

PARENTAL UNITS
SIGN-UP FORM:

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ ZIP: _____

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PARENT: YES NO

CHILD'S GRADE(S): _____

Please check the box next to all of the Parental Units in which you are interested in serving.

- Sunday Night Servants (High School)
- M.S. Sunday Servants (Middle School)
- Art & Environment Unit
- Community Events Planning Unit
- Retreat Team Unit
- Youth Ministry Volunteers
 - Middle School
 - High School
- Financial Support Unit
- Other Gifts and Talents I have to offer:

THANKS!

The Youth Ministry program at St. Edward Catholic Community is only as strong as its volunteers. We need you as parents to help in various ways to make this important and exciting ministry for our young Church one that is strong and vibrant, to keep our youth Catholic and faithful. Please review these areas of ministry and volunteer by filling out the form on the back of this pamphlet and returning it to the Parish Office. Thank you for your support!



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ST.EDFAST PARENTAL UNITS

**Volunteer Opportunities
for Parents and Adult Volunteers
with St. Edward's Youth Ministry**



2009-2010



PARENTAL UNIT DESCRIPTIONS:

SUNDAY NIGHT SERVANTS:

The Sunday Night Servants is a group of parents/volunteers who provides a light meal for the High School Youth Group on Sunday evenings. This can be anything from hot dogs with chips and dip to frito pie, to sandwiches or anything in between. Teens begin

to gather in the Youth Room after Sunday night CCE at about 6:45 pm and food can be brought in anytime after 6:00 pm. The volunteers usually stay to help serve, then take any supplies (crock pots, trays, etc.) after the Youth Night begins.

M.S. SUNDAY SERVANTS:

The M.S. Sunday Servants is a new group similar to the Sunday Night Servants that serves the Middle School Youth Group. Middle School Youth Group this year will be every Sunday afternoon from 4:00 – 5:15 pm in the Gym. The M.S. Sunday Servants would provide an afternoon snack like cupcakes, cookies, chips/dips, veggie trays, or anything else that middle school students can munch on. Volunteers will be able to drop off the snack at 3:45 pm in the Gym and are welcome to stay and help serve (if necessary) and may take any supplies once the youth group activities begin.

ART AND ENVIRONMENT UNIT

This year in youth ministry, each month will have a theme that ties the weeks together. The Art and Environment Unit will come together on a monthly basis to decorate and transform the Youth Room to reflect the month's theme. People with any sort of artistic skill are needed

for this ministry. Large wall murals, plywood cut outs, ceiling hangings, and décor are all elements that will make this year's youth nights poignant and memorable for the teens. Example: October's theme is "Life in the FAST Lane." A race track theme would be great. Or February's theme is "The Future is Now!" and a futuristic, theme with rockets and such would be cool.

"...As Strong as our Volunteers!"

COMMUNITY EVENTS PLANNING UNIT

This committee would help plan, prepare, and execute larger community events like the Halloween Party in October, the Easter Egg Hunt in March, and the Mother's Day Talent Show & Dinner in May. The committee will work with the Social Events Coordinator from the St. Edward Youth Board and will have the teens themselves as a primary labor resource.

RETREAT TEAM UNIT

The Retreat Team Unit will help plan, execute and chaperone the three off-site retreats planned for this upcoming year. Retreat elements to prepare are: Ice Breakers, Content, Prayer Experiences/Liturgies, Free Time, and Meals. The Retreats are scheduled as follows:

1. The st.edFAST Retreat on October 2nd – 4th, 2009 @ Camp Kappe
2. Theology of the Body Retreat on January 8th- 10th, 2010 @ Camp Kappe
3. The Confirmation Retreat on February 19th – 21st @ Christian Renewal Center

All members of this unit must take a 6 hour training course on retreat ministry provided by the Archdiocesan Office of Youth Ministry, per Archdiocesan policy.

Thank you for your support!

YOUTH MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

The Youth Ministry Volunteers are the ones on the "front lines." These people will attend every youth group session for either middle school or high school and will help run the meetings. They will lead small group discussions, help facilitate large group games, act as crowd control and even give faith witnesses on occasion. The number one role is to help build positive relationships between the youth and the Church by being a role model in faith and a listening ear when needed.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT UNIT

This unit will support the youth in fundraising efforts through monthly fundraising events coordinated by the Fundraising Chairperson of the Youth Board. People with connections to businesses and private donors of funds in the forms of scholarships and grants for youth events like work camp and NCYC National Conferences are also important members of this Unit.

FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS:

All adults who will be volunteering in youth ministry in any aspect must attend a mandatory three hour "Protecting God's Children" course and complete a background check. If you haven't already done so, please visit www.VIRTUS.org to register for one near you.