



Youth View

March 2017

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Upcoming Break

Hello all,

In about a month, Jacob and I will welcome the newest member of the Poliskey family! We are very excited. However, this means that we will have to take a short break from our regular meetings. I am expecting this break to last from April 13-May 31, but this may be subject to change depending on when our baby arrives!

Thank you all for your prayers and support!

-Ellen

Celebrate the Annunciation!

On Saturday, March 25, we will celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation. This is the day when we remember how the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would be the Mother of the Redeemer.

One way to celebrate this important day is to pray the Angelus as a family! Traditionally prayed at 6:00 a.m., noon, and 6:00 p.m., this prayer commemorates Gabriel's visit to Mary and the incredible moment in which God became man. If you don't know how to pray the Angelus, look on the back for instructions!

April Schedule

K-5 youth activities: Activities will take place Sunday, April 2nd & 9th, at 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. in the conference room.

Middle school youth meeting: Wed., April 5th, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

High school youth meeting: Wed., April 12th, at 7:30 p.m. in the parish hall.

Fourth Sunday Fun for All Ages: On Sunday, April 23, join us for the Fourth Sunday Potluck at 5:00 p.m. in the parish hall. We will have "Divine Mercy Sundaes" to celebrate the feast of God's infinite Mercy! ☺

"The Virgin did not merely pronounce her *fiat*...

...in every moment she fulfilled that firm and irrevocable decision. So should we."

-St. Josemaria Escriva

Meet the Saints

St. Joseph

Feast day: March 20

St. Joseph, the husband of the Blessed Virgin, is often remembered for his silence. Not once is he quoted in the Gospels! However, we can still learn much from his example.

Perhaps one of the most notable virtues we can learn from St. Joseph is his selfless obedience. When the angel appears to him in dreams to instruct him of God's Will (see Matthew 1: 19-24, 2: 13-14, & 2: 19-21), he never questions or complains. He simply does as he is commanded in perfect obedience. This sort of heroic virtue takes much strength and trust in God. Let's pray to St. Joseph that he will help us practice the same virtue with great determination!



Save the Dates!

If you haven't already marked these dates on your calendar, be sure to do so! More information will be coming soon about how to register or volunteer for Totus Tuus and VBS:

National IRL Youth Meeting—Saturday, April 22. Please register by Friday, April 7!

Totus Tuus—June 25-30

Vacation Bible School—July 31-August 4

What's that Symbol?

Have you ever noticed the stained glass window in our church that depicts a big, white bird and its babies? Have you ever wondered why they are pictured there? Believe it or not, it is because they symbolize Jesus as "the Divine Pelican."

"How can God be compared to a big, white sea bird?" you might be thinking. Good question! In ancient times, it was believed that a mother pelican would wound herself to feed her babies with her own blood. The symbol was applied to Jesus because He nourishes us with His own Body and Blood in the Eucharist! So the next time you see a pelican, remember to thank God for the great gift of Himself in the Holy Eucharist!



The Angelus

V. The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary

R. And she conceived of the Holy Spirit

Hail Mary...

V. Behold the handmaid of the Lord

R. Be it done unto me according to Thy word

Hail Mary . . .

V. And the Word was made Flesh

R. And dwelt among us.

Hail Mary . . .

V. Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ

V. Let us pray: Pour forth, we beseech Thee, O Lord, Thy grace into our hearts; that we, to whom the incarnation of Christ, Thy Son, was made known by the message of an angel, may by His Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of His Resurrection, through the same Christ Our Lord. Amen.