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## **2STRONG Middle School Youth Ministry** **Together in CHRIST we are TOO STRONG**

*The Vision for Middle School Youth Ministry at St. Margaret Mary parish is rooted in and grows from the Good News of our Risen Lord. Our mission is to help deepen young people's relationship with Jesus Christ, empower them to live as disciples of Jesus in our world today, draw young people to participate in the life of the Catholic faith community, and foster the total personal growth of each young person by providing developmentally appropriate experiences, activities, and content that address the unique developmental and social needs of young adolescents.*

### **2STRONG YOUTH GROUP NIGHTS**

A night of faith, fellowship, & fun! We meet **Wednesday nights** from **6:00 to 8:00 pm** in the **Youth Room** **6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> graders** meet every other Wednesday as do **8th graders**. Once a month all 6th 7th & 8th graders are invited to youth group for a night of dodgeball.

Each Wednesday night we will begin with **"The Hang Out"** where we eat pizza and get to know each other through conversation and icebreakers. Next - **"The Challenge"** - students participate in active learning challenges that build community. Finally - **"The Work"** - students explore issues of faith through small-faith group sharing. **ALL** middle school youth are encouraged to come for a fabulous night of food, fellowship, and fun! This night is our building block for all of our other activities, it is important for kids to build relationships with other young Catholics and this is the night to do it!

### **2STRONG SUNDAY FOCUS**

Sunday Focus is a faith formation class for 6th, 7th, & 8th graders that meets Sundays after the 9:30 mass from 10:45-11:45am. The program offers a comprehensive overview of the Catholic faith that is correlated with the four parts, or pillars, of the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Although it is not immediate preparation for Confirmation our 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday Focus Program delves into Confirmation themes. I strongly encourage making Sunday Focus a commitment.

### **2STRONG SERVICE**

Throughout the school year, middle school students have the opportunity to put their faith into action by participating in 2 monthly service opportunities, [Coalition for the Homeless](#) & [Gleaning for the Poor](#).

**CATHOLIC HEART WORKCAMP.** In the summer of 2012 incoming 8th graders have the opportunity to go on a week-long service mission. Please look forward to our information meeting in October.

### **2STRONG RETREATS**

A time to reflect on our life journey, grow deeper in our faith, and build stronger relationships with our peers! Please look forward to our **2STRONG Retreat in September** (community), **+ONE Retreat in October** (relationships), **MLK Retreat in January** (service) and **Micah Retreat** (social justice) in February.

### **2STRONG SOCIAL EVENTS**

Throughout the school year there are social fun events that are opened to all of our St. Margaret Mary middle school parishioners and their middle school friends.

Picnic Socials, Bowling Nights, Epcot, Rebounderz, Movie Nights

We already have fabulous nights planned - check out our middle school [CALENDAR](#) on our website.