



Youth Ministry News

What is the Youth Ministry Team about?

The Youth Ministry Team is for young people between sixth and twelfth grade, college-age young adults as well as adults.

The mission of this team is to offer a genuine/authentic Christian experience, to build a community and enrich our souls by building strong friendships and leaders through serving others, and to illustrate good faith for ourselves and others.

This group meets monthly on the third Sunday of each month at 12:45pm in the Our Lady of Fatima Parish Center. The meetings run approximately one hour.

During these meetings we share prayer, plan for upcoming service and social events and engage in a bit of fun!

Through the guidance of Anna Denney and Lisa Kuban, Pastoral Associates for Youth Ministry, our young people are encouraged to explore what their faith means to them in their "day to day" lives.

Some events that are on the horizon: November Bakes Sales, Diocesan HS Youth Rally, Breakfast with St. Nick, Selling Christmas Trees and Middle School Service Retreats.

JOIN OUR NEXT MEET-

ING ON 11/21/10!!



Youth Ministry is on facebook!
(www.facebook.com)
Search for Our Lady of Fatima/St. Helen's Youth Ministry and check it out!

Diocesan High School Youth Rally!

The Diocese of Albany is having a Diocesan Youth Rally on Friday, Nov. 12th from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception and Saturday, Nov. 13th from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. at LaSalle Institute. There will be music, witness talks by youth, dramatic presentations, na-

tional speakers, prayer experiences, service activities, fun games and Liturgy. Father Bob exclaims, "It is important for our young people to know that they are not alone in caring about their faith! There are hundreds of youth like them and here is a chance

to celebrate that faith with other local youth!" If you are a high school aged youth and would like to participate, please contact Anna or Lisa. The cost is \$50 per person and includes a boxed lunch on Saturday, a t-shirt and activities.

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Don't forget!

- ☺ Sunday sessions start at 11:15 at St. Helen's and 6:30pm at OLF.
- ☺ Please do not park in the designated "no parking" zones!
- ☺ Monday sessions begin at 6:30pm at St. Helen's

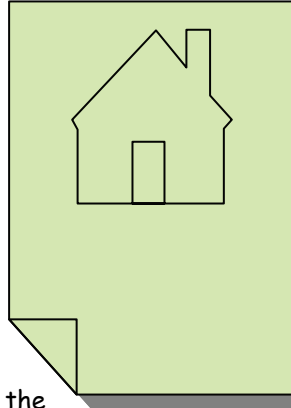
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Habitat for Humanity Mission Trip over the winter break!

During the Winter Recess on February 19-27, 2011, a group of young people, ages 15 and up, and chaperones will be traveling to Albany, Georgia to work on a Habitat for Humanity home. Habitat for Humanity "seeks to eliminate poverty housing and homelessness from the world and to make decent shelter a matter of conscience and action." The cost of the trip is \$800 and includes airfare, shuttle transportation, ground transportation for eight days, food, a t-shirt, and guided tours. The guided tours include a tour of Habitat for Humanity International Headquarters in Ameri-

cus, Georgia, the home of former President Jimmy Carter in Plains, Georgia, and the famous Civil War Prisoner of War Camp in Andersonville, Georgia. A non-refundable deposit of \$150 must be received by October 20, 2010 and checks can be made payable to St. Helen's Church. Each young person will have the opportunity to fundraise for the trip and earn "bonus cash" if they turn in money on scheduled dates in October, November, and December. We will



have a Shareholder Dinner in March 2011 to thank all who sponsored anyone on the trip. All who are interested in participating, should contact Anna or Lisa as soon as possible, as seating is limited on this trip to the first 25 youth and adults who sign up. Flint River Habitat for Humanity in Albany, Georgia, here we come!!!

Parish Service Opportunities and Retreats!

Your child might have asked you, "why do we need to complete 3 service opportunities and a retreat?" If you have heard that question, you are not alone!

The goals of a Comprehensive Youth Ministry Program are empowerment, participation and growth. It is through the acts of serving others that we learn to commit to a lifestyle

of nurturing our own social awareness. In addition to being mindful of and attentive to the needs of others, we continue to build community and foster a compassionate presence.

The service opportunities available range from parish service such as altar serving, lectoring, cantor/choir, decorating and fundraising to community service which includes the City

Mission evening meal service, Habitat for Humanity Mission trips and the CROP Walk. We also recognize that Girl/Boy Scouts, 4H and school clubs great service experiences and we'd love to hear what you are doing!!

"Doing the right thing for the right reasons"
Tim Rice

What does ACE stand for???

The term "ACE" stands for All Community Experience! It is an opportunity for young people, along with their parents or guardians, to study and share our faith together. For youth in grades 6-12 and their parents or guardians, we



All Community Event

have two dates that they can choose from: Nov. 13th at 5:30 p.m. at St. Helen's or Nov. 14th at 12:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Fatima. According to Deacon Dick Thiesen, "As partners in teaching and sharing the faith, ACE is a visible sign

that we take our baptismal responsibility seriously. May we be the best of teachers, bearing witness to the faith by what we say and do." Not only do families have an opportunity to share their faith together, but they will also have an opportunity to share a meal together. Join in for this exciting experience!