

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.

Welcome Back

Highlights of September Events

Celebrate the Feast of the Holy Cross



Join the parish for evening prayer with Calvary Episcopal Church, Sunday evening, September 13.



Dine out at Upper Crust

Pizza and Pasta on Mission Street on Monday, September 14. Mention that you are supporting Holy Cross and Upper Crust will donate 20% to help our NCYC pilgrims.

CHANGE OF DATE

Welcome Back Party

Sunday, September 20

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in the Hall

Join us as we kick off a new year with food, fun and games planned by our Youth Leadership Committee. Reconnect with friends and meet new ones. Invite your friends to come along!



Walk for Life

Saturday, September 26

Shrine of St. Joseph Church

Rally at 9 a.m.

www.walkforlifesantacruz.com

Have Pancakes with the Popes

Sunday, September 27

In the Parish Hall

Watch the bulletin for more information. Proceeds to benefit our NCYC Pilgrims.

Confirmation Information

Registration

- Teens in year 2 need to return their registration information immediately.
- Teens in high school wishing to begin the Confirmation preparation process must contact the Youth Ministry Office BEFORE September 10. The parent meeting and registration was held August 30.

Schedules

- Calendars for year 1 and 2 are included in this newsletter. Parents of year 1 teens and sponsors for year 2 teens attend the Confirmation sessions with the candidates.
- All teens in the Confirmation preparation process are to attend Youth Ministry events as well. This is part of the total process for being confirmed at Holy Cross.

First Confirmation Session

Sunday, September 27

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. in Hall

The first Confirmation session will be held Sunday, September 27, beginning in the Hall. **At least one parent is required to attend these sessions with teens in the first year of preparation.** A sponsor, or parent stand-in should attend with teens in the second year of preparation.

Sponsor Meeting

Wednesday, September 30

7 – 8 p.m. in Room 108

A meeting for all 2nd year Confirmation sponsors will take place on Wednesday evening, September 17, in Room 108. This meeting is for sponsors only. Please inform your sponsor that he or she should attend this meeting.

Remember to check for the latest information in the Parish Bulletin's Youth Ministry Corner or on the Parish web site: www.holycrosssantacruz.com

Coming in October



Parish Carnival October 4: 10 am – 3 pm

- Sign up to help with our Frisbee Golf Throw
- Help with another class's booth
- This is part of our service to the Church

Confirmation 2 Retreat Day

Saturday, October 10

11 am – 6 pm Shaffer Park

- All teens in 2nd year must attend
- Retreat at park from 11 – 4
- Meet with parents and sponsors to rehearse for Rite of Affirmation at 4:30 at Holy Cross
- Attend 5 pm Mass together

Confirmation 1 Retreat Day

Saturday, October 17

11 am – 6 pm Shaffer Park

- All teens in 1st year must attend
- Retreat at park from 11 – 4
- Meet with parents to rehearse for Rite of Welcome at 4:30 at Holy Cross
- Attend 5 pm Mass together



Check out September Saints on our September calendar, attached



NCYC 2009 News

Our pilgrims are preparing to represent all Holy Cross teens at the National Catholic Youth Conference in Kansas City, Missouri this November.

You can support them by:

- buying stock in the pilgrimage
- celebrating the Feast of the Holy Cross by dining out at Upper Crust Pizza and Pasta on Mission Street all day September 14
- having pancakes with the Popes on Sunday morning, September 27
- keeping them in your prayers

Youth Ministry Office Notes

Mary Sue will be out of the office, taking care of her granddaughter while her daughter takes her comprehensive exams for her PhD, from Sept. 10 through Sept. 23. Youth Ministry events will go on as planned. To contact her during this time, please use e-mail msbabb55@aol.com, or call her cell phone (831)247-7923. Remember, there is a 3 hour time difference between CA and FL.

Tentative Confirmation Schedules: later dates subject to change based on when Bishop Garcia schedules the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Year 1

Parent attends numbered sessions with teens

Date	Session #	Topic
8/30/2009		Parent Meeting & Registration
9/21/2009	1	Building Parent/Teen Relationships
10/11/2009	2	Church Tour
10/17/2009		Confirmation 1 Retreat Day
		Rite of Welcome @ 5 p.m. Mass
11/1/2009		Trust Walk (Teens Only)
11/15/2009	3	
12/6/2009	4	Prayer
1/10/2010	5	
1/24/2010		Nelson Gonzales Returns
1/31/2010	6	
2/21/2010	7	
3/7/2010	8	
3/28/2010	9	
4/1/2010		Mass of the Lord's Supper
4/11/2010	10	
4/18/2010	11	possible date
4/25/2010		Confirmation or Session 11
5/2/2010	12	Session 12 or Confirmation
5/16/2010	12	possible date - Mystagogy

Year 2

Sponsors attends numbered sessions with teens

Date	Session #	Topic
8/30/2009		Parent Meeting & Registration
9/27/2009	1	Gifts of Understanding - Baptism
9/30/2009		Sponsor Meeting (Wednesday Night)
10/10/2009		Confirmation 2 Retreat Day (Teens)
10/10/2009		Rite of Affirmation @ 5 p.m. Mass
10/18/2009	2	Church Tour
11/1/2009		Trust Walk
11/15/2009	3	Gift of Right Judgment - Morality
12/6/2009	4	Gift of Wisdom
1/10/2010	5	Gift of Knowledge – Witness/Saints
1/24/2010		Nelson Gonzales Returns
1/31/2010	6	Gift of Courage – Signs of Confirmation
2/21/2010	7	Gift of Reverence
2/26-28/2010		Confirmation 2 Weekend Retreat
3/7/2010		Covenant Ritual at 11 a.m. Mass
3/7/2010	8	Reflection on Ritual/Retreat
3/28/2010	9	Awe & Wonder – Fruits of the Spirit
3/29/2010		Chrim Mass 11:00 a.m. (Monday)
4/1/2010		Mass of the Lord's Supper
4/11/2010	10	Sharing your Confirmation Name
4/18/2010	11	Possible session – Preparing for the Rite
4/25/2010		Possible Confirmation or Session 11
5/2/2010		Session 12 or Possible Confirmation
5/16/2010	12	Possible session - Mystagogy

***It is not too late to volunteer!
Parents, young adults and older teens are always needed.
Please call the Youth Ministry Office if you are interested!
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