

# December

**St. Matthias Parish**

Youth Ministry



2020

The Calendar of Events for Middle and High School Youth Ministry at St. Matthias Parish

## Advent

O Come, O Come Emmanuel. Advent is the exciting time of preparation and anticipation for the Savior of the World to come into human history. We are so blessed to get to celebrate this every year. Have a happy and grace-filled Advent, and a very Merry Christmas season!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		High School Online Youth Ministry Meeting 7pm-8pm	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Middle School Youth Online Christmas Party 12pm-1pm	14	High School Online Small Group Meeting 7pm-8pm	16	17	18	H.S. Retreat 12 Hours of Christmas 10am-10pm
Families! Light the Way Candle Rosary Event 6p-7p Parking Lot	20	21	22	23	24	25
27	28	29	30	31	Merry Christmas!	
					Happy New Year! 2021!	

### Event Descriptions

**Thursdays, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>** Our Youth Minister's office hours. She is available for conversations, questions, and to meet up outdoors at St. Matthias or even at your house, out in the driveway if that's how you feel safe, even in the snow. Phone calls and online Zoom calls are the best! Just email to set up a time, anytime between 9a-7p on Thursdays.

**Tuesdays Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>:** High School Youth Ministry Meeting online from 7pm-8pm. Email to get a link for the meetings: [emily.sutton@valpo.edu](mailto:emily.sutton@valpo.edu) We'll gather together for talks about life, faith and how both effect each other! Also, a game! The meeting on the 15<sup>th</sup> is specifically for the small group that has met this past year. If you are in High School and would like to be part of the next small group, please let Emily know via email or by calling the Parish Office.

**Sunday, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>:** Middle School Youth Ministry Online Christmas party! How do you have a Christmas party online? By playing lots of games and competing in special Christmas Trivia, of course! There will be a prize for the Trivia winner that will be mailed to your house! Sign up by emailing Emily for the Link for the zoom meeting. [emily.sutton@valpo.edu](mailto:emily.sutton@valpo.edu)

**Saturday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>:** High School Online Retreat, the 12 Hours of Christmas retreat. We will be meeting online throughout different parts of the day to pray, reflect and socialize together. When we are NOT on zoom meetings together, each registered participant will receive links to talks from nationally-ranked speakers as well as some familiar faces from around the Diocese of Gary. There is a service element too! A day or two before the retreat, a package will be delivered to your home that contains materials and explanations of the service project. We'll finish the retreat up with some fun and friendly competition with prizes. Now that we are not limited by physical space, any high school student can sign up for this unique retreat. It's from 10am – 10pm on Saturday, December 19<sup>th</sup> and it will cost \$10 each. Please mail payments to the parish c/o Emily Sutton or 12 Hours of Christmas. More information at [www.stmatthiasparish.net/Youth-Ministry/](http://www.stmatthiasparish.net/Youth-Ministry/)

**Sunday, Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>:** Light the Way Candle Rosary St. Matthias parking lot from 6-7pm Individuals and Families are committing to come to St. Matthias between 6 and 7 p.m. on this night and say one prayer as part of a Rosary chain that will light the way as we prepare for the coming of Christ. Sign up with the pastor's toolbox on our website.