

Our Mission

To provide an opportunity for the youth of our parish to encounter the Living God, and to encourage their active participation in the life of the Church.

Our Goals

To foster personal and spiritual growth in our parish youth.

To provide opportunities for our young people to learn more about, and grow deeper in their faith.

To provide a place of community, fellowship, and prayer for the youth of our parish.

Our Ministries

The Youth Ministry Program encompasses several groups, with each one focusing on a different and specific age group.

Contact Us

For more information on any of our ministries and events, please feel free to contact us in the Youth Ministry Office:

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Keep Up to Date

Our ministry is always growing and changing. To keep up to date on what's happening with SMM Youth Ministry, check out our monthly calendar-of-events on the website.

You can also join us on **Facebook** to get updates throughout the week on all of our events by becoming "friends" with Smm-Youth Ministry:

www.facebook.com/people/Smm-Youth-Ministry/100001178551971

or by joining the St. Margaret Mary Youth Ministry Facebook group page:

www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=10398071110&ref=ts

You can also follow SMM Youth Ministry on **Twitter**:

https://twitter.com/smm_ym

Check out our SMM Youth & College Ministry Blog, "*Geaux Catholic*":

<http://geauxcatholic.blogspot.com>

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High School Youth Group
For teens in 9th through 12th grades

Life Teen Weekly Events:

Life Teen Mass
Sundays @ 6:00pm

Our weekly Sunday Mass, specifically geared towards teens and their families, with teen participation as gift bearers, contemporary worship music, and youth oriented preaching. Join us for this awesome celebration of the Eucharist!

Life Night

Every other Sunday, 7:30pm – 9:00pm

Our twice-a-month Youth Group meeting has something different each time, but is always a chance for us to come together as a youth group for prayer, fellowship, and fun! Dates & times vary. Check monthly calendar for details.

Bible Study

Wednesdays, 6:30pm – 8:00pm

Our weekly Bible Study is aimed at helping our teens learn more about the Scriptures, and the truths and teachings of the Church, and how they can aid them in living out their faith in their every day lives.

“ADO”: Teen Holy Hour

Wednesdays, 8:00pm – 9:00pm

Our weekly Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration set aside specifically for our teens, including praise & worship, and the sacrament of Reconciliation. While this hour is “for teens”, anyone is welcome, and invited to join us!



Junior High Youth Group
For youth in 6th, 7th, & 8th grades.

Sundays, 4:30pm to 5:30pm

We address issues that pertain specifically to junior high youth, and aim at helping them learn more about their faith in an interactive, fun atmosphere. We strive to provide a place for these young people to grow in their faith, meet new friends, and have lots of fun, all centered around Christ!



High School Peer Ministry/Service Group
For teens in 9th through 12th grades

Every other Sunday, 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Our high school aged peer ministry group focuses on helping our teens apply what they learn as members of our Youth Ministry program, by providing an opportunity for them to serve their peers in ministry, through retreats and special events, as well as members of our Church and local communities, through outreach and service projects.



Junior High & High School Sports Night
For all young people in 6th through 12th grades

Wednesdays, 6:30pm to 8:00pm

Our weekly youth sports night, open to all young people in both 6th through 12th grades aims to provide a safe environment for our young people to come together for fun and fellowship through interactive sports, while also challenging them to learn about the Gospel message of Jesus.



Our College aged program seeks to provide an ongoing community of support and fellowship for young adults who were formerly involved in our Youth Ministry program in high school, and are currently enrolled in college. College Ministry organizes weekly, monthly, and annual events throughout the year. Contact the Youth Ministry Office for more information on how to get involved!

Other Events and Programs:

XLT: Held at different times throughout the year, XLT is an extended version of our weekly Adoration Hour. This event is an night of worship, prayer, and fellowship that includes praise & worship, led by our music ministry band, Adoration, a Eucharistic procession, a talk by gifted speakers, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. XLT is open to the entire parish, and is aimed at drawing people into a deep experience of worship of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Dates and times vary. Check online calendar for details.

Service Opportunities: The Youth Ministry program offers many opportunities throughout the year for our young people to give back to their Church and local communities through service. Teens who need service hours for school can earn them through participation in our service events as well. Some of our regular service opportunities include:

- ~ *Mount Olive Soup Kitchen.* We gather on the second Saturday of every month to help serve food to people in need in our community. Details available in the bulletin.
- ~ *Mardi Gras Booth.* The Youth Ministry program runs the Mardi Gras Booth at the annual SMM Fair, the Slidell Food & Fun Fest, and we are always in need of volunteers to staff the booth throughout the weekend. Information is made available in the bulletin as the Fair approaches.

Information about all of our Youth Ministry programs & events is made available in our monthly calendar on the website, in the Church bulletin, as well as on our Facebook group page. You can also contact the Youth Ministry Office with questions, or for more information .