



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

4/7: LOCK-IN

4/9: PALM SUNDAY

4/12: CONFIRMATION
& 7th GRADE AFTER
6PM MASS

4/13: HOLY THURSDAY
7PM MASS, ‘PASSION
OF THE CHRIST’ MOVIE
AFTER MASS, AND
ADORATION UNTIL
MIDNIGHT

4/14: WALKING
PILGRIMAGE
FOLLOWED BY GOOD
FRIDAY SERVICES AT
3PM

4/15: EASTER VIGIL
MASS 8:45PM

4/16: EASTER

4/19: SONS &
DAUGHTERS MTG
AFTER 6PM MASS

4/24: SERVICE:
HERITAGE HOUSE
CRAFT 6:30-7:30PM

What is “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.”



More Flex Friday Fun

Learning the Faith

What is Easter? By: Brianna Bentley, 7th grade

“Easter is the celebration of Christ’s resurrection from the dead.” Easter is the most important holiday on the Christian calendar, and it is believed to have been celebrated since the earliest days of the Church. As kids, we thought of it as candy and Easter eggs, but is that what it’s really about? The answer is no. Easter is about celebrating Jesus’ life, His death on the cross for us, and His resurrection. This Easter, let’s take time to thank Jesus!

Source: <http://www.catholic.org/lent/easter.php>

Why Wear Veils? By: Caroline Biehl, 8th grade

Have you ever seen a woman wear a veil in church and wondered why she wears one? Veiled women are showing us that they are sacred, just like how the Church veils the chalice or the tabernacle. A woman shows reverence to God by wearing the veil. In doing so, it symbolizes the veiled bride of the Church, but it also honors herself as a woman in front of God.

Veiling also shows us how different women are from men. The women

"For with God nothing will be impossible."

-St. Gabriel to our Blessed Mother, Mary

represent the Church or the bride. Men represent Christ, the bridegroom. Veiling goes against any societal idea that women and men are the same.

Women are naturally beautiful, but when they wear a veil, it accentuates their beauty. Also, some believe that when you robe yourself in a beautiful veil, it feels right in the presence of God. In that way, women show reverence through covering their heads and men do that by not covering their heads.

I am not saying that everyone has to wear a veil or you have to wear it to every mass, but I feel that it would help us to give more reverence to God. If you do decide to start wearing veils to mass, here is a prayer for when entering the church with a veil on:

"Blessed am I whom am called to the marriage feast of the Lamb."

Living the Faith: Discernment

By: J.J. Huber

I first thought about writing a reflection on my own vocation's journey. Then, I realized it would take more than a couple paragraphs to accurately portray. It has been quite the ride. If you had told me 3 years ago I'd be going to seminary, I would have laughed at you. Instead, I'll be writing a reflection on how to discern your own vocation.

When we hear about vocations, we automatically think of "priesthood" or "religious life." Those are two types of vocations. In reality, every single person alive has a vocation. Vocations are to married life, religious life, priesthood or even life as a single lay person. All are valid. All are good. All are needed in the church. Your vocation is what God is wanting you to be in life. Does He want you to be married? A priest? A nun? Or an active single man/woman in His church?

The first key to discovering what it is God wants you to be in life is being open to all of them! Don't sit there and say, "I know God doesn't want me to be a priest." If you are in middle or high school, you don't know for sure and that's ok! The next key is asking God what He wants of you. Pray nightly, "Lord, tell me what it is you want me to do with this life you've given me." Finally, listen to what God is saying to you.

He's not going to whisper in your ear, "John, I want you to be married." But He does speak to us through the readings at Mass, in what other people say to us, in the quiet of our hearts and private prayer, and in our daily activities.

Be open to what God is asking of you. You won't be truly happy in life unless you follow the vocation he has set out for you. Don't be afraid of what God may be calling you to be. God will take care of you. I have had more reasons than most to be afraid of following my vocation when it comes to my family (the vast majority of them are not Catholic). Trust me, God definitely takes care of things and they work out far better than you can imagine!

"After watching my confirmation sponsor (JJ) grow as a Catholic and come to this vocation, I have become more interested in vocations beside just sacramental married life. I strongly encourage everyone to think and pray a little harder about their vocation, too."

Adam Kelly 8th grade

"Being a part of the Sons of St. Gabriel has given me the opportunity to become closer to God and to the church."

-Cole Martin 8th grade

Please don't miss an opportunity for Confession during Lent.



Check the parish website for available times!

<http://stgabrielconnersville.org/>