

# Religious Education

We Are Called To Be Saints



The Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

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## The Fun-Crazy Youth Group!

Lead by Michael Smith and Nikki Miller!

This year in youth group we are trying to take things up a notch. Last year we would get together, eat some donuts, talk about the Gospel and other things that we could do. This year we are focusing more on action. Once we have gone through the Gospel we ask ourselves, "How will this change our Monday?" After all, reading the Gospel is an encounter with Christ, and just as in the Gospels themselves we should be changed after an

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2<sup>nd</sup> Graders

encounter with Christ. Sometimes this can be hard but we go around the table (that has plenty of room for visitors) and talk about how the reading affects us and how we can put that into action each week.

It's not all study though we have been getting competitive this year. There have been games of Jenga, Squeez-the-Scale, The Pull and the most recent favorite GROG! In the very near future we plan on attending the Monicals pizza party/Annex trip. The Group have also been gearing up to attend Catholic Heart Work Camp this year which has been generating some fundraising ideas and reaching out into the public. Though the teens in this group lead very busy lives I am always impressed and inspired that they still come to youth group to grow, share and put action behind their faith. Celebrate!!!

## Going Forward

The goal this year- and going forward is offer as many possibilities as possible for you and the students, and everyone to have an opportunity to fall in love with Jesus. Our Catholic Faith becomes so very easy to follow once that connection happens. Once that relationship is built so that it can grow. We have several opportunities to come together as a faith family and provide opportunities for that relationship to grow:

\*February 5<sup>th</sup> there will be a trip hosted by the RE program to deliver Valentine's Day cards to the residence of the Annex. We will also provide transportation from the hall to Monical's where dinner will also be provided and then to the Annex and back to the hall. We start at the hall between 4:45/5:00 and will be back to the hall between 7:45/8:00.

\*February 12<sup>th</sup> - Father Burke Masters will be speaking in Paxton about what it means to be a Disciple of Jesus. He will be speaking from 6-7 at St. Mary's Parish Hall and then will be helping to celebrate the 7:00 mass at St. Mary's.

\*March 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 7<sup>th</sup> there will be about an hour long Parish mission after mass each night. This is put on to really help you grow your faith and kindle the fire. There are special treats and different talks each night. I would be amazing to see the whole parish turn out for this event!

\*If you haven't visited the website lately I highly recommend it. There are so many more retreats happening in our Diocese. Maybe one of them will speak to you.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to those who went through their First Reconciliation over the weekend!



### ***Some February Saints***

February 9<sup>th</sup>, St. Apollonia- Patron Saint of Dentists

February 11<sup>th</sup>, Our Lady of Lourdes- Patron Saint of Bodily Ills

February 10<sup>th</sup>, St. Scholastica- Patron Saint of Convulsions in Children

February 27<sup>th</sup>, St. Gabriel Possenti- Patron Saint of Youth