

# Holy Cross . . . a place where YOUth belong

## Youth Ministry News

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Holy Cross Youth Ministry Commission is committed to empowering the youth of our parish by nurturing and affirming their gifts, talents and self-esteem.

### Youth Ministry Events

#### ALL TEENS NEEDED SUPER BOWL WEEKEND



#### Service Blitz Feb. 6

Teens are encouraged to participate in some kind of service today and fill out a reflection sheet indicating what they have done.

**Collection Feb. 6 and 7** Teens are needed to man the soup pots for the Souper Bowl of Caring Collection after all Masses that weekend. Proceeds will be split between Haitian Relief (through CRS) and our local organizations: Holy Cross Food Panty and St. Francis Soup Kitchen. Sign up January 31 for your slot.

#### Super Bowl Take 'n Bake Pizzas



**February 6:** Pizza prep after the 5 p.m. Mass. Slicing veggies and making boxes (approximately 6 – 7 p.m.) in the Hall.

**Sunday February 7:** Pizza assembly and pick-up, 6:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. in the Hall. Sign up January 31 for your time slot.

**Fair Trade Coffee & Chocolate Sales**  
**Sunday, February 7:**  
9 a.m. until 1 p.m.  
in the Parish Hall.



**No Youth Events Sunday Night, Feb. 7**

**Youth Ministry: Sunday February 14**  
**6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Meeting Room**  
(under the Parish Hall)

Have some Valentines Day Fun with:  
Speed Dating  
Dating Relationships  
What girls/guys are looking for



### Confirmation Information

#### CONFIRMATION SESSIONS

**Sunday, January 31, 2010**

**6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Parish Hall**

All Pizza orders due tonight

**Year 1:** attends with parent

Topic: Measuring your faith

**Year 2:** attends with sponsor

Topic: Signs of the Sacrament / Courage

Retreat Registration forms due tonight

All candidates bring your journal!!



**Sunday, February 21, 2010**

**6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in Parish Hall**

**Topic: Reconciliation / Season of Lent**

**Year 1:** teens attend with parent

**Year 2:** teens attend with sponsor or stand-in

All candidates bring your journal!!

#### Confirmation 2 Retreat Weekend

**February 26 – 28, 2010**

**Mission San Antonio**

We will leave Holy Cross Hall Parking lot at 3:30 p.m. on Friday, February 26. We will return Sunday afternoon about the same time. Teens should bring a sleeping bag, toiletries, warm clothing and a flashlight.

#### Mass of Thanksgiving and Reception for Deacon Rodolfo

Deacon Rodolfo Contreras will be ordained on Saturday, February 27, as a priest in the Diocese of Monterey. He will celebrate his first Mass at Holy Cross on Sunday, February 28 at 11:00 a.m. This bilingual Mass of Thanksgiving will be followed by a reception in the Parish Hall. We are excited to have him as part of our pastoral team at Holy Cross.

**No Youth Events Sunday Night, Feb. 28**



## Get Ready for Lent:

- Begins February 1<sup>st</sup> this year
- 40 Days
- A time of prayer, fasting and giving alms
- A time of repentance and conversion
- We journey together toward Easter
- We pray for the catechumens
- No meat on Ash Wednesday & all Fridays in Lent (ages 14 +)
- Fasting on Ash Wednesday & Good Friday (adults, 18-59)
- ❖ This means one full meal, two smaller meals, and no eating between meals.
- ❖ Pregnant women and sick people are excused from these regulations.

### Some questions for Reflection:

How will you prepare, during Lent, for the Season of Easter?

How will you turn your life back toward God?

What can you do to deepen your relationship with God, yourself and others?



### Ash Wednesday Services:

Masses at 8:30 a.m. 12:15 and 7:00 p.m. (Spanish)

### Fridays in Lent:

**February 12:** Holy Hour for Safety and Violence Prevention  
7 p.m. in the Church

**February 19:** Sarah Hart in Concert:  
Songs of Love and Forgiveness  
St. Joseph's Capitola  
7 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30)



### Looking Ahead Summer 2010

**June 20-26: Mexico Mission Trip**  
Any teen, or adult chaperone, planning on participating in the Mission Trip to Mexico with St. Joseph's LifeTeen should fill out an information form with the Office of Youth Ministry. A meeting will be held sometime in March to discuss fund-raising opportunities for this trip. For more information, contact the Office of Youth Ministry.

### June 28th - July 2:

#### Serra Leadership Institute Camp St. Francis in Aptos

A unique leadership experience for teens in the Diocese of Monterey, perfect for those interested in serving as youth leaders in their parish or school. Cost is \$165.00 per person and includes food, lodging, supplies and t-shirt. Registration forms are available from the Youth Ministry Office.

**Check out February Saints on attached calendar**

### Updated Confirmation Schedule

1/31/2010	S	Confirmation Session (Year 1 & 2)
2/21/2010	S	Confirmation Session (Year 1 & 2)
2/26-28/2010		Confirmation 2 Weekend Retreat
		Covenant Ritual at 11 a.m. Mass (Year 2)
3/7/2010	S	Confirmation Session (Year 1 & 2)
3/7/2010	S	Confirmation Session (Year 1 & 2)
3/28/2010	S	Confirmation Session (Year 1 & 2)
3/29/2010	M	Chrism Mass 11:00 a.m. (Monday)
4/1/2010	Th	Mass of the Lord's Supper
4/11/2010	S	Confirmation Session (Year 1 & 2)
4/18/2010	S	Confirmation Rehearsal (Year 2)
4/23/2010	F	CONFIRMATION MASS 7 pm
5/2/2010	S	Confirmation (Mystagogy) Year 1 & 2

### World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain

Including Lourdes and Zaragoza  
12 Days, August 11 – 22, 2011 from San Francisco

The Diocese of Monterey in association with the Catholic Pilgrim Office is offering the following package for World Youth Day: Roundtrip transportation from San Francisco (or LA), airport transfers, land transportation, accommodations, two meals a day, and WYD registration for \$2865 per pilgrim. Initial deposit of \$300 and enrollment form is due March 15, 2010. Anyone interested in attending is asked to contact the Youth Ministry Office during the month of February for more information. Youth must be 18 as of August 11, 2011 to participate unless accompanied by a parent.

**START PLANNING NOW!!!**