

## Fundraiser Ideas

(this list was written by a local parish DRE)

- **Amore dinner:** can do free will donation or have a set fee for each adult/child
- **"Scholarships":** Money left over from other fundraisers allows scholarships to be awarded to youth for camp or other events. Older students are encouraged to pray for one of the younger students while they are at camp to serve as a spiritual sponsor.
- **Mardi Gras Carnival:** Kids attending camp and their parents worked our annual Mardi Gras kids carnival and we split the proceeds among each of those who worked.
  - A parish wouldn't have to re-create this carnival but could take something the parish already does and involve the kids who want to attend camp.
- **Work Day:** In spring, youth advertised their services for any work someone needed done, especially the elderly, in exchange for any donation they cared to make. We encouraged parishioners who didn't need anything to donate in exchange for us working for someone else who they knew needed help.
- **Card making:** youth decorate cards for Mother's Day, Father's Day, Easter, etc. and sell them for \$2 or in sets of 5 for \$10. Some had quotes from various Saints, Bible verses, etc. This is something even the youngest could do with help from their parents.
- **Social after Mass:** Coffee & cinnamon rolls once a month after Mass. One month the kids and their families help with coffee & rolls & the proceeds get put into their camp fund and split evenly among those who worked.
- **Booths after Mass:** If we are doing Amore Dinner sign-ups or selling cards, I'll have it announced after Mass, so people come back and contribute. If anyone signs up and you are working the table that day, you get their reservations. If you brought your cards to sell, you get the money toward your camp. This allows for last-minute sign-ups or kids who say, "I don't know who to ask," to have access to those people in the parish who will support anything kid related.
- **Date Night:** Host a nice date night for couples with dinner, dessert, and a good Catholic talk or entertainment. Youth volunteer to serve the dinner or babysit the couple's children at the parish. A percentage of the fee couple's pay helps offset the cost for any student who worked it.
- **Generous parishioners:** We have had several generous parishioners ask me to let them know if anyone needs more money for camp. They write a check for whatever I say we need or if they know the story and it is a kid for whom money is tight, they often just say they will cover camp/the trip for that child so the family knows up front they don't have to worry about it. This is rare but has miraculously happened when a child needs it the most

