

Edge Parents 2018

“The **family that prays together, stays together** and if you stay together, you will love one another with the same love with which God loves each one of us. Love begins in the family. Peace begins in the family. Where there is love there is unity, peace, and joy.” *St. Teresa of Kolkata*

Mission: *faith and Good friends*

The purpose of Edge is to provide an opportunity outside of home or school for your child to encounter the person of Jesus and to build authentic community. Throughout the year, your child will have the opportunity to learn more about his/her faith in a fun and safe environment. Tuesday bible studies will be the Living Water that enlivens your child's personal knowledge of Christ, and our new Family Holy Hours will give you the opportunity to encounter the Lord with your child and live your faith as a family. Middle school is a difficult time for anyone; the Edge ministry is another avenue for your child to learn that his/her identity is found in Christ.

Parent Involvement

Parents are the primary catechists for the family. You play a huge role in your child's faith formation. This ministry needs your help, both in bringing your child to events, and in your participation. I am inviting you, as parents, to join me in serving the Edge youth. Volunteer as an Edge Core Team member! This will allow you to come and help the youth dive deeper in the Edge curriculum by facilitating games, small groups, and community. If you don't have the opportunity to volunteer, I am also asking for parents to provide dinner for the Edge nights (casseroles, sandwiches, mac & cheese, etc.). Sharing a meal together is an awesome way to start the night and bring everyone together. Finally, I ask that you make an effort to pray with your family. We are offering a family holy hour once a month this semester that will involve a short reflection based on the scripture your children are studying, adoration, and praise & worship. Being with your child as you adore the Lord will set a precedent and example for your family, and can start conversations about faith in your home. Please consider contributing your time and talents to Edge.

A Bit About Me: *Delaney Walsh*

The Lord has done so many things in my life to bring me here to Mercy! I grew up Catholic and the oldest of two girls in Covington, LA. Faith was encouraged in our home, but not something we talked about as a family. I attended Catholic school from 4th-12th grade, but did not know what having a personal relationship with Jesus meant until college. At the beginning of my sophomore year at LSU I had a profound encounter with the Holy Spirit, and knew that I needed to shift the priorities in my life. I got involved at

Christ the King Catholic Student Center on campus, at first just by attending two bible studies a week. I soon was immersed in a community on fire for the Lord and living in authenticity! Jesus provides y'all! As a student, I lead bible studies, small groups, and praise & worship. I am confident in the formation that my time in college has offered. I have worked for the past two years as a camp counselor at Camps Kahdalea & Chosatonga, whose mission is to form young men and women in virtue and goodness. In December 2016, I spent two weeks in Kolkata, India volunteering with Mother Teresa's sisters in a home for handicapped women. That experience helped form my understanding of servant leadership and the inherent dignity of each soul. I have experience as a core team member of a youth group in Mandeville, LA and as an adult leader on Mercy's March for Life bus. I am so excited for this next adventure, and I look forward to the great gift of facilitating opportunities for your children to encounter Jesus.



Semester Theme: Joy & the Rosary
Bible Study Theme: Love & Mercy