



Youth Ministry

St. Leo Church is fully devoted to the youth of the parish by ministering with and to them through social activities, prayer, and opportunities for service to our parish and the community.

Our philosophy of youth ministry is tightly bound to the two documents of the United States Catholic Conference, *A Vision of Youth Ministry* and *Renewing the Vision*. The youth of today are in a unique position in that they are not only the future of our Church, but also active members of the Church today.

Our ministry involves granting our youth a sense of ownership of their Church. In order for the Church to meet the needs of its young people, those young people need to be aware of their responsibility within it. This responsibility is taken up for them at Baptism, and again by them at Confirmation.

2010-2011 Schedule

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

September 12, 19, & 26
October 3, 10, 17, & 24
November 7, 14, & 21
December 5, 12, & 19
January 16, 23, & 30
February 13, 20, & 27
March 6, 13, 20, & 27
April 3, 10, & 17

Sunday Nights 6:30-8:30

6:30 to 7:00 pm - Dinner

7:00 to 8:30 pm - Small & large group discussions, movies, speakers, prayer, games, & FUN!



"Connections Kickoff" will be Tuesday, August 3rd, 2010 at the Archdiocesan Youth Camp on 245th and "Q" Streets.



"Connections"

High School Youth Ministry



▶ "Let no one have contempt for you because you are young, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity." 1 Tim 4:12

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Get Involved!

► Some of our activities include:

- Teens Encounter Christ
- Young Neighbors in Action
- Catholic Leadership institute
- National Catholic Youth conference
- Sunday School Aides
- Religious Education Aides
- Vacation Bible School helpers
- Eucharistic Ministers & Lectors
- Sunday Night Youth choir
- Youth Leader
- Youth Camp Visits and Events
- National Speakers
- Archdiocesan Youth Rally
- World's Of Fun Summer trip
- Retreats
- Joint experiences with other parishes
- Lock-Ins
- Hayrack Ride
- Movie nights
- Local Speakers
- Large & small group discussions
- Prayer Experiences
- Fun Nights
- Games
- Relationships / Dating
- Music, Media and Culture
- Real Life Issues
- Who is God & what does it all mean

And much, much more...



Make a Connection!

The high school youth group is called *Connections*. *Connections* meets on Sunday's during the school year, after the 5:30pm Mass in W2-3 at St Leo Church. At *Connections*, we share a meal, discuss issues, celebrate our faith, and have fun. The curriculum revolves around the liturgical calendar and includes topics that appeal to teens and that teens encounter.

Connections is dedicated to having fun, and the group hosts numerous social events: Trips to Kansas City, Volleyball, Dances, Hayrack Rides, and many other events, including a fun, fast paced game at every gathering. Our activities cover a broad range. *Connections* is focused on bringing youth together in an atmosphere that is comfortable. Through peer ministry, youth learn about their common struggles, and how our faith sheds light on those struggles.

Students from over 16 Public and Catholic High Schools in the Omaha area gather to make friends, have fun, and share their faith. Bring your friends and find out what we are all about.



Have fun

Along with our outings and camps, Fun is built into every night. Each night begins with a community building game after dinner. Learning about your faith, yourselves and others CAN and IS fun. *Connections* does not take place in a classroom setting, and is most always interactive.

With students from over 16 Omaha area high schools, you'll get to know lots of other young people that share your values, and want to learn more about each other. Join us for fun, and bring a friend.

We're on the internet at...

www.stleo.net

www.facebook.com/stleoconnections

www.youtube.com/StLeoConnections



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