

Friends,

If you have a high school teen (having completed 8th grade through the summer following High School graduation) you have found the right place! Our parish community supports a flourishing group of young people with community, formation, service, camps, retreats, bible studies, sacrament preparation, and more!

There are two parts to our program, and some notes about each are below:

### **Youth Ministry**

Jesus had friends, and you should, too! Having a community with time, space, and people who are pursuing a relationship with Jesus is indescribably important. All teens belong as a part of your community, no longer their faith history, sacramental status, or anything else. We walk together and support each other as we seek Christ through his Church.

### **Sacramental Preparation**

Another aspect of our program is Sacramental Preparation. For some teens this can include Baptism, First Communion, or First Reconciliation. Beginning as early as 9th grade, we also prepare teens to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation seals and strengthens the gifts of the Holy Spirit that we receive first at Baptism, enabling us to live as witnesses and soldiers of Christ.

We believe in a family approach to catechesis and we walk with parents alongside teens. Each family has a different story and we look forward to hearing yours and seeing how God is moving.

If you are still on the fence or aren't sure now is the right time, hear these words of Scripture:

"Take courage; get up. He is calling you!" (Mark 10:49)

Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions or prayer intentions. We look forward to meeting you soon!

Grace & Peace,

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