

## January:

- **Sun. 6<sup>th</sup>: Would You Rather? A night on discernment. (Leo doing talk)**  
*Key Concepts:* 1) Discernment is needed for more than our vocation. It is something we can use for all decisions. 2) Discernment will help us to find out how to love God, love others, and spread the Gospel. All people have this universal call to holiness. 3) The Church provides guidance for discernment and provides tools to help people better understand what God is saying.
- **Sun. 13<sup>th</sup>: Will You Go Out with me? A night on dating (Angelo & Catie)**  
*Key Concepts:* 1) Purpose of dating as God intended, 2) Setting boundaries so that you don't fall into situations that can lead to sin, 3). Practical dating tips to help your relationship grow in holiness.
- **Sun. 20<sup>th</sup>: Theology of the Body** (Carmen Briceno)  
*Key Concepts:* 1) Being created in the image and likeness of God means that our body and sexuality has a purpose. Our bodies have a language that communicates that purpose; 2) Authentic love is a gift of self to another. How do we see that in a world that is more and more "connected" every day via social media, yet disconnected from the reality of God's purpose; 3) We are ultimately called to holiness and that requires freedom, grace and discipline to achieve.
- **Sun. 27<sup>th</sup>: Marriage vocation talk:** (Anne/Whitney & Scott/Caryn Vezina)  
*Key Concepts:* 1) This Life Night will look at the vocation of Marriage as a unique calling from God designed to mirror Christ's love for the Church; 2) The teens will understand that the grace of the Sacrament gives couples the ability to live holy, lifelong Marriages; 3) Having a newly married couple and a couple with 10+ years of marriage the kids will hear testimony of what a committed marriage looks like "in good times and bad."

## February:

- **Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup>: No youth group Due to Super Bowl**
- **Sun. 10<sup>th</sup>: Religious life** (bringing in Sisters and Brothers/priests) Fr. Benedict, T.O.R.  
*Key Concepts:* 1) What is Religious Life and why is worth considering? 2) Differences between Religious and Diocesan priesthood, and why so many religious orders for men and women? 3) How do you know if this could be the path for you?
- **Sun. 17<sup>th</sup>: Fishes and Loaves: God choosing youth to lead (Leo doing teaching)**  
*Key Concepts:* 1) Empower teens through story of John 6: 1-14 to see that when they give their gifts and talents to God He uses them for the glory of His name; 2) Active participation in the life of the Church is essential to a healthy and growing faith life; 3) Help to have teens recognize the gifts and talents they possess and have them seek to offer them to God.
- **Sun. 24<sup>th</sup>: No youth group Due to HS Retreat**

## March:

- **Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup>: Adulthood:** A night on the transition to adulthood.  
Key Concepts: 1) What is the definition of adult. 2) Discuss the foundations of “Adulthood” 3) What are the advantages of “Adulthood.”
- **Sun. 10<sup>th</sup>: First Sunday of Lent Want Vs. Need** A night on moderation with money & debt. (Erin Lysher)  
Key Concepts: 1) Understand the concept where money fails. 2) Understanding the difference between greed and when money is necessary. 3) The importance of understanding debt & learning how to budget. (Erin Lysher)
- **Sun. 17<sup>th</sup>: Working Well** A night on working within God’s plan  
Key Concepts: 1) Work is part of God’s plan and he calls it and us to work should be done well and experience satisfaction from what we accomplish. 2) We must be humble of heart and teachable; and know that we are not going to always going to know how to do things. 3) With work comes responsibilities, so we must be able to act upon them.
- **Sun. 24<sup>th</sup>: More than Small Talk** A night on the art of conversation (Angelo)  
Key Concepts: 1) Conversation is a skill and it has the potential to be emotive and create connections and relationships. 2) “Small talk” is the first step to the art of conversation, it a making an effort to get to know someone better. 3) Being intentional and engaging during a conversation and be able to listen.
- **Sun. 31<sup>st</sup>: Squad goals** A night on Christian Friendship (Anne Tetor??)  
Key Concepts: 1) God did not create us to be alone. 2) Friendship is a gift from God to us. 3) Friendship should model Christ’s sacrificial love.

## April:

- **Sun. 7<sup>th</sup>: Connected:** A night on prayer.  
Key Concepts: 1) Prayer is the foundation of a real relationship with God. He calls us to Himself and prayer is our response. 2) Jesus taught us how to pray through His actions (taking time in silence to pray to His Father) and His words (teaching us the Our Father). 3) The Our Father stands at the center of the Gospel message. It is not just a prayer to memorize and recite; it is a pattern and model for our entire prayer life.
- **Sun. 14<sup>th</sup>: Heart of the Mystery:** A night on the Paschal Mystery.  
Key Concepts: 1) The majority of the night is spent in looking at the Passion, death and Resurrection from new perspectives. 2) Through the eyes of Mary, John the Evangelist and God the Father the teens will be challenged to reflect on each part of the Paschal Mystery. 3) The night ends with a prayer of thanksgiving for the salvation won for us by Christ.
- **Sun. 21<sup>st</sup>: Easter** No youth group
- **Sun. 28<sup>th</sup>: Divine Mercy** (Story of God’s mercy) –*waiting to hear*

**May:**

- **Sun. 5<sup>th</sup>:** Relativism (Fr. Kelly?)
- **Sun. 12<sup>th</sup>:** **No youth group** *Due to Mother's Day*

**Sun. 19<sup>th</sup>: Open Mic Night:** *We have a big social gathering and then offer the rest of the night to people sharing about their last year and how Youth Group has helped them to live out their faith. We will have some teen witnesses prepped to get the ball rolling.*