



Steubenville T-Shirt Design Contest

We need some fun and creative T-Shirt designs for St. Mary Parish teens to wear at the Steubenville East Conference in July 2010.

Since we'll be producing two different T-Shirt designs, you'll have two chances for your design idea to be chosen!! Who can enter?

Students in 8th grade and all high school students (grades 9 thru 12)
The theme idea is up to you, but each design needs to communicate the following:

1. A positive spiritual message.
2. Design should be simple and easy to read from a distance.
3. Ideally, each T-Shirt should have a design and/or message on the front and the back. (Often the back of the shirt is a teaser message and the front has the payoff... which explains the message on the back.)

Submitting your designs:

Your designs can either be computer-generated, but they can also be anything from a loose pencil sketch, to and ink drawing or a marker rendering. At this early stage, the designs don't have to be the tight finished artwork.

Mr. Buzak can help produce any of the chosen designs on the computer, as needed.

Judging:

The St. Mary Parish Youth Group members will judge the T-Shirts by secret ballot.

Entry deadline:

All designs must be submitted to Annie Thommen by date March 15th, 2010.
Judging sessions will happen at the meeting on Sunday, March 21st that is open to both Senior and Junior Youth Group!

Get started thinking about your ideas soon!!!

Steubenville East 2010

Youth Conference

Date: July 23-25, 2010

Location: University of Rhode Island, Kingston, RI

Costs: \$190 per person

Deposits: \$35/person, final

balance of \$155 due by May 15th

deposits accepted after May 15,

full payment required on

registration. Registration is

accepted on a first come, first

served basis.

*Interested in joining? It's simple,
just show up to any event
or meeting! Call or
e-mail Annie if you
have any questions or ideas!*



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TALENT SHOW, WYD, AND MORE!

Our Youth Groups will be hosting a talent show in June and would like to invite all middle school and high school students to join the fun! Entry forms will be handed out at CCD, Confirmation classes, and are in the vestibule in St. Mary's Parish. Proceeds for admission will go towards our WYD and Mission Trip expenses! A list of dates for practices are on p. 3.

World Youth day is coming fast and its time to start planning and saving! All interested students ages 13-18 are invited to join us for an informational meeting on March 21st from 12:45 – 2pm. This meeting will be about WYD, the talent show, and other upcoming events. Pizza lunch will be provided!

STUEBENVILLE UPDATE!

We are hosting a contest to create a tee shirt design for the upcoming trip. There will be two tee shirt designs picked. Rules and directions are found on the back of this newsletter! Entries are due to Annie by March 20th! Secret Ballot judging will be done at the meeting on March 21st! So make sure you come and stop by and see what has been created!

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Our Lenten cross project /fundraiser was a hit! Thank you to all the students who came and helped put them together. Their hard work has definitely paid off! This Wednesday our service hours start up again from 5-6 in the parish hall. Please come and join us to get the extras packed away, start putting together our Easter Eggs for the Easter Egg hunt, and Pizza!

Seniors for Seniors will be this coming Sunday, March 7th for all of our members from Senior Youth Group. Please wear something nice while you serve our Senior community! Any student that can sing, play an instrument and be willing to provide some entertainment, it would be greatly appreciated! Call Annie at 203-994-6595. If any members of our Junior youth group have any talents that they would like to share you are welcome to come!

During this Lenten season, please keep Christ in our hearts and in our daily actions. A lenten prayer can be found on p. 2 along with some other information on how to open your hearts to the holy spirit during this special season!

A successful Lent!

If you can't think of something to give up for Lent and you are still wanting to try something new, here's an idea...

THE RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS CHALLENGE

Every day, try and look for an opportunity to be kind to anyone, even yourself. Whether it be learning to eat better, exercise more, say prayers at night... It doesn't have to be difficult. Take indulgence, selfishness, and hatred out of your life!



Give me a break, Harold—You haven't been fasting that long.



Talent Show Practice Dates
3/21 – informational meeting and entry forms! 12:45-2!

Practices (Mondays 3:30-5:30 after school!)
4/12, 4/26, 5/3, 5/17

Dress Rehearsal:
Thursday, 6/3
Tentative Date for Show is June 4th!
*Dinner will be provided at all practices.

Lenten Prayer

This is a sample of a daily prayer that you can do yourself at home during all the days of Lent.

Check out this link to find more:
<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/Lent/>

Opening Prayer:
Father, teach us to lead good lives, encourage us with your support and bring us to eternal life.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Readings:
Jeremiah 18:18-20;

Psalms 31:5-6, 14, 15-16;

Matthew 20:17-28

Intercessions:
Let us give thanks to God, our Father: through the power of the Spirit he purifies our heart and strengthens us in love. Let us humbly ask him: *Lord, give us your Holy Spirit.* Help us to receive good things from your bounty with a deep sense of gratitude; -and to accept with patience the evil that



comes to us. Teach us to be loving not only in great and exceptional moments, -but above all in the ordinary events of daily life

Daily Meditation:
Whoever wishes to be great among you shall be your servant.
Jesus is telling us about his Passion, Death and Resurrection - for us. Too often we are fighting over which of us is the greatest. To take this journey with him, is to take a journey that draws us to be with him in it and like him: a servant of love for others.

Closing Prayer:
God of Love, through this Lenten journey, purify my desires to serve you.
Free me from any temptations to judge others, to place myself above others. Please let me surrender even my impatience with others, that with your love and your grace, I might be less and less absorbed with myself, and more and more full of the desire to follow you, in laying down my life according to your example.

To Date or Not to Date...?

There is all kinds of advice out there about dating today, but a lot of it is about dating in the world rather than Christian dating. Christians need to have a different attitude toward dating. However, even among Christians there are differences as to whether you should or should not date. The choice is up to you and your parents, but Christian teens should still know God's perspective on dating. Non-Christians have a different perspective on dating. You see the magazines, TV shows, and movies that tell you how you're young, and you should date a lot of people before you get married. You see certain "role models" jumping from one dating relationship to another. Yet God has more in store for you than just jumping from one relationship to another

and why you should date. He is clear on whom you should date. When it comes to Christian dating, you live according to a different standard – God's. Yet it's not just about following the rules. There are some solid reasons why God asks us to live a certain way, and dating is no different. While most people have differing opinions about dating, it is one area of the Bible where there is not a lot of information. However, Christian teens can get some idea of God's expectations from certain scripture verses (**Please read verses below**) These three scriptures give insight into the Christian dating life. We need to realize that God means for us to meet the ONE person that we are meant to marry.

Article from:
www.christianteens.about.com.

Love is patient, love is kind...

1 Corinthians 13:4-7: "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres."

Genesis 2:24: "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and they will become one flesh."

Proverbs 4:23: "Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life."

Junior Youth Group 's



\$10 admission pre-sale tickets only!

Open to all Students grades 6-8!
Prizes for best dressed, DJ, food!
Tickets go on Sale March 6 and 7th after masses!
CCD, Confirmation students, and all others can pick up a ticket order form in the vestibule and return it to St. Mary's parish office by Monday March 8th

SYG's Breakfast With the Easter Bunny!
Saturday 4/3

Tickets go on Sale March 20th, 21st, 27th, and 28th. You can also purchase tickets at the parish office.

** SYG MEMEBERS MUST SIGN UP TO SELL TICKETS! **

