



# Youth Ministry NEWS

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## Goober Fest 2017

Goober Fest is almost here! We are excited to be able to continue the tradition of Goober Fest at St. Elizabeth. This year the festival will be on October 29<sup>th</sup>. **The events begin at 6:30 p.m. and end at 9:00 p.m. The cost is \$.50 a ticket or 25 tickets for \$10.00** (I apologize for at earlier typo in another advertisement). We will have games, a photo booth, a haunted house, and of course, Trunk or Treat. **If you're wanting to participate in Trunk or Treat, all you need do is decorate your trunk and provide your own candy.** This part of Goober Fest is always well received. So please consider doing the Trunk or Treat. **We will have volunteer work for the youth starting October 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in the youth building for service hours.** We will set up for the event following the 11:30 a.m. Mass on the 29<sup>th</sup>. **We still have need of more volunteers to run the games, youth to continue to bring in candy, donations of 1 or 2 Liter soda for the Ring Toss and baked goods for the Cake Walk.** You can bring the candy or soda to the office during normal business hours, at CCD, on Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, during our youth night set up. You can sign up to volunteer during normal business hours or at CCD and you can bring baked goods on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass. **Costumes at the Goober Fest are welcomed! Come join the fun!**

## Parent/Sponsor Meeting for Confirmation II

We have a parent and/or sponsor meeting on **November 5<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. in the Youth Building.** We need to have one parent or sponsor attend this meeting. The confirmation students **DO NOT** attend this meeting. This meeting is a **MANDATORY** meeting so please make every effort to attend. We will be discussing the Confirmation Mass, dress codes, attendance, Confirmation II retreats, service hours and other important information as well as handing out the Sponsor/Parent books. **Please bring baptismal and First communion certificate and sponsor form to this meeting.**



## Upcoming Events

### October 24, 25, 26

Goober Fest service hours in the YB – 7p.m. to 9p.m.

### October 29

Goober fest Setup  
12:30p.m. – 6p.m.

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Goober Fest: 6:30p.m. - 9p.m.

### November 2

Theology on Tap with Bishop Sis @ the Beer Garden starting at 6:30 p.m.

## Important Announcement

Confirmation I Retreat "Called to be Free" is **November 18, 2017** at SEAS from **9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.**

This is a **MANDATORY** retreat for CI youth and CII youth who did not attend last year's retreat.

**Cost is \$25.00.**

## Theology on Tap

**Theology on Tap**, made available by **RENEW International** and sponsored by **St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and the Family Armory**, is a spiritual event held at the **Beer Garden**, once a month, and is geared for individuals 18+. The event is a time to build community, in a comfortable environment, and to listen to key note speakers who share their faith and point of view on various topics that affect us socially and spiritually. **The theme for this year is "Into the Darkness, Out into the Light". Our first speaker is Bishop Michael Sis on November 2<sup>nd</sup>.** Come and join us.

## More Important News

### Class Attendance for CCD

Imagine, if you would, that you had to go to the doctor for a life altering procedure and just prior to the procedure, you learned the doctor who was to perform this on you was a student who rarely attended class because they were bored of having to hear the same information in Biology, or felt they knew all about medicine already from what they learned on the internet. Would you let this doctor operate on you? Catechesis is our learning platform that continues to build on the things each child should be learning at home and reminds them of the importance of faith. Attendance is important so they stay fluent in their learning process. Sometimes what they learn does not have immediate effect but resonates later in life. **Middle school allowed absences is 6 per year and for High School it is 5 per year.** We currently have several students who have perfect attendance but also have several who are in jeopardy, already, of being removed from the rosters. PLEASE make every effort to stay diligent on class attendance. Yes, our teachers are volunteers, but each one makes every effort, weekly to provide our youth with seeds of faith for them to take into their daily lives.

### Catechists STILL NEEDED

As stated in the above article, **catechists are rare individuals** who are willing to give their time and energy to catechize the next generation. These **heroes** dedicate about 4 to 5 hours a week in preparation of their lessons and teachings. Just because these children may not be our personal children, they are **VERY** important to our community, our parish and our world. As a father, I can affirm that my involvement in the Church has done wonders for my family life and for my children - two very active youth, one middle schooler and High Schooler, both of whom are high academic achievers, with a lot of extracurricular activities, who still find their faith important. They are blessed to have the catechists they have each Sunday who help to nurture them to not just be achievers but to be decent human beings of faith. **If you have the time, we could use your help! Contact me if interested** – Johnny Aldas, 575-312-2047.



## In the Community

### Prayer Labyrinth

We will be looking for volunteers in November to start helping us lay the groundwork for our newest addition to the church grounds, a prayer labyrinth. We would love youth and adults to help us make this project a reality. So please look in future bulletins for the times and dates.

### Stuebenville San Diego

Currently, this trip is waiting list only as all spots for both adults and youth are **FULL**. However, we have several who have yet to fill out the **CONTRACT** that is required to finalize your intention to go. We have a meeting on **October 26<sup>th</sup> in the youth building at 7:00 p.m.** for those who missed the first meeting and who have not turned in a contract. Failure to attend or to turn in the contract will result in the child being moved to the wait list and another being assigned the spot. **Also, candle orders and money ARE DUE this SUNDAY, October 22<sup>nd</sup> to conclude our 1<sup>st</sup> of 4 major fundraisers.**