

ST Joseph's Youth Group 2019

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Mission:

Reinforce Catholic formation throughout the awareness of the other, provoking in our youth the desire to live the Christian experience in love and charity.

Weekly meetings and activities:

The youth group meets weekly on St Joseph's parish, every Saturday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

The routine consists on the following:

6:00-6:15pm arrival to Library and reception hall in the parish where Teens mingle for a few minutes.

6:20 pm Huddle meeting in the center of the gym, brief explanation of the purpose of the games identifying the presence of Jesus Christ in each other.

6:45 pm Exciting games begins at the gym, dodge ball, castles, capture the flag.

7:30 pm We conclude the games.

7:35 pm We move to the parish hall to start the evening prayer, followed by a lecture by Father Alfie.

7:55 we conclude the evening praying the Angelus.

8 pm Snacks time! kids mingle while having some refreshments and fingertips, its also pick up time.

In addition to the weekly meeting, the youth group participates in community events with other groups:

- Knight of Columbus – Pray of the rosary
- St. Vincent de Paul – Christmas gifts
- Masithuthulisan organic farming project - Valentine Dinner
- Children mass
- Station of the Cross

Retreats

We program two retreats through the year:

- A) Advent retreat
- B) Easter retreat

The retreat consists on selecting a camping place where kids can find the awareness of the other in an environment, where they can disconnect of day to day activities and introspect about the Christian experience we are all call since baptism.

During our last Retreat there were 36 kids gathered in Camp Pringle, 19 of those Kids from our St Joseph's parish.

Currently our youth group has 27 kids registered from ages 12- 19. Five kids received the sacraments of Confirmation during the Easter Vigil.

We give thanks to God for keeping our kids interested and by his grace, we can proudly say that our average weekly participation is 85% per session.

Looking in to the future:

We perceive the interest of kids and parents to keep this formation, however; we also understand the need for fundraising to lower the costs of the retreats to make it affordable to anyone.