

Peer Ministry Information

The St. Gall Peer Ministry Team involves high school teens in grades 9 through 12 in serving, leading, and supporting their peers as they develop a deeper experience of God's love.

Through skits, talks, games, prayer, retreat, and personal example of Christian living, the peer ministry team will help foster in their fellow teens a life-changing encounter with Jesus Christ.

Team members should: have a personal understanding of Christ and an openness to growing in faith, have a desire and willingness to share that understanding with others, be spiritually and emotionally healthy, be free of serious wrong-doing in their life, and be enrolled in high school.

Applicants need to know and understand that this commitment to the peer ministry team involves a deep responsibility in time and challenge. Consistent attendance, a commitment to daily prayer and the willingness to serve peers is essential. *Warning: Your involvement in peer ministry could change your life!*

A member of the peer ministry team will experience hard work, the support and encouragement of a faith community, a sense of fulfillment and the accomplishment, spiritual challenge and growth, the satisfaction of serving others, and lots of fun.

Applications should be filled out and returned by August 1, 2010 and the commitment is from August 29th, 2010 to May 15, 2011. Team members are required to attend peer ministry planning meetings that will be held each Monday evening from 6:00-7:00pm. Additionally, a forum faith discussion group open to all high school students will be held on Mondays from 7:00-8:30pm. Peer ministers are expected to attend for their own faith formation. Of course, there are always times when there are conflicts. Please don't let being in band and missing Monday evenings for the first couple months. Also, there are always times when there is too much homework or sports conflicts. If you have to miss a meeting, you just need to let Megan know ahead of time.

Our first Peer Ministry meeting will be Monday, August 30th. Attached you will also find the Peer Ministry event calendar for the year of the events that our Peer Ministry team will be leading. This is for you to have way in advance so you can avoid being scheduled for work or other things when there is a retreat, etc.

If you were in Peer Ministry last year, please fill out the attached application again, as that way I will have the most up to date contact information as well as you will have grown in your faith since you filled out your application last.

Any other questions? Ask Megan! 365-0980 or megan@stgall.com

Peer Ministry Application- DUE AUGUST 1st, 2010

Name: _____ Grade/Yr: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Please complete the following questions as completely and thoroughly as possible. Please print or type legibly. Feel free to use the back or a separate sheet of paper if necessary.

1. Why do you want to be a part of the Peer Ministry Team?

2. Please describe your current relationship with God.

3. In what ways does your faith typically influence your daily life?

4. What activities do you plan on participating in during the next year? (i.e. football, band, work, etc.)

5. Do you feel that you will be able to participate as a member of the Peer Ministry Team in addition to the activities previously listed?

Additional Comments:

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parents: I agree to support my teen in their decision to be involved in Peer Ministry this year and will assist my teen as necessary.

Signature _____ Date: _____

Covenant/Lifestyle Agreement

Jesus, in his life and ministry, showed us how to live in the world while remaining dedicated to God. The St. Gall Peer Ministry Team has chosen to use Jesus and his disciples as the team model which they will attempt to follow.

- I will commit myself to respect and follow our adult team leaders and to serve on the team in the manner they request of me.
- I will help build our community by being consistent in attendance and by treating the other members as I would like to be treated.
- I desire to follow Jesus. Therefore, I will commit myself to serving others, remembering that what I do should bring glory to God and not to myself.
- I will do my best to share the good news of Jesus Christ through my words and prayers, and especially by my actions.
- I will choose to follow the teachings of the Church, and to observe carefully the rules the Church has established.
- I will commit myself to a lifestyle that will be a model to my peers. I will avoid the use of drugs, alcohol, sex, profanity, negative talk, and gossip.
- I will commit myself to pray on a daily basis for myself and the members of my team, and will seek guidance from the Holy Spirit.

Signature _____ Date _____

Peer Ministry 2010-2011 Events Calendar

Planning Meetings will be on Monday evenings from 6-7pm.

Events Peer Ministry is leading this year:

September 12th: Confirmation Retreat 11am-4pm (juniors and seniors only)

October 29th-30th: High School Retreat here 7pm-5pm

December 17th-28th: Middle School Retreat here 7pm-5pm

January 21st-22nd: Middle School Retreat at St. Peter 7pm-5pm

February 18th-19th: Middle School Retreat at St. Thomas More

March 3rd-5th: Thursday & Friday 4pm-10pm, Saturday 8am-10pm

April 15th-16th: Middle School Retreat at Our Lady of Victory

May 14th-15th: High School Retreat/Peer Ministry recruitment 7pm-4pm