

# YOUTH NEWS

## ST. MICHAEL PARISH SAN DIEGO | YOUTH GROUP NEWS

SMPYG started off this new year with new youth group days. Our very first meeting was Ice Skating where we learned that it's okay to fall as long as we have each other to stand back up. Our next meeting featured the theme "Breaking Bad Habits" in which everyone decided what bad habits they wanted to break in order to better live their lives in Christ for the new year. This was symbolized as we destroyed a piñata which represented those bad habits.

JANUARY

As we were in the season of Lent, we started off our month praying Stations of the Cross at the church. On the 12, along with the Confirmation 2 class, we attended LA Youth Day (pictured below). This year's theme was "Talk Jesus With Me" and we went to different workshops, participated in a praise and worship concert, and attended a huge mass with youth from different parts of the country. On the 20th, we prayed the Stations of the Cross again, but in our own creative way. We made our own posters to depict the stations the way we view them in life today.

MARCH



FEBRUARY

Friends who go to mass together, stay together! YG had their first experience of a First Friday Mass together on the 6th, Before mass started, everyone wrote on a poster entitled "Please pray for..." where each person wrote down intentions for the mass and month. On the 13th, instead of a regular youth group meeting, the Youth and Young Adults gathered together for our very first Love Jam! We were lucky to have such a large amount of performers that night that kept the audience entertained. After all the performances, the night ended with an Open Mic. The performances varied from singing, dancing, rapping, and Spoken Word. On the 20th, we enjoyed a game night! Going up against Families, the youth competed in a puzzle race, a pathfinder game, and ended the night with some trivia! Each game earned their family points, and all the points were totaled at the end of the night for an overall winner.

APRIL

The month of April blossomed with many fun activities. Since April was the start of Easter, YG started the month off with an egg-citing celebration. We had a game night where we played a number of games including eggs and Easter activities, such as an egg toss, hungry hungry hippos, and more! Afterwards, YG had a guest speaker come in to share his journey with God and he chooses to stay Catholic. Then each house created prayer raps about their own relationship with God. To end our month, the Young Adult Ministry held a Q&A panel to talk about college and adult life. With this panel, the young adults answered our many questions about their faith in college, decision-making, and college life in general.



### No Summer Plans?

Not a problem because SMPYG has so much in store for you!

Join our **Youth Group** meetings every 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday.

Don't forget out **Youth and Young Adult Summer Bonfire** at the Coronado Bonfire Pits on June 19, 2015 from 3PM-9PM.

We will also be hosting our annual **Annual Vacation Bible School!** Come join the leadership team to help create a fun and memorable experience for elementary school students! Vacation Bible school runs for two weeks, from June 22-July 3rd. (More info in VBS article)

July is filled with many events. In addition to our regular meetings, we have our **Disneyland** (TBA) trip and our **Annual Lock-in on July 31.**

For more information about any and all **Youth Group** events, contact Ms. Arla in the Parish Office

"There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship."  
- St. Thomas Aquinas

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<h1>June 2015</h1>						
	1	2	3	4	5 <b>1<sup>st</sup> Friday</b> Mass 6:30-8:30pm	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 YG Meeting 5-7pm	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 Bonfire 3-9pm	20
21	22 VBS 9am-12pm	23 VBS 9am-12pm	24 VBS 9am-12pm	25 VBS 9am-12pm	26 VBS 9am-12pm	27
28	29 VBS 9am-12pm	30 VBS 9am-12pm	July - 1 <sup>st</sup> -3 <sup>rd</sup> : Last week of VBS - 10 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> : Youth Group - 31 <sup>st</sup> : Lock In			

## WANT TO HAVE FUN & DO SOME GOOD THIS SUMMER?!

St. Michael Parish Youth Group has the solution to that! Come have some fun by joining the Vacation Bible School team! Vacation Bible School is a week long program that teaches kids ranging from 5 - 12 years old the great things God has blessed us with! Through the use of different bible lessons, games, and activities, the team hopes to provide these children with a memorable experience! This year's Vacation Bible School theme is "Finding God: Just Keep Praying!" Interested in helping out? Come to the meetings! Interested in enrolling your child? Contact the Parish Office and sign them up! Program dates are as followed:

Age 5-8: June 22 - June 26

Age 9-12: June 29 - July 3

To join the team you must be able to make it to the meetings on May 17th 9am-1pm, May 31st 12pm-4pm, June 14th 2am-4pm, including the June 14th meeting.

