

OUR GOALS FOR YOUTH MINISTRY:

- **To foster a Catholic identity in young people.**
- **To respond to the religious, social, psychological, and emotional needs of young people.**
- **To nurture a welcoming and caring faith community.**
- **To challenge young people to give witness to the Gospel, through service to others.**

PROGRAM AREAS

FAITH FORMATION

Young people are invited to reflect on their relationship with Jesus Christ and their faith community. This includes Catholic Faith Formation sessions (Youth Meetings), Retreat experiences, and special events. We offer Parent/Teen events, designed for parents and youth to come together and discuss important issues. Those who are age 16 and at least a Junior in High School are invited to prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Separate information/registration is available for this program.

PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Young people are invited to actively worship in their faith community, and develop a personal prayer life. This includes prayer at youth gatherings, special youth Masses and other Liturgies, All-Parish events, retreat and weekend outing Liturgies, and Liturgical ministries.

SERVICE

Young people are invited to put Gospel values into action and develop a Catholic social consciousness. This includes faith formation in the area of Catholic Social Teaching, as well as opportunities for service work within the Church and social community. Sr. High youth do service at the St. Mary's Food Bank, Crossroads Meal Program, adopt a family at Christmas, participate in the Advent Giving Tree, assist with WCC programs, childcare, and can apply for leader positions for Jr High events and missions

trips and retreats. Jr. High Youth assist at the Crossroads Meal Program, adopt a family at Christmas, and participate in the Advent Giving Tree. Jr. High Youth may assist with our WCC programs, and with childcare. Documentation of service hours will be provided upon request.

Additionally, both Jr. and Sr. High groups have the opportunity to apply for spaces on the Mission Weeks that are offered each summer. You must be registered in the parish, registered in the youth program, and active in the youth programs, to be considered for a space on any Mission Week. An information meeting is held in the Fall to acquaint parents and youth with this ministry.

COMMUNITY LIFE

Young people are invited to build community and responsible relationships with each other, with the Parish, and the Universal Church. We schedule social time prior to our regular youth meetings, and also offer other social activities.

Here's how adult leaders can help us!

RETREATS AND WEEKEND EVENTS

Small group leader:

Facilitate small group during the weekend.
Time: As scheduled. Usually overnight (Fri-Sat)

Cook:

Help with cooking duties. Time: Same as above.

Chaperone:

(i.e.. Youth convention, events, etc.)
Attend, supervise and interact with youth during event. Drive as needed. Time: As scheduled.

COMMUNITY BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Chaperone:

Supervise and interact with youth during event.
Drive as needed. Time: As scheduled.

Event Planning Teams

Help plan and facilitate community building and social events for Jr or Sr High.

Time: As scheduled

FAITH FORMATION TEAM

Youth Meeting Leader:

Facilitate a small group of youth either as part of a large group session, or in a small group session alone.

Time: First Sunday of the month from 6-8:30 PM (Oct.-April). In addition, there is a monthly planning meeting from 9:15-10:45 AM as scheduled.

Special meeting group leader:

Facilitate a small group of youth either as part of a small group event, bible study, prayer group, etc.
Time: To be determined

Confirmation team group leader:

Facilitate small group session for Confirmation preparation.
Time: Monthly: Oct-Dec. and then weekly Jan. through March.
Also: 1 overnight retreat, 1 day of reflection, 1 service outing.



Adult/Parent Involvement (cont.)

SERVICE

St. Mary's Food Bank (Sr. High), Adopt-a-family for Christmas (both groups), Crossroads Meal Program (both groups). Parish service: Pancake Breakfast (sr. high), Postal workers' food drive event (both groups) other service as scheduled. Attend, supervise and interact with youth during event.

Pancake Breakfast/Other

Help with these events (set up, clean up, event itself, etc.) These events raise funds to support Mission Weeks and other outreach projects. Time: Pancake Breakfast is the last Sunday of Oct.

Mission Weeks:

Attend, work with, supervise and lead youth during a week spent in service learning. Time: One week in June, one week in July.

Misc.

We sometimes need help with mailings and other clerical or misc. help.

Please note: We do not schedule activities that are not covered by the Archdiocesan Liability Insurer or violate the Ethics Code for adults who work with teens or children. These activities include, but are not limited to paintball, white-water rafting, skiing, innertubing, snowboarding, skateboarding, water activities without a lifeguard. Additionally, youth program events or activities in private homes (small groups, parties, BBQ's, etc.) are not scheduled since these are in conflict with Archdiocesan Ethical Guidelines for adults who teach, minister to, or chaperone people under the age of 18. St. Madeleine Sophie Youth Events are publicized via direct mail, bulletin, web page, and pulpit announcements. They require permission slips to be filled out. If you hear about or are invited to a youth event similar to those mentioned above, please understand that this is not a Parish sponsored or sanctioned event. The Parish/ Archdiocese can and will not provide any support for these events including bulletin announcements, flyers or liability insurance.

We encourage you to invite your friends to youth meetings and events! There are only a few special events (Mission Weeks, Confirmation prep) that are only open to members of St. Madeleine Sophie Parish.

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**Our Youth Ministry Program
assists the personal and
spiritual growth of young
people by inviting them to
responsible participation in
the life, mission, and work of
the Catholic faith community.**