

St. Agnes Youth Group (Grades 6-12) FAQs

The St. Agnes Youth Group supports teens in their physical, mental, spiritual & social challenges of learning & living their faith. Do you enjoy movies, skits, games & being with friends? How about Christian rock, role playing, camping trips, car washes, the beach, parties, & helping out during Mass as an usher, singer, reader, or server? You'll experience this—and MORE—in a distinctively spiritual environment where the main focus is our Catholic Faith.

What do you do at Youth Group? A typical night includes social time & music, games on the lawn or under the canopy, prayer, a short lesson with a skit, demonstration, contest, discussion, or song. We also plan extra social nights, concerts, fundraisers & community service. We attend many diocesan & parish events too!

When does it meet? Every Sunday at 6-8pm, except on the 2nd Sunday of each month which is “Youth Service Night.”

What is “Youth Service Night” about? It's on the 2nd Sunday of each month Sept-March as part of the Faith First For Families assembly. Teens help during 5pm Mass and w/dinner & as teacher's assistants afterward until 8pm. This takes the place of the regular Youth Night—how cool is it to serve your own family and parishioners alongside your friends? We hope you think so too! They can also serve at the FFF assembly on the 1st Wed of each month, 6-8pm.

Is there a 5pm Mass? During peak season, the 5pm Mass will be added and the teens are encouraged to help during the Mass as ushers, greeters, and readers. No matter what time of year, we encourage Mass attendance every weekend for all families!

What if I can't come every time? We know your other obligations will conflict sometimes. Take time to pray & prioritize as a family & make a commitment to attend as much as possible. Those who are in sacrament preparation must attend at least 15 youth nights per year. There will be lot of youth nights that you just won't want to miss!

How much does it cost? Middle School is \$25 per year. High School is any donation. Our fundraisers offset our event costs, so please plan to participate in those too! Parents can join this committee to help us replenish our funds! Scholarships are available.

I don't know anyone; I'm too shy to join. Bring a friend! Parents can come along for the first few nights too. You'll always be greeted and welcomed when you arrive!

How can parents get involved? We have many subcommittees to support the teens. We encourage all parents to join one according to their talent, time, and treasure. You can sign up any time through the Faith Formation office.

My teen has received Communion & Confirmation, isn't he/she “done”? Confirmation is not “graduation” from faith formation. Being formed in our faith is a journey that never ends. Youth Group provides a rock-solid foundation for a lifetime of lasting happiness & true success—what more could we want for ourselves & our children?

My teen has not received 1st Communion yet. Sacrament preparation is a minimum of 2 years, as follows:

YEAR 1 = Weekly Youth Group

YEAR 2 = Weekly Youth Group + Monthly Sacrament Preparation Sessions

Refer to the specific sacrament calendar for dates and times, as they tend to change each year. Catholic School and Home-schooled teens who wish to receive sacraments at St. Agnes are required to attend sacrament classes only. (Their faith formation obligation is met through their school's religion class BUT youth group attendance is HIGHLY encouraged—Yes! we really want all the St. Agnes teens to be a part of our community in every way possible!!)

When can my teen receive Confirmation? Confirmation preparation is a two-year process, beginning in 9th grade:

9th grade = Weekly Youth Group + Special Retreats

10th grade = Weekly Youth Group + Monthly Sacrament Preparation Sessions

My teen is not baptized yet. Non-Baptized teens will journey with the adults in the RCIA on Sundays. Please meet with the Faith Formation Director for more information on the RCIA.

How do I join? Come to the next Youth Group event and fill out a registration form.