

Our Parish Mission is Growing Disciples of Jesus Christ.

Parish Vision: God has a vision for us as a Christian Community, empowered by the Holy Spirit, active in: Worship of God, Discipleship for all ages, Serving Christ in the world.

What Discipleship means for Youth Ministry in this parish:

- An experience of the unconditional love of God,
- A whole-hearted commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior,
- An understanding of God and the Christian life grounded in the Bible and the creeds,
- A regular life of prayer and connection with God the Holy Spirit,
- Engagement in the Christian life of authentic, healthy relationships: with God, with others in Christ, and seeing ones' self through God's eyes,
- Loving others the way Christ loves us,
- Being equipped to navigate the challenges of life and make godly decisions,
- Having the courage to resist the pressures of a secular world,
- Active in the ministries of the church, sharing ministry with all ages as full members of the church,
- Serving Christ in the world with stewardship and action,
- A life of ongoing growth in Christian maturity, equipped to grow and serve God in years to come.

How do we grow disciples for Jesus Christ?

- Loving teenagers the way Christ loves us: with grace and truth, justice and mercy, acceptance and accountability, a warm embrace and a higher calling,
- Teaching the basics of the Christian faith, the Bible and the Christian life,
- Through relationships and experiences that model and practice discipleship,
- Through hands-on ministry and service, often as part of other ministries in the parish,
- Through special trips and experiences that build in-depth relationships and deepen relationships with God,
- Through praying for and with our youth,
- As mentors, empowering them for Christian Maturity.

What is our basic programmatic framework for Youth Ministry?

- Sunday School & confirmation class,
- Sunday evening Youth Groups,
- Special activities, retreats, service projects, mission trips & pilgrimage trips,
- Other ministries of the parish including acolytes, youth choir and other involvement,
- Pastoral relationships with staff and volunteer youth leaders

Ministry Development Goals:

- Keep the Youth Ministry program aligned with the mission & vision,
- Expand personal engagement with all teens, their families and Adult Volunteers,
- Build a leadership Team and an effective cadre of volunteers,
- Coordinate with Children's Ministry, Youth Choir, acolytes and others,
- Start a ministry to college students from the parish.