



YOUTH NEWS

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Jottings from Joe

So last month I told you about my cheap video camera and the challenges of translation. If you remember we talked about how a literal translation was used to translate the Latin of the Roman Missal into most world languages, but the translation into English was dynamic, meaning that the translators concentrated on getting the general meaning across, even if that meant sacrificing some of the nuances of the original language.

Okay, so what's the big deal with that? Isn't it important that people understand what they're reading, proclaiming, and hearing at Mass? Yep, sure is. And there's the rub. You see, there are some languages which can't be translated directly from Latin. Most of those are Asian languages like Chinese and Japanese which use characters instead of letters. So guess how the Scriptures and the Mass texts are translated into those languages? Well, just like Latin was the international language of the ancient world, English is the international language of the 21st century. So to create a Roman Missal in those Oriental languages, they first translate the Latin to English, and then translate the English into Korean, Chinese, Japanese, etc.... Wow. So the closer the English is to the original Latin, the better it is for those folks. And if the English isn't accurate, billions of Chinese, Japanese, Koreans and other Asian peoples are affected. That's huge.

So when John Paul II asked that the new translation of the Roman Missal be truer to the original Latin, truer to Scripture, and more reflective of the majesty of God, he wasn't just thinking of us English speakers, he was thinking of the billions of people in Asia who speak no English at all, but still need to hear the Good News and celebrate Mass in their own language.

That's the beauty of the Catholic Church. We believe that when Jesus told the Apostles to preach the Gospel to the whole world, he actually meant it. And when we're at our best, we proclaim Jesus boldly

in every language
under the sun.

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Saint of the Month

St Catherine of Alexandria

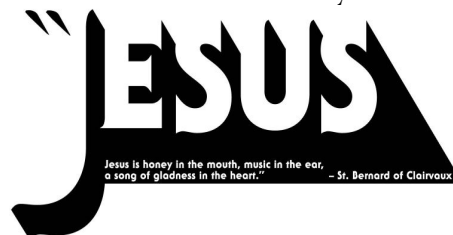


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Catherine was the daughter of a wealthy couple living in Alexandria, Egypt. At a young age, she saw a vision which convinced her to convert to Catholicism. However, around this time, the Egyptian Emperor Maxentius began persecuting all Christians. Even though she was

only a teenager, St. Catherine stood up to him and argued with his smartest philosophers. She was able to convince them of the existence of God and convert all 50 of them to Christianity. Emperor Maxentius (for obvious reasons) did not like this, and had all 50 burned to death. He offered Catherine a royal marriage if she would admit that she was wrong. She refused, and so the emperor threw her in jail. However, while there, she convinced over two hundred people to believe in God, including the emperor's own wife. Maxentius had them all put to death as well. For spreading the word of Christ, Catherine was then executed, but her legend still lives on today. St. Catherine's feast day is on November 25. She is the patron saint of preachers and philosophers. What if we all tried to spread the word of God on that day?

-By Maddie McKenna



Coming Events:

November (NoSHAVEmber - be razor-free!)

1st All Saints Day

6th HomeLIFE (turn your clocks back or you'll be an hour early!)

7th Share the Bounty 5:00 – 6:30 YMR

8th NCYC Send-off Event (see details on page 3)

Election Day

11th Veterans Day

12th Spirit Day Confirmation retreat — HS volunteers needed!

13th The Alternate 7-9 YMR

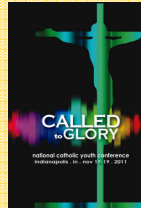
17th-20th NCYC!

20th HomeLIFE



24th Thanksgiving

27th The Alternate 7-9 YMR



December (Universal Human Rights Month)

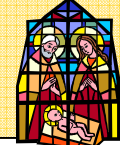
4th HomeLIFE

6th St. Nicholas Day

10th Jr. High Cookies and Caroling

11th Alternate

17th Wright Brothers Day (You even get off school!)



18th HomeLIFE

25th Christmas

The Alternate

- **Nov 13th “Son Block”**

What to get more out of Mass? We'll talk about getting rid of the stuff that blocks you from Jesus.

- **Nov 27th “I Got the Music In Me “**

Bring your favorite song! We'll listen to some great music, talk about why music moves us, and figure out why we sing what we sing at Mass.

Bring a friend! All 9th to 12 graders are welcome—No matter what parish or church—Catholic, non-Catholic, doesn't matter. You'll be accepted just as you are. And remember, “Bring a friend, get a blowpop!”

Share the Bounty

Join us Monday, 11/07 from 5:00 to 6:30 for **Share the Bounty!**

We'll be filling care packages full of extra

Halloween candy for our parish's college students away from home. Don't worry—you won't leave hungry either! All 7th-12th graders are welcome to help out!

An excellent service opportunity!



March For Life Extended Trip

Plan ahead! Join members of Ascension Parish and hundreds of thousands of fellow Americans in Washington D.C. in a peaceful and enriching way to add your voice for life, to show your opposition to the ongoing killing of over 4000 pre-born babies daily in our nation. Take a stand and make a difference in the greatest human rights issue of our time!

The extended trip leaves on Sat. 1/21/12 and returns by 3 AM Tues 1/24. Trip includes pro-life youth rally and mass with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr, National Zoo or Arlington Cemetery, a pizza party, and much more.

See our website and the church doors for registration sheets and more info, or call Jeannette Niezgodski at 320-1819

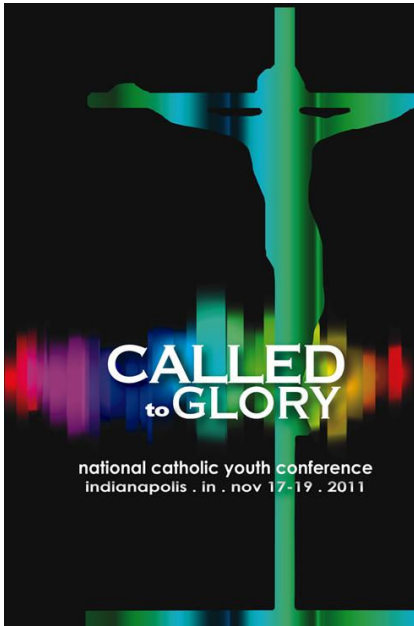
Wanted:

High School students willing to share their faith with our 8th grade Confirmation Candidates. Confirmation Retreat is Saturday, November 12. High schoolers will lead activities and small groups. Some will be asked to give a short witness talk to the 8th graders.

Contact Joe Ollier at 253-5171 x 111 to help.

Announcement:

NCYC Send-off Event to be Hosted by Ascension!



The NCYC pilgrims will leave for Indianapolis about noon on Thursday, November 17, but on Tuesday, November 8th from 6:30-8:30 Ascension will host the entire Archdiocese for an exciting evening of prayer, blessing, and fellowship before we leave. The event will include music by Nick Cardilino, the writer of this year's NCYC theme song, a time for prayer and blessing over our NCYC participants, and an opportunity to meet some of the other 400 young people from the Archdiocese who will be with us in Indy.

The whole thing is open to the public, but parents and families are especially encouraged to attend. You'll have a chance to specially bless your loved ones who are going to NCYC, connect with other parents of participants, find out about cool opportunities to see NCYC live via the web.

So mark your calendars now for the **NCYC Send-off: Tuesday, Nov 8 6:30-8:30 right here at Ascension**

New Feature: This Month's Classic Catholic Prayer

For Generosity

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labor and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do your will.

-St Ignatius of Loyola (1491-1556)

Mark Your Calendars

- **January 21-22, 2012** Scouts Ski trip retreat
- **January 23, 2012** March For Life
Contact : Jeanette Niezgodski: 320-1819
(long trip) or Ed Eckley: 254-4459 (short trip)
- **February 15, 2012** Confirmation
- **Feb 24-26, 2012** H.S. Winter Retreat
1 weekend that will change your life
- **March 2012** Food Fast at St. Helen
- **June 24-30, 2012** SOAR Mission Trip
New Location this year! TBA

Don't forget to check out Ascension Youth Ministry's Youtube channel for the latest videos from Cast Your Nets and the Oct 29 Pastor Napping!