

Youth Activities

The Youth at St. Aidan's energize the parish, work in food pantries, serve as acolytes, sing in the choirs, provide music and in general bring life to everyone. Plus they are active participants in diocesan activities.

Fun and Games

After the Food Pantry, the young people do fun activities. Sometimes it's a movie, a lock-in, Worlds of Fun or simply lunch or Harry Potter Movie Marathon and Cast Party. Friends and Adults are always welcome to participate in all of St. Aidan's youth activities.

Miqra

According to our young people, Miqra is about making new friends, seeing old friends, having fun, and learning about the Bible and team work. This diocesan event is held every January at the Cathedral in Topeka and this year a second location housed the Junior High Youth. This year it is open to Middle school(Grade 6) and up. The primary focus is on reading the entire Bible during the 72 hour weekend. As the youth take turns, other activities include worship, workshops, discussions, games, laughter and songs. Olivia, Tiffany, Lauren, Madeline, Sarah, Samantha, Laurie, Maggie and Geoff t highly recommend this event.

Happening

Happening is a weekend retreat put on "by teens for teens." The program is focused on the person and teachings of Jesus Christ and centered on youth sharing their experiences and faith with other youth. Happening participants hear talks from youth and adult leaders on topics such as identity, reality, prayer, faith, piety, and discipleship. Participants also spend time in small groups discussing the talks and engaged in activities. And of course there's lots of time for worship, singing, games, and fun.

New Beginnings

Student participants (grades 6-8) are engaged in a fun and deeply meaningful program including talks about faith, family, friendship, and peer pressure. There is also rich worship with excellent music. And don't forget games, skits, and small group discussion.

Camp Wood – Summer Camp

There were three diocese camps this past summer. High School Camp is for students finishing grades 9-12, Junior High Camp is for students finishing grades 6-8 and Intermediate Camp is for students finishing grades 3-5. Activities include horseback riding, challenge course, canoeing, kayaking, swimming, arts and crafts, soccer, basketball, tennis, and fishing. In addition to these YMCA activities, the Episcopal staff provides further opportunities for recreation and spiritual growth. These include games and competitions, concerts, talent shows, dances, small group discussions, prayer, meditation, and daily worship.

Fall Fun Fest

The Diocese held a fall reunion of sorts called the Fun Fest for youth. They gathered for fellowship and fun for the fall weekend and had many games that weekend. Ted, Laurie, Maggie and Samantha attended.

Liturgical Dance

The Senior Youth Ladies performed a Liturgical dance on Good Friday and on Saturday for Easter. Tiffany, Jessica and Olivia performed a beautiful prayer with dance.

The Gospel according to Harry Potter

The youth enjoy the Harry Potter saga and our Youth ministry found some materials that look for “glimmers of the Gospel” in the Harry Potter stories. We used the opening of the latest movie and Halloween to have a movie marathon and costume party as the favorite character. Discussion followed with the question, “Do any parts remind you of a Gospel story or lesson?” It became clear that there were such messages in a “fiction”.