

SS. Peter and Paul Church
Youth Ministry



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Dear Parents and Teens,

Soon the 8th graders will be leaving junior high and entering high school. This is a big step for them as well as you. The 8th graders will be embarking on one of the most exiting and challenging times of their lives. Your support will be crucial for their development and achievement at this time. However, the 8th graders will also need God. They will need to continue their faith development so that they will be able to navigate the exiting, yet sometimes dangerous waters of high school.

Saints Peter and Paul is very fortunate to have a teen youth program that caters to the needs of teenagers. The teen youth program focuses on four areas of faith development. These areas include: Prayer, Catechesis, Service, and Social opportunities.

The youth program is designed to help your teens develop a strong relationship with God. Prayer is essential to this process. Thus, the teens are given opportunities to attend Mass together and afforded powerful retreats. They are given opportunities to experience the healing power of confession and given ample opportunities to come together in formal and informal prayer. Different and varied methods of prayer are utilized in the youth program.

Next, the youth program emphasizes catechesis so that the teens may be able to give reasonable answers for the faith that they profess. Catechesis in the youth program is primarily done in a discussion format. This allows the teens to ask questions that they have about varied aspects of our faith. For example, teens have asked questions about the meaning of suffering. They have also asked questions about Islam and the sacraments. As of the New Year, every Monday night in the Teen Zone from 7-9pm a Bible Study is held for the teens.

Service should be a staple of every Christian life. Saints Peter and Paul Youth program embraces this call. The youth are provided with powerful opportunities to serve those who are in the greatest of need. Since September, we have worked at a Soup Kitchen with the Missionaries of Charity and have visited St. Patrick's residence. The youth group also ran the Harvest Sunday food collection. To my great excitement, the youth group is traveling to Kentucky this summer to work with the Christian Appalachian Project. We will be aiding this organization with their service to the elderly.

Lastly, the youth program strives to provide a positive moral environment for the teens. During most weeks, the Teen Zone provides three days for the teens to come together. Food, games, prayer, and great discussion is apart of these days.

The youth program is free. There is no cost for your teens to attend. Saints Peter and Paul simply want your teens to grow deeper in their faith with Christ. If you are interested, please contact me, attend one of our upcoming events or simply fill out the attached registration form and return it to the Parish Office, attention Mike L.

Sincerely,

Michael Lewandowski

**SS. Peter and Paul
Youth Group Registration Form
2010—2011**

Last Name: First Name:

Home Phone: Cell Phone:

Email Address:

Father's Name:

Mother's Name:

Grade 2010/2011: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior
(circle one)

Family Registered at SSPP? Yes No

Emergency Contact:

Emergency Phone:

Please return registration form to Mike Lewandowski,
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If you have any questions, call Mike at 630-718-2131 or
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