



# Youth View

*April 2017*

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## Registration Open for Totus Tuus & VBS!

Are you already planning your summer vacation? Be sure to mark your calendars for our Totus Tuus and Vacation Bible School programs! Totus Tuus will take place June 25-30, while VBS will be held July 31-August 4.

You might be wondering what makes these two programs different from one another. To explain, Totus Tuus is organized by the Diocese of Davenport. A team of young adults travels through the diocese to teach kids about devotion to Mary and the Eucharist, encourage them to consider their vocations, and provide an opportunity to have fun! Another unique feature of this program is that it has a special evening session for middle and high school students.



## Summer Meetings

Reminder: regularly scheduled activities are cancelled April 13-May 31. Here is the plan for our meetings during the months of June-August:

**K-5 youth activities:** We will resume weekly activities on Sunday, June 4. As usual, these will take place on Sundays at 9:15 and 11:15 a.m. in the conference room.

**Middle school youth meetings:** Starting June 7, middle school youth will meet **weekly** on Wednesday nights at 7:30 p.m.

**High school youth meetings:** Starting June 7, high schoolers will meet with parishioner Joe Cain for a **weekly** prayer group at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings.



“How dear your soul is to Me! I have inscribed your name upon My hand; you are engraved as a deep wound in My Heart.”

-Jesus' words to a Sinful Soul  
(*Diary of St. Faustina*, 1485)



The goal of VBS is to learn virtues and truths of our Catholic Faith from Bible adventures and fun activities. This program is intended for elementary-aged kids, but

teens can participate as volunteers.

Want to register? Use the forms available on the bulletin boards in the church or on our parish website! The cost for participating in each program is \$15/kid or \$30/family.

# Meet the Saints

St. Peter Chanel

*Feast day: April 28*

An early Christian author named Tertullian once said that “the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the Church.” In the life of St. Peter Chanel, this was certainly the case!

St. Peter was born to a family of French peasants in the year 1803. He became a Marist priest with the hopes of being a missionary. After five years of teaching in the seminary, he was sent to the island of Futuna (northeast of Fiji).

Here, St. Peter’s work among the native peoples seemed useless. They were exceedingly suspicious of the missionaries; only a handful converted. When the chieftain’s son asked to be baptized, the chieftain was so furious that he sent his warriors to club St. Peter to death.

While it might have seemed at the time that St. Peter’s missionary efforts had failed because of his death, it actually proved quite the opposite. Within two short years after his death, the whole island was Catholic because of his witness!



We should follow St. Peter’s example of fidelity in sharing the Gospel no matter what the circumstances.

St. Peter Chanel, pray for us!

## Questions? Suggestions?

Want to subscribe to monthly email updates that give more information about our youth program? Contact Ellen Poliskey at (319) 337-4957 or at [icstwencym@diodav.org](mailto:icstwencym@diodav.org)!

Join us for a



**Divine Mercy Celebration**

**Sunday, April 23, 2017**

11:00 a.m. - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
1:00 p.m. - Rosary  
2:00 p.m. - Divine Mercy Reflection  
3:00 p.m. - Chaplet of Divine Mercy  
3:30 p.m. - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament  
4:00 p.m. - Mass

Confessions will be heard from 12:00-3:30 p.m.

There will also be opportunity for silent prayer, reflection, and meditation.

## Image of Mercy

On Divine Mercy Sunday, you will have the chance to pick up a free Divine Mercy image!

It is important to venerate Jesus in this particular image. Jesus Himself asked St. Faustina to have it painted. He also said of it, “I am offering people a vessel with which they are to keep coming for graces to the fountain of mercy” (327). Some key features are the rays and Jesus’ posture. The rays denote the blood and water which gushed forth from Jesus’ pierced heart to obtain our life and salvation. Also, Jesus is stepping forward ever so slightly. By this action, He shows that He wants to come to us, who are hesitant to approach Him.

By honoring Our Lord in this image, let’s meet Him with love and trust in His infinite Mercy!