



# Youth View

*January 2017*

*Read on for more information about youth events and cool Catholic facts!*

## Come, Holy Spirit!

On February 26, several of our parish youth will receive the sacrament of Confirmation. In Confirmation, the Holy Spirit perfects baptismal graces and unites the recipient more closely to Christ and His Church (CCC 1316).

Please pray for all of our candidates as they prepare to receive this strengthening sacrament!



Did you know that Pope St. John Paul II's father inspired him to pray to the Holy Spirit? He taught the young Karol Wojtyła the following prayer, which the pope kept on a handwritten note and prayed daily for the rest of his life:

“Holy Spirit, I ask you for the gift of Wisdom to better know You and Your divine perfections, for the gift of Understanding to clearly discern the spirit of the mysteries of the holy faith, for the gift of Counsel that I may live according to the principles of this faith, for the gift of Knowledge that I may look for counsel in You and that I may always find it in You, for the gift of Fortitude that no fear or earthly preoccupations would ever separate me from You, for the gift of Piety that I may always serve Your Majesty with a filial love, for the gift of the Fear of the Lord that I may dread sin, which offends You, O my God.”

*From Chapter Nine of St. John Paul the Great: His Five Loves—by Jason Evert*

## February Schedule

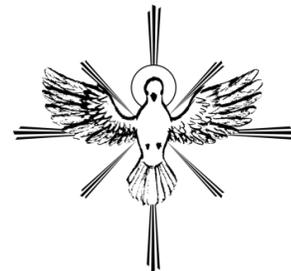
**K-5 youth activities:** Activities are cancelled Sunday, Feb. 5, due to Scout Dinner. There will be activities on all other Sundays at 9:15 & 11:15 a.m. in conference room.

**Middle school youth meetings:** Wednesdays, Feb. 1 & 15, at 7:30 p.m. in conference room.

*Details coming soon about the Diocesan Junior High retreat! Will be held March 19 at Regina.*

**High school youth meetings:** Wednesdays, Feb. 8 & 22, at 7:30 p.m. in conference room.

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday Fun for All Ages:** On Feb. 26, join us in the parish hall for our parish potluck at 5:00 p.m. Afterwards, kids can participate in fun activities to prepare for the beginning of Lent!



**“To love God is something greater than to know Him.”**

*-St. Thomas Aquinas, Doctor of the Church*

*Feast day celebrated Jan. 28*

# Meet the Saints

St. Angela Merici

*Feast day: January 27*

St. Angela Merici was born in the year 1474 in northern Italy. She became a Third Order Franciscan while in her 20s. St. Angela saw a great need for the religious formation of young girls at the time, so she organized a group of women who dedicated their lives to educating girls. This was the foundation of the Ursuline Order, which is the first teaching order of women in the Catholic Church! Today, you can still see St. Angela Merici's incorrupt body in a church in Brescia, Italy.

Did you know that Sister Theresa is an Ursuline Sister? Be sure to wish her a happy feast day the next time you see her. ☺



*St. Angela Merici*

## Pray for Life!

Monday, January 23, is observed as the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. On this day, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops encourages us to make special acts of prayer, fasting, and penance for the end of abortion. Let us pray that all will recognize the sanctity of human life from the moment of conception!

# A Word from Jacob

“Magisterium”

Did you know this word refers to the teaching authority of the Catholic Church? Through the Magisterium, the Pope and the bishops (who possess authority from Christ through Apostolic Succession) guide the faithful in professing the truth and avoiding doctrinal error (CCC 890).

## Recommended Reading

*God or Nothing: A Conversation on Faith with Nicholas Diat*—By Robert Cardinal Sarah

Are you looking for a fresh perspective on the future of the Church? How about some good spiritual reading? *God or Nothing* might be for you! Cardinal Sarah begins his story by telling of his life growing up in Guinea and of his adventures in becoming a priest. Drawing from his varied life experiences, he tackles difficult questions about the Faith and how to keep God at the center of our lives. His insight and frankness will resonate with many!

This book is highly recommended by many Church leaders, including Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI. If you would like to borrow a copy, please contact Ellen Poliskey at [icstwencym@diodav.org](mailto:icstwencym@diodav.org).

*Age level: high schoolers and parents.*

