



Welcome – Please Sign-In and Take Materials



Opening Prayer

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of Thy faithful and enkindle in them the fire of Thy love.
Send forth Thy Spirit and they shall be created.
And Thou shalt renew the face of the earth.

Let us pray

O God, Who didst instruct the hearts of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit, grant us in the same Spirit to be truly wise, and ever to rejoice in His consolation. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.





Welcome to EDGE & Confirmation

- EDGE is Faith Formation
- Confirmation is Sacramental Preparation
- The two-year program is designed to overlap
- 4 Semesters over 2 years covers:
 - Creed
 - Sacraments
 - Moral Living
 - Prayer
- These are the four sections of the Catechism.





Wednesday EDGE Nights

- Our Wednesday EDGE Nights follow the same flow as the Mass.
 - Gather – Welcome, Ice Breaker, High Energy Social.
 - Proclaim – Teaching component – Think Homily
 - Break – Think road to Emmaus, the youth will discuss with each other “What does all this mean?”
 - Send – We close each night with a prayer experience and send them out to live and proclaim the Gospel
- We will follow this model tonight for our meeting.





Fall Theme



NOW AND FOREVER

Building Time Machines





Gather – Ice Breaker

- While our kids are making Time Machines, they will be able to compete for additional decorations.
- They will play a game called “Ancient Artificats”
- Are there some brave volunteers that want to come down and compete, in the spirit of EDGE?
- We will have some fun prizes for every correct answer.



Catacombs





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Centurions and Martyrs

- Each night we ask the kids to check-in in the Hall only. No EDGE kids downstairs before 6:00 PM.
- They will head down to the “Catacombs” in their small groups.
- One group, each week will be caught by a Roman Guard (costume and all) and those kids will become “Martyrs” we’ll give them white robes to wear that night.
- This fun and good-humored exercise is to remind them that people died for the sacraments we might take for granted.





Formation vs. Education

- This program is designed for formation more than education.
- There are four essential areas for formation
 - Human – Character, responsibility, manners, etc.
 - Intellectual – Education, wonder, & contemplation.
 - Spiritual – Facilitating an encounter with Christ.
 - Pastoral / Social – Belonging to a serving community.
- Can you see the EDGE / Lifeteen Model?
 - Gather – Human
 - Proclaim – Intellectual
 - Break – Pastoral / Social
 - Send - Spiritual





4 Sources of Formation

- In the Youth Ministry that St. John Bosco developed, he identified 4 sources of formation.
- A **HOME** that welcomes – “You belong here!”
- A **SCHOOL** that prepares for life.
- A **PARISH** that evangelizes
- A **PLAYGROUND** where friends meet and enjoy themselves.
- These should all overlap and the home and family, especially the parents, are always the primary formators of their own children.





Punitive System vs. Preventive System

- Punitive system of discipline:
 - Reactive
 - Justice based
 - Actions are assigned consequences.
- Preventive System
 - Make it is easy for kids to do what is right and difficult for them to do what is wrong.
 - Rapport based – Mentorship model
 - Actions are processed with reason, religion, and loving kindness.
 - Harsh consequences are a last resort.





Separating Boys and Girls

- Using Preventive System
- We are separating Boys and Girls to separate nights.
- Ministering to 32 vs. 74
- Ministering to girl's age and maturity
- Ministering to boy's age and maturity
- Aim to relieve the stress on the Core Team for managing such large numbers.
- This effort is to multiply encounters for rapport, and minimize minor corrections.





Discipline Plan – Love & Logic

- We use rapport, loving kindness, and gentle redirection.
- If a child is non-responsive to this method we will give them a specific and formal warning.
- If lack of proper participation ensues, the child will be sent out of the class.
- A second time sent out, we will inform and include parents in the conversation.
- A third incident will require a meeting for suitability of the child to the program.





ADHD, Autism, Anxiety, Etc.

- We do our best to accommodate and minister to all children.
- EDGE has four transitions from high energy to prayer.
- This model is not suitable to every kid.
- For example: If your child can't sit still and listen to others – The “Break” is useless to them.
- It is not always discipline but sometimes suitability.
- We can use other means/programs to prepare your child for Confirmation or to give Faith Formation.





Child Safety

- Just a reminder to parents.
- We are mandated reporters if someone is threatening to harm themselves or someone else, or if they reveal abuse.
- We take this very seriously and we use reason, religion, and loving kindness when speaking to kids.
- It is wise to remind your children not to use expressions like “I’d kill myself,” as we will report this even if we are confident it was colloquial.





FREDGE

- We have FREDGE once on month on Friday Nights
- This is Friday Night EDGE
- These are Spiritual/Social Formation
- They are the combination of Church/Playground
- Friends are welcome
- These events are part of that “SEND” Evangelization, a reason to draw others to our church.





Confirmation Preparation Year 1 & 2 Parents

- Baptism Certificates – If your child was not baptized here.
- All Confirmation Candidates must complete each of these one time in the course of the two years:
 - Confirmation Retreat
 - Diocesan Youth Rally (10/11/26)
 - Parish Retreat (1/9/27)
 - Donuts with Dad | Muffins with Mom (11/7/26)
 - Summer Engagement
 - Totus Tuus
 - Duc In Altum (Parish Retreat)
 - Summer Service





Confirmation Preparation

Year 1 Parents

- EDGE will be Faith Formation for all four sections of the catechism over 2 years.
- This is not teaching them the faith so much as reevaluating it with a greater maturity and in a social context.
- Therefore, year 1 parents should just focus on making sure their children are participating in EDGE and making the habit of meeting their Sunday Obligation for Mass (Vigil or Sunday).
- Baptism Certificates if not Baptized here.
- Confirmation is Fall of 2028





Confirmation Preparation Year 2

- You should have received a Red Folder
- All info available at:
 - www.blessedsacramentchurch.org/confirmation
- Sponsor Verification Form – Sponsor Details
- Saint Report
- 7 Sponsor Meeting
- Weekly Mass Envelopes
- Confirmation – Fall of 2027





Volunteering

- Youth Ministry is a very rewarding ministry.
- “Many hands make light work” is especially true in this ministry.
- This is formation role – mentorship, accompaniment, and guidance.
- The key qualification is your ability to be present to the young, share in their experiences, and be willing to encourage and facilitate an encounter with Christ.
- If you’d like to help (occasionally or regularly) please let me know!





Closing Prayer

Our Father

Hail Mary

Glory Be

