

# IT'S TIME TO WELCOME AUTUMN

## And what better way to do so than with the Autumn Bowl!?!

On October 11, 2009, we held our annual Autumn Bowl. Although it was a little chilly, it turned into a successful day. It was held at Martin Park in Rocky River for a 3rd straight year. As soon as everyone arrived, we split up the teams and started playing. In the first games, the maroon team, led by co-presidents Amanda Drapac-Novotny and Michael Arnold, won on a last second touchdown caught as time expired. On the other field, the white team, led by Senior Dan Kobe and Juniors Evan Latsko and Sean Hegarty, blew the other maroon out of the water. After a short break and a group picture, the

second games started. In one game, the winners from the first games met and battled hard, but in the end, the white team emerged victorious. In the consolation game, the white team came out with their first win of the day. After that, we played the big game with all of the maroons against all of the whites. Once that was finished, we all prayed and left for the day. Amanda and I have put together a list of Autumn Bowl Awards. While we would like to nominate ourselves for the Best QB/Receiver Pair Ever Created, we also will acknowledge some special efforts:

**White MVP:** Daniel Kobe

**Maroon MVP:**

Monica Jakubisin

**Most Improved**

**Maroon:** Katherine Colborn

**Most Improved**

**White:** Gannon Ellert

**Hustle Award**

**Maroon:** Derek Corea

**Hustle Award White:**

Brian Dziak

**Good Sport Award**

**Maroon:** Bryan Ambrogi

**Good Sport Award**

**White:** Tom Dobrzeniecki

**Best Team Spirit**

**Maroon:**

Grace Corrigan

**Best Team Spirit**

**White:**

Elena Donofrio



## Upcoming Events – Cut this out and post it somewhere that you’ll remember to look!

Sunday, October 25, 2009

Teen Council Meeting  
4:00– 5:15pm

Sunday, October 25, 2009 &  
Monday, October 26, 2009

Generations in Faith  
Together (GIFT)

Sunday, November 1, 2009

Youth Mass – 5:30pm  
YOSA Meeting  
6:30 – 8:15 p.m.

## October is Respect Life Month

A lot of us hear the words "Respect Life" and many things come to our minds. Let's take a look at a few respect life issues, as presented by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops... ☺

*As believers, how can we fail to see that abortion, euthanasia, and assisted suicide are a terrible rejection of God's gift of life and love?*

-Pope John Paul II

### Respect Life Issues

#### Abortion

In 2005, 1.21 million abortions were performed in the U.S.

50% of U.S. women obtaining abortions are younger than 25.

From earliest times, Christians sharply distinguished themselves from surrounding pagan cultures by rejecting abortion and infanticide. Modern science has not changed the Church's constant teaching against abortion, but has underscored how important and reasonable it is, by confirming that the life of each individual of the human species begins with the earliest embryo.

#### The Death Penalty

In Ohio, "aggravated murder with at least 1 of 10 aggravating circumstances" is punishable by death.

Ohio currently has 180 people on death row.

The Church teaches that the death penalty is wrong because "its application is deeply flawed and can be irreversibly wrong, is prone to errors, and is biased by factors such as race, the quality of legal representation, and where the crime was committed."

#### Cloning

The National Academy of Sciences (NAS) defines "clone" and "cloning" as follows:

"An exact genetic replica of a DNA molecule, cell, tissue, organ, or entire plant or animal."

Pope John Paul II says: "I am thinking in particular of attempts at human cloning...these techniques, insofar as they involve the manipulation and destruction of human embryos, are not morally acceptable."

#### Euthanasia

"To sanction the taking of innocent human life is to contradict a primary purpose of law in an ordered society... would demean the lives of vulnerable patients and expose them to exploitation by those who feel they are better off dead."

The Church says: "As responsible stewards of life, we must never directly intend to cause our own death or that of anyone else. Euthanasia and assisted suicide are always gravely wrong."

#### Stem Cell Research

A stem cell is "a relatively unspecialized cell that, when it divides, can make another cell like itself or make any number of cells with more specialized functions."

At the present moment, the national government is refusing funding to embryonic stem cell research, though state governments and private institutions may allow it. The Church teaches that stem cell research is wrong when it involves a human embryo because it results in the death of that embryo.

