

Youth & Children's Voice

Sr. High Youth Mission Trip Planning

Youth will travel by van to Denver, CO, but many details remain to plan. For all who want to go & all wanting to help make it happen, we'll meet in St. Angelico's Room at 11 am on **March 7 & 14, & April 18**. Trip leaders are Sheila Foster, Rich Oswald, John Kobinski, & Jill Todd. Registration forms will be available to print from St. John's Web site.

Great Northern TEC at St. John's Friday, March 19 – Sunday, March 21

120 youth & adults will encounter Christ via worship, music, food, community, & sharing. Godly Play, & YART (in the Parish Hall), will run that Sunday, but YAP & YEP spaces will be used. TEC will provide music for 9 & 10:30 am worship. Thank you St. John's for hosting this incredible event.

Palm Sunday, March 28

We need youth for the "Passion" reading during 9 &/or 10:30 am worship. To read a part at both times please call Rev. Marilyn.

Please come to daily **Holy Week** liturgies including Holy Eucharist at 7 pm Monday & Tuesday, March 29 & 30.

Reconciliation, AKA Confession & Absolution, Wednesday, March 31, 4–7 pm followed by worship

We encourage children, youth (especially in Confirmation I & II) & adults (parents) to participate. The Reconciliation of a Penitent isn't restricted to times of sickness. Confession may be heard anytime, anywhere, but a special time is during Holy Week. Confession is confidential between Priest, Confessor, & God. If offenses are weighing you down, creating a division between you & God, now is the time. Contacts: Fr. Mark & Rev. Joanie.

Maundy Thursday, April 1, Youth Overnight & All Parish Prayer Vigil

Look for a sign-up sheet & forms on the Activity Table. Friends are invited but must have with them a completed, parent-signed "Friends of St. John's" form regardless of

age. We expect all participants to be in 7 pm worship (please arrive 6-6:30 pm to set up foot washing stations) and to stay through the hour-long noon Good Friday liturgy. Contact: Sheila Foster.

Good Friday, April 2,

At 9 am in the Narthex Garden youth will lead Morning Prayer.

At 10 am Interactive Stations of the Cross begin in the lobby off the parking lot. All ages can experience this through visual art, activities, song, & reflection questions. Contact: Sheila Foster.

The Great Vigil of Easter

5 pm Saturday, April 3

Drama rehearsal of Ezekiel 37:1-14, "The Valley of Dry Bones," is at 4 pm. Worship begins at 5 pm. The liturgy is followed by an "Agape" meal, open to all. An Easter Egg Hunt for our younger children, outside weather permitting, follows the meal.

Easter Day, Sunday, April 4 8 & 10 am Worship

There will be no classes for children or youth, but don't miss the Easter Drama shared during 10 am worship.

Safeguarding God's Children Training 6-9 pm Wednesday, April 7

The Diocese requires everyone to take Safeguarding God's Children & pass a background check before serving on Vestry or *any* ministry, not just those serving youth & children, & renew every 5 years. Many parishioners are approaching the 5 year mark. We ask all to attend this 3 hour training regardless of when you last took it so we can get on the same renewal cycle. St. John's will not offer training again until July 17. If you can't attend either training before your certification expires you must find training at another Episcopal church.

First Nations Kitchen Silent Auction Fund Raising Event, 1-5 pm April 24

The featured entertainment at All Saint's Episcopal Indian Mission, 3044 Longfellow Ave S, Mpls: "Diving For Illusions"

Youth Confirmation Banquet

11:30 am Sunday, May 2

1st Year Confirmation youth will prepare a banquet lunch for all who've just completed their 2nd year of Confirmation regardless of their decision about being confirmed.

Regional Confirmation, 11 am Saturday, May 15 at St. Mark's Cathedral

Youth age 16+ who've completed the requirements & mentor year, who desire confirmation please contact Sheila Foster. Adults who desire confirmation or reception please contact Rev. Marilyn. Confirmation begins with 10 am rehearsal. We ask all participants, mentors & clergy to arrive early to find parking. The liturgy usually lasts 1½ hours.

Don't forget these dates!

March

- 18** TEC Team Overnight at St. John's
- 19** Northern TEC through the 21st
- 31** Reconciliation 4–7 pm

April

- 1** Maundy Thursday Foot Washing & Youth Prayer Vigil overnight
- 2** 9 am Morning Prayer in Narthex Garden
10am Interactive Stations of the Cross
- 3** Holy Saturday 4 pm rehearsal & 5 pm worship
- 4** 8 & 10 am Easter Day Worship (no Sunday School)
- 7** Safeguarding God's Children Training 6-9 pm in the Parish Hall

May

- 2** 10 am Sr. YEP prepares Banquet
- 2** 2nd Yr. Confirmation Banquet at noon
- 15** Regional Confirmation at 11 am
- 16** 9 am Baccalaureate & Bible presentation to 1st graders
10 am Sr. High Graduates' Reception
- 16** Last Day of Sunday School Celebration

- June 17-23** Denver, CO Mission Trip, Grade 8-12 Youth
- July 12-16** Vacation Bible School, age 3 – grade 5
- August 8-14** Episcopal Youth Music Camp