

# Youth Formation Newsletter

## Important Dates

### January:

4th: Sacrament Preparation Class  
 5th: EDGE/ Life Teen  
 9th: Sacrament Preparation Year 2 Retreat, 2-7pm  
 11th: Sacrament Preparation Class  
 12th: EDGE/ Life Teen  
 18th: Sacrament Preparation Class  
 19th: EDGE/ Life Teen  
 25th: Sacrament Preparation Class  
 26th: EDGE/ Life Teen

### February:

1st: Sacrament Preparation Class  
 2nd: EDGE/ Life Teen  
 8th: Sacrament Preparation Class  
 9th: EDGE/ Life Teen  
 12th: *R.E. Walk-A-Thon*  
 15th: Sacrament Preparation Class  
 16th: EDGE/ Life Teen  
 22nd: Sacrament Preparation Class  
 23rd: EDGE/ Life Teen

## For the Family

*Parents are the primary catechist for our youth!*

Some helpful steps you can take at home:

- Go to mass as a family every Sunday. Read the Mass Readings ahead of time at: <http://www.usccb.org/nab/>
- Research and share about your favorite Saint. As a family, make it a point to pray for the intercession of that Saint.
- Take a few moments to read the Bible as a family each day. Select and read a short passage, and then spend time reflecting and discussing God's revelation and the relevant teaching in that passage.

## January Birthdays

**A Very Happy Birthday to:** Ms. Esmeralda (1st),  
 Guadalupe (2nd), Daniel (3rd), Sydney (5th),  
 Nicolas (7th), Courtlynn (10th), Anthony (13th),  
 Jessica (15th), Itzel (18th), Abigail (24th),  
 Melissa (25th), Ivan (26th), and Karen (27th).

## What's Going On In Class...

The upcoming Year 2 **Sacrament Preparation Classes** are: *"The Seven Sacraments"* (1/4); *"Moral Living and Happiness,"* (1/11); *"Sin and Grace,"* (1/18); and *"The Ten Commandments"* (1/25). Students will become familiar with and gain an appreciation for the Seven Sacraments of the Church. This is just in time for the Candidate/ Sponsor Retreat, an afternoon that will focus on the Sacraments of Initiation. Following the Retreat, we will move into classes about Living as a Person of Christ. Students will learn about the Ten Commandments, the Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy, and how sin and evil can inhibit our relationship with God.

The upcoming **EDGE** Classes are: *"Oh When the Saints Go Marching In,"* (1/5); *"Angel Mythbusters,"* (1/12); *"Returning Again,"* (1/19); and *"Fake Out: An Issue Night on Popularity,"* (1/26). We are finishing our series on the Creed this month, with nights on The Communion of Saints, Angels, and the Resurrection of the Body and Life Everlasting. We will hopefully separate fact from fiction on Church teaching regarding these most interesting realms of the faith. And lastly, end the month with an issue night on cliques and popularity contests.

The upcoming **Life Teen** Classes are: *"Once Upon A Time,"* (1/5); *"In the Beginning,"* (1/12); *"I Swear,"* (1/19); and, *"Big Mouth,"* (1/26). We begin a new series on Sacred Scripture this month! After an overview class on God's Revelation in Sacred Scripture, we start to dive in with classes on Creation and the Fall of Man, Covenants, and The Law and the Prophets. Students will gain a greater appreciation for Sacred Scripture, become more comfortable with reading the Word of God, and see how the Bible is relevant to their lives today.