

# **St. Matthew Youth Ministry**



*We are the youth of St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church who stand for the Catholic faith, advocate for youth, and spread Jesus' example through love and unity. We meet regularly to learn about God, serve others, pray, and know ourselves better through social interaction. We bring together the youth in our parish out of love for Christ, in order to strengthen our relationship with God.—Mission Statement*

## **Together In Christ**

**Together in Christ (T.I.C.) is the Senior High Youth Ministry Program at St. Matthew and includes several programs: Sunday gatherings, P.W.R. Hour, Second Saturday Service, monthly fun activities, and the Youth Leadership Team.**

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## **Sunday Night Gatherings**

The main gathering night for TIC is on Sundays from 6:00-7:30p.m. in the St. Anthony room in the undercroft of the Church. These gatherings consist of community building, prayer, catechesis, and fun! On Focus Group Nights, workshops are presented by various parishioners or speakers discussing topics that are relevant to Catholic teenagers. Some subjects include Teen Topics, Ways to Pray, Coping with Hardship and Catholicism 101. On Big Group Presentation Nights, speakers are brought in to discuss a wide range of topics such as Apologetics, working for justice, and balancing relationships.



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## **P.W.R. Hour**

P.W.R. Hour, which stands for Praise, Worship, and Relaxation, is from 7:00-8:00p.m. on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. Held in the Spirit Room, this hour focuses on prayer and personal faith development as well as community building.



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## **Second Saturday Service**

Second Saturday Service is the newest addition to Youth Ministry. On the second Saturday of each month, students in grades 7-12 gather from 10:00-1:00p.m. at St. Matthew or travel to other locations to do service for the community. Service opportunities include working at a soup kitchen, making care packages for the military, and hosting a Christmas party for homeless teens.



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## **Monthly Fun Activities**

Each month, fun activities are planned for relaxation and community building. Activities include bowling,

game nights, hockey games, dances, and more. Also, events such as retreats and the Diocesan Youth Rally are attended for community building and spiritual growth.



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## **Youth Leadership Team**

The Youth Leadership Team consists of a group of high school youth and adults who help to plan the Youth Ministry events throughout the year. Applications are handed out in late Spring for the following year.



## **Kids Rooted In Christ**

K.R.I.C. is our Junior High Youth Ministry program. Twice a year T.I.C. sponsors a parish social for Junior High youth. This night includes a DJ hosted dance, snacks, games, and much more. One of the most favored junior high activities is Camp K.R.I.C. This week-long day camp allows our Junior High students to enjoy a week of service, fellowship, prayer, and fun! Look for registration forms in late Spring.



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**Have questions about St. Matthew Youth Ministry  
or want to learn about upcoming events?  
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***Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the  
name of our  
Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement  
and  
that there be no divisions among you, but that you***

***be united in the same mind and the same  
purpose.***

***--1 Corinthians 1:10***