



St. Patty's Press



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NEWSLETTER

HELP— I am always looking for help or articles to place in this newsletter. Either email me you thoughts or jot them down on paper!



Middle School Halloween Road Trip

Middle School YG Halloween Road Trip was on Wed, Oct 20 at Kroul Farms and Corn Maze in Mt. Vernon.

There were 25 kids from St. Patrik's and 15 kids from St. Paul's who attended. The weather was great and I think everyone had a great time.

Thanks to ALL the chaperones that came to help. It sure takes the stress to get things all lined up for drivers and lining up the food!

HIGH SCHOOLER 2011/2012

Do you want to have a MORE positive faith experience? Then come to NCYC! (explained in detailed on pg 3) According to evaluations from NCYC 2009; there are 3 clear reasons to go.

1. NCYC made them feel like a part of a larger, universal Roman Catholic community.
2. NCYC made them feel comfortable being Catholic.
3. NCYC provided prayer experiences that were engaging and empowering to them.

A \$50 deposit is due NOV 30!!!

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DATES TO REMEMBER

RE & YG	Wed, Nov 3
High School Youth Rally,	Sun Nov 7
RE & YG	Wed, Nov 10
Shoe Boxes DUE	Wed. Nov 10
RE & YG	Wed, Nov 17
Babysitting @ school	Thur. Nov 18
NO RE or Youth Group	Wed, Nov 24
HAPPY THANKSGIVING	Thur. Nov 25
NCYC \$50 Deposit	Mon. Nov 29



Happy Birthday

to:

Nov 6 Drew Beall
Nov 15 Tyler Frasher



MYTHS/TRUTHS ON THANKSGIVING....



Did you know.....
The Pilgrims didn't eat lobsters, they mistook them for large insects.

Myth: It took place in November..!

Truth: It was some time between late Sept, and mid Oct.—after the harvest had been brought in. By November, says historian Richard Ehrlich, “the villagers were working to prepare for winter, salting and drying meat and making their houses as wind resistant as possible.



Myth: The settlers at the first Thanksgiving were called Pilgrms.

Truth: They didn't eve refer to themselves as Pilgrims—they called themselves “Saints”. Early Americans applied the term “pilgrim” to all of the early colonists; it wasn't until the 20th century that it was used exclusively to describe the folks who landed on Plymouth Rock.

Myth: They ate Turkey

Truth: The Pilgrims ate deer...actually hunted and

brought by the Indians. There were some kind of bird hunted by the Pilgrims, but more as a side dish. Other foods were; cod, bass, clams, oysters, Indian corn, native berries and plums. Foods the weren't on the menu include; pump-kin pie, bread (just corn bread), no beef, milk or cheese. The Pilgrims didn't yet have flour mills or cattle.

Myth: The Pilgrims wore large hats with buckles on them.

Truth: None of the participants were dressed anything like the way they've been portrayed in art: the Pilgrims didn't dress in black, didn't wear buckles on their hats or shoes, and didn't wear tall hats. The 19th century artist who painted them that way did so because they associated black clothing and buckles with being old-fashion.



FUND RAISERS.....

Grape Picking

We received a check from Wapsi Valley Vineyard for \$300. This was for our job well done picking grapes back in Sept. This money will go into our Youth Group account and help pay for rallies, trips, buses, through out the year.

Thanks to all who helped!



Can Drive

Since July we have collected \$228.20 in cans. We will stop collecting during the winter months due to space/snow. But if you want to return them and get the receipts and turn give the receipt to the Youth Group, that will work too.

Mixed Bags

Our Fall fundraiser profit for the bags was \$450.00. The bags should be in around Nov 10, by our next Youth Group night.

Thanks to all who sold them.



Food Stand

Our next big fund raiser is the food stand in January at the Antique Show. We sell turkey/dressing & sloppy joe sandwiches, pies, and pop. It is a fun activity and requires about 2 hrs or more of your time. More details in the Dec newsletter.

Music Man

The Anmosa High School will be performing “The Music Man” Nov 19, 20, and 21. Our very own Sean DeVries is the leading man, Emily Feldmann, and Jennifer Beall are also cast members with several other fellow Youth Group members are Crew members!

Can't wait to see it!
Break a leg!!!!





What Is Mass boring?

There are at least 4 reasons why people, especially the young, are bored at Mass:

1. Many people do not understand what really happens at Mass. When we actively listen to the Word of God at Mass, we receive encouragement, wisdom, and guidance (2 Tim 3:16-17). When we receive the Eucharist in a state of grace, we are preparing our soul for its final destination—eternal happiness and peace in heaven. If we really understood the amazing things that happen at Mass, we would have great interest.
2. Many think they are at Mass to be entertained. They are not. They are there to worship GOD and give back to Him the honor and glory He is due.
3. Many people have not been taught the faith in an effective manner. Poor catechesis often leads to lack of concern about the things of God and love for things in the world.
4. We are addicted to excitement and entertainment from watching and listening too much television and pop music. We are an over stimulated society. The advertising industry knows this. This is why they have reduced TV commercials to as little as 15 seconds in length. When we begin to slow down, we will begin to appreciate the more sublime riches in life, such as mass.

Taken from "Did Adam & Eve have Belly Buttons and 199 other questions from Catholic Teenagers"

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

Plans are starting for 2011 NCYC. It will be held next year on Nov 17, - 20 (Thurs—Sun) and the located in Indianapolis, IN.

NCYC is one of the largest single gathering of Catholic youth and adult chaperones. We gather together to celebrate our Catholic faith and celebrate both the joys and the challenges of being a faith-filled person in a society that might not always embrace our values.

This event is open to all current juniors, sophomores, freshman and 8th graders, since it will be next school year season.

By the Nov 30, a \$50 deposit is required to hold a spot. This is refundable up to APRIL 15, 2011. On this date another \$50 is due and FULL commitment needs to be made. After this date no monies are refundable,

The cost of the trip will be around \$500, this includes transportation, hotel rooms, admission into the conference, t-shirt and trade items. We will be doing various fund raisers to

help defer this cost. There will be more information in the next several months, but if you have questions, let me know. I would be happy to answer them to help you make your decision.



Pictured is the main stage where we gather each day and hear speakers and have lots of fun! This is in Kansas City—2009

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