

**ST. AGNES
JUNIOR HIGH
YOUTH MINISTRY
2018 – 2019
(GRADES 6th — 8th)**



EDGE Kick Off for 2018 is Monday, September 17!

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WELCOME TO EDGE
(CATHOLIC MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY)

EDGE Nights occur weekly on Mondays from 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. in Cauchi Hall.

WHY SHOULD MY JUNIOR HIGH STUDENT PARTICIPATE IN EDGE?

Junior High is a huge leap in your child's life, not only academically but also socially. At EDGE, we are sensitive to these changes and address them in a positive manor through play, prayer and small group discussion. Some of the friendships that are formed continue in High School. By deepening their faith, sharing common interests and experiences, EDGE is a great stepping stone for their future.



A TYPICAL EDGE NIGHT INCLUDES

Gather all small groups together for large group activities: opening music and prayer, announcements, overview of the night, celebration of birthdays, snack, and ice breakers.

Proclaim the lesson through scripture, skits, games, video clips, and/or witness/catechetical talks.

Break into small groups and get into the meat of the topic. In the small groups we may have discussion questions, small group activities, video projects, skits and/or crafts.

Send forth the youth after rejoining the large group to be reminded how to live the lesson in their everyday lives!

A TYPICAL EDGE MONTH WILL INCLUDE:

2 Catechetical Theme Nights.

By deepening their faith, Junior High Students will learn to be more confident and better equipped for the future.

1 Issue Night.

An issue night covers current issues that are relevant to this age group: peer pressure, self-image, gossip, stress, depression, bullying, friendships, cheating, taking care of our earth, advent, lent, etc....

1 Social Night.

Social nights are designed to build our EDGE community and have lots of fun!

SERVICE

Service projects are also a component of EDGE! It is important to learn about our faith, but we must also live it!

As a group we support Vinnie's Little Helpers, the Youth SVdP Conference at St. Agnes. Each Fall we collect items for hygiene kits as well as incorporate other group service projects throughout the year.



WHY CATHOLIC YOUTH MINISTRY?

Young Catholics today face challenges that previous generations have never seen.

WHO AM I?

During middle school, young people transition from identifying with their families to identifying with their friends. As these same students journey through high school, they test the limits of independence and look for new identities. Social networks and online identities make young people more vulnerable to cultural pressures than ever before.



WHERE AM I GOING?

When you are young, the future is wide open. This can bring both hope and anxiety. The world offers futures defined by materialism and fleeting pleasure. God offers a vocation and a path of discernment that brings you there. But with all the noise of the world, it's hard for young people to find their true mission.



IS GOD REAL? IS THE CHURCH RELEVANT?

Young people today are growing up in a culture that is more skeptical of Christ and His Church than any previous generation. Gospel Truths and Church Teachings are increasingly dismissed by popular opinion. In a fast paced world where new truths are defined each day, many see that the Catholic Church is not keeping up.



WHERE DO I FIND HAPPINESS?

Middle school youth face temptations and pressures that just 15 years ago were experienced only in high school. Drugs, alcohol, and pornography are the norm. Young people want happiness that doesn't fade. EDGE is a safe place for them to learn about their faith, learn to be strong in values and make meaningful friendships that can carry on through high school.



SIGN UP TODAY FOR EDGE!

Visit our website at www.stagneparish.net (look under the Faith Formation tab for EDGE) to learn about EDGE Youth Ministry that's just for 6th – 8th grades. Here you can also download the calendar and registration form. Or call Linda at the Ministry Center at 689-0838.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION

Registration forms can be mailed in to the Ministry Center, or placed in an envelope, "Attention EDGE", and turned in at the Welcome Table after Mass.

Please include the following with your registration:

- Completed Registration Form
- Diocesan Parental Permission Form (Both sides completed)
- Check made payable to St. Agnes Church (Memo – EDGE)

Once forms are received you will be notified of your child's enrollment via email.

