

Schedule of C.R.E.W. Nights

C.R.E.W. takes place in the Church Youth Room from 7:30 to 9 pm. Gathering and snacks are from 7 to 7:30 pm.

September 18*, 25

October 2, 9, 16, 23, 30*

November 6*, 13, 20

December 4, 11, 18*

January 8, 15, 22, 29

February 12, 19, 26

March 4, 11, 18, 25*

April 1*, 15, 22, 29

May 6

*special group activity, time, location

Please watch the Herald for any date changes or trips that C.R.E.W. may take.

Special Events

September 18-Kickball Kickoff

Starts at 2 pm, at Starr Jaycee Park on 13 Mile Rd. just east of Crooks.

November 6-Ministry Training

Lector and EMHC training will take place in the Church from 7:15-8:30 pm. There will also be a C.R.E.W. night taking place in the Youth Room for high school students not attending Ministry Training.

October 30-Trunk or Treat

Starts at 2pm in the Church's Northwood Blvd. parking lot.

December 18-Family Potluck

Family potluck in the Youth Room, 7:30-9 pm.

March 25-Stations of the Cross Practice

7-9 pm in the Church.

April 1-Stations of the Cross Practice

7-9 pm in the Church.

*"Dear young people,
do not be satisfied with
anything less than Truth and
Love, do not be content with
anything less than Christ."*

-Pope Benedict XVI, Homily given to all young people at the Vigil in Madrid, Spain, World Youth Day 2011

Adolescent Spirituality & the Role of Parents

As youth mature, they often enter a questioning phase of spiritual development. Properly respected, this can ultimately lead to the ownership of faith. Parent and adult role models play an important part at this time and studies show adolescents want their families to be involved, even if they do not always express it. Parents set examples by instilling strong faith practices in the home and through regular Sunday worship, providing a solid foundation for their teens.

National Shrine of the Little Flower



C.R.E.W.

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What is C.R.E.W.?

C—Catholic. As a Catholic youth group we practice the Catholic faith and show teens how to live their faith during a time that so many tend to lose it.

R—Relationships. There are many relationships that we continually work on, the number one relationship being with Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church. We also learn how to work on the other relationships in our lives that may need mending during the teenage years like that with parents, friends and the opposite sex.

E—Evangelization. It is important that teens know that their faith is not something they put in a jar on a shelf, but it should exude from every pore in their body and show through every action.

W—Worship. This is essential to the practice of our Catholic faith. Teens worship together, with the community and learn why we worship the way we do. We emphasize the power of prayer and worship and show teens not to be ashamed of practicing their faith.

C.R.E.W. Nights

C.R.E.W. (Catholic, Relationships, Evangelization, and Worship) are four important characteristics to instill in our teens now to keep them involved in their Catholic faith for life.

Most Sundays of the month, teens will gather in the Youth Room at the Church. Throughout the year, special events will take place that can be found listed under “Special Events.”

C.R.E.W. Nights Continued

Each Sunday begins with an opening prayer, re-examination of that Sunday’s Gospel, the topic for that evening and concludes with a closing prayer. There are many different ways that our faith is presented to the teens including games, discussions, skits, service, and more.

The C.R.E.W. will also be meeting with Youth Groups from other parishes in the area. This Archdiocesan effort will get teens together and allow all to see that faith expands beyond our Parish walls.



Expectations

Just as Jesus called His disciples to be active in the ministry, participants are expected to join in discussions and activities, being attentive and considerate of adults and other teens.

At each C.R.E.W. night we will have a “cell phone drop box” that all teens are expected to put their phones (turned off) in as they enter the door. The drop box will be secure in the Youth Room with us. After our closing prayer, teens will be able to pick up their cell phones before going home. Being able to disconnect from everything is something that none of us are used to. By keeping the cell phones out of our hands and pockets during youth group, the teens are able to focus on the evening and give full attention to the adults and other teens that they are spending the time with.

Fundraising

C.R.E.W. hosts a variety of fundraising events to help reduce the cost of mission trips and group events. It is important for teens to be involved in fundraising since the money raised at each event will go towards the participating teen’s costs for each trip. We also encourage families to get involved in fundraising and help find new ways to raise money for the group to keep costs down and make it possible for all teens to be involved.

Parent Resources and Communication

The *Shrine Herald*, our church bulletin, features a section where all events, calendar changes, liturgies, service project opportunities, and family events will be detailed. Back issues of the Herald and additional resources for parents and teens are available on the church’s website www.shrinechurch.com. Be sure to check these sources often.

Each month there will be a newsletter distributed to the teens at C.R.E.W. that will include events for the next month and feature articles and other local events that pertain to the faith of all teens.

One book all teens will be asked to acquire is the “Youcat.” This Youth Catechism breaks down the Catechism of the Catholic Church into terms and a format that teens can comprehend.

Also, be sure to make C.R.E.W. your friend on facebook! Just search for “Shrine Crew” and send us a friend request. This is a great way to keep in contact with other teens during the week and get news about upcoming events.