



Jr. High Newsletter

Jr. High Youth Group

The first Jr. High Youth Group for 2016-17 is **Friday August 19th!**

Jr. High Youth Group is for everyone in the **6th, 7th, and 8th grades**



and is held on the 1st and 3rd Friday of every month right after school. We meet in the SLS Cafe starting at 3:15 with snacks before each program.

Program activities end at 4:30, and free time with friends from 4:30-5:00. Please have your parents pick you up between 4:30 and 5:00.

If you are coming from Batesville

Middle School, please have your parent with your bus driver. Most drivers will drop you off at St. Louis while picking up the SLS kids.

Due to numerous allergies of some of our students, **please do not bring in snacks to youth group.** If you have a food allergy or dietary restriction, please contact me at cwesseler@st.louisschool.org before the next meeting.

HELP WANTED

The Youth Ministry team is looking for a few parents or grandparents who would like to help out with Jr. High Youth Group. Commitment level would be 2-4 hours per month on Fridays from 3p – 5p. Please let Carrie know if you have a parent able to help (812) 212-9477 or cwesseler@st.louisschool.org

Upcoming Events:

August 19th—Jr. High Youth Group

August 21st—Mission Trip Information Meeting

September 2nd—Jr. High Youth

8th Graders

8th Grade Ambassadors

Jr. High Youth Group is seeking 8th Graders who are interested in an opportunity to help build leadership and organizational skills. If you are an 8th Grader and would like the opportunity to become an 8th Grade Ambassador for the 2016-17 school year, please fill out the attached form and return to the school or parish office before August 19th.

8th Grade Ambassadors will help plan out Friday Youth Groups, service projects, and other events. They will have leadership opportunities during youth group events in various ways. They will be good role models for their Jr. High peers. Please see the attached form for more information.

2017 Mission Team

Want to be a part of something more? Enjoy helping people? Come to the Mission Team information meeting on **August 21st at 4:30 in the St. Louis Cafe** to see if the Mission Trip is right for you. The mission team is planning to go to Newark Valley, New York July 9-15, 2017.



Eighth Grade Jr. High Ambassador 2016-17 School Year

St. Louis Parish Office of Youth Ministry is currently seeking 8 th graders (as of Fall 2016) from St. Louis Parish who would like to learn leadership and organizational skills.

Interested 8th graders should be able to:

1. **Be at most of the Jr. High Youth Groups** on the 1st and 3rd Fridays of each month from 3:30-5;
2. **Be a good role model** for other Jr. High youth;
3. **Take your role as 8 th Grade Ambassador seriously;**
4. **Work well with fellow 8 th Grade Ambassadors;**
5. Be willing to commit to **meeting after school or evening once per month** (aside from Youth Group) for planning future Youth Groups, service projects, and events; and
6. Be **willing to take on leadership** within Jr. High Youth Group.

You do not currently have to possess leadership and/or organizational skills, as the adult leaders will help ambassadors develop these skills throughout the year.

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Any 8th grader who is interested in signing up for this opportunity should fill out the information below and return to Carrie Wessler at the Parish Office or St. Louis School office by August 19, 2016. For questions or more information, please contact Carrie at 933-1519 or cwessler@st.louisschool.org.

8th Grader's Name: _____ School: _____

Parent's Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email address(es) to reach 8th Grader for meeting reminders and information?

What times would work best with 8 th Grader's schedule for 1x per month planning meeting?

	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Right after school (3-5)					2nd or 4th
Evening (6-8)					

Please check all that would work for you schedule.

Other suggestions of days/times for planning meetings? _____

I (parent of 8 th Grader) _____ agree to allow my child (name of 8th Grader) _____, to participate fully in the 8 th Grade Ambassador program through St. Louis Parish Youth Ministries. As the parent of an 8 th Grade Ambassador, I will do my best to encourage my child to attend the monthly planning meetings and youth group events. I understand that all planning meetings and youth group events will be properly supervised and will be in compliance with the Archdiocese of Indianapolis Safe Environment policies.

Parent Signature

Date

St. Louis Catholic Church Junior High Youth Ministry Registration 2016-17

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ GRADE: _____

DOB _____ SCHOOL _____ Phone # _____

ADDRESS _____

EMAIL ADDRESS (for meeting and event reminders): _____

I, as parents/guardians of the undersigned minor, hereby consent and agree to hold harmless, St. Louis Parish and/or the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Indianapolis, IN and any and all employees or volunteers thereof, for any accident, injury or occurrence arising out of, or in connection with the St. Louis Catholic Church Junior High Youth Ministry Program.

I, the parent or legal guardian of the participant, do hereby grant permission for our child to participate fully in the St. Louis Youth Ministry Program and all of its activities during the 2016-17 school year. I give my permission for my son/daughter, in case of an emergency, to be taken to a physician or hospital by either a parent in charge or by parish personnel. I understand that every effort will be made to contact me. If I cannot be reached, I hereby give permission to the physician selected by the parish member in charge or adult chaperone to secure proper treatment for my son/daughter.

Parent/Guardian Name _____ Signature _____ Date _____

Phone numbers where I can be reached during the program times _____

Contact person (if you cannot be reached) _____ Contact Phone # _____

Physician's Name _____ Physician Phone # _____

Insurance Policy Name and Number _____

Please Initial One:

Yes _____, No _____ I hereby grant permission for nonprescription medication (such as pain reliever, throat lozenges, cough syrup) to be given to my child, if deemed advisable.

The following are special circumstances regarding my child of which you should be aware (please include medical conditions, behavioral problems, food allergies, etc.) _____

Due to various allergies of some of our students, **snacks should not be brought in from home unless arrangements have been made with the leaders.** However, in order to provide snacks for all the Jr. High meetings and events, it would be greatly appreciated in parents would donate \$5 to help offset the cost of snacks. Please know this is completely optional.

Volunteers are always appreciated. **If you are able to volunteer your time for any youth group meeting(s), please let us know your availability.** If you have not already done so, please register and complete the Archdiocese's Safe and Sacred program at least 2 weeks before helping with any youth ministry event. This is all done on-line and will not take long to complete. Go to safeandsacred-archindy.org to get started.

Jr. High Youth Group generally takes place on the 1st and 3rd Friday's after school until 5:00 p.m. Below is a list of this school year's tentative dates. They are subject to change due to weather, retreats or other conflicts with parish activities.

<u>2016</u>			<u>2017</u>		
August 19	October 7	November 18	January 6	February 17	April 7
September 2	October 21	December 2	January 20	March 3	April 21
September 16	November 4	December 16	February 3	March 17	May 5
					May 19

_____ I would love to help out with youth group! I am available _____

and you can call or email me at _____