

ST. MARY'S YOUTH NEWS

Youth Newsletter

May 2018

Summer break is here!

The end of the 2018 school year is practically here! With the start of summer comes many activities. Check out this newsletter to see some photos of recent happenings and events to come!

Contributing this month:

- Amanda Durbin: K-6th youth group, camp,
- Eulynn Keller (composing): 7th-12th youth events, GLOW
- JoAnn Wilcox: CCD/Education
- Monica Mitchell: Confirmation
- **NEW!** Father Minj: Youth insights



-St. Mary's Youth

"Another joy filled year of K-6th Wednesday youth group has come to a close. We're looking forward to restarting in September!"

-Amanda Durbin

Congratulations!



2018 Seniors (Left to Right): Caroline Weatherford, Sammy Hercules, Phillip Hercules, Emma Gough, Kimberly Greenwell, Hannah Meyers

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Education/CCD Notes from JoAnn

This year we are moving VBS to late August ahead of CCD starting in September. There is a committee working on curriculum & scheduling, and more details will be released down the road.

Confirmation Updates by Monica

This summer would be a great time to ask someone to be your sponsor for confirmation. You can get together with the sponsor guide and get to know them even better. Check with Monica if you did not get your sponsor guide yet. Have a great summer!

Catholic Church Camp

Over 100 campers have registered for Catholic Summer Camp 2018 at Camp Jo-ota, including kids from Brookfield, Macon, Monroe, Clarence, & Shelbina. An exciting line-up of special events are in the works including daily talks about Indian culture with Fr. Minj, and interaction with inspirational seminarians, Steubenville students, and FOCUS missionaries! There are still spots available for Prek-12th grade, please encourage your youth to attend.

Right to Life

If you've been or plan to attend the March for Life in Washington DC, please consider helping out with this year's Shelby Co Right to Life Rummage Sale! Each year we have made the DC pilgrimage, the Right to Life has financially and spiritually supported it. Please give back and help this life affirming local group continue to stand up for the sanctity of human life. (June 10-16 @ FBC)

Servers Outing

Deacon Larry has planned the annual servers outing for June 7th for a noon game. Please call the parish office to reserve your spot today!

Steubenville Conference

St. Mary's has 7 high school students attending the Steubenville Conference in July. Attendees are: Dylan Durbin, Millie Gough, Lauren Keller, Hannah Meyers, Mady Rash, Masen Rash, and Zeke Wilcox.

7th-12th Info from Eulynn

Wednesday night GLOW is on a summer break. A June activity will be planned, so stay tuned for details! Mid-April I had the opportunity to attend a training about youth ministry in rural parishes. Rural towns are blessed with many things, one of which being "everyone knows you—and sometimes they know you better than YOU know YOU". Yes, I say we are BLESSED with that. It is an opportunity for each of us to be there for one another when times are tough, both physically and in prayer. I hope each of you take that chance and get to know our youth. They are amazing and need to know what a crucial role they have at St. Mary's. Happy May and God Bless!

Prayer for our

youth: We offer to you, Loving God, the gifts and needs of youth. Bless them with your guiding grace as they face the challenges and opportunities in their lives. Touch their hearts with the gentleness of your love, that they may know they are valued and valuable beings. Send your spirit of hope to their lives, that they may believe in themselves and know they are needed in this world. Grace them with the gift of joy that they may celebrate life through laughter and tears alike. Guide us, as we continue to grow in appreciation of the many gifts of young people, in the ministry opportunities we offer to them, in the journey of faith we walk with them, in our shared mission as a community called to discipleship in the world. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.



2018 Vocations Day Participants (Left to Right): Dax Durbin, Kayl Gough, Jarron Durbin, Isaac Wilcox, J Dovin.