

Welcome!

Dear Most Awesome Parents and Pre-Teens, and Teens,

We are so excited for a new year to begin! Please take a moment to see what we have in store for your child this upcoming fall.

SJYG Edge and Lifeteen

Welcome to all our new youth members and confirmands and welcome back to those who have joined us in previous years! We are so excited for you to be here and we cannot wait to see what the Lord wants to do in your lives and in our Edge and Lifeteen Programs this year! The journey with Our Lord is a most precious one and we are blessed to be on this path with you and your Teen.

We are excited to offer a new program for our year one Confirmation students. Please read through each of the following sections that applies to your Teen.

Edge (Grades 7 & 8)

We want to welcome you to Edge! We are so excited for your family to be joining us and we look forward to whatever the Lord has in store for us this year!

If you are not familiar with our Edge program, it is the middle school version of Lifeteen, which is the programming we use for high school. Edge takes Church teaching and makes it fun and interactive for middle schoolers. One of our goals throughout each year is to help our pre-teens to form a community, so when they travel on to Confirmation, they have formed bonds with each other and with various members of our high school Core Team.

Edge meets twice a month, mostly in the gym, on Friday nights from 7-8:30pm. Edge uses games, activities, powerful “proclaims”, works of mercy and various forms of prayer, praise and worship, to introduce the youth into forming a deeper connection with the Lord.

We look forward to getting to know all of our families and not only getting to know one another in community, but growing closer, in a deep and meaningful way, to the Lord.

God Bless,
Lindsay Rodgers & Core Team

Year One Confirmation Information

Please **READ CAREFULLY** the following expectations **WITH** your teen and then sign and return. All confirmation classes will take place **EVERY SUNDAY EVENING** from September-June and then in the spring from September until the spring of 2023 (with the exception of holidays and scheduled breaks, which will be indicated in the calendar). Your teen's attendance will be expected at the 6pm Mass, which will be more teen focused. Mass will be followed by our new Confirmation/Youth Group Program until approximately 8:30 - 8:45pm. Sunday Mass, **EVERY SUNDAY and HOLY DAY is REQUIRED**. (A Holy Day Calendar will be provided).

Please note that we are starting something new this year for all Year I candidates! For the Confirmation Prep portion, we will be using a program called "Purpose". We will have 12 sessions in our first year and 12 sessions in our second year and they will be held 1-2 times a month, dates are also indicated on the calendar. On those dates that are indicated, teens will come for Confirmation Prep at 4pm, attend Mass with us at 6pm and be with our Life Night at 7pm.

CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS

These must be fulfilled in order to receive the sacrament in the spring of 2023

- All parents and teens will attend the information and registration session on either September 9th or September 11th. This is a **MANDATORY** session. If you absolutely cannot attend, you must schedule an appointment with the youth minister and the pastor before the start of the program.
- Candidates will attend all Confirmation Preparation sessions on the indicated days in the calendar. If they need to miss, they must complete an assignment and a parent **MUST** contact the Youth Minister to excuse them from class. **NO TEEN** will miss more than 3 scheduled preparation sessions.
- Candidates are to attend Mass each Sunday and Holy Day. It is recommended that they attend with their family.
- Candidates for Confirmation are to attend all Life Nights. If a Life Night is missed due to illness or a sports conflict, an additional assignment may be assigned to help fill in the missing material. If homework is assigned, they must complete the assignment. Your cooperation is needed. No teen will be allowed to miss more than 3 sessions of Life Nights.
- Candidates will be expected to complete several Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy throughout their time in Confirmation Class. The opportunities will be provided for them by the Core Team and each teen will be required to complete a minimum of 6 in Year I. They may use a total of 5 Community Service Hours from their other obligations to count for 1 of the works. Youth Minister will explain this to the teens.

- Teens are expected to be obedient and respectful to the Core Team, all guest speakers, and fellow students. Anyone judged to be disruptive in class will be sent home. In order to be readmitted to class, they and their parent(s) must meet with Youth Minister, Coordinator of Evangelization, and Pastor.
- Punctuality is important; the students are to be in the Youth Group room (The Upper Room) immediately following Mass. Pick-up is between 8:30pm and 8:45pm. Conversations sometimes run over.
- Parents may be asked to assist/chaperone/drive for some events.
- Candidates are to take responsibility for all assignments, classes or masses missed etc. ***If assignments, classes or Masses are missed, they do not complete their Corporal/Spiritual Works of Mercy, or they do not make the Confirmation retreat, candidates should not expect to be confirmed in the spring with their class, but rather will have to repeat the year.***
- All Confirmation assignments are to be completed at home and students will be required to communicate with the Youth Minister by either turning in the assignments hand written or by emailing their responses. They may also be required to keep a Prayer Journal. While we understand that your teen will have a great deal of school work to do as well, our goal is that your teen, with your assistance, will view their Confirmation work as a priority.
- The Archdiocese of Hartford requires that each candidate make a Confirmation retreat to be eligible to receive the Sacrament. As a parish, we make the Steubenville NYC retreat in the summer. This year's dates are in July 29-July 31 2022. Please mark these dates in your calendar. We will begin the registration process in January. In an effort to keep retreat costs down, we will be holding fundraisers. More information will follow. We are looking at several different ways of raising funds this year. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer to organize a fundraiser, please see the Youth Minister! We LOVE volunteers!

Year Two Confirmation Information

Please **READ CAREFULLY** the following expectation **WITH** your teen and then sign and return. All confirmation classes will take place **EVERY SUNDAY EVENING** from September-June. I am waiting to receive our dates for Confirmation this spring from the Archdiocese. Your teen's attendance will be expected at the 6pm Mass, which will be more teen focused. Mass will be followed by our Confirmation/Youth Group until 8:45pm. Sunday Mass, **EVERY SUNDAY and HOLY DAY is REQUIRED**. A Holy Day Calendar will be provided).

CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS

That must be fulfilled in order to receive the sacrament in the spring of 2022

- Candidates are to attend Mass each Sunday and Holy Day. It is recommended that they attend with their family.
- Candidates for Confirmation are to attend all Life Nights. If a Life Night is missed due to illness or a sports conflict, an additional assignment may be assigned to help fill in the missing material. If homework is assigned, they must complete the assignment. Your cooperation is needed. No teen will be allowed to miss more than 3 sessions of Life Nights.
- Last year, your teen was to complete 4 Corporal/ Spiritual Works of Mercy, with the ability to use 5 service hours they may have done with another group as 1 of those works and only 1 time. **IF** your teen has not completed this at this time, please see the Youth Minister.
- In year II, teens will be required to complete 6 Corporal/Spiritual Works of Mercy. I will provide several opportunities for them to do this. If they would like to branch out on their own, the work must be approved by the Youth Minister in advance.
- Students are expected to be obedient and respectful to the Core Team, all guest speakers, and fellow students. Anyone judged to be disruptive in class will be sent home. In order to be readmitted to class, they and their parent(s) must meet with Youth Minister, Coordinator of Evangelization, and Pastor.
- Punctuality is important; the students are to be in the Youth Group room immediately following Mass. Anyone arriving late will be marked tardy. If late more than three times, parents will be called. Pick-up is between 8:45pm and 9pm. Conversations sometimes run over.
- Parents may be asked to assist/chaperone/drive for some events.
- Candidates are to take responsibility for all assignments, classes or masses missed etc. If assignments, classes or Masses are missed, they do not complete their Corporal/Spiritual Works of Mercy, or they do not make a Confirmation retreat, **candidates should not expect to be confirmed in the spring with their class, but rather will have to repeat the year.**
- All Confirmation assignments are to be completed at home and students will be required to communicate with the Youth Minister by either turning in the assignments hand written or by emailing their responses. They may also be required to keep a Prayer Journal. While we

understand that your teen will have a great deal of school work to do as well, our goal is that your teen, with your assistance, will view their Confirmation work as a priority.

- The Archdiocese of Hartford requires that each candidate make a Confirmation retreat to be eligible to receive the Sacrament. If your teen was with us in June at Trinita, they have fulfilled that requirement. If they have not, they need to find another Confirmation retreat to attend before Confirmation.
- **YOUR TEEN IS STILL WELCOME TO COME ON RETREAT AGAIN THIS YEAR!!! PLEASE ENCOURAGE THEM TO DO SO!** As a parish, we make the Steubenville NYC retreat in the summer. This year's dates are July 29th-July 31st. Please mark these dates in your calendar. In an effort to keep retreat costs down, we will be holding fundraisers. More information will follow. We are looking at several different ways of raising funds this year. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer to organize a fundraiser, please see the Youth Minister! We LOVE volunteers!

Grades 11 & 12 – Lifeteen

The journey of a full Catholic begins once Confirmed. What a beautiful treasure to be able to continue learning and growing in the Catholic Faith. We welcome your teen to continue on the path with Our Lord and Evangelize with us through our Lifeteen Program.

Your teen is welcome to come on retreat again this year!!!! Please encourage them to do so! As a parish, we make the Steubenville NYC retreat in the summer. This year's dates are July 29th-July 31st. Please mark these dates in your calendar. In an effort to keep retreat costs down, we will be holding fundraisers. More information will follow. We are looking at several different ways of raising funds this year. If you have any suggestions or would like to volunteer to organize a fundraiser, please see the Youth Minister! We LOVE volunteers!

PAYMENT FORM

Edge Payment Information

Fees

Classes.....\$75.00

Year I Confirmation Payment Information Confirmation Year 2023

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR TEEN’S SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

Fees

Classes.....\$120.00
 Steubenville Retreat Deposit to secure a spot for your teen..... \$60.00
 Date Due: TBD

Year II Confirmation Payment Information Confirmation Year 2022

PLEASE ATTACH A COPY OF YOUR TEEN’S SACRAMENTAL RECORDS

Fees

Classes.....\$110.00
 Steubenville Retreat Deposit to secure a spot for your teen..... \$60.00
 Date Due: TBD

Steubenville Retreat: This typically costs between \$350-\$375 per student. It includes the cost of the retreat itself, accommodations and meals, transportation and tee shirts. If there is a hardship, the Steubenville Retreat can be paid in installments with complete payment due **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY**. We ask that a \$60.00 deposit be made to secure your teens spot by TBD. This fee is subject to change as more information is released from Lifeteen. We will be having several fundraisers throughout the year that, if your teen is attending the retreat, will be expected to assist with. A lack of participation in fundraising will result in that teen not receiving any funds toward the retreat. An estimated breakdown of the cost of the retreat can be found on the bottom page. Again, If there is a hardship, please see the Youth Minister.

Please complete the table below

Family Name:			
Program Name	Cost Per Teen	Number of Teens	Total to be Remitted
Edge	\$75.00		
Year I Confirmation	\$180.00		
Year II Confirmation	\$170.00		
Lifeteen Grades 11 & 12	Free		
Total Cost Per Family			

Parent/Guardian Affidavit

I/We have read the requirements and agree to all the requirements for enrolling our teen.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Teen Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please initial if you give SJYG permission to take photos of your teens during Life Nights and all related activities to post on social media sites and to use for promotion _____

Please remit the Payment Form (Pages 7 & 8) along with your payment. Checks should be made payable to St. Joseph Church