

YOUTH MINISTRY GOAL:

Throughout the next three years, promote a vibrant and growing youth ministry program that fully integrates youth into the whole parish community.

OBJECTIVE 1: Under the direction of the Pastor, Director of Youth Ministry and the SJN Youth Minister to promote inclusion of youth from 6th-12th grade in the parish at large by inviting them to become participants in Youth Group Mass and all parish liturgies as Eucharistic Ministers once they are confirmed; as lectors and cantors in greater numbers by the end of 2012.

Potential action Steps:

1. Communicate the need and desire for their participation in liturgical ministries through Youth group meetings, bulletin announcements, and personal invitation.
2. Provide training specifically for Youth in acting as Eucharistic ministers, lectors and cantors.

OBJECTIVE 2: Support and encourage the youth's continued involvement in ministries traditionally involving youth but to broaden and increase their involvement to include as many SJN ministries as possible by the end of 2013.

Potential Action Steps:

1. A Ministry representative to briefly present their ministry at Youth Group meetings monthly to educate and invite their participation on a regular basis
2. Ministry fairs

OBJECTIVE 3: Increase the numbers of post Confirmation and college students to participate within: the Youth Ministry as Core Team members, mentors and logistical support; liturgical ministries as Eucharistic Ministers, lectors, cantors; all parish ministries by the end of 2013.

Potential Action Steps:

1. Continual updating of Youth Group and college student e-mails and phone numbers
2. Card or simple "spiritual" care package to students leaving for college
3. Regular e-mailing or post card communications re: service, Youth and all ministry opportunities

OBJECTIVE 4: Communicate to the parish community new aspects of the SJN Youth Ministry inviting their participation as: adult volunteer members of Youth Ministry Core Team; logistical support for Youth Group meetings, social events and service opportunities by Aug. 2012.

Potential Action Steps:

1. Youth Ministry representation in Ministry Fairs
2. Regular bulletin, Insights and website write-ups about happenings in Youth Ministry
3. Presentation by current Core Team members to parish re: their involvement and formation opportunities to include their invitation to others in the parish to participate
4. Help facilitate and support listening group sessions in Jan 2012 re: feedback on Youth Ministry to date
5. Regular (quarterly?) meetings with Middle School and High School GPS group and Youth Ministers to generate ideas and planning for Youth social events; provide feedback on Youth Ministry progress
6. Regular (quarterly) meetings of a member of PC Youth Ministry subcommittee and Youth Ministers to communicate feedback from parents, youth group members, PC and parish at large about evolving Youth Ministry direction and developing needs.

OBJECTIVE 5: Develop a contemporary music ministry in collaboration with the Director of Music Ministry by the end of 2012.

Potential Action Steps:

1. Provide representation at Ministry Fair
2. Continually update registry of youth and all parishioners wanting to participate.
3. Assistance in planning Youth Ministry Christian music events at SJN, in collaboration with other parish youth groups and throughout the diocese.