

# FATHER BERNARD YOUTH CENTER



SEASONAL NEWSLETTER

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## THE JOURNEY OF ADVENT

SR. JEANINE TISOT, RSM, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

*"(God) spoke to Joseph in a dream. What does Joseph's experience of God tell us? It tells you that God expects you to try your best to **solve the problems that life presents**. You are to do this by **prayer and consultation**. After you do that, **God will help you to decide what needs to be done.**"*

*~Fr. Bernard Sander, OSB*

*December 1986 Homily*



Advent is usually considered a time of waiting or a time of "prayer and consultation" as Fr. Bernard once said. Although **we are waiting**, this is **not a passive waiting**; a time to 'do nothing', waiting for God to intervene or inspire or give us the experience of consolation.

We are waiting, praying, **and** taking action. While we patiently wait on some projects, we are taking action where we can by **creating new ways** to connect with young people and families, improving hospitality offerings, and making plans for our future.

The Board of Directors is taking time to **prayerfully reflect** on our mission and purpose, finding the balance between what Fr. Bernard and Tony Morris originally envisioned, while **meeting today's needs**.

You may be aware that the property that our building resides on, is for sale. As we wait for more information on what this means for our center, we are changing, growing, and eagerly anticipating our dream of newly renovated retreat space and new dorm space. We dream of establishing an endowment to ensure the financial security of our ministry, and to strengthen our annual giving.

***We humbly ask for your continued support to carry out Fr. Bernard's mission, and help make these dreams a reality. Please connect with us with any questions, feedback, or to share your support for FBYC.***

May God bless you and yours during this time of waiting, of taking action, of Advent.

**Thank you for your Support. You make the difference!**

*S. Jeanine*

**EXCITING UPDATES INSIDE!**



# OUR JOURNEY CONTINUES...

## PLANTING SEEDS OF FAITH

ANNUAL FUNDRAISING DINNER & AUCTION

**SAVE THE DATE! APRIL 1, 2023!**



**Join us for great fun and company! Dinner Catered by Zest!  
Invitations & ticket sale information will be available soon!**

**NEW Sponsor options and increased advertisement**

[fbyc.info/dinner-and-auction](https://fbyc.info/dinner-and-auction)

[jenny@fbyc.info](mailto:jenny@fbyc.info)

503-845-5443

## FBYC RETREAT CENTER



Our retreat guests have had profound experiences in our chapel & retreat space. Our retreat calendar is quite full! Please let us know how we can better serve YOU!

### RECENT RETREAT GROUPS:

OSU Newman Center  
Chesterton Academy  
San Juan Diego  
Regis Catholic School  
Blanchet Catholic School  
Our Lady of the Lake  
Shalom World Retreat  
ACTS Retreats  
Missionaries of Mary Immaculate  
St. Pius  
Mt. Angel Catholic Homeschool Co-Op

**Have you visited FBYC?**  
**Take 3 minutes to tell us**  
**YOUR story!**



**We appreciate your feedback**



# MINISTRY UPDATES

## NEW OFFERINGS AND MORE TO COME!

### NEW PROGRAMS OFFERED:

**FBYC Kids' Club** - Grades K to 5th, Tuesdays, 3-5pm

**Family Faith Night** - 1st Sunday, 5pm

**"Mom"osa Mondays** - 9am-10:30am

### COMING SOON:

**Teen Night**

**Mother/Daughter Prayer & Painting**

**Natural Family Planning Classes**

**Freezer Meal Prep**

**Christmas Break Youth Day Camp**



Reach out to our **NEW Ministry Coordinator** to learn more, to register, or to volunteer!

**Meghan Bischoff 503-845-5440 or [Meghan@fbyc.info](mailto:Meghan@fbyc.info)**

## PERSONAL WAYS TO GIVE

*FBYC is unique for many reasons and remains true to the mission of strengthening our Faith Community. Here are ways YOU can support our work:*

- **Make a Donation** using the envelope included, or donate online [www.fbyc.info/donate-now](http://www.fbyc.info/donate-now)
- **Charitable IRA** rollover enables donors age 72+ to make a tax-free gift directly from your IRA
- Consider donating **stocks or other appreciated assets**; or naming **FBYC as a beneficiary** of a life-insurance policy. Contact Sr. Jeanine at [sr.jeanine@fbyc.info](mailto:sr.jeanine@fbyc.info) or 503-845-5443
- **Attend the April 1st FBYC Auction-** Fill a table with family & friends; **donate** unique gifts or experiences; or **Sponsor** the event. Contact Jenny at [jenny@fbyc.info](mailto:jenny@fbyc.info) or 503-845-5443
- Offer to **Share your Talents** for making repairs or improvements to the center!
- Remember **The Power of Prayer!**

**ALL SUPPORT IS APPRECIATED. MANY THANKS TO ALL DONORS!**

# HOPE ~ LOVE ~ JOY ~ PEACE

## MEET THE FBYC TEAM

Our new staff is committed to providing the best experience and services, by increasing our hospitality and ministry offerings.

**Sister Jeanine Tisot** ensures the FBYC is prepared for challenges and opportunities to further our mission, as our Executive Director.

**Meghan Bischoff** plans engaging and faith-based opportunities to help foster relationships with Christ, as our Ministry Coordinator.

**Jenny Aker** coordinates fundraising and sustainability efforts that further support FBYC, as our Development Coordinator.

**Amanda Helling** welcomes and serves the needs of guests utilizing our center, as our Hospitality Coordinator.



Visit [www.fbyc.info/staff](http://www.fbyc.info/staff) to learn more

## MEMORIAL MASS RETURNS

A beautiful Mass was celebrated **November 4, 2022**, in the St. Anthony Chapel. Fr. Peter presided; students from Chesterton Academy were lector and servers. The faithful departed were remembered in prayer. A beautiful remembrance of family, friends, and benefactors, in the presence of young people and the FBYC community. Thank you to Chesterton Academy, Fr. Peter & all who were able to share in this event.



## To Our FBYC Community

*We hope you have had an opportunity visit us at FBYC to gather, worship, pray, hope, connect or discover. Visit us today!*

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please email: [jaker@fbyc.info](mailto:jaker@fbyc.info)

## FBYC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

FBYC is an independent nonprofit solely governed by a volunteer board of directors. We are blessed to have these men and women who dedicate their time, talent and treasure to ensure our mission to youth is being fulfilled and our financial future is sound. We are so very thankful.

## CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS

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