

St. Paul Youth Group

Newsletter

February 6, 2024 Newsletter

Wow, February already! I can't wait to celebrate Lent with our students. It's strange to say, but Lent is one of my favorite seasons on the Catholic calendar. It is a 40-day observance that begins next week on Ash Wednesday, February 14, also known as Valentine's Day! It's a time we prepare for the celebration of Jesus' death and resurrection at Easter.

Why is it my favorite? Because I fall ever more in Love with Jesus during this time. Over the years it has been my experience He calls me deeper into relationship with Him. My past observances included trying out daily mass, praying the rosary, going to confession more, reading my Bible, daily journaling, listening to Catholic podcasts, trying out new Catholic apps (Like HALLOW, My FAVORITE!!!).

Each year I picked up a "Holy Habit" and let go of a habit that is not so holy. I especially love Lent (Ash Wednesday) begins on Valentine's Day this year (heart shaped ashes anyone?! What is a better sign of love than Christ dying on the cross for YOU and ME and to be marked by that sign?



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2023 - 2024 Photo Album - What did we do in youth group this month? What didn't we do?!?!?

- Toured our church with Fr. Morley
- Visited with the Franciscan sisters of St. Elizabeth of Hungary
- Rocked the Universe at Universal Studios with other teens inside and outside of our Diocese
- Stood up for Life at the March for Life in Washington D.C.
- Celebrated Santo Nino festival with our Filipino Community
- Made new friends at a retreat with St Matthew and Holy Cross
- Invaded Christ the King's Youth Group



2023 - 2024 Photo Album -

What did we do in youth group this month?

What didn't we do!!!?



If you're not coming to youth group you are missing the FUN!



ASH WEDNESDAY MASS SCHEDULE

7:30 AM
9:00 AM
12:15 PM

2:00 PM EN ESPAÑOL
4:00 PM
5:30 PM

7:00 PM EN ESPAÑOL
7:05 PM FAMILY CTR.
8:30 PM EM PORTUGUÊS

February

- Sunday 11th **Youth Group Night – A Super Night**
Tuesday 13th **International Food Festival** 6-9 p.m.
Wed. 14th **ASH WEDNESDAY- LENT begins**
Fri-Sun 16-18th **No Greater Love Retreat** w/Christ the King at Lakewood Retreat Center
Sunday 18th **Youth Group Night -** Apologetics with AJ Boggs (how to know & defend your faith)
Sunday 25th **Youth Group Night**

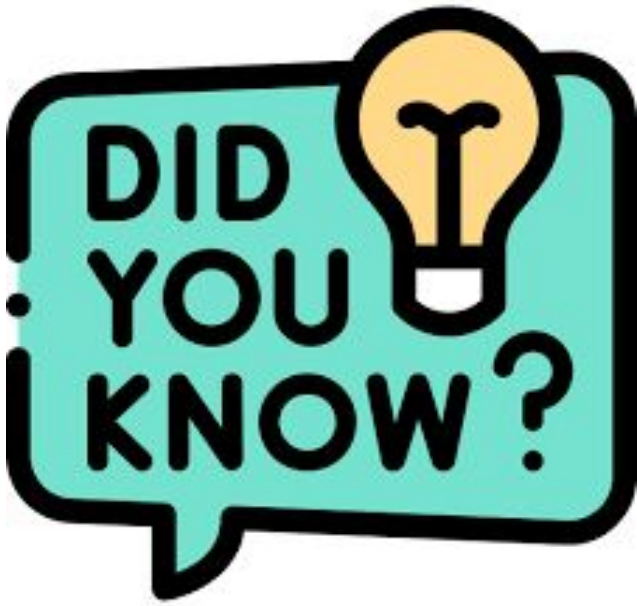
March

- Sunday 3rd **Youth Group Night**
Sunday 10th **Youth Group Night – Dying to Self with Felix Caro**
Sunday 17th **Youth Group Night – Fr. Chuck and Seminarians**
Sunday 24th **Youth Group Night –**

HOLY WEEK

- Wednesday 27th **XLT-Adoration with music and confession** 7-8:30 p.m. in the Church
Thursday 28th **Church Visits and IHOP** 7p.m. -1 a.m.
Friday 29th **Living Stations of the Cross** 12:15 in the church
Saturday 30th **Easter Vigil**
Sunday 31st **NO Youth Group Night - EASTER**





St Paul Youth Group, Theology on Tap, YG - FUNDRAISER, YG - Volunteer, Christian Holidays

Feb 2024 (Eastern Time - New York)

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
28 Rock the Universe 4pm - High School - YG 6:30pm - High School -	29	30	31	1	2	3
4 6:30pm - High School -	5	6 6pm - Encounter XLT	7	8	9 4:30pm - Preschool	10
11 6:30pm - High School -	12 Shrove Tuesday/Mardi	13 Ash Wednesday	14 Ash Wednesday	15 7pm - Stations practice @	16 6pm - No Greater Love Retreat @ Lakewood Retreat, NO Greater Love retreat 3:30pm - No Greater Love	17
18 NO Greater Love retreat 3:30pm - No Greater Love 4:30pm - Altar serving 6:30pm - High School -	19	20	21	22 7pm - Stations practice @	23	24
25 1pm - Yankees Spring 6:30pm - High School -	26 1pm - Yankees Spring	27 6:30pm - No XLT - Arm of	28 6:30pm - Yankees Spring 7pm - Stations practice @	29 St. David's Day 6:30pm - Yankees Spring	1	2 4:30pm - PEER Minister

Vocations - CALLED.CHOSEN.STRENGTHENED



SUMMIT: DISCERNMENT SERIES

Dinner and Discernment Discussion before Summit
House of Prayer at 6:00pm

January 11, 2024 - For Men, With Fr. Chuck and Seminarians
February 15, 2024 - For Women, With Sr. Sherly

711 S Bayshore Ave., Clearwater, FL
RSVP: www.dospvocations.org/events
727-345-3452

March 21-25, 2024

COME AND SEE

St. Joseph Seminary College, Louisiana

Seminary visit
Time for prayer
Meet seminarians

FOR MEN:

JUNIOR/SENIOR IN HIGH SCHOOL
IN COLLEGE
YOUNG ADULTS

MORE INFORMATION
AND REGISTRATION
HERE



Parish Events / Volunteer Opportunities

XLT - held on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

March 27

April 24

May 22



ST. PAUL YOUTH GROUP
INVITES YOU TO COME AND SEE...

XLT

THE WHOLE COMMUNITY IS INVITED!

MUSIC
PRAYER
ADORATION
CONFESSION

MARCH 27, 2024
7:00PM - 8:30PM
MAIN CHURCH

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We are the Church of Now
Saints in progress



The Arm of
ST. JUDE THE APOSTLE
is visiting the United States and is coming to
THE STATE OF FLORIDA

Known as the *Apostle of the Impossible*, Saint Jude is revered for his unwavering dedication and steadfast faith. Millions have experienced his intercession in times of adversity and need.



DATE: Wednesday, February 28, 2024

CHURCH: St. Paul Catholic Church - Tampa

ADDRESS: 12708 N. Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, Florida

PHONE: (813) 961-3023

VENERATION OF THE RELIC BEGINS: 2:00 PM

SPECIAL MASS IN HONOR OF ST. JUDE: 7:00 PM

VENERATION ENDS: 10:00 PM

CHECK THE WEBSITE BELOW FOR OTHER LOCATIONS



VISIT www.ApostleOfTheImpossible.com FOR COMPLETE DETAILS



Veneration of the Arm of St Jude Feb 28

St. Paul Catholic Church in Tampa, Florida, has been chosen as one of the host sites for this exhibit.

The Arm of St. Jude the Apostle will be available for veneration on Wednesday, February 28, 2024, beginning at 2:00pm in the main church. A special Mass in honor of St. Jude will be offered at 7:00pm in the main church. Veneration will continue after the Mass until 10:00pm.



Preschool Spaghetti Dinner 2024 Saturday, February 10, 5:00 – 8:30 PM

St. Paul's Preschool puts the Fun in FUNdraiser.

Their Spaghetti Dinner will be Saturday, Feb 10th from 5-8p.m. in the family center and the theme is Italian ...so come dressed in black pants, plain white shirt and your favorite mustache!

Teens, we need your help greeting our guests, keeping the trash cans from spilling over, serving drinks and helping families get their food and cleaning up.

Please arrive by 4:30 p.m. to receive your assignment for the evening.

Sign up

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FA5A72BA0FF2-47126340-preschool>) to get in on the fun and be an active part of this outstanding event.

Dinner will be provided for you. Dessert items can be purchased for a small fee.

For questions pertaining to this event contact Laura Wendt 315-489-2091 lwendt@stpaulchurch.com or Karen LeRette KLerette@stpaulchurch.com

Coffee & Donut Serving – Sunday, February 11 - after all Masses from 7:00 – 12:00

Signup

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FA5A72BA0FF2-47060958-coffee>

to help serve coffee & donuts after all the Masses this Sunday, February 11.

Confirmation students: here's an opportunity to volunteer to serve coffee & donuts and GREET our parishioners after all morning Masses, Sunday, February 11, 2024. We need help setting/decorating the tables, making coffee, putting out the donuts, setting up juice and water, and clean up after the 10:45am Mass.

Sign up for an hour after attending Mass! Please review the available slots below and click on the button to sign up. Thank you!





INTERNATIONAL FOOD FESTIVAL & MARDI GRAS CELEBRATION



Tuesday, February 13 • 6:00pm to 9:00pm
St. Paul Parking Lot



International Food Festival - Tuesday, February 13, 5-9:30 p.m.

International Food Festival Sign up

6-9p.m. (Event)

5-9:30 (volunteering) SIGNUP GENIUS

(<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FA5A72BA0FF2-47126409-stpauls>)

Join us at the Annual St. Paul Fest that's abounding with savory food, exciting music and dance from all around the world.

This is a Multicultural Pre-Lenten Gathering that celebrates our rich, varied heritage and the faith that brings us together. We invite you to join the ongoing celebration!

15 countries are represented at our Fest!!

Here are the different things you could be doing as a volunteer (assignments made as needed when you show up for your shift.)

Check if anything is needed at the various tables (paper products, etc.)

Help serve food

Help at the paper supply station

Help at the drink station (this is very busy)

Pass out glow sticks and necklaces

Help tear down after the event ends

Point of Contact - Laura Wendt lwendt@stpaulchurch.com 813-961-3023 ext 3311

Eddie Mendez Emendez@stpaulchurch.com 813-961-3023 ext 3316

2024 Living Stations of the Cross



Practices: Once a week on Thursdays 7-8:30 pm starting Feb 15 - March 28

Performance: Good Friday - April 15 12:15 pm in the Church

SIGNUP here -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FA5A72BA0FF2-47126445-2024>

Calling all high school, middle school students and adults! Come out and collaborate on our Living Stations of the Cross.

We need performers, musicians, artists, and narrators.

There are also plenty of nonspeaking parts.

Come join our band of storytellers as we develop a way to tell this powerful story of Jesus' LOVE.

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LENTEN

FISH FRY

2024 St Paul's Lenten Fish Fry with Knights of Columbus

Feb 16-March 22 4:30-7:30 p.m.
Family Center

SIGNUP here -

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A4FA5A72BA0FF2-47126408-20234>

Help our Knights of Columbus at the Fish Fry each Friday in Lent.

Help to greet, serve, clean up and other things as needed each week.

Volunteer during this important community event.

ST PAUL
YOUTH GROUP

Retreats



Location: Good Counsel Camp

Cost: \$65 due April 5

Date: April 12-14, 2024

Registration: [Spring Retreat Registration](#)

Summer Camps

Signing up Early is important because it allows :

Time for fundraising so that little to nothing needs to come out of your pocket (or mine.)

All paperwork to be done in a timely manner without Laura's hair going prematurely gray (too late 😊)

Transportation and lodging to be arranged without trying to squeeze people in at the last minute (also causes me gray hairs)

So please follow all deadlines and communicate with me!

Registration for COVECREST IS OPEN!!!!

Covecrest is designed to provide a spiritual retreat experience for young people, offering various programs, activities, and events to foster faith and community. The Life Teen Summer Camps staff plans, prepares, and facilitates the programming, liturgies and activities for each day. Each day we'll experience daily Mass, opportunities for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, and other powerful prayer experiences. Our evening sessions, led by a dynamic speaker, will break open scriptural topics to lead our teens into a more authentic encounter with Christ.

Location: Tiger, Georgia

Cost: \$950 pp -includes week of camp and bus transportation to and from camp

Date: Week 1: **May 27-June 1, 2024**

Spots available: 31

Deadline for registration: Mon, Feb 26 @ NOON- Includes \$100 deposit

Participant Registration: <https://paperwork.lifeteen.com/c/N4PV>

WATCH THIS FIRST: Life Teen Summer Camp Paperwork How-To - YouTube

CODE: N4PV

PAYMENT: Feb 26 \$100 deposit

March 26 \$425 due

April 26 \$425 due



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Good Samaritan Project (GSP) This is a local Mission Trip week within our Diocese. The vision of the Good Samaritan Project is to bring youth to the poor and underprivileged members of the Tampa Bay area through service and prayer. Students travel every day from Bishop McLaughlin to a different location to serve those in need around our Diocese.

Location: Bishop McLaughlin High School, Springhill, FL

Cost: ~\$250 (based on 2023 cost)

Date: June 24-29TH, 2024

Registration: in the spring



YANKEES SPRING TRAINING GAMES. Earn money for your registrations for anything at the parish or in the diocese that you want to attend.

1. Register on [Sign-Up Genius](https://shorturl.at/dekC8). (Click hyperlinks or paste: <https://shorturl.at/dekC8> into your browser)
2. Join our Whatsapp group - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/JkbGHdiTCqJC1dKVkF6I5I>
Once you have signed up to work the games, please login to our Whatsapp group so that we can communicate and plan rides, put out information, coordinate for adults to be out there the same time as our students, et cetera.
3. Review the [Yankees Spring Training Fundraiser Overview](#)
4. Contact me if you did not receive it! lwendt@stpaulchurch.com

