



Youth Ministry Newsletter

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Greetings to God's Gifts – Our Youth

I have been blessed with the opportunity to serve you as Director of Youth Ministry. This is an honor that I cherish, and that I begin with great excitement. By building a partnership with you, your parents, youth leaders and our parish community, this year promises to be spirit-filled, fun-filled and thought provoking.

The youth leaders and I are looking forward to helping you:

- enhance your spiritual growth;
- achieve academic excellence;
- give back to the community; and
- attain your personal goals

Your opinion matters! We want to hear from you and your parents regarding your goals and desires for Youth Ministry. The youth leaders and I are here to serve you, and we can only be successful if we move forward together. If you have ideas about ministries, events and activities, we want to hear them. If you have ideas about how we help our parish, neighborhoods and country, we want to hear them. If you have ideas about what we can do to serve you better, we want to hear them. We want to pray with you, share with you and bestow Christian love upon you. We want to celebrate your successes and address your challenges.

You are our future and the sky is the limit. So, to our future Clergy, Presidents, Teachers, Lawyers, Doctors, Architects, Politicians, Police Officers, and anything else you choose to do, WE LOVE YOU AND WE SALUTE YOU!

Danita L. Colbert
Director of Youth Ministry

Religious Education for Children

Classes will begin this year on Sunday, September 27th, at the school at 9:30 a.m. and end at 10:45 a.m.

“Some people brought their babies to Jesus for him to place his hands on them. The disciples saw them and scolded them for doing so, but Jesus called the children to him and said, “Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these. Remember this! Whoever does not receive the Kingdom of God like a child will never enter it”. Luke 18:15-17

Religious Education for our youth is for children grades: Pre-kindergarten through High School. All youth in the parish who are not in a Catholic School should be enrolled and regularly attending Sunday School (Religious Education) classes.

In our religion classes, your child will continue to learn about being a child of God, Christian discipleship, doctrine and how to recognize God's voice among the many other voices of today's world.

We had great participation from our parents in the Adult Sunday School Program this past year as well. We want to continue to increase this participation from all the parents in the 2009-2010 year as we feel that parental catechesis is as vital a goal as that of our children. The Adult Sunday School Program is held during the same time as your child/children's class so it is convenient for everyone.

Our Sunday School teachers are outstanding, supportive and dedicated. We look forward to another year of great things here at HCSC.

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Calling all budding journalists!

We are looking for young people interested in putting together this newsletter – writers, layout, reporters, editors, photographers, etc.

Please contact Celeste Campbell – cilcamp@ netzero.com – if you are interested!

PUT YOUR CREATIVITY CAPS ON!

The “Name the Newsletter” competition is coming!

Seniors

The time is now to plan for college!
Juniors, it’s never too early to start making plans!

Mark Your Calendars – October 3, 2009.

The **College Preparation Seminar** will help to educate you & your parents on the process of preparing for the college experience. It is free to all participants and will provide you with important information in order to get you started on your plan for success.

Some of the topics that will be discussed are:

- Taking the SAT
- Making your Application & Admissions Essay Appealing
- Financial Aid & Scholarships

Visit <http://www.collegeboard.com/> to get a head start on your planning process.

Community Service Opportunities

This year (2009-2010) our youth will have opportunities to gain community service hours. These hours can be used toward their graduation requirements. A community service project will be planned each month. For the month of September we have chosen to help with SHARE. We are looking for 4 young men and 4 young ladies who may be interested in gaining hours. If you know of any youth from our parish that may be in need of hours please let us know. The date, time and location of the service project are Saturday, September 26, 2009, 7:00 am., at the school.

For more information, contact Vanity Nobles at (413) 847-1955 or hscym@gmail.com

<p><u>Upcoming Events for October</u> 3 - College Preparation Seminar 10 - Parish Picnic 26 - Community Service Project 31 - Harvest Festival</p>
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Holy Comforter-St. Cyprian Youth Ministry Calendar

SEPTEMBER 2009						
SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
2:00pm Dance Rehearsal	LABOR DAY HOLIDAY	6:30pm Youth Ensemble				10:00am Dance Rehearsal 12:00n Junior Ushers Mtg. 7:00pm Jammin' 4 Jesus
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
YOUTH SUNDAY 1:00pm Youth Fellowship 2:00pm Dance Rehearsal	6:30pm Youth Leaders Mtg.	6:30pm Dance Rehearsal				10:00am Dance Rehearsal 10:30am Altar Servers Mtg.
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
FEAST OF ST. CYPRIAN		6:30pm Youth Ensemble				7:00am Community Service 12:00n Jr. Ushers Mtg. 12:00n Youth Grp Mtg
27	28	29	30			
		6:30pm Youth Ensemble				