2025-2026 OLA Youth Ministry

KIDS CLUB (3RD TO 5TH GRADE)

Mondays (twice a month) from 6-7:30pm in Moylan Hall

OLA's Kids Club is for all children, regardless of what school they attend, in 3rd through 5th grade! Kids Club meets twice a month on Monday evenings during the months of September to May. Each night starts with pizza for dinner, followed by fun and exciting games! We also have activities centered around learning about our Catholic faith, such as arts/crafts, scavenger hunts, etc. This is a great way to get your kids involved in the OLA community and make friends at church!.

EDGE WITH PURPOSE (6TH TO 8TH GRADE)

Sundays from 6:30-8pm in Moylan Hall

Our offering for Middle School Youth Ministry is Edge with Purpose. In Edge with Purpose, we strive to create an environment where our middle schoolers can deepen their knowledge of the faith, grow in relationship with Christ, and build community with their peers. Using Life Teen's middle school program, Edge, along with their confirmation program Purpose, the teens will receive the foundational preparation they need to move to the next step in their faith journey of confirmation.

Edge with Purpose meets weekly on Sunday evenings from 6:30 to 8pm, after the 5:30 Mass. We also have opportunities for retreats, service projects, and other activities and fun events offered throughout the year!

LIFE TEEN (9TH TO 12TH GRADE)

Sundays from 6:30-8pm in the Youth Room

Life Teen, our high school youth group, meets weekly on Sundays from 6:30-8pm in the Youth Room. We start dinner at 6:30, but the door is open following 5:30pm Mass. Each week, we come together to grow in our faith as missionary disciples of Jesus Christ and grow closer to each other as we encounter God in conversation and in one another. Our hope is that every teen who comes through our doors finds a place that feels like home and people they feel like they belong with. In addition to our weekly sessions, we also take students on retreats, various service opportunities, and other fun events throughout the year!

LOGISTICS

Attendance

Regular attendance is expected for all our options. In all groups the youth are required to sign in when they arrive. **Attendance is particularly important in the years prior and during sacramental preparation**. Please let us know if for any reason you and your family are having problems attending at the times offered.

In-person Drop-Off and Pick-Up

Parents are asked to let the Youth Ministry Team know if there is anyone who *should not* be allowed to pick-up their child.

Communication with Parents

Email is the primary source of communication. The email you give us on the registration form will be where we send all communications.

Registration and Fees

Parents need to register their children and youth to let us know they are interested in participating in our offerings. The registration asks for needed information such as emergency contacts, dietary restrictions, and special needs. The registration fee allows us to provide materials, food, and support to your child.

Please contact Nick Ables at <u>nables@olachurch.org</u> for scholarship information if needed.

VIRTUS Protecting God's Children

Priests, seminarians, deacons, religious, employees, contractors, and volunteers are required by the Archdiocese of Atlanta to participate in Safe Environment Training. Our Lady of the Assumption Church complies with Archdiocesan safe environment policies and procedures. Also, the Archdiocese uses a program from VIRTUS for children's formation each year. This gives the child opportunities to better understand Say no, leave the situation, and tell a trusted adult. During the registration process you are given the opportunity to opt out of this formation if you do not want your child to participate.

QUESTIONS?

Contact Nick Ables, Director of Youth Ministry, at <u>nables@olachurch.org</u>