



ST. ANTHONY  
**ANCHOR**

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**HOPE**  
*as an*  
**ANCHOR**  
*for the soul*

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**FIFTH AND SIXTH GRADERS**

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**SUNDAY NIGHTS | 4:00PM-5:30PM**





## WHAT IS ANCHOR?

- Anchor is St. Anthony's Faith Formation Program for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders of our parish.
- The goal of Anchor is to help the middle school students of St. Anthony's to dive deeper into their faith by encouraging them to engage in their Catholic beliefs on a daily basis.
- Anchor also aims to approach our youth in an age appropriate way; through games, activities, and prayer experiences that are designed for that age group.

## ANCHOR NIGHT STRUCTURE

- Our mission is to mirror the schooling experience for our youth. For this reason small groups will stay together as much as possible, and the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades will be separate for the majority of a traditional ANCHOR Night.
- Nights will be broken into two forty-minute segments that will run concurrently. The 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will alternate between these segments. (We will have five minutes for switching areas)
- The segments will be a general session (lead by Mark Vallone) and small group (classroom) time, lead by parent volunteers. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will go to general session first and classrooms second, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders will go to classrooms first and general session second.
- Sample Schedule of an ANCHOR Night:
  - 5:00M-5:40PM: General Session (5<sup>th</sup> Graders) Classrooms (6<sup>th</sup> graders)
  - 5:40PM-5:45PM: Travel Time Between Sessions
  - 5:45PM-6:25PM: General Session (6<sup>th</sup> Graders) Classrooms (5<sup>th</sup> graders)
  - 6:25PM-6:30PM: Closing Prayer and Snacks
  - 6:30PM (Dismissal in the Fellowship Hall)

## ATTENDANCE AND REGISTRATION

- All 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are welcomed at Anchor but must be registered. Go to [stanthonyym.org](http://stanthonyym.org) to register.
- Registration deadline for Life Teen, EDGE, and Anchor is Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup>. 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.



## **SMALL GROUPS**

- Anchor Small groups are assigned by the Youth Ministry staff. Small groups will consist of 10-16 youth 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.

## **2017-2018 ANCHOR SCHEDULE**

- Anchor 2017 Kick Off is September 17<sup>th</sup>, 4:00PM-5:30PM
- Additional Anchor Events: KINGDOM BUILDERS
  - Kingdom Builders is a monthly social group that is optional for all Anchor Students (and all friends of an Anchor Student)
  - Kingdom Builders consists of games, activities, and a short faith talk. They are on Friday Nights in the youth room. See schedule for dates.
- Schedule can be found attached to this packet.

## **ANCHOR CORE TEAM**

- Anchor Needs a core team of 30 dedicated Adult Volunteers to be an effective ministry.
- Currently we are in need of more CORE Members
- Anchor 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 requirements.

## **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS**

- If you have any additional questions or comments please direct these to our Anchor Coordinator, Mark Vallone a [mvallone@staoptw.org](mailto:mvallone@staoptw.org).