

Youth Ministry Calendar of Events September – December

September

10-11: Eucharistic Adoration – This is a family event – for our three parishes in our cluster. Please bring your family and spend an hour in front of our Lord in Adoration. From 4:30-5:30 on the 11th we will have a special hour for the middle school. All those in middle school come for your very own special hour of prayer, with explanations of Eucharistic Adoration and music.

13: PSR grades Kindergarten through 8th grade, beginning at 9 am. Parent meeting that morning to complete registration if you have not done so yet and to talk about the parent's role in the Religious education of your child while children are going through their Child protection training. PSR takes place at Saint Francis for Newman and Saint Francis, Saint Andrew's PSR takes place at Saint Andrew.

13: Teens in Spirit – grades 10, 11, 12 Cluster – Orientation for year – parent meeting with your child –begins promptly at 6:15 pm. Saint Francis Xavier Church

14: Youth Ministry Planning Commission Team Meeting, Saint Andrew rectory, 7 pm

16-20th: Apple Festival in Murphysboro beginning with Prayer breakfast on the 16th – youth are involved in the parade for the Apple Festival. Saint Andrew

20: Catechetical Sunday: Honor your catechists for PSR

24: Fall Festival set up: grades 9-12, cluster youth, 7-9 pm; take the time to help set up for the Fall Festival at Saint Francis Xavier

25: Fall Festival: grades 9-12 help with the Fall festival at Saint Francis

26: Carbondale High School Homecoming

26: Catholic Teen Conference: grades 9-12, First Teens in Spirit gathering, **Saint Joseph's in Marion**, 1pm – 8 pm; Keynote speaker, Sara McGinnis Lee – band – Karl Zimmerman band, door prizes, meal provided. \$10.00 fee per students. **Mandatory for TIS**

26: Celebrate Youth at Shrine: Middle School, Junior High at shrine please sign up! Key note speakers about your faith, music, comedy, supper served, ends with Mass.

27: Celebrate Youth at Shrine: High School Celebrate Youth at Shrine

27: Freshmen PSR: meeting in Murphysboro: 6-8:30 pm

October

2-3: Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Drive- sign up to help the Knights! Grades 9-12 – or this could be a family project – details to follow.

4: Teens in Spirit: Second meeting – ½ day begins at 9, followed by Mass, Teens In Spirit have the ministries that day at Mass. This is the day you will decide what you want to know about your faith! 9:30 to 2:30 pm. Lunch served.

4: Pet Blessing: Family event – bring your pets to the lower level of Xavier Hall for a special pet blessing – in remembrance of Saint Francis of Assisi feast Day

7: Service: TIS: Gum Drops, Oct. 14 & 27 See Handouts

7: Living Rosary: Family event – come and be part of our Living Rosary at Saint Francis Xavier this day, all children and parents invited grades K- 12!

12: Youth Ministry Planning Commission meeting, Newman Center, 7 p.m.

18: Trunk or Treat! Family event – we decorate our trunks to the treaters dressed as Saints and then enjoy Hot dogs and chips in the lower lever of Xavier Hall.

25: Freshmen PSR: Saint Francis Xavier- freshmen from Newman, Saint Andrews, and Saint Francis meet once a month for their meeting.

November

1: All Saints Day: Take a Hike! We will take a hike at Giant City State Park; 1-4 pm, grades 9-12, Saint Francis, Saint Andrew and Newman. MEET AT NEWMAN – PARENT VOLUNTEER CHAPERONE AND EVENT COORDINATOR NEEDED

2: All Souls Day: special Liturgy honoring those who have passed away this year. Please join us as we have this moving liturgy for our deceased loves ones. Family Event.

7: Feast of the Tables: Family event grades 9-12: This special event includes a potluck supper then the auctioning of the artwork completed by the students. We celebrate the church feast days of the Basilica's in Rome along with our special feast of Thanksgiving. The money collected for the children's artwork goes to our sister diocese in Guatemala.

8: 6th grade ministries: if this is your child's turn, please practice the readings with them and talk to them about being a hospitality minister or server.

9: Youth Planning Commission Team meeting, 7 pm Xavier Hall, Saint Francis Xavier

12: Youth ministry Planning Commission calendar meeting: Meet to plan January through May calendar events.

15: 6 – 8 pm game night: 5-8 grades, Saint Francis Xavier Hall, Lower level; all three parishes invited.

19-22: NCYC – freshmen – 12th grade: attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City!

20: Service Project: Saint Andrews Craft fair 11-3 pm. Make and serve sandwiches, TIS

22: Freshmen PSR: Saint Andrew – 6-8:30 pm

26-29: Thanksgiving Break – Happy Thanksgiving

30: Feast of Saint Andrew – pray for Saint Andrew students!

December

3-4 – Eucharistic Adoration: Saint Francis Xavier, Family event, please bring your family and spend an hour before our Lord.

3: Feast of Saint Francis Xavier - pray for Saint Francis Xavier students

5: First Reconciliation: 1 pm, second grade.

5: Lights Fantastic Parade – second grade rides our float! Newman, Saint Francis

6: 7th grade ministries at 10 am Mass: parents please work with your students to prepare them for these ministries of serving, lector, and hospitality.

6: Teens In Spirit: grades 10-12: Saint Andrew Murphysboro 9 – 5 pm; lunch served

9: Penances Service – Newman Center 7 pm; family event – bring your family to the penance service and then go out for a dessert after!

13: Caroling to Homebound: Freshmen required to be present as this is your night for PSR, Saint Francis Xavier, also for all in grades 9-12. 1:30 – 3:30 Sunday afternoon, will end with cookies and hot chocolate.

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20: Decorate the Church for Christmas: Saint Francis and Saint Andrew, Newman to be announced.

December 14 – January 3 Christmas Vacation

May everyone have a beautiful Christmas and we will see you in 2010