



Active Catholic Teens in Service

Monthly Newsletter

May 13, 2016



ACTS Youth Ministry Pose with engineer students from MSOE and Racine Water Treatment.

Bottled VS. Tap?

On Friday, May 6th ACTS Racine Youth Ministry youth and their parents invited engineer students from Milwaukee School of Engineering and Racine Water Department to explain the water treatment process for Racine's Water. Students were given a step by step explanation on how water is collected, to when it comes out of the home tap. Students were given an opportunity to create their own filter using: A two liter Bottle, Sand, Gravel, and topped off with dirt. They were shown the procedure of how the process works and how the water is made potable. The goal is to show us how to use our resources given to us, and making the most out of it. Pope Francis in his encyclical: Laudato Si addressed the usage of water saying, **"Even as the quality of available water is constantly diminishing, in some places there is a growing tendency, despite its scarcity, to privatize this resource, turning it into a commodity subject to the laws of the market."**

So our goal it to take advantage of the resources given to us.

FUN FACT: It takes 8 hours to filter water from Lake Michigan to our Kitchen Sink. So Water coming out of your tap at 8pm, was collected at noon.

ADORATION - VOCATIONS

On April 29th at St. Richard Parish, 35 teens from area Catholics Churches and their families gathered for an evening of Praise, worship, reflection and prayer. Xaverian Missionary Father Alex Rodriguez, sx and from the Community of Saint Paul, Transitional Deacon Michael Wolfe gave a talk on their vocation journey. Each offered a different perspective on how they came to know their call. Confessions were offered throughout the evening. The evening ended with the final benediction given by Deacon Michael Wolfe and an invitation to his Priestly Ordination on **May 21st**. Teens interested in participating in seeing the ordination can pick up a permission slip from the ACTS Youth Ministry Office. 262.898.5666

BLUE MASS

In 1962, President Kennedy proclaimed May 15 as National Peace Officers Memorial Day and the calendar week in which May 15 falls, as National Police Week. Established by a joint resolution of Congress in 1962, National Police Week pays special recognition to those law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty and for the safety and protection of others.

On **Friday May 20th**, at St. Richard Parish, 1503 Grand Avenue, teens from ACTS Racine Youth Ministry Invite parish members of our Cluster and surrounding communities to their "Blue Mass" to honor ALL First Responders. They will be presented with a "St. Michael" Lapel pin thanks to the generous donations from: Educators Credit Union and the Knights of Columbus. There will be a small social potluck style gathering following. If you would like to participate please contact Eloy: 262.898.5666

WEBSITE

ACTS Racine Youth Ministry has been working with A Photo Illusions, and they have developed a new website to help keep families informed of activities. The website contains links to our cluster websites, and is very user friendly. Be sure to visit our webpage: www.actsracine.com

The Weeks Ahead

ACTS Racine Youth Ministry has once again partnered up with Real Racine, the Racine County Convention and Visitors Bureau. We have a number of Volunteer opportunities coming up in the coming weeks. This partnership plays a vital role in our ministry. Last Year ACTS Racine received over \$10,000 in Donations. These funds are used for our weekly programs, outreach ministry, and other formation retreats that are offered throughout the year. Be sure to check the Parish Bulletin and website: www.actsracine.com for information.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

May 21- Open House Racine

County, About 43 business or sites that are typically not open to the public in Racine County will open their doors to the public on **May 21**. Many of these locations have historical or architectural significance. Others are just neat places to visit. We are Currently in need of approximate **25 adult Volunteers** for this event. Volunteers hand out maps, record all visitors zip codes on check-in sheet, greet people, and strike up conversations to learn more about visitors.

Sign up at:

www.actsracine.com or contact Eloy: 262.664.3111

MAY 27 & 28- COLOR RUN RACINE

Every Year, The Color Run brings happiness to our community with this fun and exciting event. The Color Run, the world's first **COLOR 5k™** event, was founded in March 2011 as an event to promote healthiness and happiness by bringing the community together to participate in the "Happiest 5k on the Planet". They are the original paint race and have created a completely new genre of **COLOR DASH™** running events that continues to grow exponentially. They are Currently looking for Volunteers to help with this fun event. Both Adults and Teen are needed. Sign up forms can be received from Eloy or you can sign up online at:

www.actsracine.com

MAY 29TH – CRISTO REY CAFÉ MISSION TRIP BREAKFAST

ACTS Youth Ministry is hosting a breakfast at Saint Patrick Parish to help raise funds for our Mission Trips that are planned in June. This year we have 8 High School Participants from our Cluster Parishes that will be going to Chattanooga Tennessee, and 12 Middle Schoolers that will be participating in the Revolution Of the Heart Work camp at Inspirio Youth Ministry in Neshota, Wi. Funds Raised at the breakfast will help defray the costs of these trips. **Breakfast will be served from: 10am-1pm.**

Menu Includes: Chorizo and Eggs, Chorizo and Potatoes, flautas, an assortment of Desserts and our most popular menu item: SOPES.

Can't Make to the breakfast, but still want to donate? No Problem, donation checks should be made out to: **St. Patrick Parish – ACTS** and can be sent to

St. Patrick Parish

Attn: ACTS Youth Ministry Office:

1100 Erie Street, Racine, 53402

WANT MORE INFORMATION?

ACTS Youth Ministry, is a collaborative ministry of St. Patrick, St. Edward and St. Richard Parishes.

It is an acronym for:

Active Catholic Teens in Service

Our current mission: To Ignite in Teen a Passion for Life Long Learning rooted in Service, Justice, and Fellowship

The program meets regularly as follows:

1st & 3rd Friday – High Schoolers (9th-12th)

2nd & 4th Friday – Middle Schoolers 6th-8th

Locations May Vary, please visit our website for details: www.actsracine.com