## St. Mark's Youth Ministry

"Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." Timothy 4:12

## Our Mission

As lifelong disciples, St. Mark's Youth Ministry strives to walk alongside young people as they seek a personal relationship with Christ and to grow in a deeper understanding of His church through engaging, relevant catechesis, missionary outreach, and personal witness.

When: Sundays following the 9:30 mass until 11:45 am.

Where: The Youth Room at Saint Mark's

Edge: Youth Ministry meetings held for middle school students in grades 6-7

Life Teen: Youth Ministry meetings held for students in grades 8-12

## What to Expect:

Students will be participating and engaging in prayer time, bible readings, and social activities. There will also be times dedicated to building fellowship and service.

As parents, you will receive a monthly newsletter through email outlining what topics will be discussed as well as resources that may help guide discussions at home to enhance your faith together as a family.

Below you will find a schedule of topics for our upcoming school year.

Dates	Edge Topic (Gr. 6-7)	Description
September 10,17,24	Building our     Community of     Believers     Prayer	Activities that will build a trusting community  Hands on opportunities to engage in various forms of prayer.
October 1,15,22	A Healthy Future	This series aims to harness a middle schooler's natural curiosity about the future while developing their trust in God.
November 5,19	I Want to Be Like Christ	Youth learn to grow in confidence and learn who they are as a child of God. This will help them identify and overcome peer pressure.
December 3,10,17	She Said Yes Cookies and Carols 17th:Advent Celebration	This series aims for our youth to come to a greater understanding of the Annunciation and the greatness of Mary's "yes" and how during Advent we wait like Mary for the coming of Jesus Christ.

January 7,21,28	Choices	All decisions in life lead us in one direction or another. Why do we have the ability to make decisions? What does it mean to make a good decision? We will learn about consequences, virtue and the affects of the way we live.
February 4,11,18	Lent:Living our Faith 18th:Safe Environment Topic TBD*	Youth will explore how charity and acts of service are vital parts of an active faith life through the Lenten season.
March 10,17,24	24th: Resurrection Reflection	This Series will illustrate the significance of the Easter season within the Church, what happened in Christ's Resurrection and how his Resurrection two thousand years ago still affects us today.
April 7,14	Signs and Wonders: Miracles	This will challenge youth to have expectant faith in God, who performs miracles as a way of revealing His power and goodness.
May 5	Final Reflections and Celebration	We will reflect as a community on how our friendship with Jesus has deepened and our faith has strengthened through the year.

If you have any questions please feel free to reach out to:

Tom and Heather Lindner: youthministry@stmarksnh.org or visit our website, stmarksnh.org

## \*NOTE: Safe Environment Information:

Each year, the Diocese of Manchester requires that we cover a topic of Safe Environment. If you do not wish for your child to participate in this class, you may fill out an "opt out form" that will be sent out via email as the class approaches and can be returned via email.

<sup>\*</sup>Please note class topics are subject to change based on individual class needs.