



# 2010 - 2011 Calendar

## Youth Ministry Mass

Our Church says that the source and summit of our faith is the Eucharist. We would like to help the teens of our parish and their families celebrate this sacrament in a more vibrant and contemporary setting. We have invited Fr. Andy McAlpin from Fenwick High School to preside and are looking for teens and adults to help us enliven our worship. Please join us on the first Sunday 5:00 pm Mass every month.

## 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 |
|--------------|------|--------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| 10 Teens     | \$25 | December 3-4, 2010 | Fri. 4:30 - Sat. Noon | Dan Lawler     |

## Kairos Retreat

Juniors and seniors are invited to take part in this awesome weekend to help you examine your relationship with God. Thousands go on Kairos every year, and no one leaves unchanged. Besides being a great place to get away and experience creation, there are a lot of fun activities that we will be doing during free time.

| Participants | Cost  | Dates            | Time Commitment            | Program Leader |
|--------------|-------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------|
| 10 teens     | \$150 | April 8-10, 2011 | Friday to Sunday afternoon | Dan Lawler     |

## Teen Takeover

A.Y.M.'s largest teen program of the year. 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!

| Participants                                      | Cost | Dates               | Time Commitment           | Program Leader |
|---|------|---------------------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 75 teens<br>10 - 15 floaters<br>Parent volunteers | \$40 | March 18 - 19, 2011 | 24 hrs. Fri.-Sat. 7pm-7pm | Erica Kazimir  |

## Teen Takeover Team

We spend seven months of intensive leadership training preparing 20 teens, culminating in Teen Takeover in late March. We meet weekly to build the team and create strong leaders that serve as small and large group leaders during the overnight. We hope that the skills and relationships developed throughout the year carryover to the rest of their lives.

| Participants                                     | Cost | Dates  | Time Commitment                                     | Program Leader |
|--|------|--|---|----------------|
| 20 teens<br>5 adult leaders<br>1 walk-on leaders | \$40 | Wednesdays 8/25 - 3/16<br>Overnights: 10/16, 11/13, 1/29<br>Day Meetings: 11/21, 2/20<br>Tech Week: 3/7 - 3/10 | 7:00 - 9:30 pm<br>30 regular meetings<br>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 |
|---------------------|-------|--------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| 24 Adults, 60 teens | \$100 | July 23 - 30, 2011 | 5 Formation Meetings | Bill Murray    |

## 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. This year we will be participating in the Detroit Mega Site.

| Participants       | Cost  | Dates | Time Commitment           | Program Leader |
|--------------------|-------|-------|---------------------------|----------------|
| 4 adults, 20 teens | \$100 | TBD   | Formation Meetings & Trip | Dan Lawler     |

## Youth Ministry Fundraisers

### Stock Sales

Participants on ASP sell “stock” in our program to allow parishioners to invest in our teens.

| Participants | Cost | Dates | Time Commitment         | Program Leader |
|--------------|------|-------|-------------------------|----------------|
| 84           | \$10 | TBD   | 2 Weekends after Masses | TBA            |

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### Lamb Cakes

Cute and delicious lamb cakes are prepared just in time for Easter. Teens decorate the cakes in very unique ways!

| Participants | Cost | Dates | Time Commitment | Program Leader |
|--------------|------|-------|-----------------|----------------|
| TBD          | \$20 | 4/23  | Holy Saturday   | Mark Dorian    |

### Flower Sale

To help brighten up spring, plants and flowers will be available in May in a multitude of colors and varieties.

| Participants | Cost | Dates      | Time Commitment                | Program Leader  |
|--------------|------|------------|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| 50           | NA   | 4/30 & 5/1 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Weekend of May | Alice Skudlarek |

### Bake Sale

Teens bake yummy treats to sell to help support Youth Ministry. They will be available after Masses that weekend.

| Participants | Cost | Dates     | Time Commitment                | Program Leader |
|--------------|------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| 80           | NA   | 5/7 - 5/8 | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Weekend of May | TBA            |

### Car Washes

Just like it sounds, teens will be out washing cars for several weekends in April, May, and June.

| Participants | Cost | Dates | Time Commitment | Program Leader |
|--------------|------|-------|-----------------|----------------|
| 15           | NA   | TBD   | 9 am - 3 pm     | TBA            |

## Other Fellowship Events & Service Opportunities

### Open Gym/Games Night

We will be hosting a games night with sports, board games, and pizza. All high school teens are welcome to come hang out!

| Participants | Cost | Dates                               | Time Commitment       | Program Leader |
|--------------|------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------|
| OPEN         | FREE | 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month | 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. | Steve Houle    |

### Vicariate IV Awards

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.

| Participants | Cost | Dates | Time Commitment  | Program Leader |
|--------------|------|-------|------------------|----------------|
| OPEN         | \$30 | TBD   | 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. | Dan Lawler     |

### West Suburban PADS

| Participants | Cost | Dates  | Time Commitment             | Program Leader |
|--------------|------|--|-----------------------------|----------------|
| 6 - 12 Teens |      | Every 3 <sup>rd</sup> Friday of the month<br>9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/17, 1/14, 2/18, 4/15 | Cooking, Serving & Clean-up | Dan Lawler     |

### A.Y.M. Youth Ministry Board

| Participants              | Cost | Dates                                 | Time Commitment                              | Program Leader |
|---------------------------|------|---------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| 3 - 6 Teens, 6 - 9 Adults |      | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Thursday of the month | 2-year assignment with<br>9 monthly meetings | Dan Lawler     |

Board Members: Hope Geldes, Tom Northey, Jane Houle, Anne Smart, Laurel Burkett, John Planek, Sarah Schmidt, Nadia Yala, Michael Smart, Rob Holmes, Julia Stenger, Dan Lawler

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