

St. Ann's Middle and High School Youth Ministry 2011 - 2012 Schedule (as of 9/11/11)

SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
<p>11 - CF (gr. 6-12)</p> <p>18 - CF (gr. 6-10) (Parent meeting)</p> <p>25 - CF (gr. 6-10)</p>	<p>1 - MS/HS D. of R. Youth Day @ Busch Gardens</p> <p>2 - CF (gr. 6-10) HS FIRST SUN.</p> <p>7 - MS FIRST FRI.</p> <p>9 - NO CF - HS Feed the Hungry</p> <p>16 - CF (gr. 6-12)</p> <p>23 - CF (gr. 6-12) (Come to the Table) - MS/HS - Haiti Bake Sale</p> <p>29 - MS/HS - Haiti Dinner</p> <p>30 - CF (gr. 6-10)</p>	<p>4 - MS FIRST FRI.</p> <p>6 - CF (gr. 6-10) - HS FIRST SUN.</p> <p>13 - CF (gr. 6-12) - HS Feed the Hungry</p> <p>19 - SATURDAY - CF (gr. 6-12) Winterization</p> <p>20 - NO CF Ashland Parade</p> <p>27 - NO CF</p>	<p>2 - MS FIRST FRI.</p> <p>4 - CF (gr. 6-12) - HS FIRST SUN.</p> <p>11 - CF (gr. 6-12) - HS Feed the Hungry</p> <p>18 - NO CF</p> <p>25 - NO CF</p>	<p>1 - NO CF NO HS FIRST SUN.</p> <p>6 - MS FIRST FRI.</p> <p>8 - CF (gr. 6-12) - HS Feed the Hungry</p> <p>15 - NO CF</p> <p>22 - NO CF</p> <p>29 - CF (gr. 6-10) CONFM. CLASS 12:15 – 3:15</p>	<p>3 - MS FIRST FRI.</p> <p>5 - CF (gr. 6-10) - HS FIRST SUN.</p> <p>12 - CF (gr. 6-12) - HS Feed the Hungry</p> <p>19 - NO CF - HS SKI TRIP</p> <p>26 - NO CF</p>
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<p>2 - MS FIRST FRI.</p> <p>4 - CF (gr. 6-10) - CONFM. CLASS - HS FIRST SUN.</p> <p>TBD - HS (gr. 9-10) DISCOVERY RETREAT</p> <p>11 - CF (gr. 6-10) - HS Feed the Hungry</p> <p>17 - CONFIRMATION Retreat/Dinner</p> <p>18 - CF (gr. 6-12)</p> <p>TBD-HS (gr. 11-12) CHRISTIAN AWAKNG. RETREAT</p> <p>25 - CF (gr. 6-10) CONFM. CLASS</p>	<p>1 - CF (gr. 6-12) - HS FIRST SUN.</p> <p>6 - NO MS FIRST FRI.</p> <p>8 - NO CF - NO HS Feed the Hungry</p> <p>15 - NO CF</p> <p>22 - CF (gr. 6-12) - CONFM. CLASS</p> <p>29 - CF (gr. 6-10)</p>	<p>4 - MS FIRST FRI.</p> <p>6 - CF (gr. 6-12) (Closing) - HS FIRST SUN.</p> <p>13 - NO CF - NO HS Feed the Hungry</p> <p>20 - CF End of Year Parish Picnic</p> <p>TBD - Diocese MS Youth Rally</p>	<p>1 - MS FIRST FRI.</p> <p>3 - HS FIRST SUN.</p>	<p>27-29 – HS – DIOCESAN YOUTH CONFERENCE</p>	<p>(BREAK)</p>

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(Attached Calendar Notes: **CF** - Christian Formation class scheduled 12:15 – 1:45
CONFM. CLASS - Confirmation class scheduled 12:15 – 3:15)

Explanation of activities:

Middle School/High School Diocesan Youth Day at Busch Gardens - Oct 1, 2011. Known as an ongoing tradition in the Catholic Diocese of Richmond, the Catholic youth of our Diocese gather at Busch Gardens in Williamsburg to join in community and fellowship. The cost for the day includes admission to the park all day long, Sunday Vigil Mass, and dinner as a Diocese. Although the Office of Youth Ministry sponsors this event, it is open to all youth and families from across the Diocese. There is no age minimum or maximum. There are three options available to all individuals this year to choose from which include:

1. All-inclusive (\$58 per individual): Includes admission to the park (including Howl-O-Scream), Sunday Vigil Mass, and All-You-Can Eat Dinner Buffet
2. Single-Day Admission Ticket (\$50 per individual): Includes admission to the park (including Howl-O-Scream) and Sunday Vigil Mass
3. All-You Can Eat Dinner Buffet ONLY (\$13 per individual): Includes Sunday Vigil Mass, and All-You-Can Eat Dinner Buffet

IMPORTANT NOTE: Any individual can enter the park without purchasing tickets through the Diocese. In addition, the Sunday Vigil Mass does NOT require ticketing or a cost.

Payment is due to the Diocese before tickets can be picked up at the park. Parents will be needed to provide transportation and as chaperones. We will meet at St. Ann's at 8:00 a.m. to car pool and expect to return no later than 12 midnight. RSVP required no later than Sept. 25.

Middle School First Friday - Middle school youth (grades 6 - 8) will be holding Game Nights for fun and fellowship on the first Friday of each month Oct - Jun (except APR) from 7 - 10 p.m. in the parish social hall. Bring a snack to share. Friends are welcome! (Adults are needed each month to help out.)

High School First Sunday - High school youth (grades 9 - 12) will be meeting on the first Sunday of each month from October through June, except for January. The program for the year will be developed early on with the youth, so it is sure to be interesting and fun! We will usually chip in to have pizza or something for dinner to share - 6 - 8 p.m., parish social hall.

High School Youth Feed the Hungry - Every second Sunday from October through March the high school youth will gather after Christian Formation classes end and make bag lunches for the hungry in downtown Richmond. After the meals are packaged, we will caravan down to Monroe Park and hand out meals and drinks to the people who gather there. Participants are asked to donate: sub rolls, deli meats, sliced cheese, tomatoes, onions, individually packaged chips/snacks, individually wrapped sweets/desserts, and individual drinks or water. We usually begin approximately 1:45, leave for Monroe Park by 2:30 and return to St. Ann's by 3:30. Youth may choose to help make the meals but not travel to deliver them. Parents are welcome to be involved and will be asked to provide transportation occasionally depending on how many youth are participating.

Haiti Dinner – October 29, 2011 – This year our MS and HS youth will again be helping out making the annual Haiti dinner a real success. We will be assisting with keeping the young children busy in the beginning and latter parts of the evening, including having some fun with costumes!

Middle School/High School Ski Trip - Feb. 19, 2012 - Our half-day ski trips to Wintergreen have

been great successes! We gather after Christian Formation and caravan up to the resort and spend the evening hours on the slopes. There are options to ski or snowboard, or to go "tubing," as well as to spend time in the recreation center. More information will follow. Parents will be needed to provide transportation and as chaperones. Each participant will be welcome to bring one friend.

High School (Grades 9 and 10) Discovery Retreat - Camp Hanover, March 2012 - This is a peer-ministered retreat which encourages teenagers to discover their own identity and their relationship with God. The retreat is incredibly dynamic with talks, small group interaction and community-building experiences. It is based on the steps of evangelization and helps the young person know Jesus in faith! Last year two of our St. Ann's youth returned to Discovery as team members. Cost last year was \$130 for the weekend. Financial assistance is available through St. Ann's if needed. Please seriously consider this retreat. It is not to be missed!

High School (Grades 11-12) Christian Awakening Retreat - Eastover Retreat Center (near Williamsburg) March 2012 - A peer-ministered retreat which enables the teenagers to come to know and experience Christ, and to see him in themselves and others. They're invited to look at ways of serving others and becoming better, more fully committed Christians. Cost last year was \$130 for the weekend. Financial assistance is available through St. Ann's if needed. Again, please consider this opportunity for youth to grow in their personal journey of faith.

Middle School Youth Rally - Date TBD - The Diocese is planning a Saturday Rally for Middle School Youth in Newport News, VA. This promises to be a great day of fun. Please keep this in mind as the year develops as we would really like to be able to offer this opportunity to St. Ann's MS Youth. More details will be provided as we receive them.

Diocese Youth Conference - July 27-29 - Richmond - This annual event was attended by 52 parishes and 500 participants this past July and is the big event for our Diocesan Youth for the year. Participants spend the weekend at the retreat venue downtown and participate in many youth-centered activities and events. Eleven youth and three adults attended from St. Ann's which attended for the first time in recent years. We would like to bring a group of St. Ann's Youth this year! More information will be provided as it becomes available. Cost for youth was \$200 in 2011.

Youth Ministry Coordinator for MS/HS for 2011-2012 is Maria Davis. Youth Ministry information will be available on the church website (www.stannsc.org) or on our Facebook groups at St. Ann's High School Youth Ministry (Ashland, VA) or St. Ann's Middle School Youth Ministry (Ashland VA). If enough youth (and parents!) join our groups on Facebook, we would be able to make this our primary means of getting out information. **We need more parent/adult volunteers on the YM team!** Especially if your children are in grades 6-12 and being served by this ministry, I am asking if you would please become involved and help make all of these activities and plans come together. Special thanks to Matt and Wanda Clarke and Annette Ardler and Art Bedard for making a commitment to our youth and agreeing to be a part of the team. Anyone else out there? Please let me know if you can help.