

BOYNE VALLEY CATHOLIC COMMUNITY MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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MINISTRY OF THE MONTH: YOUTH MINISTRY

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Our youth ministry program is for 7th through 12th grade students. Teri leads the 7th and 8th graders, and Mel and Amy lead the high school group, although they combine classes most of the time. The primary focus is to involve the students in the teachings of the Catholic Church. This year, they have focused on social justice issues, which include food insecurities and discrimination.

In the summer, the youth ministry group will participate in a mission trip, volunteering at various locations and spending time learning and praying together.

They will be attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in November.

Upcoming Youth Ministry Events:

February 8/9:

Souperbowl of Caring

March 1: Soup Cook Off

June 15: Summer Mission
Week

November 19-22: NCYC





A typical meeting for the Youth Ministry

The youth ministry gathers two or three Sundays each month for an hour and a half. They start with prayer, then share dinner as a group, which is provided by one of the parents. They often do an ice breaker to help the kids interact with each other before beginning a pre-planned discussion. The leaders encourage an open discussion, and every opinion is valued. Sometimes, the youth ministry leaves church for an outside activity such as delivering Christmas cookies and caroling, shopping for the local food pantry, delivering the goods to the pantry, and volunteering to do yard work. Recently, Father Denny joined the youth for a candid conversation. The questions they asked ranged from wanting to know Father's favorite food to how and why he became a priest. They end the evenings with a prayer circle.

Interested in getting involved?

If you are interested in attending as a student, you are welcome to join at any time! Contact the Parish Office to let them know you are interested in attending.

If you are an adult interested in helping, contact Sue or Patty!



Virtue of the Month - Charity

One of the three theological virtues, which are supernatural gifts infused by God in our soul at baptism. Charity enables us to love as God himself loves, to love God above all things, and one's neighbor as oneself.

If I do not have love, I am nothing. - St. Paul

Charity in Action

Show love of God by:

- Prayer
- Receiving His grace in Sacraments
- Reading Sacred Scripture

Show love of neighbors by:

- Spiritual and corporal work of mercy
- Desiring what is best for them

When we love ourselves in a right and ordered way, we realize our dignity as God's beloved child and see everything in our life as a potential gift back to God.

'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

- Matthew 25:40