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Kids come from across the diocese to attend the

Junior High Youth Rally

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They came from all over the diocese, 220 junior high students and 60 adults and youth council members from Elkhart, Sharon, Marienthal -- a bus load from Ellinwood -- and many points in between.

They gathered in the Cathedral of Our Lady of Guadalupe for a day of fun and praise at the annual Junior High School Youth Rally, Oct. 12.

They started the day with Mass celebrated by Father Ted Skalsky, during which they were recognized in front of the congregation.



After Mass, the youth council presented a skit (below) in which Christ is depicted receiving emergency treatment. Off to the side, youth were tempted to engage in unhealthy activities, which made Christ's health worsen. Only when they chose healthy behavior did Christ rise up off the table.

Oddwalk Ministries (AKA Shannon Cerneka and Orin Johnson) then got the kids dancing, singing, howling with laughter -- and learning some serious lessons about faith.



"I was extremely pleased," said Director of Youth Ministry, Steven Polley. "Oddwalk did a great job. I was excited with the kids and the energy that was all a part of the day."





