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Here's what we've been up to!



Greetings Sacred Heart Family!

I am pleased to update you on our Youth Ministry Happenings thus far this school year. Since beginning last August, we've grown into a youth group family. We've had several service projects such as volunteering at the St. Vincent De Paul thrift store, tabling at the heritage festival, "Walking Through a Christmas Wonderland", and we had a teen volunteer for clean up at the volunteer appreciation dinner. We've also had fun social nights, a group hike, and some wonderful lessons in both Life Teen & Edge.

This semester, we are planning a weekend retreat for teens and a day retreat for middle schoolers. Specifically, our teen retreat will focus on wrapping up our second topic series of the semester: discerning vocations. We will offer fundraising opportunities for teens, such as a car wash, to

help students earn scholarships for this retreat if they need it. Our youth group will also be leading Stations of the Cross in the downtown square on Good Friday this year.

Looking ahead to this summer, we plan to continue having weekly youth nights for both middle school and high school students.

It's been such a joy getting to know the youth and the families of our wonderful parish community. From the bottom of my heart, I'd like to thank my core team, Taylor Fitzgerald Robbins, Candice & Rudy Nunez, Karin Alley, Tari & Geral Stasko, Lizzy Rizk, Tyler Gruwell, Carla Lewandowski, and Jimmy Cardenas for all their hard work and dedication, especially while I was on maternity leave. These talented people didn't have to help, but did out of the goodness of their hearts, and they have really made a difference in my life, and in the lives of our youth. I am so blessed and grateful to be the youth minister for such a supportive and wonderful community. The youth we serve have taught me so much, and make my life so much richer. The holy spirit is truly at work in our youth ministry, and I'm so happy to be a part of it. I am wishing you a fruitful, and contemplative Lenten season.

With much love and many prayers for you and your family,

Amanda Cardenas