



2023 – 2024 Middle School Program (grades 6-8)

Dear Parents,

Hi! I hope your 2024 has started off well and continues to be blessed. As you know we typically meet every other Monday night, 6:30-8pm, when not only do youth learn Catholic teachings, but they also get to know their peers better. There have been a couple updates since the calendar was given out at the beginning of the semester. First, as mentioned in an earlier email, we had to move our Jan 22nd class to January 29th because of voting which removes access to our hall and attached rooms on both January 22nd and 23rd. The other change is that the joint retreat scheduled for February 9-10th has been postponed.

Also, as I mentioned in my initial letter at the beginning of our program this year I'm asking that youth attend Adoration at least once this year—this can be an Encounter Night at SJN (3 remain—Feb 1, 29 or Apr 4), [JAFFA](#) at St Joseph's Cathedral (only 2 remain—Feb 2 or Mar 1), or any other adoration time at any Catholic church. I really hope your child (& you) will join us with for one of these awesome opportunities to spend some time before Christ exposed in the Blessed Sacrament.

Below is the updated schedule for this semester. You will also be able to see what is happening by visiting our website—[EDGE-MS Program](#) is the religious education portion and [Youth Ministry](#) for the social/service events for grades 6-12. NOTE: The *italicized, bold text* are non-Monday opportunities to be more involved. You can also find the calendar [on the MS \(EDGE\) website](#)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Comments</u>
8-Jan	Safe Environment	Bullying
<i>22-Jan</i>	<i>Off - moved to 1/29 due to voting</i>	
29-Jan	Ignition	Holy Spirit working w/The Father & the Son
5-Feb	Kindling	What is the Church
19-Feb	Everlasting	<i>Pres Day - school day</i> ; Four Marks of Church
4-Mar	Life in the Fire	Structure of the Church
18-Mar	Flamethrower	Communion of saints
1-Apr	A Legacy	What happens when we die
15-Apr	Eternal Kingdom	Last Judgement
29-Apr	<i>End of year party</i>	3/31 Easter Sunday;

I look forward to walking with your child(ren) this year on part of his/her faith journey.

Peace and blessings,

Cheri' Andersen

[Below is a look at what summer 2024 looks like](#)

7-11 July	Totus Tuus	<i>nightly at SJN</i>
14-20 July	Mission Trip (<i>grade 8+</i>) *	likely WorkcampNE
26-28 July	Steubenville East (<i>grade 8+</i>) *	MassMutual Center, Springfield MA
11-14 Aug	His Hands & Feet	<i>daily Mission Trip hosted at SJN</i>

**possible, but not definite*