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Youth Ministry News



APEX MINISTRIES

FUN FOR THE ENTIRE FAMILY...

APeX uses a style they define as Christian Vaudeville. This includes (but is not limited to) death defying juggling, humor, characterizations (skits), story-telling, audience participation and personal testimony!

Monday, Jan. 30, Little Flower, Toledo
Tuesday, Jan. 31, St. John, Defiance
Wednesday, Feb. 1, St. Michael, Kalida
Thursday, Feb. 2, St. Francis Xavier, Willard

Gene and Brad are evangelist that will open your heart, through laughter, stories, and comedy, to a deeper understanding of God and the message of the Gospels. This is a great evening for people of all ages!

INVITE EVERYONE YOU KNOW!

Summer Conference!

YM Mini Retreat / Packet Meetings

That's right! It's getting to be that time of year again. This year's summer youth conference will take place at Bluffton University from July 14-16. Packet meetings for Youth Ministers are listed below. Please try to make it to one of the meetings to pray together as youth Ministers as well as receive all the forms, get the scoop and ask any questions you may have. If you can't make it to the meeting, you will be able to find the packet online. We are also trying to find new ways to get the word out about conference, so anything you can do or any ideas you have would be greatly appreciated. The mini retreat and meeting should last about two hours. See you there!

Toledo	March 22; Wacky Wed.	TBD
Defiance	March 16; St. John	7:00 pm
Kalida	March 14; St. Michael	7:00 pm
Fremont	March 23; St. Ann	7:00 pm
Willard	March 7; St. Francis	7:00 pm

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Items of Interest

January 15	Hearthstone Jr. High Gathering @ Miller City—Modeling Discipleship
January 15-16	Heartland/Back to Earth High School Gathering
January 18	Wacky Wednesday—Deaneries 12, 14, 15
January 25	Kalida, St. Michael—Dr. Ellen Anderson—Depression/Suicide
January 26	Theology on Tap—Toledo
Jan 30- Feb. 3	APeX - Catholic Schools Week Monday, Jan. 30th- Toledo- Little Flower Tuesday, Jan. 31st- Defiance- St. John's Wednesday, Feb. 1st- Kalida- St. Michael's Thursday, Feb. 2nd- Willard- St. Francis Xavier
February 2, 9	Theology on Tap—Toledo
February 12	Hearthstone Sr. Prom @ the Ottawa KofC
February 19	Heartland/Back to Earth Junior High School Gathering
February 22	Wacky Wednesday—Deaneries 11, 13
March 3-5	Youth Minister's Retreat
March 22	Wacky Wednesday—Deaneries 7, 8, 9, 10
March 25	Toledo Teens Alive Event (Toledo Area Youth)
April 14	Walk for Life
July 14-16	Youth Conference—Bluffton University
November 30-December 3	National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry—Las Vegas, NV



Youth Minister's Retreat!

March 3-5
Galion, OH

- ◆ Need some time away...
- ◆ Need re-energized...
- ◆ Need some time for yourself...

If any of these apply to you... consider joining us for the Youth Ministers Retreat! We will start with dinner on Friday night and continue through dinner on Saturday night for the main part of the retreat. For those that are able, we will have an extended retreat time till Sunday late morning. Please email the office if you are interested in attending the retreat. More details to come soon!

Friday—Saturday \$35
Friday—Sunday \$45

That in All things Christ might have
FIRST PLACE Col. 1:18

Greetings Youth Minister!

As I've had the privilege to visit many of the college campuses this past fall a reoccurring theme kept appearing! That is the continual challenge to encourage teens/young adults to Keep Christ First in their lives. As we begin this new year, I'd like to encourage you in your ministry to continue working with students to help them set priorities and to make Christ a very real part of their lives. After all, one day your present youth will be the next class of college students. Let us work together in achieving this worthwhile goal!

"I am the Vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit. Apart from me you can do nothing." John 15:5

God Bless you as you begin another adventurous year! Nancy Pisarski

Theology on Tap

In Willard @
The Varsity Club—6:00pm

January 12 Smells and Bells! *Why we Catholics do the things we do.*—Fr. Dave Reinhart

January 19 Martie Aiello

January 26 Seeking Faith in a blurry world! - Fr. Mel Verhoff

In Toledo @
The Ground Round on Dussel—6:00pm

"Over worked... Under connected"

January 26 Tapping into friends! *Friend or Foe? Developing healthy Relationships.*—Teresa Lammers

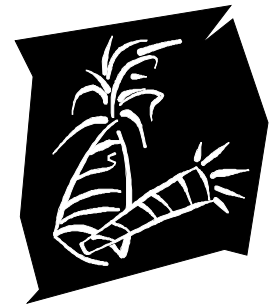
February 2 Tapping into servant hood! *I have only so many hands and feet, what am I called to do?* - Fr. Dave Nuss

February 9 Tapping into God! *A journey back home; balancing life and faith.*—Deacon Joel Junga



January 25
St. Michael's Gym in Kalida

Dr. Ellen Anderson will be speaking about Depression and Suicide from 7:00—8:30 pm. The evening is geared to parents and High School students and is open to the public. Contact Connie Cleemput for more information.



Defiance, St. John Catholic Church
Announces... "HOLY GROUNDS"
For Teens - Grades 9-12
Come For Candlelight, Coffee and
Open Discussion on TEEN Issues!
All Are Welcome.

Coffeehouses are 7-8:30PM in the School
on the 3RD Floor
Call (419-782-7121) for more info.

2/1 - THE DANGERS OF THE INTERNET
(Gr. 7-12) -Dept. Steve Mueller -
Defiance Sheriff's Office

3/8 - (2nd WEDNESDAY) - M.A.D.D.
(possibly Gr. 7-12)
- Rick Lawrence

4/5 - TEENS & PARENTS
-Jackie Whitman -
Co. Catholic Charities

5/3 - LIVING WITH LOSS

Event: Walk For Life

Date: April 14, 2006 (Good Friday)

Start: All Saints, Frenchtown
(St. Nicholas Chapel)

End: Our Lady of Consolation, Carey

What is it: A day for your soul and the souls of others. Join us for a walk as a sign of our respect for life and to celebrate the life we have been given from God. We ask you to drop your walkers off in Frenchtown and then drive over to Carey to park your vehicle. We will have shuttles for drivers only to get back to Frenchtown. This great day of prayer and solidarity is open to everyone. Please help spread the word about Walk for Life to celebrate the life we have been given through Jesus Christ on Good Friday! Please call the office if you have any questions or need more information.

Please add information to your parish bulletin as the walk draws near!

Great websites to check out!

www.cyss.org

www.nfcym.org

National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry with links to current documents from our bishops, youth night ideas, and professional development.

www.youthministryaccess.org

This is a subscription service that can help with planning youth nights to meet all of the components from Renewing the Vision.

www.usccb.org

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops with great links and resources!

www.loveisnotabuse.com

Site from Liz Claiborne about domestic violence with specifics regarding teens. They offer a top ten list and quick stats about physical and verbal abuse.

2006 National Conference on Catholic Youth Ministry Nov. 30—Dec. 3, 2006
"...And the Desert Shall Bloom"

We are in the beginning stages of planning a trip for the National Conference. As we begin our planning, it would be great to know who is interested in going. Allegiant Air flies direct from Toledo to Las Vegas, and the price is usually just over \$200 dollars. We will coordinate housing and registration through our office and look into the best deals on airfare for you. Please let Jason or Diane know if you are interested in the trip and finding out more information about the NCCYM. Come pray, fellowship, share and learn with youth ministers from across the country!



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