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YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

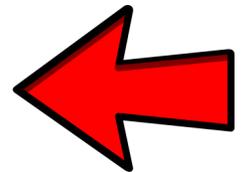


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A Lockin is Coming!!! A Lockin is Coming!!!

You've been hearing about it and now it's finally here! We're heading out to the Legacy Community Center in Lee's Summit. We'll have a pool, racquetball, basketball, volleyball, a movie room, junk food and pizza and drinks. We'll also be joined by about 100 other middle schoolers from other Catholic parishes. It'll be a blast!



The event begins **Saturday, 2/22**. Arrive at the Prayer Garden at **8:00 p.m.** We'll head out to St. Margaret's Parish (next to Legacy) for a 9:00 Mass. We'll be at Legacy from 10:00 until we leave the next morning. We'll return to St. Mark's at **6:15 a.m.** the next morning.

You'll need to bring your swimsuit and towel (if you want to swim), **the permission form which is special for this event** (attached), \$20 (checks to St. Mark's), a bag of junk food to share, and—if you want to put stuff in a locker to secure—bring a lock for it. All sporting equipment is provided.

► **Reservations are required by 2/19.** Contact Deacon Ken to get on the list. Parents and guardians: if you can drive to the event, please let Deacon Ken know. You don't have to spend the night, though you're welcome. Help us save the cost of a bus!



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

February 2020, Middle School!!!



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<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!!!</p> <p>Friends are always</p>						
2	3	4	5			8
			12	13	14	15
9				<p>1st Sacrament Class 6:00-6:45</p> <p>Faith Formation 7:00-8:30</p>		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
		<p>Harvesters 6:00-8:45</p>		<p>Legacy Center Lockin 8:00 pm</p>		
23		25	26	27	28	29
<p>Lockin ends 6:00 am</p>			<p>Ash Wednesday Masses at 9:00, 12:10, 7:00</p>	<p>Faith Formation Night 7:00-8:30 Doors open 6:45</p>		

Mission Trip Signups!!!

This summer, we'll have the chance to serve those in need through the "Just5Days" mission program, **June 29-July 3**. We'll be serving right here in Kansas City, staying at St. James Academy in Lenexa, KS. We'll join with 100 other folks in our work.

Signups are underway until March 1. If we have more youth than spots, we'll hold a drawing. The cost is \$175; however, as with all youth activities, cost will not keep a young person from participating. Sign up now if you're interested. If things change, you may cancel later.

► *Adult chaperones are needed! If you're 21+ and interested, contact to Deacon Ken to talk about it. Any youth who brings an adult volunteer attends free! All chaperones are FREE!!!*



Faith Formation Nights!!!

Our Middle School FFNs are excellent—and it's because you all are so full of energy and willing to jump into whatever we do. Thanks for that!

As usual, this month we have two FFNs on **Thursdays: 2/13 and 2/27, 7:00-8:30** with doors open at 6:45. As with all activities, friends are always welcome!



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.



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, that's the only permission form needed. Turn it in once and you're covered for the semester.