



St. Anthony  
of Padua

CATHOLIC CHURCH

# Faith Formation & Youth Ministry 2017-2018

*“Accordingly, the definitive aim of catechesis is to put people not only in touch but in communion, in intimacy, with Jesus Christ: only He can lead us to the love of the Father in the Spirit and make us share in the life of the Holy Trinity”*

Pope John Paul II Catechesi Tradendae

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# FIND US ON THE WEB!

[www.staoptw.org](http://www.staoptw.org)

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***All of the registrations for our programs are online! You can register for the different programs using your Paduan Portal account. Online Registration for the 2017-2018 school year opens on July 10th, 2017***

## **Create a Paduan Portal Account:**

1. Visit our website at [www.staoptw.org/paduan-portal](http://www.staoptw.org/paduan-portal). Click the button labeled **Paduan Portal** or find a quick link labeled **Portal** at the top right corner on every webpage. Once you have reached the portal site, click "Register" in the upper right hand corner of the screen OR where it says "Don't have an account? Sing up!"
  2. Complete the registration form and click "Create an account".
  3. A validation email will be sent to the email address you provided. You will be prompted to click a link that will bring you back to the Paduan Portal sign-in page.
  4. LOG IN using the email and password you created during Step 2. Your information **matches exactly**. You should immediately see all your past giving under YOUR GIVING and your family members under UPDATE PROFILE.
  5. LOG IN using the email and password you created during Step 2. If your information **doesn't quite match exactly** what we have in our database or you are new to our system, then fill out additional information form. It will take some time for a live person to review your account and match your log in to your household and your giving history. Give it a couple of days and log back on. Next time you log in, you will see your family and past donations!
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## **Helpful Links:**

1. St. Anthony Youth Ministry : <http://stanthonnym.org/>
2. Life Teen: <http://lifeteen.com>
3. Catholic Answers: to explain and defend the faith : <http://www.catholic.com/>
4. Dynamic Catholic: <http://dynamiccatholic.com>
5. Daily Readings: <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>
6. Ascension Press : <http://ascensionpress.com/>
7. Fight the New Drug: Porn Kills Love: <http://fightthenewdrug.org/>
8. Fr. Mike Schmitz Videos: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVdGX3N-WIJ5nUvkIBTNhAw>
9. Catholic Resources: <http://www.catholiccompany.com/>
10. Ignatius Press : <http://www.ignatius.com/>
11. The Culture Project : <http://www.restoreculture.com/>
12. The Third Way: The Church and Homosexuality : <http://www.blackstonefilms.co/thethirdway/>
13. The Chastity Project: <http://chastityproject.com/>
14. Imagine Sisters : Learning about Religious Life : <http://imaginesisters.org/>
15. Formed : The Best Catholic Content all in one place : *Parish code = 39a794* : [formed.org](http://formed.org)

## **Infant Baptism**

**For those children who are 6 years old and under.**

Please visit the parish website at [www.STAOPTW.org](http://www.STAOPTW.org) for the most up-to-date Baptism preparation class and ceremony schedule. Baptisms are scheduled once a month in a group setting. You must be a registered parishioner at St. Anthony's to have your child Baptized at this parish. If you are from another parish, you will need a letter from your pastor consenting to Baptism at St. Anthony of Padua. **Registration for Baptism is done through a paper form found in the Baptism Packet in the parish lobby.**

Prior to your child's Baptism, parents must attend Baptism preparation classes. Godparents are encouraged to attend the class along with the parents of the child to be baptized. Classes are valid for 3 years. If classes are taken at another parish, we will need attendance verification documentation prior to your child's Baptism. *(Because our classes are typically scheduled on the Saturday of the same weekend as our Sunday baptisms please register for a Class 1 month prior to the Baptism ceremony.)* For more information on Baptizing your child or to register for Baptism Preparation Classes, please pick up a Baptism Registration Packet at the Parish Office.

***"Baptism is a precious gift given by God through the Church, a gift that as parents you have the privilege of offering your children. It is a gift meant to last a lifetime and beyond."***

## **Little Ones of the Little Way**

*The Little Ones of the Little Way Ministry is for Infants, Toddlers and PreK aged 9 months to 4 years.* Our mission is to provide love, care and formation to our children under the patronage of St. Therese of Lisieux and her "Little Way" of doing small things with great love. For more information about St. Therese of Lisieux. Faith Formation programming will be available for these age groups during the 9am and 11am Sunday Masses on non-holiday weekends. You do not have to register for a specific mass time, allowing you the flexibility to attend the Mass that is convenient for your family that week. During the Saturday 5pm, Sunday 1pm & 6pm Masses Little Ones nursery care is available, but there will not be structured Faith Formation programming during those Masses.

## **Children's Faith Formation**

**Registration for Faith Formation will begin July 10, 2017 online at [www.STAOPTW.org](http://www.STAOPTW.org).**

Children's Faith Formation is for children Kindergarten to 6th grade. We are dedicated to teaching and guiding your child to Jesus Christ and His Church. Everything we do is rooted in the love of the Gospel in order to provide your child with a safe, positive environment to learn our Catholic Faith. For more information on helping in our classrooms please contact Mary Jo Vogel.

### **Class Times**

- Sundays, 2:30 - 3:45 PM, Kindergarten to 4th
- Sundays, 4:15 - 5:30 PM, Kindergarten to 4th
- Mondays, 5:15 - 6:30 PM, Kindergarten to 6th
- Wednesday, 4:45 - 6:00 PM, Kindergarten to 4th

## **Children's Sacramental Preparation**

**Sacramental Preparation** is for children in grades 2 through 6 preparing to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion. Pre-Registration for the 2017-2018 school year will be an in-person verification of requirements. You will then be invited to register online. Please read the requirements below:

1. **You must be registered parishioners at St. Anthony of Padua.**
2. Your child must have completed Faith Formation or attended Catholic School the previous school year (2016-2017). If your child attended Faith Formation or Catholic School someplace other than St. Anthony of Padua you will need documentation from that Parish stating that your child completed catechesis for the (2016-2017) school year when you register your child for the (2016-2017) school year. **Sacramental Preparation is a 2-year program** -- the first year is grade-level catechesis.
3. **Sacramental Preparation** is a SEPARATE registration and session than the grade level Faith Formation class held each week. If you plan to prepare for First Communion/First Reconciliation you must fill out TWO SEPARATE registration forms—one for Faith Formation (unless in Catholic grade school) and one for Sacramental Preparation.
4. Your child must also be registered for and attend weekly Faith Formation classes at St. Anthony of Padua or attend Catholic School for the 2017-2018 school year.
5. Bring a copy of your child's **Baptismal & Birth Certificates** to registration. Registration is not complete without these documents. These need to be turned in even if your child was baptized at St. Anthony of Padua. If you do not have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate please contact the church of Baptism for assistance in obtaining a copy.

## **RCIA for Children**

If your child is age 7 to Grade 8, and needs to be baptized, they will be placed in our wonderful program, *RCIA for Children*. Your child will attend the 9:00 AM mass on Sundays. During Mass they will be dismissed after the homily (around 9:30) for *Breaking Open the Word (BOW)*. After Breaking Open the Word they will attend their weekly RCIA for Children session until 11:15am.

If your child is not baptized, then they will enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass, March 31, 2018. Along with Baptism, they will receive their Confirmation and First Holy Communion.

If your child was baptized in a different Christian denomination, they will be received into the fullness of the Catholic Church on the Feast of Divine Mercy, Sunday, April 8, 2018.

### **Requirements for Registration**

- Interview with Staff member
- Birth Certificate
- Baptismal Certificate (if baptized in another Christian Faith)

## **Sacramental Preparation for Teens grades 7-12**

For Teens in grades 7-12 preparing to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Requirements for Registration

1. **You must be registered parishioners at St. Anthony of Padua.**
2. Your child must have completed Faith Formation the previous school year (2015-2016). If your child attended Faith Formation someplace other than St. Anthony of Padua you will need documentation from that Parish stating that your child completed catechesis for the (2015-2016) school year when you register your child for the (2016-2017) school year. **Sacramental Preparation is a 2-year program** -- the first year is grade-level catechesis.
3. **Sacramental Preparation** is a SEPARATE registration and session than the grade level Faith Formation class held each week. If you plan to prepare for First Communion/First Reconciliation you must fill out TWO SEPARATE registration forms—one for Faith Formation (EDGE or Life Teen) and one for Sacramental Preparation.
4. Your child must also be registered for and attend weekly EDGE or Life Teen sessions at St. Anthony of Padua or attend Catholic School for the 2016-2017 school year.
5. Bring a copy of your child's **Baptismal & Birth Certificates** to registration. Registration is not complete without these documents. These need to be turned in even if your child was baptized at St. Anthony of Padua. If you do not have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate please contact the church of Baptism for assistance in obtaining a copy.

## **RCIA for TEENS**

This ministry is for Teens who have not received any or minimal catechesis in the Catholic Faith. Teen are required to attend one year of Faith Formation prior to beginning RCIA. An interview with the staff is required.

RCIA Sessions are on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30pm. The students will attend a special class in the **Confirmation program**. They will also attend the Confirmation retreat with their peers. Those needing baptism will enter the Catholic Church during the Easter Vigil Mass on March 31, 2018. Those already baptized will enter the Catholic Church on Divine Mercy Sunday, April 8, 2018.

## **EDGE 7th & 8th grade**

If you are a 7th or 8th grader EDGE is the place for you! EDGE is the Faith Formation Program for 7-8th grade and is all about learning how to know and love Christ and His Church. We meet regularly on Tuesdays 7:00- 8:30pm in the youth room during the school year.

Each Semester has a Catechetical theme, during the EDGE nights we will learn about this theme. We will also have social nights and current issue nights.

Catechesis: Learning about God is not supposed to be something that is uninteresting or boring. Catechesis should be an encounter with Jesus himself. Blessed John Paul II said “at the heart of catechesis we find, in essence, a Person, the Person of Jesus of Nazareth.” Everything we do, from watching silly videos to playing games or praying together should all lead to a deeper relationship with Christ through his Church.



## **LIFE TEEN 9-12th grade**

Being a disciple of Christ is all about relationship. At St. Anthony of Padua Life Teen we seek to bring teens into relationship with Jesus Christ and with the community. In relationship with Jesus we seek to love and know Him more through prayer, a sacramental life, and what He teaches us about who He is, who we are, and how we are to live. We also seek to put teens in relationship with community – the community of their peers, of their families, and of the greater Church.

At the center of everything we do at St. Anthony Life Teen is Jesus Christ, and the primary goal of our Life Teen program is to put teens in touch with Him and His Church. We meet Sunday nights for Mass at 6pm and LIFE NIGHT follows at 7:30pm-9:00pm.

***“It is necessary to awaken again in believers a full RELATIONSHIP with Christ, mankind’s only Savior.”***  
**— Saint John Paul II**

## **CONFIRMATION**

The preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation is an important component of our catechetical and sacramental ministry. Confirmation is a gift of the Spirit which confirms our belonging to Christ in Baptism and which calls us to be witnesses of Christ's love for others. This sacrament, which provides the fullness of the gifts of the Holy Spirit, is of great spiritual assistance to our youth during this time in their lives.

Teens are prepared for Confirmation in a two-year program format. During their 9th grade year teens will register and participate in Life Teen on Sunday evenings or will be enrolled in an area Catholic High School; and during their 10th grade year teens will register and participate in the Confirmation catechism on Wednesday evenings. Classes are held weekly on Wednesday nights from 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm. This sacramental preparation offers catechesis, prayer, scripture, reflection, community building, personal sharing and retreats.

*For the 2017-2018 School year teens must meet the following criteria for registration:*

- Family must be registered Parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church.
- Teen must be a Sophomore, Junior or Senior in High School.
- Teen is baptized in the Catholic faith and must submit a copy of Baptismal Certificate at time of Registration in August. If baptized in another faith, teen must submit Baptismal Certificate and Certificate of Catholic Profession of Faith.
- Teen was registered and actively participated in LifeTeen the previous year or was enrolled in a Catholic High school.
- Teen participates in the sacramental life of the Church by attending Mass regularly, and exhibits an active faith life and knowledge of the Church.

Teen is willing to commit to active involvement in the Confirmation catechism on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 PM throughout the School year; and is willing to respond to the call of active ministry. Teen will commit to all requirements of the STAOP Confirmation program.

***“If you are what you should be, you will set the world ABLAZE.”***  
**— St. Catherine of Sienna**

## **LIFE TEEN Discipleship 11-12th grade**

Life Teen Discipleship is the next step for Juniors and Seniors who want to go deeper in their faith by learning how to live everyday as a disciple of Christ.

Mission: Life Teen Discipleship seeks to take the next step in leading teens into a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ by teaching them to live everyday as His disciple through the example of men and women already living a committed relationship with Him.

Small Group registration is online. Visit : [stanthonyym.org](http://stanthonyym.org) for more information.

## **LIFE TEEN Fall Retreat**

**September 2-3, 2017**—Join the Youth Ministry staff and a couple hundred of your closest friends for a weekend you won't forget. All 9-12 graders in Life Teen welcome! Register online at [stanthonyym.org/lretreat/](http://stanthonyym.org/lretreat/)

## **EDGE Spring Retreat**

The dates for the Spring 2018 Retreat are TBD. Please visit our website for the up to date information. All 7 & 8th graders in EDGE are welcome! Register online at [stanthonyym.org/edge](http://stanthonyym.org/edge)

## **Youth Ministry Core Members (+ONE)**

1. **Life Teen Core Member:** They serve at Life Nights and lead small groups. They are committed to attend the Life Teen Fall Training or Catechist Day and commit to ongoing training. They build intentional, Christ– centered relationships rooted in the Church with the teens in their small group. They commit to “ministry of presence” by attending Life Nights and being present at 6:00 pm Mass. They build community with their small group especially through the Fall Retreat and by periodically creating social opportunities for or joining in Youth Ministry Outreach opportunities with their small group.
2. **EDGE Core Member:** They serve at EDGE Nights on Tuesday nights and lead a small group. They are committed to attend the Life Teen Fall training or Catechist Day and commit to ongoing training. They will build intentional, Christ-centered relationships in their small groups. They will also commit to “ministry of presence” by attending all EDGE nights. Lastly, they will build community with their small group and attend the EDGE Spring Retreat and participate in outreach opportunities.
3. **Confirmation Core Member:** You will lead a Confirmation Small Group on Wednesday nights. We will provide training in the Fall at the Confirmation Core training, where we (remove the word fully) will prepare you for your role as a Small Group Leader. You will work closely with Karen Felicidadario, the Confirmation Coordinator. You will prepare for small group each week in order to effectively share the teaching of the Church; all resources and curriculum will be provided. You will also, with the help of your Teen Assistants, build remove a community with their class and attend the Confirmation Retreat in February 2018.
4. **Behind the Scenes:** We are always looking for help behind the scenes with the Snack Team, or Parents on Patrol, or with chaperoning, or with administrative/office help. There is a place for you if you would like to serve!

**To apply for any of these volunteer positions, go to the Youth Ministry website, and complete an interest form and someone on our Youth Ministry staff will contact you!**

<http://stanthonyym.org/plusone/>

## **SUMMER EVENTS**

***All registrations are online, go to our website to sign up for our summer events.***

### **Vacation Bible School (VBS)**

For one week during the summer, Pre-K up to 6th graders can register for VBS. Parent and teen volunteers are welcome. Please keep an eye out on the website and in the bulletin in the Spring for registration for VBS.

### **The Pines Catholic Summer Camp**

The Pines is a sleep-away camp in Big Sandy, TX for incoming grades 2-11. You register and sign-up through the Pines website. St. Anthony will pick a week that they will send kids to go, so look for that week if you want to attend with other STAOP kids. A curtesy bus will be provided to drive the kids up to the camp and bring them home, however this is a first come first serve basis. The bus list sign-ups are online on our website. For more information on the Pines : <https://www.thepines.org/>

### **EDGE Camp Hidden Lake**

An EDGE Summer Camp in Dahlonega, GA for incoming 7th and 8th graders. A huge lake, creeks, basketball gym, sports field, swimming pool, the great outdoors, friends, and Jesus. Once we arrive at camp, we get to play and pray with new friends from every corner of the country. The week of camp includes a perfect balance of time to encounter Christ and time to play. We will get to do everything from playing sports, high ropes, and swimming to hearing dynamic talks, sharing in small groups, and experiencing the Sacraments. Every week, a line-up of dynamic presenters, talented musicians, and dedicated priests serve along with camp staff to encourage a deeper relationship with Christ for each teen. St. Anthony's attends as a parish group and chaperones go with a group of about ~25. Registration is on the St. Anthony's website, look in the fall for sign-ups.

### **Life Teen Camp Covecrest**

A Life Teen Summer Camp in Tiger, GA for incoming freshmen through graduating seniors in High School. Covecrest is a long time favorite summer trip for the teens of St. Anthony's. With the same layout as Camp Hidden Lake, Covecrest includes all the outdoor adventures, including white water rafting! Covecrest also has a deep spiritual aspect, focusing on the sacraments and encountering Christ. Registration for Covecrest will be on our website, look out in the fall for registration dates.

### **Steubenville Lone Star**

A weekend conference in Dallas, TX for incoming freshmen through graduating seniors in High School. At a Steubenville Conference, teens will experience Mass and Adoration in a new way, they will also hear from dynamic speakers. They will come to experience a relationship with Christ that can radically transform everything in their life. Registration for Steubenville Lone Star will be on our website, look out in the fall for registration dates.

### **Haiti Mission Trip**

The Mission to Haiti is a life changing experience - for the people of Haiti, and also for those who go as missionaries. We spend a week serving and ministering to the people of Haiti while stationed at Life Teen's Mission base. You must be 18 at the time of the trip, if under 18, a parent must accompany you. Essentially, it is for graduated high school seniors and young adults. For more information and for registration, visit our website.

***Keep an eye for other summer events, here at St. Anthony's for the Junior High and High School students. Check the website and the bulletin during the summer months.***