

The Life Teen Connection

April 2009

From Isabelle

This is my last newsletter and I just wanted to say thank you to the many people who helped make my Senior Project successful. Your feedback, encouragement and ideas were much appreciated! I hope that this newsletter has better informed you about our vibrant youth community and that it will become a Life Teen tradition.

~ Isabelle

Save the Date

Easter Sunday

NO LIFETEEN MASS OR
YOUTH GROUP

April 13th- NO EDGE

4/19 Youth group 6:00-8 pm

4/20 Edge 6:30-7:45 pm

4/26 Youth group 6:00-8 pm

4/27 Edge 6:30-7:45 pm

Youth News Board



There is a common misconception that STM does not have an active youth program, but that is NOT true!

We have a new bulletin board in the Narthex to share what we are doing!

This is dedicated to the Life Teen programs so that the community can always know what's going on!

Right now there's a calendar full of events, and pictures are coming soon! Be

What's Happened?

Community Potluck: The latest potluck planned by the Youth Commission and the Catholic Daughters of the Americas was a great success! We added to the potluck by making Mardi Gras Masks. Although Lent had already begun, everyone was invited to decorate masks using glitter, vibrant paint, stickers and more. Then they were invited to write what they are giving up for Lent or adding to their life during this Lent. The idea was to put away our party faces so we are less distracted in our focus for this Lenten season. Then we can pull them out in our celebration of Christ's resurrection.

Taizé Prayer: Every Thursday from 6:15 pm to 7pm in the Chapel as part of our Lenten preparation, Angela Lead us in this meditative form of prayer. Through the repetition of musical phrases, our bodies and minds were able to slow down enough to listen to the voice of God. This was a much appreciated hour allowing us to take some time out during our busy lives to reconnect to the Lord. Our Lenten Taizé prayer service are now done, but we may see it again in the future.

Reconciliation: On March 8th & 9th both our youth programs focused on preparing for Reconciliation. The teachings and discussion helped answer many questions asked by some very eager teens, and challenged us to evaluate our consciences in the week before Reconciliation. The following Sunday and Monday Fr. Ward and Fr. Maurice celebrated the sacrament of Reconciliation with us. Both nights offered a reflective service and the LT and Edge Core Teams performed a skit following the Gospel. The skit was about a young woman who wants to be with Jesus but gets pulled farther and farther away from Him by the daily temptations or sins in our lives. The lesson learned is that Jesus is with us always and he will always forgive us when we seek him and his forgiveness. I, along with the high school leadership team, would like to give a big thank you to all of the adults who came together to reach out to the teens in a way that we can easily relate to!

Snow Shoeing Trip: Last month 7 adventurous teens and a few adults took to the trail and snow-shoed up to Big Four in Darrington. We had beautiful

Corrections, Corrections, Corrections!

Well, no one's perfect, right? I made a few errors in the last newsletter that I need to correct! Please excuse these mistakes!

In "Meet Denise Schmitz", I left the "e" out of her first name! Also, she is a member of Edmonds-Woodway's Math Club, not Match Club as I said.

In the "What's Happened?" section there were several errors in the Confirmation write-up. It was said that "we welcomed 41 people into our community", but really we do that through Baptism, not Confirmation. Also, the Mass was celebrated by Most Reverend Joseph Tyson, one of our Auxiliary Bishops and concelebrated by Fr. Maurice Mamba and Fr. Armando Guzman.

Youth Passion Drama

On March 27th, Maeve Cullen directed this year's youth passion play for her Senior Project. Rehearsals took place every Sunday for 5 weeks prior to Friday evening's prayer service. Everyone certainly worked hard practicing their parts; from the readers behind the curtain to the actors and the singers. About 20 youth participated in this year's drama. All agreed it was a great opportunity to put their time and talents to work, and it gave time for reflection to prepare for Easter. Great job everybody!

Tuning in and turning it up

The scoop on our Life Teen Band!

I recently sat down with Band Leader/Core Member extraordinaire Monica Eddy and asked her to share about our Life Teen Band. Here are her comments.

Isabelle: How would you describe the genre of music the band typically plays?

Mo: Christian Rock

I: How do you decide who sings which Mass part (Responsorial, Kyrie, etc.)?

M: I ask "Who wants to sing this....." and whom ever volunteers gets the part! I encourage everyone to sing the special parts.

I: What would you say are the similarities of the Life Teen Band and the other groups at the rest of our Masses?

M: OUR BAND ROCKS! But truly I think that we all really love what we are doing and it is reflected in our music. All of the groups at STM are parishioners and volunteer to share in the music ministry, and I think that is the best! It is very special that each and every person gives back to the church with what God has blessed them with.

I: What are your favorite things about being involved with the Life Teen Band?

M: My favorite things are watching the teens grown in their musical ability and in their love of the Lord. I love singing and what better place to sing than at the church! I love hearing the congregation sing with us. I am very

Band Members

Monica—vocal & guitar

Jay—vocal & (bass) guitar

Anna—vocal

Lisa—vocal

JoJo—piano & vocal

Peter—vocal & guitar

Jordan—drums

Core Team Blessings!

Welcome and welcome back to Karen Hibbert and Mark Simon! Karen, like Emily, has committed to helping our high school teens grow in their faith and Mark has come back to serve on the Junior High Edge Core team. We hope that more adults consider using their gifts to help teach and support the youth!

We Need You!

We also need Lectors and Altar servers for the 5pm Sunday Life Teen Mass.

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