

St. Andrew Middle School Faith Formation

2020-2021 Calendar of Activities and Events

Sunday	October 4	EDGE/confirmation Kick Off Night 6:30 – 8:30 pm
Sunday	October 11	EDGE/Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Sunday	October 25	EDGE/Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Saturday	October 31	EDGE Fall Retreat St. Andrew Provided by Net Ministries 8:30 am – 6:30 pm Includes Breakfast, Lunch and Late Afternoon Snacks
Sunday	November 8	EDGE/Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Sunday	November 15	EDGE/Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Sunday	November 22	EDGE/Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Sunday	December 6	Advent Dinner Party Parish Hall
Sunday	December 13	EDGE/Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Sunday	January 24	EDGE/Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Sunday	January 31	EDGE/Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Sunday	February 7	EDGE/Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Sunday	February 21	EDGE/Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Sunday	February 28	EDGE/Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Sunday	March 7	EDGE/Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Friday – Sunday	March 12 – 14	Confirmation Retreat Grades 8+ NO EDGE Night
Sunday	March 21	EDGE/Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Sunday	April 11	EDGE/Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Sunday	April 18	EDGE/Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
Sunday	April 25	EDGE/Confirmation 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm
	May 17, 24, 20	Proposed Confirmation Dates 7pm St. Andrew

EDGE/CONFIRMATION LESSONS

Date	Lesson	Focus
Oct 4	Kick Off SEEKING	Introduce youth to EDGE Leaders routines through games and activities What do you desire, what is the root of that desire, how do we connect these to our innate human desire, where do they point toward God?
Oct 11	The Great Idea REASONS	You were created out of the goodness and love of God only in Him will you find purpose and meaning for your life Introduction to the Bible; literary genres and how we interpret the true meaning of Scripture story.
OCT 25	Internal Component EXISTENCE OF GOD	What does it mean to be human? Created in the image and likeness of God; physical body and eternal soul that are ONE Ponder the existence of God and provide proofs of His existence
OCT 31	RETREAT	NET MINISTRIES
NOV 8	BINARY CODE BREATH	Does my body matter? Youth will see their identity as a man or woman is a gift given to them for a purpose. Teens will understand that they were created to be in relationship with God and through this relationship, they will find fullness of life.
NOV 15	LIMITED EDITION BROKEN HEARTED	What makes me unique? Who I am matters we are part of something bigger than ourselves. Teens will be introduced to suffering and will be offered a lens for which they can view with a better understanding for why suffering exists in their lives and in the world.
NOV 22	INSTRUCTION MANUAL FAULT	Why should I live a good life? Help the youth understand the effects of original sin on humanity and the responsibility we have to form our conscious and make good choices. Help the teens understand God's original plan for creation and how the Fall of Man distorted God's plan for humanity. BUT that God's master plan comes to fruition despite our faults and failures.
DEC 13	BEYOND WIRES ROBOTICS MORE	Where am I going? Youth will understand heaven as their eternal goal a gift freely given but requires acceptance from us in faith and live according to everything God has revealed Introduce Jesus as teacher, healer, and exorcist, which leads to the conclusion that Jesus must also be Savior. Who do you say the Jesus is?
DEC/JAN	BREAK	Classes resume January 24, 2021

JAN 24	DESERT ISLE NEW	The youth will understand the importance of friendship and look to Jesus who reveals the qualities of a good friend. The goal of this session is to show the teens how the Paschal Mystery – Jesus’ Passion, death and Resurrection – was news that changed the entire world.
JAN 31	SOS TRANSFORMATION	Small group EDGE Night is for the youth to confront some of the challenges they face in friendship and learn healthy ways to overcome these challenges. The goal of session is to show the teens how the news of Jesus’ death and Resurrection changed the entire world. The teens will also be reminded that the Gospel has the same transformative power in our lives today.
FEB 7	LIFEBOAT FOUNDATION	Small Group EDGE Night will help the youth overcome their desire to be liked by everyone in order to see that being a good friend will lead to good relationships Help teens understand that Jesus established the Church to help us in this life. The Church, through the sacraments, gives us everything we need to get to heaven.
FEB 21	BIBLE SOURCE	Help the teens see the Bible as less intimidating and more accessible for youth by teaching them to better navigate and pray with Scripture. Mass as the central importance in our Catholic faith and the journey of a young Catholic. By teaching the teens where the Mass parts come, they will gain a greater appreciation for the holiness of the Mass and the Sacrament of the Eucharist.
FEB 28	ART SHOW ENTER	Can we know that God really exists? Science and faith can work together and are not opposed to one another. The goal of this session is to give the teens an overview of the Sacrament of Baptism – its purpose, effects, responsibilities.
MAR 7	PROOF IN THE PAINT SIGNATURE	The scientific fact that our universe has a beginning brings us to the conclusion that there must be a God and that our faith helps us understand why God created the universe. Provide the teens with an overview of the Sacrament of Confirmation – it’s purpose, effects, responsibilities
MAR 12-14	CONFIRMATION RETREAT	No EDGE this weekend
MAR 21	MUSEUM	Is it reasonable to believe that God exists? Show the youth how the scientific realities of the created world bring us to the intellectual conclusion that God exists and creates with purpose and a plan.

Mar 21	CALLED	The goal of this session is to deepen the teen’s understanding of their call to be disciples of Christ, being called to spend time with Him, get to know his teachings, and ultimately, love and worship Him.
APR 11	THE ARTIST POWER	Does God care about me? Help the youth see how their desires to be known, loved, and cared for reflect God, who loves them and fulfills all of their longings. The goal of this session is to introduce the teens to the Holy Spirit and help them to recognize the work of the Spirit in their lives.
APR 18	RESTORATION MEANING	How can a good God exist when there is Evil and Suffering? Unpack with the youth the difficulty of evil and suffering and how we can still trust God in the midst of it all. The goal of this session is to help the teens develop a better understanding of universal vocation and particular vocation, specifically how they apply to living out the call to holiness as a teen.
APR 25	MASTERPIECE MY PURPOSE	If God exists, how does that change my life? The goal is to reveal to the youth that they will find purpose for their lives in light of the truth of who God is. The goal for this session is to wrap up the confirmation prep program by helping the teens come to an even deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit and how they can develop real, life-giving relationships where the Spirit leads them in their day to day lives.