



Warning: Movie spoiler alert!

X-Men: Days of Future Past

1. The fictional X-Men are people who were born mutants, that is, different from everyone else because they possess an x-gene that other humans lack due to radiation exposure. This gene gives them special powers. Professor Xavier wants to train the X-Men to do good for humanity, while Magneto trains others to be adversaries and control humanity. In our faith life, what are the powers we have or can develop to be heroes? (Hint: Look up the word virtue and make a list of as many virtues as you can think of.)
2. In the universe of comic book characters the conflict is always between the authors' or filmmakers' ideas of the fight between good and evil, light and dark. Work together in small groups to create a storyboard universe where the conflict is choosing between right and wrong, and the characters are forbidden, indeed unable, to use violence to resolve differences. When you share your stories, observe which means of peaceful non-violence are used to resolve conflict.
3. Wolverine makes great personal sacrifices in the film. Some of his actions resemble those of Jesus. Although he is flawed, people who study cinema call a character like Wolverine a "Christ-figure." (He would be a "Jesus-figure" if he were actually playing Jesus.) What are the results of Wolverine's sacrifices in the film?
4. Our comic book culture tells stories about heroes or villains who make choices to do good or evil. Theirs are very simplistic, black-and-white worlds. Catholic teaching tells us we are free to choose good, or between what is good and what is better, because to choose evil is always wrong—even if it seems like it is for a good reason. Read and reflect on the life of your patron or favorite saint and the choices he or she made in life. How did he or she become saints—that is, faithful followers of Jesus? Write about him or her here or on a separate piece of paper.
5. Do you agree with Sister Rose's review of *X-Men: Days of Future Past*? If your opinion is different, or if Sister Rose forgot something important, write your own review here: