

December, 2009

## Youth Group Newsletter

Happy Holidays to all. It's hard to believe we're already into December and Advent. The time goes by so very fast! November was a "stay at home" month for us. We spend 2 Youth Group nights in the gym at St. Joseph's School. We played dodge ball one night and 4 square another night. Ask your 6 – 8<sup>th</sup> grader to tell you about choices and accountability. We talked about both of them along with discussing positive attitude. Ask you 9 – 12<sup>th</sup> grader to talk to you about what they did on their night. I think a lot of discussion was done along with some Pictionary. Thanks to Leah for helping to run one of the groups. Also, thanks to Brandon and Ben for coming in on a Sunday afternoon and helping to set up 4 square for me. Thanks to Theresa Dingmann and Jodi Martins for supplying snacks – (we all enjoyed them!) - and Theresa, thanks for helping out at our last youth night. We NEVER turn down food or help and we ALWAYS appreciate it! ☺ Thanks again.

We have a few fun events planned for December. Some of the kids took tags from the sharing tree. Please bring those items, the gift tag, and boxes to wrap them in to our next youth activity night which is December 9<sup>th</sup>. We'll be listening to some Christmas music while we wrap presents and eat snacks. Then on December 13<sup>th</sup> **\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE THE DATE CHANGE\*\*\*** again, that is December 13<sup>th</sup>, we will be Christmas caroling at Sterling Park Assisted Living at 3:00 pm and then going to Granite Bowl for bowling and pizza at 4:15. The cost is \$15.00 per person for 3 games of bowling, rental shoes and all you can eat pizza and pop. If any of you play any musical instruments and would like to accompany us, please let Deacon Joe or myself know before then. We will need some adult volunteers to help with caroling and transportation to Granite Bowl. Permission slips will be on-line, at the rectory, or with Marcia or Deacon Joe. We'd LOVE to have lots of kids, so invite friends to come too! ☺

### **UPCOMING EVENTS FOR 6 – 12<sup>th</sup> GRADERS:**

- Wednesday, December 09, 6:30 – 8pm in the gym at SJS
- Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 3 – 6 pm, caroling and bowling

### **YOUTH GROUP MINISTERS:**

Deacon Joe @ w: 251-5231, c: 224-2483 or Marcia @ h: 654-1337 or c: 241-0525

### **WHERE TO FIND UPCOMING YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

\*\*Church bulletin \*\*Monthly Calendar insert in church bulletin \*\* On-line at St. Joseph's Church website under Youth Ministry \*\*Monthly newsletter in church bulletin.

**+++ JR. HIGH YOUTH RALLEY** for grades 6 – 8, **SUNDAY, JANUARY 10<sup>TH</sup>** at ST. JOHNS UNIVERSITY from 10:00 – 4:00. Come for food, faith – INCLUDING MASS – and fun! ☺ +++

**\*\*\* Thanks to everyone for a wonderful first half of the year. Kids, you are awesome! Parents, you are too! Deacon Joe and I wish you all a very Merry and Blessed Christmas and a Peaceful and Safe New Year. God Bless! \*\*\***

*Deacon Joe & Marcia*