

Dear Parents of 7th & 8th Grade Students,

Welcome to Junior High Youth Ministry! We invite you to register your 7th grade son or daughter in JHYM at St. Jude church. We whole-heartedly desire that students will have such an engaging and captivating experience at St. Jude Faith Formation (through Junior High and High School Youth Ministry) that they will "stick" with church throughout high school, during college, and beyond. [We tried duct tape once, but found out that was only temporary!] Seriously, we do know what factors impact faith development and life-long church involvement.

- 1. Faithfulness starts with FAMILY! Every effort you make to incorporate family prayer, faith discussions, attending Mass regularly, and service to others as part of your family's schedule helps engrain those habits into your teen! We strive to keep you connected with what they are learning and empowered to continue the conversations.
- 2. Faithfulness grows in COMMUNITY! Please encourage your teen to GET INVOLVED with the Junior High Youth Ministry. All of our service trips, social events, and leadership opportunities are designed to build community to convey that your teen is valued and cared for.
- 3. Faith is propelled more by a RELATIONSHIP than just "rules." We will help your teen grow in a personal friendship with Jesus through personal and group prayer, Scripture, and faith sharing. We encourage them to open their heart to God and begin to take ownership of their faith and to *live it out* through an attitude of gratitude and service!



Please visit <u>www.stjudes.org/IHYM</u> for general information and details about the exciting and fun summer socials and service trips. Please call, email, or text us if you ever have a question, concern, or idea!

God's Peace,

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How to Register for JHYM Events:

There are MANY awesome events in JHYM we ask participants to REGISTER IN ADVANCE for and turn in a PERMISSION SLIP. *This is to ensure we know who is coming and how much food we will need. It also helps us contact the participants with details, instructions, or any changes.*

Events that require pre-registration:

- * Dive In Summer Teen Nights
- * Stewardship Events & Trips
- * Late Night Social
- * Teen Mission
- * Some Retreats

Registration typically involves 2 steps:



Step 1: REGISTER ON-LINE

- ✓ Go to <u>www.stjudes.org</u> and find the drop down menu from FAITH FORMATION and SIGN UP.
- Select event your are looking for, and fill out and submit the on-line pre-registration.
 (A confirmation email will be sent to you with details within a week of the event.)

Step 2: PERMISSION SLIP (for events off-site)

- Scroll down until you see PERMISSION SLIPS. Print the permission slip, fill it out and turn it in to the Parish Office by the deadline date along with any fees. The permission slip will be on the response page or it can be accessed from the SIGN UP menu.
- ✓ We need the permission slips to be turned in IN ADVANCE; please do not bring it to the event in hand. Events off-site REQUIRE a permission slip and minors will NOT be allowed to participate unless a slip is turned in via fax, email (<u>DMcginn@stjudes.org</u>), or in person.

WE NEED ADULTS TOO!

 Adults who have completed Protecting God's Children can contribute as drivers, food servers, chaperones, mentors, and awesome role models. We ask adults to register and fill out a form also.



StJudes.org/JHYM

The JHYM website is designed to help you support your teen's faith. You'll find:

- * Upcoming dates & interactive calendar
- * Handbook & reflection pages
- * Tools for parents with links & resources
- * Photos from recent events