



Tween Ministry grades 6, 7, and 8

This group of young people meets at least once a month. Tweens can participate in a variety of activities. Each activity, while fun, involves service to God's people.

We carve pumpkins to give to parishioners. We carol at Shore Winds Nursing Home at Christmas and make Easter Baskets in the Spring to take to Villa of Hope. A Scavenger Hunt in November always stocks our food shelf here at Holy Cross, while providing a fun evening of running around. We have lock-ins, dances, rallies, skating and many other events.

Teen Ministry grades 9, 10, 11 and 12

We meet weekly from 1:00-2:00 on Sundays in the convent during the school year, with activities taking place all year round that offer opportunities for teens to experience the great blessing it is to help others and to become active members of our parish.

Spiritual Enrichment

- Retreats at Notre Dame in Canandaigua.
- We travel every two years to the NCCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference)
- Teens help every summer as camp counselors for Vacation Bible School

Social Enrichment

- Summer Kick Ball or Softball
- Haunted Pasta Dinner for the parish with a Trick-or-Treat lane (*The school has joined us with their very successful Trunk'r'Treat event.*)

Outreach

- Lenten Soup Supper. A delicious fundraiser for a cause close to the hearts of the teens. Usually it's teens helping kids.
- Camp Out for the Homeless in September. This raises much needed funds. Each year we pick a new group that helps the homeless in our community.

Educational Enrichment

Each June/July at Holy Cross, we host a program called Future Now. During this two-day event we discuss, and put into practice, leadership qualities and experiences that will be useful not just in parish life, but in all aspects of life.

The objective of both of these groups is to enable our young people to develop and grow a personal relationship with Jesus. This is achieved by inviting and encouraging them to become active members of our church through age-appropriate activities and ministries. Everyone has the ability to bring Jesus to others and these young people surely do come forward to show His love. Our goal as a parish is to foster a welcoming atmosphere that offers these young people the opportunities to discover and share their gifts. They have so much to give!! Working with them is a blessing in itself.

All students are welcome to participate in any or all events. For more information, see the weekly parish bulletin or contact the Tween/Teen Ministry Facilitator.