

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS MIDDLE SCHOOL MINISTRY: CORNERSTONE

2019-2020 PARENT INFORMATION

CORNERSTONE MISSION STATEMENT

Cornerstone is Centered on Christ and Built on Community. We believe that every 7th and 8th grader that comes through our doors deserves at least two things: 1) To know Jesus Christ personally, and 2) To know that they belong in His Church. We create a space where 7th and 8th graders can encounter God and build upon their foundational knowledge of their faith to enter into a personal relationship with Jesus and with their peers.

YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM

Chris Haberberger Coordinator of Middle School Ministry
Darren Seibert Director of Faith Formation
Brendon Tschoepe Youth Ministry Associate (Music)

PARTNERING WITH PARENTS

We've realized that in order to take this middle school ministry to the next level we need to be more proactive in our outreach to you as parents. The statistics show that at this age, the single biggest indicator of a child being strong in their faith is parents who are involved with them and in their own faith. We intend to give you the resources and skills to be more comfortable engaging with you kids about the faith. This year, you're going to see us engage more with you in our e-mails, on social media, and in person to facilitate this including in some videos, really great articles written to parents to help you understand what's going on in the broader teen culture your kids are entering. We have a few pieces of advice to start the year:

1. Pray with your children every day, and let them see you pray. They learn from your example and want to spend time with you (even though sometimes it may not seem that way!)
2. Check out Life Teen's Parent Life website. It's got great content and I'll be spotlighting some good pieces they produce this year.
 - a. Go to LTParentLife.com/register
 - b. Use the parish code "thomasaquinas77845"
3. Join our Cornerstone Parents Facebook group where I'll be posting vides and other thoughts regularly. It's also a digital meeting place for our parents where we want you to share tips and advice on ways you've learned to practice the faith at home.
 - a. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/STACornerstoneParents/>
4. Another great and easy way to get involved in your child's faith life is to consider joining our Core Team. It's a 2-3 hour per week commitment and we give you all the skills and training you need!
 - a. Contact Chris at youth@stabcs.org for more information

TYPICAL CORNERSTONE SUNDAY SCHEDULE

5:30	Mass	Church
6:45	Dinner Begins	PAC
7:10	Dinner Cleanup	PAC
7:15	Cornerstone Begins	Zurek Hall
7:15	Engaging Activity & Topic Introduction	Zurek Hall
7:30	Dynamic Presentation	Zurek Hall
7:45	Small Group Time	Spread throughout Campus
8:15	Prayer Activity & Weekly Challenge	Zurek Hall
8:30	Dismissal	Zurek Hall

CONTACT INFORMATION

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STAY UP-TO-DATE WITH CORNERSTONE

Website: <http://www.stabcs.org/cornerstone>

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

All parents are encouraged to discern how they can help make the youth ministry program at St. Thomas Aquinas successful. It takes many hands to provide all of the wonderful opportunities to our youth to grow closer to God. If you are interested in serving on Core Team, Meal Team, or Special Event Team, please email Chris at youth@stabcs.org.