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CONFIRMATION DATE SET

Spring 2012

Kellogg, St. Agnes (Bishop Quinn)

Wabasha, St. Felix

Friday, April 27, 2012 7:00 pm

SEMINARY TRIP FOR 9th – 12th GRADES PLANNED FOR NOVEMBER 16th

A trip for 9th – 12th grade classes to the Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary at St. Mary's University has been planned for November 16th.

On Wednesday, November 16, we ask that all 9th – 12th students arrive at St. Felix School no later than 6:10 pm. We will board the bus at 6:15pm and leave promptly. The plan is to arrive at the IHM Seminary about 6:55 pm. The students will get a tour of the Seminary and have an opportunity to meet with the seminarians. We will then board the bus to return to Wabasha at 7:45 pm. The arrival time back at St. Felix is planned for around 8:30pm.

In past years, the seminarians at Immaculate Heart of Mary have made the trip to Wabasha but this year our youth will be taking a bus down to Winona. This is a wonderful opportunity for our Faith Formation classes and we are grateful that the Seminary made this tour possible.

We will need the medical release form sign by a parent in order for your child to attend. Please fill out the medical release form and returned it to the Faith Formation Office by November 2. We would also like to extend an invitation to parents to join us for this field trip activity. If you are interested, please call the Faith Formation Office by November 2.

Ben Frost & Raymond DeSouza Event Well Attended

Is there sufficient evidence to believe in God today? This was just one of the questions that Ben Frost & Raymond De Souza addressed when they spoke to our youth on the Logic of the Catholic Faith and Apologetics.

Twenty-five of our St. Felix and St. Agnes youth (as well as about a dozen adults) attended

the Monday, September 26th program which began with a sloppy joe dinner provided by St. Agnes & St. Felix Youth Group and served by the CCW. Following dinner, the youth played games and socialized before listening to the guest speakers.

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HALLOWEEN HUNT AT VALLEY SCARE!



YOUTH TAKE PART IN "VALLEY SCARE" TRIP OCTOBER 15th

28 students participated in the trip to "Valley Scare" held at the Valleyfair Amusement Park. It was a night full of fun and fright as they rode the amusement rides and went through the different haunted houses and graveyards...

Ben Frost & Raymond DeSouza Event Well Attended

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Ben and Raymond did a fabulous job speaking about their own walk of faith and why these teens are so fortunate to have this kind of function. Ben spoke about the difficulty of life, especially as a teenager and how faith will get them through it. The students followed up with some great questions and interactions with the two speakers.

Ben Frost is \Diocesan Director of Youth Ministry. Raymond De Souza, the Diocesan Director of Apologetics, originally came from Brazil, then lived in Australia before moving to Winona.



LIVING A LIFE FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

The first thing that comes to mind for most people around the Thanksgiving holiday is probably a table full of good food, a house full of family and friends, and day-long football games. Thanksgiving is a day to consider all of the blessing in our lives. While being thankful for family, prosperity, and a roof over our heads tend to be at the top of the list for most people, there are a whole host of other things that we should not forget about—namely just being thankful that we are alive, and that tomorrow might just lend itself to try something new, say a kind word to someone, apologize if you must, laugh a little louder, smile, smell the air, or enjoy the company of good friends in your class.

No matter where you are in life, It is important that each of us take time to slow down or just stop to focus on ourselves and our surroundings. Why wait for Thanksgiving to express your thankfulness when you can do it everyday of your life?





OUR Calendar



November

Tuesday, November 1st - All Saints Day (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, November 2nd - All Saints Mass at 7pm

Wednesday, November 9th - Class

Wednesday, November 16th - Class

Wednesday, November 23rd - No Class, Thanksgiving break

Sunday, November 27th - First Sunday of Advent – New Mass Changes begin.

December

Wednesday, December 7th - Class for K-6, 7th -11th grades Immaculate Conception Faith Formation Mass at 7pm.

Thursday, December 8th - Immaculate Conception (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday December 14th - Class-Advent Reconciliation

Wednesday, December 21st - Class- (Advent Reconciliation in case weather cancels December 14th)

Tuesday, December 24th - Christmas Eve
4pm @ St. Felix
6pm @ St. Agnes

Wednesday, December 25th - Christmas Day (Holy Day of Obligation)
Midnight @ St. Felix
8am @ St. Agnes
9:30am @ St. Felix

Wednesday, December 28th - No Class, Christmas Break

January

Sunday, January 1st - Mary the Mother of God (Holy Day of Obligation)

Wednesday, January 4th - No Class Christmas Break

TODAY IN YOUR LIFE

Emergency Bible Numbers

- When you are sad, call on John 14
- When you don't feel loved, call on Romans 8:38-39
- When you have sinned, call on 1 John 1:8-9
- When you are facing danger, call on Psalm 91
- When people have failed you, call on Psalm 27
- When God feels far from you, call on Psalm 139
- When you are losing hope, call on 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

PRAYER CORNER



Lord Jesus,
 I give you my hands to do your work.
 I give you my feet to go your way.
 I give you my eyes to see as you do.
 I give you my tongue to speak your words.
 I give you my mind that you may think in me.
 I give you my spirit that you may pray in me.
 Above all,
 I give you my heart that you may love in me your Father and all people.
 I give you my whole self that you may grow in me, so that it is you, Lord Jesus, who live and work and pray in me.

Parents, God bless you, in your role as primary Catechist (Teacher) of your children!

On Thursday, November 17th there is a NET retreat at St. Joachim for Confirmation students. This day is a half-day at PEM schools so if our students want to attend this retreat parents will need to write a note to excuse them from school. Students will meet from 1:00pm-7:00pm in the Faith Formation Center in Plainview. The parish will provide dinner, but the students are responsible for their own lunches. Cost to attend the retreat is \$20 per student.

If your student cannot attend the Plainview Retreat location he/she must attend one at another parish in order to meet the Confirmation requirement. Students from St. Felix, St. Agnes, St. Joachims and Immaculate Conception will be attending.

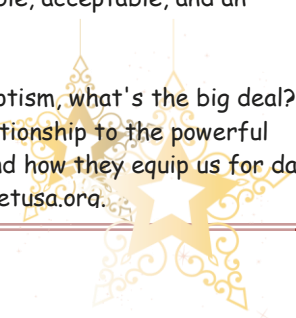
What is NET Ministries? Net Ministries (National Evangelization Teams) is an international youth ministry which aims to challenge young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church. It began in St. Paul in 1981 and since then, NET teams have lead over 15,000 retreats and ministered to over 1 million young people!

What is a NET Retreat? They are typically high-energy experiences using large group presentations, small group discussion, music, drama, personal faith sharings, one-on-one prayer and the sacraments.

The Goals of a NET Retreat

- 1) To enhance the self-esteem of each young person through their awareness of God's unconditional love and acceptance of them
- 2) To enhance the faith life of each young person by leading them to a place of desiring to make a personal faith commitment to Jesus
- 3) To offer the faith of the team members as a witness to the youth that faith in God is desirable, acceptable, and an exciting part of their lives

This Year's Theme: You Will Receive Power. We already received the Holy Spirit at Baptism, what's the big deal? Why do we need more? This theme explores the sacrament of Confirmation by exploring its relationship to the powerful experience of Pentecost. The youth will also be invited to explore the gifts of the Holy Spirit and how they equip us for daily life. For more information about NET and what they have to offer, go to their website at www.netusa.org.



IN ACTION – TEENS ON THE MOVE FOR GOD!

Thanks to Our Youth for Steppina Up To Help!



REACHING OUT...

Our Youth Council gave gift baskets to the St. Felix Fall Festival and the St. Agnes Fall Dinner... WAY TO GO!

