



POP Youth Group News

Prince of Peace Teen Newsletter

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Teen Mass Update—Outdoor Mass Next Weekend!

Teen Mass in August is going to be celebrated outside near the Yanos Life Center! Mass will be at 5:00pm on Sunday, August 21st, with choir and ensemble practice before Mass at 3:30. ALL are welcome for Mass—that means youth, families, parishioners, visitors, guests, friends, EVERYONE! There will be a gathering after Mass for youth entering sixth grade through senior year of high school. Please plan to join us for food, fun, and fellowship; we want to close out the summer and kick off the new school year with a bang! We welcome and encourage you to bring a friend to Mass as well as the gathering afterward. Guests do not need not be parishioners, Catholic, or even Christian; all are welcome! We look forward to seeing familiar and new faces. :)

Additionally, if you are able to Altar Serve, Lector, or be an EMOHC for this Mass, please let Chuck McFarlin know by using one of the contact methods listed in this newsletter. Teen Mass can't happen without all the youth who so generously serve! Thank you!

Catholic Youth Ministry at Prince of Peace

If you are in the age range of grades 6th to 12th, you are welcome to participate in the Youth Group. We have many opportunities to satisfy your interests, and here is a sampling: if you like to sing or play an instrument, we have Teen Mass once a month. If you like theater, we would like to invite you to participate in the Live Nativity, the Live Stations of the Cross, or a parish wide play. If interested in serving the parish, we can help you find a ministry that interests you. If you are interested in service hours, we have many resources and activities for you to attend. If you are interested in attending a retreat or summer camp, we have opportunities in the Archdiocese during the school year, as well as Catholic Heart Workcamp and National Catholic Youth Conference. If you are interested in leadership positions to help plan activities for the parish and the youth group, we have the resources to help get you started. We have something for everyone in the Prince of Peace Youth Group. Most of all, If you just want to have fun and discover just how many other Catholic youth are just like you, come to any activity or event. All are welcome!

We added Venture Crew 131. The Venture program provides us with access to leadership training courses and lots of opportunities for more activities for the youth group. The Crew is not the primary focus of the Prince of Peace Youth Group. It is rather the other way around. The Youth Group is our primary focus and we want to have a diverse offering of support to make your youth experience the best it can be. Join us!

*Here we are, Lord!
Send us to share
your merciful love.
We want to affirm
that our lives are
fulfilled when they
are shaped by
mercy, for that is the
better part and it will
never be taken from
us.*

*Pope Francis
World Youth Day
2016*

Just5Days & Catholic Heart Workcamp 2016/2017

A meeting about CHWC 2016 will be held on August 14th following the 11:30am Mass. We will meet in the youth group room located next to the Yanos Life Center. 2016 campers please plan to attend, and anyone interested in attending 2017 is welcome to join us.

Youth Ministry Crew

Our next meeting will be on Monday August 22nd at 7pm. Anyone is welcome to join us. We will be talking about: upcoming events, helping with religious education events, working on the Pope Pius XII Award, discuss upcoming campouts, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet we will be leading in October. Please plan to join us afterwards for Adoration and Benediction.

Upcoming Events

CHWC and Just5Days Meeting - Sunday Aug 14th

Meet in the Youth Group Room after 11:30am Mass. Food and beverages will be available.

Teen Mass - Sunday Aug 21st

5pm Mass with ensemble practice at 3:30pm. Join us afterwards for fun and food.

Youth Ministry Crew Meeting - Monday Aug 22nd

Planning meeting and discussions at 7pm followed by Adoration and Benediction.

CHWC Announcement - All Masses Sept 3rd & 4th

We will be announcing the 2017 CHWC destination and beginning registration with deposit.

Teen Mass- Sunday Sept 18th

5pm Mass with ensemble practice at 3:30pm. Join us afterwards for fun and food.

Feed My Starving Children - Friday Sept 23rd

Please reserve your spot to help with this fun activity from 6 to 7:30pm.

Youth Ministry Crew Meeting - Monday Sept 26th

Planning meeting and discussion at 7pm followed by Adoration and Benediction.

ScoutJam Campout - Friday Sept 30th–Sun Oct 2nd

We will be taking a group of youth to the NEIC ScoutJam camping event.

Divine Mercy Chaplet - Monday Oct 3rd

We will be leading the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 8:30pm, during Adoration & conclude w/ Benediction.

World Youth Day 2016

Cruxnow.com

KRAKOW, Poland - Addressing more than a million young women and men who'd walked almost nine miles to participate in a prayer vigil, Pope Francis called on youth not to be "couch potatoes."

"The times we live in do not call for young 'couch potatoes' but for young people with shoes, or better, boots laced. It only takes players on the first string, and it has no room for bench-warmers," Francis said.

Talking to young people on Saturday night in Krakow, Poland, where they've been participating in a week-long rally called World Youth Day, Francis warned them against the "sofa-happiness," calling it the most "harmful and insidious form of paralysis."

A sofa, he said, that "makes us feel comfortable, calm, safe," away from any kind of pain or fear, spending hours playing video games or in front of a computer screen.

He said it's a dangerous paralysis because as "we start to nod off" other people, "more alert" but "not necessarily better, decide our future for us."

For many people, Francis warned, it's better to have drowsy, tone-deaf and dull kids who confuse happiness with a sofa.

"For many people, that is more convenient than having young people who are alert and searching, trying to respond to God's dream and to all the restlessness present in the human heart," the Pope said, adding that they hadn't come into this world to "vegetate, to take it easy" but to "leave a mark."

"But when we opt for ease and convenience, for confusing happiness with consumption, then we end up paying a high price indeed: we lose our freedom," Francis said.

Following Jesus, the Pope continued, demands courage and a readiness to change the couch for walking shoes.

"[God] is encouraging you to dream. He wants to make you see that, with you, the world can be different. For the fact is, unless you offer the best of yourselves, the world will never be different," Francis said.

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