I'm a Senior!

What can I offer youth ministry?

One of the roles of "older folks" in the Church is to 'bless' younger members.
'Blessing' can take many forms, for example: mentoring, listening, encouraging, affirming, and praying.

- Pray for young people! One of the greatest gifts and one most in need.
- If you love to bake, volunteer to make some goodies for an upcoming youth event! If you are crafty, make your craft and donate to the youth for a fundraising raffle. If you are skilled in carpentry, offer to apprentice a group of youth once or twice per month.
- Share your story and listen to theirs!
- If you see a young person involved at Mass, volunteering in the community, or sharing their gifts at school, be sure to let them know, and let them feel appreciated!
- Support the leaders and volunteers working with young people. Written notes of thanks go a long way.

A Prayer for Youth

We offer to you, loving God, the gifts and needs of our youth.

Bless them with your guiding grace as they face the challenges and opportunities in their lives.

Touch their hearts with the gentleness of your love, that they may know they are valued, and valuable.

Send your Spirit of hope to their lives, that they may believe in themselves and know they are needed in this world.

Grace them with the gift of joy that they may celebrate life through laughter and tears alike.

Guide us, as we continue to grow in our appreciation of the many gifts of young people, in the ministry opportunities we offer to them, in the journey of faith we walk with them, in our shared mission of discipleship in the world.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.