

NOVEMBER 28, 2022



Diocese of Gary's Youth Council

**Thank you all once again for an engaging meeting in November!
Here are notes from last month's meeting as well as some updates.**

Next meeting: Sunday, December 11, 1-3:00 PM

Next meeting we will give thanks for the gifts and talents you DYC members have shared, celebrate the good work DYC did during the Christ Alive retreat, and have our annual Christmas party.

Don't forget to turn in your permission forms! Even if you are 18, your parents still need to complete a permission form for each meeting. Thank you!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christ Alive retreat! You all were so welcoming, helpful, and joyful! Thank you for being table leaders, for giving your testimonies, and for just being your awesome selves!



Notes from last meeting

We had our November DYC meeting on Sunday, November 13. DYC met with Cecilia Cicone, the digital media strategist for the Diocese of Gary. Cecilia shared with us how we can use social media for the sake of the Gospel. She taught us some social media literacy skills as well as led a discussion on how we use and engage with social media. She was able to bridge the gap between just passively engaging with online spaces to entering into them with Christ leading the way. DYC reps also shared their own insights into how the diocese can use digital media to connect with Gen Z. Thank you, Cecilia for your time!

DYC White Elephant Christmas Party

At our December meeting, we will host our annual DYC White Elephant Christmas Party. After we get done with some business and reflection time, we will have a little Christmas Party. Please feel free to bring a snack (no nuts please) to share.

We will also have famous White Elephant Gift Exchange. What is a White Elephant Gift Exchange? It's a fun gifts exchange game. Here are the rules:

- To play you must bring a gift. If you want a present, bring a present.
- Do not go out and buy a present for the gift exchange. It must be something you already have around the house. If it is not yours, please ask your parents/siblings for permission before taking.
- All gifts must be wrapped or in a bag covered (so when you look in the bag, you can't immediately see the item)
- Examples of past gifts given:
 - School swag from a pep rally you don't wear
 - Handmade art
 - An old Halloween Costume
 - Leftover Halloween candy
 - A collection of pens your mom doesn't want anymore
 - A broken pen wrapped in three rolls of plastic wrap
- Have fun and be creative! Remember, we are at a church event, so gifts should be appropriate for the setting.
- During the party
 - All gifts are placed together at a table. You do not have to put your name on the gift
 - At the beginning of the game, everyone will draw numbers to determine what order they will go in
 - Player number 1 will then pick and open a present in front of everyone
 - Player number 2 will then go. They can either steal from player 1 or pick a new present to open.
 - A present can only be stolen 3 times. If the player's gift is stolen, they get to pick a new present (open a new one or steal from another player)
 - This goes on until the last player goes. Then player number 1 gets one more turn.

