The Dec 19th readings were focused on "barren women" - in the book Judges we heard of Samson's birth and in Luke we celebrate Elizabeth's conception of John.

And of course this lovely time of year - we focus on the birth of Jesus.

Babies are fantastic. They bring families and friends together... even the ones you don't want, they still manage to find their way to your house and then over stay their welcome.... b/c your reality is that you've been up all night w/ the new baby and your kinda just sick and tired of everyone anyway.... but I digress.

As babies unite and warm families together - so should the youth in our parish communities. Our youth should not be "another program" that occurs in your church - they should be THE rallying point for all ministries to gather around.