



MEETING BY MAIL

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Welcome to EDGE's Meeting By Mail! Instead of trying to work *another* parent meeting into your schedule, we have decided to have a "meeting-by-mail". We have a busy year ahead and lots of news to share with you so please read on!!

WHAT IS EDGE?

- EDGE is faith formation & youth ministry for 7th & 8th grade youth of St. Peter's. We teach the Roman Catholic faith with a focus on one topic per semester. We will also incorporate lessons on the new Roman Missal coming this fall as well as Issue Nights, discussing topics that affect youth today.
- Topics this year: **Fall 2011** – Church **Spring 2012** – Scripture

LOCATION & FORMAT

- We meet in the Activity Center, the large yellow building at the back of the church campus.
⇒ Youth should enter & exit from the north side of the building (the parking lot/Hosack St side).
- **Social time** 6:15-7:00—Food, friends and fun! The kids blow off steam after a long day of school, have a bite to eat and get ready to learn.
- **EDGE Night** 7:00-8:15pm—Youth are welcomed, broken into small groups with one adult leader & one high school junior/senior teen leader. Small groups are situated on large carpets; one per small group. While in small groups, the youth hear talks based on the Church's teaching on a given topic, hear a scripture reading and catechism references for that topic and then break open what they have heard with questions and activities. During small group reflection they are welcome to utilize classrooms or outdoors (weather permitting).
- **Closing** 8:15-8:30—Closing prayer, announcements, praise & worship

RULES

- Respect others...stay on task...keep hands and feet to yourself.
- Cell phones are permitted but not allowed to be used from 7-8:30pm
- *Disruptive behavior*: a warning is given, then time away from the group, as a last resort parents will be called to pick up the youth.
- Youth are expected to stay on the church campus once they are dropped off for Edge.
- Dress Code: No spaghetti strap/tank top shirts; Shorts/skirts must be mid-thigh; No inappropriate messages on shirts
- Guests are always welcome. They will be asked to fill out a Guest Form and adhere to the Edge rules.

OTHER INFORMATION

- See enclosed **Calendar** for details of the following events.
 - ◆ **Deer Creek "Hands & Feet" Weekend Retreat....this one is coming soon!!**
 - ◆ **4:12 Day-Retreat** ◆ **Weihnacht's Parade** ◆ **Amazing Love Day-Retreat** ◆ **All-nighter Lock In**
- **HEB Cards are available at Edge!**
 - ⇒ When you buy an HEB card from EDGE, we receive 4% of the face value as a charitable donation *from* HEB; you get the full value of the card, HEB gives us 4%....it's a win/win!
 - ⇒ Cards can be used for groceries, gas, pharmacy & gifts & come in the amounts of \$10..\$25..\$50..\$100
 - ⇒ Purchase from Alice or Michelle during EDGE or from church office & tell them you're supporting EDGE.
 - ⇒ Money raised through the sale of HEB cards helps reduce the cost of EDGE activities
- **Edge E-News:** This email newsletter is our primary source of communicating to you about Edge news. It is sent out via email each Monday and will include a summary of the lesson for that week at Edge, a reminder who is providing food as well as other info regarding Edge. Include your email address on the registration form or send an email to Michelle to be included.
- **Edge T-Shirt:** Wear it on Wednesday to school & show your support for EDGE!
Don't have one yet? Get yours during EDGE night or by arrangement (cost \$10.)

**More
on back**

There are several opportunities for parents to help with EDGE and **we really, really need your help!**
Please see Alice or Michelle to sign up for any of the following.

Core Team Member

The EDGE Core team members are the heart and soul of this middle school youth ministry experience. EDGE Core members lead small group discussions and activities during EDGE Night. Session plans are distributed to core members in advance so core members may review and prepare for each session for their small group. Core members lead opening and closing prayers, perform skits, and give witness/catechetical talks to the large group. The commitment involves attending Wednesday night EDGE sessions as well as other occasional meetings held throughout the year. Junior and senior high school students who have already been confirmed are invited to be Core Members as well. (High school core members are partnered with adults for small group times.)

YOU CAN HELP BY SIGNING UP!

Catering Crew

The Catering Crew is weekly parent volunteers that provide Edgers with food served during social time on Wednesday nights (6:15-7pm). **All parents are asked to sign up for one Wednesday each semester.** We have enough youth involved that we should easily have 3-4 parents for each week's rotation. **Currently, all dates are open and in need of volunteers for both semesters.** Refer to the enclosed calendar and pick a date that works for you. (Please note: each week's food served can be donated or can be reimbursed up to \$50, parent's choice)

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Parking Lot Crew

To keep the youth safe, parent volunteers are needed to help direct the youth to and from the parking lot at the beginning and end of each EDGE night.

Parents can help us from 6:15-7pm as youth are dropped off by monitoring the parking lot and directing them into the Activity Center and/or from 8:25-8:45pm as EDGE night ends & youth are going home.

YOU CAN HELP BY SIGNING UP!

Chaperone

We will need chaperones at the upcoming retreat at Deer Creek Camp, October 7-9. We have a great time & it's a wonderful way to get to know the kids your youth hangs out with. Additionally, we will need adults willing to attend the All-Nighter in Austin in April. When the registration forms are mailed out for the events, please indicate if you are willing to help in this capacity. Contact Michelle/Alice if you have questions.

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Volunteer Driver

Drivers will be needed for the Deer Creek Retreat in October. We'll need drivers to take us on Friday evening as well as driver to bring us home on Sunday afternoon. Sign up when the registration forms are mailed out. Please note, in order to drive for an EDGE event, we *must* have a current Volunteer Driver Form on file for you.

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IMPORTANT NOTE: Every adult volunteer age 18+ that is working in any capacity with a minor is required by the Archdiocese of San Antonio to submit a background check. If you are unwilling to do so, we respect your decision but unfortunately will be unable to use your volunteer services where youth are present.

Forms

- **Family Faith Formation Registration Form**— Use this form to register all of your children for Faith Formation at St. Peter's this year. Only one form is need per family.
- **Middle School Event Form**—This is the emergency/insurance information form that is needed for each middle school youth that will be attending Edge or any other Edge event this year.
- **Mass Texting Permission Form**—This will allow us to send out text messages regarding Edge/St. Peter's events.
- **Parent Sign Up Form**—let us know how you can help!

Please these fill out & return to the church office.

Contact Info

Questions? Comments? Concerns?
Please contact the EDGE coordinators below:

Michelle Pechacek Alice Gaiser
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We are not in our office everyday.
We do check our voicemails frequently but the best way to reach us is by email.

2011 FALL CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7 CORE TEAM MTG 6:30-8:30	8	9	10
11	12	13	14 FIRST EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	15	16	17
18	19	20	21 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	22	23	24
25	26	27	28 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	29	30	
OCTOBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
						1 Parish Festival
2	3	4	5 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	6	7 DCC RETREAT	8 DCC RETREAT
9 DCC RETREAT	10	11	12 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	13	14	15
16	17	18	19 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	27	28	29
30	31					
NOVEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
		1	2 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	3	4	5
6	7	8	9 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	10	11	12
13	14	15	16 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	17	18	19
20	21	22	23 Thanksgiving Week ~ NO EDGE	24	25	26
27 1st Sunday Advent	28	29	30 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm			
DECEMBER						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Weihnacht's Parade
4 2nd Sunday Advent	5	6	7 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	8 Feast of the Immaculate Conception	9	10
11 3rd Sunday Advent	12	13	14 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	15	16	17
18 4th Sunday Advent	19	20	21 Christmas Holiday ~ NO EDGE	22	23	24
25 CHRISTMAS	26	27	28 Christmas Holiday ~ NO EDGE	29	30	31

AUGUST DATES

- 22 School Begins
- 27-28 Faith Formation Registration Weekend (after all Masses, or register by mail with the enclosed forms)

EDGE Nights, Semester Theme: ~Church~

Our focus for this semester is "Church." In this semester, we are presenting various aspects of our Catholic faith. The youth will hear and learn about how and when the Catholic Church was instituted, the precepts of the faith, the four pillars, heaven, hell and purgatory, discipleship, evangelization and more.

We will also spend time each week learning about the changes coming our way November 27 with the new Roman Missal.

~Deer Creek Camp Retreat~

A 3-day retreat at Deer Creek Camp in Medina, TX focusing on the theme: "Hands & Feet" The goals for the retreat are to help the youth come to a deeper awareness of the suffering in our world; live a life serving others for Christ; learn how God's strength helps them on their journey; surrender themselves to God's love; how to go out into the world & be the "hands & feet" of God. We'll leave Fri. after school and return for the Sunday Life Teen Mass.

Parent chaperones & drivers will be needed. Please indicate if you can help on the registration forms

REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE MAILED SOON. We must turn in our t-shirt order; therefore,

THE DEADLINE TO SIGN UP FOR THIS RETREAT IS SEPTEMBER 21.

~Weihnacht's Parade~

St. Peter's will have a float in this Boerne annual night parade. Edge youth are invited to walk behind the float and hand out items to the crowd. Please plan to join us for the fun....more info will be available as the date approaches.

2012 SPRING CALENDAR

EDGE Nights, Semester Theme: ~Sacraments~

In this semester, we are breaking open the seven Sacraments. The Edge Nights are grouped together as the Sacraments of Initiation, the Sacraments of Healing, and the Sacraments of Vocation. The nights will help the youth to understand each one of the sacraments, the deeper meanings behind the symbols, and how grace is imparted through the sacraments. This semester also gives the opportunity for the youth to see the sacraments celebrated.

~4:12 Retreat~

“Let no one have contempt for your youth, but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity.”

1 Timothy 4:12

This 8 hour retreat day held at St. Peter’s will focus on the meaning of living a chaste life. Chastity is more than remaining abstinent, but living pure in all ways of life. We will explore the concept of chastity through speaker presentations, skits and small group talks and activities. The day will end with a ceremony in which the youth take a “Purity Pledge” and attend Mass.

~Stations of the Cross & Soup Supper~

The EDGE youth will perform a shadow-drama of the Stations of the Cross followed by a soup supper. Youth volunteers will be needed for the performance and donations of Lenten soup and/or bread will be needed from the parents.

~Amazing Love Day Retreat~ (Tentative)

At this day retreat, the middle school youth will come to learn more about their Catholic faith and will be challenged to grow deeper in their relationship with Jesus Christ through learning about the Triduum: Holy Thursday, Good Friday & Holy Saturday.

~All-Nighter @ Austin’s Park~

This lock-in activity at Austin’s Park (located on I-35 just north of Austin in Pflugerville) includes Unlimited Video Arcade Games, Go-Carts, Bumper Boats, Miniature Golf, Rock Climbing Wall, and Laser Tag and pizza, pasta salad & soft drinks.

We will travel by chartered bus on a Fri night (around 10pm) and return Sat. morning around 8am. Adult chaperones will be needed for this no sleeping adventure!

JANUARY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4 Christmas Holiday ~ NO EDGE	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	26	27	28
29	30	31				

FEBRUARY						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
			1 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	2	3	4 4:12 RETREAT
5	6	7	8 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	9	10	11
12	13	14	15 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 ASH WEDNESDAY ~ NO EDGE	23	24 Stations of the Cross 6:30pm	25
26 1st Sunday Lent	27	28	29 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm			

MARCH						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4 2nd Sunday Lent	5	6	7 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	8	9	10
11 3rd Sunday Lent	12	13	14 SPRING BREAK ~ NO EDGE	15	16	17
18 4th Sunday Lent	19	20	21 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	22	23	24
25 5th Sunday Lent	26	27	28 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	29	30	31

APRIL						
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT
1 Amazing Love Day Retreat (Tentative)	2	3	4 HOLY WEEK ~ NO EDGE	5 Holy Thursday (See bulletin for Mass times)	6 Good Friday (See bulletin for Mass times)	7
8 Easter Sunday	9	10	11 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	12	13	14
15	16	17	18 EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 LAST EDGE 6:15-8:30pm	26	27 ALL-NIGHTER @ Austin's Park	28 ALL-NIGHTER @ Austin's Park
29	30					



PARENT SIGN UP FORM

2011-2012

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We LOVE teaching your youth about our amazing faith but we cannot do it with your help and support. Please prayerfully consider ways in which you are able to assist the EDGE ministry.

PARENT NAME(S): _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

BESTCONTACT NUMBER: _____

PLEASE INDICATE THE AREAS YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP:

CORE TEAM MEMBER

Check here if you are interested in helping as a core member or would like more information and Alice or Michelle will contact you.

CATERING CREW

- You will be put with 1-2 other families. If you have other families you want to partner with, list their names as well.
- You will be sent a confirmation email to confirm your requested and an email reminder with details as your date approaches.
- If you are unable to help by bringing & serving food, please consider donating an HEB gift card as your gift.

INDICATE YOUR PREFERRED DATE(S): _____

CATERING CREW CHIEF: If you would like to volunteer to come every week to help with set up, serving, clean up and assisting the parent volunteers for that week, we would LOVE to have you!

PARKING LOT CREW

Let us know the date(s) and time(s) (6:15-7pm or 8:25-8:45pm) you can help.

DATE(S): _____ TIME: _____

Or if you'd like to volunteer for a long term commitment (every 1st, 2nd, 3rd, Wed. etc....), just let us know.....we'll even get you an official shirt to wear!!

CHAPERONING

DRIVING

...will be requested as needed. If you know/think you will be able to help, please check the appropriate box(es) above and we will email the necessary forms we will need to have filled out.

Thank You for Signing Up!