

# SGM Life Teen Noteworthy News

St. George & St. Mary Life Teen

## COMING UP

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

**June 11**—Life Night 6-8pm

**June 24**—NB Farmers Market 8am-12pm

**June 25**—Life Night 6-8pm

**June 27**—Holiday World

**July 7-9**—Steubenville

**July 16**—Life Night 6-8pm

## VISION STATEMENT

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## SENIOR SPOTLIGHT

Name: Jakob Reedy

Age: 18

Years in Ministry: 3

After high school I plan on doing a summer internship at Sydenstricker & Nobbe and then attending the Sydenstricker & Nobbe Academy where I will graduate & be hired on after graduation. Life Teen has become such a huge part of my life. I moved to Illinois the summer going into my sophomore year so I didn't know anyone & had no connections until a member from church & Life Teen reached out to me.

After that I met many people who I would consider life long friends & family who push me on an emotional level, as well as, on a spiritual level. Life Teen has given me many great memories but my favorite would have to be our summer camp trip to Georgia. I bonded with many people from our parish & felt a strong connection grow between everyone I was around. I think it put a lasting impression on everyone that attended. That is what makes it so special to me. From my short time being a member of Life Teen, I have grown as a person, a member of the community & parish & that is something I that I owe to the Life Teen leaders & members. I am very grateful.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

We want to give a big congratulations to our teens who received Sacraments this spring! Brooke Goetter and Jamie Hendrix both received their First Communion & Confirmation at the Easter Vigil. Aiden Norbury received the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 20 with the 2023 class. We are so proud of these teens and their commitment to their faith. Please keep them in prayer as they continue to grow in and learn about their faith. Congratulations, Brooke, Jamie & Aiden!



## NEW SERIES: A WOLF IN SHEEP'S CLOTHING

Saint Thomas Aquinas names four primary categories people often use as substitutes for God: wealth, power, pleasure, & status. These four areas are alluring & promise safety & security but are waiting to devour us if we trust them too much. Unfortunately, when relying on these "goods" to comfort us, we forget where we should truly place our trust & create substitutes for God rather than trusting Him. Throughout this series, we will take a closer look at each of these substitutes & how they can adversely affect our relationship with the Father if we are not careful about how we view and use them.

The goal of "Wolf In Sheep's Clothing" is for our teens to recognize the four substitutes for God identified by St. Thomas Aquinas and gain insight on how to be counter-cultural by choosing Christ-like virtues.

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**Quotable Quotes**

"LT is a place where we can share our honest opinions"

Lexie Oster, junior

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Name: Brooke Goetter

Age: 17

Years in Ministry: 3

I have been in LT for almost 3 years. Once I graduate, I plan to attend a 4-year University (maybe SEMO!) and major in criminal justice with a minor in Spanish and I'll probably play college softball. Life Teen genuinely means so much to me and has become a huge part of my life. I love being involved in the church and being a disciple of God to help others! Youth ministry is important in the parishes and to me because it provides character and can teach anyone valuable life lessons. My favorite part of Life Teen has been being given the opportunity to attend Camp Covecrest. That was truly a turning point in my life. The relationships that I have built through LT will be ones I will always cherish and keep close to my heart. The people I have been surrounded by at LT have been friends connected through Christ and I believe "the man upstairs" brought all of us together for a great purpose. Throughout high school, I have been able to stay in the church because of my LT leaders, Dana, Kassie and Kailey, and their endless support to the program. Without them, I wouldn't have been able to find my true self. I was able to find my passion in the Catholic faith and I was confirmed and received my first communion this past Easter. I was also able to start the FCA program back at Lebanon High School this year! I'm so incredibly grateful to have had Life Teen as a part of my life! I will never forget the lessons I have learned and I will continue to be a faithful person after high school. Thank you, SGM Life Teen!



## STEUBENVILLE MID-AMERICA RETREAT

We will be taking a group of 17 teens to the Steubenville Mid-America Retreat in Springfield, MO in just a few weeks! This retreat is a high-energy youth conference with around 5,000 young people invited to encounter Jesus through dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, small groups & fellowship with other teens. This year's retreat theme is Refuge which comes from the scripture passage Matthew 11:28. The goal is for teens to leave knowing that they have refuge in Jesus & in His Church. And for them to know that Jesus isn't just one option among many to answer the longing on our hearts but that He's the ONLY answer. With Him, we have the promise of a faith that is unshakable, the Church as our refuge & guide and a God who never wearies of loving us. Please pray for us as we prepare for this retreat!

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"Camp helped give me appreciation for the beauty that God has created, & appreciation for my opportunities to see it."

Eleanor Humphreys, junior