

Small Group Gatherings

Will you accept the challenge of fostering a Small Group of (pre)teens as they grow in discipleship?

The goals of Small Group Gatherings are to support teens in a way that meets their social and spiritual needs. A small group will consistently meet at a place, day, and time that works for them. Ideally, small groups will be a single gender. In this group, they are supported by both friends and adult mentors; they meet in a casual, safe environment; discussion and Scripture readings promote a deepening of the faith.

Register* a Small Group Gathering with St Mary Youth Ministry and your group will:

- Receive a bag with group resources such as a Bible, the Youcat (youth catechism), rosaries, prayer cards of your patron saint, discussion topics and guidance, and bible study resources. Adult mentors will be invited to meet with the mentors of other groups and with the Youth Minister on a regular basis.
- If you complete the challenge below by January 1, 2022, your small group will be entered into a raffle to win tee shirts of your choosing from *Brick House in the City*.

*Unregistered groups may continue to meet but cannot be supported by the Parish due to PGC requirements.

The Small Group Challenge!

1. Invite two adults to serve as mentors. These adults must be in good standing with the Church and have completed Protecting God's Children and fingerprinting requirements. You yourself do not need to be the mentor unless you'd like to be.

2. Reach out to your child's friends, other parents, your young adult friends, etc. Form your small group. Ideally, a small group is either all boys or all girls and no more than 10 youths. Your child might not want to be in a small group if you are the mentor- find out who else is participating in the challenge.

3. Set a day, time, and place! _____

4. Meet at least once before January 1, 2022 and send a group picture to Sarah (skahaian@delawarestmary.org)!

5. Decide who will be your group's patron saint! _____

6. Turn in this form and receive your bag of goodies.

7. Keep meeting!