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Dear Parents,

Welcome to another year of forming Youth Ministry traditions at St. John the Evangelist Parish. We are excited to continue building in the wonderful community of Essexville.

One of the biggest challenges of parents today is fitting everything in to an already packed schedule. Often there are not enough days in the week or hours in the day for all that our kids and we have on our plates. Many times something has to be **taken off** the schedule in order to 'get it all in' and make the ends meet. Unfortunately, we often put our faith and church related opportunities on the back burner. Why is that so? Because Church related activities and faith are not considered mandatory. They are always optional. We have to choose it with the gift we have been given – free will.

Yet, if we consider our ultimate goal in life – Eternity/Heaven – what could be more important?

Receiving the sacraments is very important. But, how do we live the sacramental life? Parents, as the first and most important teachers, have a huge responsibility to raise their kids **in the faith**. (This is one of our Baptismal Promises). The good news is you are not alone.

St. John's Youth Ministry Program may 'lighten the load'. We hope to reinforce all those good things you are teaching at home strengthening what you are already teaching your children. We are developing a program that will help the adolescent to live a sacramental life; giving them the skills to make good, sound, moral decisions based on Catholic Church teaching.

Please take a look at what is offered at St. John. Take a look at your schedules and see if it includes Mass and Church related activities or is it leaning more toward an overload of school activities and work.

God is forever patient. He patiently waits for us to find time for Him. He never forces us or says it is mandatory. He waits for us to choose. He waits for us to answer His call. Maybe the time is now!

Thank you for considering St. John's Youth Ministry programs in your family's schedule.

In His Name,

Father Ricky Varner

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REGISTRATION FORM for Grades 6-12

St. John the Evangelist Youth Ministry 2011-12

(Also available online at www.essexviljestjohn.com) Facebook: [St. John the Evangelist Parish Youth Ministry](#)

Please Print Clearly (For second household information - use the address space on the next page.)

Family Name: _____ Today's Date: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Home: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____ Work: (____) _____

Youth Participant's:

1) _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____ Grade as of Jan. 1, 2012: _____ School _____
Hobbies/skills _____ Email _____

2) _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____ Grade as of Jan. 1, 2012: _____ School _____
Hobbies/skills _____ Email _____

3) _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____ Grade as of Jan. 1, 2012: _____ School _____
Hobbies/skills _____ Email _____

4) _____ DOB: _____ Age: _____ Grade as of Jan. 1, 2012: _____ School _____
Hobbies/skills _____ Email _____

Sacraments Needed: (circle) Baptism Confirmation Reconciliation First Eucharist

Opportunities of Interest:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Open-Gym & Game Nights (last Sundays) | <input type="checkbox"/> World Youth Sunday Bon-Fire (Oct. 23) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Roman Missal 3 rd Edition (Oct/Nov) | <input type="checkbox"/> 6, 7, 8 grade Faith Form (weekday) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Formative Youth Meetings (2 nd Sundays) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cluster Parish Easter egg Hunt (Holy Sat. April 7) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Right to Life (Sept. 11) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making Moral Decisions (Oct. 9) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making Fleece Blankets for Shut-ins (Nov. 13) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Christmas Caroling (Dec. 11) | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Parish Mission (Jan. 16-18) (Mon., Tues., Wed.) | <input type="checkbox"/> Mass with the Graduates! |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Stewardship (Feb. 12) | <input type="checkbox"/> March for Life (January) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Living Stations of the Cross Practice (March 11) | <input type="checkbox"/> Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mercy Sunday Presentation (April 15) | <input type="checkbox"/> Theology of the Body (high school) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Budgeting Time & \$\$\$\$ 11/12 graders (May 13) | <input type="checkbox"/> Cedar Point (June 8) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Discipleship Camp - June for 6, 7, 8 graders | <input type="checkbox"/> Leadership Camp - June for 11-12 graders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ice Cream Social (July weekend following 4th) | <input type="checkbox"/> Steubenville Youth Conference (July) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Diocesan Youth Rally (August TBD) | <input type="checkbox"/> Kokomo's 6, 7, 8 graders (Aug. 28, 2012) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dinner with the Bishop: Young Men 7 th grade and up July 2012 | <input type="checkbox"/> Young Women: time with Religious |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Youth Ministry Planning Team (YMPT) | <input type="checkbox"/> Liturgical Ministry (Reading, Musician, Cross & etc.) |
- (Over Please)

Registering Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Information:

Mother: _____ Father: _____ M S D

Faith Tradition: Mother: _____ Father: _____

Address if different from youth: _____

City, State, Zip Code if different: _____

Phone: Day (____) _____ Evening: (____) _____ Cell: (____) _____

Email Address: _____

For Adult Participants:

In order for our Youth Ministry Programs to be successful, many volunteers are needed.

(All adults, 18 years of age and older, are required by Diocesan and Parish Policy to have Virtus training, background checks, and signed Standard of Behavior forms on file.) *Virtus is offered here at St. John.*

Check any chaperone role in youth ministry that may interest you:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer Driver | <input type="checkbox"/> Catechist for 6, 7, 8 grades Faith Formation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Serving snacks at our youth events | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Office Assistance (attendance/bulletin stuffers/ mailing) | <input type="checkbox"/> Virtus Training (Sept. 21) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Chaperone for Open-Gym & Game Nights (last Sundays) | <input type="checkbox"/> World Youth Sunday Bon-Fire (Oct. 23) |
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Comments and suggestions are valued and encouraged: _____
