

## High School Youth Group - Year Calendar 2017-18

*A night of fellowship, faith, prayer and worship for all High School students.*

*We come together for 5:30pm mass and meet right after. Dinner will be served!*

- Lifeteen Nights: Gather, Proclaim, Break, Send.
- XLT Nights- Sept 24<sup>th</sup>, Nov 19<sup>th</sup>, Feb 11, May 6th
- CORE Meetings with teens Sundays 4pm
- Unleashed- leadership program for upper classmen
- Peer Ministry Program (Spring)
- Our meeting location: St Michael's Building & Pavilion
- Giving back/Faith Sharing - w/ Middle School & Confirmandi
- **Family Dinner**- if your family is willing and able, we are asking if you can sign-up to bring dinner for the Rock one night of the year. It can be your favorite family recipe or traditional food.
- **Parent Session**- March/April on Spiritual warfare. If you are interested, I am looking for parents to lead the sessions. It will be for parents and can be done as small group discussion.



### Year at a Glance:

#### **Aug 20<sup>th</sup>- KICK-Off Event- LIVE MUSIC**

Aug 27, Sept 10, Sep 17<sup>th</sup> (Confessions), and Sept 24<sup>th</sup>- **The Complete & Total Guide to Human Happiness:** The Complete & Total Guide to Human Happiness answers all your questions on how to get happy and stay happy! True happiness is found in surrendering to Jesus Christ. The way of Jesus may not look the way we think it does. This series explores what it really means to live for Christ; the beatitudes, living the law of love, trusting Church authority, and forming our conscience. (4 series)

- Sept 10<sup>th</sup>- Parish Ministry Fair

#### **October- Pumpkin Patch all month- our month for fundraising\***

#### **Oct 1<sup>st</sup>- ISSUE NIGHT**

Oct 15<sup>th</sup>, Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>, Nov 12th, and Nov 19<sup>th</sup>- **The Promise:** From the beginning, God had a plan for our salvation. He sent prophets and kings to tell them the Savior was coming. Then, He sent His only Son, Jesus. We sentenced Him to death but death was not the end. Jesus rose from the dead and this gives us great hope. This Life Night series immerses teens in these familiar narratives and offers the opportunity to process these stories as real life experiences. It also challenges teens to live lives of prayer and discipleship (4 series)

- October 13<sup>th</sup>- Food Truck Rally/Fall Festival

Nov 5<sup>th</sup>- **Mission Academy: Living a Missionary Call:** The night begins with a game that will test the teens' knowledge of missionary activity. The answers from the game lead into the teaching for the night during the Proclaim. This teaching is foundational for the teens to understand their call to mission within the Church. The Break gives teens an opportunity to reflect on the ways they will commit to a missionary life using the four missionary pillars: prayer, community, ongoing spiritual formation, and outreach.

After this they will meet in “community groups” and develop a mission plan for the environments in which they spend the most time. The night closes with a prayer of commission for the teens and a challenge to courageously go out into their mission field to spread the Gospel.

### **Dec 3<sup>rd</sup>- ISSUE NIGHT**

### **Dec 10<sup>th</sup>- Xmas Social/Outing**

Jan 7<sup>th</sup>, Jan 28<sup>th</sup>, Feb 4<sup>th</sup>, and Feb 11<sup>th</sup>- **Ex Tenebris Lux**: God chooses to reveal Himself to His people, and His revelation is recorded in Sacred Scripture so that all can come to know Him. Ultimately, God reveals Himself in His Son, Jesus Christ. God, who dwells in unapproachable light, shatters our darkness and brings us into His light. This series unpacks the inspiration and development of Sacred Scripture and how God continues to make Himself known to us today. (4 series)

Jan 21<sup>st</sup>- Santo Niño Festival

### **Feb 25<sup>th</sup>- ISSUE NIGHT (Confessions)**

Mar 4<sup>th</sup>, Mar 18<sup>th</sup>, Apr 8<sup>th</sup>, Apr 22<sup>nd</sup>, Apr 29 & May 6<sup>th</sup>- **Victorious**: This special Curriculum Guide contains Life Nights about spiritual warfare and the spiritual battle of good and evil that rages around us. The topics covered in the Life Nights include original sin, the victory won over sin and death by Jesus Christ, angels and demons, and the ways we spiritually fortify ourselves from attack. The Life Nights in this Curriculum Guide challenge teenagers to see the spiritual reality of the world they live in, and encourage them to avoid sin and choose life in Christ. (6 series)

- Includes a Parent Session (4 series).

Apr 15<sup>th</sup>- Bonding/Group Outing

### **May 14<sup>th</sup>- ISSUE NIGHT**

May 20<sup>th</sup> – End of Year Social/Senior Reception and Mass

### Issue Nights Topics:

#### **Believe It...Or Not? : An Issue Night on Atheism**

The goal of this Life Night is to have an open, honest discussion about atheism. The Life Night focuses on answering the common objections that Catholics hear about the existence of God and equips the teens with tips on how to enter into a conversation with our non-believing brothers and sisters.

#### **The Word Became Status: An Issue Night on Offenses against Truth in Social Media**

The goal of this life night is to help the teens understand the social, moral, and spiritual ramifications of misusing social networks. By the end of the night the teens will understand how to use discernment and the virtue of temperance when using social media.

**Fear vs. Dreams: An Issue Night on Suicide and Depression**

The goal of this Life Night is to begin conversation regarding suicide and depression, educate students on what to do if they or a friend is depressed or suicidal, and clear up misconceptions in regard to Church teaching on suicide.

**A Friend Indeed: An Issue Night on Christian Friendship**

The goal of this Life Night is to help the teens understand the need for friendships. This Life Night will also give the teens an opportunity to evaluate how good a friend they are to those they call friends. Finally, this Life Night will help the teens understand the need for solid, Christ-centered friendships.

**Under the Influence: An Issue Night on Drugs and Alcohol**

The goal of this Life Night is to break open the Church's stance on drugs and alcohol and how it relates to the teen's lives. This Life Night will also help the teens understand how using drugs and alcohol is not only a sin but also hinders their true freedom found in Christ. Finally, this Life Night will challenge the teens to pray for those in their lives who struggle with drugs and alcohol and be a witness of God's love to them.

**XXX: An Issue Night on Pornography**

The goal of this night is to address the issue of pornography and its devastating effects on the dignity of the human person.

**Summer 2018**

- Hidden Lake/Covecrest- dates to be chosen between Jun 4-Jul 28.
- Good Samaritan Service Project
- Panama Mission: Jul 11-18, 2018- fundraising and preparation meetings throughout the year
- World Youth Day 2019- Panama Jan 22-27

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