

# St. Anselm Youth Group

The St. Anselm Youth Group is a service oriented group of our Parish high school students (and friends of our students), grades 9-12, who meet on average twice a month for service projects, other group events, or social activities. We do service projects for our parish, as well as the neighboring community. We generally meet Sunday evenings for 1.5 hours in the Parish meeting room, and provide dinner or a light snack for the students. Attendance isn't mandatory, but we have a sign in sheet for those who do attend the meetings, so students may officially apply these service hours for high school, if required.

The youth group (also known as "YG"), was established in 1992. At that time, our first group of students worked toward raising funds to attend the World Youth Day in Denver, where Pope John Paul II spoke to Teens, Young Adults and the Adult Leaders in a moving ceremony in Mile High Stadium. Later in the week thousands of youth groups participated in a Pilgrimage in Denver to celebrate Mass with Pope John Paul II. The experience was so spiritual and outstanding that the students wanted to continue to meet as a group and stay committed to our Catholic Faith. Thus the St. Anselm Youth Group was launched.

The goal and philosophy of the St. Anselm Youth Group is to help our parish high school students stay connected with the church, with school and religious education classmates, to continue living their faith, and to encourage them to stay strong in their Christian values with their peers. Additionally, some high schools require students to have a set amount of service hours each year; this can be fulfilled by participating in the YG service projects. Also, being involved in YG throughout the student's high school career looks very favorable on a college application. However, if nothing else, the students can maintain friendships that have been built over the last 9 years, while making new ones as well.

Our meetings run from September through June of each school year. Although we have Open Enrollment during the school year, we have yearly registration and the fee is \$5.00. The fees collected are then applied to a Raffle Basket for the Festival donated by the Youth Group. The official Copies of Registration and Permission Forms for the 2016-17 year will be available in the church vestibule in August, 2016. We ask that you fill it out completely and return it via the first meeting, to the rectory or through the collection basket, so we can add your name and a parent contact number to the email/text group list for meeting notifications and reminders.

Any current, upcoming information can always be found in our weekly article in the Anselmeter or on the parish website, [www.saintanselmparish.org](http://www.saintanselmparish.org), search the current bulletin for information. If you have questions you can contact one of the adult leaders. The current Adult Leadership Team is as follows: Marcia & Nick Santostasi 313-277-3844, Diane Jennings 313-277-5819, Kim & Chuck Cwiek 313-565-4808.

**Thank you and we hope you will consider joining the St. Anselm Youth Group for a faith-filled and fun year for service to our Parish and Community!**