



## Church of St. Patrick-Edina Middle School Faith Formation Grades 6 - 9: The Navigators

This program helps our Middle School youth chart a course for their lives through a series of learning experiences, varied worship opportunities, community-building events and service projects.

- **Grade 6** Wednesday 3:30 to 4:40pm **or** 4:45 to 6:00pm
  - The primary focus for this year is exploring our faith with emphasis on learning more about using the Bible. There are weekly presentations and small discussion groups. Several fun-filled social events will be held.
- **Grades 7-8** Wednesday 7:00 to 8:30pm
  - Students will begin preparation for Confirmation by meeting in small groups to discuss a variety of topics. Special worship and social experiences are planned. Seventh graders focus on Jesus, relationships and what it means to be Catholic. Eighth graders focus on morality, decision-making and social justice issues.
- **Grade 9** Wednesday 7:00 to 8:30pm
  - The preparation for Confirmation reaches completion during this school year. Weekly discussion sessions are scheduled, along with a year long service project. Focus includes Catholic beliefs as stated in our creed, sacraments and specifics of Confirmation. A pre-Confirmation retreat is held in April. The Rite of Confirmation takes place the first Monday in May at the Basilica of Mary in downtown Minneapolis.
- **Other Youth Activities**
  - **Retreats** are scheduled during the year in addition to both a summer camp and winter ski retreat experience.
  - **The Mexico Mission Trip** provides a totally different environment as students live out their faith in service to others in impoverished areas in Juarez, Mexico.
  - **Summer Camps** are offered to both junior and senior students and provide young people with the opportunity to come together and to grow in faith and make new friends.
  - **Drop-In Nights, Club Nights and Special Events** are held throughout the year. Check the Youth Ministry website for details @ <http://youth.stpatrick-edina.org>.

Refer to the Youth Ministry link on the parish website ([www.stpatrick-edina.org](http://www.stpatrick-edina.org)) to learn about:

- Compass & Navigator Leaders - Grades 10-12
- Quest for Young Adults - ages 21-35 yrs