

## **FVCYMA Meeting at St. Pius Thursday, Nov. 15**

*NCYC* ó excellent comments were shared about the 4 day experience. The youth and adults are pumped up and ready to share their enthusiasm. Next *NCYC* is Nov. 19-21 in Kansas City (WI deer hunting opening weekend). People from the trip have been sending in photos and video clips, so some of those will be used to create a promo video.

*Augie* ó Fox Valley Evangelization Night for high school students was on Wed., Nov. 14 at St. Bernadette. He got the crowd into it at the beginning, but several felt he didn't engage the youth as much after that. The youth who were into it, got into it. Difficult when it's mandatory, but the only way to get many of those youth to experience things like this, you need to make it a part of your program. Definitely a great event to hold annually ó gather lots of youth together in faith. In the future, we are planning on having more youth/parish involvement in the evening.

*Youth Jam* ó great success on Sunday, October 28. St. Joe's Middle School was a nice place to have it, except for the size of the cafeteria. The kids loved the Banana Guy, the games in the gym, and Dcn. Schuster.

*DCYC*- will be held on March 30 at Notre Dame in Green Bay. A committee has been created ó 2 reps from the Valley are Sarah from Darboy and Tanya from the Menasha parishes. *NCYC* kids desire to be a part of this day as both an *NCYC* reunion and a chance to share their faith with peers. The committee will try to involve youth from around the Diocese in a variety of ways, depending on their desired commitment level (skits, music, hospitality, etc.).

*Diving Into Life* ó scheduled for January 20 at St. Joseph Middle School. FVCYMA decided last year that this would replace the formerly known Dive In Conference, and that we'd tap into what the Fox Valley Right to Life Chapter was doing. We felt it was important to hold a Respect Life event since that mentality is lacking in our society on a variety of levels. They are bringing in a woman speaker who talks on topics such as abstinence and post abortions. Many in the FVCYMA group decided they did not have the time to do this conference, plus that is Football Conference weekend. However, several parishes have built it into their programs due to the calendaring last Spring. So those parishes will talk because they need to offer something.

*Unity Night* ó will be held January 9 at the PAC. If you have not turned in your \$\$ yet, do so soon. And if you have not turned photos of your youth doing service, send those to Bill ASAP.

*Youth Advisory Committee* ó some parishes are ready to have an area youth advisory board ó many of our kids at the parishes know each other from school, and they are longing to do stuff together. We could plan a variety of Fox Valley events. We will talk with Frank Mercadante at the VITAL training about this. {We met with him on Nov. 17. Pat suggested that we have regional groups so that eventually we can work toward a solid Diocesan Advisory Board. Frank thought this was a great way to go, and he may incorporate a regional "gathering" during one of the upcoming VITAL trainings.}

*Next meeting* will be held at St. Joseph Church in Appleton on Thursday, December 13 at 12:30PM. Lunch will be served roughly at 12PM after the GBAREA meeting, so please come eat ☺

\*\*ALSO ó we will be having a diaper collection as part of our Christmas Outreach at that meeting ó those will be donated to Mother and Unborn Baby Care.