



# ST. GERTRUDE JR. HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY

## Fall 2020 Ministry Plan

Dear Parents,

It goes without saying that many things, including Jr. High Youth Ministry, is going to look a little different this year. Over the past several weeks, our team has been intentionally discerning the best way forward in ministry, being sure to keep the following at the front of our prayer:

- The health, safety, and well-being of all participants and compliance with local, state, and national health guidelines.
- The need to create an environment that is both safe and conducive for Christian formation.
- How to continue to encourage the spiritual growth and formation of the jr. high youth of St. Gertrude Parish - to live a full life in the Catholic faith.

This flyer lays out the plan we have for the fall semester for Jr. High Youth Ministry. I pray your child will join us as we continue to grow in our faith in the midst of this pandemic.



### Ministry Details

#### Opt-In Small Groups

- For the safety of all participants and their families, small groups will be limited, consistent, single-sex peer groups. We will have opt-in periods in the fall and winter to give all youth the opportunity to participate and grow in their faith.

Click here for Opt-In Form:

**<https://forms.gle/F41gc7gUvjCkKR88>**

**Forms due Sept. 1st**

#### Meeting Times and Spaces

- To be communicated after the opt-in period once small groups have been established. We are considering meeting immediately following school dismissal, at a time and day that works with each particular small group.

#### Limited Large Group Events

- Because of the difficulty in keeping jr. high students socially distanced, large group events will not occur as they have in years past.

**The main way to be involved in Jr. High Youth Ministry is through the Opt-In small groups.**

# Health and Safety Guidelines



- Face Coverings
  - To abide by the State of Ohio requirements for face coverings, teens and adults are required to wear a face covering when outside and unable to maintain 6ft distance. When a person is inside, a face covering is required. As we gather in person, we will clearly state what is appropriate at events. Please bring a mask with you to all youth ministry events.
    - When being active, masks are exempt.
    - If you have an underlying health condition you are also exempt.
  - Note: This is all subject to change and will be communicated if there are any adjustments.
- Health Screening
  - Parents should ensure that any attendee of Jr. High Youth Ministry has a temperature below 100°F and is free of any symptoms prior to arriving at St. Gertrude. Parents are encouraged to check the website of the Center for Disease Control (CDC) for information on symptoms and when to seek medical care. These standards apply for all St. Gertrude employees and all volunteer Core Team. We will have thermometers on hand in order to assess teen temperature as needed.
- Those Presenting Symptoms at Home
  - Parents should keep their teen at home if they are ill. Any teen or team member with a fever of 100 degrees or greater or symptoms of possible COVID-19 virus infection should not be present. Someone with symptoms of COVID-19 are encouraged to contact their health care provider to discuss testing and medical care.
- Known Exposure to COVID-19
  - A participant, volunteer, or staff member who has been in close contact with a positive case of confirmed COVID-19 should not attend any formational program for 14 days since exposure.
- Cleaning and Sanitation
  - Upon arrival the teens will have access to hand sanitizer. All spaces utilized, including all high contact surfaces, will be cleaned and sanitized regularly to ensure the space is ready for Jr. High Youth Ministry.

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