

## News for Parents of Junior High and /or High School youth rev. 7/28/09

Hopefully many of you have had time to relax and enjoy the summer schedule. I know I have spent many evenings on the soccer fields. It won't be long till we resume our back-to-school schedule. We will have a very busy August finalizing those plans for the 2009-2010 Faith Formation and Youth Ministry schedules. Here are some upcoming August events.

Teens needed to help with the Corn Festival (Sat., Aug. 8, 2009). Youth or parents should contact Mike Drexler for details ASAP. We typically have teens fill food orders at the Food Booth. This year we also expect to have a COOL WHIP PIE THROWING BOOTH. Sign up to help with the Pie Throwing booth by contacting Mr. Drexler or Mrs. Barb McCormick. For the food booth, teens should contact Mr. Drexler for a shift.

**Vacation Bible School – Teen Helpers needed with our Rome : Paul and the Underground Church (VBS).** Helpers needed Monday, August 10 (set-up) plus Tuesday, August 11 through Saturday, August 15, 2009. The VBS meets from 9:00-11:30am but we do need some helpers to be there one hour before each day begins for that day's set-up. Please note we need to meet with all volunteers before the VBS week to review schedules and assist with preparations. Volunteer Forms and Registration forms and Info may be found online at <http://sayonline.org>. A sample packet including a Teen/Adult Volunteer Form is included in this mailing.



### Confirmation Preparation starts in just 6 weeks on **Sunday, August 30, 2009.**

We begin with a special meeting for Youth and a catholic parent from **1-5 PM** on that Day of Discernment. Youth do need to be signed up for ongoing religious education and should be attending Mass on a somewhat regular basis as part of the expectations for this Sacrament of Confirmation. It is about belonging and discipleship. Details will be reviewed on August 30<sup>th</sup>. A MAKE-UP will be held on Sun., Sept. 27, 2009 from 1-5pm. Parents should RSVP with Mr. Drexler at 226-3232 if you will be attending.



### Announcements about Sunday Junior High Grades 6-8 and also Senior High.....

Junior High grades 6-8 will continue to meet as a mega-group on Sundays (3x/ month) in the rectory and sometimes in the school lunchroom. We are recruiting some more adult chaperones and catechists to work with Mrs. Theresa Fantone. This year Mrs. Fantone is scheduling Senior High for SUNDAY EVENINGS from 6-8:30pm often starting with dinner and including some road trips.. Again we will need more adults to work with the Senior High group as well. All adult chaperones, drivers etc.. should have completed the Creating A Safe Environment (C.A.S.E. ) background check. We expect to have another follow-up training this fall for all adult volunteers.

**As a thank-you to all who volunteer to be a catechist or Sub or aide** for Junior High and Senior High (working with Mrs. Fantone and the Youth Ministry team), we are offering a special deal. Your family will get **FREE** registration (For Sunday grades K-12) for being a regularly scheduled catechist / team member. We will also offer **HALF-PRICE** Family fees for those parents who volunteer as a substitute or an aide. We will need to get paperwork on all youth but please note that there are payment plans so your teen may come check it out. That paperwork is very important to us for planning, communications and diocesan requirements. Adults, If you would like to volunteer to be a catechist / team member, or if you would like to be an aide or a substitute please indicate on the Caring Enough to Share Form and mark the Registration form payment area. – Mike Drexler

