



SPECIAL SVF YOUTH GROUP UPDATE

Plenty of Hard Work Yields Great Summer Experience for Kids

Last weekend, the St. Vincent Ferrer Youth Group traveled to the Boys' and Girls' CYO Camps, just outside Port Sanilac, along the shores of Lake Huron. It was Camp Clean Up Weekend and we joined other youth groups and adults to help fix and clean up the camps and make them ready for the eager campers come June. Kirsten Kyle, five members of the group, Dezirae Chalmers, Jacob Esbri, Angela Gordon, Kelly Lentini and Rebecca Pieper, along with Suzi and Bill Gordon arrived at the camp Friday evening. We were greeted by the camp coordinator and given a brief orientation. She showed us two boards full of jobs that needed to be accomplished this weekend and asked us to read the descriptions and pick out a couple of things we'd like to work on. There were many jobs, so it was a good thing that about 100 other youth and adults joined us for the weekend.



*We Congratulate Our
First Eucharist Children*

**Ryan Barrett
Melodie Cooper
Sarah Eggert
Brian Hamel
Brett Hunt
Michael Gray
Andrew Koehler
Antonina Majewski
Ryan Mulawa
Matthew Proefke**

*...and welcome them to
the table of the Lord.*

Sunday, April 26, 2009



On Saturday morning, we woke up to a beautiful sunny morning and the promise of 70 degree temperatures. The day began with prayer and a delicious breakfast for everyone. Afterwards, we headed to our tasks. The St. Vincent crew tackled cleaning windows, trimming unruly bushes, scraping old paint, and tree and bush cleanup for the morning. At noon, we came back for prayer and lunch. Having completed

our first tasks, we chose vine clean up at the baseball backstop. This was an unbelievably hard job because the vines had completely overtaken the backstop. After much cutting, tugging and pulling, we won the battle and the vines were vanquished. We brought all the vines to the fire pit for burning and finished up the afternoon raking and cleaning up leaves. By dinner, we were quite tired and hungry, as were all the workers. We appreciated the delicious chicken and mashed potato dinner so much that Angela and I washed the entire rec room floor, so the cooks could leave early.

After dinner, we were free to relax until Mass at 8:00 p.m. Kirsten Kyle, our youth minister, played guitar and led over one hundred youth and adults at the Mass celebration that night. The chapel was full and our worship was joyful. To end the evening, St. Andrew's from Rochester, MI invited everyone to the staff house for snacks, music and fellowship.

The next morning, after prayer and breakfast, the camp coordinator informed us that we had completed 95% of the projected work and divvied up the last of the duties. After we spread the old straw from the archery targets around the agility course, we headed home. It was truly a memorable weekend.

On a sad note: The camp coordinator told the group that the camp really needs more girls to take advantage of this great facility. This is the **ONLY GIRLS' CAMP** in Michigan. If they don't meet their quota this year, the Girls' Camp will be closed and they will be forced to run a Coed camp at the Boys' Camp. If you know of any girls ages 7 and up who might enjoy an excellent camping experience, check out their website @ **www.cyocamps.org**

