

YOUTH MINISTRY

**JANUARY
2012**

Upcoming Events

- * Lifeline Sat. Jan 7th
Mass with Fr. Fred Gaglia and then breakout sessions with the NET teams. For the boys:
"The Call to Fight." For the girls: "Girl Talk with JPII." The group will leave Holy Family at 4pm, go grab a bite to eat, and then return to Holy Family at about 10pm.
- * Youth Adoration w/ Fr.
Dufner, Friday, Jan 20th
8-10pm - meet in Chapel, then games at rectory
- *Theology A La Carte w/ Fr. Paul Jarvis "The Art and Architecture of the Church"
Sun. Jan 22nd
6-8pm basement of the church
- * Lifeline Sat. Feb 4th
Mass with Archbishop Nienstedt

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Find the Gift in the Pain

On the Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God - or as the rest of the world knows it, New Year's Day - I met a friend for coffee. We were speaking of the past year and if it had been what we had expected or not. In my case, it was nothing that I expected. January left me wondering if I should continue giving lectures or not. In February the news of a second shoulder surgery came. By the end of March, I left my job, then went under the knife in April. What followed was incredible physical pain and a few notable spiritual bumps as well. A friend told me, "Find the gift in the pain." Wow - I don't think he really understood how bad the pain was! My right arm was nearly unusable. But I found one thing was possible - I could put a keyboard on my lap, plop my right hand on it, and then type. During May, June, and July, I was writing nearly everyday. Through an unexpected series of events, August and September found me with two new jobs. October, November, and December have been full of writing and spending time with you, the youth. The long and the short of it is - 2011 has been full of surprises, none of which were in my plans. Ah - we've come to the lesson - my plans were not God's plans. He threw me for a loop - He scared me - He allowed pain of all sorts - and then He surprised me because by the end of the year I was content and ready for what was next. Your life will rarely work out like you have planned - and, from time to time, it will be full of pain - but *Find the Gift in the Pain*. It will leave your head spinning - but if you allow it, the gift can be quite wonderful.

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HELP ME WITH MY E-MAIL LIST

My email is missbormes@gmail.com. If you are not receiving emails from me about upcoming events, please email me; include the student's name and grade, parents' names and a request to be put on the email list.

I WOULD LIKE TO SIGN-UP FOR:

Steubenville North - July 27-29th University of St. Thomas

There are limited spots left for the retreat - the deposit is \$50.
Open to incoming freshmen to graduating seniors.

Seniors' Valentine's Dinner Feb 11th

We will be hosting the senior singles, widows, and widowers for a Valentine dinner. We will need help preparing and serving the meal. Then helpers to clean up after. We will need some of the helpers on evenings of the 9th and 10th as well. For Confirmation students, this will count toward service hours. But this is such a big project we need help from other High Schoolers as well.

PERMISSION SLIPS

We need permission slips for any event where the students are driven anywhere. There is a permission slip on the Holy Family website so you can always have a copy at the ready.