

## SJB Parish Council

Aug. 16, 2023

### Youth Ministry Report

- As of Aug. 5, the St. Gabriel Family of Parishes has added Jeanne Fairbanks as an additional Dir. Of YM for the parish family. Jeanne along with Elena Pope will serve the 5 parishes in YM for 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> gr. Jeanne & Elena will work creating programing for ministry jointly, but each will have their main focus. Elena will focus on Jr. High and Jeanne on High School. There will be plenty of opportunity for us to minister together and we are creating a comprehensive look at YM for 6-12.
- Jeanne & Elena will be speaking at all the Masses throughout the St. Gabriel family of parishes.  
Aug. 12/13 @ SC  
Aug. 19/20 @ SJB  
Aug. 26/27 @ SP  
Sept. 3 @ OLR/HC
  - The main focus will be inviting parishioners to partner with us in ministry. Here are the ways you can ministry alongside us.
    1. Prayer Warriors: We will give those who sign up 2-3 names of youth for them to pray for. We are asking that you intentionally lift these youth up in your daily prayer by name. We will occasionally send out prayer requests as needed.
    2. StockHolders: We are asking parishioners to financially invest in our YM. Any amount \$5 to ? As StockHolders will be updated occasionally and will be invited to the annual StochHolder Dinner in Jan. where the youth will serve and present their "Year in review" sharing the highlights of the year and giving the investors a glimpse into how their contribution helped the ministry happen.
    3. CoreTeams: We are forming H.S. & Jr. H. CoreTeams. These will be adults who will commit to investing their time in our parish YM. CoreTeam members will be facilitating small groups and assisting in leading programing with the youth ministers. This will be a 2 year commitment.

#### JR.HIGH

- Our Jr. High ministry for SC & SJB will be on Sun. mornings from 8:50-10:20. 6<sup>th</sup> gr. and a 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> gr. combined session. There will be a more detailed explanation and example of content at the parent meeting on Aug. 22 6-7:15p.m. in the Banquet Hall at SJB.
- The resource that will be used is YDisciple. Parents will be given parent sheets for each session at the parent meeting on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. These will assist parents in knowing what was discussed and we invite the parents to engage their middle schooler with continued discussion on the topics.
- The full calendar of Jr. High ministry sessions/events will be out at the parent meeting.
- This year we will be working with Joy Blaul to bring St. Peter Jr. High 6-8<sup>th</sup> gr. under our responsibility. This will be a slow process and not a big change going forward.
- We have met with the Jr. High teachers in the grade schools and Elena will be a consistent presence in the schools going forward. She will be in the religion classes at least once a month for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> gr. at all 3 schools. (on Fridays)

- There will be events throughout the year where we are inviting all Jr. High to gather to build community among the parish family.

## HIGH SCHOOL

- High School Upper Room will begin Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> 7-9p.m. Upper Room meets 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed. at St. Peter. This is a deep dive into topics with testimony's from our young adult CoreTeam along with small group sharing and sharing a meal.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Quarter Social will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> Wed. of the month. Gather for fun, games, & food to build community. Both of these events will be at St. Peters.
- Sun. night Youth Nights will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sun. evenings from 7-9 at St John's. These will be focused on community building, prayer and topics that we will then take a deeper dive into at Upper Room on Wed. Our Theme for this year is: WE ARE ROOTED IN..... scripture, saints, sacraments, mystery, the ordinary, discernment to name just a few of the topics we will be covering.
- Full Calendar will be out at the Parent meeting on Aug. 22 at SJB & Aug. 29 @ SP.
- NCYC is our BIG EVENT for the fall. All H.S. youth are invited to join a large group from the Archdiocese as we travel to Indi for a 3 day conference. We have 20 spots for youth. Nov. 16-19. This is something that only happens every other year. It is a lifechanging experience. The cost is \$500 and we do have financial assistance for all youth. (ie: StockHolders, hint, hint, please be a STOCKHOLDER)
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