

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	Teen Life Topic (Gr. 8-12)	Description
September 10,17,24	1. Building our Faith Community through Trust 2. Prayer	Activities that will build a trusting community Hands on opportunities to engage in various forms of prayer.
October 1,15,22	False Gods	Teens will recognize the four substitutes for God, identified by St. Thomas Aquinas, and gain insight on how to be counter- cultural by choosing Christ-like virtues.
November 5,19	Under the Influence	Break open the Church's stance on drugs and alcohol and how this relates to their lives.
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	Proof of Life: A Series on Activism	Challenge and empower teens to engage in activism from a Catholic world view. How do we respond to complexities of injustice in a way that respects the dignity of all humans?
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 this 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.

*Please note class topics are subject to change based on individual class needs.