



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

CRESCENT SPRINGS, KY

## Youth Ministry

Hi there! My name is Brad Whittle, and I'm very honored and excited to serve you and your family as St. Joseph's new Youth Minister! I can't wait to get to know you and to pray with you. When I reflect upon Saint Joseph, our patron Saint, two beautiful virtues come to mind: gentleness & humility. Saint Joseph is not recorded in Sacred Scripture as having said a word; he simply hears the will of God and carries it out with beautiful fatherhood. What a wonderful example of *fiat*; of saying yes to God! It is my sincere hope and daily prayer to lead the youth of this parish to Christ in every way that I can and after the model of Saint Joseph, who hears the will of the Lord and does it in gentleness & humility. I'm here at the service of *you* and *your family*!

I would love to get to know you! I'm not overly fond of talking all about myself, but I realize it will be helpful right now for you to get to know me, so here's a bit about me! I grew up in Burlington, KY at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish where I was heavily involved in Youth Ministry for many years. I attended SHDHS and graduated in 2015. I then studied Secondary Education at the University of Cincinnati, and upon my graduation, I entered seminary formation for the Diocese of Covington to discern priesthood. After 3 years of formation, I discerned out of seminary and worked as a Music Director & Pastoral Associate at St. Augustine in Covington, where I met my wife Heidi and my son Abram. I have an MA in Catholic Philosophy and I'm finishing another in Catholic Theology. I love to woodwork, fix cars, and play music! My son really likes Roblox (he just started to make his own games on it), and my wife loves to bake (she's *very* good, she'll probably make you cookies at some point).

If you ever have an idea for Youth Ministry, please feel free to reach out to me. I'm here *for you*! Please know that I pray for you daily and ask that you please pray for my family!

Brad Whittle, Youth Minister

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## Communication Method

A number of our parents feel that having a GroupMe for 8-12<sup>th</sup> grade Youth Ministry is the most effective method of communication for events, polls, and general Christian community. This GroupMe currently has five VIRTUS trained adults included, and all messages are public to the entire group. This follows the Safe Environment policy of the diocese. If you would like to join the group as a parent, you may do so by scanning the QR code on the bottom of this page. If you'd like your child to join the GroupMe, it is *essential* for us to have your written permission. Please fill out the information below and return it to me. This can be done in person or via an emailed photo of this page.

My child, \_\_\_\_\_, has my permission to join the St. Joseph Youth Group GroupMe.

Printed name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email this form to Brad Whittle at [bwhittle@stjosephcsky.org](mailto:bwhittle@stjosephcsky.org). Upon submitting this form, Brad will send you the GroupMe link via email!

## **General Youth Ministry Photo Permission**

It can often be helpful for a new group to grow if others are able to see what's happening. For us, this is especially impactful when we are able to post about our Youth Ministry events. Photos and videos of activities such as games, engaging with a guest speaker, or worshipping at adoration, may encourage others to join. Please sign below to allow us to utilize photos and videos for website/social media purposes that may include your child. This can be returned in person or via email.

St. Joseph Parish has my permission to take photos or videos (which may be posted on the website/social media of St. Joseph Parish) of my child \_\_\_\_\_.

Printed name of Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_