

July 24, 2018

Dear Life Teen Parents:

The focus of Life Teen at St. Stephen's is to lead our teens into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ by helping them develop a prayer life, encourage participation in the Mass and the Sacraments, adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, attending weekly Life Teen Meetings and retreats.

Our Life Nights will begin with a special kick-off on Sunday, August 26th at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall. The teens will enjoy a fun night of games, music and a cookout. For the teen's protection, we will not allow any teen to leave once they have signed in for the (or any) Life Night unless we have spoken with or received a note from a parent allowing them to leave early. All Life Nights will conclude at 8PM.

The Archdiocese of Atlanta's guidelines for Confirmation preparation are for each 9th grade teen to attend religious education classes for two years prior to Confirmation preparation. Therefore, each 9th grader should attempt to attend at least 20 Life Nights during their 9th grade school year. By attending these Life Nights and further instruction in the 10th grade, the teens at St. Stephen's will be well prepared to receive the special sacrament of Confirmation. **For more information regarding Confirmation preparation, please contact our Director of Religious Education, Deacon Mike Mobley.**

For the teens to have a successful youth group, parent support and involvement is crucial. There will be a **Life Teen Parent Meeting on Wednesday, September 5st at 7PM** at the church to discuss our goals and volunteer needs for the Life Teen program. **This parent meeting is mandatory for all parents that are new to the Life Teen program.** All parents are encouraged to attend.

Our Life Teen members attend several special events and retreats throughout the year. These events are designed to meet the teen's spiritual, educational and social needs. Our most popular events are our Life Teen parish retreats and our community mission. All our events are highly beneficial and recommended for every teen at St. Stephen's to attend.

The Life Teen program is financially supported by the generosity of the parishioners. Several second collections will be offered for the Life Teen program during the upcoming school year. Each Life Night begins with a dinner provided by parents of Life Teen members followed by the Life Night. **In lieu of a registration fee, all families are asked to provide one meal per teen you have participating in the Life Teen program.** Don't panic!! This is easier than it sounds. Teens love simple dinners, i.e. pizza (but not every week), chicken nuggets and chips, hot dogs, hamburgers, spaghetti, tacos, etc. Please feel free to contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns regarding meal sign up. Our sign up is on line at mealtrain.com. I will send you an invitation to sign up once I have your email address. Please find enclosed a registration form which must be completed by a parent of the Life Teen member.

Thank you for your dedication and devotion to our Life Teen program. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 678-617-0581 or leave a message at the office at 770-381-7488 x 227.

God bless,
Katy Oubre
Youth Ministry