

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 2010-2011. This past year, we continued to improve the program to reach more teens and provide a positive experience for all involved. Details for the upcoming year are:

2010-2011 Junior High Program

- **The EDGE** follows the Life Teen model for High School
- Kick off – Wednesday, September 1, 2010
- 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
- Parents nights are scheduled two times during year

Parent sessions dates are as follows:

October 17 & February 13 (Note: Parent sessions will be from 6:25 to 7:25 pm in the PLC)

Class schedule for next year is as follows:

Session I

September 12 & 26

October 3 & 17

November 7

Session II

December 5 & 12

January 9 & 30

February 13

Session III

February 27

March 6 & 20

April 17 & May 1

The EDGE program does not utilize a classroom workbook but we equip our catechists with the several curriculum sources. There are six topics that every student will cover in their two years in the program. The topics are: Basic Catholic Beliefs, Bible, Christian Leadership, Dating & Relationships, Prayer, and Social Justice & Service.

Due to the size of our program, the Youth Ministry Office will be placing all students into their topic sections based on availability and class size. Each student will cover three topics a year. Students entering the 8th grade will be placed in the classes of the topics not covered last year, however, we still need a completed registration for this school year.

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. We ask you to take part in the program. The main area of need is catechists and we also ask for your help as advisors and organizers. Are you interested in becoming a catechist for next year?!?! Well, we are in need of some excited, passionate, caring adults to teach Junior High. All teaching material will be provided for the sessions.

If you cannot teach a session, please consider being a teaching assistant, substituting, or assisting in the Youth Ministry Office during class time. Or if you prefer social time, please select from those options.

Catechist or Teaching Assistant	Session(s):						
	All 3	Bible	Basic Catholic Beliefs	Christian Leadership	Dating & Relationships	Prayer	Social Justice & Service
	or						
	I						
II							
III							

Class Session	Substitute or Office Assistant
9/12/2010	
9/26/2010	
10/3/2010	
10/17/2010	
11/7/2010	
12/5/2010	
12/12/2010	
1/9/2011	
1/30/2011	
2/13/2011	
2/27/2011	
3/6/2011	
3/20/2011	
4/17/2011	
5/1/2011	

Social Activity	Planning	Leader /	Set up/	Driver
	Team	Chaperone	Cleanup	
9/1/2010: Kick off @HSP				xxxxxxx
10/6/2009: Hayride				
11/3/2010: Giving Tree Angels				xxxxxxx
12/1/2010: Christmas service				xxxxxxx
1/29/2011: Snow Tubing				xxxxxxx
2/5/2011: Bowling @ Pinheads				xxxxxxx
3/5/2010: Carmel Deanery Rally				xxxxxxx

Again, we are excited about the upcoming year for the Junior High teens. This past year has been a great experience and next fall we are going to keep improving the program, reaching more teens and providing more opportunities for the teens to have an identity with the parish community and a deeper relationship with Christ. 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