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SPCC Happenings



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St. Patrick's Youth Offered New Opportunities

The youth program at St. Patrick Catholic Church is being enhanced through the efforts of a small group of adult volunteers who wish "to encourage the younger members of our parish to becoming accustomed to participating in church-related activities," according to Katy Loop, one of the volunteers, and "to empower our older youngsters to find their way in life through Christ," said St. Pat's Youth Coordinator Paul Loop.

On the evening of Wed., Aug. 8, an informational meeting to acquaint parents and their children with the new opportunities for involvement took place in the parish hall. Also volunteering as team members are Monica Breitenbach and Anne Bloomfield.

September will witness the launch of the innovative program.

On Tues., Sept. 4, from 6-7:30 p.m., St. Patrick's 345 Club—for all 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students—will meet in the parish hall to enjoy faith-

based, fun activities.

The following Tues., Sept. 11, will find the St. Patrick's 678 Club—for all 6th, 7th and 8th graders—coming together from 6-7:30 p.m. for similar but age appropriate doings.

Finally, those in the 9th, 10th and 11th grades will gather together on the third Tues., Sept. 18, from 6:30-8 p.m. to participate among their peers in the St. Patrick's High School Youth Group.

At the end of the month, on the fourth Tues., Sept. 25, all grade levels will assemble at the church hall and in the parking lot for a bonfire night including games and s'mores.

This program will continue every month with each age group meeting separately in consecutive weeks and culminating in the last (fourth) week

with a collective event.

If you are interested in learning



SPY HIGH—St. Patrick's Youth Coordinator Paul Loop meets with Therese Falani to discuss the high school element of a new Youth Ministry program, SPY (St. Patrick's Youth), being initiated to encourage young people to participate more actively in their Catholic faith and church.

Sign Ups Being Taken For 9/15 On Fire NorCal Jam

St. Patrick's youth in grades 9 through 12 are invited to sign up to attend this year's *On Fire NorCal Jam* held at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom Vallejo on Sat., Sept. 15. Each teen must complete and submit (by Aug. 26) a Diocese of Reno Authorization packet which will be available in the Rose Room after the weekend Masses or by contacting the parish's Youth Coordinator Paul Loop at 775-741-0846. The cost of the day-long event is \$52 for park entry (includes lunch and rides), \$50 for transportation via a charter bus, and \$10 for an *On Fire* T-shirt which all participants are asked to purchase. However, if a youth attended last year's NorCal Jam and already possesses the bright yellow T-shirt, he/she does not need to buy another one. Families who cannot afford the trip expense but would like to see their sons or daughters attend should let Paul Loop know as scholarship funds may be accessible. The Diocese of Reno will provide four charter buses to transport all participants to Vallejo. At this time it is expected that St. Patrick's attendees will board a charter bus stationed in Fernley for those coming from rural parishes. Departure time has not yet been finalized. Volunteer chaperones (that is, one adult for every seven youths attending) will be needed. For more information call/text Paul Loop or go to Facebook at SPY ☺ 4 God (St. Patrick's Youth Group) or to Twitter at @stpatyouthnv.

more about the St. Patrick's Youth Ministry, or if you wish to sign up your son or daughter for the program, or if you want to volunteer to help, contact St. Patrick's Youth Coordinator Paul Loop, 775-741-0846, or his wife Katy Loop, 775-741-5531. You may also follow the new ministry by going online to Facebook at SPY ☺ 4 God (St. Patrick's Youth Group), or at Twitter @stpatyouthnv.

Youth ages 13-19 may still register for the BLD Youth Encounter to be held at St. Patrick's on Sat., Aug. 25, 7 a.m.-9 p.m. Cost: \$25 per person. Scholarships are available. Pick up registration forms at the parish office during normal working hours. A small photo of the participant must be submitted with completed application.

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KofC Installs New Officers

The Third Degree and the Fourth Degree of St. Patrick's Knights of Columbus recently installed new officers who are named in the two photos to the right. The Knights continue to hold their pancake breakfast on the second Sunday of each month. For only \$5 per person an individual is served pancakes, scrambled eggs, and bacon and/or sausage with orange juice, coffee and water available as beverages. During the first weekend in May of 2019, the local council will host the Knights of Columbus State Convention in the parish hall, and, in the following month (June), a two-day yard sale, so begin assembling your no-longer-used items to donate to the event. If interested in joining the Knights, contact any of its members for information.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FOURTH DEGREE OFFICERS—From left to right, in back, Jeff Scholz, Faithful Comptroller; Jack Langford, Faithful Captain; Phil Sabatino, Faithful Admiral; Matt Louie, Faithful Purser; Gary Butori, Trustee 2; Ted Balash, Trustee 1; in front, Bob Greer, Faithful Scribe; Pat Laca, Faithful Navigator; Richard Cordova, Faithful Pilot; Marty Maffi, Faithful Inner Sentinel; and John Matarazzi, Trustee 3. Not pictured: Dan Knoll, Faithful Outer Sentinel.



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS THIRD DEGREE OFFICERS—From left to right, in back, Jim Shurliff, Financial Secretary; Jack Langford, Lecturer; Matt Louie, Grand Knight; Marlon Clark, Chancellor; Tom Lukas, Treasurer; Dan Mayne, Warden; Ted Balash, Deputy Grand Knight; in front, Bob Greer, Advocate; Alex Scherr, Outside Guard; Richard Cordova, Inside Guard; Marty Maffi, 2nd Year Trustee; and John Matarazzi, 1st Year Trustee; Not pictured: Richard Gerten, 3rd Year Trustee, and Anthony Cordova, Recorder.

New CCD Year Begins Sept. 16

The 2018-2019 religious education program at St. Patrick's begins on Sun., Sept. 16, with classes held between the 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses. Registration for the new CCD year will be accepted after all the weekend Masses during the next few weeks. The fee is \$25 per child but no more than \$75 per family will be charged. Baptismal and First Communion certificates will be requested unless previously submitted. Instructors are needed for classes at all age levels except Confirmation students who will once again be taught by Monica Breitenbach and Paul Loop who, however, would welcome volunteer assistants. All who work with the children and/or teens within the religious education program are required to complete *Protecting God's Children* training. (See the brief article at right.) For additional details or to volunteer, contact Religious Education Coordinator Judy Northrup or her assistant Mary Thomas through the parish office at 423-2846.



Protecting God's Children Training: Classes Or Online

Protecting God's Children is a program to educate and train adults (clergy, religious, teachers, staff, volunteers, and parents) about the dangers of abuse, the warning signs of abuse, the ways to prevent abuse, the methods of properly reporting suspicious of abuse, and more. **Training is mandatory for all who work with the youth of the parish.** Classes at St. Patrick's will be held on September 9, and also September 23, at 12:30 p.m. in the Knight's room in the parish hall. Only one of these classes needs to be attended. Training is also available online at www.virtusonline.org. Click on "First Time Registrant," then click on "Begin the Registration Process," then select "Reno, NV (Diocese)" as the organization. On the next screen you will create a user ID and a password to enter the training website. For more information, call the parish office at 423-2846 or stop by during normal working hours.