

Youth Ministry Update

Spring/Summer 2019



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Relentless Love Kick-Off



Teens Enjoy Christian Music Festival "Rock The Universe" At Universal Studios



Father Malley Said Mass At The Hotel For Students Attending Rock The Universe.



Mr. Justin, Mr. Mike, Mrs. Marissa Lead MTC Fall Retreats At The Franciscan Center & Youth Center.



EDGE Middle School Had Their Annual Thanksgiving Dinner In The Youth Center With Over 100 Students!



Youth Ministry & The Men's Club Partnered Up To Host A Family Movie On The Lawn!

2018 Fall Fun!



Youth Ministry Serves Our Neighbors At The Santa Maria Mission!

Feed The Hungry!

Serving The Homeless At Pinellas Hope

Jesus said feed the hungry. So we do. Two crews of teens got together to make it happen and to live out the Gospel to feed the hungry. On a Friday night when most students are going to football games in the fall or going to a movie, these students were cooking home-cooked shepherds pie at Mike and Marissa Guarino's home. Mike is a long time mentor and one of his favorite things is cooking. He uses these opportunities not only to feed the hungry but to pass on an important skill to the teens in how to cook good food. It was great to see the relationships built over the stove.

Our second crew spend the next morning to go out to Pinellas Hope to serve over 75 homeless. The began their morning in prayer at the 9am Mass while the food was warming up and off they went to serve the Lord. After we served all the food, one of the homeless men came up to us and said, "I've never had such a good shepherds pie. It was delicious!".

Helping Others Prepare For Eternity

H.O.P.E Estates Service Project

This past fall over 60 students came out to Brooksville to do some landscaping, painting, and lots of sweating in the sun at an autistic farm called Hope Estates. This estate was build to help Mr. Mike's non-verbal autistic daughter live independently. At the end of the day everybody was amazed at how much work was accomplished. It made the saying, "Team work, makes the dream work!", a reality.

Giving Thanks

Serving Our Neighbors At Santa Maria Mission

The best part about giving is joy. Being a teenager can be difficult. Many teens struggle with sadness but when we go out to serve others a spark ignites their hearts. It's something we see all the time in Youth Ministry. Maybe that's one reason Jesus wants us to continue to serve others because in serving we find true love and happiness. During Thanksgiving week students went out to Santa Maria Mission to serve a delicious meal to those in need and also hand out turkeys and other groceries donated by St. Timothy's and other parishes around the area. A few hundred people were able to have a nice Thanksgiving because of the generosity of their neighbor's donations and service. That is something to be thankful for!

Holiday Hugs

Serving Our Homebound and Sick

This project continues to be the teens favorite of the year. For a week Youth Ministry dedicates it's time just before Christmas to serve and spend time with our homebound. We begin the week by making gifts and Christmas cards. Then we take two days to deliver gifts. This year we made them special candles with inspirational rocks and baked cookies. The last day we sing carols at their homes and pray with them. This project always ushers in the right kind of spirit for the Holidays.



Giving, Loving & Serving

Thrive Retreat

Leading Teens To Becoming Rooted In Christ

LIFE TEEN High School retreats are so important because they give teens a chance to get away from life just for a moment and contemplate their relationship with Christ in prayer, silence, activities, discussions and through the sacraments. The Thrive retreat last fall did just that. Students began the retreat watching the Disney classic, "Lion King", and discovered the many Catholic themes in that movie. The kingship of Jesus and how we are God's beloved sons and daughters, heirs to God's Kingdom through our Baptism. In our society today many wonder with all the DNA tests that are out there now, where do I come from? In a way, students were able to unpack the same kinds of questions about their relationship with God. They discussed the foundation of their life and what it takes to remain rooted in Jesus. Students went to confession to get a fresh start and many of them had powerful transformations in their life during Adoration. One student described, "During Adoration at the retreat I realized I was made for loving him, I was created to worship his name and carry it proudly throughout my life."



UPCOMING RETREATS

High School LIFE TEEN "Search" Spring Retreat February 22nd-24th

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 "Search" on this powerful weekend of conversion. Cost is \$80 registration due February 10th. Details and registration is on our web site.

Confirmation Day Retreat & Rehearsal

April 27 ♦ 9am-1pm

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

Girls LIFE TEEN Summer Retreat

July 26-27, 2019

Girls just wanna have fun! This 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.

Guys LIFE TEEN Summer Retreat

August 2-3, 2019

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.



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 for more information. <http://www.sainttims.org/youth>

GIFTED (Special Needs) Ministry

1 Saturday/Month

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. Sign Up at Sainttims.org/youth.

Pinellas Clean-Up at Fred Howard Park

Saturday, February 8th 9am-12pm

We are looking forward to a beautiful day out in the sun at the park as we clean up trash and beautify Fred Howard Park. This is a great way to earn some service hours and help the environment. Sign Up and find more details at Sainttims.org/youth.

Fish Fry

Fridays During Lent, Starting March 8th

We need students to help serve Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Snow Cones, Popcorn & Cotton Candy, clean tables, trash duty. This is an opportunity to receive community service hours.

CRS (Catholic Relief Services) Service Project

Saturday, March 9th

We need 80 students, parents and young adults to help us package 20,000 meals for our brothers and sister in Burkina Faso, Africa. This will be done in the morning in the hall. Sign up to help on our web site. For questions regarding CRS Project email ramond.mitchell@sainttims.org.

Teens Come Get Involved In Our Jr. Mentor Team

Our Jr. Mentors are our High School 11th and 12th grade students who have felt the call to minister especially to our Middle School students and help play a leadership role on High School retreats. They share testimonies, lead small groups, and help run games on Wednesdays with the younger students. We look for mature teens that are on fire for Christ and their faith that can set an example to our Middle School students and their peers.



**God
Is
Good!
All
The
Time!**

No Fret Guitar Camp

Forming Future Worship Leaders

Last fall at the Family Faith Fest our Youth Ministry program won a free guitar camp for 6 chosen students. The guitar camp included free acoustic electric guitars and lessons provided by Justin Lantz. It was a huge success. The students came and learned basic guitar chords and fingerings so they could build up their confidence and strum away. The “No Fret” ministry is all about providing a free opportunity for students to get a basic introduction into music and offer them joy of a lifetime of music. The joy on the faces of the students is very special the moment they open up that box with a free guitar. These guitars are not cheap guitars. They are good quality. This summer we plan on hosting another “No Fret” guitar camp. There are limited spaces to join in this experience. The head of the guitars says, “Matthew 6:25”, that verse is sort of the no worry verse in the Bible and so the clever name, “No Fret”. The ministry is all about giving kids confidence, building their esteem and hopefully bringing kids peace in this world that is ever more stressful. For more details about this ministry visit

www.nofretguitarcamp.com.



Serving At Mass

Student Ushering, Student Lectoring & Student Eucharist Minister Training

If you are interested please email jen.linder@sainttims.org

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 if you are feeling called.

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FLOCKNOTE

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

FACEBOOK GROUP

St Tims Life Teen
For photos and Updates

SUMMER TRIPS

La Victoria, Dominican Republic Mission Trip

June 10-15

Please pray for our 38 missionaries going over to the Dominican Republic to serve the people there. Be on the lookout for registration for our 2020 Mission trip when it comes out in August.

Middle School Hidden Lake EDGE Camp

June 24-29

Please pray for our 28 Middle School students going to the Georgia Mountains for Catholic Summer Camp at Hidden Lake. That they may have safe travels transformed hearts on fire for the Lord.



High School Covecrest Life Teen Camp

June 24-29

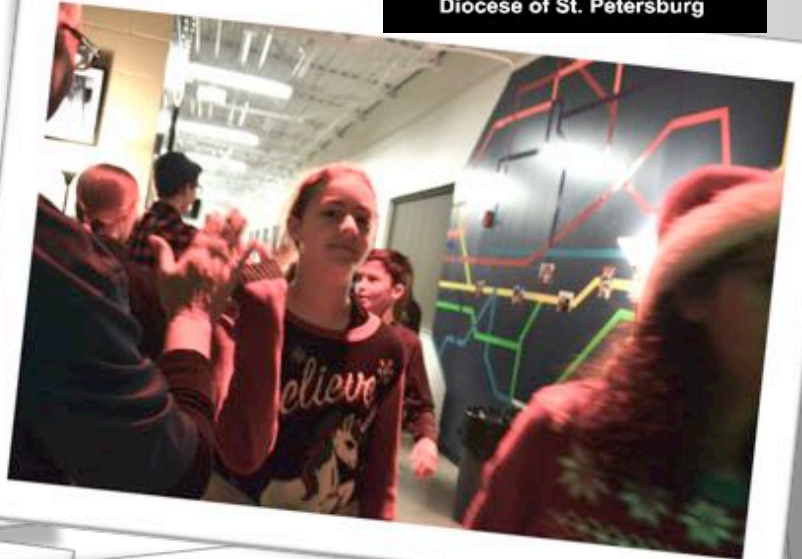
Please pray for our 54 High School students going to the Georgia Mountains for Catholic Summer Camp at Covecrest. That they may have safe travels transformed hearts on fire for the Lord.



Good Samaritan Project (GSP)

July 7-13

This is a local Mission Trip week in Pinellas county with the Diocese. The vision of the Good Samaritan Project is to bring youth to the poor and underprivileged members of the Bay area through service and prayer. Registration and more details will be available in March. Keep an eye out.



St. Timothy's Sports Camp

BASKETBALL

July 8-12
July 22-26



VOLLEYBALL

July 15-19



SOCCER

July 29- August 2



Ages Offered: 8-14 years of age

When: 9 a.m.-3 p.m

Where: St Timothy's Youth Center

**Camp Fee: \$125 for 1 participant,
\$200 for 2 participants
\$275 for 3 Participants**

Plus one time \$25 Registration Fee Per Family

The Goal of our youth summer camps is to lay a foundation of individual and team skills for the development of today's young student-athletes in a Catholic environment. The camp will be conducted by Coaches & Staff. The coaches will cover individual skills (passing, dribbling, shooting, game strategy) as well as team concepts (offense, defense, and transition). There will be a multitude of skill training followed by fun and entertaining competition. The primary emphasis for this clinic is on building team concepts within each group of players. There will also be a variety of fun extracurricular activities as well as chapel time, arts and crafts, and more!

Please REGISTER by June 12th. Registration Forms Available online.

For any questions or concerns please contact Jen Linder: jen.linder@sainttims.org

Register by dropping off or handing in the paid fee and completed forms to St. Timothy Catholic Church : 17512 Lakeshore Rd, Lutz Fl 33558. Each participant must have a consent form and liability waiver. All checks payable to: St. Timothy Catholic Church.


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College & Young Adult Ministry Gets A Visit From Fr. Malley After Their Monday Night Gathering.



Youth Ministry Visits Our Nations Capital For The Annual March For Life To Defend Life!



Youth Ministry Team Gathers At The NCCYM Conference in Tampa.



One Of Our Mentors, Brandon Miko, Giving A Talk At Youth Group.



Teens Feed Homeless Home Cooked Shepherds Pie At Pinellas Hope.



Middle School Students Enjoy Pizza & Ping Pong At The EDGE Lock-In.



Students Visit St. Timothy Homebound During Christmas To Pray With Them, Sing Carols And Bring Them Gifts.

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.

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.

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, retreat team and help in the Youth Center office .

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 Youth Minister, Justin Lantz at justin.lantz@sainttims.org or our Youth Coordinator Jennifer Linder at jen.linder@sainttims.org. We are always looking for willing hearts to join us!



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Leading Teens Closer To Christ

