



St. Mark the Evangelist
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YOUTH GROUP NEWSLETTER

MAKING GOOD CHOICES

For many of you reading this newsletter (I'm talking to you seniors), you are about to move into a new chapter in your life. Some of you are heading far away from home to start college, others may be staying closer to home. You will have an opportunity to get to know new people and try new things.

While encountering these new people, you may be faced with decisions to make. You may have to choose between doing something you know is right but perhaps not as fun or choosing to do what is right.

How will you make those decisions? Your parents may not be around to make those decisions for you so you'll need plan. Will you flip a coin? I certainly hope not. Here are a few things for you to think about when making those decisions.

The easiest decision you can make is to hang out with the people who hold the same morals and values as you. If you hang with people

who drink alcohol and do drugs, you are more likely to follow their lead. Spend time with those you believe the same things you do.

Have a good support system in place. You may be going to a school where you don't know too many people. It's great to get to know them but it may take a while to really get to know. Have a friend or two that you can call if you need advice or support. Text, call, Facebook—the method doesn't matter. Just had someone you can lean on.

Your parents, teachers and mentors have provided you with the skills and knowledge necessary to make the right choices. You may find yourself at a party where things are happening that you are not comfortable with. Get yourself to a quiet place and think back to all the things your parents have said. Remember the skills you have been taught about getting yourself out of an uncomfortable decision and make that choice!

It may seem cliché but you can always pray when you need help with a decision. You probably just wrestled with a big decision on where to go to school. Now you have to decide your major...no big deal right? You just have to choose what you want to do for the rest of your life! Turn your questions over to God. Listen for his response. Remember that God will answer your prayer although it may not be in the way you were hoping.

Graduation is on of many milestones in your life. You'll be faced with many more times in life when you may have to make hard decisions about your life. Just remember to make God a part of those decisions and you will be fine.

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Seniors Read This!

Did you know most universities and colleges have some sort of religious organization or support? Many non-catholic universities have Newman Centers (Catholic Ministry Centers). Others have FOCUS groups. Still others have may Catholic or Christian organizations. The point is that there are many ways to stay connected to your faith at school—check them out!

RUMMAGE SALE



IT'S RUMMAGE SALE TIME!

**CLEAN OUT THOSE CLOSETS, DRAWERS, LOCKERS
AND GARAGES AND BRING IT TO US.**

DROP-OFF: JUNE 2-5

8-4 WEEKDAYS, 8-12 ON SATURDAY

SALE BEGINS JUNE 9 AT 8:0 AM

**ALL PROCEEDS SUPPORT SUMMER MISSION TRIPS
AND NCYC TRIPS**

SUMMER SCHEDULE AND NEWSLETTERS

HEY, WHAT HAPPENED TO THE OTHER TWO PAGES?

You may have noticed this newsletter is a little shorter than normal. We're winding down for the year and gearing up for a busy summer. Watch for the June/July newsletter in early June—this will be mailed to your house as will the August newsletter.

MISSION TRIP MEETINGS

IF YOU SIGNED UP FOR A MISSION TRIP, YOU ALSO COMMITTED TO ATTENDING MONTHLY MEETINGS TO PREPARE FOR THE TRIP. ALL MEETINGS TAKE PLACE IN THE YOUTH OFFICE FROM 6-7:30. PLEASE ENTER THE BUILDING VIA THE OFFICE ENTRANCE.

JUNIOR HIGH TRIP—MAY 2 (ALWAYS THE FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH)

SENIOR HIGH TRIP - MAY 18 (PLEASE NOTICE THE CHANGE IN DATE)

BRING WITH YOU ANY CONCERNS YOU HAVE ABOUT ATTENDING THIS MISSION TRIP

THESE MEETINGS ARE AN IMPORTANT PART OF THE MISSION TRIP.
IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND, CONTACT ANGELA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

INDEPENDENCE SCHOOLS BACCALAUREATE

The Independence Ministerial Alliance hosts a universal baccalaureate each year. St. Mark's will be hosting the event again. If you are a graduating senior attending one of our Independence Schools, join us for this prayer celebration.

Wednesday, May 19 at 7:00 pm

Contact your school counselor for information regarding arrival time and appropriate dress.



May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2	3	4 Jr. High Mission Trip Meeting 6-7:30pm	5	6	7 Golf Tournament	8
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16	17	18 Sr. High Mission Trip Meeting 6-7:30pm	19 Independence Schools Baccalaureate 7pm	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Offices Closed 					

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UPCOMING EVENTS

JR. HIGH MISSION TRIP MEETING—JUNE 1

RUMMAGE SALE DROP-OFF—JUNE 2-5

RUMMAGE SALE—JUNE 9-12

SR. HIGH MISSION TRIP MEETING—JUNE 8

JUNIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP BLESSING—JUNE 27

JUNIOR HIGH MISSION TRIP—JUNE 28-JULY 2