade cookies are welcome and much appreciated.

After review of the first semester using the Alive in Christ curriculum, the decision has been made that starting with the new calendar year Middle School will be returning to the EDGE program.

The first series that we will be exploring is **"Now and Forever: Questions about the Mass."** The questions this series answers are; Where does the Mass come from? Why do we need to go to Mass? Why can't we just go to our Christian friend's church? Why does Mass feel so long? Why do we have to stand and kneel so much? How does the Mass change the world?

LifeTeen, at the beginning of the new calendar year will start the series, **"My Spirit Rejoices in God: Women of Scripture."** This series focuses on exploring the lives of women in both the Old and New Testament.

The Catholic Mass is the source and summit of our Faith, and Father Paul will give Edge & LifeTeen **"A Step-by-Step Guide through the Mass."** Parents are welcomed to join us for this event on April 3rd.

2022 Calendar

January 2 – No Meet	February 6	March 6	April 3	May 1
January 9	February 13 – No Meet	March 13	April 10 – No Meet	May 8
January 16	February 20	March 20	April 17 – No Meet	May 15
January 23 - No Meet	February 27 – No Meet	March 27 – No Meet	April 24 – No Meet	May 22
January 30 – No Meet				May 29 – No Meet