



## The W.A.Y. 2021

Dear Parents and Youth,

It's time to make summer vacation more fun and inspirational for our middle school youth.

On behalf of the Catholic parishes of West Bend, we are pleased to be able to once again offer a summer program for youth who will be entering 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> grade. This is the seventeenth year that this program will be available at St. Mary's and the past sixteen years have been a great success. Students who have participated have enjoyed this opportunity to have some fun, spend some time with friends, and even grow in their relationship with the Lord.

The goal of this activity is to provide a safe, entertaining and faith-based atmosphere for summer recreation for middle school students. We wish to bring young people together in a parish setting where youthful enthusiasm can be channeled in a positive manner. We hope to provide opportunities to enjoy sports, games, music, and conversations that are consistent with our Catholic Christian values.

The primary facilitators will again be several faith-filled, young adults. Their own youthfulness gives them a special insight into the interests and concerns of kids and they have a unique maturity of faith and a commitment to share the Gospel with others. To enhance the safety of the environment, Directors of Religious Education, along with other adults over the age of 25 will also be present for the summer program sessions.

The flyer included with this letter contains the specific dates, location, and special activities planned. A required Parent/Guardian Permission slip and Code of Behavior Contract and Covid Contract are also enclosed. Students must bring these completed forms with them at their first participation. Face masks will be required for any indoor activities. Temperatures will be taken on arrival and hand sanitizing will be provided.

We invite you to encourage your child/children to take advantage of this opportunity. Parents we could also use your help:

Any questions, please call 262-338-5605.

God Bless,

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