



YOUTH NEWS

Greetings to All! I would like to share with everyone what our program has been up to this year. Our mission statement this year is to: "Develop our identity in Christ to be ready to give testimony through our story of why we believe." With our theme of 'Your Story', we began by reviewing the Salvation Story and the covenants made foreshadowing Christ. Coming to a focal point on the Eucharist, we looked at how much Christ loves us and offers Himself to us; how every Mass is done in remembrance of His story: His life, death, and resurrection. In January, we began our goal of finding our identity in Christ. We can often search everywhere for God without realizing just how present and at work He is within us. By understanding what our identity in Christ is, we are called to share it with others. The rest of the year will be directed toward giving testimony to others of why we believe; on how to inspire others with our witness of God's Love in us.

Thanks to your generous support, our group was able to send two students to the March for Life in Washington, DC, and cover their registration costs of \$675/person. We were also able to attend a UND hockey game. In the works are a ski trip to Frostfire, bowling nights, a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Good Help in Wisconsin, and the Steubenville Conference this summer. All these events are made possible through the support of such a generous parish. Activities and events outside of Religious Ed try to foster a community for the students to develop with their peers in a fun environment. Lastly, thank you to all the parents who have been so helpful with the group this year. Every youth group starts in the home. Please keep our Youth Program in your prayers! Best Regards,
Matthew Samson, Youth Coordinator

"It is Jesus in fact that you seek when you dream of happiness; He is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you...It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives..." St. John Paul II

~Student Quotes~

"Good food.
Great teaching."

"It is very fun and
engaging each week and
gets me closer to God."

"Very engaging lessons every week. I always
am excited to come back every week."

"We're on a faith
journey; finding our
identity in Christ
and figuring out His
plan for our lives."

"I'm so grateful for
Youth Group! Our
teacher is great. It's
so important for us
Catholic kids to have
this community."



Top: Joint UND hockey night with Middle School

Bottom: Group of students at one of the game nights