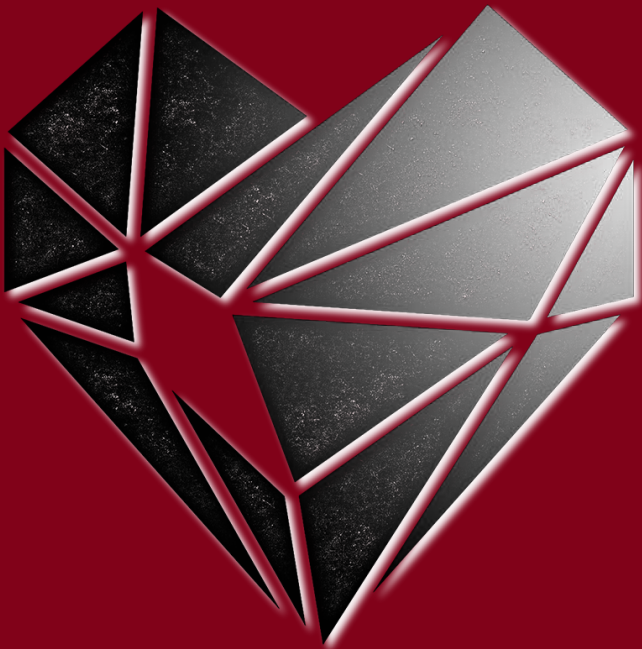
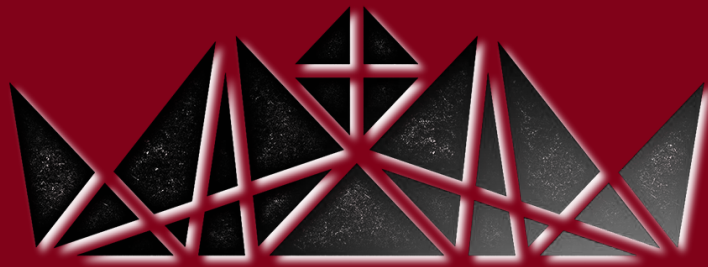


# Youth Ministry Update

*Fall 2017*



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LIVING THE MISSION

## A New STYL

St. Timothy is excited to unleash a new style of Youth Ministry this year. For years St. Tims Youth Ministry has been known as STYL (St. Timothy Youth Leaders) but we have decided to join the movement of Life Teen for our Middle School and High School programs. This is something that our Youth Ministry has already been accustomed to. Our popular High School retreats and summer camps are modeled after Life Teen. Many students come off the retreats and the camps on fire for God.

Our Mission as a Eucharistic-centered movement within the Roman Catholic Church, Life Teen youth ministry and faith formation, leads teenagers and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. With the Blessed Virgin Mary as our intercessor and guide, Life Teen seeks to unleash the fullness of the Sacramental power present within the Young Church. Life Teen is proud to provide Confirmation preparation, opportunities to serve at Mass, Eucharistic adoration, discipleship groups lead by adult and parent mentors, service opportunities, retreats, community and fellowship events, integration into the life of other parish ministries, camps and weekly Life Nights following our Sunday 5:30pm evening contemporary Mass.

Gatherings are held in the John Paul II Youth Center that offers a lively and engaging youth space that fosters the arts, sports and many other gifts students bring to the program. Be sure to check out our main meeting space, "The JP II Underground" located in the Youth Center. We meet the goals as identified by the Conference of Catholic Bishops of the United States in the "Renewing The Vision" documents on Youth Ministry.


Within the Life Teen program is EDGE, our new Middle School Ministry that meets on Wednesday nights 6:45pm-8:15pm through the Fall and Spring Semester. It provides a safe fun place for youth to find solid Catholic community, to get answers to their questions about faith, and, most importantly, to experience Jesus in a profound and personal way. Edge resources speak to the physical, psychological, cognitive, relational, and spiritual maturation of middle school youth. The resources present Catholic teaching in a way that young people can understand. Edge answers the needs of this age group in a catechetical, fun, and relevant way and provides a foundation for youth to continue onto Life Teen.

We pray our Young Church and families will be inspired not just by this new style of Youth Ministry but ultimately by Christ and His love for each of us. God is good! We give Him all our passion, our heart, our lives, and our dreams to go out and live His mission.

# ST. TIMOTHY



## LIFE TEEN

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# Leading Teens Closer To Christ



## RETREATS

### High School LIFE TEEN "Unstoppable" Fall Retreat

**September 22-24**

Each year our St. Timothy youth ministry takes two weekend retreats. Our Confirmation students are required to attend at least one weekend retreat. This is also a good way for students who are not in Confirmation to come and get to know other teens, have lots of fun, and grow in their faith. This year's Fall Retreat is at Lakewood Retreat Center in Brooksville. Cost is \$80 registration due September 8<sup>th</sup>. Details and registration is on our web site.

### High School LIFE TEEN "In The Flesh" Spring Retreat

**February 2-4**

All High School students and their friends are welcome. Confirmation Students, this is the last chance to sign up for a weekend retreat if you did not attend the fall retreat. Come get a "heart transplant" on this powerful weekend of conversion. Cost is \$80 registration due January 19<sup>th</sup>. Details and registration is on our web site.

### Confirmation Day Retreat & Rehearsal

**April 28 • 8am-2pm**

This is a mandatory day retreat for parents, sponsors and students getting confirmed. Retreat is located at St. Timothy.



# FALL/SPRING HS CALENDAR

## High School LIFE TEEN Ministry 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Grade

ST. TIMOTHY



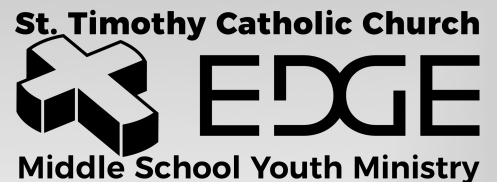
LIFE TEEN

Sunday Nights following the 5:30pm Teen Mass  
 6:30pm Beginning With Meal In The Hall  
 8:30pm Pick Up In The Youth Center

Date	Time	Event	Location
August 20th	6:30pm	<b>Parents ONLY Night- Includes Dinner</b>	Parish Hall
Aug 27th	6:30-8:30p	<b>Lifeteen Kick off Night Confirm session</b>	Start in Hall
Sept 3rd	6:30-8:30p	Pizza, Adoration, Reconciliation	Start in hall
Sept 10th	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen & Confirmation session	Start in Hall
Sept 17th	6:30-8:30p	Life Teen	
<b>Sept 22-24</b>	see website	<b>Fall Retreat-Lakewood (Fri eve to Sunday afternoon)</b>	Brooksville
Sept 24th	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen	Start in hall
Oct 1st	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen	Start in Hall
Oct 8th	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen	Start in Hall
Oct 15th	6:30-8:30pm	Lifeteen	Start in hall
Oct 22nd	see bulletin	No Lifeteen Enjoy Parish Picnic Fri-Sun	
Oct 29th	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen	Start in hall
Nov 5th	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen	Start in hall
Nov 12th	6:30-8:30	Lifeteen	Start in hall
Nov 19th	6:30-8:30pm	Lifeteen	Start in hall
Nov 26th		No Lifeteen Happy Thanksgiving	
Dec 3rd	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen	Start in hall
Dec 10th	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen	Start in Hall
17-Dec	6:30-8:30	Make gifts for homebound "Holiday Hugs"	Start in hall
Dec 24th		No Lifeteen Christmas Break	
Dec 31st		No Lifeteen New Years	
Jan 7th	6:30-8:30	Lifeteen	Start in hall
Jan 14th	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen & Confirmation session	Start in hall
Jan 21st	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen & Confirmation session	Start in hall
Jan 28th	6:30-8:30	Lifeteen & Confirmation session	Start in hall
<b>Feb 2-4th</b>	see website	<b>Winter Retreat (Fri eve to Sun afternoon)</b>	Brooksville
Feb 4th		No Lifeteen SUPERBOWL	
Feb 11th	6:30-8:30	Parish Mission Speaker	Start in hall
Feb 18th	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen & Confirmation Session	start in hall
Feb 25th	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen & Confirmation Session	start in hall
March 4th	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen	Start in hall
March 11th	6:30-8:30p	Open GYM-pizza	Start in hall
18-Mar	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen	Start in hall
March 25th	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen	Start in hall
1-Apr		No Lifeteen- Easter Sunday	
April 8th	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen	Start in hall
April 15th	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen	Start in hall
April 22nd	6:30-8:30p	Lifeteen	Start in hall
April 28th	8a-2p	<b>Sat One Day Confirmation Retreat (teen/sponsor/parent) REHEARSAL</b>	Parish Hall
April 29th	5:30-8:30p	Senior Graduation Mass & EOY BASH	Start in hall
TBA	TBA	Confirmation Mass (meet in hall 4:30p)	Main Church

# FALL/SPRING MS CALENDAR

## Middle School EDGE Ministry 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade



Wednesday Nights 6:45pm-8:15pm In The Youth Center  
 6:45pm Beginning With Open Gym In Youth Center  
 8:15pm Pick Up In The Youth Center

Date	Time	Event	Location
Sept 6th	7:00pm	Parents ONLY Night	Youth Center
Sept 13th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Kickoff Night	Youth Center
Sept 20th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Sept 27th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Oct 4th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Oct 11th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Oct 18th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Oct 20-22		Enjoy Parish Festival Fri-Sun	Hall/Youth Ctr
Oct 25th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Nov 1st	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Nov 8th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Nov 15th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Nov 22nd	6:45-8:15p	No EDGE- Thanksgiving Break	
Nov 29th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Dec 6th	6:45-8:15p	No EDGE- Parish Mission	Church
Dec 13th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Christmas Party/Gift Exchange	Youth Center
Dec 18-21	4:00-8:00pm	No EDGE Holiday Hugs Serve Week/Caroling	Youth Center
Dec 27th	6:45-8:15p	No EDGE- Winter Break	
Jan 3rd	6:45-8:15p	No EDGE- Winter Break	
Jan 10th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Jan 17th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Jan 24th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Jan 31st	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Feb 7th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Feb 14th	6:45-8:15p	No EDGE- Ash Wednesday (Valentines Day)	Church
Feb 21st	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Feb 28th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Mar 7th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Mar 14th	6:45-8:15p	No EDGE- Spring Break	
Mar 21st	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Mar 28th	6:45-8:15p	No EDGE- Holy Week	
Apr 4th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Apr 11th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Apr 18th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
Apr 25th	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
May 2nd	6:45-8:15p	EDGE Night	Youth Center
May 9th	7:00-9:00p	No EDGE- Summer Break	
May 16th	7:00-9:00p	Wed Summer Life Begins- Open GYM for Middle & High	Youth Center

## SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Sign up to help in any one of these opportunities on our web site under Service Links or email [jen.linder@sainttims.org](mailto:jen.linder@sainttims.org) for more information.

<http://www.sainttims.org/faith-formation/youth/senior-high-school/>

**FACT:** If you served in every opportunity that Youth Ministry has to offer on this page you could get up to 70 Community Service Hours this Fall.

### **GIFTED (Special Needs) Ministry**

**Saturday, Aug. 26 6pm-8pm ♦ Saturday, Sep. 16 6pm-8pm ♦ Saturday, Nov. 18 6pm-8pm**

We need 6 High School students to help with crafts and activities with our special needs parishioners as well as serve dinner in the Youth Center for families with special needs children.

### **Pancake Breakfast (Hosted By The Men's Club)**

**Sunday, September 10 ♦ 8am-1:30pm**

We need 12 High School or Middle School youth to help set up and serve Pancake Breakfast. This is an opportunity to raise money for any Youth Ministry trip or receive community service hours.

### **Cards For The Nursing Homes & The Angelus**

**Monday, October 9 ♦ 9am-3pm**

It's a day off of school. No better way to use that day then to serve those in need. We need students to come to the Youth Center to make cards for those in nursing homes. Then we will go deliver them and visit residence with Cerebral Palsy at the Angelus. Parent & Adult drivers needed.

### **St. Timothy Fall Festival**

**Friday, October 20 ♦ 5pm-9pm & Saturday, October 21 (Three shifts: Check online for details)**

We need 10 students to help serve Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Snow Cones, Popcorn & Cotton Candy. This is an opportunity to raise money for any Youth Ministry trip or receive community service hours.

### **Santa Maria Mission (Soup Kitchen)**

**Tuesday, Nov. 21 ♦ 8am-12:30pm**

We need 12 students to help us serve 150 meals for our brothers and sisters at Santa Maria in Tampa.

### **200 Hands For Mary (At Mary Help of Christians)**

**Saturday, December 9 ♦ 8am-2pm**

Students will be painting, cleaning, and restoring the Mary Help Of Christians Center in Tampa. Transportation and lunch provided, meeting at Youth Center. Parent & Adult drivers needed.



### **St. Timothy Toy Drive & Family Adoption Service Project**

**December 9-11 (Multiple Times & Locations At Parish, Check Online fore details)**

We need help from students to sort gifts, bag gifts, and carry them to the Hall. We are also looking for families to donate toys in the Church lobby before Masses that weekend.

### **Holiday Hugs Gift Delivery**

**Monday, December 18 ♦ 4pm-8pm & Tuesday, December 19 ♦ 4pm-8pm**

Students will deliver Christmas Gifts to St. Timothy elderly, homebound, and sick. Parent and Adult Driver Volunteers Needed as well. We will have pizza for students at the Youth Center before deliveries are being made. Sign Up online for Holiday Hugs project or we have a sign up board in the Youth Center.

### **Holiday Hugs Caroling**

**Wednesday, December 20 ♦ 4pm-8pm & Thursday, December 21 ♦ 4pm-8pm**

Students will be going door to door of our St. Timothy elderly, homebound and sick to sing carols at their homes and pray with those who could use the Christmas cheer!!! Parent and Adult Driver Volunteers are needed as well. You don't have to be a good singer but you need to have a big heart and big smile.

# Serving At Mass

**Student Ushering, Student Lectoring & Student Eucharist Minister Training**  
**Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> ♦ 6:30 ♦ Youth Center**

We need students who are interested in helping usher, lector or become a Eucharist minister at the 5:30pm Mass. Join us at this first training given by Fr. Kevin if you are feeling called.

## SUMMER TRIPS

### Dominican Republic Mission Trip

**Tentative Date: June 4<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**

Youth Ministry is excited to announce that we will be taking a week long Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic. The trip is located in the town, La Victoria, outside of the capital of Santo Domingo. The trip will be as much a mission trip as it is an emersion experience and pilgrimage. We will be staying at the Schoenstatt Sisters of Mary Convent and Retreat Center where there is a beautiful shrine dedicated to the Blessed Mother. The focus of the trip is to build relationships with the poor there, handing out food baskets to the severely needy and praying with them, ministering to the children through a VBS and block party, helping care for children in a nutrition center, painting, and laying down concrete floors for homes expenses. There is limited space on this trip. Students 15 years old and under at the time of the trip must have a parent go with them. Reserve your spot by turning in the registration form found online along with \$150 deposit.

### Middle School Hidden Lake EDGE Camp

**\$150 Deposit Due September 10<sup>th</sup> (Camp Dates TBD)**

Summer Camp with EDGE Life Teen in Dahlonega, GA is an incredible opportunity to bring your teens into an incredible experience of life. Middle school teens are able to be free and confident in themselves, develop new friendships with other teens from your parish, and encounter God working in their lives. The cost of this trip is \$650. Reserve your spot by turning in the registration form found online along with \$150 deposit.



### High School Covecrest Life Teen Camp

**\$150 Deposit Due September 10<sup>th</sup> (Camp Dates TBD)**

Life Teen Summer Camp in Tiger, GA is an amazing opportunity to allow teens to be free and confident in themselves, develop new friendships with other teens from our parish, and encounter God working in their lives. This trip includes a white water rafting experience they will never forget. The cost of this trip is \$650. Reserve your spot by turning in the registration form found online along with \$150 deposit.



### Good Samaritan Project (GSP)

**Camp Dates TBD**

This is a local Mission Trip week at Bishop McLaughlin High School. The vision of the Good Samaritan Project is to bring youth to the poor and underprivileged members of the Tampa Bay area through service and prayer. Registration will open mid February.



# How can parents and other volunteers get involved?

## Food Ministry

On Sunday evenings we intentionally feed our High School students before we start on Sunday night. This is not done just to get food in their stomachs, but we recognize the need for them to sit around a dinner table together with their mentors as an important part of the ministry to build relationships. Food is prepared by a group of parents or other parish ministries, such as our Men's Club who provides dinner once a month.



**Text The Word: STLT To: 84576**  
To Get Youth Ministry Text Message Updates

## Becoming A Mentor

Youth Ministry is predominately made up of our mentors. Our mentors develop and plan our Youth Ministry Nights and are part catechist, part cheerleader, and part sympathetic ear for the students. Mentors commit to either Sunday nights with High School Students or Wednesday nights with our Middle School Students. We are always in need of adult and parent mentors to commit each year for our fall and spring semesters. In the summer we invite our college students to join the mentor team for the summer semester.

## Retreat Team

Lifeteen and EDGE are also in need of leaders who can help plan and implement our Youth Ministry Retreats. These are overnight retreats that help lead students to encounter Christ in a special way.

## Other Ways To Help

We are always looking for helping hands who are good doing behind the scenes set up, clean up meals, build environments, send out birthday cards, help in the office and run our café in the Youth Center.

## Prayer

Most importantly, we need committed volunteers to pray for our students. Anybody can do this from wherever you are however; we would like to coordinate with those who pray for our students so that we can share the student's specific prayer requests with our prayer warriors. There are so many things that our students need prayer for and the more volunteers we are able to get to pray for our students the more grace will be poured out into this ministry.

For more information about these ministries, please contact Justin Lantz, Director of Youth Ministry at [justin.lantz@sainttims.org](mailto:justin.lantz@sainttims.org) or Jennifer Linder, Youth Ministry Coordinator at [jen.linder@sainttims.org](mailto:jen.linder@sainttims.org). We are always looking for willing hearts to join us!



**College Student Summer Mentors leading a game of slip n' slide kickball.  
Summer time is all about playing hard and PRAYING harder!!!**