

Focus for Youth

Ministry

At St. Anne Youth Ministry, our mission is three-fold; we seek to empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the world today, to draw youth to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic Church, and to foster the total personal and spiritual growth of the young people in our faith community.

Saint Anne Youth Ministry is open to youth entering the ninth grade, or for those in high school who have not had youth ministry experience previously. Our purpose is to build a community of young people examining issues at the forefront of their minds & lives, to encourage growth socially, provide interaction through community service projects, and faithfully deepen the relationship with God.

In May all the students are invited to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation preparation program, however this is not a requirement of any student. In order to register

for Confirmation, you must be registered for and have participated in the Saint Anne Youth Ministry meetings and one Youth Ministry retreat. During the school year the Youth Ministry group meets on Monday evenings in the Parish Hall. From 6:00 to 6:30 p.m. youth may arrive and have time to socialize and check out upcoming events. At 6:30 p.m. we begin our meeting and will finish with closing prayer by 8:30 p.m. Attendance is taken and students are expected to attend ALL meetings. In addition all Youth Ministry students will attend the Regional Youth Rally on October 21 at St. Bede's Church. **There is a separate \$20 fee for the Youth Rally.**

Retreats

In addition to **Saint Anne** gatherings, we offer Youth Ministry participants two weekend retreats a year, one in the winter (Dec. 1-3) and one in the spring (April 27-29, 2018). Students wishing to enter the Confirmation program must attend one of these two retreats prior to registration for Confirmation. **There is an additional cost of \$140.00 for the Youth Ministry retreat**, due approximately 2 weeks prior to the retreat the student will be attending. There is a limit to 50 students per retreat.

Dates of Retreats:

1. Youth Ministry Retreat December 1-3, 2017 @ Diocesan Youth Retreat Center in Lafayette
2. Confirmation Retreat: December 8-10, 2017 @ Mission Springs, Scotts Valley
3. Youth Ministry Retreat April 27-29, 2018 @ Diocesan Youth Retreat Center in Lafayette.
4. EMMAUS Peer Ministry Retreat June 22-24, 2018 @ Diocesan Youth Retreat Center.



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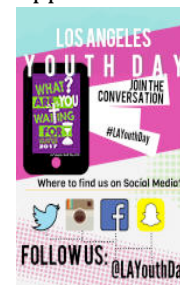
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the program. Those deciding on enrollment are given a candidate agreement returned with baptismal & sponsor information, along with a registration fee.

The immediate preparation for the Sacrament begins in the fall. The Confirmation sessions meet twice a month on Sunday's from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. There are 13 scheduled sessions, along with a Parish Youth Rally, weekend retreat, ministry projects, sponsor-candidate sessions, and the celebrations of different Rites. The date for the Rite of Confirmation will be in the Spring of 2018 at St. Anne Church.

EMMAUS Peer Ministry For the past thirty years, Youth Ministry at St. Anne's has focused on a peer ministry model to promote and foster leadership among youth. We use the example of the road to EMMAUS (Luke 24:13-35) as a model that we journey together, with the Lord, in our everyday lived experiences. EMMAUS is an existing group of young people who have expressed an interest in serving the Church through the Youth Ministry program for one year. For example, a group might prepare youth liturgies and retreats.

Other responsibilities include planning and leading workshops, icebreakers and prayer for youth ministry meetings & facilitating small group discussions. The peer ministry group also takes on different projects throughout the year like the SOUPER Bowl project...a coat/glove/hat drive in November and a sock drive in the spring, along with our monthly stewardship collections for various charities. The EMMAUS peer ministry group has an annual 3-day training retreat during the summer, and also meets monthly for enrichment and planning. Peer ministry is open to high school students', sophomore and above, already confirmed. Applications are available in April every year.



St. Anne Youth Ministry will be attending the Archdiocese of Los Angeles Youth Day March 14-17, 2018. This trip is open to all high school EMMAUS, Youth Ministry & Confirmation students and Emmaus Young Adults. This year's theme will be **RISE UP & SHINE #2018** Signups for Youth Day will

begin at the end of November. We are limited to a group of 20 to attend...we'll travel by bus down and back to Anaheim...and yes, **Disneyland is included!**

YOUTH LITURGIES

St. Anne's offers a TOTAL YOUTH MINISTRY program, which means that in addition to everything else, we place a high emphasis on COMMUNITY WORSHIP. Providing teenagers and their parents with a liturgy toward their spiritual needs is the first step. St. Anne Parish offers a Youth Liturgy on the second and fourth Sunday's of the month at the 6:00 p.m. mass. There are a wide variety of ways young people are invited to participate in the Youth Liturgy: the Youth Choir,

Lector Ministry, Eucharistic Ministry and the Ministry of Welcome.

SOME DATES TO REMEMBER

2017

September 10

First Confirmation Meeting--Parents attend

September 11

First Youth Ministry meeting –Parents attend

October 21

High School Youth Rally @ St. Bede's

November 20

Youth Ministry Thanksgiving Potluck

Coat & Hat, Sock & Glove Clothing Drive

St. Anne Youth Ministry Winter Retreat

December 1-3

December 8-10 St. Anne Confirmation Retreat

December 11

Advent Potluck celebration

December 22

EMMAUS Justice & Education Day @ St. Anthony's SF

2018

January 8

1st Youth Ministry meeting of 2018

February 4

SOUPER BOWL Service Project @ St. Anne

February 14

Ash Wednesday

March 14-17

LA Youth Day Trip

March 25-April 1

Holy Week

April 27-29

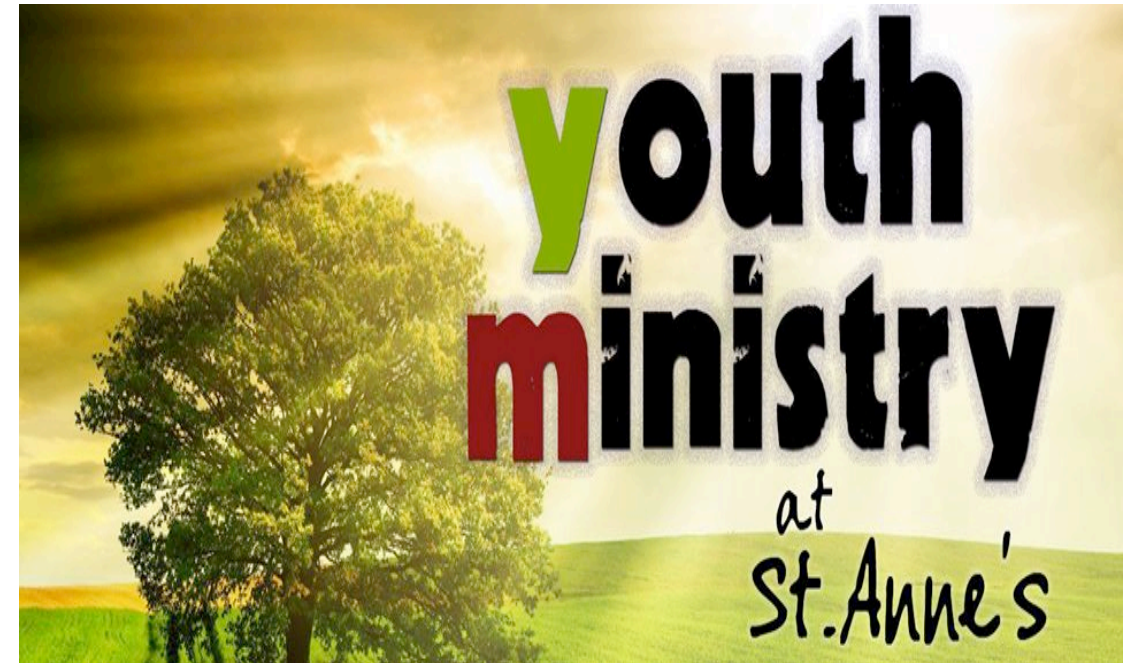
St. Anne Youth Ministry Spring Retreat

May 14

8th Grade Youth Ministry Welcome Night

June 4

Last Youth Ministry Meeting



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