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"Come after Me, and I will make you fishers of men." - Mark 1:17

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February 2011

**GoFish News: for Youth Ministry Leaders
in the Catholic Diocese of Wichita**

As I write this message, it is the feast day of St. Francis de Sales--January 24. His ministry is a wonderful model for all adult youth leaders: Be kind--be persuasive--call all to holiness. According to St. Francis, "A spoonful of honey attracts more flies than a barrelful of vinegar."

May we treat young people with gentleness; may we attract them to the compelling message of the gospel; and may we call them to live lives that are holy and true.

And may the patron saint of journalists guide us all as we continue to navigate the expanding world of social media and technology.

Here is a [prayer of encouragement](#) from St. Francis de Sales.

with peace,
Christine Edmonds - Director

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DCYC- March 26-27



Jesse Manibusan - DCYC keynote

DATES TO NOTE

Feb. 4 - Youth Awards due to regional coordinators

Feb. 18 - Registration deadline

[Happy memory moment](#) from last year's DCYC!

Click [here](#) to watch Jesse's special message!
Click [here](#) to access all DCYC forms.

Save the Date!

APRIL 30, 2011

SPIRITUAL PRACTICES
FOR THE JOURNEY:
SEEING WITH NEW EYES!

A retreat for Catholic
Youth Ministry Leaders



Facilitated by
Dr. Robert McCarty
NFCYM Executive Director



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Check out the [Spiritual Life Center](#) offerings for February, including: Feb 25 - "[It Takes 3 to Tango](#)" with Katrina Zeno (wine & cheese and tango lessons, too!) Feb 26 - "[Every Woman's](#)

RESOURCES

Don't forget! **February 6** is [Souper Bowl Day of Caring](#).

Watch Totus Tuus Teacher recruitment video [here!](#)

Check out the [Catholic Youth Ministry Blog](#), if you haven't yet. Thought-provoking and funny!

Just5Days - a five-day service event for middle school youth will take place in Kansas City July 11 -15, 2011. Click [here](#) for more information.

[Journey](#)" retreat with Katrina Zeno

"It Takes a Village: How to Involve Your Entire Parish in Catholic Youth Ministry." Your parish is filled with wonderfully talented and giving adults. Find out how to tap into these gifts at the Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) on March 26, 2011 at the Wichita Airport Hilton.

Direct Ministry to Youth

Diocesan events

We have extended the deadline to register your group for NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference). Follow this [link](#) for info and forms.

[Christ's Light in All Youth](#) (CLAY) retreat for 9th & 10th grade students is accepting registrations for the **February 19** retreat to be held at All Saints.

[Teens Encounter Christ](#) (TEC) retreat for 11th & 12th grade students is accepting registrations for the **March 5-7** retreat to be held at the Spiritual Life Center.

Around the Diocese

Regional Activities

Region 1:

_Submit nominations for regional youth awards to [Jennifer](#).

Region 2:

Submit nominations for regional youth awards to [Raschelle](#).

Region 3:

Feb 19 - [Mardi Gras Youth Dance](#), 8-11 pm, at Sacred Heart, Colwich (open to whole diocese--\$3 admission)

Volleyball Tournament in February at Kingman. Submit **nominations** for regional youth awards to [Gil](#).

Region 4:



Calendar of Events

February 4

Regional Youth Award Nominations due to Regional Coordinators

February 10

NET Junior High Day @ St. Mark's

February 12

YYAM Council Meeting

February 18

DCYC registration deadline

February 19

CLAY retreat @ All Saints

March 5-7

TEC weekend @ Spiritual Life Center

March 18-20

Young Adult Beginning Experience (YABE) retreat

March 26-27

Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC)

Quick Links

- [Catholic Scouting](#)
- [National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry](#)
- [Totus Tuus of Wichita](#)
- [Youth & Young Adult Ministries](#)

Join Our Mailing List

February 4 - **Adult Gathering at Old Chicago** (7-9 pm) Join us for dinner and catching up on each others' lives. RSVP to youth office.

Volleyball games run Feb 13, 20 & 27 from 1-5 pm at Blessed Sacrament.

Submit **nominations** for regional youth awards to [Jay](#).

[Find us on Facebook](#) 

Region 5:

For information on regional activities and to nominate youth for regional awards, contact [Jen](#).

About Youth & Young Adult Ministries / Catholic Diocese of Wichita

The mission of our office is to support parishes in responding to the needs of youth and young adults, empowering them to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the Catholic faith.

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What's new in the library?

*****Made to Make A Difference (DVD)**. Max Lucado offers biblical insights into how God has uniquely created students to impact the world. Students share real-life stories.

*****Courage: Developing Character to Stand Strong (DVD)**. Francis Chan shows students how their faith in Christ can give them the ability to live lives defined by courage.

*****Hard Questions, Straight Answers about Sex and Relationships (DVD)** with Jason Evert and Ellen Marie.

Guys and gals are addressed separately by the speakers.

Contact our office to check out these library resources **FREE** of charge

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