



2017-2018 Calendar

Both Middle and High School Students gather after the 5:30 p.m. Life Teen Mass. Edge Nights (6th- 8th grade) will gather upstairs in the Youth Room and Life Nights (9th – 12th grade) will upstairs in the RCIA room/balcony. The sessions will begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 8:00 p.m. Attendance will be taken each Sunday evening!

August

- 20th – **Edge and Life Teen- “Office Olympics”**- The goal of this night is to kickoff a new school year and fall semester. The night will give teens a chance to interact and build community.
- 27th – **Edge – “Welcome to the Party”**- The goal of this Edge Night is to introduce the middle school youth to the seven sacraments and for the youth to begin to see them as gifts from God that make present here on earth a reality of his life and grace within us. The youth will understand that sacraments do something in our lives and that they are a way for us to experience God more profoundly.
- Life Teen – “Graced”**- The goal for this night is to introduce the theme of the semester on the seven sacraments of the Church. This night will help teens understand why Christ gave us the sacraments and why they are vital to the Christian life. Finally, this night will clarify some of the common misconceptions about the sacraments.

September

- 3rd – **NO LIFE TEEN OR EDGE due to Labor Day Holiday**
- 10th – **Edge – “Picture Perfect”** - The goal of this night is to help teens understand why the Sacraments were given to the Church.
- Life Teen – “Picture Perfect”**- The goal of this night is to help the teens understand why the Sacraments were given to the Church.
- 17th – **Edge – “Healthy, Happy, Holy”** – The goal of this night is for the middle school youth to come to a greater understanding of their dignity, worth, and their call to live healthy, happy, and holy lives. This Edge Night is intended to be a part of the Catholic Church’s initiative for continuous training and awareness in Safe Environment.
- LifeTeen – “For What It’s Worth”** The goal of this life night is to help teenagers realize their dignity and worth as given by God. It will challenge teens to understand what a safe environment is, and why our dignity requires that we work for the safety and respect of everyone.
- 23rd - **7th and 8th Grade Retreat – Location TBA- Times 9 am until 2 p.m.**
- 24th - **Edge – “New Creation”** - The goal of this Edge Night is for the middle school youth to have a greater understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism.
- LifeTeen – “Take the Plunge”** -The goal of this Life Night is to provide teenagers with a basic understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism, its importance to our faith in Christ, and to challenge teenagers to remember their baptism as an affirmation of God’s love for them.

October

- 1st – **Edge – “Lead Me”** – The goal of this Edge Night is for the middle school youth understand that Jesus is their Good Shepherd and is fully present in the Eucharist.
- LifeTeen – “Consumed”** – The Eucharist is the source and summit of who we are as Catholics. The goal for this night is to show that every movement of the Church points to and flows from the Eucharist.
- 4th – 9th and 10th grade Confirmation Parent Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the SRE Building
- 7th - **Run for Your LIFE 5k and 1 mile fun run** – Join us for an evening glow run and help raise money for our youth ministry programs
- 8th – **Worship Night** – Both Edge and Life Teen will gather in the Church for a night of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and confessions
- 15th – **Edge – “Gifts and Fruits”** – The goal of this Edge Night is to help the youth understand the role of the Holy Spirit in their lives and the grace, fruits, and gifts of the Holy Spirit that are strengthened and perfected in the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- LifeTeen – “Sealed”** – The goal for this night is to instill an excitement about the Sacrament of Confirmation. This Life Night will break through the common misconceptions in order to reveal the true nature of Confirmation. This night will also help teens understand the importance and power of the Holy Spirit in their lives.
- 18th – 11th Grade Confirmation Parent Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in SRE Building
- 22nd – **Edge and Life Teen – “Lights Out Dodgeball Social”**

28th – 9th and 10th Grade Retreat @ the Underwood's house– 9 am until 2 pm – details TBA

29th – **Edge – “Call to Holiness and Sainthood”** – The middle school youth will understand the concepts of sainthood and holiness, as well as their personal call to be a saint.

LifeTeen – “Heroes” – The goal of this night is for teens to understand the role of the saints and martyrs as holy examples of living and powerful intercessors.

November

5th – **Edge – “Catholic Social Teaching”** – The middle school youth will discover the teachings of the Church regarding how to care for others and create a just society.

LifeTeen – “Big Feet” – The goal for this night is to help the teens understand the difference between charity and justice, as well as the necessity for both in the Christian life. This night will also help teens experience the power of God's mercy so that they can have mercy on others.

11th – **11th and 12th Grade Retreat – Ropes Course and Leadership – 9 am until 2 pm**

12th – **Edge – “Blessing Bags and Corporal Works of Mercy”** – The middle school youth will learn about the corporal works of mercy and prepare Blessing Bags to distribute to the homeless.

LifeTeen – Night of Service – The high school students will help the SVDP Society prepare Thanksgiving food baskets to distribute to the needy.

19th – **NO EDGE OR LIFE TEEN DUE TO THANKSGIVING BREAK**

26th – **Edge – “Live it Up”** – The middle school youth will understand the concept of grace, and consider how they experience grace through the Sacraments.

LifeTeen – “Grace Infusion” – This Life Night provides an introduction to grace and the seven sacraments of the Catholic Church. It challenges teenagers to be sustained by the sacraments of the Church and to constantly seek God's grace in all aspects of their lives.

December

3rd – **“He's Here” – Advent FAMILY Night** – The goal of this Edge Night is to help the youth and their parents come to a greater understanding of the birth of Jesus and the reality that God became man. Families will end the night together in Eucharistic adoration.

-Rite of Enrollment Mass for all 9th grade Confirmation candidates and sponsors at Life Teen Mass

9th – Edge Christmas Party and Life Teen “Snowed in with Jesus” Overnight Retreat

10th – **Edge – “Praying, Waiting, Anticipating”** – The goal of this Edge Night is to draw the youth deeper into the liturgical season of Advent. They will come to understand the symbolism behind the decorations in their parish and how these things point them to the events and preparation of Advent.

Life Night – “She'll Be Coming Around the Mountain” – The goal of this Edge Night is for the youth and their parents to understand the significance of the Visitation and how they can and should bring joy to others during Advent.

17th – **Edge and LifeTeen present the Live Nativity** after the Life Teen Mass

24th – **NO EDGE OR LIFE TEEN DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

31st – **NO EDGE OR LIFE TEEN DUE TO CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY**

January

5-7th – **11th Grade Confirmation Retreat** at Sacred Heart Church in Dedeaux

7th – **Edge and Life Teen– “Catholic Double Dare” Social night** - This Life Night combines trivia questions with messy physical challenges in the style of the popular 90's game show, “Double Dare.” Teenagers will have no idea what Double Dare is – but they will after this night! Wear old clothes and prepare to get messy!

14th – **Edge – “Following Our Leaders”** – The goal of this night is to better understand the Sacrament of Holy Orders, the call to Holy Orders, and the duties of a priest..

Life Teen – “Called” – The goal for this night is to help teens understand the role and effects of Holy Orders for bishops, priests and deacons. This night will also give teens practical tools to discern their own vocation.

21st – **Edge – “Life Is Wonderful”** – The goal of this night is to teach the youth that human life is sacred at all stages and to help them understand the Church's moral stance on major life issues. .

LifeTeen – “Oh Baby” – The goal of this project is to provide your local pregnancy resource center with the essential items to help mothers and their babies. The goal of this Life Night is for the teens to look at the lives behind the “abortion debate” and to serve and pray for the most vulnerable of our society.

28th – **Edge – “Pick Up Your Mat”** – The goal of this Edge Night is to help youth understand both the physical and spiritual healing that comes from the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

LifeTeen – “Revitalized” – This Life Night will explain Anointing of the Sick and who can receive this sacrament. This night will also help the teens understand that the healing power of Christ is both physical and spiritual.

February

4th – **Super Bowl Social**

11th – **No EDGE OR LIFE TEEN DUE TO MARDI GRAS HOLIDAY**

18th – **“Into the Deep” Lenten FAMILY Night** – Families are encouraged to attend and we break open the season of Lent specifically

the theme of fasting, almsgiving and sacrifice.

25th – **Edge – “Apples to Apples”** - The goal for this night is to answer the teens’ questions on freedom, conscience and sin. The teens will understand the need for a well-informed conscience to make right decisions and live in true freedom.

LifeTeen – “Apples to Apples” - The goal for this night is to answer the teens’ questions on freedom, conscience and sin. The teens will understand the need for a well-informed conscience to make right decisions and live in true freedom.

March

4th – **Edge – “Stations of the Cross”** – The goal of this night is for the middle school youth to prayerfully experience the Teenage Way of the Cross.

LifeTeen – “Hitched” – More than the fairy tale, marriage is about sacrifice. The goal of this Life Night will help the teens understand why marriage is a sacrament. This night will answer questions on marriage, divorce and annulments. Finally, this night will help the teens to discern their vocation and encourage them to pray for their future spouse.

-Rite of Enrollment for 11th grade Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors at Life Teen Mass

11th – **Edge – “Two Become One”** - The goal of this Edge Night is to discuss that marriage as a sacrament and a covenant between one man and one woman. The youth will learn the importance and significance of the vows and symbols used during the marriage ceremony.

LifeTeen – “Stations of the Cross” – The goal of this night is for the high school youth to prayerfully experience the Teenage Way of the Cross.

18th – **Edge – “The Return”** - The goal of this Edge Night is to increase the youth’s understanding of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the necessity of this sacrament in our lives. The night will also address some of the misconceptions the youth have about Reconciliation.

LifeTeen – “Freed” - This night is about God’s love and mercy poured out through the Sacrament of Reconciliation. By explaining what happens in Reconciliation and answering the teens’ questions, this night will move teens past excuses and fear into the forgiveness and freedom from sin.

23-25th - **Diocese of Biloxi Youth Celebration** (9th – 12th grades)

25th – **Edge Diocese of Biloxi Jr. High Youth Rally**

April

1st – **NO EDGE OR LIFETEEN DUE TO EASTER SUNDAY**

8th - **Edge – “Road Map”** - The goal of this Edge Night is for the youth to understand that they have free will to make choices in life and that these choices determine where they go in their lives – good or bad.

LifeTeen – “Happy Days” - The goal for this Life Night is to help the teens live a life of beatitude. This Life Night will look at the Beatitudes as a fruit of discipleship and challenge the teens to embrace the life of holiness outlined in the Beatitudes.

15th – **Edge – “Rules! Rules! Rules!”** - To help the middle school youth understand that morality is not about following a set of rules, but rather it is a response to God’s call for us to be in a relationship with Him.

LifeTeen – “Purity and Chastity What?” - The goal for this night is to help the teens understand God’s plan for sexuality and the need for chastity in thoughts, words and actions. This night will give the teens practical ways to be chaste and modest in all their relationships and live with purity of heart.

22nd – **Edge – “Moral Decision Making”** – The middle school youth will learn how the Ten Commandments can guide their decisions. They also will draft their own “Ten Commandments for Middle School Youth Today.”.

LifeTeen – “Superhero University” – The goal for this night is to help the teens understand that living a life in Christ is a heroic calling. This night will point out to the teens all the tools God gives them to sustain a moral life, live heroically for Christ and to find their ultimate happiness with God in heaven.

29th – **Worship night** for Edge and Life Teen- An evening of Praise, Worship and Adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

May

6th – **Edge and LifeTeen Trivia** – Middle School VS. High School

13th – **Baccalaureate Mass** for Graduating Seniors (reception to follow)

Edge and Life Teen will participate in a Living Rosary after Life Teen Mass

20th – **Summer Send Off Socials**