

## High School Youth Ministry FAQ

### Is High School Youth Group still happening on Thursday evenings?

No. Small Group ministry is the latest evolution of high school youth group. In an effort to lead high school youth to encounter Christ and to equip them to live as life-long disciples, it is crucial to build strong relationships. Small group ministry offers the most flexible way of reaching students who are seeking to deepen their faith and strengthen their Christian community. Small group ministry also offers the most effective opportunity for our committed adult volunteers to build trusting relationships with students.

*An additional layer, one we could not have predicted when we began discussing these changes, is that small group ministry is the setting that will continue to keep the health and safety of our parish community at the forefront as we phase back into larger social and worship gatherings.*

Large group, special event ministry gatherings for fellowship, worship, service, and guest speakers will be scheduled throughout the year and published as appropriate.

### How is small group formation different than religion class or PSR?

High school small groups are focused on relationship with each other, encountering Christ, and living out our faith *together*. Small groups seek to grow in spiritual, human, intellectual, and pastoral formation through participation in sacraments, reading scripture, hearing testimony, having conversation, playing games, and living in authentic friendship. A small group is about being in authentic relationship with one another and helping each other grow in our faith.

### Why is there a cost?

The cost associated with any small group registration is to cover the formation content and resource expense. Therefore, the cost is unique to each small group's formation content and will be listed in the small group registration form.

If you are unable to pay for any reason or if you have any questions, please contact Laura Ginikos at [lginikos@stbrigidofkildare.org](mailto:lginikos@stbrigidofkildare.org). St. Brigid does not want cost to be a barrier to participation.