

## Why they like being involved with Youth Ministry...

"I always have a great time and I make new friends!" Megan, 7th Grade



"I enjoy coming and learning more about my faith in a fun and exciting way." Olivia, 10th Grade

"Friends, food, God...what's not to love?" Kelly, 10th Grade



"I get my praise on at Life Teen!" Kyle, 9th Grade



"I enjoy coming to Life Teen because the Core Leaders are AWESOME!" Andrea, 9th Grade



"We have positive teachers, parents, and sponsors helping us get closer to God. All of the Core Team is funny, but not at the expense of others!" Thomas, 6th Grade



"Do not conform yourself to this age, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect." St. Paul; Romans, 12:2



Take Stock in Youth  
A St. Stephen the Martyr Youth Ministry Fundraiser...



# What is Take Stock in Youth?

Dear Friends and Family of St. Stephen the Martyr Youth,

This year we launched the Life Teen program for our high school students, as well as the EDGE program for our middle school youth. We have seen a tremendous growth in our youth ministry programs, and we are looking forward to continuing to grow even bigger and better this coming year!

But our youth need your help! Take Stock in Youth provides the funds for our junior and senior high youth activities throughout the entire year.

Thanks to your generosity last year, we have been able to launch these new programs in our parish, and we are already seeing the impact this has had on our youth.

St. Stephen's has been blessed with an abundance of absolutely amazing youth! We pray that you carefully discern how you can support the young people of our parish.

Thank you and God Bless!

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## What We've Been Up To:

Our youth are always involved with one thing or another! Here are a few ways we've kept busy this year:



**Brush-Up Nebraska:** Teamed up with the Knights of Columbus to fix-up and paint a home in North Omaha

**Trunk-or-Treat:** Our youth coordinated and sponsored this

spooktacular event, which was enjoyed by all of the boys and ghouls of our parish!

### Advent Angel Tree:

Collected much needed items for our parish pantry, EPS, the Open Door Mission, and the Winnebago Indian Mission



**Soup Supper:** Served soup and bread to over 400 parishioners on Ash Wednesday, with proceeds going to the St. Martin de Porre's Center

**Parent's Night Out:** Took care of and entertained over 300 children during two different occasions so that parents could have "a night out"

**Living Stations of the Cross:** A new tradition has begun! On Good Friday at Noon, our teens reenacted the Passion outside for our parish. Afterwards, lunch was served in the dining room.



## What to do, what to do?

There are so many ways to be involved! We're sure to have something for everyone...

**Life Teen:** On Sundays following the 6 PM Mass, high school teens gather to deepen and strengthen their relationship with Christ...and eat pizza  
**EDGE:** Based off of the Life Teen model, this middle school youth group meets on Tuesdays to actively learn more about their faith in a fun-filled way  
**Teen Pro Life Club:** Started-up by one of our teens, and supported by youth ministry, join us once a month to pray for an end to the war on life!  
**Steubenville Youth Conference:** This Eucharist-centered weekend will help teens to get fired up about not only loving, but *living* their faith

### What about Wednesdays?

Throughout the year, we will offer different small group opportunities on Wednesday nights...

**Theology of the Body for Teens:** Having a hard time deciding if he or she is the one, and staying pure in today's society? Well, let God help!

**TEEN FISH:** Friends in Shared Hope! Bring your friends and join us for this book study/prayer group

**Bible Geeks:** Think the Bible is boring? Think again! Meet us for these Bible studies and find out how it can apply to your everyday life

### We thank you for your generosity!!!

Whether it be through your prayers, your support, or your financial gifts, every little bit counts. After all, it really does take a parish to raise our youth!



More importantly, your donation will help to strengthen and deepen the faith of our youth today, forming the Catholic leaders of tomorrow!

## Take Stock in Youth Response Form

In consideration of my/our special interest in the youth of our parish, I/we commit to make a financial gift to TAKE STOCK IN YOUTH as follows:

MY/Our financial gift is \$\_\_\_\_\_.

- Full Amount enclosed
- \$\_\_\_\_\_ enclosed. The remainder of my/our gift will be paid
- Monthly  Quarterly
- Semi-annually  Annually
- Over a period of One Year  Other\_\_\_\_\_

My/Our gift will be matched by the following firm:\_\_\_\_\_

The name of the youth who asked me to donate is\_\_\_\_\_

Comments:

Name\_\_\_\_\_

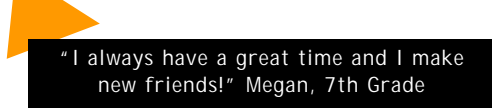
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*Please make checks payable to St. Stephen's Church. Your gift is tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.*

**God bless you for your generosity and thank you!**



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