



The Chat



FALL/WINTER FUN



WITH YOUTH CAT

What is coming for you at St. Charles Borromeo? The questions is—what are you willing to participate in?

October

Youth CAT Gathering	19th	5:30pm-	Parish Hall
Corn Maze at Moulton's at Night	19th	6:30pm	
World Youth Ministry Awards	26th	2pm -	St. Joseph Cathedral

November

Movie Night—"To Save A Life"	9th	6-8pm	Parish Hall
NET Retreat—Yes you are invited— grades 9 through 12	16th	4-9pm	Parish Hall
Post Confirmation Gathering	22nd	6-8pm	Parish Hall

December

Children's Christmas Shop set- up	6th	3pm-	Parish Hall
Children's Christmas Shop	7th	8-12pm	Parish Hall
Christmas Caroling/Pizza	12th	4-7pm	Nursing Homes/Giuseppe's

Congratulations Trevor Colby and George Durfee

Trevor Colby and George Durfee have been selected to receive the **St. Timothy and Companion on the Journey Award**, respectively.

Trevor has been involved in ministry since his high school years. He serves as an altar server, lector and portrays a very powerful Jesus Christ in the Living Stations.

George Durfee has been involved in the Church serving in many capacities. He has been a catechist for a number

of years, always saying "yes" to the call to help young people experience and learn about God. He presently teaches in grades 7 & 8 and Confirmation.. George also participates in Youth CAT. We are very appreciative and blessed by these two individuals that have answered the call to serve Jesus Christ and his Church.

Join them at the Awards ceremony and congratulate them!



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Heart to Heart

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The Heart of the Matter – Just Trust Q&A for our young adult readers

Dear Mae: How do I know what God is calling me to do in life? How long does it take to hear God calling you to a vocation? What are some practical ways of discerning?

(Mackenzie, age 17)

Dear Mackenzie: Thank you for asking these big questions that are certainly on the hearts and minds of so many young adults and are probably some of the most important questions we should ask ourselves, regardless of our age.

What do we mean when we say the word “vocation”? It is so much more than a job or career path we may choose. Simply, our vocation is what God calls us to do with our life. God created us to know, love and serve him, and how we actually do this is lived out through our vocation. Usually people refer to a vocation as a “call” to the consecrated, religious or priestly life, but we may also choose a vocation to single or married life. The key is figuring out what it is that God is specifically calling us to do. The good news is we don’t have to figure his out by are asking to be realed to you. God knows better than anyone where our true happiness and joy can be found and we must approach him with an attitude of trust, openness, and acceptance of his will.

Honestly Mackenzie, we don’t always recognize the promptings of the Holy Spirit guiding and leading us and we may even sometimes choose to ignore his guidance. It is reassuring to know, however, that God will continue to lead and guide us as he reveals his plan for our lives. Remember, God created us to be joyful and to have peace in our hearts – he loves us without limit

and he will never ever give up on us! God will never impose his plan on us, but rather, he will lead us to our vocation over time through a series of “invitations.” It will be up to us to decide how to respond to these invitations.

So how do we know when God is speaking to our hearts? Well, it all starts with being in relationship with God. There are some practical ways to foster this relationship with Christ and open the channels of communication. Spending time in front of the Blessed Sacrament can be life changing. Adoration is our chance to be alone with God. It is one of my favorite ways to be close to Jesus – to just sit with him, speaking from my heart and listening for his loving response. There are several parishes in our diocese that have perpetual adoration. What a blessing to be able to visit Jesus anytime, 24/7!

Another suggestion: the practice of *Lectio Divina* which literally means “Divine Reading.” It is a practice of sitting with the Scriptures and reading them slowly until a phrase or word seems to jump out at you or get your attention. Then you sit with that word or phrase for a while in meditation, trying to understand what God is saying to you through it. The last part of *Lectio Divina* is contemplation where you simply sit quietly with God, keeping yourself open (and your mind quiet) to allow him to speak to you.

The purpose of *Lectio Divina* is to be in God’s presence, praying with the Scriptures. There is no right or wrong way to do this and sometimes there are no revelations. But a regular practice of this prayer form can lead to deep insights and great peace.

The last thing I suggest is delving into the lives of the saints in order to see how another person, someone perhaps faced with similar questions, found their answers. This, and the guidance of clergy, can especially help in the discernment of a religious vocation.

I know it may seem like a daunting task to figure out what to do next, and where it will all lead, so let me share something that has helped me immeasurably. A few months ago my spiritual director shared with me an insightful bit of wisdom which speaks to this very thing – where do I go from here? He said, “Focus on doing the next right thing, and then the next right thing after that, and the next right thing after that...” You see, Mackenzie, we don’t have to put all of the puzzle pieces into place at once, just concentrate on one piece at a time and God will help us piece by piece, bit by bit, to reveal his plan for our lives.

There is a sign in my office that reads: “If you go where you are led, and have peace in your heart, you will end up where you are supposed to be.” I believe these words, and I

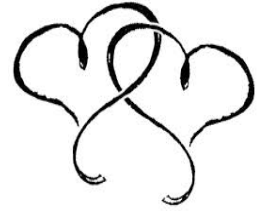
know in my heart that God has a beautiful plan for each of us. All that God asks of us is to trust him. Ultimately, the heart of the matter in discerning God’s will for our lives comes down to trust. Mackenzie, trust that God *will* lead you to your joy.



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Heart to Heart we are joined to one another through God the Father.



Who is Jesus Christ? Who is Jesus To You?

These are some fundamental questions that we all need to ask ourselves.

Who is Jesus Christ? How is Jesus present in my everyday life.? You need to know what kind of relationship have you wanted with him. God is filled with love for us. We just need to spend the time to see how this love can warm us and bring us to bathe in his light.

Some say that Jesus is their Savoir, others - a friend and others—their protector and guide.

Who is Jesus Christ for you? We need to explore

and look at what Jesus is all about. A person that was true man and true God, sent by his Father to give us all hope of eternal life, a friend to be with us always filled with infinite love and mercy. A friend that loved us so much that he laid his life down for us.

How is your relationship with him?

How can you make it better?

“No one has greater love than this, to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.” John 15:13

2nd Harvest—What a pick!



Serving others in ministry

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*We are Called to bring
light to the darkness in
our everyday life and
in the world.*

Youth Ministry serves all young people whether enrolled or not in faith formation. We serve not just parishioners of St. Charles Borromeo, but all God's people. There are many activities available for teens and young adults. If we do not offer something that would help you to grow closer to Jesus Christ or better understand your faith and how it relates to your everyday life, I would love to hear from you. It is in asking questions that we learn and suggestions that we can meet your needs. We are all on a journey of life—a beginning to an ending. The question is, "What we do in between these two ports?"

Youth CAT (Christian Action Team) - serving others, growing in spirituality, fellowship and many interesting discussion about faith in relations to choices in life. Post-Confirmation is a great venue for those fully initiated into the Church.



National Evangelization Team Is Coming

What is NET Ministry? "NET ministry challenges young Catholics to love Christ and embrace the life of the Church."(NET mission) Groups of teens and young adults comprise a number of teams that spend the year travelling throughout the United States sharing their faith with teens in the various diocese. Each team is assigned a geographical area. They pack their suitcase and travel together being housed by generous parishioners and fed by the different parishes. The members range in age from 18 to 23 years of age. NET members visiting St. Charles Borromeo are from Texas, North Dakota, California, Ohio, Minnesota, and Nebraska. These individuals decide to serve in

ministry for one year and come to share their stories of faith. They will be here on **Sunday, November 16th @ 4-9pm**. I am opening this opportunity up for not just Confirmation students, but also Post-Confirmation young people to attend and participate in the event.



Front Row: Luke Berke, Marish Wilkins, Jon Ramirez, Clare Peine

Middle Row: Austin Huck, Erin Hauth, David Weisbruch, Sarah Wilder

Back Row: Anna Dick, Aaron Sanchez, Claire Jones