

# YOSA NEWS

*"Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty; for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours; yours is the kingdom, O Lord, and you are exalted as head above all"*

I Chronicles 29:11

*Mery Christmas and Happy New Year*



## December Birthdays

Will Larchian	1
Jacob Sheehan	1
Chris Pritchard	2
Brian Horansky	4
Lauren Leshner	4
Heidi Snyder	4
Will Troxil	5
Marty Patton	6
Randell Bierman	9
Katherine Kelleher	10
Sarah Price	12
Stephen Zinsmayer	12
Joe Mitchell	13
Will Monahan	13
Ben Aerni	15
Holly Repas	15
Stephanie Grealis	16
Patrick Mylett	18
Ashley Sheehan	19
Lindsey Simmons	21
Tommy Blankenship	23
Elisabeth Campus	23
Jesse Gillett	23
Chelsea Kertes	24
Benjamin Rydzewski	24
Katherine Colborn	25
Jesus, Savior of the World	'25'
Carmen Rietta	26
Jacklyn Jadrych	29
Danny Knoll	30
Matthew Linn	30
Bradley Rombach	31

## Ronald McDonald House Service Project

by...Amanda Drapac-Novotny

What do you do on your Saturday morning? Sleep in? Go to work? Do some chores before going out with your friends? Saturday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, about twenty YOSA teens did something incredibly unique and fun. We woke up early, came to the social hall somewhere between eight and nine a.m., and made gift treat bags for Ronald McDonald House!

The day began with a nauseating list of ingredients – four dozen eggs, fifteen pounds of sugar, ten pounds of flour, and thirty sticks of butter – and that was just to make the dough! Twelve times the recipe was multiplied and the baking began. We split up into a couple of teams, some of us making frosting while others rolled the dough and cut out festive shapes. After all of the cookies were baked, we realized the daunting task that lay before us – we had made nearly six hundred cookies and still needed to frost and decorate them all! We

set out to work again, some of us frosting and some of us making colorful cards and puzzles to put in the gift bags. The bulk of the work done, we stuffed our bags with cookies, cards, and candy and went downtown to deliver them to Ronald McDonald House.

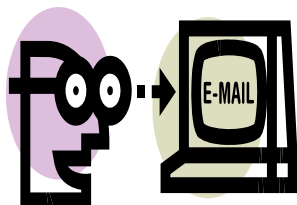
But what exactly is Ronald McDonald House? Well, it is a home-away-from-home for any children and families who live too far away to commute to local area hospitals. The House is much more convenient and affordable for families who may have giant medical bills, as they are only charged twenty dollars per night to stay and will not be refused if they cannot pay. Seated on about two acres and providing community living for up to thirty-seven families, the House has three kitchens, a play room, a library/technology room, a television room, and numerous comfortable nooks and crannies in addition to

its individual apartments.

When we first walked into Ronald McDonald House, we were greeted by a little boy and girl who were laughing and playing. The boy looked at us carrying all of the bags and shouted out, "Do you have presents?" We smiled and told him that we did, and he was so overjoyed. Seeing how happy that one little boy was really made us appreciate all of the hard work that we had put in that Saturday morning. If you're looking for something rewarding to do, consider volunteering your time at Ronald McDonald House or other local hospitals/children's facilities. Please also join us for our next service opportunity; it's a great time, and you will be sure to leave with a smile on your face!

*Special thanks to all those who came to help, even if for a short time and especially to Amanda DN. & Olivia M. for organizing the day! ~Michael*





# "YES MAN"



*HAIL, and blessed be  
the hour and moment  
At which the Son of God  
was born  
Of a most pure Virgin  
At a stable at midnight  
in Bethlehem  
In the piercing cold  
At that hour vouchsafe,  
I beseech Thee,  
To hear my prayers  
and grant my desires  
(mention requests here).*

*Through Jesus Christ and  
His most Blessed Mother.*

*Amen.*



Check out these cool websites

**www.mycatholicvoice.com**

Catholic site where you can upload pictures (from retreat or something), download music, podcasts, etc.

**www.songfacts.com**

Look up the meaning of almost any songs and find out some history about the song.

**www.disciplesnow.faithstreams.com**

Lot sof cool things for Catholic teens.

Fitfully funny comedy in which a bored bank employee (Jim Carrey) attends a seminar run by a self-help guru (a comically intimidating Terence Stamp) and vows to say yes to every invitation or suggestion, leading to romance with a quirky singer (Zooey Deschanel), a renewed relationship with his best friend (Bradley Cooper) and greater respect from his nerdy boss (Rhys Darby, spot-on). Principally a vehicle for Carrey's facial and physical antics, director Peyton Reed's adaptation of Danny Wallace's best-selling memoir salutes openness to life and adventure and satirizes superstition, but also features considerable sexual humor.



Nongraphic, nonmarital sexual activity, brief rear nudity, some sexual humor, much crude language and a few profanities.  
**A-III -- adults**  
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*Cut-out the calendar and post in a handy place!*

Thurs	25-Dec	<i>Joy to the World, the Lord has come</i>
Mon	29-Dec	Skit Trip Forms & \$\$ DUE!
Tues	30-Dec	Ski Trip to Peek'n Peak, NY
Sun	4-Jan-09	YOSA Mass & Social
Sun	4-Jan	Retreat Team Meeting
Sun	11-Jan	Retreat Team Meeting
Sun	18-Jan	YOSA Mass & Respect Life Night
Sun	25-Jan	Retreat Team Meeting
Sat	31-Jan &	<i>collect @ all Masses</i>
Sun	1-Feb	Souper Bowl of Caring
February 13-15, 2009 YOSA Retreat!!!		