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Winona Catholic Community 2017 Youth Opportunities Fair

Prayer & Worship

Pastoral Care

Socialization

ADVOCACY

Leadership

Evangelization

Education

Service & Justice



"We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the LORD. His power, and the wonders He has done."

Psalm 78:5

Monthly/Ongoing Activities

YOUTH MOVIE NIGHT

What: Faith-centered films for youth, followed by facilitated discussion.

Date(s) of Event/Theme: Second Friday of each month throughout the year. Check bulletin for details and monthly movie.

Registration/Deadline: None necessary, just show up. Always free!

Ages: 5th grade and up

Where: Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, St. Thomas room or St. Augustine room

What kids are saying: "Youth Movie Night is a great opportunity to meet with friends, enjoy a good movie, and become a little bit of a Catholic movie critic. So, come hang out, eat some popcorn, and have a good faith-filled and enjoyable time." - John Paul, age 14

COR JESU

What: Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, praise and worship planned and facilitated by - and for - the young and not-so-young alike.

Date(s): First Friday of every month, 7-9 p.m. Information in Cathedral bulletin.

Registration/Deadline: No need to register, free of charge

Ages: All ages are welcome!

Where: Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

How: Sign up for reminder emails at corjesuwinona@gmail.com.

What kids are saying: "Cor Jesu is peaceful and nice. It's a chance to go to confession and afterwards you always feel happy." ---David, 14

Upcoming Opportunities

'WE WALK BY FAITH' FUN WALK & WAG

What: A walk around West Lake Winona (small lake) for families and their furry friends to raise money for youth ministry programming and youth registration/travel to faith camps with nationally recognized speakers.

Date(s): Saturday, May 20th, 2017

Registration/Deadline: Sign up by May 3rd, 2017; cost is just \$10 and includes t-shirt.

Ages: All ages are welcome!

Where: Start near the Hiawatha Valley Marines shelter on the north side of small lake, Winona, MN.

How: Registration forms available at entrances and offices of each Winona Catholic church

What kids are saying: "I am so excited to walk with my dog. It will be so fun!" - Heidi, age 12

TOTUS TUUS

What: Catholic youth program dedicated to sharing the Gospel and promoting the Catholic faith. Grow in the understanding of and strengthening of faith in, Jesus Christ. The days are filled with fun and spiritual growth.

Date(s): June 11-16, 2017

Registration/Deadline: Cost to be determined, watch the bulletin.

Ages: Grades 1 – 12

Where: Cathedral of the Sacred Heart

How: Look for information in the bulletin. Sign-up sheets will be located at each parish.

What kids are saying: "At Totus Tuus we shared our faith and had fun. It was more of a conversational atmosphere. We learned from each other, not just from the teachers. I would recommend it to other kids." - Grace, age 13

VBS - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

What: Students of all ages enjoy a week of fun, learning more about their faith through stories, crafts, and skits. 2017 Theme: **Mighty Fortress: In Jesus, the Victory is Won!**

Date(s): July 31-August 4, 2017

Registration/Deadline: \$30.00 per child (\$75.00 maximum per family). Registrations will be accepted until the July 31 start date.

Ages: Children ages 4, 5, 6, and grades 1-6

Where: St. Mary's Catholic Church

How: Sign up with St. Mary's Parish. Forms can be picked up at St. Mary's Parish, from your Faith Formation teacher, or your parish (often at the back of the church). To register online, visit <https://stmaryswinona.org/vacation-bible-school>

Needs: VBS is in need of craft and snack item donations. Watch the bulletin as the date gets closer.

What kids are saying: "VBS is fun because we get to learn more about our faith with friends through fun skits. Even the snacks teach us about our bible verses!" - JC, age 10

CAMP SUMMIT

What: High ropes, archery, confession, bonfire, Eucharistic Adoration, rock climbing, prayer Mass, team building.....and more. 2017 Theme: **Walk on Water**

Date(s): August 7-10, 2017

Registration/Deadline: \$250.00 by June 1st or \$275.00 by after June 1st

Ages: Students entering grades 6 – 8

Where: Eagle Bluff, Lanesboro

How: Group registration through your parish. Forms can be obtained from your parish, Faith Formation teacher or downloaded from the Diocese of Winona website at <http://www.dow.org/offices/youth-and-young-adults/summer-camp-summit.html>.

What kids are saying: "Camp Summit was the best part of my summer. I had so much fun doing the activities and getting closer to God. I hope I get the same opportunity this summer." - Carolyn, age 12

LEAD

What: Franciscan LEAD is a lot of fun! Teens come together from different parishes and youth groups to grow in community and friendship. Small group time throughout the week offers a place to share with and learn from other teens with the same desire to grow in holiness and share their faith with others. Youth spend the week preparing to serve as leaders at Steubenville the following weekend.

Date(s): July 10 – 14, 2017

Registration/Deadline: \$375. Register online by March 31st. Registrations received after March 31st will be considered if there are spots available. https://site.steubenvilleconferences.com/lead_app
Partnership for Youth Scholarships available online.

Ages: Students going into 10th – 12th grade in the fall of 2017

Where: Rochester, MN

What kids are saying: “During Franciscan LEAD I grew in my desire to pray daily, to be strong in my faith, and to be a witness. I also came to a greater realization of how special I am to God and his incredible love for me.” - Maria, age 15

“Life back home has changed a lot since LEAD. I still face the same challenges, but I feel better equipped to deal with them. Whether it's simply changing the channel when an immoral television show comes on or changing the subject when friends start gossiping, everything I need to do to make God happy is. But easier. Before I left I knew I should live my life for God. Now I want to.” - Katie, past participant

“LEAD is a unique experience for teens to grow in relationship with God and other teens. The through talks, games, daily mass, and prayer teens learn what it means to be authentically Catholic and experience the support of likeminded teens. I'm not sure I would still be Catholic if I hadn't attended LEAD.” - Carly, past participant

STEUBENVILLE

What: A Catholic conference for high schoolers held in more than 20 cities across the U.S., including Rochester, MN (Steubenville North), it is *authentically Catholic, an oasis from the clamor of the world, a place to connect with the God of the universe; it is inspirational, high energy, fun and funny.*

2017 theme: **Elevate**

“Behold I make all things new.” Revelations 21:5

Date(s): July 14–17, 2017

Registration/Deadline: Total cost is \$340.00 per youth; down payment (non-refundable) \$50.00 due March 13, 2017 (may be submitted after the Youth Opportunities Fair. Final payment due May 10, 2017. Registration after May 10th - \$30.00 late fee. Cancellations after May 10th - \$200.00 non-refundable. Registration closes June 14th. Scholarships available online with Partnership for Youth.

Ages: Students going into 9th – 12th grade in the fall of 2017

Where: Rochester, MN

How: Groups register through their parishes. Visit <https://steubenvilleconferences.com/youth/nroch/> for more information.

What kids are saying: “The Steubenville Conference was a wonderful experience. Everyone there was so enthused with their faith, and there was a feeling of energy and passion for the Lord that is usually so rare.... There was a level of energy that I haven't seen anywhere else when I was there. Everyone there was so deeply and obviously on fire for the Lord, it was a truly amazing experience.” - Maria, 14

FIAT/PRAYER TEAM

What: Opportunity for older students to serve and evangelize to younger students participating in Camp Summit. The Fiat Team and Prayer Team are invited to come serve as leaders for the week of Camp Summit, leading youth to deepening their relationship with Christ as you deepen your own. 2017 theme:

Walk on Water

Date(s): August 7–10, 2017

Registration/Deadline: application forms are due by May 1.

Ages: Fiat Team is for students going into 10th – 12th grade in the fall of 2017 and Prayer Team is for students going into 9th Grade in the fall 2017

Where: Eagle Bluff, Lanesboro, MN

How: Sign up with your parish. Forms can be downloaded off of Diocese of Winona website, from your Faith Formation Teacher, or your parish.

http://www.dow.org/img/offices/youth-and-young-adults/FIAT-Prayer_Team_application-2017.pdf

NCYC/DCYC – National/Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference

What: 25,000 Catholic youth attend NCYC, the biennial conference sponsored by the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM).

Date(s): November 15 – 19, 2017

Registration/Deadline: \$650.00 Non-refundable deposit of \$250.00 due April 15th, 2017; final payment of \$400.00 due September 20, 2017.

Ages: students going into 9th – 12th grade (up to 18 years-old)

Where: Indianapolis, IN

How: Sign up with your parish. Forms can be downloaded off of Diocese of Winona website, from your Faith Formation teacher, or your parish.

MARCH FOR LIFE

What: This is for the Pro-Life Generation. If you are reading this, you are here because your parents chose life for you when God created you. The Supreme Court legalized medically-induced abortions in the U.S. on January 22, 1973; 2018 will mark the 45th anniversary of this Court decision. Attending the March for Life is giving a voice to those who cannot speak for themselves. HOW MUCH DOES AN ABORTION COST? A LIFE.

Date(s): Tentative date for the March at the Minnesota state capitol is January 21, 2018 (watch for confirmation and travel information in the bulletin in the fall). *Start planning now to attend the 45th anniversary March for Life in Washington D.C. on Friday, January 19, 2018.*

Registration/Deadline: To be determined

Ages: All ages, families are welcome

Where: Capitol ground in St. Paul, MN.

What kids are saying: “The March for Life is inspirational, and very eye-opening. People came together from all over Minnesota to raise awareness and show their support for the unborn and moms who are struggling with an unplanned pregnancy. I wish all kids my age and older could have this powerful experience.” - Carolyn, age 12

YDISCIPLINE

What: YDisciple is *an apprenticeship for Christian life*. It provides a format for high schoolers to come together as a small group with adult mentors every other week. YDisciple offers training and well-crafted leader guides to support the mentors. Through discussion, streaming video and other tools, youth learn more about and grow in their Catholic Faith. There are separate groups for boys and girls; groups meet in a host family's home with two group leaders (not the hosts).

Date(s): Meeting days and times are determined by each group's leadership. They are set according to that group's availability.

Registration/Deadline: No cost to participate

Ages: 9th-12th graders

Where: Host family's home

How: Contact the parish office for more information.

Needs: As new small groups form, we are in need of *host families* to open their home to a group and provide refreshment, and *leaders* who are willing to facilitate. Please contact the parish office if you are able to serve this ministry in either role.

What leaders are saying: "YDisciple helps teens grow in friendship with their peers, and with God. It is a really exciting program, and is definitely worth getting involved in!" – Maggie, small group leader

A NOTE ON FUNDRAISING...

There are opportunities to raise money for all the offered events that you want to attend. Youth may start individual "funds" with the diocese of Winona at any age and grow their accounts as they – and their faith - grow. Fundraisers are organized city-wide, and include the annual Cookie Extravaganza and Family Fun Walk. They are wonderful ways meet other youth, serve the community, learn more about our faith and have fun. Please talk to your parish Faith Formation Coordinator for more details.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

✓ Watch the bulletin for more details.

✓ Contact your parish Faith Formation director.

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✓ For more information and to register for many of these opportunities online, visit <https://stmaryswinona.org/youth-ministry>

