



Youth Ministry Times



Ryan's Musings...

It's that time of year, not back to school, but the start of my Fantasy Football League schedule! I have two different leagues I am in this year - one is mainly family and not as competitive, but the other is very competitive. It is a keeper league and I struggled until the end, but ultimately "hitched" my wagon to Michael Vick and kept him instead of one of my top running backs. I really think Vick is "boom or bust" this year, and my team will sink or swim with him. I will keep you updated as I know you are all on pins and needles wanting to know how I do this year.

As for the Vikings - I optimistically have them at 9-7 this year. I think they have the talent to sneak out an extra win or two and make the playoffs - probably as a wild card, but also would not be shocked if they were

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below .500, especially with their shaky secondary. As for my Super Bowl picks, stay tuned...

On an important note, please remember that this weekend is the 10-year anniversary of 9/11. I remember it like it was yesterday. I was in the Seminary at Franciscan University hauling furniture with a few of my Rugby buddies and someone yelled at us to "turn the TV on". I remember watching the events "live" on TV.

In the weeks after 9/11, Churches were absolutely packed, regardless of denomination. It's amazing how we turn to God when times are tragic, as we should, but then cannot wait to get rid of him the rest of the time - "why is that?" God gave us a free will and will not *force* himself on us, but is waiting patiently for you to give yourself over to him, every day! Do not wait until tragedy strikes to make that commitment.

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Summer Recap...

A HUGE thank you to all of you who took a week, or two, out of your summer to spend with Jesus at our summer Mission Trips to Chicago and Camp Veritas 2011 at Broomtree. Our summer programs have

been such a blessing to our parish, and I thank you all for being a part of that. Every year I am amazed and inspired by you, the teenagers of our parish, in how committed you are to



Sr. High Camp—Toothbrush game!

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Something to Ponder...

"You need to be more deeply rooted in the faith than the generation of your parents..."

—Pope Benedict XVI

Are you prepared to carry the flag for your generation?!

Year in Review DVD

We are excited to be releasing in the coming weeks (or months) a DVD recapping the previous year. Angela Nelson, our awesome summer intern and assistant, is in the process of gathering pictures and putting them all on a DVD that will recap the year, beginning with Camp Veritas 2010 and ending with Camp Veritas 2011. Once the DVD's are

completed, we will get you a copy. These DVD's are a *limited time edition* and will not be available for resale or found on any late night Television scams - when they are gone, they are gone! We will do our best in the future to take even more pictures for next year's DVD. If you have any pictures we should add, get

them to Sherry Elsen at ymreasst@cspap.org ASAP - and thank you in advance!



Adventure Zone Paintball... (Note the Date & Location Change)

PAINTBALL IS BACK!!! We will be heading to Adventure Zone Paintball at 11:45am for an awesome day of paintballing with friends, and will grill out when we are finished. The date has been changed to Sunday, October 9th, and the cost has been lowered to \$40 for everything!! The

information can be found on the Parish website and Bosco Youth Boards, along with all of the event information. This event is open to grades 7-12. Do not miss out on this one!!!

Remember...
Father Gallas is fair game on the paintball fields!!!



Back by Popular Demand... SEAN DALTON



Back by popular demand, or at least my demand, (and just returning from Spain where he was an M.C. at World Youth Day!!) is Sean Dalton to kick off our High School Gathering. Sean gave an amazing talk when he was here last January, and will be even better this time. His talk is

titled "Do you have Jesus on Your Speed dial? - *Fostering a personal relationship with Jesus Christ.*" Sean will also be speaking at the Adult Education gathering that evening.



High School Youth Gathering & Contest

We are extremely excited about our upcoming High School Youth Gatherings on Wednesday evenings. Beginning with the awesome dinner/social from 7:15-7:45pm, followed by our teaching, discussion, and prayer until 9pm - we have a great year ahead of us. Please make it a point to "block off" Wednesday nights for our gathering, and invite your friends. Your friends do not need to be parishioners, or Catholic, to join us - and there is no cost to be involved.

As I said in the letter a few weeks back, our focus will be on Prayer, The Blessed Mother, and Purity. Ultimately, we are striving for a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and our own growth in holiness. Everyone needs to grow in this area, and hopefully we can all walk the path together this year.

We will also have some amazing speakers throughout the year, as well as monthly Adoration and Confessions preceded by a

reflection from Father Gallas. Make sure to check the website and bulletin for upcoming speakers and gatherings.

Also - if you can think of a great name for our youth group, let me know. It could be named after a Saint, or something else faith-related. There is no deadline to enter a name, and you can offer as many suggestions as you want. We can think of a prize for the person who submits the winning entry.



Altar Server Outing—Tommie Football !



Our annual Altar Server Appreciation outing will take us to the campus of St. Thomas for their Homecoming Football Game on Saturday, October 15th!!!

More information, and registration forms, can be found on the parish website and Bosco Youth Boards. **Deadline to sign up is Thursday, October 6th.**

Summer Recap... (cont'd from page 1)

growing in holiness - and our camps and mission trips reflect that.

I also want to thank you for your feedback from the summer camps. We added "glow stick capture the flag" to the junior high camp at night after Adoration, campfire rosary, and a few other simple changes as a result of your feedback. Unfortunately the bouncy house didn't make the cut...

I want to take this opportunity to personally invite you to mark your calendars for next summer for Camp Veritas 2012. The senior high camp (current grades 9-12) will be Aug 5-9 and the junior high camp (current grades 6-8) will be Aug 13-18, which

is a Monday - Friday. If you have never attended one of our camps, please visit with some of the teens who went this year and find out how awesome and powerful an experience it was for them. The dates for the summer mission trips to Chicago with the Missionaries of Charity are not set yet, but will probably be in June and July. We will have at least 2 trips again and possibly a third - watch for the dates to be released in early 2012.



Jr. High Camp—Trivia with Fr. Pecotte

Dates for Camp Veritas 2012

Sr. High Camp: (Gr 9-12) **Aug. 5-9**
Jr. High Camp: (Gr 6-8) **Aug. 13-18**
(Monday thru Friday)



Missionaries of Charity (MOC) Mission Trip—hard at work in the kitchen!

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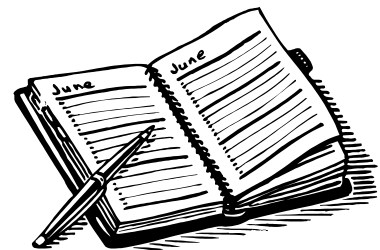
Upcoming Events

Wednesday, September 14th - Sean Dalton @ High School Gathering

Friday, Oct 7th - Family Rosary Procession from the Capital to the Cathedral.
Stay tuned for more information.

Sunday, October 9th - Paintball @ Special Forces

Saturday, Oct 15th - Annual Altar Server Appreciation Outing



Make certain to print off a calendar that has all of the upcoming youth events. Calendars can be found on the parish website at www.cspap.org. The bulletin also will have the latest information.