

We will encourage Middle School families to attend 9:30 Mass on Sundays followed by coffee and donuts. The youth center and game room will be open for Middle School youth to gather after Mass with our opening session beginning at 11:00. Several times during the year we will meet with the parents while the teens are in the split sessions. On other occasions we are planning to offer adult Faith Formation opportunities as well as discussions on issues of parenting for those who wish to stick around and wait for youth group to finish... and of course there is coffee and donuts! The Middle School youth will come back together around 12:20 and be done at 12:30. There will be refreshments and social time until 1:00 for those who can and want to stay.

HIGH SCHOOL

High School youth group will continue on Sunday evenings - as it has for over 30 years now. There will be a social gathering period beginning at 6:30, the program will start at 7:00 and end by 8:30... with snacks and social time after - until 9:00 - for those who can stay. We will have parishioners as adult leaders and ND students as mentors and facilitators. I will also be resurrecting a youth council and leadership training programs. I am a huge believer in youth leadership and youth-run activities. I have been privileged to have participated in several of the most recent summer mission trips so I have gotten to know much of the current High School leadership. I'm very enthusiastic about working with them to bring about a wide variety of exciting, creative, and meaningful experiences for both the High School and Middle School youth.

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS

With 6th and 7th grades moving to Sunday, that frees up Wednesdays for special programming. Look for information soon on a monthly programs including: Youth Mass & Dinner, Service Projects, off-site Social Activities and Open Youth Center.

OAK (Outdoor Adventure Klub)

Another new program we're working on is an outdoor adventure club within the KCC youth group. Our first outing is the Warren Dunes Camp Out September 11-13. We hope to have regular year-round excursions including, canoe trips, hiking, rafting, spelunking, and skiing.

PROGRAM KICK-OFF

The Program Kick-off for both the Middle and High School programs will be Sunday September 20. Both will be an orientation for the teens and parents as well. We'll start together, then split the youth and adults... with refreshments afterward.

- **Middle School Program Kick-off - Sunday Morning September 20, 11:00-12:30**
- **High School Program Kick-off - Sunday Evening September 20, 7:00-8:30**
- ***Please bring completed form and registration fee to the Kick-Off meeting***

Since starting at Little Flower in mid-April, I've reconnected with a lot of old friends, met a whole bunch of very cool new ones, experienced an awesome mission trip to West Virginia, took a crazy group of 21 to Cedar Point, and took an almost completely different (but just as crazy) group of 21 to Lake Michigan! With God as my co-pilot, I'm just buckling in for the ride! Please feel free to contact me with any questions or suggestions.... And watch the bulletin, the parish website, email, and your snail mail box for regular updates on youth programs (we also have a facebook group. Search: Kingdom Construction Company Youth Group).

In Christ's Peace,