

The Youth Voice

Acolyte Festival

We will be bringing several of our Acolytes to the festival overnight at St. Mark's Cathedral on January 27th. If you are an acolyte who would like to attend, please get forms online here / www.ourcathedral.org/youthed/acolyte_festival_2 or from Alison. Forms must be in to the Diocesan office by January 10th. This is a firm deadline.

Treasure Hunt

St. John's *sixth annual* treasure hunt will be held on Saturday, January 6th. Junior High youth take on the Senior high youth in a lighthearted battle of wits. Please make sure you have signed up in the Parish Hall so that team captains have enough adult drivers for each team.

Lists are handed out to both teams at high noon. There is also an in-church hunt for elementary age children beginning at 1 pm. All parishioners are encouraged to join us at 2 pm for a pot luck lunch and to watch the judging.

January Youth Group

In the month of January our youth groups will be focused on sexual education and healthy relationships. Senior High will meet to discuss this topic on Sunday, January 14th from 6-8 pm. We do not have youth group on January 28th because of the Acolyte Festival. Junior High will be focusing on this topic on Wednesdays, January 17th and January 24th, during our normal youth group time.

I would suggest making these meeting times a priority for your youth, even if they haven't attended youth groups in the past.

It's important to have a safe, God-centered place to ask questions. If you have any questions about these meetings, don't hesitate to call Alison Feigh, 651/429-5351 ext. 12.

Annual Meeting

An important part of Confirmation preparation for both 9th and 10th graders is attending the Annual Meeting. This year the Annual meeting is planned for Sunday, January 21st at 9 am.

Northern TEC / Skiing

Forms will be coming out in early February for Northern TEC, a high school faith retreat. The team meeting for the Wisdom team (college age) is Feb. 17th-18th in the metro area. The youth team meeting is Feb. 23rd-24th in Duluth. The actual weekend is March 16th-18th in Duluth.

We are exploring the idea of spending a day at the slopes in Duluth on Feb. 24th, seeing we are already up there for the TEC team meeting. Nothing has been planned officially, but please talk to Alison if you are interested in getting more information. We would need adult drivers to drive youth who don't plan to work the TEC weekend up on Saturday morning.

Thought for the Month

The Lord has promised
good to me,
His Word my hope secures -
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures.

~ "Amazing Grace"

by John Newton