

# Ascension Youth Ministry 2008 – 2009 Calendar

## Teen Takeover

A.Y.M.'s largest teen program of the year. We spend seven months of intensive leadership training preparing 20 teens, culminating in Teen Takeover in late March. Teen Takeover is a 24-hour overnight lock-in that includes talks and small group discussion on personal development, relationship development, spiritual development and reconciliation. It also includes food, fun, games, and (some) sleep! The theme this year is "Breaking Down the Wall"

Program	Participants	Cost	Dates	Time Commitment	Program Leader
<b>Teen Takeover</b>	85 teens	\$40	March 20-21 <sup>st</sup>	24 hrs. Fri.-Sat. 7pm-7pm	Erica Kazimir
<b>Teen Takeover</b> Team Leadership	20 teens 6 adult leaders 4 walk-on leaders 10 – 15 floaters Parent volunteers	\$40	8/27 – 3/18 Wednesdays 7:00 – 9:30 pm Overnights: 10/11, 11/15, 1/31 Day Meetings: 9/21, 11/30, 2/22 Tech Week: 3/9 – 3/12 Reunion: 4/26	30 regular meetings 8 weekends	Erica Kazimir

## ASP - Appalachian Service Project

Ascension works with the national organization, ASP, to provide vital housing services to low-income families living in Central Appalachia. ASP also provides transformational life experiences to the people they serve, the volunteers offering services, congregations involved with ASP and entire communities. Formation meetings include preparation for the culture and environment, study of Catholic social teaching, prayer, and interactive games.

Participants	Cost	Dates	Time Commitment	Program Leader
22 Adults, 55 teens	\$250	July 26 <sup>th</sup> – August 1 <sup>st</sup>	6 Formation Meetings 1/18, 2/15, 3/15, 5/3, 6/28	Bill Murray

## ASP Fundraisers

Stock Sales	77	\$10	TBD	4 Weekends after Masses	TBD
Participants on ASP sell "stock" in our program to allow parishioners to invest in our teens. The return on that investment is priceless as you hear the stories of returning ASPers. Announcements will be made in the bulletin when the sale is beginning. Teens will be speaking at some of the Masses about their experiences.					
Lamb Cakes	TBD	\$20	4/11	After Masses & Holy Saturday	Mark Dorian
Cute and delicious lamb cakes are prepared just in time for Easter. Teens decorate the cakes in very unique ways!					
Flower Sale	77		5/2 & 5/3	After Masses and weekend	Alice Skudlarek
To help brighten up spring, plants and flowers will be available in May in a multitude of colors and varieties.					
Car Washes	77		TBD	TBD	TBD
Just like it sounds, teens will be out washing cars for several weekends in April, May, and June.					

## YNIA – Young Neighbors In Action

YNIA, a national program, is a week-long experience of service, faith learning, prayer, liturgy, and community building designed for groups of youth from Catholic parishes and high schools. Ascension has typically traveled to Tijuana, Mexico for this service project, however that site has been closed by YNIA because of safety concerns. This summer we will be working in Detroit, MI at YNIA's new Mega site. We will also be traveling with St. Luke's Parish.

Participants	Cost	Dates	Time Commitment	Program Leader
20 open spots	\$400	June 21 <sup>st</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup>	Formation Meetings & Week long trip	TBD

## Freshman-Sophomore Retreat

An introductory retreat experience with St. Lukes and St. Giles Parishes. Teens stay at St. Lukes Convent in dorm style rooms. Faith-centered program includes talks, small group discussions, music, prayer, games and food.

Participants	Cost	Dates	Time Commitment	Program Leader
2 Teen Leaders	\$25	Leadership Meetings 11/6, 11/13, 11/20, 12/4	4 Formation Meetings & Retreat Weekend	Dan Lawler
10 Teens	\$25	12/5 – 12/6	Fri. 4:30 – Sat. Noon	Dan Lawler

## Other Fellowship Events & Service Opportunities

	Participants	Cost	Dates	Time Commitment	Program Leader
<b>Great America</b>	2 Adults, 33 teens	\$50	October Fright Fest	10 a.m. – 9 p.m.	Dan Lawler
<b>Teen Ski Trip</b>	HS teens & 8 <sup>th</sup> graders	\$50-65	Saturday 2/21	8 a.m. – 9 p.m.	Dan Lawler
<b>Vicariate IV Awards</b>	OPEN		3/16		
Award recognition dinner for teens from parishes in the 4 <sup>th</sup> Vicariate (Diocese of Chicago has 6 total Vicariates or geographic areas). Our bishop recognizes teens who have served or led within A.Y.M. or the community. Teen are selected by parish youth ministers.					
<b>West Suburban PADS</b>	6 – 12 Students		Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month 1/16, 2/20, 3/20, 4/17, 5/15	Cooking, Serving & Clean-up	Dan Lawler
<b>A.Y.M. Youth Ministry Board</b>	3 - 6 Teens, 6 - 9 Adults		2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month	2-year assignment with 9 monthly meetings and 1 planning session	Dan Lawler

Board Members: Hope Geldes, Tom Northey, Marty Bracco, Jane Houle, Laurie Kane, Carolyn Miller, Drew Linne, Luke Pacer, Suzanne Fitch

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