



2019-2020 Calendar

Both Middle and High School Students gather after the 5:30 p.m. Life Teen Mass. Edge Nights (6th - 8th grade) will gather upstairs in the Youth Room and Life Nights (9th – 12th grade) will upstairs in the RCIA room/balcony. The sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. Attendance will be taken each Sunday evening!

August

23rd - **Shuckers Baseball Game**- Families are invited to join us for the game at 6:35pm against the Mississippi Braves. More information to come.

September

1st – **NO LIFE TEEN OR EDGE due to Labor Day Holiday**

8th - **Edge/Life Teen- “Back to The Basics”** The goal for this night is to foster an environment of teamwork through several fun challenges. This night will build community at the beginning of the year among your teenagers, and lay the groundwork for trust for the rest of the year.

15th - **Edge- “What We See”** -The goal of the Edge Night is for the youth to learn more about the story of creation and what it reveals about God and about the world around us.

Life Teen- “How It Starts”- The goal of this Life Night is to illustrate several concepts that relate to creation: literary forms in Scripture, God as the creator of all, human beings as the summit of creation, and other truths of Genesis.

22nd - **Edge- “Fruit”**- The goal of this Night is to explain to the youth the Fall of humanity and our need for a Savior.

Life Teen- “The Drop Zone”- The goal of this Life Night is to lay a foundation for the semester. This night will introduce the Fall of Man and the consequences of Original Sin. This night will also give the teens an opportunity to prayerfully examine how sin affects their everyday lives and their need for God’s love.

26th - **ADORE Night**- Eucharistic Adoration and Praise and Worship at **TBD** beginning at 6:30pm

28th - 6th and 7th Grade Day retreat- High school students putting on retreat. More information to come!

29th – **Edge- “Don’t Worry”**- The middle school youth will understand how God calls us to be in a special type of relationship in which He provides for all our needs and we depend fully on Him. They also will understand ways in which they can deal with their worries and offer them to God.

Life Teen- “Trust Me”- The goal of this night is to show how all of the Old Testament points to and waits for the promise of the Messiah. This night will also show that God is trustworthy in his promises, and help the teens place their trust in the promises of God.

Parent Night- “Our Roots”- The goal of this session is to help the participants begin to look at the “roots” of their lives and how their past has shaped who they are and what they believe.

October

6th - **NO LIFE TEEN OR EDGE due to Fall Break**

13th - **Edge- “Healthy, Happy, Holy”**- The goal of this night is for the youth to come to a greater understanding of their dignity, worth, and their call to live healthy, happy, and holy lives. This night is intended to be a part of the Catholic Church’s initiative for continuous training and awareness in Safe Environment.

Life Teen- “For What It’s Worth”- The goal of this life night is to help teenagers realize their dignity and worth as given by God. It will challenge teens to understand what a safe environment is, and why our dignity requires that we work for the safety and respect of everyone.

16th - Confirmation Meeting- 9th and 10th Grade Parents (More information coming soon!)

19th - Middle School One Day Conference (**TBD**)- More information coming soon!

20th - **Edge/Life Teen- “Preaching and Walking”**- The goal of this night is to challenge the middle school youth that evangelization begins with the way we live our lives. People see and learn about the love of God by the way we behave and treat others.

Parent Night- “Root to Fruit”- The goal of this session is to help the participants see that the fruit they bear in their lives is directly connected to what or whom they are rooted in.

27st - **Edge/ Life Teen- Praise and Worship on the beach at the Pavilion** (Holy Family and St. James are joining us)

November

3rd - **Edge/Life Teen- “Now Hiring”**-This night will help teens understand vocations as a specific and unique calling rather than a job or something they can choose. This night will give the teens practical to tools to begin to discern their vocations.

6th – Confirmation Meeting- 11th Grade Parents (More information coming soon!)

10th - **Edge/Life Teen- “Bound Together”**- This Night will help the teens understand that no vocation is lived in isolation. This night will explore various relationships in a teen’s life and how those relationships are a means to grow closer to God and discover His calling for their lives.

15th - 17th - Life Teen Retreat for 9th Through 12th Graders in Orange Beach, AL

17th - **Edge and Life Teen Night of Service**- Help SVDP Society prepare Thanksgiving Food Baskets

20th-24th - NCYC

24th - **NO LIFE TEEN OR EDGE due to Thanksgiving Break**

December

1st - **Advent FAMILY Night- “Wait for It”**- The goal of this Night is to help the youth and their parents understand the purpose of Advent and what Christ is calling them to as they prepare for Christmas. This night will give them practical, concrete ways to pray the four weeks of Advent.

7th - Edge Christmas Party

8th - **Edge- “People Get Ready”**- The goal of this Edge Night is to help the youth learn the purpose of the season of Advent and what they can do to prepare for Christ’s coming.

Life Teen- “Light of The World”- The goal of this Night is to help the middle school youth grow a deeper understanding of the season of Christmas and how they are called to say yes to Jesus Christ in their own lives.

12th - **ADORE Night**- Eucharistic Adoration and Praise and Worship at **TBD** beginning at 6:30pm

14th - Life Teen “Snowed in with Jesus” Overnight Retreat

15th-Elf (Morning during SRE time) High school does fun activities with younger children.

22nd - **NO EDGE OR LIFE TEEN DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

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January

5th - **Edge and Life Teen- “Night or Day of Fun”- Bowling or Ice Skating**

10th-12th - **SEARCH RETREAT**- 9th through 12th Graders

12th - **Edge/Life Teen- “Vocation”**- The youth will understand the concept of “vocation.” They also will discuss the Sacraments of service and consider whether they are feeling a call to serving God and His people as a lay person or through the religious life.

Parent Night- “Growing and Thriving”- The goal of this session is to help the participants understand the role of grace, particularly through the Sacraments, as a needed and necessary part of their faith journey. The session will also help the participants look at their lives and recognize where they see God’s grace working and where they need it more abundantly.

19th - **Edge- “Call By God”**- The goal of this night is that the middle school youth will come to a better understanding and appreciation of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. They will learn about the path to ordination, understand their parish clergy better, and begin to pray about their own vocation.

Life Teen- “I Object”- The goal of this Life Night is to answer the common objections to the vocation of Holy Orders. Specifically, this Life Night will address all-male priesthood and the vow of celibacy.

Rosary Rally- more information coming soon!

22nd-26th - **MARCH FOR LIFE**

26th - **Edge/Life Teen- “Protect Life”**- The goal of this Night is for the youth to come to an understanding of the fifth commandment and that every single human life deserves dignity and respect from natural birth until natural death.

February

2nd - **Super Bowl Social**

7th-9th - **SEARCH RETREAT**- 9th through 12th Graders

9th - **Edge- “Death, Where Is Your Victory”**- The goal of this Edge Night is to help the youth enter into and experience the Paschal Mystery. The youth will understand the necessity of Christ’s suffering and death and the glory of His Resurrection and Ascension.

Life Teen- “Heart of Mystery”- The goal for this night is to explain the central mystery of our faith - the Paschal Mystery. It will also help teens understand how their salvation was won through Christ’s Passion, Death and Resurrection.

15th-16th - 8th Grade overnight retreat. More information to come!

16th - **Edge/Life Teen- “Totally Given”**- This Night examines the Sacraments at the Service of Communion – Holy Matrimony and Holy Orders, and it provides teenagers with an understanding of how these two sacraments build up the Church. Teenagers are challenged to pray for those that have received the Sacraments of Matrimony and Holy Orders.

Parent Night- “Through the Storms”- The goal of this session is to help the participants understand that even in the midst of the storms of life we must stay rooted in faith and offer praise to God.

23rd - **NO EDGE OR LIFETEEN due to Mardi Gras Break**

March

1st - **Lenten FAMILY Night- “Dead Growth”**- Families are encouraged to attend and we break open the season of Lent specifically the

theme of diving into prayer, fasting, and almsgiving.

8th - **Edge- "Law Breaker"**- The goal of this Edge Night is to open the eyes of the youth to the context and meaning of Christ's crucifixion and death, particularly for their own life.

Life Teen- "Darkness"- This Life Night will challenge teenagers to recognize the physical, emotional, and spiritual realities of the crucifixion. It will help them understand the necessity for Christ's Passion and death in order for us to have salvation.

15th - **Edge/Life Teen- "Nailed"**- The goal of this night is to help the teens receive the unconditional love of God and understand how the presence of suffering and evil does not mean that God has stopped loving us. This night will address the scandal of evil and how we are called to face evil and suffering with hope and faith. Finally, it will help teens understand how the sacrifice and suffering of the cross reveals the depth of real love.

20th - 22nd - **Diocese of Biloxi Youth Convention** (9th – 12th grades)

22nd - **Edge Diocese of Biloxi Jr. High Youth Rally**

26th - **ADORE Night**- Eucharistic Adoration and Praise and Worship at **TBD** beginning at 6:30pm

29th - **Edge/Life Teen- "Sin and Forgiveness"**- The youth will define "sin" and "forgiveness." They also will consider the lesson that the Lord's Prayer conveys about forgiveness of sin.

April

5th - **NO EDGE OR LIFETEEN DUE TO PALM SUNDAY & SPRING BREAK**

12th - **NO EDGE OR LIFETEEN DUE TO EASTER SUNDAY**

19th - **Edge/Life Teen- "Returning Again"**- The goal of this Edge Night is to help the middle school youth learn about life after death and the reuniting of the body and soul at the end of time.

25th - Confirmation Day of Prayer

26th - **Edge/Life Teen- "Dead Strength"**- The goal for this night is to help the teens understand that true strength is found in suffering and sacrifice. This night will also help teens recognize that as followers of Christ they must die to self in order to gain the fullness of life in Christ.

Parent Night- "The Seasons of Life/Security of the Shell"- The goal of this session is to help the participants understand that we all experience seasons in our faith journey and how we can grow and see the fruit of each season and help see that God has given them each specific gifts to use to serve Him. This session will also invite the participants to call upon the Holy Spirit in Adoration to reveal the gifts God has given them and to give them strength to live as servants of Christ.

May

3rd - **Edge and Life Teen- "Beach Ball Bonanza"**- The goal of this Night is to give the youth an opportunity to celebrate the community and new friendships that were formed during the year and to celebrate summer!

8th - **Sacrament of Confirmation** (**TBD**)

17th - Parish Picnic beginning at 11:30am

Baccalaureate Mass for Graduating Seniors (reception to follow)