

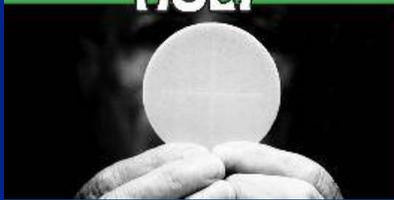


Youth Ministry

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December 2014

Prayer Opportunities

Everyone is welcome to join us for daily Mass on the Diocesan Campus at 11:30 Monday-Friday.

Join us in our Power Hour of prayer from 2-3pm on Tuesdays. Pray during that hour for all the youth that we serve and their families!

Calendar of Events

December 25, 2014
Christ is born!

December 26-28, 2014
[CYE High School Expedition](#)

January 2-4, 2015
[TEC Retreat](#)

January 12, 2015
Deadline for Downpayment and Liability forms for Steubenville St. Louis and St. Paul

January 17, 2015
Local March for Life at 10am at Notre Dame Academy, GB

Introduction



Praise the Lord!

Advent is my favorite liturgical season yet ironically, patience is on the bottom of the "virtues I frequently live list."

I wonder if that is why Christmas seemingly came upon me so quickly. Christmas comes on the 25th every year. No surprise there, right? Christmas comes no earlier and no later, yet it seems to appear on the calendar weeks before it should.

Do I truly know how to wait? Each candle on the wreath represents 1,000 years of waiting for Christ. After 4,000 years of waiting, Christ came into the world to redeem us. Four thousand years of waiting...oofta!

Do I yearn for Christ THAT much, so much so that I overwhelmingly and whole-heartedly desire to go to Mass and receive Him in Word and the Eucharist? Are the days I go to Mass any more recognizable because I have prayed the Mass that day? Do I deeply desire to share his love for others this Christmas - knowing that inviting someone to Mass, serving our families even when it seems impossible, and giving up our own schedules to simplify and sit with an elderly friend or family member is what Christ calls us to?

Do I desire Christ with everything that I am? Would I live my life any differently today if Christ never came? Come Lord Jesus into our hearts that truly await You, our Everything. Merry Christmas to all of you and your families. May the Lord abundantly bless you in simplicity and love.

**All for God's Greater Glory,
Maria DeMeuse
Office of Youth Ministry**

Next Step Mission Trip June 13-21, 2015

January 20-25, 2015
120 Pilgrims attend the
March for Life in
Washington DC

February 16, 2015
Luke Spehar Concert at
UW-Oshkosh

June 13-21, 2015
Next Step Mission Trip to
Mississippi SPOTS STILL
AVAILABLE!

July 8-14, 2015
Steubenville St. Louis
SPOTS STILL
AVAILABLE

July 24-26, 2015
Steubenville St. Paul
SPOTS STILL
AVAILABLE!



Spots are still available for the epic week serving those in Hancock County, MS this summer on a Catholic mission trip experience of a lifetime! [Click here for more information](#)

Calling all Teens to the Local March for Life



Bishop Ricken is calling all youth to participate in the local March for Life on January 17th starting at 10am at Notre Dame Academy. A walk and reception will follow. Which parish has youth willing to lead the walk? Do you have youth willing to stand on the busy corner in Green Bay standing with a sign informing people of why we are praying and walking? Contact Maria - looking for some teen groups to be front and center with Bishop!

Pope Francis Corner

Read the "Joy of the Gospel" in a daily paragraph! [Sign up here and receive a bit each day starting January](#)



1st!
Pope Francis: God Saves Us in Worse Moments

"Let us always remember, with confidence, even in the worst moments, even in times of illness, when we realize that we have to ask the last rites, because there is no exit, saying: 'But, Lord, the story did not start with me and will not end with me!'"

Diaper Change for the Local March for Life



Looking for a way to give in January?
Contact Maria for a bottle (we have 300 of them!) to put spare change in from your RE/YM students. Bottles will be collected on January 17th at the local march for life and money will be donated to Love Life - a ministry supporting mothers and their babies. Let me know if you want a bottle!

Steubenville Registrations/Money Due Jan 12, 2015



Pilgrims planning to attend Steubenville St. Louis and St. Paul are asked to turn in their money and liability forms by Jan 12th to the Diocese. Click for information on:
[St. Louis, MO](#)
[St. Paul, MN](#)

Rather, the Pope noted, "You must go ahead," saying, "I am willing," and put difficult moments and doubts in the hands of the Lord.

Registrations/Money Concerns for Youth Events

Due to the restructuring, all registration and money questions/invoicing for youth events can be directed to Debbie in the education office at youthministry@gbdioc.org or 920.272.8303

Newsletters being Consolidated

Coming in January, the Religious Education and Youth Ministry newsletters will be combined into one newsletter due to the recent restructuring. We look forward to continuing to communicate in an effective way with you via our newsletters!

Any youth attending Steubenville St. Louis who would like to serve on the CORE team are asked to submit their applications before New Year's Day. The CORE team is a group of 12 students from a variety of parishes who receive formation, fellowship, and community before the pilgrimage and become the leaders during and after the pilgrimage to sustain the community and prayer life once the pilgrimage has ended. Applications can be found [HERE](#).

NCYC Registrations Due Feb 15, 2015



Local youth ministers are collaborating on bringing a group to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in Indianapolis, IN from Nov 19-22. [Click HERE for more information](#)

Spring Oremus Training Sessions for Adults



Consider joining the Oremus Adult Faith formation training sessions at various locations throughout the diocese this spring. What a great way to help deepen your own prayer life! [Click HERE for more information.](#)

Pro-Life Essay Contest



The Living Justice Office is sponsoring a Pro-Life Essay Contest with the theme "Each of us is a masterpiece of God's Creation." [Click here for more information on how your teens can earn prizes!](#) Any questions, direct them to Celia McKee at cmckee@gbdioc.org.

Resources



Articles/Videos

[You're Kind of a Big Deal Beyond "Boring Jesus"](#)
[Guarding Your House](#)
[What is Priesthood?](#)
[5 Proofs of God](#)

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