

These are made possible by:

The CORE TEAM

Everyone has a baptismal call to serve. A CORE TEAM member is an adult responding to his or her baptismal call to serve in youth ministry. As a CORE TEAM member, you will be important in teenagers' lives. Your approach to ministry should be rooted in service, commitment, and dedication to the Church and the teenagers you serve. CORE TEAM members work under the supervision of the Youth Ministry staff for the purpose of assisting in the fulfillment of our missions.

Middle school adolescents are trying to figure out who they are and what they believe. It is during this "doubting Thomas phase" that many youngsters become leery of their faith, and begin to question as well as doubt what they believed as children. The EDGE CORE TEAM is in the seed-planting business. They work with kids who still have many significant and important decisions ahead of them, and the EDGE CORE TEAM has the opportunity to plant the seeds of Jesus' love, hope, and peace in the middle school child.

Members of the CORE TEAM exhibit the following qualities:

- Leadership
- Good Ambassador
- Guiding and Influential
- Visible leadership
- Enthusiastic
- Prepared
- Fresh Outlook
- Inclusive
- In-Charge
- Energetic
- Self-Confident

Term: Core Team members serve from August to the following July and the term is renewable.

St. Augustine Youth Ministry Mission:

The St. Augustine Youth Ministry Program recognizes that teens are an important and integral part of our parish community. Our programs are committed to fostering faith in the teens of our parish and the surrounding community.

We affirm their gifts and we provide opportunities for young people to share those gifts with the larger community. We seek to meet their spiritual and social needs by the committed leadership, guidance, and support of our parish adults. Adults and teens therefore comprise an intergenerational community growing together in Catholic faith.

Through a variety of programs, events and outreach, we seek to draw teens into responsible participation in the life, work and mission of the parish community. We believe this ministry is to, with, by, and for teens and is a blessing for the entire community.

Our distinct goals include:

- Creating faithful disciples of Jesus Christ who will preserve and pursue grace and maintain a life long Catholic identity.
- To build a multicultural, intergenerational faith community that will learn how to identify and combat evil.
- To promote media literacy; and introduce teens to complex reasoning and discernment skills to inspire the transformation of popular culture.

Our teen ministries include:



I'd like to Volunteer!



Are you:

A Confirmed Catholic
Out of High School

Can you:

Do Theater	Plan
Use Computers	Cook
Pray	Teach
Tutor	Decorate
Organize	Have Fun
Love	Research
Bake	Sing
Play Games	Play Sports

You have the skills to volunteer in some way for our Middle School Youth Group.

The **EDGE** is a middle school youth ministry for early adolescents in grades six, seven and eight. The EDGE is designed to meet the educational, spiritual, emotional, and social needs of young adolescents.

The EDGE combines the best of the LIFE TEEN Program. It is experiential religious education and each semester has a catechetical theme.

Overview of the Program:

1. Our "EDGE-ter-noons" will occur every second and fourth Sunday of a month during the school year.
2. The EDGE also has occasional social and recreational activities

designed to create a greater sense of community among our middle school youth.

- The EDGE offers middle school youth occasions to put their faith into action through a variety of service projects.

ADULT LEADER ROLES (2 options)

Unlike LIFE TEEN, EDGE is a smaller ministry. EDGE-ter-noons occur twice a month, and host fewer weekly activities. As a result, EDGE only offers two Adult Leader Options.

CORE TEAM: Facilitates and fosters the religious, spiritual, educational, emotional, and social development of teenagers in the Life Teen program. They are central to the planning, preparation, and execution of Life Nights, retreats, and other activities. *This is considered **full-time** status.*

LIFE SUPPORT: Provides time and services to support the overall ministry on special occasions. They may be guest speakers during an EDGE-ter-noon, they may work on a kitchen crew during a retreat, they may donate food or supplies for an event. *This status is **as needed**.*

Programming Attendance & Participation

	CORE TEAM	LIFE SUPPORT
LT Mass Attendance	Mandatory (with exceptions)	Optional
Mass Ministry Participation	Mandatory	Optional
Edge Afternoon Attendance	Mandatory (with exceptions)	As Needed
Retreat Attendance	Mandatory (with exceptions)	As Needed
Possible Job Title	Yes	Yes

Goals of The EDGE:

- Foster a transforming spiritual experience of Jesus through the liturgy, allowing early adolescents to have a profound experience of the Word of God and the Eucharist.
- Create a positive experience of the Catholic Church in early adolescents.
- Assist middle school youngsters in gaining an understanding and appreciation for what the Catholic Church teaches and believes.

The key ways these goals are accomplished are through:

- The EDGE-ter-noon**
A trained youth minister and CORE members lead the teens deeper into their Catholic faith. As a faith community, the teens grow in understanding of what it means to be young and Catholic in the new millennium.
- The LIFE TEEN Mass**
Following the EDGE-ter-noon, attend the LIFE TEEN Mass. There, teens and their families experience the depths of God's love through the Word, the community, and the Eucharist. Relevant preaching and quality music bring the Catholic Mass to life for young people.

Locations & Transportation

	CORE TEAM	LIFE SUPPORT
Provide Transportation	Maybe	No
Location	On & Off Site	On & Off Site

Joining Process

	CORE TEAM	LIFE SUPPORT
Interview	Yes	Yes
Training	Yes	No

If you are interested in joining the *EDGE Core Team* please contact our Director of Youth Ministry:

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National: www.lifeteen.com

Overall Ministry Differences

	CORE TEAM	LIFE SUPPORT
Nature	Facilitator & Role Model & Planner	Supporter
Personal Relationship to Teens	Authoritative & Personal	Authoritative

Time Investment & Availability

	CORE TEAM	LIFE SUPPORT
Avg. Hrs. Required per week	6-8 +	As Needed
Expected Days per week	1-2	None
Required Days per week	Sunday & TBA	None