

Youth & Children's Voice

Make Holy Week holy by attending!

Maundy Thursday, April 1

- 5:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner
- 6 pm Youth Prep for foot washing
- 7 pm Worship
- 8:30 pm Youth Prayer Vigil begins

Good Friday, April 2

- 9 am Morning Prayer in the Narthex Garden
- 10 am Interactive Stations of the Cross
- Noon Worship
- 7 pm Traditional Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday, April 3

- 4 pm COFTA Drama Rehearsal
- 4:30 pm Handbell Rehearsal
- 5 pm Easter Vigil Worship
- 6:30 pm Agape Dinner
- 7 pm Easter Egg Hunt

Easter Day, Sunday, April 4

- 8 am Easter Worship
- 9 am Gospel Drama Rehearsal
- 10 am Easter Worship

There is COFTA Wednesday, April 7 due to Safeguarding God's Children Training 6-9 pm in the Parish Hall .

Faith Formation Committee Meeting 11 am Sunday, April 11 in the Sunday School Gathering Room

Leaders of pre-school — high school children will meet to discuss & evaluate our current programs and begin planning for the 2010-2011 school year. At least one leader from each current program will attend the meeting. Youth or parents who would like to share your input, this is your opportunity. Please contact Sheila Foster if you can attend.

Sr. High Youth Mission Trip Planning 11 am Sunday, April 18 in St. Angelico's Room

Calling all 8th – 12th graders: if you've never experienced a mission trip, now's the time. Trip dates to Denver, CO are July 17 – 23.

Registration Forms are due by May 1. The trip cost is only \$200 and well worth it. Don't miss out on a week of service, community, & spiritual growth. Contact Sheila Foster, Jill Todd, Rich Oswald, or John Kobinski for more information about the trip.

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

Last summer St. John's youth based their mission trip out of All Saints' Episcopal Indian Mission, 3044 Longfellow Ave S, Mpls. They made improvements to the space and got to know parishioners involved in their First Nations Kitchen ministry which serves a weekly meal for approx. 200–300 people. First Nations Kitchen seeks help to continue their important ministry. The event featured entertainment is Zoe & Sydney Foster's Band *"Diving For Illusions."*

Vacation Bible School (VBS) Planning 11 am Sundays April 25 & May 23 in the Sunday School Gathering Room

This year's VBS (July 12–16) will be "A Miracle Man" A Journey through the Life of Jesus. The program includes the making of a Market Place, crafts, music, drama, storytelling, and of course food! We'll all become part of the story. We'll travel in time from Jesus' birth to his death and resurrection. Participants are ages pre-school - 5th grade. We invite adults & older youth to be leaders, and younger youth to be helpers We need many volunteers with many different gifts. Please come see how your gifts can serve. Contact Sheila Foster or Christine Karp for more information.

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. There will be a sign up sheet so that the youth know how much food to prepare.

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.

Baccalaureate 9 am Sunday, May 16

We'll celebrate our High School Seniors and all our children & youth as they continue on their journey. The Seniors will present Bibles to the 1st graders, and will share their wisdom with us all. If you are a senior and would like to be involved, please contact Sheila Foster and share what will you be doing next year. Some will go off to college in faraway places, some will stay closer to home, others will take a year to explore life's possibilities in other ways. We want to celebrate all of these journeys. Please contact Sheila with your story.

Don't forget these dates!

May

- 1 Music Camp Early Bird Registration, ECW grant request & full payment due
- 2 10 am Sr. YEP prepares Banquet
- 2 2nd Yr. Confirmation Banquet at 11:45
- 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
- 23 Vacation Bible School Planning

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