



Saint Rose's Ramblings

Saint Rose of Lima Youth Ministry

Living Stations: Encountering Jesus and the Cross

Lent begins on February 22nd, and with Lent comes fasting, almsgiving, and special forms of devotion. Probably the favorite devotion of Lent is Stations of the Cross.

The Stations of the Cross, also known as the Way of the Cross, is a popular devotion of the Catholic Church which takes place on Fridays during Lent. The specific details of the current form of this devotion date back to at least the 15th century, perhaps even earlier. The road of our Lord's passion was marked early on and has been walked by many pilgrims. The Stations of the Cross are a way for the faithful across the globe to make a spiritual pilgrimage to walk the same road that Christ walked, to experience his suffering and death and in doing so to be transformed.

The Living Stations of the Cross

are a visual representation of the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. It is not simply a performance by a group of youth of the parish, but rather, a drama which is prayed by the youth and the parish. It is a spiritual experience that invites all into a deeper realization of the Passion. By doing the Living Stations, the parish is invited to be present in a physical as well as spiritual way at the foot of the cross. All present are encouraged to be active participants, rather than silent observers. While the youth act out each station of the drama, all are called to reflect on each station and invited to pray together through music, silence, and spoken prayer.

While Living Stations won't take place until the end of Lent, it takes time to put it all together and rehearsals will be starting soon. Even if you aren't in high school quite yet, you might be able to help with Living Stations.

All youth who are in grades **8-12** are invited to participate in Living Stations. There is an information and planning meeting on **Tuesday, February 21st at 7pm**. Adults who are interested in helping with Living Stations should also plan on attending this meeting.

Living Stations will be presented to the parish on Friday, March 30th, and Good Friday, April 6th, both at 7pm in the church. There will be a chance to make a free-will offering at both of these performances, which will go to support the youth group mission trip to Milwaukee.

Lent is a time of reflection and spiritual growth. The Stations of the Cross can be a great aid to your spiritual growth during Lent.

February 1st, 2012

Special points of interest:

- *We're on Facebook! Check out the Saint Rose of Lima Youth Ministry Page on Facebook for information and updates*
- *Visit the Youth Ministry Page on the Saint Rose of Lima website (saintroseoflima.net) to learn more about the program, view events, and access information and forms for current events*
- *Leaders are still needed for the mission trip! Contact Emily for more information*
- *Youth Ministry Contact Information:*

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Dates to Remember

*February 4th, 7-10pm
Open Youth Room and Gym*

*February 12th and 26th, 3-4:30pm
Youth Group
Youth Room*

*February 13th, 7-8pm
Mission Trip Meeting
Youth Room*

*February 21st, 7pm
Living Stations Planning Meeting
Youth Room*

*February 22nd, 8am, 12pm, and 6pm
Ash Wednesday Mass*

*February 25th and 26th
Mission Trip Butter Braids Fundraiser
(following all masses)*

Youth Group News

February might be the shortest month of the year, but there are still plenty of ways to get involved with the youth group!

Sunday afternoon youth group will meet on **February 12th and 26th** from 3-4:30. There is no youth group on February 5th (so you won't have to miss any part of the Super Bowl) or February 19th as we honor President's Day.

There is a new event starting this month that will continue throughout the school year. Open youth room and open gym starts on **Saturday, February 4th** and will be

from 7-10pm. Come play volleyball, basketball, scooter soccer, board games, or the Wii. Come for any or all of it. The dates for the rest of the year are March 3rd, April 14th, and May 12th. These are all Saturdays and will be from 7-10pm each month.

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