

Saint Andrew the Apostle

TYM News



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Calendar of Events

November 13: Ronald McDonald House Service Project

November 20: TYM
6:45 -8:30 in the Church

November 27: No TYM

November 30: Christmas Tree set up: teens to report after school

December 2: Advent Penance Service 7pm,
Christmas Tree Sales 5p-7p

December 3-4: Christmas Tree Sales 8a-5:30p each day.

Thanksgiving Prayer

O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat and especially for this feast today. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here. Thank you for our health, our work and our play. Please send help to those who are hungry, alone, sick and suffering war and violence. Open our hearts to your love. We ask your blessing through Christ your son. Amen.

From *Celebrating Faith: Year-round Activities For Catholic Families*,
by Mary Cronk Farrell

From my home to yours, Happy Thanksgiving!

Soda Pop Tabs for the Ronald McDonald House

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Little things can make a big difference. You can help support the Ronald McDonald House of Durham by collecting the little tabs you pull to open soda, soup or other aluminum cans. The funds generated from recycling these aluminum gems help offset the House's expenses. This year we will be collecting pop tops to help families in need at the Ronald McDonald House in Durham. This year will be going to the RMH on November 13, 2011 and January 7, 2012. We will leave the CARE Center Parking lot by 2:30pm and return by 8:30pm. We will be making dinner for the residence and staff, and organizing games and crafts for the children. Permission forms will be available in the coming weeks and we will need parents to drive. There is a maximum of 10 teens per date.



Service Opportunities

Christmas Tree Sales

November 30th: Tree Set up after School

Sales: Friday, December 2: 5p-7p, Saturday and Sunday December 3 & 4 8a-5:30p each day

www.mysignup.com/christmas_tree_set_up

www.mysignup.com/christmas_tree_sales

Parents and teens needed



Special Needs Ministry Parents Holi-Day Out!

December 3, 2011

9:30a-3p

Call or email Katie McDermott for more information and to volunteer.

919-362-4078

or

ktmcd@att.net

Confirmation Candidate Reminders

1. If you have not given us the name of your sponsor, please email it to tym@saintandrew.org.
2. Don't forget to sign up for your interview with Father David. It's not too early to do this.
3. Service hour opportunities will be posted soon. Don't wait until the last minute.
4. Please make sure you are studying the Confirmation 20 questions. These are important.



Greeting Cards for Soldiers

One of the many projects that we will be doing this year is collecting new/unused greeting cards to send to our troops overseas. These cards will be available to our soldiers, airmen and sailors to send home to their loved ones. Receiving an e-mail from a loved one in the service is wonderful but to see a note in their own hand is even more precious. Our cards will be sent to Afghanistan and will be available to the service men and women free of charge. The types of

Cards we are looking for are birthday cards (adult and children), anniversary cards, thinking of you cards and blank note cards that they can personalize. The cards can be left in the basket in the gathering space or in the CARE center outside my office. Thanks in advance for your help



For whom should we pray?

For those who have recently died:

Jim Buckley

Thomas Gruber

For those who are sick:

Bishop Gossman

Ruby Clark

Joel Hoffert

Special Intentions:

For our service men and women.

For our Youth that they will make good choices.

For our families.

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and may perpetual light shine upon them.

G.R.A.C.E



Growing through Religious And Catechetical Experiences
Our Catholic faith teaches us that parents are the first teachers of their children in the ways of faith. GRACE events are opportunities outside of the classroom for families to partici-

pate fully in the life of the parish and to foster our children's Catholic identity. Children in grades K-12 are required to attend 2 GRACE events during the program year (June 2011-May 2012). Please see the GRACE brochure for more information.

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*Saint Andrew the Apostle Catholic
Church High School Youth Ministry
and Faith Formation*

*We're on the web @
www.saintandrew.org*

TYM: A holistic approach is used to encourage our youth to recognize their role in the Church. High School Youth Ministry (TYM) encompasses religious education, Confirmation Preparation, socials, service and spiritual retreats. Classes are held September through May.

Events

- Small faith sharing groups
- Youth Board
- Prayer services
- Guest speakers
- Trips/retreats
- Socials, activity nights, service projects
- Preparation for Sacrament of Confirmation (a series of classes in addition to YM)

Meetings

Once a week on Sunday evenings. 6:45 pm - 8:30 PM

All youth grades 9 and up are welcomed for all the social activities. Cost varies on events. You do not have to be enrolled in the religious education classes.

Terri Reed, phone: 919-362-0685, ext. 26, or e-mail: tym@saintandrew.org

Policies

Attendance policy: A participant may only miss five (5) sessions/classes. Please e-mail or call if your teen will not be attending a class.

Weather closings:

Should we need to cancel TYM, you will be able to find this on our website, www.saintandrew.org, The parish answering machine and on WRAL and WTVD

Parking Lot. Please be cautious when picking up your teens after class. Many young people don't look before they dash out into the parking lot

Cell phones and texting. If your teen is using his or her phone during class that it is taken away. Many teens are able to persuade the catechist not to take it. Using the phones during session time is not only rude, disruptive and disrespectful to the catechist but to the other students in the room. Please talk with your teen about their cell phone so that their cell phone does not become my cell phone.

If cells are used the first night it will be taken and returned that night. Every time after it will cost \$5 to get it back and the money will be donated to the Ronald McDonald House. Cell phones are not needed here during class time.

Thank you.