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And just like that.....it's September.....

And just like that....I'm back!

As many of you know, Shawn Willox, who was with us last year, has moved to Florida with his family.

That means – I'm back with Youth Ministry – and loving it! I'll still be doing Adult Education as Pastoral Associate – but I'm thrilled to be doing Youth Ministry as well!

And I'm thrilled to have Noah Gonring sharing Youth Ministry with me! Noah will be working with Freshman in Bagels & Basics, with mini-courses etc. – and all manner of wonderful thing. We are very blessed to have him join our staff!

## "A note from the New Guy

For those who I have yet to meet: Hello! My name is Noah Gonring, and I am the new Youth Ministry Associate. I went to school at OP. went to high school at Memorial and did my Confirmation preparation through QP, and am now a parishioner once again since moving back to Madison after graduating from college. I am super excited to be back, and to join you all on your faith journeys. Please feel free to pull me aside to say hi, to catch up, or to chat about pretty much anything! I look forward to it!" - Noah

And Noah and I are thrilled to be back doing Youth Ministry together, we know that with the beginning of high school...everything is changed for you....

So we want to make sure that you know that we are here for you...that your faith community is here to help you navigate the next step, and the step after that.... We want you to know that you are not alone; that God is always there for you, that we are here for you, and that your entire family of faith is there for you too.

So – we are looking forward to walking this next phase of your journey with you in faith.

As the enclosed fabulously color-coded schedule will show you, we begin with our Freshman AND parents on September 24<sup>th</sup>. It would be great if your registration forms (enclosed) be returned by that date. That day we will talk about high school, about faith, about your faith journey in high school....so many things – all with the help of Fr. Brian and Team Jesus!

With the beginning of Faith Formation and Youth Ministry we have SO many fun things planned for this year: trips to Holy Hill, 2 summer mission trips, Feed My Sheep, the 99<sup>th</sup> Capitol Christmas Pageant, late night overnights, Mass Band, and all KINDS of things.... And it all begins on September 24<sup>th</sup>

So – we hope that you will join us!

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