SUMMER 2026

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TEEN ECCLESIA

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STEUBENVILLE



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"ECCLESIA" – GATHER IN PRAYER THEN GO OUT & SERVE OTHERS

“EKKLESIA”

AN ANCIENT GREEK WORD MEANING "A CALLED-OUT ASSEMBLY" OR "GATHERING".

is the idea of a community called out by God, distinct from the world.
It is the word used to describe the relationship between
CHURCH and the wider WORLD,
emphasizing the Church’s role as witness and a FORCE OF GOOD.

“EKKLESIA”

It is the word that Jesus used in the Bible in place of the “CHURCH”

When Jesus talked about His “ekklesia” He was not talking about a building/structure; He was talking about PEOPLE!

“ECCLESIA”

Jesus envisioned a continuous community...that goes beyone our circle of connections... one that does not end after our hour of Mass, that does not conclude after we conclude our weekly bible studies, etc. He called his disciples to follow Him and instructed them to go out and show love to those who are struggling with tough issues (anger, abuse, depression, illnesses, hate and poverty, to name a few)

So, to sum up, the word Ecclesia can be defined as coming together as a community in order to go out and serve/help those in need.

“ECCLESIA”

John 15:12

“This is my commandment:
love one another
as I have loved you.”

“ECCLESIA 2026”

The teens answered Jesus’ call to love & serve others:

- spent a morning in prayer & reflection (mini retreat) at the Grotto at Columban Fathers Retreat Center
- served at the Heart Ministry Center in Omaha by assisting community members struggling with poverty as they shopped for shelf-stable and perishable items in the HMC grocery-store, then loaded the groceries into vehicles.
- volunteered at Fr. Tom’s Farewell Party
- did yardwork for a family in our parish - and prayed the rosary with their family
- did landscaping projects at the Ablaze House of Prayer where they also shared fellowship, dinner, then praise and worship with Fr, Michael Voithofer.
- volunteered at Vacation Bible School
- volunteered to help the Sheperds with their fireworks booth

... and probably may other acts of service that might not e listed here but were done on their own!!

RETREAT DAY





Grotto at
Columban Fathers
Retreat Center

with Connie Boesch

Friday, June 5


“Capture the beauty and glory of God’s creation”



Come Holy Spirit
Hike
Walk
Reflect
Solitude
Silence
Awarenes
God's Presence





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PAY ATTENTION
to God
to your inner-self
to others

"St. Ignatius spent a long time learning to be quiet and reflective."

Jesus, help me to be YOUR PRESENCE when I am with OTHERS







RETREAT DAY

Fontenelle Forest - Ropes Course

Getting out of my comfort zone...
Perseverance & Tenacity...
Trusting God when I feel afraid...
Encouraging others...
Comforting & helping others...
Being aware of my my inner-self...
Appreciating God's beauty in nature...
Making new friends in Jesus!






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Stop
DO NOT ENTER!

KNOWING OUR FAITH IS ONE THING;

LIVING OUR FAITH IS ANOTHER!

WE CAN ATTEND CHURCH WEEKLY (OR DAILY), PARTICIPATE IN BIBLE STUDIES, ATTEND RETREATS, SMALL GROUPS, YOUTH GROUP, ETC…

BUT UNLESS WE ARE FEEDING THE HOMELESS AND WORKING WITH THE NEEDY, WE AREN'T SEEING OUR FAITH IN ACTION.

HEART MINISTRY CENTER

. Teens extended themselves to families experiencing poverty in Omaha by loading the groceries into vehicles.



While we all need to <u>tend</u> to our relationship with Jesus, we are also called to <u>extend</u> ourselves to others.

SATURDAY JUNE 6

HEART MINISTRY CENTER

. Teens extended themselves to families experiencing poverty in Omaha by loading up grocery carts and loading the food into vehicles.





HEART MINISTRY CENTER









YARDWORK

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10









YARDWORK

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 10



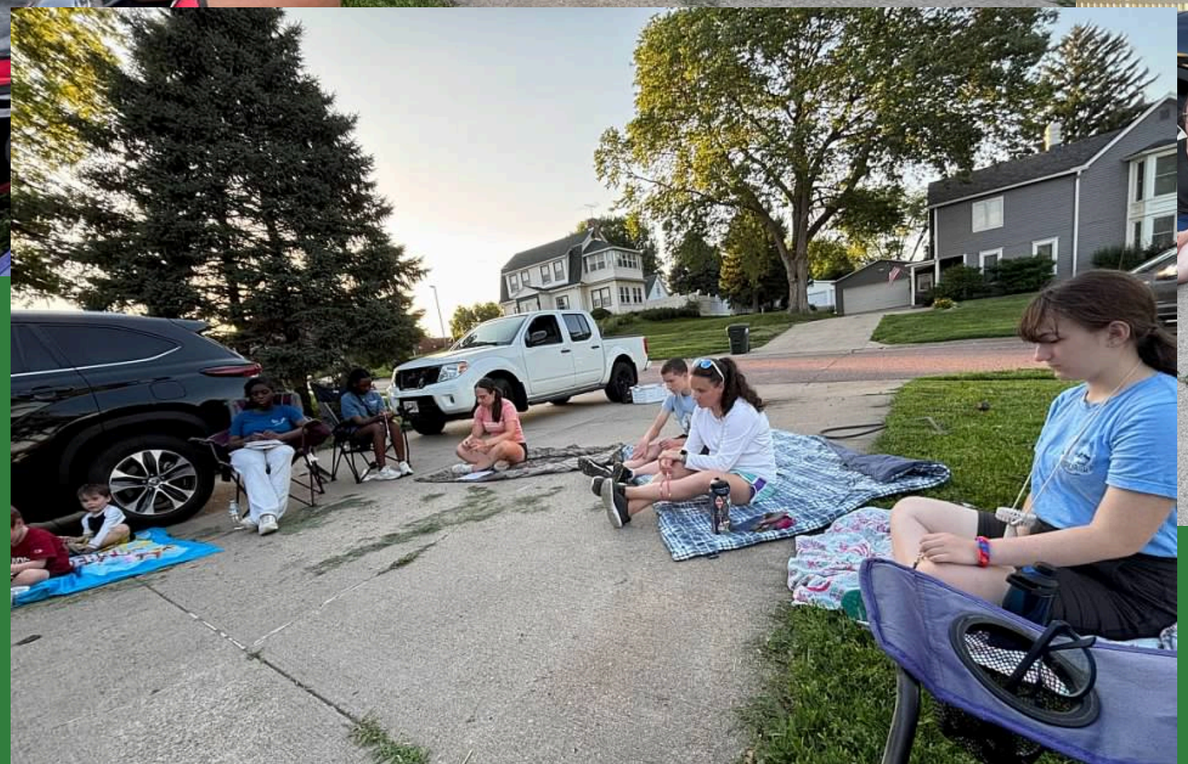






YARDWORK
then
ROSARY







FR. TOM'S FAREWELL PARTY







VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL







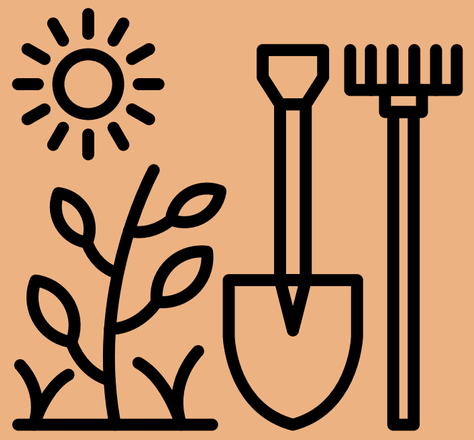


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HOUSE OF PRAYER









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In the book of Luke,
Jesus said the second greatest commandment after loving God was

loving our neighbor.


My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.
John 15:12


THIS IS MY COMMAND:
LOVE ONE ANOTHER AS I LOVE YOU