

Dear Parents,

Thank you for registering your child for Sixth and Seventh Grade Edge at the Holy Mothers Collaborative of Saint Mary's and Saint Helen's! If you are new to the program, I hope this letter will help answer any questions you have. If you are returning to the program, this letter should look pretty familiar, however I hope it will serve as a refresher for how Edge works.

Attached is a schedule of dates for this year's Edge sessions. All Edge sessions (except for our first session on October 27) meet at Saint Mary's Parish Center on Sundays from 4:15 to 5:50 p.m. (**Our first Edge session on Sunday, October 27 will begin at 5:15 p.m. at Saint Mary's Parish Center and end at 7:15 p.m. after Life Teen Mass, with pickup at the church**). Edge sessions are held on Sundays to encourage students to attend the Life Teen Mass at 6 p.m. By holding class on Sunday prior to Life Teen Mass, the students are given the opportunity to go straight to Mass after Edge. This Mass is specifically geared toward young people and is intended to be their primary source for catechesis and faith development.

As the most fundamental expression of our Catholic faith, I want to stress how important it is that your child attends Mass each week. **Coming to Edge is not a replacement for going to Mass.** I need your help in making sure your children understand this idea. I would much rather your son or daughter come to Life Teen Mass, get involved in the liturgy every Sunday, and skip Edge, than come to Edge and skip Mass. If you ever have to choose between going to Mass or going to Edge, attending Mass should be the choice every time. **Life Teen Mass is held every Sunday at Saint Mary's at 6 p.m. and is the most vital part of the Edge program.**

We do take attendance at Edge sessions, however there is no make-up work if a student misses class. If for some reason your son or daughter is unable to attend an Edge session, there is no need to call and inform us – we will just look forward to seeing them at the next class (or hopefully Life Teen Mass)!

Edge is designed to be a supplement to the Life Teen program here at Saint Mary's and Saint Helen's. Life Teen is a comprehensive catechetical and faith development program aimed at teenagers. For more information on Life Teen, check out our website: LifeTeenSMASH.com. We run a number of events each month, which are listed in the bulletin and posted online. **Middle School students can attend any event that says "Middle School" or "MS,"** and all events are free unless otherwise noted.

If you have any questions at all, please feel free to send an email to Edge@LifeTeenSMASH.com. I am excited for another year of Edge, and look forward to getting started on October 27!

Yours in Christ,



Tim Habeeb
Youth Minister

2019 – 2020 Edge Schedule

SAINT MARY’S PARISH CENTER SUNDAYS

4:15 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

*On October 27, class will begin at 5:15 and end at 7:15 after Life Teen Mass

- (1) October 27, 2019*
- (2) November 17, 2019
- (3) December 8, 2019
- (4) January 5, 2020
- (5) January 19, 2020
- (6) February 2, 2020
- (7) February 23, 2020
- (8) March 15, 2020
- (9) March 29, 2020

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Edge students are strongly encouraged to attend Life Teen Mass every Sunday at Saint Mary's at 6 p.m. Life Teen Mass concludes around 7:15 p.m. For more information about Edge, check us out online at LifeTeenSMASH.com/edge.