

Hello everyone,

I'm thrilled to introduce myself as the new high school youth minister here at Ave Maria, as of August 13th, 2024. I am truly excited to embark on this journey with all of you and see what God has in store for our community!

I feel blessed to join such a vibrant parish, and I've heard nothing but wonderful things about our community. I can't wait to meet each and every one of you! Here are a few things about me: I love spending time outdoors, regardless of the weather. Whether it's hiking, paddleboarding, or snowboarding, you'll often find me embracing nature. I also have a 7-month-old rescue puppy named Sage, who we believe is a German Shepherd-Husky mix. She's incredibly sweet, and we enjoy our walks and playtime together. My mornings start with prayer and a workout—I find it energizing and essential for my day. I have a background in exercise physiology, nutrition, and nursing.



My transition into youth ministry felt like a calling from God, and I am grateful for the courage He gave me to make this leap. I've had the privilege of working with high schoolers in various settings, and I absolutely love this stage of life. My own faith has deepened significantly over the past five years as I faced health challenges. This period of questioning and growth strengthened my relationship with the Lord, who saved my life and inspired me to dedicate it to Him through youth ministry. I am passionate about helping others recognize their unique worth and thrive in their individuality.

I hope you're aware of the synod taking place at our parish. If not, I encourage you to learn more about it. We have some exciting initiatives underway, and we'd love for you to be involved. Please visit the bulletin or our parish website for more details: [Ave Maria Synod Information](#). Therefore, in October, there will be no group classes or meetings to allow everyone to participate fully in the synod.

Youth group will begin on Sunday, November 3rd. While this may seem like a wait, we believe it's essential to engage in the synod's activities. In the meantime, I will be sending out content for the high schoolers to review and discuss with their families. Stay tuned for more information! Parents, I also have a book available on raising pure teens if anyone is interested.

To kick things off, we're planning a movie and game night for high schoolers and their parents on Sunday, September 29th at 5:30pm. Please save the date! I'll be sending out an RSVP with all the details soon.

Feel free to stop by the office, reach out by email, or give me a call if you have any questions or just want to say hi. I'm also here to pray for you, so if you have any prayer requests, please let me know. I would deeply appreciate your prayers for our youth group this year. Thank you!

Blessings,

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