



ST. ANTHONY
EDGE

Keep Your
ROOTS
deep in
CHRIST
in faith

Colossians 2:7

COME AND ENCOUNTER CHRIST

SEVENTH AND EIGHTH GRADERS

TUESDAY NIGHTS | 7:00PM-8:30PM



WHAT IS EDGE?

- EDGE is St. Anthony's Faith Formation Program for 7-8th graders.
- The goal of EDGE is to help the junior high students of St. Anthony's to dive deeper into their faith by encouraging them to engage in their Catholic beliefs on a daily basis.
- EDGE also aims to approach our teens in an age appropriate way, through games, activities, and prayer experiences that are designed for that age group.
- EDGE Kick-Off is September 19th, @ 7:00PM

EDGE NIGHT STRUCTURE

- EDGE Nights will be broken into four segments:
 - **GATHER:** The gather is an opportunity to have teens break into their small group and participate in an opening activity, most days this will consist of a small group game.
 - **PROCLAIM:** The proclaim is a 15-25 minutes talk on the faith topic of the day. This is the primary catechesis of EDGE. These proclaims are given by Mark Vallone
 - **BREAK:** The break portion of the night is time for the teens to meet with their small groups and reflect on the topic of the night through small group questions and activities.
 - **SEND:** The send is the culmination of the EDGE night, this is most often accomplished through a prayer or challenge for the week. We will also serve snacks during the send.

ATTENDANCE AND REGISTRATION

- All 7th and 8th graders are welcomed at EDGE but must be registered. Go to stanthonyym.org to register.
- EDGE Teens are encouraged to bring friends but if a friend attends more than two times, we ask that they register.
- EDGE is not a prerequisite for Confirmation but attendance and teen participation is taken into account when choosing teens to attend our EDGE summer camp at Hidden Lake.
- Registration deadline is Monday, September 4th. Any registrations after this date will be added to small groups that have already been formed. Teen's small group friend requests will not be able to be considered after this date.



EDGE SMALL GROUPS

- EDGE Small groups are assigned by the Youth Ministry staff. Small groups will consist of 10-16 teens of the same grade.
- Preferences for small group assignments (done when registering teens online) will be taken into account when assigning teens to groups.
- If you need to make any changes to your child's small group preferences please email Mark Vallone.

2017-2018 EDGE SCHEDULE

- EDGE 2017 Kick Off is September 19th , 7:00PM-8:30PM
- Our EDGE Spring Retreat will be on February 24-25
 - This year it is at the wonderful Camp Cho Yeh
 - This is an amazing opportunity for your teen to grow closer to Jesus Christ and build community with other teens at St. Anthony's.
 - Retreats are an amazing opportunities to take a break from the world and reflect of God's great love.
- Schedule can be found attached to this packet.

EDGE CORE TEAM

- EDGE needs a core team of 30 dedicated Adult Volunteers to be an effective ministry.
- Currently we are in need of more CORE Members
- EDGE Core Members lead small groups in reflections on the catechetical topic of the night, you will not be required to teach, you are guiding the teens through reflection.
- If you are interested in serving on CORE please email Mark, so that he can answer any of your questions about this opportunity.

QUESTIONS/COMMENTS

- If you have any additional questions or comments please direct these to our EDGE Coordinator, Mark Vallone a mvallone@staoptw.org.