

**St. Joseph Catholic Church
Senior High Youth Ministry
Parent Handbook**

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High School Youth Ministry Policies and Procedures

Dear Parents/Guardians/Young People

Youth Ministry involves first and foremost, not programs, but relationships. Relationships that form youth ministry are those that form community and mediate the grace of Christ, challenging young people to greater growth and openness to God.

Renewing the Vision 1976

In an effort to create relationships centered on Jesus Christ we must work together to bring about an atmosphere of peace, kindness, joy and love. To achieve that end, the following is required to take place. Please sign and return the attached page – keep these policies for your reference.

1. I understand that I am required to behave in a Christian manner at all Youth Ministry and church gatherings, meetings, events, and functions (and should outside of these as well).
2. I understand that I must be 14-18 years of age to be a member of Youth Ministry.
3. I understand that it is the responsibility of my parents and me to register in the parish and Youth Ministry by filling out all the respective forms.
4. I understand that events and functions of youth ministry outside of the weekly meetings, require parents/guardians to fill out permission slips and liability forms per event.
5. I understand that while in attendance at youth group meetings, events, retreats or any other function sponsored by the Youth Ministry that I am required to remain present, unless a parent or guardian gives permission, verbally or written, to leave said function.
6. I understand that if I invite a high school friend to a youth group meeting who is not a registered youth group member that a written permission note from parent/guardian is required.

7. I understand that youth group meetings are generally held every Sunday in the parish center [unless otherwise specified] from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. and that my parents are required to provide transportation to and from meetings and/or other events, retreats, etc.
8. I understand that due to diocesan mandates, Youth Ministry Team Members ***are not allowed*** to provide transportation to or from a meeting, retreat or sponsored event.

9. I understand that Youth Ministry Team Members are only required to stay thirty (30) minutes after a sponsored event. If there is no other recourse to transport me home, law enforcement may be notified.
10. I understand that there are consequences for inappropriate behavior. Adult team leaders are responsible to correct inappropriate behavior according to parish guidelines which are:
 - a. Two team leaders will discreetly call me aside to correct the behavior.
 - b. My parents/guardians will be called if inappropriate behavior continues.
 - c. All disciplinary actions are required to be documented.
 - d. Continued inappropriate behavior may lead to temporary or permanent suspension from youth ministry.
 - e. All disciplinary actions will be discerned by the Pastor, Director of Religious Education, and Youth Ministry Coordinator.
11. I understand that if my parents/guardians are chronically late in picking me up that it may jeopardize my youth group membership.
12. I understand that the Youth Ministry Team is responsible to end all meetings, events and retreats at the designated time given to parent/guardians.
13. I understand that fundraising benefits the entire youth group and that my participation is required for at least 75% of the events.*

**Fundraising provides each youth an opportunity to offset expenses for retreats and counterbalances charging for membership in the youth group.*

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I have read and agree to comply with the policies set forth by St. Joseph Catholic Church Youth Ministry:

_____/_____
PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE DATE

_____/_____
STUDENT SIGNATURE DATE

_____/_____
ST. JOSEPH REPRESENTATIVE DATE