

May the peace of Christ be with you!! We hope and pray that your summer has been a time for family, friends, and relaxation. Our summer in Youth Ministry has been jam-packed with Extreme Faith Camp, the Steubenville Conference in Ohio, the Mission Trip to the Dominican Republic, Summer Stretch, and the Sr. High Camp Out! Between both parishes, St. Albert's and St. Michael, we had about 104 Jr. High teens, 88 Sr. High teens and 38 adults participate in one or more events throughout the summer. How amazing, praise God! All of you who participated, you made this summer a blast! To all those who weren't able to join us, we missed you and hope you had a great summer. God is truly alive and the Holy Spirit is moving in our parishes and the community as a whole!

Well, in your hands is another flyer letting you know what is going on in our Youth Ministry this fall. You may have asked yourself, "Why do I get flyers every year?" The reason is, we care about you! Our purpose here at St. Michael's and St. Albert's is to lead you closer to Christ. We do this in a variety of ways, as you can see on the other side of this flyer. We want you to know how important you are to our parishes, to our community, and that we have not forgotten you. We would love to see you at any of the upcoming events.

We have a little change happening this year. As you already know, our Faith Formation changed last year to parish-wide family catechesis. The 9th-12th grade teens stayed in the church/parish center/gathering space with the adults and listened to the priest or other speaker give a talk, or met with the NET Team. We also had Life Nights in St. Michael several times a month where teens could come to the 6pm Mass and afterwards we had a fun activity which involved a talk, small group time, snacks, skits and games. After much prayer and discussion, we decided to stop having Life Nights. Instead, Youth Ministry will be taking over the Sr. High part of TLC at St. Albert's and LIFT at St. Michael. This is so exciting because it will give us the opportunity to get to know more of you and hopefully make the nights more fun and exciting.

To those of you who are **Juniors or Seniors**, we want to send a special invite to you: Please consider joining us for these nights of faith and fellowship. What a great way to continue living the faith you professed and to stir up the gifts you received on your Confirmation day. Also, what a great way to get refreshed and ready for graduation! With everything that changes in life God still stays the same and is always with you. These nights will be worth your time. We hope to see you. Check the bulletin for the dates of TLC and LIFT.

We said this earlier, but we truly feel that God is doing something big and amazing in our community. He's drawing you deeper to Himself. He longs to have a deep relationship with you like you do with others. Come check us out this year. We'll be waiting! GOD BLESS YOU!

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**Sr. High  
NEWS LETTER  
September-December  
2009!**

*Address forwarding requested please*

# New this year!

*Sr. High Core team will be assisting TLC and LIFT, instead of Sunday night Life Nights! We will be working with the Sr. High teens at all the TLC's and LIFT's to help make the Gospel more relevant, and truly open up our Catholic faith to high school teens. We want to invite all of our high schoolers to come with their families to TLC and LIFT once a month to have your faith inspired and strengthened!*

**BAND OF BROTHERS: SR. HIGH GUYS GROUP:** ALL high school men are invited to come together to as brothers for fellowship, challenge one another to grow in leadership, and accountability. We will be watching parts of the mini-series Band of Brothers to guide our conversations. We will be meeting from 7-9 p.m. Monday nights at St. Michael Youth Room. Here are the Dates: October 12th and 26th; November 16th and 23rd, December 7th and 21st

## THEOLOGY 101 IS CHANGING NIGHTS

**New this year: We will be meeting Sunday nights. We meet 2x a month.** Theology 101 is an opportunity for High School teens to grow in their knowledge and understanding of our beautiful Catholic faith. We will be using the Catechism of the Catholic Church and Sacred Scriptures as our main text. This is a demanding course and requires extra time and preparation, but does take the place of Confirmation classes. All High Schoolers welcome!

## Exalt:

For all those who just want to spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist This is for 9th-12th graders and graduates. These nights are on Sundays after the 6pm Mass until 8:30pm at St. Michael Church. Don't miss these opportunities for Christ to fill you with His love and anything else you may need! He'll be there waiting.

**Dates: Oct. 11, Nov. 22, and Dec. 20th**



## World Youth Day 2011



It is time to start planning...

another Pilgrimage! This time to Madrid, Spain

in August of 2011.

**Who:** All those who will be 16 years of age by Aug. 2011.

**Registration** will begin this fall, to begin fundraising.

**Estimated Cost** \$2000-\$3000.

**Deposit** to hold your spot will be **due this**

**November.** We will be going to Fatima, Avila, and all World Youth Day events.

## Girl Group:

Girls Group is held 2 times a month.

This a place for you to be you and be accepted. **Held at St. Albert's Time:** 7pm-9pm

**Who:** All 9th-12th grade ladies! **Here are the dates:**

September 14th and 28th; October 12th and 26th;

November 9th and 23rd December 7th and 21st

## LIFELINE "09"

Join us for an awesome evening with Mass, powerful program and 800 teens from around the Archdiocese!

**When: First Saturdays of every Month. Where: Net Center in West St. Paul, MN Cost: \$5, Bus leaves at 3:30 p.m. from St. Michael**

## NEW YEAR'S LOCK-IN

Join us this New Year's Eve for a great night of Fun and Worship. Midnight Mass, Adoration, Confession, lots of food, video games, movies and much, much more. **Where:** St. Albert's

## RETREATS



### 9th Grade Retreat:

Saturday, March 6th, 2010

### 10th Grade Retreat

**St. Michael's 10th Grade Retreat is:**

Sat. Oct. 31-Sun. Nov. 1st, 2009

**St. Albert's 10th grade Retreat is:**

Fri-Sat. Feb 12th-13th, 2010

These retreats are mandatory Confirmation retreats. Flyers for the 9th Grade retreat will be available in January of 2010

## Sr. High Open Youth Room

Every Wednesday 5 pm-6:30pm

St. Michael Youth Room

What do we do? There will be snacks available for purchase: Candy and Pop

Safe place to hang out with other teens.

Free Games: Foosball, Air Hockey, Board Games, two Xboxes, a Wii and pool. Great Music Outdoor games; Football, Bocce ball, Frisbee.

**Begins Wed. Sept. 16th**