



MR. PEACE

Kevin Szawala, or 'Mr. Peace', is a motivational speaker, youth minister, spoken word poet, hip-hop artist, peace activist, visionary & friend. Born in Detroit, he moved to his hometown of South Lyon when he was five. He is a graduate of South Lyon High School (Class of '03), the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor, with Bachelor of Arts degrees in Economics, Spanish & Global Change, as well as Wayne State University (Detroit) where he has his Master of Business Administration (focus in Marketing & Entrepreneurial Management). Employed in the Auto Industry for 5 years after college, he found his greater passion in working with youth.

Szawala is the founder of "Being Who I Want 2 Be, LLC", a motivational speaking forum started in 2006 & designed to help at-risk youth, ranging from elementary age students to young adults. So far his message has reached over 500,000 people nationwide including the following states: California, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan & Ohio.

Previously at St. Joseph's in South Lyon & St. James in Novi serving as Youth Minister at both churches, he is currently in charge of the middle/high school & young adult programs as Director of Youth Ministry at St. Mary's (Our Lady of the Snows) Parish in Milford, Michigan.

Mr. Peace resides in Commerce Twp (MI) & in his spare time loves to kayak, bike, travel, read, learn, create inspirational music & videos, write poetry, play basketball & spend time with those who matter most, especially his beautiful wife Samantha & their 3 "furry kids" (dogs) Bear, Kiki & Morello.

For more info. visit his main website at: www.mrpeace.org

ST. MARY'S YOUTH MINISTRY

SERVICE.
PRAYER.
FAITH.
FUN.



WELCOME ST. MARY'S YOUTH!

We offer a comprehensive ministry program for middle & high school students, which includes a wide range of opportunities such as Youth Group, Youth Mass, After-School Programs, "Faith & Fun" Nights, Service Projects, Social Events, Retreats, Mission Trips & MORE!

We know the pain that so many young people struggle with on a daily basis & that the only true way to permanently fill those feelings of emptiness, inadequacy & hurt is to replace them with a deep-founded relationship with our Lord and Savior, Christ Jesus. None of us are perfect, but a lot of us pretend to be. It takes so much energy to be someone you're not. Know that you can take off the mask, get real & just be yourself with others your age here at St. Mary's where we love you unconditionally for who you are within. We have the effort, but God has the outcome! We can love, but only He can change!

WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN US!

YOUTH GROUP

Youth Group is open to students Grades 9-12. It's a great way to leave some of the stress of life behind for a couple of hours each week by spending time with friends, playing "Minute to Win It" games, doing icebreakers, sharing in a faith lesson with each other & making sure to allow for plenty of free time!

YOUTH MASS

Each month students who have been Confirmed are invited to participate in a special mass as Altar Servers, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Musicians, Singers or Ushers. This mass, in conjunction with New Covenant Choir is an excellent way to worship the Lord & it's a powerful display of your faith to the greater Church community! Further, those youth who are not confirmed yet & in Grades 6-12, are still encourage to come & sit together in unity with each other.

AFTER-SCHOOL PROGRAMS

Students (Grades 6-12) can attend "Breathing Space" each week, which takes place after school hours during the school year. It's an opportunity to just let loose. During this time, students can do homework, have fun inside & outside (i.e., ultimate frisbee, soccer, 9 square in the air, basketball, nerf wars, play video games, etc.) or just come to hang out with friends!

"FAITH & FUN" NIGHTS

We offer a monthly ministry program for students (Grades 6-8) called "Faith & Fun" Nights on Saturdays after Mass which include: Free Time, Open Gym, Meal, Music, "Minute To Win It" Games, 9 Square In The Air, Basketball, Volleyball, Dodgeball, Gaga Ball, Ping Pong, Life-Size Jenga, Video Games, Prizes & Christ-Centered Talks.

SERVICE PROJECTS

At least once a month we take part in "Service Saturdays" where we go around helping those less fortunate & who may need extra support. So far we have assisted in feeding & clothing the homeless, performing random acts of kindness in the community, caroling at nursing homes, helping at outreach centers & the list continues to grow!

SOCIAL EVENTS

Once a month we have at least one fun-filled event off site that brings us closer together in friendship. So far together we have experienced Beach Fun Days, Bowling, Bubble Soccer, Cedar Point, Fowling, Ice Skating, Glow-in-the-Dark Golf, Go Karts, Laser Tag, High Ropes, Sky Zone, Sports Games, Water Parks, Whirlyball & Zip Lining to name a few!

RETREATS

Along with the annual Rainbow & Mission Retreats, we have a fall and a spring overnight retreat each year for students (Grades 9-12) that are lock-in style in nature. They're awesome opportunities for bonding with one another as we take part in prayer, discussions, service & fun to encourage, empower, uplift, refresh & unite our Spirits!

MISSION TRIPS

Similar to Retreats, there's a week long trip we take every summer to one of the Appalachian states to strengthen our faith in Christ. Along with several local "Service Blitz's" throughout the year (i.e., Detroit, Flint, Home, etc.) the one out-of-state mission experience allows us to work with fellow Christians from across the country & in turn aid those in need & make a difference!

Please remember, you & any of your friends from any walk of life are welcome! For more information or how to get involved contact Kevin Szawala (Mr. Peace) at:

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ALL ARE WELCOME!