

Youth Ministry Programming 2018/2019 Academic Year

Dear Friends:

At World Youth Day 2013, Pope Francis urged the youth to be active in the Church. He told the Young Church that “the Church needs you! She needs your enthusiasm, creativity, joy, and love, that are characteristic of you and your youthfulness.” In an effort help assist the Holy Father in his call, and to give the youth of our Parish a special place to grow closer to Christ, one another, and the Church, we will be offering the following programs next academic year:

Transform Youth Ministry – will be open to all 9th -12th Graders to attend our weekly Sunday Youth Night, monthly Bible Study, retreats, and other special events. *Transform* will place a special emphasis on developing a practical and relatable spirituality, as well as community.

Catching Fire Youth Ministry (Confirmation Preparation)- is open to all age appropriate youth who seek to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program will help to bring the Sacrament and its importance in daily life to the youth. This program is a required aspect of Sacramental preparation. Please see the website for a complete calendar of events.

Starting Right Youth Ministry- is a unique program that focuses on preparing our 8th Graders for the transition from middle school to high school. We aim to develop a spiritual and communal life that will help ease them into their time of transition. **Starting Right** will meet each Thursday evening.

4: Twelve Youth Ministry- is open to all 6th and 7th Graders on Wednesday evenings. Our program is a special blend of spirituality, fellowship, and service that aims to meet the youth where they are and allow them to spread the Gospel within their lives.

For more details on these programs, as well as complete calendars of events for the 2018-2019 academic year, please visit our website www.zionsvillecatholic.com.

We are always looking for passionate and caring adults to help us in our many programs. Jesus calls us to “be fishers of men,” and there is no better way to do this than helping the youth. Pope Francis reminds us that the youth are not just our future but are our present. He cautions us that “if we do not catch them now in the net of the fisherman, then we lose them in the future.” If you are interested in becoming a **Youth Mentor**, please contact me at the information listed below.

Finally, please keep the youth and myself in your prayers. They are greatly appreciated. Be assured of my prayers for you as well.

Thank you and God bless,

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