



# Youth Newsletter

## Announcements:

1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Retreat: Saturday April 9, 2016.....9:30 am to Noon

Pre/K End of Year Program: Sun April 10.....11:30 am

Confirmation Rehearsal: Friday April 22.....7pm

Confirmation/1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Liturgy: Sat. April 23.....5:15 pm



## God's Super Hero: St. Catherine of Siena: April 29

Catherine was the youngest of a very large family. Her father was a wool-dyer and they lived in Sienna Italy. Since a very young age, Catherine preferred to spend time in her room praying.

This concerned her mother as Catherine wouldn't leave her room, she ate very little, and wasn't interested in household matters. In 1353, at the age of six she had a vision in St. Dominic's church in which our Lord appeared to her and blessed her. At age seven she decided she would devote the rest of her life to Jesus and never married. At sixteen, Catherine joined the Third Order of Dominic, she wore the Dominican habit and spent a life of prayer and good works, but lived in her own home as was the custom of Dominican Order. Often after receiving Holy Communion, she went into a trance because she was conversing with Jesus. After three years, Jesus said to Catherine, "The only way you can serve me, Catherine, is in service of your neighbor." Catherine then began to visit prisoners, encouraging them to repent. When a plague came she was everywhere, bringing food and clothing, nursing patients that no one else would touch, and burying the dead. Her gifts of prophesy and spiritual guidance became widely recognized. Three friars had to be assigned to hear the confessions of those who repented after talking to her. By the time she was twenty-three, Catherine was a spiritual guide to a group of followers that included priests, religious, and lay people. She called them her family. Catherine could barely read and write, but she dictated more than four hundred letters and two books. During this time, the Pope was living in France because of unsettled times but Catherine convinced him to return to Rome.

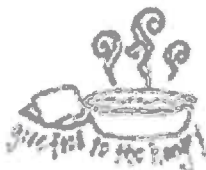
In addition to worrying about the Church, Catherine was in constant pain. Only her faith in Christ crucified gave her strength. She bore the stigmata, the wounds of Christ on her body, invisible to all until her death. Catherine died at the age of thirty-three. In 1970, Pope Paul VI proclaimed her a Saint and a Doctor of the Church.



Divine Mercy Sunday,  
April 3, 2016



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