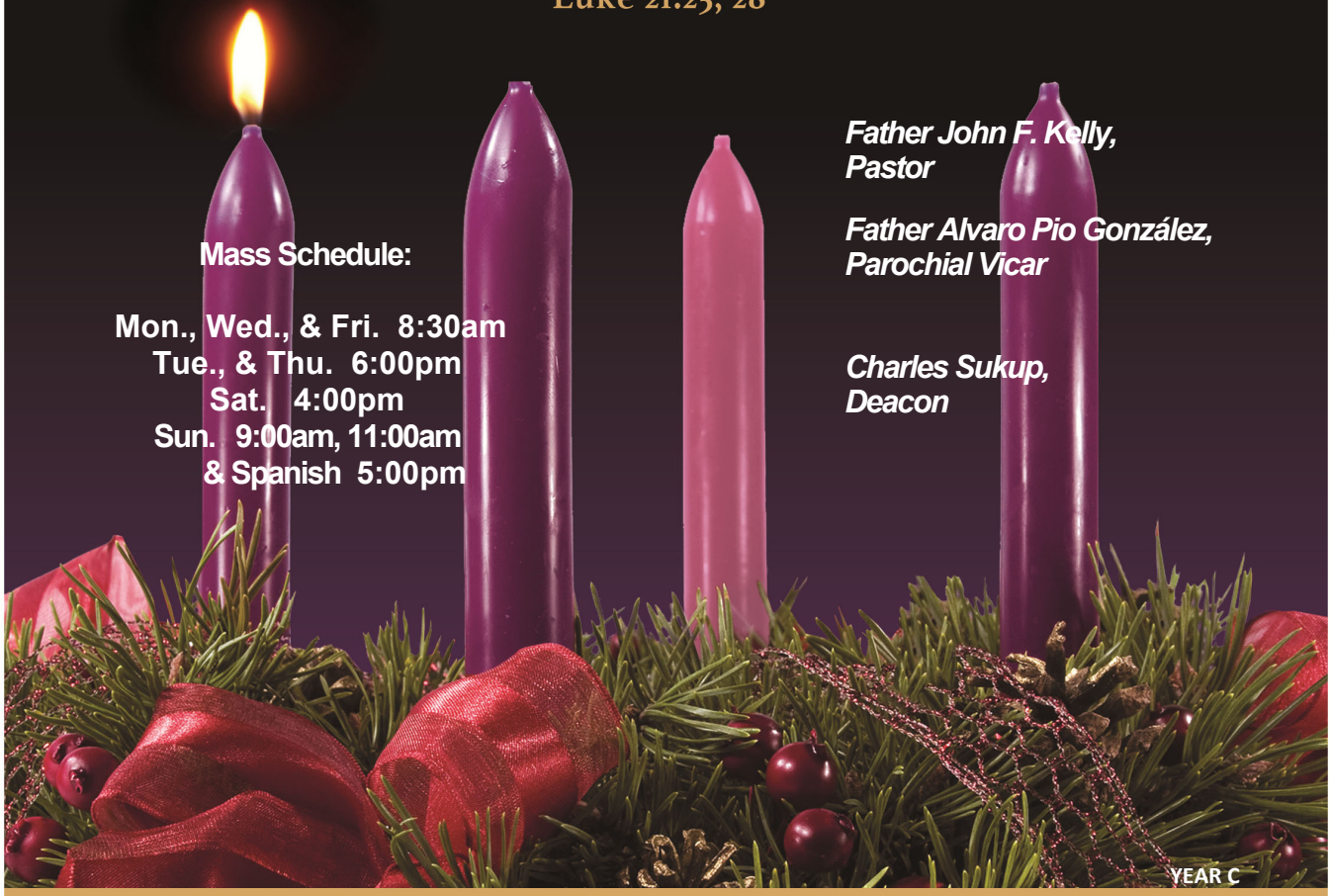
St. Sylvester Catholic Church

First Sunday OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 29, 2015

There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars.
When these signs begin to happen,
stand erect and raise your heads
because your redemption is at hand.

Luke 21:25, 28



Mass Schedule:

Mon., Wed., & Fri. 8:30am
Tue., & Thu. 6:00pm
Sat. 4:00pm
Sun. 9:00am, 11:00am
& Spanish 5:00pm

Father John F. Kelly,
Pastor

Father Alvaro Pio González,
Parochial Vicar

Charles Sukup,
Deacon

YEAR C

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Welcome. . . . .

New Parishioners:

Please register at the Welcome Table in the vestibule after Mass or stop by the office.

Active Membership is determined by:

- Registration in the parish
- Faithful attendance at Sunday Mass and on Holy Days
- Support of the parish through **time, talent and treasure**

Sacraments and Services

Anointing of the Sick Call the parish office

Baptism

- Must have Baptism Preparation Class
- English classes on Second Sunday of each mo.
  English Baptisms are on 3rd Sun. of each mo.
  Text or call Erica Meyer, 850-978-2624
  Email – englishbaptism@stsylv.org
- Spanish classes 1st and 2nd Thu. of each mo.
  Call Mayra Lucero, 850-797-0256

Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction
First Fridays - 7:00pm

Marriage Arrangements
Six months in advance; please call the office

Reconciliation

- English - Saturday 3:00 - 3:30pm
- Spanish & English - Sunday **4:30 - 5:00pm**
- By appointment

Nursery
Available during 9:00 am & 11:00 am Masses

Religious Education Classes

ROCK (1st-5th) Wednesday 6pm - 7:15pm
EDGE (6th-8th) Sunday 6pm - 8pm
LIFETEEN (9th-12th) Sunday 6pm - 8pm

Note: (*Confirmation Class incorporated into Lifeteen Classes)*

ADULT FAITH FORMATION (AFF)
Various dates and times check bulletin
RCIA (Children Grades 4 - 8) Wednesday 6pm - 7:15pm
RCIA (Teen Grades 9 - 12) Wednesday 6pm - 7:15pm
RCIA (Adult) Wednesday 6pm - 7:30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word (4-6 yrs. only)
Sundays during the 9:00 or 11:00am Mass.
No registration is required. The teacher will call the children to the front of the sanctuary before Mass begins, and they will return during the offertory.

St. Sylvester Parish Office

Phone: 850-939-3020
FAX: 850-936-5366
Website: www.stsylv.org
Email: saintsylv@stsylv.org
Bulletin Items: bulletin@stsylv.org
Hours: Monday - Thursday
9:00am to 2:00pm

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Sun. Nov 29	**9&11am**	**Sunday Masses**
	4:30pm	Reconciliation (Spanish & English)
	5pm	**Spanish Mass**
Mon. Nov 30	**8:30am**	**Daily Mass**
	6pm	Children's Choir Rehearsal
	7:30pm	Grupo Oracion
Tue. Dec 1	4pm	Pro-Life Group Leaders Meeting
	5pm	Pro-Life Group
	6pm	**Daily Mass**
	6:30pm	Edge Core Meeting
	6:30pm	Kof C Officers Meeting
	6:30p	Men's Rosary Fellowship
	7pm	St Vincent De Paul
Wed. Dec 2	**8:30am**	**Daily Mass**
	7pm	Choir Practice
Thu. Dec 3	9:30am	Lit'l Saints Play Group
	6pm	**Daily Mass**
	6:30pm	Kof C Council 13277
	6:30pm	Women of Grace
	7pm	Preparacion para Bautismo/Clases
Fri. Dec 4	**8:30am**	**Daily Mass**
	7pm	Eucharastic Adoration
Sat. Dec 5	8:30am	First Saturday Rosary
	9am	Breakfast with Santa
	10am	Columbiettes Board Meeting
	1pm	Advent Family Day
	3pm	Reconciliation (English)
	4pm	**Vigil Mass**
Sun. Dec 6	8:30am	First Sunday Rosary
	9&11am	**Sunday Masses**
	3pm	Childrens Choir Rehearsal
	3pm	St Vincent De Paul
	4:30pm	Reconciliation (Spanish & English)
	5pm	**Spanish Mass**

Mass Intentions

Sunday, November 29

9:00am † **Anthony J. Gallo** by the Pigoski Family
11:00am † **Roger & Debbie Gallan** by Ellen Stanley
5:00pm **For the Parish**

Monday, November 30

8:30am † **Pat Jones**
by Gulf Coast Widow & Widowers Group

Tuesday, December 1

6:00pm **Marlene Frye (healing)** by Joanne Mahoney

Wednesday, December 2

8:30am † **Pat Jones** by Louise Tolbert

Thursday, December 3

6:00pm † **Joseph Mahoney** by Joanne Mahoney

Friday, December 4

8:30am **Deacon Charles & Linda Sukup**
by George & Gerri Back

Saturday, December 5

4:00pm † **Pat Jones** by the Pigoski Family

Sunday, December 6

9:00am **For the Parish**
11:00am † **Paul O'Neil and** † **Pamela Swanson**
by Ellen Stanley
5:00pm † **Sergio Toval** by the Dale & Grimm Families

REFLECTION……...

Year C
First Sunday of Advent
The habit of Prayer

Readings:

Jeremiah 33: 14-16 (restoration of Jerusalem)
1 Thessalonians 3: 12-4:2 (plea for growth in holiness)
Gospel: **Luke 21: 25-28, 34-36**(coming of the son of man)

Key Passage: Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man. (Luke 21:36)

QUESTIONS?

Adult - What have been the strengths of your prayer life?

Child - What prayers will you say each day and each week during Advent?

For World Peace, For Christians in the Middle East and the Sick:

Diana Adams, Fred & Kathy Albertson, Zoe Allen, Roberta Anderson, Millie Bacher, Mary Ann Ballengee, Selena Barthe´, Kathy Benson, Beverly Blackwell, Dennis Boyce, Frank Brehm, Lanie Brewster, Mrs. Bill Carle, Bill Combs, Mike Cox, George & Lorraine Crepeau, Donald Crowley, Nancy Daniel, Bob Dasho, Louis Diaz, Paul Downey, Robert Dubin, Barbara Donahue, Ellie, David Fanchi, Ron Fontaine, Elsa Garcia, Luciano Giangiulio, Gill & Yari Gillikin, Sue Guthrie, Paul Hanson, Becky Howell, Jerry Hutchinson, Fay Johnson, Tom Kurtz, Gloria Larreamendy, Martha, Debbie Martin, Jackie Neville, Fr. Phi Nguyen, Sharon O'Neil, Ray Owens Jr., Dan Ramsey, J.P. Russell, Ben Salls, Ramona L Simon, Cathy Spoffard, Diane Watkins and Eric Watts

Please notify the Parish Office if someone is in need of prayer. Names will remain on the list for four weeks unless the office is notified.

Attention Prayer Warriors!!

In addition to our "Prayers for the Sick" listed above, the Columbiette's have an email Prayer Chain. We all know the **Power of Prayer**! If you are interested in joining this prayer chain please email Ellen Stanley at **ellenstanley2@gmail.com**.

You will be added to the email chain and will receive prayer requests to pray for family & friends during times of great challenges.

Readings for the Week

Mon. Nov 30	Rom 10:9-18	Mt 4:18-22
Tue. Dec 1	Is 11:1-10	Lk 10:21-24
Wed. Dec 2	Is 25:6-10a	Mt 15:29-37
Thu. Dec 3	Is 26:1-6	Mt 7:21, 24-27
Fri. Dec 4	Is 29:17-24	Mt 9:27-31
Sat Dec 5	Is 30:19-21, 23-26	Mt 9:35 -- 10:1, 5a, 6-8

Sunday, December 6
Bar 5:1-9
Phil 1:4-6, 8-11
Lk 3:1-6

This Week the Sanctuary Lamp above the Tabernacle burns in Loving Memory of:

The Deceased Members of the Kurtz Family

Save the Dates

FREE Concert!!

December 7th - 7:00pm

The Navarre High School Concert Choir will be giving a concert in our Church on Monday, December 7th at 7:00pm. This concert choir is an auditioned group, with the **top forty** 10th - 12th grade students in the choral program that consists of 230 students. These students received the prestigious "Choir of Distinction" award at the Choral State Music Performance Assessment in April of 2014.

The Concert Choir will be performing works by Haydn, Rachmaninoff, Faure, and Andre Thomas.

Support the youth of our community as they present this concert with a mixture of sacred and classical music.

Don't miss this cultural event!!

Family Advent Day

A Time for Watching & Waiting

As the holiday season approaches, many of us find ourselves caught up in pre-Christmas activities that may leave us exhausted rather than hopeful. Join other members of the parish as we reclaim the wonder and purpose of Advent and look at ways to keep the season filled with joyful expectation.

Family Advent Day will be in the afternoon of **Saturday, December 5th 1:30pm - 3pm**

See details and registration form in this weeks bulletin. Detach and return to the church office or place in offertory basket. Register by Monday November 30th.

Each week we highlight one of our bulletin sponsors. Because of these ads we are able to get our bulletins FREE. Please support these businesses. Our "sponsor of the week" is:

Support our sponsors!

Christmas Giving Trees

"Giving Trees" will be in the Parish Center the weekend of **November 28th and 29th**. Angels and Stars will be on the trees and the gifts will be due back preferably on **December 5th & 6th** but no later than the weekend of **December 12th & 13th**.

1) **Make sure you sign the Signup Sheet**
   Fill out the family number and the child's name/gender found on your Angel or Star tag. Include your phone number.

2) **If your child is 13 or older and still in school, he/she will receive a $35 gift certificate purchased by Caring & Sharing instead of gifts.**
   Write a check payable to Caring & Sharing. If available, amounts in access of $35 will be used for the general fund that provides socks, shoes and underwear certificates to the families. (We cannot accept gift certificates from other sources)

3) **DO NOT WRAP YOUR GIFTS!**
   Please provide gift wrap with your gifts so that the parents of the children can participate in wrapping the gifts for their children. Don't feel obligated to spend more than $35 per gift; however, any additional generosity is appreciated by all.

4) **Place your gift in a bag and firmly tape your Giving Tree tag on the outside of the bag.**
   Return Gifts and/or checks to the church on the weekend of December 5th & 6th.

A child will be happier this Christmas because of your generosity!!!

Breakfast with Santa

Save the Date for Breakfast with Santa on Saturday **December 5th from 9:00am-11:00am**.

Breakfast will be served at 9:00am followed by time for the children to meet with Santa.

See details & Registration form in this weeks bulletin. Register no later than Dec 2nd!

Knights of Columbus
2015 Calendar Drawings

Congratulations!!!

#17 - Irene Gerena

November 15th - 3rd Sunday of Month Drawing - $100

#191 - Ryan Johnson

11/22 - 4th Sunday of Month Drawing - $50

#110 - Ed Moore

11/26 - Thanksgiving Day Drawing - $50

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

Blue Christmas Mass

A "Blue Christmas Mass" will be offered for those who don't feel joyful during this holiday season. The Mass will be celebrated at St. Paul's Catholic Church on **Wednesday December 16th at 7:00pm**.

The holidays can be a very painful time of year for those grieving a loss, those who are alone, sick, experiencing financial difficulties or have difficult family relationships. The usual celebrations and expectations of the season can exacerbate feelings of depression and anxiety, contributing to further alienation. All are welcome to celebrate the true religious meaning of the season.

Sponsored by St. Paul Stephen Ministry

Rachel's Vineyard Retreat in Mobile, AL - December 4-6, 2015

The pain of abortion is real & not easily healed. Rachel's Vineyard offers hope, mercy, and compassion by combining Scripture reflection, Sacraments, and psychological principles to heal wounded hearts of mothers and fathers who have lost a child through abortion. If you or someone close to you is suffering, please prayerfully consider making this retreat. What better way to open yourself to the grace of the Holy Father's Year of Mercy? For more information, call or text Fr. Dan Good at (251) 610-1847 or Bridget Hannahan at (251) 421-4313 or email RachelsVineyardMobile@gmail.com. We protect & maintain confidentiality.

Society of St. Vincent de Paul

UPDATE

As we begin Advent, we are called to "wait" in joyful anticipation for the grace of Christmas to once again bless our lives. Whenever you live in our parish, there are poor families within walking distance of your home. When in need, they ring the rectory bell. They are, in effect, ringing your doorbell.

This holiday season we will be hosting a dinner and fellowship for teens, youth and families in need of holiday cheer, to a celebration of Christmas on December 6th. It will be held in the Parish Center from 4-6pm.

Your gift to St. Vincent de Paul will help the poor celebrate the grace of God's love this Christmas.

If you or someone you know is in need, please call 850-516-8927.

The Navarre Pregnancy Help Center is now named:

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CENTER.

This resource center operates as a stand-alone pregnancy center in Navarre. The address is the same:

Harvest Village
7552 Navarre Parkway **Suite 6**
Navarre, Florida 32566
850-776-7565
New email address: prcofnavarre@yahoo.com

Calling all Men of the Diocese!!

All men of the Diocese are called to come together on Saturday December 12th for prayer, fellowship, and study on our call to live as Catholic Men in our world today. Open to men 18 years and up; fathers are welcomed to bring their son's.

Location: Our Lady of Victory Catholic Church; Crestview, FL Time: 8am - 12pm

Contact Tom Pileggi at 450-9695
To plan accordingly, RSVP by December 10th

Advent
A time of watching and waiting

Who: All people of the parish

What: A fun dynamic workshop designed to teach and explore practical ways to help individuals of all ages, families, and the St. Sylvester Community. We will come together to share faith and learn how to make the most of Advent through prayer, reflection and acts of caring for others

Where: At the Parish Center

When: Saturday, December 5th 1:30 - 3:30pm

Please RSVP by Monday, Nov30th to ensure we have sufficient supplies for the activities .

Please detach and return to the office or place in the offertory basket

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FAMILY NAME: _____

Gather in my Name

Please Provide Names & Ages of all family members.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____

Breakfast with Santa Claus

Don't Miss This Exciting Event!

Who: All Children Ages 0-10 and their parents

What: Come Visit, Have a Free Pancake Breakfast, Sit on Santa's Lap and have your Picture Taken

Where: Saint Sylvester Parish Center

When: Saturday, December 5th, 9:00 - 11:00am

Sponsored by the High & Middle School Youth

DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING EVENT!!

PLEASE RETURN REGISTRATION NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 2ND

Breakfast with Santa Claus

Family Name: _____

Ages: _____

Number Attending in Family: _____

Place the bottom of this form in the Collection Basket during Mass, Return it to the Parish Office or Give it to your R.O.C.K. Teacher.

NOTICIAS PARROQUIALES

Sacramentos y Servicios

Unción de los enfermos: Llamar a las oficinas de la parroquia 850-939-3020.
Clases para la Preparación del Bautismo: 1º y 2º jueves de cada mes a las 7:00 pm. Registrarse primero con Mayra Lucero 850-797-0256 de lunes a jueves de 9:00 am a 2:00 pm.
Matrimonio: Con seis meses de anticipación. Favor llamar a las oficinas de la parroquia para una cita
Reconciliación o Confesión: Domingos de 4:30 pm a 5:00pm

Para cualquier información puede comunicarse con Consuelo Floyd 850-499-9811

Clases Educación Religiosa (en inglés)

ROCK (1-5 grado) Miércoles 6 pm-7:15 pm
EDGE (6-8 grado) Domingo 6 pm-8 pm
LIFETEEN (9-12 grado) Domingo 6 pm-8 pm
RCIA (Grades 4-8) Miércoles 6 pm-7:15 pm
(Grades 9-12) Miércoles 6pm - 7:15pm

Formación

2º Martes de cada mes Salón de conferencias # 2 a las 7:30 pm

Ministerios

Grupo de Tercera Edad : 3er martes de c/mes 3:00 pm Activity Center Salón 204
Pastoral de parejas: último viernes de cada mes 7:30 pm Activity Center Salón Conferencias # 2
Grupo de Oración: Lunes 7:30 pm Activity Center Salón 204

Reunión de Consejo Pastoral del Ministerio Hispano: Padre Alvaro invita a todos los líderes el

19 de diciembre

St Joseph the Worker Parish
1664 Main Street, Chipley, FL
Favor confirmar asistencia con
Consuelo Floyd

Paquete o estuche para las personas sin un techo
Ayúdanos a apoyar el proyecto de servicio para el programa de jóvenes llamado Lifeteen de nuestra parroquia. Se reciben artículos de higiene tamaño personal, baterías de todo tamaño, medias para adultos, sombreros, guantes y mitones. Pueden depositarlos en los recipientes ubicados en el centro parroquial o en la oficina del programa de jóvenes a mas tardar el **6 de diciembre**.

¡Gracias por apoyar los programas de los jóvenes de nuestra parroquia!

Sociedad de San Vicente de Paul

¡Nuestro sueño de tener un Consejo en nuestra Parroquia se ha hecho realidad! Ya tenemos 28 miembros activos y asociados dispuestos a recorrer el camino espiritual. Es una organización Católica Internacional de Laicos, con gran trayectoria en la asistencia social y humana en el mundo, integrada por voluntarios, mujeres y hombres, que se dedican a la ayuda personal de quienes tienen cualquier tipo de carencia. Abrazar el mundo en una red de caridad fue la ambición de un grupo de jóvenes que el 23 de abril de 1833. Si conoces a alguien quien esté enfrentando dificultades favor llamar al **850-516-8927** o a Consuelo Floyd al **850-499-9811** si desea hacerlo en español.

Rosarios a la Virgen de Guadalupe: El grupo de Oración invita a tener un encuentro con María en los siguientes hogares de nuestra comunidad del 4-12 de diciembre a las 7:00 pm:

DIC 4 **Juana Cervantes**
940 Carlos Dr
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

DIC 5 **Amelia Rivalba**
407 Yancey St
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32542

DIC 6 **Elvira Simon**
102 Dolphin Rd
Mary Esther, FL 32569

DIC 7 **Esthela Reyes**
2008 Avenida del Sol
Navarre, FL 32566

DIC 8 **Yari Nucci**
2732 Avenida de Soto
Navarre, FL 32566

DIC 9 **Paloma Alvarado**
8518 Laredo St
Navarre, FL 32566

DIC 10 **Yesenia Reyes**
8281 Lucena St
Navarre, FL 32566

DIC 11 **Esperanza Meraz**
2409 Panhandle Tr
Navarre, Fl 32566

DIC12 **María de Jesus Campos**
3241 Bob Tolbert
Navarre, FL 32566

"Maria es siempre el camino que conduce a Cristo"
(Pablo VI)

Diocese of Pensacola-Tallahassee

30th Annual Diocesan Youth Conference

Jan. 29-31, 2016 - Panama City Beach

Keynote Speaker
Ansel Augustine

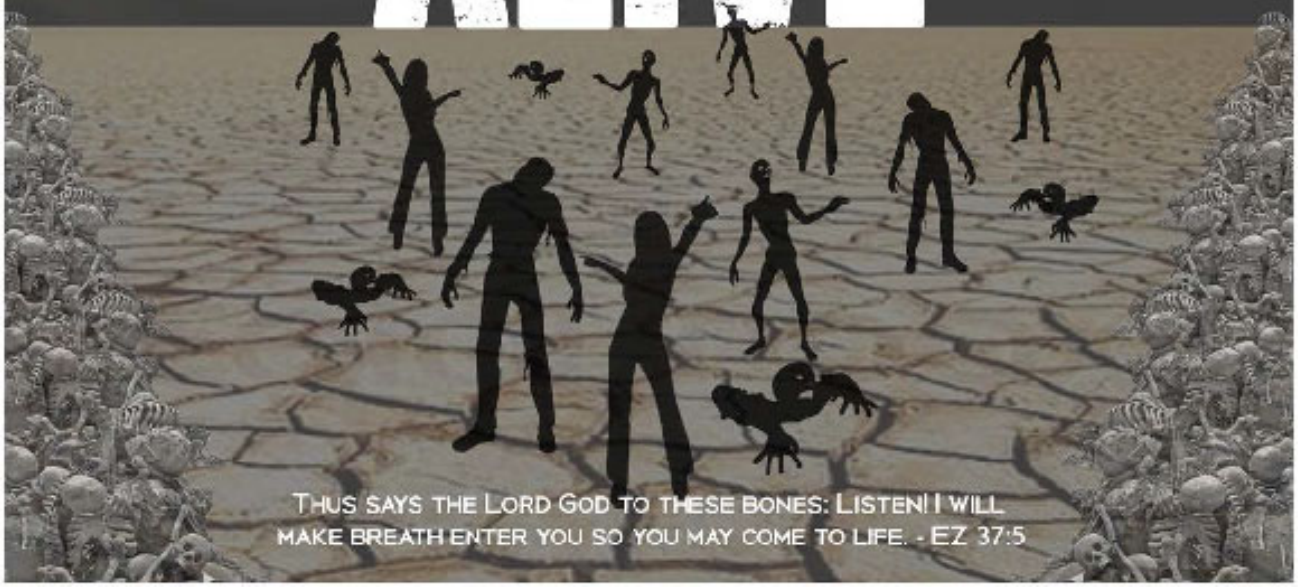
Music with
Out of Darkness

All teens in 9th – 12th grades are invited to join with other teens in the Pensacola-Tallahassee Diocese for a weekend of fellowship, prayer, worship, music, and fun!

Cost: approx. $220/person (depending on total number of attendees). Fee will cover bus transportation, lodging, conference t-shirt, all meals, concert, and activities. $100 deposit with registration form must be received in Youth Office by Nov 30th. Partial scholarships available.

Please contact Nancy Barrett – youth@stsylv.org or 575-491-1460 for more information.

ALIVE



Thus says the Lord God to these bones: Listen! I will make breath enter you so you may come to life. - Ez 37:5