

## **IGNITE CHICAGO-- "A MUSIC FESTIVAL TO SPARK A REVOLUTION"**



We traveled to the Flyer's baseball stadium in Schaumburg to attend day 2 of the "Ignite Chicago" Christian music festival. It was a great day spent outside relaxing and listening to some fantastic bands.



## **SHADOW STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

Re-enacting the Stations of the Cross during Lent is a valuable Catholic tradition that helps us to reflect upon the death and Resurrection of Jesus and the meaning of these events within our lives today.



Six teens from St. Joseph participated as actors and readers to lead the parish in prayer through SWAT's shadow interpretation of the traditional Stations of the Cross. If you missed it this year, you might want to keep an eye out next Lent to participate as part of the SWAT crew or part of the congregation.

## **YOUTH RALLY**

*(Pictured right: teens and adults from St. Joseph signing "Yes, Lord" at the Vicariate I Youth Rally)*

Five teens and 3 adults from St. Joseph joined 800 teens from other parishes across Lake and Northern Cook counties for a youth rally at Holy Family parish in Inverness. We escaped the rainstorms while listening to some great stories about experiencing God through service to others, singing songs, celebrating a youth mass, and thinking about our own commitments to service.



## **ALL NIGHT SKI EVENT with Archdiocese of Chicago OFC Youth Ministry**

The snowfall made our drive to Galenda last a little longer than expected, but the great hills and beautiful landscape of Chesnut Mountain made it well worth the drive. St. Joseph Parish joined with other youth groups from across the Archdiocese of Chicago to rent out the resort and ski through the night. We had so much fun that a few teens from St. Joseph are already planning for next year's trip.

## **SOUPER BOWL OF CARING**

Thank you to everyone who participated in this year's Souper Bowl of Caring! St. Joseph's Youth Ministry raised a total of \$3,337.58 to distribute amongst the St. Joseph Food Pantry, the food pantry at Holy Family in Waukegan, and the orphanage in Moshi, Tanzania. 29 teenagers from St. Joseph served after all masses last weekend collecting donations from our generous parishioners.

While the Souper Bowl inspires excitement about football, the Souper Bowl of Caring inspires commitment to help people in need. A friendly competition broke out amongst the youth of St. Joseph to see who would be this year's top fundraiser, but of course the real winners of this Souper Bowl are the individuals and families who will benefit from all the funds raised. Congratulations to everyone who played a part in this hugely successful fundraising effort!

## **VICARIATE I ANNUAL SERVICE DAY**

Teens from all over Lake and Northern Cook counties gathered together at St. Paul the Apostle Church in Gurnee for a day of service and prayer. Each person got to choose their service project for the day and the high school students from St. Joseph split up to sing Christmas carols at Condell, decorate a Christmas tree and spend time with children and families at a shelter in Gurnee, and do some heavy lifting to load Christmas presents into a delivery truck at St. Paul's. The day of service concluded with a teen mass and pizza dinner.