

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY

THE NEED & THE NUMBERS

EMPTY
PEWS

"Young people are leaving the Church..."

13

THIRTEEN YEARS OLD
is the age teens typically
leave the Church.

63%

SIXTY-THREE PERCENT
of young people leave
the Church between
ages 10 and 17.

23%

TWENTY-THREE PERCENT
say they left the church
before age 10.

These statistics are taken from a recent CARA (Center for Applied Research in the Apostolate) study.

IN THEIR OWN WORDS...

Teens and young adults cite their primary reasons for leaving the faith as:

- "It isn't relevant."
- "It's boring."
- "I don't understand it."
- "I don't agree with it."
- "It doesn't impact my everyday life."

Middle School is now the critical age to reach young people in the Church. As they shift socially, experiencing tremendous changes emotionally and intellectually, and wade through all the difficulties of this time of life, they have real questions and need real answers. If parishes ignore the unique challenges of their middle school youth, they risk losing them forever.

Life Teen Int.



WHAT'S THE SOLUTION? →

INTRODUCING



LAKE COUNTRY
EDGE

THE EDGE DIFFERENCE

While the Religious Education model has been and continues to be very successful at St. Charles, studies show that by Middle School, students are ready for and desiring more than the current model. The Edge program **BRIDGES THE GAP**, engaging students on not only an educational but also a social and spiritual level, challenging them to critically engage what they are learning and make their faith their own. We want your students to experience the joy and happiness that comes from having a personal relationship with Christ and putting God first in their lives. Edge is held on Sundays from 4:30pm to 5:45pm, preceding the 6:00pm teen Mass. Registration Instructions can be found on the included letter.

Lake Country Edge is a middle school ministry of St. Charles parish focused on leading students to Meet, Know, Love and Serve Christ!



Sacraments



Small Groups



Community



Service



Faith

OUR GOAL is to connect our middle school students in community, through small groups, service and the sacraments and bring them into Life Teen, the Eucharist-centered, engaging high school ministry at St. Charles.



For more information, attend one of our Edge Orientation meetings:

- Sunday, June 4th, 4:30 - 5:30pm
- OR
- Sunday, August 20th, 2:00 - 3:00pm

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