



KICKBALL!

The St. Thomas and St. Patrick's Youth Groups held their Annual Kickball Kick-Off on September 21st at Veteran's Park. Both groups had a good turnout of new and returning youth representing their programs. Youth Leaders saw each other after the long summer and caught up with the daily happenings of their busy lives. New Youth Leaders were welcomed into the group.

Valerie Johnson, St. Patrick's Youth Ministry Director, thinking ahead brought glow sticks to have the youth wear. With the youth wearing glow sticks on their heads, arms, feet, it was a sight to see a streak of neon in the twilight. Much of the time it was just a blur as they kicked, ran, and chased each other around the diamond. After it got too dark to see, they all decided to play a game called Hundred. Amid the laughs, good natured ribbing, and play, social connections were built and youth were brought out of their shells bonding with each other. Next year, we will have a glow-in-the-dark kickball to make the game even more exciting.

Jessica Brown talked with new youths' parents while they watched. After the game, the group devoured the snacks and headed home. Many of the youth want to come back the next week and do the exact same thing. However, we have other events and faith sharing events planned!

Kickball is just one of the events the St. Thomas Youth Formation Program is participating in this year with the other parishes in and around Billings. In January, St. Thomas is hosting the NET Ministries Retreat. In February, St. Thomas will host a Super Bowl Party. In April, there will be Broom Hockey with Saint Bernard's.

Please keep the St. Thomas Youth Formation group in your prayers as we move through the year. We are helping form the Dynamic Disciples that will be leading the future of the church; your prayers and support are needed to keep our youth growing the Kingdom of God.

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