

The Youth Voice

It's Not Too Late

Youth & Children's Registrations are still being accepted

It's not too late to fill out your youth or child's St. John's registration form. Registration allows our planners & communicators to keep you in the loop on upcoming events & opportunities. It's not mandatory that every person with a registration form has to be present *every* Sunday and involved in education and worship, however we *strongly recommend it*. If you have ever felt left out, chances are your contact information was not in the right hands for you to be sent an invitation. Don't find your child or youth feeling outside of the St. John's community. Help us help you stay connected.

Did You Know?

Did you know that some families have never filled out a youth or children's registration form? Many families have never experienced the great reward of feeling truly connected.

Did you know that parents & youth who aren't involved in St. John's assume that all the children & youth see & know each other outside of St. John's? *Not true!*

Most of our families are from all over the metro area, and all go to different schools. The kids who look like they really like each other & have close relationships do so because they make a commitment to see each other at church, in worship, in education, & at fun events.

Did you know that if your youth is in high school he or she still needs a completed registration to participate in St. John's youth overnights? Just because they are in High School doesn't mean that they are already in college. Don't kick them out too early.

Did you know that you can ask your child (ren) & youth to be with you on a Sunday morning just because you want to spend time with them during the week? It's OK to expect it.

If you would like to know more about how you and your family can be involved & connected, please contact Sheila Foster, Youth & Children's Minister, 651/429-5351 ext. 12 or youth@stjohnwilderness.org

Celebrating Our Faith Through the Arts: COFTA

All 4th – 12th graders are invited & wanted to gather on Wednesdays, 6 – 7:30 pm. COFTA will perform a series of skits during the Wednesday evening Light Suppers. We will also develop some dramas for Sundays during the 9 am liturgy. Everyone has gifts & talents, known & unknown; discover yours and how they can be utilized in worship, community building, & spiritual growth. Don't miss out on an opportunity to make new friends and share your creative side. Even if drama is not your thing, many other gifts are needed to create drama.

We need you!

In November we'll use this time for the Christmas Play. All dates are posted.

Trick or Treat for the Food Shelf

Last year the children, youth, & adults collected 154 lbs of non-perishable food items from our neighbors who live on the blocks adjacent to St. John's.

Wear your costume to church on Sunday, October 26. After church we will again go from house to house around St. John's to collect food. All of the homes will have received a flyer the week prior and will know how to participate. We will need extra adults and drivers to help gather the food. Come be part of the fun, and help our community food shelf help others.

This event is for everyone. A special St. Crispin's foot blessing will follow the liturgy before we start our food collection. Grown ups can even wear a costume. Costumes must be non-violent with *no weapons*. It is not our goal to scare people or hurt them in any way.

Northern TEC Candidate Forms are available on St. John's Youth Bulletin Board in the Parish Hall. Teens encounter Christ is for youth 9th – 12th grade. Invite your friends.

Upcoming Events

October

- 5 9 am St. Francis Blessing of the Animals
- 11 11 am Intergenerational Hayride
- 17-19 Northern TEC (9th – 12th grade)
- 26 10 am Trick or Treat for the Food Shelf

November

- 5 6 pm Christmas Play Info Meeting
- 8 11 am Regional Confirmation
- 12 6–7:30 pm Christmas Play Practices Begin
- 26 Thanksgiving Eve pot luck & service
- 29 9 am - Noon Advent Retreat (youth invited)
- 30 10 am Advent Intergenerational Event

December

- 6 10 am all parish Tree Decorating followed by caroling at Cerenity Nursing Home
- 6 5 pm Youth Advent Overnight (Cookie Baking & Delivery to the night shift) 4th – 12th grades
- 14 4 pm Lessons & Carols
- 17 6 pm Christmas Play Rehearsal, 7pm Worship & Play Performance
- 31 5:30 pm Pizza Party & 6 pm Caroling

Weekly Events

Wednesdays 6 – 7:30 pm
CAP (Children's Activity Program) ages 3-7, & COFTA (Celebrating Our Faith Through the Arts) 4th– 12th grades. (Grades 2+ may join Youth Choir.)

Sundays 10 am
education for children, youth, adults, & 1st year confirmation