



Seaside Edge

"Leading teens closer to Christ"
8th Grade Faith Formation Program



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Please note there will be an Orientation Night for incoming 8th grade parents and students from 4-5:15 at Resurrection Church on Sunday, September 12, 2021, followed by the 5:30 Kick-Off Opening Life Teen Mass and Cookout.

Goals for EDGE 8th Grade Faith Formation: That each student :

- Feels known and cared for.
- Learns about and appreciates the Catholic Church & Her teachings.
- Believes in the true presence of Christ in the Eucharist.
- Aspires to pray regularly.
- Feels that they are a part of a community, not just a class. Desires to be at Edge.
- Grows in their personal relationship with God and daily practice of their faith.

Expectations:

1. **Engage in Edge Sessions** There are 23 impactful gatherings planned for 2021-22. A student is asked to attend a minimum of 17 classes. These sessions are guided by the Dynamic Catholic curriculum, and will be held from 6:30-8:00 pm on Sundays at Resurrection Church, following the 5:30 Lifeteen Mass.
2. **Attend Weekly Life Teen Mass** on Sunday from 5:30-6:30 at Resurrection Church, as the Life Teen Mass is geared toward this age group where a faith-filled, peer community is especially built. Parental attendance at Mass is strongly urged as a family practice. If, on occasion, attendance at the 5:30 Life Teen Mass is not possible, alternate Sunday Masses or the Saturday Vigil Mass are an option. Such devotion serves as an integral influence in the child's faith formation.

What is Dynamic Catholic?

Dynamic Catholic was founded on the idea of "meeting people where they are and leading them to where God is calling them to be." Through content and concept rich short films and presentations, Core Team personal witness talks, small group discussions and activities, Dynamic Catholic presents the Church's teachings faithfully and in ways that are engaging and relevant for middle schoolers. It offers Catholic catechesis to bring to life the teachings of Jesus Christ, and it also uniquely offers evangelization by invoking dialogue that leads to conversion of heart, mind and soul. Learning is applicable and faith becomes personal. This program will not only prepare young Catholics for the Sacraments of the Church in a dynamic way, but also teach and inspire them to respond and cooperate with God's grace in all the circumstances of their daily lives.

To fulfill the goals of Edge, attendance will be taken to ensure an impactful experience.

Seaside Edge 8th Grade Faith Formation Calendar 2021/200 & Session Topics

All Sessions are scheduled on Sundays from 6:30-8:00, following attendance at the 5:30 Life Teen Mass.

Please strive to attend consecutive Sundays. Curriculum topics are set up in 2 week increments, with the second Sunday building upon the previous session.

9/12 - Orientation with incoming 8th grade students and parents (4-5:15)

9/12 - Kick Off Opening 5:30 Life Teen Mass & Cookout

9/19 - Session: **Life is Choices:** *To remind teens that they make hundreds of choices every day and that every choice has consequences. To help teens become better decision makers, and demonstrate that God's way and the way of the world are very different, and invite teens to choose to walk with God.*

9/26 - Session: **Life is Choices**

10/3 - Session: **What's Holding You Back?** *To demonstrate that all paths are not equal and that there is such a thing as objective truth, and to help teens to recognize who and what is holding them back from living the incredible life God invites them to.*

10/10 - NO Class - Columbus Day Weekend - Worship Night after Mass

10/17 - Session: **The Jesus Question:** *To teach teens that Jesus and his teachings are the answer to the problems we face in our lives and in the world, and to help them recognize the power and importance of having a personal relationship with Jesus.*

10/24 - Session: **The Jesus Question**

10/31 - NO Class - Halloween

11/7 - Session: **The Prayer Process:** *To teach the teens how to pray, that it helps us discover God's will for our lives, and to encourage a daily routine of prayer.*

11/7 - 5:30 Teaching Mass; parental attendance is strongly encouraged.

11/14 - Session: **The Prayer Process**

11/21 - Session: **The Bible:** *To demonstrate that the Word of God is a practical and powerful source of inspiration and direction in our lives and to encourage teens to develop the habit of reading the Bible regularly.*

11/28 - NO Class - Thanksgiving weekend

12/5 - Session: **The Bible**

12/12 - Special Session: Eucharistic Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation ([Parental attendance is strongly encouraged.](#))

12/19 - NO Class - Christmas break

12/26 - NO Class - Christmas break

1/2 - NO Class - Christmas break

1/09 - Session: **Relationships:** *Establish the purpose of relationships and that the most important relationship in our lives is with God, and demonstrate that developing healthy relationships is essential to the life God is calling us to live.*

1/16 - NO Class - MLK Weekend:

1/23 - Session: **The Eucharist:** *To establish that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist and that it is an incredible gift to each of us through the Church. To teach teens how to enter into a eucharistic relationship with God, and explain the transformational power the Eucharist can have in their lives.*

1/30 - Session: **The Eucharist**

2/6 - NO Class - Superbowl

2/13 - Session: **The Holy Spirit:** *To demonstrate the practical power of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit, and to teach teens to allow the Holy Spirit to guide them in their decisions.*

2/20 - NO Class - Winter Break

2/27 - Session: **The Holy Spirit**

3/6 - NO Class: [Snowcamps Weekend Retreat 3/4-3/06: Attendance highly encouraged. More info to follow.](#)

3/13 - Special Session: Eucharistic Adoration & Sacrament of Reconciliation ([Parental attendance is strongly encouraged.](#))

3/20 - Session: **Made for Mission & The Church:** *To teach teens that God created them on purpose and for a purpose, and to help them discover the mission God is calling them to. To teach teens that the Church is part of God's plan for humanity and to help recognize that the Church can play a powerful role in their lives, and that they play a unique and vital role in the mission of the Church.*

3/27 - Special Session on Palm Sunday: Stations of the Cross ([Parental attendance is strongly encouraged.](#))

4/3 - Session: **Made for Mission**

4/10 - Session: **Holiness is Possible:** *To help teens recognize that there is a connection between happiness and holiness, and to teach teens how to say yes to God and that their yes can make a huge difference.*

4/17 - NO Class- EASTER & Spring Break

4/24 - Session: **Holiness is Possible**

5/1 - Final Session: **Review and Closing Sentiments**

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