

The biggest problem with the youth at Saint Anne.....

They won't stop growing up!

In the Gospel According to Matthew we are told that the children were brought to Jesus so that He might lay hands on them and pray for them. The disciples attempted to keep this from happening, but Jesus stopped them and commanded that the children be brought to Him (Matthew 19:13-15). We have a stained-glass window pair representing this in the Nave on the righthand wall.

The dozens of youth that have come through our doors the past 30 years have all made an impact on us in many ways. How a newborn baby reminds us of the birth of Jesus and the miracle of life itself. A baptism helps us refresh our own baptismal vows. Seeing the bible stories through a child's eyes. Hearing teenagers talk about their experiences at summer bible camp or a cross country pilgrimage.

One impact I'd like to share with you is a very visible and lasting one you can see for yourself. Take a walk around our property and look for these projects which were led by youth members of Saint Anne.

???? Peden - Girl Scout Gold Award Project – Cleared the area for the St. Francis outdoor chapel and added benches, cross, and altar.

2008 Alec Bergerson – Eagle Scout Project– Put down white rock in the outdoor chapel and the path through the trees so it wouldn't be muddy.

2010 John Rogers – Eagle Scout Project - Extended the white rock path from the tree line to parking lot, repaired the benches in the chapel area and added signage.

2011 Aiden Wright – Eagle Scout Project – Installed the brick labyrinth in the grassy area south of the office building.

2014 Jeep Wentch – Eagle Scout Project – repainted the outdoor trellises on the south side of the ministry building.

2014 Noah Bergerson – Eagle Scout Project -Added curved benches, stone scriptures and signage to the labyrinth.

Labyrinth Trivia: A labyrinth is NOT a maze. It is the exact opposite. There is only one path in, and one path out. There is no right or wrong way to walk a labyrinth. Some people walk with the intention of addressing an issue in their lives, others to pray and meditate. Some people just enjoy the outdoor solitude and watching the bunnies nibble the grass around them.

