



Immaculate Heart of Mary
256 State Street
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To: All Grade 6-11 parents
From: Office of Faith Formation

December 17, 2019

A Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year to each of you.

As we announced at the beginning of our Faith Formation year in September, we will be launching a new Faith Formation/Youth Ministry program in January. With Father Gorny's strong commitment and support, IHM has adopted the Life Teen Program to better engage, form, and invite our youth into a closer relationship with Jesus, and a greater connection with our faith community. We have enclosed the calendar of the formation sessions from January to May 2020.

As a Eucharist-centered movement within the Roman Catholic Church, Life Teen has existed for over 40 years and in that time has developed a dynamic and proven program that assists over 2,000 parishes by providing foundational teachings that are impactful, easy to share activities that are engaging and transformational, and group dynamics that promote community.

The program is divided into two grade groupings: Middle School (gr. 6-8) and High School (gr. 9-11). Both programs, Edge (middle school) and Life Teen (high School) are designed to immerse our teens in a dynamically Catholic parish culture and to create an environment where Catholic teenagers feel supported and engaged. Some of our sessions will be combined Edge/Life Teen events and some will be grade group specific (see calendar). In all cases, the sessions begin with our Life Teen Mass. The Mass and class are linked as one session.

Though the Mass is called our Life Teen Mass and will feature our youth in key lay ministry roles, the Mass is open to everyone; especially to families of our youth.

Father Gorny and the Faith Formation staff are enthusiastic about this new program and the possibilities it holds to lead our youth and their families into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church.

If you have any questions, need more information, or would like to become actively involved in this program, please feel free to contact us.

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IHM EDGE - LIFE TEEN PROGRAM

January—May 2020

EDGE Grades 6 - 8

LIFE TEEN Grades 9 - 11

SUNDAY AFTERNOONS: 3:00 - 5:15 PM

Mass Time: 3:00 - 3:45 pm

Meeting Time: 4:00 - 5:15 pm

DATE	NIGHT STYLE	TOPIC	GRADE
JANUARY			
1/5	Social	Running Blind	Gr. 6 - 11
1/12	Edge Night	Proof in the Paint	Gr. 6 - 8
1/26	Life Night	Shattered	Gr. 9 - 11
FEBRUARY			
2/2	Edge Night	Museum	Gr. 6 - 8
2/9	Issue	Ashes to Ashes	Gr. 6 - 11
2/23	Life Night	Eye Contact	Gr. 9 - 11
MARCH			
3/1	Edge Night	The Artist	Gr. 6 - 8
3/8	Life Night	Through the Looking Glass	Gr. 9 - 11
3/29	Issue	Can't Deal	Gr. 6 - 11
APRIL			
4/5	Life Night	Living Image	Gr. 9 - 11
4/26	Edge Night	Restoration	Gr. 6 - 8
MAY			
5/3	Social	Super Sweet	Gr. 6 - 11