

The EDGE | 2021-2022

SCL Youth Ministry

Dear 6th, 7th, and 8th grade parents –

Welcome to *The EDGE*, St. Catherine Laboure's Middle School Youth Ministry Program which is sure to be another year of excitement and fun! Our goal is to give our middle school kids the "edge", the Catholic edge, the Jesus edge, as they go through this time of remarkable change in their lives.

Our Edge program is built with the simple idea that "...no one will take away your JOY!" –*Jn 16:22*. We LOVE to have fun! Community building and joyful play is a large part of what we do, while taking time to help grow their relationship with God. Creating a community and culture of joy and love centered around Christ is our first goal as our 6th graders walk through the doors. And as our Middle Schoolers grow into 7th and 8th grade we take more and more time to help cultivate their faith, making sure our programming is geared specifically toward each unique group!

In many respects middle school youth are on the "edge" because so much is going on in their lives physically, mentally, spiritually, and socially. It can be a very stressful and difficult time for them and you, their parents. While their peers begin to take on a more significant role during these years, middle schoolers are still very connected and influenced by their parents. They are still craving a close relationship with you and other adults in their lives.

That is why we are welcoming *you* to The Edge too. We consider your participation in this ministry as vital as anything we do. There are many ways you can participate and help your child to participate:

- **Join us for our experiences with the teens off campus (more info below.)** (We are planning to be a presence with them in the place where they interact with their friends most!)
- **Come to SCL's Youth Mass every Sunday at Noon.** The music and the Mass are geared toward young people, so the liturgy has special meaning for them in their lives.
- **At Mass there are a number of ways to serve** and be active in the Mass through helping with seating, being a greeter in the back of church, training to be a lector, and more. Come find Steve and Florence in the back of church and we'll get you involved!
- **Join us in our SCL School Community Garden and help us grow food for the local community.** All surplus produce is donated to the Affton Christian Food Pantry. The more we grow, the more we give!

As part of this packet please find The Edge & Excursion registration and Release form, the Edge 21-22 calendar and our first Excursion Flier and form. Please return the registration form and rules **as soon as possible**. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us. We are looking forward to seeing your middle school child at The EDGE!

Praying for you and your families,



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The EDGE meetings: With the blessing of so many kids who participate in junior high youth ministry at their various grade levels, it's challenging to do the faith component at age appropriate levels of junior high youth group. Therefore, each gathering will continue to be individualized by class. This also allows for a more personal approach to the Junior High Ministry. At these EDGE gatherings, we'll cover different topics to relate God to their daily lives and help make their faith come to life! Each class will spend time with our Youth Minister during their regular school day as part of their Activity/ Tech Period. This works out to being roughly once a month. Our Middle School Youth Minister will also be joining our PSR Students for meetings with our 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade on various Mondays throughout the year! We have provided a calendar for the year with dates that can be found within this packet of paperwork. If there is ever any doubt, please refer to that calendar.

Trivia Night: A favorite junior high tradition is our annual Trivia Night for all of our SCL Middle Schoolers *led by our high school teens*. All proceeds will support high school teens on our many summer retreats next year. Don't forget to mark Friday, May 20th, 2021 on your calendar now! More info will be sent home closer to the date. We surely appreciate all your support with that event!

Middle School Excursions: attached is a schedule for our entire Middle School EDGE year. We will have an off-campus activity in the months of November and February. We have arranged with these facilities that our group will be the only one in the building while we are there in order to keep our students healthy. Our first fieldtrip will be to Rockn' Jump on Sunday 11/1/21. Please stay tuned for more information on our lock-in on Friday 2/25/21 at the Incredible Pizza Company. This event will be from 10:00p.m. – 12:00a.m.

On our website, please find a ***release*** form for our Middle School Excursions this year. You will see that all of the dates and activities have been arranged in advance which should allow for better planning. The use of **one release form for all activities** should also help to lighten the paper load a bit. In the past, we have offered an opportunity to pay in advance for all of the excursions at once. Due to the fluctuating regulations this year, we will be sending home **Event Registrations** individually each month prior to the next event. The Event Registrations allow for you to sign your child up for each event a month in advance. **If your child does ANY event with us in the next academic year, we MUST have a release form on hand for him/her.** To help us plan for appropriate numbers, we ask that you fill the Release form out by Sept 1, 2021.

Please review this information and the online release carefully. **Select the events that your child will attend on our interest form**, complete the online payment (or send a check to the school office payable to SCL). **I will accept registrations for our first excursion at Rockin' Jump online until October 22nd** or 7 days prior to the event. All digital paperwork must be completed for your child to attend.

In the upcoming months, **I will accept registration forms and attendance confirmations for individual activities up to 7 days prior to the event.** Due to lunch costs, bus and activity center commitments, and chaperone planning, I ask that you please be mindful of this. As a reminder, additional *release forms* will not be sent home prior to each activity, however, ***registration forms and waivers for the venues will be sent home or will be sent electronically for a digital response for each event.***

Lunch and Lead: During lunch on certain days of the week, a select few of our SCL 7th and 8th Graders will have the opportunity to serve the greater local community by helping us care for our community garden and give the surplus produce to those most in need of it! They will also get to learn a little about communication and leadership too! Check out the dates that Lunch and Lead will be offered on the calendar!

Junior High Question Box: Does your Middle Schooler ever ask questions about faith or life that you don't know how to answer? You're not alone! The Junior High Question box is an opportunity for them to be able to ask anonymously and we can address the answers either personally or with the class! There isn't really a box, they can ask all of their questions online by submitting a Google Form to Steve at school!

Chaperones: I truly cannot do these events without parent helpers. Really, it's policy! If you have a free afternoon/evening to chaperone I (and all of the Middle Schoolers) would greatly appreciate it! Please take a look at the dates and if you are available to chaperone an event, please let me know. This is a wonderful opportunity to be an example of service to your own children and to get to know the other students in your child's class. If you have younger children that need to tag along, that's OK too depending on the event. I would need help in a variety of ways: riding the bus, getting the kids' lunches, and chaperoning to keep everyone safe. I am ever so grateful to you as parents for your time to make events such as these possible. Thank you!

7th and 8th Grade Parents: **Luke 18 Registration** will open online In the coming months. More information to come. If you would like your child to attend Luke 18 2022, Please fill out the Release form found on our website

SCLYM EDGE & EXCURSION

Registration & Release

Registration and release forms for this academic year will take place online at

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as well as online *payment*.

In order to keep our kids safe, we have reserved each space so our group will be the only group in the building apart from staff, we are also keeping up with health requirements and restrictions as they change in our area. Please be patient as we work out any kinks moving forward

Online you will register for the events that you want your child to participate in (as many or as few as you/your child are able)

1. Rockin' Jump +Mass	(11/1/21)	12:10pm – 4:00pm (ish)	\$35.00
2. Incredible Pizza Lock-In	(2/25/22)	10:00pm - 12:00am	\$35.00
3. Middle School Trivia Night	(5/20/22)	7:00pm - 9:00pm	\$25.00

The cost of each event includes the activity, and lunch. In the case of our first excursion to Rockin' Jump, It also includes the cost of transportation. A student may choose to participate in an individual activity. Payment for the activity(ies) must be submitted with the online registration form .

*****You may choose to submit the registration forms for our first two events along with the release form online now and pay for each event one at a time as the respective dates approach. Information will be sent out before every event for another opportunity to register.***

Registration and parent release form and full payment must be submitted for your child to participate. (If paying by check, please make it payable to SCL.) Students may register for all 3 activities and one release form will apply for all activities circled above.

PARENT CHAPERONES!!!

Parents, first of all we want to thank you for all you do for your kids and helping them grow in their faith. One of the ways you have done that is by encouraging them to participate in EDGE Youth Ministry here at SCL. We know your lives are incredibly busy and packed with multiple activities, sports, and events all year long. Even so, it is required by the archdiocese that we have a 10:1 ratio of students to chaperones. If you have signed your child up for any of these **events please commit to chaperoning at least one of our events** this school year.

I'm hoping that giving you these dates in advance will give you the chance to add one (or all!) of these dates to not only your child's schedule but also to your own. We cannot go on these excursions without the help of our parent volunteers and your time means the world to us!

Please look over these dates and check which ones you are willing to commit to volunteering for:

___	Rockin' Jump + Mass	(11/1/21)	12:10pm-4:00pm (ish)
___	Incredible Pizza Lock-In	(2/25/22)	9:45pm - 12:00am
___	Junior High Trivia Night	(5/20/22)	7:00pm - 9:00pm

Please visit www.sclym.org to commit to chaperoning an event.

Thank you for your help!

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May be Subject to Change

15 – SCL Preview Day

17 – SCL First Day of School

23 – Lindbergh First Day of School

25 – Lunch and Learn

AUGUST 2021						
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16 – Lunch and Learn

18 – 7th Grade PSR Edge

23 – Trunk or Treat

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1 – Rockin' Jump + Noon Mass

All Saints Day- (SCL/Lind No School)

8 – 8th Grade PSR Edge

22 – 7th Grade PSR Edge

24,25,26 - Thanksgiving Break

6 – 6th Grade PSR Edge

25 – Christmas Day!

DECEMBER 2021						
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7,8,9 - Luke 18

10 – 8th Grade PSR EDGE

17 - MLK - No School

13 – Confirmation Retreat

14 - 7th Grade PSR Edge

21 - Pres. Day-Lind/SCL No School

25 – Incredible Pizza

FEBRUARY 2022						
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2 – Ash Wednesday

7 – 8th Grade PSR EDGE

14-18 – SCL Spring Break

21-25 – Lindbergh Spring Break

28 – 6th Grade PSR EDGE

8 – Lunch and Learn

14 – Holy Thursday

15 – Good Friday

16 – Holy Saturday

17 – Easter Sunday

20 – Lunch and Learn

25 – 7th Grade PSR Edge

26-29 - 5th Grade Camp

APRIL 2022						
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MAY 2022

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11 – Lunch and Learn

13 – 7th Grade

CONFIRMATION

20 – Junior High Trivia Night

TACO Tuesdays for 8th Graders!

Regular Junior High Ministry will happen during the day for SCL day school students and during PSR for Lindbergh Students. Excursions are open to all SCL parishioners and encouraged to build community for those planning to attend Luke 18!