



The Youth

“Do not let anyone look down on you because you are young, but be an example for the believers in your speech, your conduct, your love, faith, and purity.” Tim 4:12

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IMPORTANT DATES

2/7: 2ND TOWN HALL
MEETING, K OF C AT
6:30 PM

2/8: CONFIRMATION
& 7TH GRADE AFTER-
6 PM MASS

2/12: SONS &
DAUGHTERS MASS-
10 AM

2/15: SONS &
DAUGHTERS MTG
AFTER 6 PM MASS,
TOPIC: BOOK OF
REVELATION

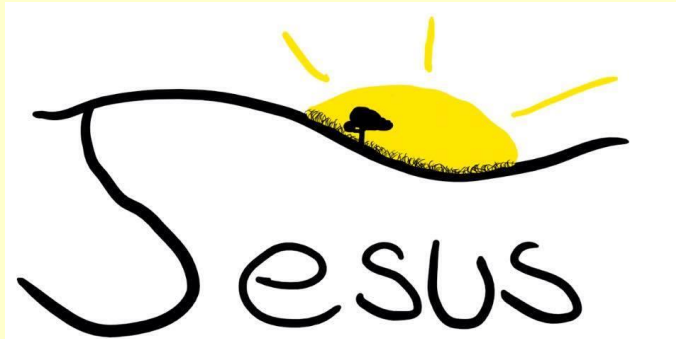
2/21: 3RD TOWN HALL
MEETING, ST. BRIDGET
AT 6:30 PM

2/26: LATIN MASS AT
HOLY ROSARY
CHURCH,
INDIANAPOLIS-
LEAVING ST. GABE'S
AT 10:00 AM

2/27: SERVICE:
HERITAGE HOUSE
CRAFT 6:30-7:30 PM

Introducing “The Youth”

Inspired by St. Maximilian Kolbe’s evangelical magazine, “The Knight of The Immaculate” or “The Knight,” the Sons and Daughters of St. Gabriel will be expressing, defending, and learning their faith through “The Youth.”



Artwork by Anna Waterman, 8th grade

Learning the Faith

By J.J. Huber

In Revelation, Jesus says, “Behold, I make all things new,” (Rev. 21:5). The Church takes this to mean all things are to be consecrated to God. That is why even our days, months and years as Catholics have some sort of religious significance. Traditionally, the Church has marked each month of the year by a particular devotion.

In January, the Church asked us to remember, in a special way, the Holy Name of Jesus. Why should we do this? Can any of you make the claim that God Himself named you?

Jesus can (Luke 1:31). “Jesus” literally means “savior.” Without Him and His name, we have no hope of going to Heaven. Even Demons must respond to the name of Jesus (Acts 16:18). Finally, scripture tells us, “At the name of Jesus, every knee shall bow, of those in Heaven, and on Earth, and under the Earth” (Philippians 2:10). *Continued...*

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I think it would show real reverence if the whole church would bow their heads when the Name of Jesus is proclaimed in Mass.
 -Adam Kelly, 8th grade

"I work to put my faith first when I consider others' feelings and put their needs before mine."
 -Rylee Fuller, 8th grade

How can we show reverence to the name of Jesus?

We shouldn't say it in vain. That means if we get really angry (like after hitting a bad golf shot), we shouldn't shout Jesus' name to release frustration. We can also show reverence to His name at Mass. If you notice in Mass, Fr. Dustin and most of the servers bow their heads whenever the name of Jesus is said. This is an ancient tradition of the church that has, unfortunately, fallen out of practice.

By the way, this isn't just a Priest and server thing! Every one of us attending Mass can do this. How impressive would it be for a visitor to our parish to walk in and see the entire church bow their heads together at the name of Jesus?

Living the Faith

By Kate Vu

Do you ever feel like you are split into two people? I remember feeling in high school like there was "School Me" and "Church Me." I had school friends and church friends. I had school activities and church activities. Life was overwhelming and confusing. Who was I?

Every time I tried to figure out who I was on my own, I failed. I wish I had asked God instead: "Lord, who am I? Who do You want me to be?"

I don't know *what* God has planned for you, but I do know *who* He wants you to be- a Saint.

Pope Francis said, "To be Saints is not a privilege for the few, but a vocation for everyone." If we put that vocation first, everything else falls into place.

Don't wait to begin! St. John Berchmans said, "If I do not become a saint when I am young, I shall never become one." You are called to begin your vocation to sainthood right now!

This does not mean breaking off friendships or cancelling activities outside of Church. Instead, when given the choice, choose God. Find and put your "Church Self" first and all of your other "Selves" will follow.

Mass: From the Other Side of the Altar

By Michael Biehl, 10th grade

Some of you may wonder what it is like to be on the other side of the altar and its meaning. Well, I am here to tell you.

We are called to be examples of and serve Jesus Christ. Many see us as the simple "helpers of the parish priest," but we are actually called to be the "servers of Jesus Christ, eternal High Priest." We are called to create a deeper relationship with

Jesus and to reflect Mass as it is in Heaven.

We read in Matthew 18:3 that Jesus says, "Amen, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven." Altar servers are to serve by what Jesus said and provide an example to the church with child-like faith. I, as an altar server, not only feel closer to Christ, but I am able to have a deeper connection to God.

