

# Summer Catalog 2011

St. Michael's Youth United

## aaaaahhh ... SUMMER!

How much do we LOVE summer vacation? We can sleep in, rest, relax, and recuperate. We get to enjoy our friends and all our favorite summer activities. It's a great time to vegetate! The people at Youth United really enjoy being able to participate in activities that they don't always have time to do during the school year. Whether you are a fan of YU or are considering us for the first time, we think you will find something to do inside this catalog. Want to have fun? Come to our Sunday night meetings at Kelly Park or go on our trip to Warren Dunes. Want to have fun, but also want to do something with deeper meaning? You'll want to consider the *Youth Leadership Conference* or the *Quest* camping retreat. If you want to spend quality time with Christ, then look into the *TEC retreat* or come pray the Rosary with us on Tuesday nights.

### Summer is a great time to enrich your spirituality!

If you like getting up early, try going to daily Mass at 8am. It's 30 minutes and will start your day right! Too early for you, but want to put prayer into your day? Pray the *Liturgy of the Hours*. Use your computer and go to [www.divineoffice.org](http://www.divineoffice.org). This website has free podcasts on iTunes ~ all you have to do is listen! Like to read? The Bible has great stories! We recommend the Collegeville Bible Commentary series, which you can find at Wheaton Religious or Amazon. Also check out the titles in the list on the right.



## HIGHLIGHTS

- SUMMER CALENDAR
- YOUTH LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE
- WARREN DUNES
- 4TH OF JULY PARTY
- TEC RETREAT
- A MOST EXCELLENT QUEST [CAMPING RETREAT]

WE HAVE FOUR WEEKS OF MISSION SERVICE THIS SUMMER! TWO WEEKS OF CATHOLIC HEART IN MINNESOTA AND IN MICHIGAN. TWO WEEKS IN WEST VIRGINIA AT NAZARETH FARM AND BETHLEHEM FARM.

## SUMMER READS

- DANTE: THE DIVINE COMEDY
- MATTHEW KELLY: REDISCOVERING CATHOLICISM
- IMMACULE ILIBAGIZA: LEFT TO TELL
- JEANNETTE WALLS: GLASS CASTLE
- RANDY PAUSCH: THE LAST LECTURE
- JODI PICOULT: NINETEEN MINUTES OR MY SISTER'S KEEPER

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Youth United—  
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# YOUTH UNITED

## CALENDAR

### JUNE

- 5-12-19-26 Y U in the Park  
7-14-21-28 Rosary & Junction  
12-18 CHWC Twin Cities, MN  
19-25 Nazareth Farm, WV  
20-24 Vacation Bible School  
24-26 Youth Leadership Conference

### JULY

- 10-17-24-31 Y U in the Park  
5-12-19-26 Rosary & Junction  
3 Fireworks Party @ Scalise home  
3-9 Bethlehem Farm, WV  
17-22 CHWC Davison, MI  
30- 1 TEC Retreat

### AUGUST

- 7-14-21-28 Y U in the Park  
9-16-13-30 Rosary & Junction  
2 Warren Dunes trip  
12-14 Most Excellent Quest retreat  
27 Parish Picnic  
28 Cross Town Classic (last YU in the Park)

### LABOR DAY WEEKEND: SEPT 2-5

There will not be YU this weekend!

We return to the Faith Center on Sunday September 11th for our 30-foot Sundae event. See you there!

### **Y U in the Park** **Sunday 6:30—8:30 PM** **Kelly Park**

It's too nice to be inside! It's casual good times with friends, a chance for us to just relax and play. It's awesome for incoming freshmen because they can meet each other and teens from their new high school. **YU in the Park** is supervised by adults and college aged volunteers. In case of bad weather, you decide whether or not to come out. There is a shelter on premises. Kelly Park is located on Main Street, just south of Roosevelt Rd, next to Edison Middle School. Bring your own water bottle and wear bug spray ~ the mosquitoes are fierce!

### **Tuesday Rosary & Junction**

This summer, everyone is invited to meet in church Tuesday nights at 6:30pm to pray the Rosary. We welcome parents, siblings, and friends.

**YU Junction** is a group of young people, ages 18-22, who want to meet to pray together and have age appropriate discussions. We will be meeting for Rosary on Tuesday night, after which we will have refreshments and chat. Service, outreach and fun day trips will be planned by the group.

### **Fireworks Party** **Sunday July 3, 7-10pm**

Don't miss the annual Fireworks Party! The Scalise Family invites **Youth United** (and their families) to a party in their home to celebrate Independence Day. The fireworks can be seen from their back yard, or you can walk onto the Jefferson School ball fields that are behind their home. Call the number below for address and directions!

**RSVP: Mike & Sharon Scalise @ 630-690-8661**

### **Parish Picnic & Cross Town Classic: August 27—28**

Holy Name Society hosts the annual parish picnic at Herrick Lake on Saturday, August 27, 2-6pm. There is plenty of delicious food, activities for the kids and an outdoor Mass at 4:00pm.

Back by popular demand is the Cross Town Classic softball game between the St Michael and St Daniel youth groups. We will play at Edison Middle School, 6:30-8:30pm.

# YOUTH UNITED

## Youth Leadership Conference

**June 24–26**

This three day, two night conference inspires you to lead your peers in faith. It is open to all incoming high school freshman through graduating seniors. Every parish in our

Diocese is represented and we expect 800 people to attend! A teen choir energizes our praise and worship and great workshops and grade-level breakout sessions are fun and helpful. Add good food and plenty of free time and this

conference is a **DO NOT MISS** summer event!

**Late registration ends June 5th!**

## Warren Dunes

**Tuesday, August 2, 10am–9pm**

Climb the dunes, spend some time on the beach, and swim in the refreshing waters of Lake Michigan. Bring your lunch, sunscreen and water bottle; we will have coolers to keep everything cold. Bring cash for dinner; we will stop on the way home. This day trip is open to middle school and high school teens.

**Registration deadline: July 27**

**Cost: \$12 (for the bus)**

## Teens Encounter Christ (TEC)

**July 30–August 1**

At the beginning of the Gospel of St. John, those interested in Jesus asked him where he lived. Jesus' response was simply, "Come and see" (John 1:39). They trusted, went with him, and found truth and life.

TEC (Teens Encounter Christ) is a diocesan and intergenerational movement of the Church. The TEC weekend proclaims the central message of Christianity: The Paschal Mystery—death, resurrection, and mission. TEC is scriptural, gives a well-defined outline of doctrine, presents liturgy in attractive forms, and brings the Gospel message alive through the witness of a community of adults and young people centered around Christ.

Catholics of the Diocese of Joliet who are **16-21 years old** are invited to take part in a TEC weekend. It has been a valuable experience for many, and we extend this invitation to you to "come and see."

## A Most Excellent Quest

**August 12–14**

Are you happy? Do you struggle to understand your purpose in life? Are you trying to figure out how to live your faith in a less-than-perfect world? These questions (and answers) are the purpose of our Most Excellent Quest.

Come with us to beautiful Starved Rock State Park in Utica, just 2 hours southwest of Wheaton. We will sleep in tents, star gaze, and chat around the bonfires as we eat delicious food. Hiking and kayaking and plenty of games are included in the weekend. We will send you home tired but with plenty of great memories and deep thoughts.

This retreat is planned and led by adults and older teens and is intended for incoming freshmen—juniors, although anyone interested in time away with God is welcome to join the group.

**Registration deadline: July 27**

**Cost: \$30**

## BETHLEHEM FARM, WEST VIRGINIA

**JULY 3–9**

Bethlehem Farm is a Catholic organization that transforms lives through service with the local community and the teaching of sustainable practices. We enable volunteers to join in living the Gospel cornerstones of prayer, simplicity, service, and community. With a focus on social justice, we emphasize working **with** people, not for them.

This mission week is offered to high school teens ages 16-18 who are interested in adding a unique experience to their summer plans. As of this printing there are four places still available. Please call for more information!

## VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Are you looking for ways to get involved at church? We hope you will prayerfully consider youth ministry! We are always looking for chaperones, drivers, and mentors that can build relationships with our parish teens. Ideal volunteers have a true love for teens and are willing to listen, to share personal stories, and are active in their Catholic faith. All volunteers need to have been certified through the *Protecting God's Children* workshop and must complete all volunteer paperwork and background checks.

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THE  
**GOSPEL**  
MESSAGE  
WITH  
**YOUTH**  
AND A  
**WORLD**  
IN NEED OF  
**HOPE**



**For More Information on our  
Parish Pilgrimage**

Contact: Leslie Stopka

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Participants: High school age students, parents,  
and adult chaperones

Cost: \$425 + the cost of food

Registration Deadline: September 18, 2011

**YOUTH BAZAAR  
SUNDAY AUGUST 28, 1-5PM**

The National Catholic Youth Conference happens every two years and we would LOVE to take a group! We are hoping to raise funds to offset the cost of this trip for our teens.

We are in the planning stages of a community rummage sale. If you were thinking of having a garage sale this summer, PLEASE consider doing it with us!

**For more information, contact Leslie Cahill at  
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