

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.

Confirmation Information

Sunday, November 6: Turn back your clocks for the end of Daylight Savings Time!
Circle of Grace, Session 1 ~ *The Communion of Saints*

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room

All first and second year candidates are to attend; other teens welcome to attend.
We will also continue our Stewardship Event Planning this evening.



Sunday, November 13: Teen/Parent/Sponsor Session 3

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall

What's New About The Mass: Introduction to New Roman Missal

First Year Candidates and parents; Second Year Candidates and sponsors (or parent stand-in)

Sunday, November 20: Circle of Grace, Session 2 ~ *Mary and Joseph Say, "Yes"*

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room

All first and second year candidates are to attend; other teens welcome to attend.
Stewardship project for the Advent Giving Tree.

Stewardship Update/Reminders:

All Confirmation Candidates are to log a minimum of 12 hours of service to others as part of their Confirmation Stewardship commitment. Please turn in your Stewardship Project Reflection as you complete each activity. Copies of the Confirmation Stewardship Commitment and the Project Reflection are on the Youth Ministry Page of the parish web site: www.holycrosssantacruz.com. More information about opportunities to serve will be available at the November 6th meeting, as well as in the Youth Ministry news each month.

Youth Ministry Events

LA Youth Day / Disneyland Information Night

Thursday, November 3

7 – 8 p.m.

Resurrection Church, 7600 Soquel Drive
(Take State Park Avenue Exit off Hwy 1)

Dates of Trip: Wednesday, March 22 (leave after school) – Saturday, March 24, 2012

Experience nationally known Youth Ministry Speakers and Musicians with over 12,000 other Catholic High School Students. Then spend a day at Disneyland & California Adventure.

Approximate cost: \$350

Registration deadline is December 4!

Purity Walk / Rally for Teens

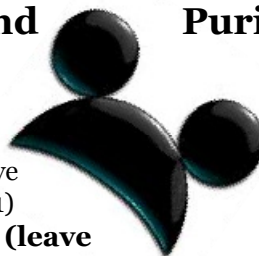
Saturday, November 5

10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Holy Cross School Field

Fun Walk supporting the work of the
Pregnancy Resource Center
Celebrate your Christian Faith
Games and Contests
Prizes * Music * Food

Register now at PurityWalk.com
**This is another opportunity for
service to the community**



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Sunday, November 27

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Meeting Room
Begin your celebration of Advent with Advent Trivia, Bingo and other activities.
All High School Teens are invited!

Looking Ahead

Santa Cruz Area Youth LifeTeen Mass and Atomic Bowling

Sunday, December 4

*Beginning with 5 p.m. LifeTeen Mass
at St. Joseph's in Capitola*

*Continuing with Atomic Bowling from
6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Boardwalk Bowl*

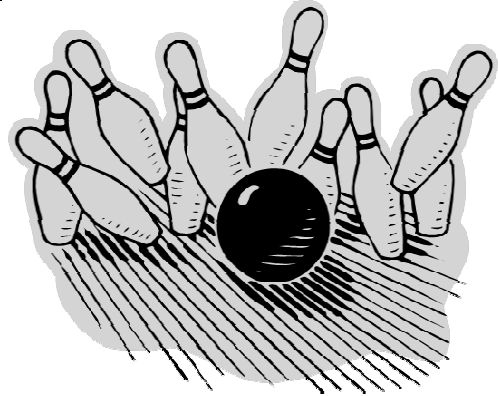
Cost for bowling: \$15

Includes pizza, some soda and shoe rental.

Parent drivers will be needed

Registration information available November 13

Deadline to register November 20



Service Ideas and Opportunities

As Catholic Christians we are called to a life of service.

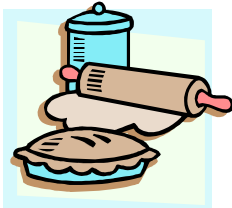
Part of Confirmation preparation is being active in apostolic service.

Here are some opportunities this month:



November 5: Purity Walk

Raise money for Pregnancy Resource Center's work with Teen education and mothers in need.
See information earlier in newsletter.



Bake Pies for St. Francis Soup Kitchen Sunday, November 20

Sign up for a time through Young Families Ministry. More information available at the November 6 meeting.

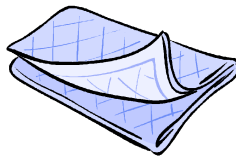
Other ideas you can make your own
(to be discussed further on November 6)

Blanket / Poncho Drive

Sock Drive

Knitted Scarf and Hat Drive

Youth Ministry traditionally holds a blanket/poncho drive during the winter months. We have also collected socks for the homeless, and knit scarves and hats for the needy. You could make this your service Project by volunteering to plan or organize and collect and distribute these items. They can be taken to St. Francis Soup Kitchen, the Holy Cross Food Pantry, or other agencies that serve the homeless in our community.



Altar Server Information

Current Altar Server Update:

Saturday, November 5

1 p.m. in Church

New Altar Server Training:

Three Sessions on Thursday afternoons

at 3:15 p.m. in Church:

November 4, 11, 18

For more information contact:

Sr. Barbara Long 423-4973



Advent Giving Tree

November 27 –

December 11

Help get ready for our parish Advent Giving Tree

~ we will be making "ornament tags" for the Tree on November 20.

Participate by choosing an ornament and purchasing

the item listed and bringing it back to put under the tree.

