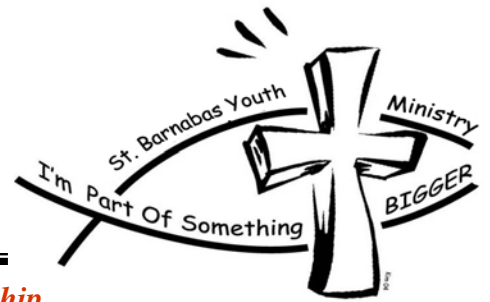


ST. BARNABAS YOUTH MINISTRY NEWSLETTER!



St. Barnabas—making a difference through Faith, Family, and Friendship

Dear Friends,

The Gospels show us very clearly how much Jesus loved the joy and enthusiasm of young people. In fact, he said that unless we adults become more like them we will not be able to enter the Kingdom of God. Children and young adults have so much to teach us by their openness, desire to learn, and willingness to grow. In turn, we have much wisdom and experience to offer them, especially when it involves the journey of faith.

All of us have the responsibility to share the light of faith with those who come after us. At St. Barnabas we are building an excellent youth ministry. We have many events, activities, and programs which can help our young parishioners come to a fuller understanding of themselves and their gifts, and a deeper appreciation their relationship with Christ and his Church.

An exciting new year awaits those who participate in the activities of the St. Barnabas Youth Program outlined in this newsletter. You'll make new friends and enjoy many wonderful and memorable experiences. And you will help St. Barnabas to be the very best of parish families.

In Christ, Fr. Bill Malloy, Pastor

Welcome to 2009-2010 Teen Club!

Teens of our parish and community and their families are warmly invited to **BE A PART OF SOMETHING BIGGER!**

St. Barnabas Youth Ministry welcomes teens and their families to the newly expanded and renewed ministry outreach to the teens of our community. We have created a home where youth can be themselves, ask questions about life, friendships, relationships, and faith. A place where teens will never feel like a "fish out of water" or that they are not the "catch of the day".

The Youth Ministry, often called Teen Club, is broken into two parts. The Jr. High Teen Club is for teens in the 6-8th grades and the High School Teen Club is for 9-12th grades.

Enclosed are some highlights of our fall activities and

early winter schedule. Teens do not have to participate in everything. They can participate in as little and as much interests them or that their schedule allows.

Not all activities require permission slips but **EVERYONE** must register with the youth ministry to participate.



Enclosed is a Youth Ministry / Teen Club annual registration. Please complete **BOTH** sides of the form and submit it with the registration fee (*which covers mailings and subsidizes events*) to the rectory by September 1st.

Please do not hesitate to contact Maryellen at the 773-779-1166 with any questions. We look forward to a fun and faith filled year with the youth of our parish family.

Peace, Maryellen

High School Peer Ministry



Teren, St. Barnabas Teens recognized for parish leadership by Bishop Gustavo's annual Awards Banquet.

PEER MINISTRY'S goal is to build relationships among our parish youth and an opportunity for teens to development leadership skills that allow them to help minister to their peers, while also preparing them for the challenges of daily teen pressures, young adulthood and beyond.

Peer Ministry offers opportunities for teens to grow closer to their peers, caring adults, and Christ through sharing their time and talents with their peers and parish. Through discussions on challenging issues that teens face each day, through movies, faith enrichment, and fun social events Peer to Peer Ministry changes the lives of our parish youth. Peer Ministers will also serve as retreat and program facilitators for youth ministry activities.

You can't build community and

minister to one another if you are rarely present and available to your peers, specifically those in St. Barnabas Peer Ministry. Therefore, all of the Peer Ministers are asked to make a commitment to attend the twice monthly Peer Ministry meetings and to consider leadership roles in our parish Teen Family Mass. While the commitment to the twice monthly meetings is required, up front. Accepting a leadership role will come in time. Again, leadership development is part of the training and as such we anticipate teens will accept responsibility as they build confidence.

SUNDAY OCTOBER 11th, 6-7:30pm in the Convent is our first Peer Minister Meeting. Return your Teen Club registration and indicate "Peer Ministry" to sign up. Call Maryellen at 773-779-1166 or email me at pharri5794@comcast.net

Jr. High Teen Club Open Gyms Are Back!

St. Barnabas Youth Ministry Jr. High Open Gym Nights are back on the schedule. For 2009 / 2010.

However, we need parent chaperones to make them possible and we need the teens full cooperation.

Open Gyms will be the 2nd Friday of the month from 7- 8:30pm. Open Gyms are great nights to be with friends and to make new friends in a welcoming place in the neighborhood. Teens must be in 6-8th grade and be registered

participants in the youth ministry to attend (*this includes your guests*).



We cannot offer the Open Gym Nights unless we have a minimum of 3 couples, or six parents to help. Will your parent help?

The schedule is enclosed. Remember teens do not have to attend every Open Gym. Join us as your schedule allows.

Parents please use the sign up from on the last page to sign u to Chaperone.

*With Great Excitement and Enthusiasm
St. Barnabas Teens and Family
Are Welcomed and Invited To
St. Barnabas Teen Family Mass
Sunday September 27th, 2009 @ 6pm*

The Teen Family Mass will be the 4th Sunday of each month. The Mass will include Contemporary Christian Music led by our teen choir and band. The mass will also be ministered by the teens, they will serve as the Ushers, Altar Servers, Lectors, and Eucharistic Ministers. We hope the teens and families will join us each month.

6-8th Grade Girls of Grace!



Young Ladies, do you want to know yourself and love yourself more? Do you want to feel comfortable with your peers, gain the courage to be yourself and take on new challenges?

Young people, both guys and girls, who have a better sense of who they

are make better decisions in all areas of life. By taking time out to learn and explore what makes you “you” and how you are similar and different from your peers will give you self confidence, help you get along better with others, make friends more easily, AND grow closer to God.

As part of the renewed Youth Ministry at St. Barnabas we will offer a small faith group for Jr. High (6-8th Grade) Girls and our theme is “Girls of Grace”.

Girls in 6-8th grade are invited to join us for six weeks of exploring, bonding, and growing in appreciation for themselves and their peers.

Girls of Grace will meet on Tuesday afternoons beginning

September 15th and ending October 20th. We will begin each Tuesday at 3pm and end at 4:30. Girls will need to commit to all six sessions and girls need to register in advance. Registration forms are online at the parish website, under “Youth Ministry Current Events” There is no cost for participation, however teens must submit their Annual Youth Ministry Registration form in addition to the “Girls of Grace Sign Up”.

We hope you will join us for six weeks of fun girl bonding! Please call Maryellen at the parish office for more details.



Romance Without Regret

High School and 8th Grad Teens Are Invited

Join the youth ministry and teens from neighboring parishes to hear best selling author Jason Evert as he encourages and teaches guys and girls about abstinence, purity, and dating.

Jason Evert is brought to us by the Archdiocese of Chicago Youth Ministry office. Jason is a nationally known speaker and is on the Board of Advisors for the National Abstinence Clearinghouse, and has appeared on countless television and radio programs throughout the country.

This event will take place off site, therefore permission slips are required. All permission slips for all events can be found on the parish website and must be returned to the rectory by the stated deadline. Please call Maryellen at the parish office for more information.

Parent Carpool Drives are needed for this!

Parents, please consider helping us provide this event for our parish teens!

Join us Monday September 28th, depart St. Barnabas 6:15pm

Great America Fright Fest



The Jr. High & High School Youth Ministry is excited to invite you a PRIVATE PARTY at Great America on Friday October 2nd.

This is a great opportunity to go to Fright Fest because there are considerably less people at the park. You can more easily get on all of the rides. There are little to no lines for even the most popular of rides. Normally you can ride 5-8 roller coasters in one day. At our Fright Fest party you can ride 5-8 coasters MANY TIMES.

Our party is before Fright Fest begins for the general public. We hope you will join us.

Lock In

High School Teen Club is on the run and we are locking ourselves in! We are joining with a neighboring parishes for all night fun and entertainment!

A Lock In is much like a giant slumber party, where everyone stays up and is “locked in”. Teens may not leave until they are picked up by parents in the morning.

Save this date!
Friday November 6th, 11pm till 6am!
Watch the bulletin and parish website for further details!



HIGH SCHOOL CO-Ed Sports Teams

We are forming Co-Ed High School Sports Teams for the St. Barnabas Youth Ministry. It is not an intense league, it is not a huge time commitment, it is perfect for just a night out to have fun. We compete against Catholic parishes on the Southside of Chicago and its Suburbs.

You do not have to be experienced to play or be a sports fanatic. It is a great way for experienced as well as inexperienced players to get to be a part of a team sport. Everyone plays!

Due to “IHSA” rules which prevent you from playing for two teams during that season, we offer our sports on a different schedule then your High School. For example, Basketball is a winter sport and Volleyball is a Fall sport. During the High School Volleyball season, you can’t play on another Volleyball team based on “IHSA” rules. Therefore we offer Basketball in the fall and Volleyball in the winter to avoid this conflict. Everyone plays!

Do you want to play Co-Ed Basketball? Registration is happening now. Permission slips are available at the rectory and the parish website.

**WE NEED
COACHES AND REFS
FOR OUR TEAM.
MOMS & DADS.... WILL
YOU HELP?**

St. Barnabas
Youth Ministry
&
Women's Club
invite you to make
a difference in the
life of a child!

School Supply Drive



YOUTH MINISTRY

WOMEN'S CLUB

School Supplies
for our sharing parish,
Holy Family Catholic
Church will be collected in the
Narthex of the church the weekend of
August 22nd & 23rd & August 29 & 30th.

For most children and teens, the start of a new school year is an exciting time filled with great anticipation and hope. But for students whose families are unable to afford new school supplies, the start of school can cause feelings of embarrassment for the child and despair for the parents. St. Barnabas Women's Club and Youth Ministry is hosting a school supply drive for our sharing parish, Holy Family Catholic Church. Your donation of **new school supplies** will reach a needy child and teen in time for the start of the 2009-2010 new school year. You will help boost the confidence of the young people and contribute to their success while also helping parents who want nothing more than to provide all they can for their children.

Requested items include:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Backpacks | <input type="checkbox"/> Protractor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil pouches | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphing Paper |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Package of #2 Pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> Package of Loose Leaf Paper, wide rule |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Package of Black or Blue Pens | <input type="checkbox"/> Two Pocket Folders |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Package of Color Pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiral Notebooks, 100 page/wide ruled |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Package Crayons | <input type="checkbox"/> Calculator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Markers (such as Crayola) | <input type="checkbox"/> Pencil Sharpeners |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Highlighters | <input type="checkbox"/> Elmer's 8oz. school glue |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Scissors | <input type="checkbox"/> Assignment notebook |
| | <input type="checkbox"/> 6" Rulers |



Chaperones are needed at the following events. We cannot offer the events without proper supervision and assistance of adults! Please help!

| Date | Event Watch the bulletin & mail for more details | Please write your name and phone number below & return to the rectory to sign up to assist at these events. |
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| Friday Oct. 9 | Jr. High Open Gym 7pm – 8:30 | |
| Friday Nov. 13 | Jr. High Open Gym 7pm – 8:30 | |
| Friday Dec. 11 | Jr. High Open Gym 7pm – 8:30 | |
| Friday Jan. 8 | Jr. High Open Gym 7pm – 8:30 | |
| Friday Mar. 12 | Jr. High Open Gym 7pm – 8:30 | |
| Friday April 16 | Jr. High Open Gym 7pm – 8:30 | |
| Friday May 14 | Jr. High Open Gym 7pm – 8:30 | |
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| Sept – November | Two Coaches & Two Refs are needed once per week for High School Co-Ed Basketball. | |
| June 2010 | Parents & Teens are needed to help with our first Vacation Bible School being sponsored by the Youth Ministry | |
| Various Dates | Chaperones are needed for various events throughout the year. Contact Maryellen to Learn More. | |



Teens who want to serve as:



- Lectors/Readers
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Ushers
- Altar Servers
- Musicians
- Singers

The monthly Teen Mass is looking for Teens who want to be trained to serve as liturgical ministers for the monthly Contemporary Teen Mass.

Training for teen liturgical ministry is August 16, 17, & 18th from 6-7:30pm in the Church. You will need to attend ALL three training sessions. Teens who train as Eucharistic Ministers and Lectors/Readers will be certified by the Archdiocese so that you can also serve as a Lector or Eucharistic Minister at your school.

We are especially in need of Singers and Musicians. We very much need a drummer, but all musicians are welcome. Call Maryellen at 773-779-1166 for more details.

ST. BARNABAS YOUTH MINISTRY

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Registration Enclosed

Yearly Registration & Calendar

St. Barnabas Youth Ministry is conducting registrations for the 2009-2010 School Year. Enclosed are both details about just some of the Jr. High AND High School programs and activities that will begin in September as well as a registration form.

The youth ministry accepts registrations throughout the year. However, we do ask that families register their individual teens for many reasons. First, it is necessary for safety as it includes emergency contact information for teen participants. Secondly, the code of conduct that is part of the registration communicates

what the teens can expect and what is expected of them. Additionally, it defines the ages of the teens who are plan on participating as their schedule allows throughout the year. We can better plan events that are tailored to your age group. Lastly, some events (*great America, Lock-Ins, Ski Trips, etc.*) have limited spacing. Registered participants will get first priority.

Please return your two sided registration form to the rectory by September 1st.

| Date | Fall Calendar: Watch the bulletin & mail for more details |
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| 8/12 | Youth Ministry Registration Begins |
| 8/16 | High School Teen Spirit Band & Choir Practice 6-7:30 |
| 8/23 | High School Teen Spirit Band & Choir Practice 6-7:30 |
| 9/13 | High School Teen Spirit Band & Choir Practice 6-7:30 |
| 9/15 | HS Co-Ed Basketball League Begins |
| 9/15 to 10/20 | Jr. High Girls of Grace, Tuesdays Convent 3-4:30pm |
| 9/20 | High School Teen Spirit Band & Choir Practice 6-7:30 |
| 9/27 | Teen Family Mass 6pm (practice at 5pm) |
| 9/28 | 8 th Grade & High School Abstinence Speaker |
| 10/2 | 6-12tyh Great America Fright Fest Private Party |
| 10/4 | NCYC Meeting for attendees |
| 10/8 | Jr. High Open Gym 7pm – 8:30 |
| 10/11 | High School Peer Ministry 6-7:30pm |
| 10/18 | NCYC Meeting for attendees |
| 10/25 | High School Teen Spirit Band & Choir Practice 5pm |
| 10/25 | Teen Family Mass 6pm |
| 11/6 | HS Lock In @ St. Bernadette's |
| 11/8 | High School Peer Ministry 6-7:30pm |
| 11/13 | Jr. High Open Gym 7pm – 8:30 |
| 11/14 | NCYC Commissioning |
| 11/29 | High School Teen Spirit Band & Choir Practice 5pm |
| 11/29 | Teen Family Mass 6pm |
| 11/29 | Jr. High Family Advent Retreat |
| 12/1 | HS Co-Ed Volleyball League Begins |
| 12/11 | Jr. High Open Gym 7pm – 8:30 |
| 12/13 | High School Peer Ministers Xmas Party |
| 12/15 | Registration for SKI TRIP begins |
| 12/27 | Teen Family Mass 6pm |
| 12/27 | HS Xmas Party |