

Youth Group Expected Outcomes:

We want the youth group to be a place that welcomes kids. We want it to be fun, interesting and inviting. We want it to be a place for the kids to escape everyday stressors; to come together and have fun. We want it to be a place where they can feel free to build their relationship with God. We want this youth group to show kids that church is relevant in our lives. We want to provide a group of role models who lead by example to show the kids how God works in our lives so that they too will turn to God in time of joy and heartache.

Proposed Outline of Ideas:

- Meet twice a month. Possible Sunday afternoons. Most of these “meetings” will be good, clean fun for the kids.
- One way that students will experience spiritual growth will be through service events such as working with the Food Pantry, Birthright, Project Echo and the nursing homes.
- Set up a Youth Board of Directors. They provide their ideas under our direct oversight.
- Have a monthly newsletter designed by the members. Possibly a Teen Corner in the bulletin.

Vision for the Future:

- Joint activities with other youth groups (JGS, JDW).
- Youth Mass once a month. Have the youth participate more at mass.
- Have Adam and possible other seminarians come down from the seminary to have talks/interact with the members.
- New space for the teens/youth group members to call their own.

Next steps:

Upon approval,

- Kick Off Lock-In in May. Promote at CCD. Give official invite at the confirmation ceremony. This includes a parent meeting 30 minutes prior to Lock-in.
- Permission to introduce the youth group team at each of the masses on a Sunday.
- Get kids together to work the Catholic Heart Work Camp this summer.