

High School

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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER



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Search Retreat is Here! Search Retreat is Here!



It's been a long time coming, but Search is finally here, February 7-9!
All of the preparation is done and the team is ready to roll! Here are a couple of reminders to those Confirmation candidates who will be attending.

The retreat is at Three Trails Conference Center on the NW corner of Highway 40 and Lee's Summit Rd., just about mile away from the parish.

Please arrive at 7:30 p.m. Friday and plan to be picked up Sunday at 2:30.
(You cannot drive yourself to the retreat.)

Here's a reminder about what to bring:

sheets and blanket or sleeping bag/pillow/towels/toiletries/2-3 changes of comfy clothes/shower slippers if you'd like/a bag of junk food/a 2-liter of pop







We also have a list of things NOT to bring. Do NOT bring:
cell phones, electronics, ipad, hand-held games, tobacco, drugs, alcohol,
or weapons. (Obvious—I know!)

Any questions? Contact Deacon Ken.



Contact Deacon Ken in the Youth Office at kfuenhausen@stmarksparish.com or at 816.285.8361

February 2020, High School

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	
<p>For all events, we'll leave from the Prayer Garden and return to the Prayer Garden. If cost is <u>EVER</u> an issue, just let Deacon Ken know upon arrival and we'll get ya covered!!! Friends are always welcome! Permission forms are on the website, in the back of church, and with Ken on the day of each event.</p>						
<p>2 <i>Super Bowl</i> <i>Go Chiefs!</i></p>	3	4	<p>5 <i>Sponsor Night</i> 7:00-9:00</p>	<p>RETREAT</p> 		<p>8 </p> <p><i>Search Retreat begins</i></p>
<p>9 </p>	<p>10 </p>	11	12	<p>13 <i>First Sacraments Class</i> 6:00-6:45</p>	<p>14 Happy Valentine's Day ♥♥♥</p>	15
<p>16 <i>Faith Formation Night</i> 7:00-9:00</p>	17	<p>18 <i>Harvesters</i> 6:00-8:45</p>	19	20	21	22
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Faith Formation Nights!!!

At High School FFNs, we throw together fellowship, faith, and food to build community, and thanks to you all, our community has been really good this year! We'll continue on!

This month is a bit unique in that we only have one Faith Formation Night because of Search. It will be on **Sunday, 2/16, 7:00-9:00**. As with all activities, friends are always welcome! This is required for Confirmation preparation.



Confirmation Preparation!!!

Required activities this month are Sponsor Night (2/5), Search (2/7-2/9), and Faith Formation Night (2/16).

Harvesters!!!



Did you know that Harvesters, a regional food bank, serves more than 620 not-for-profit agencies in a 26-county area?

(Really! It's true!)

Imagine how many thousands and thousands folks benefit for their work. Now, imagine having a hand in helping all of those folks. That's what happens when you join us to serve at Harvesters, sorting food that will go to those 620 agencies.

Our next trip is **Tuesday, 2/18**. We'll meet in the Prayer Garden at **6:00** and will return at **8:45** after a stop at McD's for food.

(Bring a couple of bucks!)

Drivers needed! Contact Deacon Ken to volunteer!



Those preparing for First Reconciliation and Communion!!!

Our First Sacraments class is **Thursday, 2/13, 6:00-6:45.**

Lent Begins this Month!!!

Lent—forty days of growing closer to the Lord—begins with **Ash Wednesday, 2/26.** Masses are at **9:00, 12:10, and 7:00.** Come begin a forty day journey with Jesus!



Do We Cancel Youth Activities for Bad Weather???



Yep—our parish policy is that, if Independence schools close due to weather, all parish activities, including youth activities, are cancelled. This also includes Independence schools closing for evening activities.

(If Independence simply has a late start day, then all parish activities are still on.) If it's a weekend activity and we have doubtful weather, call the Youth Office (285-8361) to check on **possible** cancelations. We'll have word on that recorder at least one hour before the scheduled event if it is cancelled.

► One exception to this policy: the Search Retreat. It will only be cancelled by Deacon Ken based on the weather situation at the time.

Second Semester Permission Forms!!!

If you haven't already done so, turn in a second semester permission form the next time you come to an "away" event. Other than for an overnight, the attached form only needs to be turned in once for the semester.

