

# YOSA Celebrates Lent

It's some time to reflect... in a good way. ☺

Hi everybody! Sorry we haven't had a newsletter for you for a long time, but we're back, and we're ready to tell you about everything fabulous that has been going on! We're going to cover retreat, ways to reflect in Lent, and some of the conferences coming up this summer that you still have the chance to attend, if you're willing to encounter God in a new way!

We also have some exciting news for you... YOSA will again be participating in Relay for Life this year! It is going to be held on June 12-13 at Fairview High School, and it is an absolutely amazing event. We will have more information for you after Easter, but we need to start earlier this year so that we can raise as much money as possible for the American Cancer Society. If you think

you might be interested in attending, keep looking for information to follow, and even if you're unsure, talk to us to see what it's all about!

Thanks for coming to YOSA tonight and remember to bring friends with you!

Much love and God Bless,  
- Amanda & Mike



## More Information

## Upcoming Events

Think you might be interested in traveling to the **University of Steubenville** or the **University of Notre Dame (ND Vision)** for a Catholic youth leadership seminar in the summer of 2010? If you're unsure, talk to Amanda and Mike about exactly what these conferences are like, or ask Michael for more information about dates and payments!

If you are interested in attending the **Appalachian Mission Trip**, please be patient! We will have more information coming out about this service trip later in the year!

**Sunday, March 7, 2010**

**Youth Mass – 5:30 pm  
Youth Meeting  
6:30pm – 8:00 pm**

**Friday, March 12, 2010**

**Confirmation Spirit Day  
7:00 am – 2:30 pm**

**Sunday, March 21, 2010**

**Youth Mass – 5:30 pm  
Youth Meeting  
6:30 pm – 8:00 pm**

**Sunday, April 4, 2010**

**NO YOSA EVENTS  
EASTER SUNDAY**

# Won't You Pick Up the Phone?

By Amanda DN

From February 12-14, a group of about 50 teenagers spent their time at St. Leonard's Retreat Center in Avon for the annual YOSA Retreat. With plenty of laughter, plenty of tears, and lots of deep conversations, everyone involved had a great time connecting better to each other, to themselves, and to God. While there were many lasting memories, especially bruises from a snowball fight, it might be better to show you what happened rather than tell you. (And what happens on retreat stays on retreat anyways!)



## A Lenten Reflection

Loving Father,  
So many times I turn  
away from you  
and always you  
welcome me back.  
Your mercy and love  
gives me confidence  
Thank you for the  
invitation to share, fast  
and pray

so that you can form a  
new heart within me.  
Your powerful  
compassion for my  
weaknesses  
leads me to ask for  
mercy  
and await with great  
hope the Easter joy you  
share with us.

