



## YOUTH GROUP NEWS

### A Chat with Father Pat

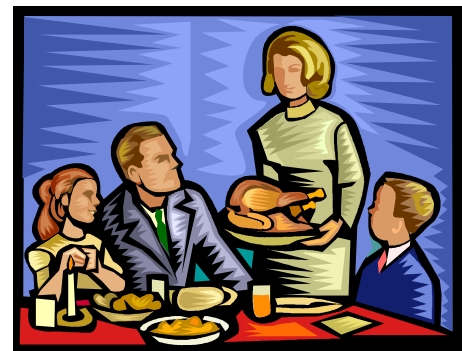
Dear Youth Group Members,

Greetings from your friendly neighborhood pastor. It is hard to believe that November is upon us and Thanksgiving Day is just a mere stone thrown away in the timeline of life. Thanksgiving Day gives all of us an opportunity to consider the many gifts that we have been given throughout our lives. All too often we take things for granted. To compensate for this human flaw, we have days commemorating important people or events such as, Mother's Day, Father's Day, Veterans Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Memorial Day and last but not least, Thanksgiving Day.

Sometimes it is easier to concentrate upon all the things that are broken in our lives, then to concentrate on all that is good. It is sometimes easier to concentrate on a person's flaws than it is to focus on their talents and gifts. Thanksgiving Day gives us an opportunity to look at ourselves, our relationships and the circumstances surrounding us and see the positive attributes that exist. Use this opportunity to thank those special people in your life.

I come before you as your servant and shepherd. I count myself blessed to serve you in the Churches of St. Michael and St. Philomena. I am grateful for all of you and especially in your decision to be active in your faith by attending Mass on Sunday and attending the youth group. By doing so you are sending a heartfelt note of thanksgiving to our Lord, who gave and continues to give us His eternal love.

Fr. Pat



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#### Upcoming Events:

- **NO Confirmation Class on Nov. 12th**
- Harvest Feast is Sunday, Nov. 12th at 12:30 PM
- Youth Group will meet at 7:15 PM–9:00 PM on Nov. 12th—Topic will be Protecting God's Children
- Dec. 3rd Confirmation at 6:00 PM–7:15 PM with Youth Group following.
- Dec. 10th Youth Group Mass 7:30 PM at St. Philomena's Church



We have decided to do the Birthday corner on next year's newsletters and include this information on the sign up form for Youth Group.

## Youth Group Fund Raiser

We are selling Christmas cards for a Youth Group Mission Trip Fund raiser. All Youth Group members are asked to sell 5 packages of cards. The cards will be passed out at the November 12th Meeting.

## A Thanksgiving Day Prayer

by Brian F. King

*O Lord, with humble hearts we pray  
Thy blessing this Thanksgiving Day  
And ask that at table place,  
Where grateful folk say words of  
grace,  
That Thou will come to share the yield  
Thy bounty gave to farm and field.  
We pray thy love will bless, O Lord,  
Each hearth, each home, each festive  
board;  
And that Thy peace will come to stay  
Where candles glow, Thanksgiving  
Day.*

## Youth Group Meetings—November and December

Our next meeting on November 12th will be "Protecting God's Children" program. Opt-out forms for parent's to sign will be available for this session.



December 3rd is the next meeting and we will learn about another Saint and practice for the

upcoming Youth Group Mass.

On December 10th, we will have our Youth Group Mass at 7:15. There will be a Christmas party following the mass. We will have a gift exchange, please bring a gift (white elephant) or purchased at \$5 or less.

Save  
The  
Date!

The Mission Trip to Mississippi has been set for June 11th to June 16th.

### Your Youth Group Board:

Vicki Foran, Director	369-3734	Freshman Representatives:
Angie Alexander, Spiritual Coordinator	762-4108	Natalie Stoerger & Victoria Roemer
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