

YOUTH NEWS & VIEWS

Spring, 2014

Greeting friends!

Yesterday was Ash Wednesday. The church was full! It's not a holy day of obligation, but it is a season of renewal. Time to reflect on our lives and get more serious about our faith.



I used to dread the season of Lent. Our family turned off the TV for 40 days and we knelt around the bed and said the rosary every night before going to bed. We also gave up candy. I really don't remember having much candy at our house, but that was a big deal.

Now that I'm an adult and can decide on my own spiritual sacrifices. I'm glad that my parents made such a big deal out of Lent because it really is a big deal!

RETREAT NEWS

Thanks to all of you that attended the **Peace & Justice Summit**. They are: Adam Blackburn, Sarah Roark, Rosie Engles, Matthew Dickerson, Caillin Harrell, Andres Caldres, Rachel Forbes, and Carolyn Rowe. Awesome team: **Tony Butwin, Linnea Miller, Tina Elliott, Randy Alexander, Katie Hackett, Emilee Roark, Marcia Lane-McGee, and myself!**



SENIOR RETREAT: It was a great retreat for the 31 youth from the Archdiocese that attended. Thanks to those from our parishes who participated: Adam LaGrange, Adam Blackburn, Reagan Boling, Lauren Vidal, Laura Mascari, and Carmen Nickels.

"Faith Remix" March 22-23, Camp Rancho in Nashville, IN. This is an awesome retreat and grades 9-12 are welcome! I will have registration forms soon!

PASSION MIME



Two performances: Palm Sunday, 11:00 Mass, (April 13), and Good Friday, at Sacred Heart, 7:00 pm (April 18). There will be two mandatory rehearsals. When I get the group together we will find the times that fit everybody's schedule. Those who signed up: Adaire Ervin, Veronica Miller, Adam Blackburn, Gabby Camelleri, Sierra Sawtelle, Sean Elia, Rachel Forbes, Alex Curry, and Matthew Dickerson. **(I still need two boys!)**

Sunday Night Classes

March 9	Confirmation	Forgiveness & Reconciliation	Brian & Laura
March 9	9-10 grades	Our Blessed Mary	Bill
March 16	All 4 grades	"Here I Am, Lord"	Fr. John
April 13	All 4 grades	Easter & Resurrection	Emilee & Kim



CONFIRMATION info

- ✚ April 13 Last class & senior celebration
5:00 – 6:45 pm
- ✚ April 27 Practice in church (with sponsor if possible) 5:00 – 6:45pm
- ✚ May 4th Confirmation (Mass) followed by reception 5:00 pm
- ✚ May 4th Group photo in church 4:00 pm

Looking for a Saint's name for Confirmation? I found this site to be a good one: Catholicsaint.org. I love reading stories about saints! Let me know if you need help!

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS



As most of you know, I will be retiring on June 30th. I feel so blessed to be a part of your lives and I will miss you! I have no idea what God is calling me to do next. I do want a part time job so if you hear of anything, please let me know. This is not my farewell letter so I'll save that for later!

The parishes will be divided differently. It will help with numbers of youth to be more evenly divided, and it brings the 2 Franciscan parishes together. So this is what it looks like:

St. Benedict & St. Joseph University

St. Patrick, Sacred Heart of Jesus, and St. Margaret Mary

Two Youth Ministers will be hired and will work together. Their offices will be at the Deanery Center. I'm very excited about the plan. Hopefully they will bring new energy and new ideas!



“Whatever plans you have for us, Father, may we always be open to whatever your will is for our lives and be able to accept the grace to follow wherever you lead us. I ask this in the name of Jesus, Amen.” From: “Stories of Jesus”

SERVICE PROJECT The Freshmen & Sophomores are encouraged to serve dinner at the Light House Mission on **Sunday, April 27; 4:45 – 6:00 pm.** We will need a few adults with this group because many of us will be at Confirmation practice that evening!



More service projects BRING ON Sunday night please!!

Can you help out with the **BACKPACK Mission!** Here's how you can get involved!

Please bring non- perishable food items to class on Sunday evening! Example: peanut butter, jelly, applesauce, mac n cheese, and any kind of food that would fit in a backpack. The students get free lunches at school, but there is no food when they go home! Mary Ervin is collecting food for **Terre Town School!**

Can you help? Kathy Bannon will be collecting toilet paper and if you would like to help with this much needed service project that would be awesome! The donations will go to the **Table of the Good Shepherd**. Please bring your donations on Sunday night!

INDIANA NAZARETH FARM IN BROWN COUNTY – July 25-29

This is an amazing week of meeting young people from other parishes and learning about and the four cornerstones of Community, Service, Prayer, and Simplicity. Signed up: Adaire Ervin, Gabby Comelleri, Sierra Sawtelle, Veronica Miller, Triston Blevins, Sean Elia, Sarah Roark, and Matthew Dickerson.

NAZARETH FARM IN WEST VIRGINIA ----June 22-28

This is also a very powerful and fun Mission Trip. You will meet youth and leaders from all over the country. We live a simplistic life style, work with families that always have great stories and many needs, and God always has wonderful ways to teach the importance of prayer on our worksites and at our home (the farm!)

Those that signed up: Andres Calderon, Alex Curry, Sean Elia, Sierra Sawtelle, Gabby Camelleri, Matthew Dickerson and Adam Blackburn. Adult leaders ?

Peace, Joy, and Gratitude,

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