

"Let no one look down on you because you are young, but be an example to all the believers in the way you speak and behave, and in your love, your faith and your purity."

St. Paul
1 Timothy 4:12

YOSA NEWS

SEPTEMBER 2008

YOSA MASSES Ministry by Teens

We take an active role as ministers at all Youth Masses. Teens minister as altar servers, lectors, ushers, offertory gift bearers, singers and musicians. We are excited that the Youth and Contemporary Choir will continue to provide the music ministry for these Masses under the direction of Mr. Bob Burian. Bob is very excited for another YOSA year and hopes many of you will consider joining the choir as a singer or musician. The only practice, for regular Masses, is on Sundays prior to the Youth Mass. The choir meets in the community room of the Church at 4:00 p.m. to review the songs for that week's Mass. Please consider joining us anytime you would like.

In addition, we are always looking for new faces to help out as ushers, lectors, and gift bearers for the Mass. Please see the sign-up sheet at the YOSA meetings if interested.

Fifteen YOSA teens and five adult volunteers headed down to St. Michael's Parish in the Appalachian Mountains of Paintsville, Kentucky for the 10th annual service trip on the bright morning of June 18th. The work began early the morning after our arrival finally putting many hands, itching for work, to good use. Teams were sent off to three different sites: Our Lady of the Mountains grade school, a Catholic mission school in Paintsville run by St. Michael's Parish; a house that needed a wheelchair ramp constructed; and a house in need of a gurney-compatible ramp so a family member could return home.

YOSA teens have already been heard echoing the phrase that past YOSA volunteers have sounded each year on the ride home, "I can't wait to go back next year!"

By...Jane Casey & Ashley Sheehan

2008-09 Plans

Welcome to YOSA! We are excited to start a brand new year and are looking forward to meeting many of the new teens as well as the YOSA'ers who are returning.

What *does* YOSA have to offer? YOSA is a program for you - the youth of parish. Because teenagers today have such busy lives, YOSA events are always open. There is no "membership" in YOSA. You are free to come when you can, experience what you like, and be with people you don't get to see on a regular basis.

We gather together at least twice a month on the first and third Sundays. We start off the evening with a Youth Mass at 5:30 p.m. where we have teens

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Youth & Contemporary Choir, led by Mr. Bob Burian

Autumn Bowl 2008

Sunday, October 12

1-4 p.m.

\$10, Permission Form &
Medical Form

Due By Mon, 06-Oct

Here are the members of this year's Teen Council. Interested Sophs, Jrs & Srs can apply to be members of our Teen Council.

The Teen Council helps plan the calendar for the YOSA year and shares the responsibility of making sure all the events run smoothly. Their commitment to YOSA is exemplified by their support and attendance at YOSA events. There are representatives from all the different high schools.

'08-'09 Teen Council Officers...

- Erin Galvin (Pres)
- Eric Mayer (Pres)
- Jane Casey (VP)
- Ashley Sheehan (VP)
- Mike Arnold (Parish Council)
- Dan Kobe (Parish Council)
- Meghan Ellert (Sec)
- Amanda Drapac-Novotny (Sec)

Teen Council Members...

- Olivia Moran (service),
- Katherine Colborn (mass planning & choir sec),
- Bryan Ambroggi (mass planning),
- Elisabeth Campus,
- Joe Mazanec (fundraising),
- Allison Dorogi (choir sec),
- Kara Emery,
- Gannon Ellert (fundraising),
- Sean Hegarty
- Erin Landl
- Emily Richards

THANK YOU to all of our Teen Council members—you help make YOSA the great youth program that it is!!!!!!

Remember, the Teen Council members are **YOUR** representatives. If you have any ideas, comments, suggestions, complaints—**ANYTHING**—make sure you contact one of these people. We are here to make YOSA a fun and enjoyable experience for all high school teens.

FEST
08-09
TEEN COUNCIL



Recording artist Matt Maher performs on the Main Stage—other artists include Jeremy Camp.



An awesome fireworks display after the Mass to end an amazing day at the FEST!

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

✓ Molly Brady	Sep 3	✓
✓ Tim Moran	Sep 4	✓
✓ Katie Donelon	Sep 5	✓
✓ Joe Mazanec	Sep 6	✓
✓ Kerry Sinclair	Sep 6	✓
✓ Rebecca Corrigan	Sep 8	✓
✓ Harry San Juan	Sep 8	✓
✓ Elizabeth Pawlowski	Sep 11	✓
✓ Kathryn Schaefer	Sep 11	✓
✓ T. J. Horansky	Sep 12	✓
✓ Chris Connors	Sep 13	✓
✓ Bradley Kaplan	Sep 13	✓
✓ Emily Krava	Sep 13	✓
✓ Matthew Laskowski	Sep 13	✓
✓ Julia Dancak	Sep 14	✓
✓ Jonathon Hrobat	Sep 14	✓
✓ James Hasselschwert	Sep 15	✓
✓ John Peters	Sep 16	✓
✓ Allyson McNamara	Sep 17	✓
✓ Virginia San Juan	Sep 17	✓
✓ Nate Minerd	Sep 18	✓
✓ Sean Dobrzaniecki	Sep 19	✓
✓ Sean Egan	Sep 20	✓
✓ Erin Palivec	Sep 20	✓
✓ Julie Madzsar	Sep 22	✓
✓ Sarah Marrie	Sep 22	✓
✓ David Wallett	Sep 22	✓
✓ Kevin Cariin	Sep 23	✓
✓ Rachel Keck	Sep 23	✓
✓ Kevin Joseph	Sep 25	✓
✓ Michael Schwark	Sep 25	✓
✓ Kevin Winters	Sep 25	✓
✓ Sarah Molina	Sep 26	✓
✓ Anne Marie O'Toole	Sep 26	✓
✓ Terrence O'Toole	Sep 26	✓
✓ Matt McCluskey	Sep 29	✓
✓ Mason Morrow	Sep 30	✓
✓ Brandon Petiya	Sep 30	✓

More on 2008/2009

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involved from the Extraordinary Ministers and choir members to ushers, lectors, and gift-bearers. This makes it truly a "Youth Mass". Sign-up to participate in the next Youth Mass!



Again this year, we judged brownies and cookies at the Parish Picnic August 24th

Following Mass, we meet down in the social hall for pizza and our meeting. The only thing you have to do is bring \$1, and hopefully, a friend. Everyone is welcome!

Meetings offer a variety of opportunities. At times, we learn more about our faith and some of the issues facing teens today. We will have guest speakers. Other times, we enjoy social activities, movies, game nights, and more.

Some of the YOSA traditions remain on the calendar year after year because everyone enjoys them so much. One of the social activities that we look forward to offering again this year is our annual **Autumn Bowl**. We usually have close to 80 high school students gather for this fun flag-football game. Everyone plays, gets a t-shirt, and enjoys a (hopefully) sunny fall day with friends.

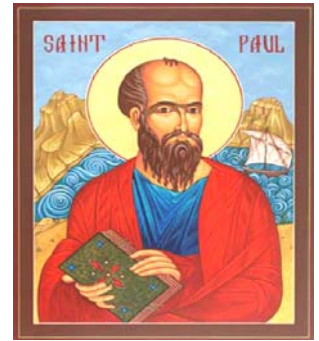
The Autumn Bowl will be held on Sunday afternoon, October 12, from 1-4 p.m. We are still deciding on the site, so keep updated with e-mail and the bulletin. Because we order t-shirts for everyone, the deadline for signing up and

paying the \$10 fee will be **Monday, October 6th**. You can download the permission and medical forms at www.samparish.org.

In addition to social activities, YOSA offers service opportunities. Serving others in our community, whether at the Rockport Retirement Center or people in our own parish, helps our spiritual growth. They are some of the most attended activities that YOSA sponsors, because everyone knows they will come away feeling refreshed. Many of you will also need to get service hours for your high-schools or college apps, so this is a great place to find the opportunities.

Keep checking the calendar, parish bulletin, and website so you do not miss any YOSA events this year!

Year of St. Paul



June 2008-June 2009 has been designated as the Holy Year of St. Paul, proclaimed by Pope Benedict XVI

Suggestions to celebrate the year of St. Paul...

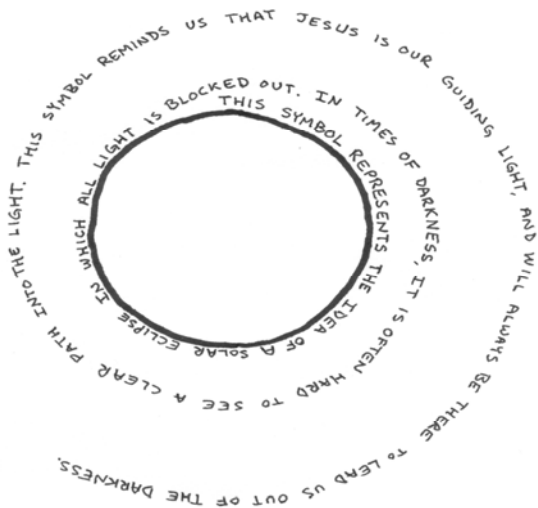
- ~ read one of Paul's New testament letters
- ~ read a biography of Paul
- ~ visit a church dedicated to Paul
- ~ attend GIFT or one of our other adult faith formation evenings about Paul
- ~ visit www.samparish.org for more info on Paul

RETREAT 2008

This is the "logo" from YOSA' last retreat in May. This is definitely the most loved YOSA event of the year. Our prayer from that retreat is at the right.

Be sure to make plans to be at this year's retreat...

St. Leonard's Youth Retreat Center
February 13-15, 2009



Hope - Retreat Prayer

Christ, our Beacon of Hope:

We thank You and praise You for our many blessings. Be with us as we offer ourselves to You today, and always. Help us to find hope in You and in ourselves. Enfold us in Your mercy in our times of great resistance to Your Word, when we refuse to hear and see what You have so graciously given us. At times when our lives are out of our own control, guide us on the path to You, our final destination. It is in giving of ourselves and serving others that we find ourselves and You, our one true God. Help us to give those in the most need hope in humanity and in a brighter future.

We hope for strength and strong will to carry others, for Your body and blood to sustain us throughout our journey, for perseverance to weather the storm, and for faith in You to complete us. We bring these needs humbly to You, because we know that without You there can be no hope. Grant that we may be Your messengers to others, to bring them to Your table, that our blessings may be shared. In gratitude for what has been and in hope for what will be, we praise You. Amen



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www.samparish.org
Click on YOSA

AUTUMN BOWL ON FOR THIS OCTOBER!

The eleventh annual Autumn Bowl is planned for Sunday, October 12th. We will meet from 1-4 p.m. for fun flag-football games. The fee for this event is \$10 and includes a much-sought-after YOSA Autumn Bowl T-shirt.

Reservations must be in by October 6th so that we can order the shirts in time for the games. We do not yet know

the colors - which are picked by the chairs of the Autumn Bowl.

Please drop off your money and permission/ medical forms to the parish center as soon as possible.

Come enjoy a beautiful fall day. However, we play - rain or shine. Remember, everyone can play, however there are some who just come to cheer

on the teams and get a t-shirt! We mix up the different teams and play for about 2 hours with some snack and drink breaks in-between. See you on October 12th!

The site of the Autumn Bowl will be...

This is NOT listed on the PF/MF, so please make note of the location!



Our group picture from last year's Autumn Bowl

Cut-out the YOSA '08-'09 Calendar and post in a handy place!

Sept 21	5:30 p.m.	Youth Mass and Block Party	Jan 4	5:30 p.m.	Youth Mass and Meeting
Sep 28	6:30 p.m.	Teen Council Meeting	Jan 18	5:30 p.m.	Youth Mass and Meeting
October 5	5:30 p.m.	Youth Mass and Meeting	Feb 1	5:30 p.m.	Youth Mass and Souper Bowl Care
Oct 11-12	all masses	Sell Entertainment Books	Feb 13-15		YOSA Retreat
Oct 12	1-4 p.m.	Autumn Bowl	Mar 1	5:30 p.m.	Youth Mass and Spring Social
Oct 18-19	all masses	Sell Entertainment Books	Mar 1	12:15	GIFT
Oct 19	5:30 p.m.	Youth Mass and Meeting	Mar 2	6:00 p.m.	GIFT
Oct 23	9am-4pm	8 th Grade Leadership retreat	Mar 15	5:30 p.m.	Youth Mass and Meeting
Oct 26	6:30 p.m.	Teen Council Meeting	Apr 5	5:30 p.m.	Youth Mass and Meeting
Oct 27&28	6:00 p.m.	GIFT	Apr 19	5:30 p.m.	Youth Mass and Road Rally
Nov 25	5:30 p.m.	Youth Mass and Meeting	May 3	5:30 p.m.	Youth Mass and 8th Grade Joins
Nov 16	5:30 p.m.	Youth Mass and Fall Social	May 17	5:30 p.m.	Youth Mass and Senior Farewell
Nov 23	6:30 p.m.	Teen Council Meeting			
Dec 7	5:30 p.m.	Youth Mass and Meeting			
Dec 21	5:30 p.m.	Youth Mass and Christmas Party			