

EDGE Ministry – SJV 7th & 8th Grades

2011-2012 Calendar

	<u>Sundays 6-7:30 pm</u>	<u>Mondays 7-8:30 pm</u>
Session 1	October 2 nd	October 3 rd
Session 2	October 16 th	October 17 th
	October 23 rd , World Youth Day Mass, 11:30 am – all attend – liturgy option November 6 th , Diocesan MS Rally @ Rice, 10 am-6 pm – retreat option	
Session 3	November 13 th	November 7 th
	November 20 th & 21 st , SJV Thanksgiving Food Drive – service option	
Session 4	December 4 th	December 5 th
Session 5	December 18 th	December 12 th
	December 18 th -23 rd , Delivery of Gifts to Homebound – service option December 24 th , Christmas Eve Youth Mass, 7 pm – liturgy option	
Session 6	January 8 th	January 9 th
Session 7	January 22 nd	January 23 rd
Session 8	February 12 th	February 6 th
Session 9	February 19 th	February 20 th
Session 10	March 11 th	March 19 th
	March 17 th , SJV Edge Retreat, 10 am-6 pm – retreat option	
Session 11	March 25 th	March 26 th
Session 12	April 1 st	April 2 nd
	April 5 th , Holy Thursday Mass, 7 pm – liturgy option	
Session 13	April 15 th	April 16 th
Session 14	May 6 th	May 7 th
End-of-Year Picnic	May 20 th , all invited (details TBA)	

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Welcome to “The EDGE!” – your new Middle School Ministry for 7th & 8th Graders!
In addition to regular EDGE Nights, we will be offering 3 different components to the program: RETREAT, LITURGY, and SERVICE. Each student is expected to participate in each component. Please read on!

RETREAT: An opportunity to “get away” from the busy-ness of normal life for a day to pray, learn, socialize, deepen friendships, get some energy out and have FUN!

Please choose AT LEAST 1 – may attend BOTH:

- ➔ Diocesan Middle School Rally @ RICE, November 6th, 10 am-6pm **OR**
- ➔ The SJV Edge Retreat, St. Patrick’s Day (March 17th), 10 am-6 pm

LITURGY: As Catholics we understand the Holy Eucharist to be the “Source and Summit” of our faith. There is no greater service we can offer than that which assists in the offering of the Sacrifice of the Mass; there is no greater source of Grace and spiritual nourishment that we can experience than Holy Communion.

Please attend 2 if possible, serve in a ministry for AT LEAST 1:

- ➔ World Youth Day Mass, October 23rd, 11:30 am (all attend if possible)
- ➔ Christmas Eve Youth Mass, December 24th, 7 pm
- ➔ Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper, April 5th, 7 pm

SERVICE: The “Works of Mercy” are both a profound calling to each Christian as well as the sign of an authentic and maturing Christian Faith. Opportunities to see the needs of others around us and respond to them abound; gathering as a community to offer our assistance deepens our own bonds within the parish as well. For this reason, we request that all students participate in an event here even if they are involved in Community Service elsewhere. We are happy to help them report these hours to count toward school & scouting requirements, etc.

Please participate in AT LEAST 1 service event this year:

- ➔ Thanksgiving Food Drive (Sort OR Deliver), November 20/21
11/20 – 10:30 am-12:30 pm; 11/21 – 10 am-noon
- ➔ Delivery of Gifts to Homebound Parishioners, week of Dec. 18th
Scheduling can be arranged directly with parishioners to be visited
- ➔ Salvation Army Dinner, serving a meal OR group cooking, date TBD