

Holy Spirit Parish at Geist

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Dear Families,

Greetings from the Youth Ministry Office at Holy Spirit Parish Geist. We are already looking forward to a great junior high program for 2009-2010. This past year, we continued to evaluate and improve the program to reach more teens and provide a positive experience for all involved. Details for the upcoming year are:

2009-2010 Junior High Program

- **The EDGE** follows the Life Teen model for High School
- Kick off – Wednesday, September 16, 2009
- Classes will meet two times per month
- Class times will be from 6:15 to 7:30 pm
- Classes will be structured into three sessions
- EXCITING social and/or service opportunity one Wednesday evening per month from 6 to 7:30 pm
- Parents nights are scheduled two times during year

Parent sessions dates are as follows:

November 22 & February 21 (Note: Parent sessions will be from 6:25 to 7:25 pm in the Social Hall)

Class schedule for next year is as follows:

Session I

September 27
October 11 & 25
November 1 & 22

Session II

December 6 & 13
January 10, 24 & 31

Session III

February 21
March 7 & 21
April 18 & 25

We will not be using a single book this year but will equip the catechists with several curriculum sources. There are six topics to choose from and are listed on the registration form. The topics are: Basic Catholic Beliefs, Bible, Christian Leadership, Dating & Relationships, Prayer, and Social Justice & Service. Each junior high student is to pick three topics to learn about. We will place your child into the sessions based upon what was requested and availability of the session. If you participated in the program this past year, you still need to register for the three topics you did not participate in.

In order to make next year very exciting and effective, all parents will play a vital role in this program. Your experience and knowledge are very valuable and we ask you to take part in the program. The main area of need is catechists but also, we need catechist assistants and substitutes, planners, organizers and drivers for monthly social and service activities, and assistance in the Youth Ministry office. All teaching material will be provided for the sessions. Please review the enclosed Parent Volunteer Opportunities, circle your selections and return it with your child's registration which is also enclosed.

If you have any questions or concerns about The EDGE, please feel free to contact me.

Peace and many blessings,

Scott McNamee
Director of Youth Ministry



PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES FOR EDGE

Please return this page with your child's registration.

Please respond with which session(s) and topic(s) you would like to teach by circling the area(s) you feel called to help lead / assist.

Session(s) I II III	Bible	Basic Catholic Beliefs	Christian Leadership	Dating & Relationships	Prayer	Social Justice & Service
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If you cannot teach a session but would consider assisting in the classroom as catechist's assistant or a substitute catechist, please circle the session(s) you can help.

Catechist's Assistant	Session(s) I II III
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Substitute Catechist	Session(s) I II III
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If you can help out in the Youth Ministry office or with the Social/Service activities, please circle the date(s) available.

Office Assistant
9/27/2009
10/11/2009
10/25/2009
11/1/2009
11/22/2009
12/6/2009
12/13/2009
1/10/2010
1/24/2010
1/31/2010
2/21/2010
3/7/2010
3/21/2010
4/18/2010
4/25/2010

Social Activity
9/16/2009: Kick off @HSP
10/21/2009: Hayride
11/18/2009: Giving Tree Angels
12/16/2009: Christmas service
1/20/2010: Social @HSP
2/17/2010: Bowling
3/6/2010: Carmel Deanery Rally
5/5/2010: Cookout @ HSP

Name and phone number: _____

EDGE child(ren) and grade: _____