

Welcome to Middle School Ministry!

Dear Parish Families,

Welcome to San Rafael's Middle School Ministry. In this welcome packet you will read about a several highlight events and important dates for Middle School Ministry. This is truly a special time of spiritual formation for your child, one that I hope will strengthen your entire family.

Our **Parent and Student Orientation** will be held on **September 21** at **6:45-8:00PM** in the **Parish Hall**. At this time we will review our year calendar and meet your catechists. I have included our annual medical release waiver to this packet. Please fill it out and bring with you to orientation. We will also have very important forms for you to review and sign, so please be sure to be there.

Our goal is to give our youth an experience of faith that is as fun, spirit filled, and as fruitful as possible. The difference between achieving this goal and not is based on your participation. I cannot achieve this without your help.

At this time we **do not have enough catechists & volunteers for Middle School & High School Youth Ministries** and I ask you to greatly consider volunteering. We are looking for Catechists to help lead teach classes and small group discussions, as well as leaders to organize service projects, social events, etc. We will provide training, materials, and all lesson plans for you. You don't have to do this alone. Faith formation for our youth will not be a reality without enough volunteers, so please consider and pray about volunteering in this rewarding ministry.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Lailani before September 3rd:
858-674-1146 or youthministry@sanrafaelparish.org.

In Christ,

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MIDDLE SCHOOL SERVICE PROJECTS

Lenten Service Project: Rice & Beans Collection

Casa de los Pobres is a Franciscan mission in the heart of Tijuana serving over 25,000 hot meals a month to the poorest of the poor. Against all odds in this economy, they have been able to keep their doors and hearts open. **As a Lenten almsgiving service project, the Middle School Ministry students will be collecting donations of bulk rice and beans during class on Thursday night, March 15.** Please have your children bring in donations of bulk rice and beans to class on Thursday night to put at the foot of the cross that we will set up that night. Help us create a huge "hill of beans" (and rice) to donate to the mission to reinforce the Lenten pillar of almsgiving among our children.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Lenten Rice & Beans Collection Weekend, March 17-18

We will need at least two families per each Mass that weekend to stand out in front of the church to accept the donations of beans and rice as they are brought in before Mass and then take the donations collected and put them at the foot of the cross in the Parish Center. Please contact Lailani if your family can help us. Thank you!

Thanksgiving “Meal in a Bag”

Thanksgiving “Meal in a Bag” service project to helps local families in need this Thanksgiving. We will be distributing paper grocery bags that our parishioners will fill with a list of Thanksgiving food items. We hope to provide meals for over 100 local families through our church and Friends & Family Community Connection with this service project.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

November 4 & 5, after masses: 4 students per Mass to stand at the doors of the church after each of the Masses to distribute grocery bags to parishioners as they exit the church

November 11 & 12, before masses: Students/families to help collect filled food bags as parishioners drop them off at the church before all the Masses and help store the food in Room C.

Saturday, November 18, between 9am-12:00pm:

We will need students/families to help distribute the food bags to families as they come to the Pastoral Center at San Rafael to pick up the food.

Contact Lailani if you are able to help in anyway. Thank you!

ANNUAL MEDICAL RELEASE— Valid September 2017– September 2018

Child's Name: _____

I hereby warrant that to the best of my knowledge, my child is in good health, and I assume all responsibility for the health of my child. Of the following statements pertaining to medical matters, sign only those in accordance with your wishes:

In the event of an emergency, if you are unable to reach me at the provided numbers, please contact:

Name & Relationship: _____ Phone: _____

1. Emergency Medical Treatment:

In the event of an emergency, I hereby give permission to transport my child to a hospital for emergency medical or surgical treatment. I wish to be advised prior to may further treatment by the hospital or doctor.

Family Doctor: _____ Phone: _____

Family Health Plan Carrier: _____ Policy #: _____

1). Signature: _____ Date: _____

2. Other Medical Treatment:

Please notify me if it comes to the attention of the parish, its officers, directors and agents, and the Diocese of San Diego, chaperones or representatives associated with the activity that my child becomes ill with symptoms such as headache, vomiting, sore throat, fever, diarrhea.

2). Signature: _____ Date: _____

3. Current Medications:

My child is taking medication at present. My child will bring all such medications necessary, and such medications will be well labeled. Names of medications and concise directions for seeing that the child takes such medications, including dosage and frequency of dosage is as follows:

3). Signature: _____ Date: _____

4. Medications: Choose one of following options (A or B)

A. No medication of any type whether prescription or nonprescription, may be administered to my child unless the situation is life-threatening and emergency treatment is required.

B. I hereby grant permission for nonprescription medication (Such as aspirin, throat lozenges, cough syrup) to be given to my child, if deemed advisable.

Please select: **A** **B**

4). Signature: _____ Date: _____

5. Specific Medical Information: The parish will take reasonable care to see that the following information will be held in confidence.

Allergic reactions (medications, foods, plants, insects, etc.):	
Immunizations: Date of last tetanus/diphtheria immunization:	
Does child have a medically prescribed diet?	
Any physical limitations?	
Is child subject to chronic homesickness, emotional reactions to new situations, sleepwalking, bedwetting, fainting?	
Has child recently been exposed to contagious diseases or conditions, such as mumps, measles, chickenpox, etc.? If so, please provide date and disease or condition:	
You should be aware of these special medical conditions of my child:	

PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE

I (parent/guardian) authorize the Office for Youth Ministry at San Rafael Parish, its representatives, or volunteers, to photograph or record on audio or video (tape or digital) of above named Participant ("my child") for purposes of furthering the mission of the Youth Ministry, in this specific case, the creation of publication materials for adults who participate in Youth Ministry at San Rafael Parish. Photos, audio, or video may be used in printed materials and any other visual display or media. I understand that such photos and/or video recordings will be used for OYM related purposes and will not be used for any commercial purpose whatsoever. I therefore hereby waive any kind and all rights I may have for remuneration of any kind that could otherwise accrue for the uses of such photos and/or audio or video recordings.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Middle School Ministry Calendar 2017-2018

DATE 17-18	6:45-8PM	6th: Rm H	7th: Rm J	8th: RmD
21-Sep	Parent & Student Orientation – 6:45PM, Parish Hall			
28-Sep	Session 1			
5-Oct	Session 2			
12-Oct	Session 3			
19-Oct	Session 4			
26-Oct	Session 5			
2-Nov	Session 6: SPECIAL PARENT & STUDENT NIGHT w/ Steve Angrisano			
9-Nov	Session 7			
16-Nov	Session 8: Service Project: Thanksgiving Dinner Bags			
23-Nov	NO CLASS –Happy Thanksgiving			
30-Nov	Session 9			
7-Dec	Session 10			
14-Dec	Session 11			
21-Dec	Session 12: Christmas Party			
28-Dec	NO CLASS – Merry Christmas!			
4-Jan	NO CLASS – Happy New Year!			
11-Jan	Session 13: YOUTH NIGHT in Parish Hall			
18-Jan	NO CLASS			
25-Jan	Session 14			
1-Feb	Session 15			
8-Feb	Session 16			
15-Feb	Session 17			
22-Feb	NO CLASS – PUSD Break			
1-Mar	Session 18			
8-Mar	Session 19			
15-Mar	Session 20: Service Project & Social- Rice & Beans /St. Patrick's Party			
22-Mar	Session 21			
29-Mar	NO CLASS – Holy Week			
5-Apr	NO CLASS – Happy Easter!			
12-Apr	NO CLASS – PUSD Break			
19-Apr	Session 22			
26-Apr	Session 23			
3-May	Session 24			
10-May	Session 25			
17-May	Session 26 - End of the Year Party			