



ST. MICHAEL'S YOUTH UNITED

THE JOURNEY MATTERS

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WELCOME BACK!



We can never invite you enough! Whether you are an incoming freshman or an experienced senior we would love for you to check out our youth group. Youth United is for all high school parishioners and their friends. We have regular meetings on Sunday and Tuesday nights, 7-9pm in the Faith Center. Sunday is large and rowdy, Tuesday is small and deep. We have all sorts of programs and opportunities for you! All high school families should have received a full Fall catalog in the mail this past week. If not, please look in the racks in church or stop by the Faith Center to pick up additional copies. You do not have to go to our regular meetings to go to these other programs. Pick and choose what you like. You decide! It's hard to figure out how to spend your time but we hope that you will give us a good try! Our goal is to build a place by teens for teens, where there are adults you can talk

to who are willing to listen or give you some advice. We want to provide a place that is safe, where you can ask all your questions and make good connections. You should be able to relax here, de-stress, and have a good time. We hope to guide you to the Truth and help you on your Way. Look at our logo on the top of the page. You see, some of us walk a straight path to Christ and that's awesome! Some of us have a harder time figuring it all out and it can take us longer to reach Him but the Good News is that it is NEVER too late. So get your homework done, grab a couple friends and start YOUR journey!

TEEN MASS AND IGUANA CAFE

We sponsor a Mass on the second Sunday of every month at noon, followed by lunch in the Parish Center (we call it the iGuana Café). Teens are invited to serve as lay ministers and sing in the choir. This is a great opportunity for our families to meet each other and for the kids to connect with their parish community.

We hope you'll join us on
Sunday, September 12th

30 FOOT ICE CREAM SUNDAE

Are you in high school?

Youth United kicks off the new school year with a GINORMOUS ice cream sundae!

YOU ARE INVITED !!!

Join us on **September 12th, from 7-9PM** in the Faith Center for some fun and games. You will meet some AMAZING people from a variety of high schools. Bring friends! NO LEFTOVERS!!

CORE MEETING

On Sunday nights, Youth United is led by a group of dedicated high school teens. They decide the topics and activities and lead their friends into a closer relationship with God. To be a part of CORE you must attend YU regularly, be enthusiastic about your faith, and be dedicated to the team.

Our first CORE meeting will be
Tuesday September 14th at 6:00pm in the YUC.
We will plan September 19-October 17.

FEED MY STARVING CHILDREN

One of the pillars of our program is our dedication to justice and service. As part of an ongoing 'Hunger Project' we volunteer to a monthly shift at Feed My Starving Children in Aurora.

We have reserved 12 spots for
Saturday September 11th, 2-4pm

We need 2 adults and 10 teens to serve!
We will gather at the Faith Center at 1:00 and carpool over together.

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We are on FACEBOOK!

LESLIE'S FALL OFFICE HOURS

MONDAY—THURSDAY
9:00—2:00

OTHERWISE BY
APPOINTMENT

LET US INTRODUCE ...

We are blessed by the volunteers we have at Youth United! We may not have **quantity** but we do have **quality**! Each of them bring their unique talents to our teens. Here is just a few you may not know:

BECKY KUECHLE Becky is a senior at Wheaton College and has been serving both the junior and senior high youth ministry here since she was a freshmen. She is majoring in Youth Ministry and is interning with Leslie this semester. Becky is originally from North Carolina and spent her summer at HoneyRock in Wisconsin as a camp counselor to teen girls. Becky is PUMPED about the 'Guys and Dolls' retreat ~ probably because she's planning most of it! ~ and she can't wait for Fright Fest! Becky will continue mentoring on Sunday nights and at retreats and would like to form a Girl's Ministry as her gift to Youth United.

LANDON AND JILL DEPASQUALE Landon and Jill are a newly married young couple who became Catholic right here at St. Michael via our RCIA program. Both graduated from Wheaton College and both have years of experience in youth ministry. Landon's gift to Youth United is his passion for the Scriptures and he will be leading the Tuesday night YU meeting. We plan to explore themes of the Eucharist throughout the Bible and to connect our own stories and current events with what we learn each week. Jill's gift to Youth United is her fantastic personality! She is witty, fun and insightful and truly loves high school teens. She is likely to become everyone's best friend. Landon and Jill love music, Mexican food, and long walks on the beach.

COMING
SOON

ST MICHAEL SERVICE DAY

Saturday October 2nd

This is a parish wide event! Youth United has organized an opportunity to serve the elderly through the Humanitarian Service Project. Cook a meal and deliver it. Stay to visit and do a few simple chores. Come back for 5:00 Mass and dinner. **Great Mini-Mission Day!**

UNDY SUNDAY

Sunday October 10th

We will be collecting NEW socks and underwear for low-income families. Donation bins will be in the church, in the school, and in the Faith Center. Cash donations accepted! Make checks payable to: Catholic Charities, Diocese of Joliet.

GUYS AND DOLLS RETREAT

Friday October 15—Saturday October 16

This **overnight** is being formed at the request of our youth group, so they can better understand themselves and the opposite gender and learn to have healthy dating relationships.

FRIGHT FEST

Sunday October 24th, 9AM— 9PM

Our annual trip to Six Flags Great America for some spooky fun! Permission forms are in church, at YU and online. Reserve your seat ~ only 48 spots available!
DEADLINE is October 12th.

Here's 10 Good Reasons to come to Youth United:

1. It's better than doing homework.
2. It's nonfattening.
3. It is almost never fatal.
4. Ten out of ten doctors recommend it.
5. Like Mt. Everest, it is there.
6. It doesn't cause bad breath.
7. It's God's party invite.
8. Scuba Steve thinks it's great.
9. We give double coupons.
10. There's never been a major earthquake in the youth room.

A full calendar and lots more about Youth United can be found on our parish website:
www.stmichaelcommunity.org
Just click on Youth United!