

# Youth Ministry Update

*Winter/Spring 2018*



SAINT TIMOTHY

CATHOLIC CHURCH

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

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## Can't Stop Won't Stop

Each year St. Timothy Life Teen is blessed to be able to host two get-a-way weekends for our teens to come together in prayer, fellowship and strengthen their relationship with Christ. Many of the teens that come use these retreats as preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Jesus himself took a time out to get away from it all to pray. Retreats are vital to our growth as Catholics. It's so easy to get bogged down with school, sports, work, even serving others that we need to take the time out to reflect on what God is doing in all of this. We all need to take some time out to refuel.

This past Fall "Unstoppable" retreat, we focused on the life of St. Paul and the incredible encounter and transformation he had in his life to make him an unstoppable witness to Jesus Christ. St. Paul had one particular moment in his life where he was knocked off his "high horse" and transformed from Saul, the man who persecuted Christians, to St. Paul, the man who wrote half the new testament and converted a huge number of the early church. However, we also learned that, for St. Paul, conversion was a process and not just a single event. He reminds us in the book of Philippians to continue to move forward in Christ every day when he says,

*"It is not that I have already take hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus. Let us, then, who are "perfectly mature" adopt this attitude." – Philippians 3:12-15*

What is our attitude in life? Paul encourages us all to have an Unstoppable, Can't Stop, Won't Stop attitude to pursue Christ. During these retreats we hope that God's unstoppable grace will transform their lives and help them be empowered by the Holy Spirit to become a force in our world for the kingdom. Please pray for our St. Timothy teens as they look forward to another great retreat in February where they will take a look at God's creative power in making order and beauty out of chaos.

# **UPCOMING RETREATS**

## **High School LIFE TEEN “Chaos” 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 be lead out of chaos and distractions of daily life and into a relationship with God who can transform you into something beautiful. 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. The retreat is located at St. Timothy.

## **Guys LIFE TEEN Summer Retreat**

**July 20-21**

This guys one night High School summer retreat located at the St. Timothy Youth Center will be one guys will not want to miss! There will be lots of sports, video games, a special outing (TBD), and dynamic discussion focused just for guys. There is limited space for this retreat. Cost is \$40.

## **Girls LIFE TEEN Summer Retreat**

**July 27-28**

Girls just wanna have fun! This girls one night High School summer retreat located at the St. Timothy Youth Center will be very special. There will be lots of girly things like manicures, painting, volleyball, a special outing (TBD), and dynamic discussions focused just for girls. There is limited space for this retreat. Cost is \$40.

# Leading Teens Closer To Christ



## **"Serve one another through love." -Galatians 5:13**

Service is the remedy for our broken world and broken hearts. We live in a world full of hatred and disorder. The consumerism mentality and lifestyle we are tempted to follow leaves many empty and unsatisfied. The post-Christian world we now live in has blocked God out. However, the good news is that even in the midst of all of this there is a remedy that can bring us all together and lift up our weary hearts to something greater. The remedy is service. It's where peace is found and where we can find the heart of God.

Jesus "came not to be served but to serve others and give his life as a ransom for many (Matthew 20:28)". A few days later after saying this Jesus washed the feet of his disciples. Jesus was not only washing their feet but healing their hearts that were selfishly looking for who would be the greatest disciple. The symbolic act also was to be a sign of unity among them. Jesus knew that service and offering oneself as a gift to others was the key to the brokenness we can sometimes feel.

We also know that service is something that everybody can do and participate in. It crosses cultural, racial, gender and religious divides. If done with love, rather than out of obligation, service has a strength that no division or discord can overcome in our world and in our heart.

In the prayer of St. Francis we are called make our lives great instruments. "Make me a instrument of your peace, where there is hatred let me sow love." Youth Ministry at St. Timothy's certainly wants to provide students year round with opportunities to serve and to form students into discovering the beautiful instruments of peace and love that they are. However, what if our whole purpose in life was as Jesus did, serve others and give ourselves to others? It's so easy in our culture to focus on service hours, to pat ourselves on the back for doing something good, or to serve only when it's convenient. Certainly celebrating acts of service can encourage more people to get involved. Yet, the goal and the challenge Jesus puts before us is to make our whole life an act of loving, humble service. Not just to sign up for different service events but to each day delight in each other, lift each other up, serve one another through love and in doing so find great joy.

We should be thankful that this is God's plan for us. To serve. St. Paul in the book of Galatians reminds us of this great opportunity to serve and to do good to all. Jesus said, "the poor are always with us" (Matthew 26:11), which leaves us with permanent opportunities to serve and be generous. "Let us not grow tired of doing good, for in due time we shall reap our harvest, if we do not give up. So then, while we have the opportunity, let us do good to all, but especially to those who belong to the family of the faith." (Galatians 6:9-10)

Let's be challenged to go beyond serving out of obligation or serving just in special service projects to collect hours and recognition. Let's be challenged to find great joy in making our lives an act of service and laying down our lives for others as Jesus did.





## **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Gifted (Special Needs) Ministry**

#### ***1 Saturday/Month***

We need 6 High School students to help with crafts and activities with our special needs parishioners in the Youth Center. Sign up to help on our parish web site under Faith Formation Youth Service Opportunities and follow our service Links. For questions regarding service email [jen.linder@sainttims.org](mailto:jen.linder@sainttims.org)

### **CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Service Project**

#### ***Saturday, February 17th 9am-Noon***

We need 80 students and families to help us package 20,000 meals for our brothers and sisters in Burkina Faso, Africa! Sign up to help on our web site under service links. For questions regarding CRS Project email [Nick.frega@sainttims.org](mailto:Nick.frega@sainttims.org).

### **Fish Fry**

#### ***Fridays During Lent, Starting February 16th***

We need 8 High School students every Friday during Lent to help set tables, serve in kitchen and work alongside the Men's Club. We will have 2 shifts to choose from and receive 4hr Service; 4pm-6pm & 6pm-8pm. Sign up to help on our web site under service links. For questions regarding service email [jen.linder@sainttims.org](mailto:jen.linder@sainttims.org)

### **Pancake Breakfasts**

#### ***Sunday, February 11th***

We are teaming up with the Men's Club to offer service hours for teens and young adult who would like to help with the Pancake Breakfast. Sign up to help on our web site under service links. For questions regarding service email [jen.linder@sainttims.org](mailto:jen.linder@sainttims.org)

## **Serving At Mass**

### **Student Ushering, Student Lectoring & Student Eucharist Minister Training**

We need students who are interested in helping usher, lector or become a Eucharist minister at the 5:30pm Mass. If you interested or are feeling called Email [fryarnell@sainttims.org](mailto:fryarnell@sainttims.org).



## **OTHER IMPORTANT UPDATES**

### **Mandatory Mission Trip Meeting**

**January 8<sup>th</sup> 7pm-8pm @ Youth Center Underground**

### **Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest**

**January 17<sup>th</sup> 4:30pm-6:30pm @ St. John Paul II Youth Center**

Ages 9-14 boys and girls are welcome to participate. Applications located in the Youth Center.

### **EDGE Canceled**

**February 14<sup>th</sup> (Ash Wednesday), March 14<sup>th</sup> (Spring Break), March 28<sup>th</sup> (Holy Week)**

### **LIFE TEEN Canceled**

**December 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> (Christmas Break), February 4<sup>th</sup> (Super Bowl),**

**April 1<sup>st</sup> (Easter), May 13<sup>th</sup> (Mother's Day), May 27<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day Weekend)**

### **"Chaos" High School Youth Ministry Retreat**

**February 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup>**

Students join us at Mary Help of Christians for our retreat. Cost is \$75 Sign up on our parish web site under Faith Formation Senior High School.

### **Tampa Bay Pro-Life Youth Rally**

**February 24<sup>th</sup> 9am-2pm**

8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> Graders are welcome to join St. Timothy Youth Ministry and all the Youth of Tampa to celebrate life. This even includes; Lunch, Shirt, Mass, Workshops, Music, Giveaways, Games, and special guest keynote speaker Leah Darrow. Event is \$10 and is located at Mary Help of Christians Center in Tampa. Registration will open up online in January. Students must provide their own transportation & meet us there.

### **Confirmation Interviews**

**April 9<sup>th</sup>-April 20<sup>th</sup>**

Interviews are located in the Main Office Conference Room Monday-Thursday 4:00pm-7:30pm. Sign up on our parish web site online under Sacraments/Confirmation.

### **Confirmation Day Retreat & Rehearsal**

**Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> 8:00am-2pm**

All Confirmation Candidates, Sponsors and Parents are required to attend. There will be an 8:00am check-in at the parish hall.

### **Graduation Mass**

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 5:30pm**

Graduates are asked to come 15min early to process during the Mass that night & Senior Send-Off Celebration at LIFE TEEN following the 5:30pm Mass.

### **Confirmation Mass**

**Tuesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> 7:00pm**

Students getting confirmed & Sponsors are asked to report to the Hall at 6:15pm.

### **Dominican Republic Missionary Day Retreat In Youth Center**

**Saturday, May 19<sup>th</sup> 9am-1pm**

## **FLOCKNOTE**

Text The Word: **STLT** To: **84576**  
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# FUNDRAISER OPPORTUNITIES FOR TEEN TRIPS

## **Mulch Sales**

**February 3<sup>rd</sup>-February 18<sup>th</sup>**

Forms will be handed out at all the Masses on those three Sundays. Teens attending one of our summer trips may help promote the Mulch Sales and sign up on the web site to help sell.

## **Mulch Deliveries**

**Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 7am-3pm**

Teens attending a summer trip and looking to fundraise for a trip can sign up to help with deliveries. Sign Up on the parish web site.

## **Totally Catholic Jewelry Sales**

**April 22<sup>nd</sup>-April 30<sup>th</sup>**

Teens who are going on trips can sign up to help sell jewelry. Email [Jen.linder@sainttims.org](mailto:Jen.linder@sainttims.org) for more information.

# SUMMER TRIPS

## **Dominican Republic Mission Trip**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>**

This trip will be as much a mission trip as it is an emersion experience and pilgrimage. The focus 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 who only have dirt floors. The total cost is \$850 that includes flight, room, food, shirt, and some project expenses. Students 15 and under at the time of trip are required to have a parent attend. Currently this trip is full. However you may register and go on a wait list without a deposit in case a spot opens. Email [Justin.lantz@sainttims.org](mailto:Justin.lantz@sainttims.org) for more information.

**GIVE.  
LOVE.  
SERVE.**

## **Middle School Hidden Lake EDGE Camp**

**June 18<sup>th</sup>-June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Summer Camp with EDGE Life Teen in Dahlonega, GA is an incredible opportunity 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. This trip is full but we if you would like to go on a wait list please email [jen.linder@sainttims.org](mailto:jen.linder@sainttims.org).



## **High School Covecrest Life Teen Camp**

**June 18<sup>th</sup>-June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

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. This trip is full but we if you would like to go on a wait list please email [jen.linder@sainttims.org](mailto:jen.linder@sainttims.org).



## **Good Samaritan Project (GSP)**

**July 9<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup>**

This is a local Mission Trip week hosted by the Diocese of St. Petersburg. This year we will be participating in the St. Petersburg GSP at St. Pete Catholic High School & Holy Family Catholic Church. 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 in March.



## SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

**Basketball Camp** 9am-3pm. Cost \$125/Student, \$25/One Time Sports Camp Set Up Fee.  
*June 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>st</sup>* Registration opens mid February.

**Basketball Camp** 9am-3pm. Cost \$125/Student, \$25/One Time Sports Camp Set Up Fee.  
*July 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>* Registration opens mid February.

**Volleyball Camp** 9am-3pm. Cost \$125/Student, \$25/One Time Sports Camp Set Up Fee.  
*July 16<sup>TH</sup>-20<sup>TH</sup>* Registration opens mid February.

**Soccer Camp** 9am-3pm. Cost \$125/Student, \$25/One Time Sports Camp Set Up Fee.  
*July 23<sup>rd</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>* Registration opens mid February.

## SUMMER PROGRAMING

### Summer LIFE TEEN

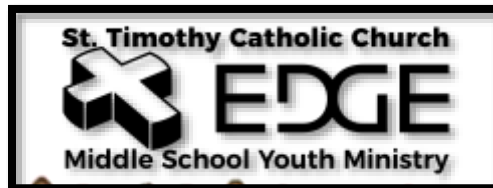
*Sundays May 20<sup>th</sup>-July 20<sup>th</sup>*

Pizza & Open Gym for High School Students following Mass every Sunday. Canceled on May 13<sup>th</sup> for Mother's Day & June 17<sup>th</sup> for Father's Day.

### Youth Ministry Summer Nights

*Wednesdays June-August 7pm-9pm*

Snow Cones, Open Gym & Scripture for Middle & High School students.



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