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S A I N T A N N E ' S Y O U T H G R O U P

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- The Chris Tomlin Concert
- Youth Outing to Cades Cove
- Knights of Columbus Fundraiser Brunch for the Youth Group
- NYC in Kingsport

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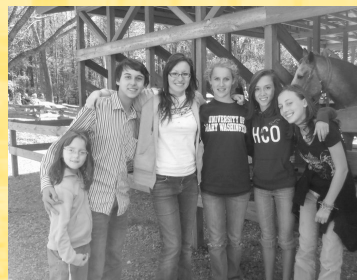
CADES COVE – OCTOBER 30TH

The Youth Group traveled to Cades Cove, TN in the Smoky Mountains for an outing to kick-off the new school year!!

The teens enjoyed a beautiful drive through the Smoky Mountains (thanks to chaperone, Betty Fitton) to arrive at Cades Cove, which is tucked away in the mountains near Townsend, TN.

Several of the teens chose to go on a ranger-led horseback ride. We had a beautiful one-hour ride through the mountains and forests of Cades Cove. One of the

horses was having "digestive problems"- which made the beginning of the trail ride a little awkward for



Ben Fitton, Abby Hobbs, Meta Grayson, and Natalie Monyak were among those who attended the Cades Cove Outing

The trip also included a 2 hour hay-ride around another part of Cades Cove. We saw deer and even a black bear in the distance during our ride.

I think we all had a lot of fun and can look forward to a similar trip in the future!

Abby Hobbs, who had the privilege of riding behind it.



CHRIS TOMLIN CONCERT – OCTOBER 23RD

Several of our Junior and Senior High youth members attended the Chris Tomlin concert, bringing along family members for the experience.

Chris Tomlin, a popular Christian Music Artist, put on a highly energetic show and

inspired his audience to grow spiritually but speaking about the importance of having Christ in their lives. He shared personal experiences and effectively stirred the audience to step out of their comfort zones, "let go" and give themselves entirely to God.

Those who attended were pleasantly surprised by his energy and talent and had an enjoyable evening!!

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FUNDRAISER
BRUNCH / CDA BAKE SALE!!! - OCTOBER
31ST**

First of all: A special Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for preparing the brunch and to the Catholic Daughters of America for providing the goodies for our Bake Sale!!

We had over 20 youth group members step up and serve at the meal!! We also had several adult volunteers, including Mr. & Mrs. Blackard, Mrs. Branch, and Knights of Columbus

members Clint Smith, Tom Heibel, and GK Lou Pingo. Gina Rossetti, CDA, organized a successful bake sale, while our junior high girls sold the desserts.

Senior High Youth Member, Ben Fitton, who has a great deal of musical and artistic talent, led the efforts to create origami center pieces and played the guitar for our guests.

The Brunch was a great success and we raised enough money to purchase hoodies (for the senior high) and long-sleeve t-shirts (for the junior high) for the active members of the youth group!!

Any left over proceeds will go toward helping offset the costs of our trip to the Youth Rally with Matt Maher and March for Life in January. Thank you to everyone who supported us!



Lou Pingo, GK talks to SH youth group members Ren Blackard, and Claire and Elizabeth Steckel, and parent volunteer Mrs. Branch before serving the meal

WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING AT OUR MEETINGS!!

"If you are what you should be, you will set the world on fire!"
~St. Catherine of Siena

Catechesis for both the Junior and Senior High has centered around a program called "Jesus Youth" for this Fall semester. This program focuses on six areas: Prayer, the Word of God, Sacraments, Fellowship, Service, and Evangelization. In the Spring, the curriculum will be centered around the modern concerns of the Church and Theology of

the Body for Teens.

Focus during the Junior High meetings has been on warming up to dive deeper into the Catholic faith and getting to know one another through ice breakers. The Senior High, many of whom have known each other since pre-school, have already begun to develop a great dynamic with each other and are eager to

practice apologetics.

The youth group members are already showing spiritual growth within the first two months of youth group. They have a lot of talent and depth and I anticipate that this year will be very blessed!!

A BIG thank you to all of the volunteers who have committed time to helping!!

DIOCESE OF KNOXVILLE YOUTH CONVENTION - NOVEMBER 13

This year, the Diocese of Knoxville held their Youth Convention at St. Dominic's Catholic Church in Kingsport, TN.

Three young men from St. Anne's attended (Ren Blackard, Thad Branch and Avery Hall), joining with St. Mary's

Youth Group from Johnson City, TN.

The day included mass, praise and worship, adoration, group discussion, and a concert by John Angotti. This year's theme was "Stand in the Light."

The guys had a great experi-

ence and look forward to attending the DYC again next year!



Avery Hall with other teens who attended the DYC in Kingsport, TN

U P C O M I N G E V E N T S



Matt Maher, Catholic Christian Music Artist

One of the big tasks of the youth group

is to identify talent and form a leadership team. While the team is still developing, they have already started helping to plan events and express their interest in different activities for the future.

Our next trip will be to the "Life is Very Good" evening in Woodbridge, VA with a concert and keynote by popular Catholic Christian Music Artist, Matt Maher. We will stay in a hotel overnight and attend the March for Life the following day in Washington DC.

On February 4, 2011, we will be having a Festival of Praise at St. Anne's led by the Ignite! Praise and Worship Band!! The evening will include adoration, a witness talk, a teaching, and opportunity for confession. Everyone is welcome to both events (not just teens!!)

In February and March we will begin Confirmation prep, concluding with a NET retreat on Mar 31st!! Confirmation will be hosted by St. Anne's.

F A M I L Y N I G H T - O C T O B E R 6 T H

About ten of our Junior and Senior High Youth members attended and enjoyed "Family Night" at the parish in place of our Senior High Wednesday night gatherings.

Sydney Farnum, Director of Christian Formation, reserved a table for our youth group, identified by a colorful happy face balloon. Senior High

Youth Group member, Ren Blackard, instantly fell in love with "her" (the balloon). As far as we know, they have since broken up- the relationship simply deflated. We wish the best to Ren as he recovers.

The youth enjoyed a turkey dinner followed by evening prayer in the church. We then continued to the Brady Center

to talk about our experience at "Family Night" and upcoming events for youth group.

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle."
 ~ Pope John Paul II

P R O J E C T " O U R F A M I L Y " O C T O B E R 1 6 T H

Senior High Youth Group member, Audri Easterling, woke up WAY too early in the morning to serve at "Project Our Family" on October 16th to help a member of our parish with yard work. Meta Grayson's mom also generously gave of her time to serve. Ren Blackard, who is also a boy scout, was also among those who served.

Audri was able to make efficient use of her time and the materials we had because she is accustomed to doing this type of work at home. We mulched and edged the lovely yard of a parish member who we also enjoyed talking with.

This type of service is a great learning experience for the youth to show that we can

make a very big difference, even in small ways.



SH Youth member, Audri Easterling, parent volunteer Mrs. Grayson, and Youth Director Bridgette Trunzo stand with the owner of the house and parishioner of St. Anne's after completing yard work at her house.



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Making a Difference...

St. Anne's Youth Group was created to serve the spiritual needs and growth of the teenagers of our community. The mission and goal of the Youth Ministry is to assist the youth in learning their Catholic faith, defending it, reaching out to others, and discovering the truth of their great need for God. The goal is to order their lives and relationships toward God, discover and desire His will and their true vocations, and to develop their identity as Catholic persons and followers of Christ.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support!

Sincerely in Christ,

Bridgette A. Trunzo

Y O U T H G R O U P M E M B E R S P O T L I G H T

Meet Lexi Stumpe!!!

I'm sixteen years old and I am a junior at Virginia High School. I'm a cheerleader and I play soccer, and I also work at Outback Steakhouse. I make straight A's and I plan to keep up my hard work, because I want to attend the University of South Carolina and enter their marine biology program. I have always loved the ocean and any kind of marine animals! Big cities and beaches are my favorite places to visit, along with the mountains in the winter because I love to snowboard. I also love music, and I listen to just about every kind, but acoustics and punk rock have to be my favorite.

God always comes first in my life, and He has already given me so many blessings and has filled my life with some amazing people. I can't wait to see what He has in store for me in the future! I love going to church and youth group, there's nothing like being surrounded by people who share the same love for God that I have.

I'm very easygoing, and I love to meet new people. I like to have fun with my family, friends, and my puppy, and I don't know what I would do without them. There's rarely a moment when I'm not smiling or laughing, because I think life's more fun if you always try to be happy!



**Alexa Stumpe
Junior at Virginia High School**