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## DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY

My name is Elise and I am heading into my second year of working at St. Benedict Church. I was born and raised in Wisconsin where my three older sisters, parents and nieces/nephews still reside. I graduated from Franciscan University of Steubenville in 2015 with Theology and Catechetics.

I love running and being outdoors, reading, listening to Steve Moakler, *Just Dance*, watching Packer games and spending time with Jesus in adoration. My favorite saints are St. Peter Julian Eymard, St. Margaret Mary Alogue and St. Therese of Lisieux.

This youth ministry position brought me to Alaska almost a year ago and I am very blessed and excited that it did (through God's will). I have been able to experience many new things such as seeing moose in my front yard and intersections, hiking up a mountain with students and being able to attend my first World Youth Day in Poland!

## WHAT I DO.

I minister to the High School Youth and Young Adults by putting on various events, mentoring and overseeing sacramental preparation. Our parish is a happening place with events every week and/or weekend.

**Youth Nights** (High School) are every Wednesday night from 7-9pm in the Upper Room. During the summer we have Sunday Events in the afternoons such as sports, movie nights, bonfires...etc. Check the website under [Upcoming Events](#) for details!

**Young Adult Nights** (18-35 years old) are every other Thursday (2nd and 4th) of the month. We do sports or community events the 2nd Thursday and movie nights with discussion the 4th Thursday. We will also be having Monday Night Dinners throughout the summer! (Contact me for details)

**Leadership Team** is comprised of High School students wanting to take that next step in their faith by reaching out to other students around them, growing deeper in their relationship with Christ through a Leadership Team Retreat and prayer nights, planning youth events and truly seeking to know and spread their Catholic faith.



Pictured with my father Deacon Dan on his visit in August 2016.

