



HOLY CROSS HERALD

Fr. Anthony Ernst, Pastor
Fr. Ambrose Wanyoni, Parochial Vicar

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Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you doing well. Hopefully you have marked your calendar to attend our upcoming parish mission with Father Tyler Tenbarger. This will be held at Holy Cross Church February 24-26 at 6:30 p.m. each evening. He will be focusing on family life, something important to all of us.

You may have read about this in the bulletin, but I wanted to share some exciting news about a new opportunity in our parishes. It is called FORMED.

FORMED is an amazing digital platform that gives our parishes unprecedented, unlimited access to video-based study programs, feature films, audio presentations, and eBooks from the Church's foremost presenters like Bishop Barron, Dr. Scott Hahn, Venerable Fulton Sheen, Fr. Michael Gaitley, Dr. Tim Gray, Mother Teresa, Dr. Edward Sri, Jason & Crystalina Evert, Steven Ray, Jeff Cavins, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Leah Darrow, Dr. Peter Kreeft and many more.

FORMED also gives us the ability to form small study groups easily and on your own time schedules. You can watch videos, listen to audios or read eBooks from your mobile devices. There are materials available for all ages, young and old.

FORMED offers a Liturgical Calendar that gives you highlights for the month for what to watch and listen to. Another really nice feature is that you can prepare for Sunday Mass by watching an insightful five-minute video by renowned Catholic Teachers.

Another idea... You can enjoy a movie with your family that is both nourishing to your Catholic faith and entertaining. You can also enrich your marriage with the award winning video series called Beloved: Finding Happiness in Marriage. These videos offer insights to help strengthen your marriage and family life.

FORMED also offers some great Lenten reflections. You can experience the Catholic Faith in a whole new way by journeying through Lent with Dr. Tim Gray. Visit lent.formed.org to sign up.

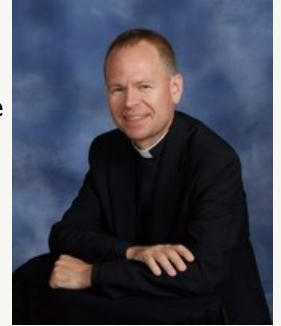
We are planning to do a parish wide Lenten study through FORMED. This particular study is called: Into the Desert. It is a six-week study with each episode lasting about 30 minutes. I hope you will take the time each week of Lent to share in this study. It will help all of us go into the desert with Jesus and come out renewed for the joys of Easter.

As you can see, FORMED has so much to offer. We live in such an electronic age, which brings many challenges to our lives. FORMED gives us a chance to use our electronics for something good – growth in our Catholic faith. What a blessing!

If you would have any questions about FORMED or need assistance setting up your electronic device, please contact Laura Goedde at lgoedde@evdio.org or 812-768-6457. I hope and pray you will tap into the resources and enhance your Catholic faith. Have a blessed Lenten and Easter Season.

Love in Christ,

Father Tony

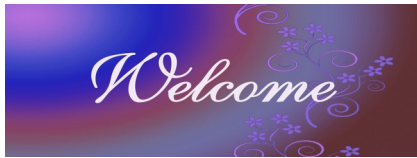


PARISH NEWS

NEW PARISHIONERS

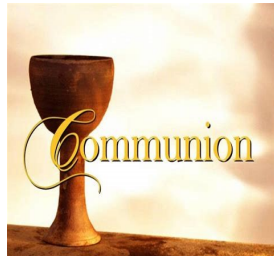
Welcome to our newest Holy Cross members. If you get the chance to greet these people at church, use the opportunity to show them true Christian fellowship, and tell them how much we appreciate them coming into our church family.

Marie Williams is new to Holy Cross. She lives in Fort Branch.



HOME COMMUNION

Eucharistic Ministers take Communion to the homebound on Friday mornings. If you have had a recent surgery, a hospital stay or are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion, please contact the parish office by Thursday afternoon.



WEBSITES

Check out our websites for the church and school. There you will find our Bulletin, Parish Calendar, Mass Schedules, school info and much more. Please contact Peg Hall at hallfamily@ieee.org

Our website pages are:

Parish: www.holycrossparish.info

School: www.holycrossparish.info/holy-cross-school

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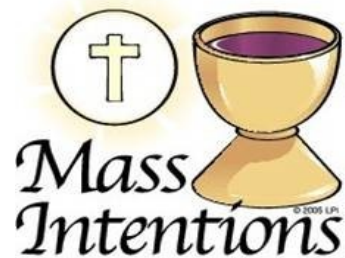
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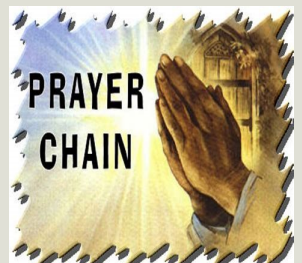
2019 MASS INTENTIONS

The parish office is scheduling Mass Intentions for 2019. Masses for 2020 will be available to schedule in March. You may schedule up to 3 Mass Intentions per year for a particular person. One weekend and two week day.



Prayer Chain—Please Pray for the Sick & Suffering

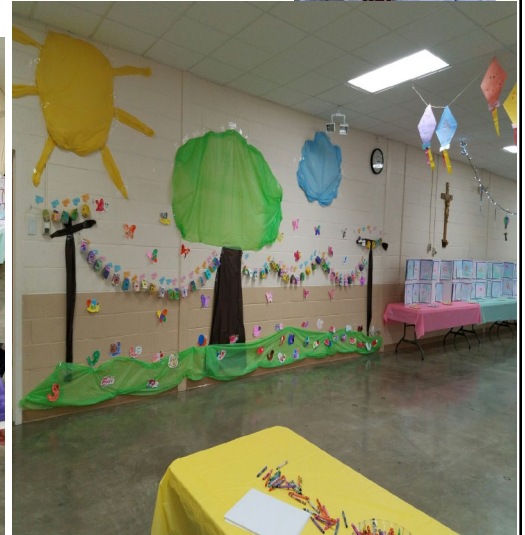
To add someone to the prayer chain or become a part of the chain, please contact Phyllis Schmits at 812-615-5141 or call the parish Office at 812-753-3548. Please contact the parish office if you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or nursing home, or if you would like to receive the anointing of the sick so that we may notify Father Tony or Father Ambrose.



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL NEWS

John Hollis, Principal

I love when I'm reminded how the first Catholic schools began. Catholic schools were started by a group of nuns. These sisters saw the best way to educate a child. The sisters wanted to team with parents to provide the best educational opportunity for the children. This education was not limited to academics. Religion was also a centerpiece of the education the children would receive. The child would be educated spiritually, socially, and academically. Being the kind of person who doesn't like change, I am proud to say that Holy Cross to this day instills these same beliefs. We still team with parents to provide the best education for our children.



PRE SCHOOL & PRE KINDERGARTEN

The Pre-K classes at Crusader Academy have been working hard for weeks preparing for their fantastic art show!! The students created wonderful pieces of art to share with their families and friends, and they got to enjoy a scavenger hunt full of candy and prizes around Holy Cross School. They were able to meet all the teachers and visit with Mr. Hollis! What a wonderful evening this was!



FIRST GRADE We have been very busy this semester, but are getting a little tired of indoor recesses!!

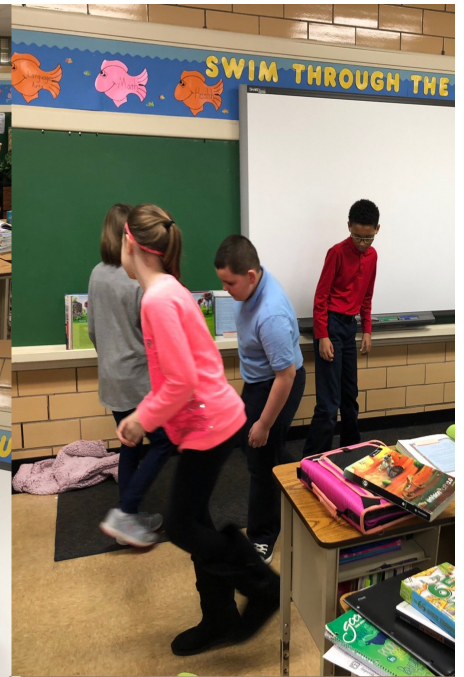
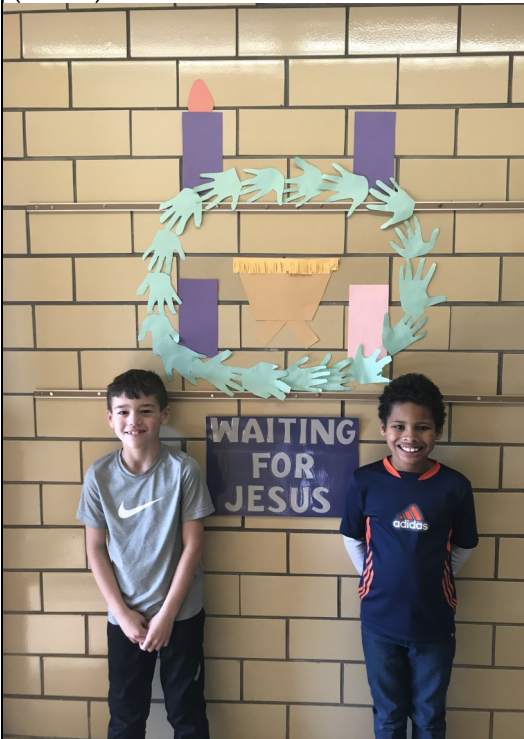
School News Continued.....

The Third Grade is Celebrating Advent!



The Fourth Grade has been learning about dramas in reading class. They've been working on acting some drama out for each other.
(Below)

The Second Grade are celebrating 100 days! (above)
Malachi Nelson and Marcus Mason are counting down the weeks of Advent.
(Below)



A Note from our Parish Manager

In several past newsletter articles I've discussed about breaking everything down into four major categories. 1). Operations – the overall running of our Parishes day to day, scheduling: 2). Fi-Accounting – budgeting, systems, account management, reporting, processes: 3). Audit/Compliance/Controls – committee bylaws, cash management, processes: 4). Strategic & Long Term Planning – three to five year plan looking forward.

Most of what I've discussed in past articles has been about items that cross all three linked parishes. Many items between the three linked parishes that are the same can be shared in order to increase efficiencies, such as the Ministry Scheduler Pro application that we implemented last year and is now in use at all three parishes. There are other items say for example cash controls for Sunday collection, these controls don't all need to be exactly the same for each parish as long as they meet guidelines for what is deemed necessary to be considered an effective control, which in turn is protection for our staffs, volunteers and parish.

Here is how I use and look at efficiencies in my position. So we currently have scrip programs at all three parishes, when I look at the policies and procedures at each individual parish to manage the scrip programs, during review of each parish program I might identify items at one parish that could be a benefit for one or both of the other parishes and help them improve the running of their program. This allows us to make changes to each program without having to rewrite policies and procedures entirely from scratch.

Over the next several newsletters, I'm going to take the four major categories from above and explain to you how in each of these four areas we've made some progress and improvements on different items and how each parish either has or will see some benefit.

If you have an idea or thought that you'd like to share or discuss with me, you can send me an email at chopf@evdio.org or call me at 812-768-6457.

Thanks,





Results of Dave Ramsey's FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY Class, Fall 2018

We concluded our last class of Financial Peace University (FPU) last October. Jason Rainey and Greg Kissel were honored to have 14 people attend the first FPU offered with our joint parishes. FPU is a nine week program that discusses our relationship with money and how it impacts our lives, both positively and negatively. Many subjects were presented, including budgeting, debt, purchasing and paying for our home, and planning for our futures, to name a few.

The program was very well received and we wanted to let our parishioners know what the participants got out of the program. Here are several comments that our graduates made on the last class of FPU.

"The class taught us a lot about how we should try to plan our future. The tools we learned have helped us feel better about where we are going and future expenses. We want to pay cash for big purchases from now on."

"This class has impacted our lives and we have made a 180 degree switch into a better direction. No more will we ever go into debt again. We will always budget and cash flow any expense thrown at us. We are now more secure and peaceful with our financial situation and feel we are stepping into a positive direction thanks to FPU."

"This class helped us stick to a budget for the first time. We had previously read "The Total Money Makeover", but weren't actively working the baby steps. I feel like we have concrete plans for our money for the first time."

"This class has really helped me feel comfortable about money in a long time. I always got the worst pit in my stomach anytime I wanted to bring it up with my husband. This is not the case anymore. I look forward to our financial future now when before feared it."

For me, being a college student about to start in the "real world", it has given me a much deeper understanding of how to prepare and where to put my money to be successful in the future. It has taught me the importance of budgeting and the order to build wealth. I am looking forward to applying these concepts to my future."

"This class made us more aware of our spending habits and given us some ideas for saving in the future. The biggest take-away from this class was how to go about buying a house. We learned it may be a good idea to rent and continue saving for a larger down-payment."

We are so proud of our FPU graduates and thank them for having the faith to turn their financial lives around and make their futures even stronger. It also was inspiring to see our couples growing together in their financial and marital lives.

We are investigating the possibility of having an FPU class this spring. If you are interested in making a positive change in your financial lives, please call Sts. Peter and Paul Parish office at 812-768-6457 and get your name on the list.

ST. MARIA GORETTI YOUTH NEWS *By: Bryan Macke*



In the last couple months we've had 2 high school events that really stand out: the Christmas LockINN and Pilgrimage for Life.

Our 6th annual Christmas Lock-INN was on Dec. 21. 80 high school youth attended! As always, it was a night filled with faith, fellowship, and craziness. We went caroling around Ft.

Branch and Haubstadt, had guest speakers, enjoyed multiple crazy contests & games, and spent some quality time adoring our newborn king in the Blessed Sacrament. A couple of the highlights of the night was Fr. Tyler Ten-

barge's talk (pictured above), and the amount of youth that went to Confession! Every year we make it available to youth with only about 2 or 3 participating in the Sacrament, but this year we had about 20! Fr. Tyler stayed with us until almost 1:00 in the morning to celebrate the awesome mercy of God with these young folks! In the next picture, Dillon Hasenour, Mark Sorg, and Brenden Bittner celebrate their manliness! Overall the event was awesome; deepening our youths' relationship with God and each other, and hopefully giving them a memory to last a lifetime!



This year's Pilgrimage for Life to Washington DC was once again an awesome experience for our youth! Here's a photo of our SMG group with Bishop Siegel on the National Mall with the Capitol building in the background. There are many blessings and graces of God that come from this pilgrimage but instead of me trying to explain it all, let's hear directly from our youth:

"An amazing experience that I'm so glad I was a part of. Everyone gathering from all over for one cause... life." - Olivia Pennington

"The meaning of Catholic is universal. It was amazing to be able to drive 14 hours away and be welcomed in as if we were family. SEAS (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish) truly exemplified what it means to be Catholic." - Cameron Spindler

"This trip is truly a blessing. It shows that there are more important things in the world such as ending abortion!" - Ellie Kiesel

"A single trip that truly changed my life. I now have a new perspective on what being pro-life really means." - Jessie Irvin



ST. MARIA GORETTI YOUTH NEWS *Continued*

This year, we also went to the St. John Paul II shrine. Almost everything at the shrine proclaims the dignity of the human person! JP2 experienced the worst of mankind's sin through the Nazi and Communist persecutions, but still saw the awe and wonder, and beauty of all God's creation, namely human life. Lord, help us to continue to see your face in everyone we encounter in this world, and give us the grace and mercy we need to love as you did. "You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." - Micah 6:8

Watch the bulletin for details on upcoming events. And as always, if you would like to be a part of any youth programs/events I would be very happy to chat and work with you! Contact Bryan at 664-7992 or bmacke@evdio.org.



All are welcome! Watch the bulletin for upcoming events or check out the following: Join our Facebook group: "St. Maria Goretti Catholic Youth Ministry" website: smgyouth.com

Stewardship in Your Life

The Stewardship Committee would like to thank all parishioners who weathered the snow to join us for our Spiritual Renewal event on January 19. Though a storm was raging outside, you would have never known it from the cheerfulness and fellowship that was shared at our meal. Our committee feels blessed to serve our parishioners of Holy Cross, St. James and Sts. Peter and Paul. We look forward to providing more spiritual growth opportunities in the future. Please keep an eye out for all bulletin blurbs and newsletter articles posted throughout the coming year.

Also, the Stewardship Committee is currently working on our Ministry Renewal Weekend taking place at each parish during Lent. More information will be mailed to your home and posted in future bulletins. Discipleship calls us to being more than just members of a parish; it calls us to be active stewards. It can also give us a sense of belonging and involvement. To support all of our ministries, we need your active stewardship in our parishes.



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BROTHER JOEL BLAIZE



Brother Joel Blaize and three classmates professed their solemn vows as Benedictine monks of Saint Meinrad Archabbey in a ceremony on January 25, 2019.

The tonsure was an ancient practice of cutting one's hair to indicate that one was a monk. At Saint Meinrad, the practice takes place at two times: for entrance into the novitiate and for solemn vows. It is a visible sign that one has decided to embrace a new and different way of life.

Monks who are also priests use the title "Father," while those who are not ordained go by "Brother."



"A vow chart is a contract a monk makes with the monastery stating that he will abide by the vows of stability, obedience and fidelity to the monastic way of life. A vow chart shows up three times in a monk's life. It is created when he makes his first profession. These vows are for three years and is considered an official member of the community from the moment the chart is signed. Three years later, the monk will sign a new chart when he professes those same vows for the rest of his life. The charts are then taken to the archives and preserved until the death of the monk. The chart will be placed on the casket during the visitation and the Office of the Dead." (Excerpts from *Vow Charts: A Hidden Treasure*)

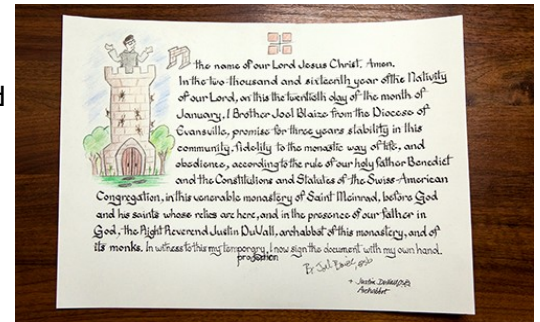


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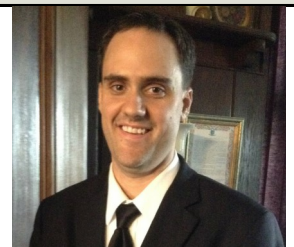
We would like to thank Brother Joel for allowing us to pray for him during his journey. Brother Joel's journey began as a convert to the Catholic faith. He joined Sts. Peter & Paul Church and God continued to call him to discern a religious life. He entered the seminary and after the first year of discernment he heard God's call to become a monk of Saint Meinrad and the rest is literally history. We believe that he is the first man from our community to become a Saint Meinrad monk. Brother Joel currently works as an assistant in the liturgical music office, as an oblate dean, as webmaster of the Swiss American Congregation, and as a podcast host and composer.

Notes of congratulations can be mailed to Brother Joel Blaize, St. Meinrad Archabbey, 100 Hill Drive Street, Saint Meinrad, IN 47577.

A NOTE FROM BRIAN WARD

I wanted to let everyone know that after much prayer that I have made the decision to leave the Marian Fathers. I would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support throughout the years. I hope for your continued prayers for my discernment now in this time of transition. I am living currently in Evansville and am preparing to find work and to listen to what God wants me to do next in my life.

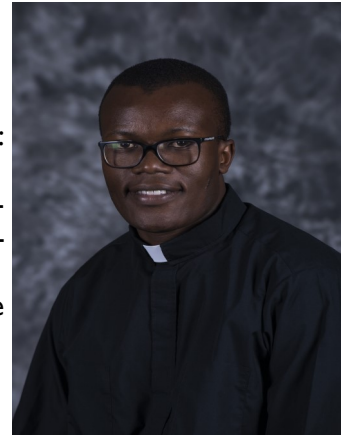
May God bless you with much love and prayers.....Brian Ward



Thoughts from Father Ambrose

RACISM

The US Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) approved a formal statement on racism: *Open Wide Our Hearts: A Pastoral Letter Against Racism*. Racism is a belief, either consciously or unconsciously, that a person holds that his or her race or ethnicity is superior and therefore judges persons as inferior and unworthy of equal regard. This conviction or attitude leads individuals or groups to exclude, ridicule, mistreat or unjustly discriminate against persons on the basis of their race or ethnicity. Our bishops say that this is sinful.



Racist acts are sinful because they violate justice. They reveal a failure to acknowledge the human dignity of the persons offended, to recognize them as the neighbors. Christ calls us to Love (Mt 22:39). Racism occurs because a person ignores the fundamental truth that, because all humans share a common origin, they are all brothers and sisters; all equally made in the image of God. When this truth is ignored, the consequence is prejudice and fear of the other, which often leads to hatred.

A good example is that of Cain from the book of Genesis. “Everyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life remaining in him” (1 Jn 3:15). Cain suppresses the truth that his brother, Abel, was created in the image of God, a human equal to himself. The bishops note that racism is a deliberate, sinful act. In recent times we have experienced bold expressions from racist groups and the reappearance of symbols of hatred, such as nooses.

Racism can also come in the form of sin of omission, where individuals, or even churches, remain silent and fail to act against racial injustice when it is encountered. The bishops note that racism can often be found in our hearts, in many cases placed there unwillingly or unknowingly by our upbringing and culture. It can lead to thoughts and actions that we do not even see as racist, but nonetheless flow from the same prejudicial root.

Consciously or subconsciously, this attitude of superiority can be seen in how certain groups of people are called criminals, or are perceived as being unable to contribute to society thus unworthy of its benefits. Racism can also be institutional, when traditions are upheld that treat certain groups of people unjustly. The direct result of cumulative sins of racism have led to social structures of injustice and violence that makes us all accomplices of racism.

Some may believe that racism is no longer a major affliction of our society, since there has been positive changes from Civil Rights movements and related Civil Rights legislation. That racism is only found in the hearts of individuals, which could be dismissed as ignorant or unenlightened. Unfortunately, racism still profoundly affects our culture, and it has no place in the Christian heart. The evil causes great harm to its victims, and it corrupts the souls of those who harbor racist or prejudicial thoughts.

The bishops call for a genuine conversion of heart, a conversion that will compel change, and the reform of our institutions and society. Pope Francis often emphasizes, let no one think that this invitation is not meant for him or her; all of us are in need of personal ongoing conversion. To do justice requires an honest acknowledgement of our failures, “If we acknowledge our sins, God is faithful and just and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from every wrongdoing,” (1 Jn 1:9).

St. Augustine says that, after the fall from the Garden of Eden, our relationships with one another have been guided by a lust to dominate. Whether recognized or not, the history of injustices done to so many, because of their race, flows from this lust to dominate the other. The catechism points out that even when we are free from original sin by Baptism, we continue to struggle with overcoming temptation and sin in our lives.

HOW TO GO TO CONFESSION

Prayer Before Confession

Come Holy Spirit into my soul. Enlighten my mind that I may know the sins I ought to confess, and grant me your grace to confess them fully, humbly, and with a contrite heart. Help me to firmly resolve not to commit them again. O Blessed Virgin, Mother of my Redeemer, intercede for me through the Passion of Your Son, that I may obtain the grace to make a good confession. Amen.

Rite of Reconciliation

Priest: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Penitent: Bless me Father, for I have sinned. It has been (how long?) since my last confession, and these are my sins: (confess your sins).

Priest: (gives you a penance)

Penitent: (Pray the Act of Contrition):

Priest: (gives you absolution for your sins)

Penitent: (recite or do your penance as soon as possible)

Examination of Conscience for a Good Confession

1. I AM THE LORD YOUR GOD: YOU SHALL NOT HAVE STRANGE GODS BEFORE ME. Did I fail to love God, to make God first in my life, to thank Him, trust Him, love Him as He deserves? Did I fail to pray? Have I doubted or denied my faith? Was I careless in saying my prayers? Do I give God time everyday in prayer? Have I been involved in Ouija boards, Tarot cards, and the occult?

2. YOU SHALL NOT TAKE THE NAME OF THE LORD YOUR GOD IN VAIN. Did I curse or swear? Did I use God's Name in vain, lightly, carelessly, by blasphemy? Have I used foul language or jokes?

3. REMEMBER TO KEEP HOLY THE SABBATH. Have I deliberately missed Mass on Sundays or Holy Days of Obligation? Did I leave Mass early without a good reason? Did I receive Holy Communion in the state of serious sin? In any of my previous confessions, did I lie to or deliberately conceal something from the priest? Did I do unnecessary work on Sunday?

4. HONOR YOUR FATHER AND YOUR MOTHER. Did I honor and obey my parents? Have I respected my brothers and sisters? Have I respected those with lawful authority, including teachers, bosses and civil authorities? Have I talked back? Did I fail to help at home or to spend time with my family?

5. YOU SHALL NOT KILL. Did I give in to feelings of anger or jealousy? Did I keep hatred in my heart? Did I fight, give a bad example or cause scandal? Have I abused alcohol or drugs? Have I had or in any way permitted or encouraged abortion? Have I thought about suicide? Do I avoid gluttony?

6. YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY. Did I consent to impure glances? Sinful touches? Was I immodest in dress or behavior? Did I look at pornography, impure books, magazines, or videos? Am I guilty of masturbation? Have I engaged in pre-marital sex, or adultery? Have I used artificial contraception such as pills or devices? Do I live chastely according to my state in life (married, single, religious and ordained)? Do I avoid occasions of impurity?

7. YOU SHALL NOT STEAL. Have I stolen what is not mine? What or how much? Did I return it or make up for what I have stolen? Have I cheated on tests, homework or taxes? Did I waste time at work? Have I avoided laziness, idleness?

8. YOU SHALL NOT BEAR FALSE WITNESS AGAINST YOUR NEIGHBOR. Have I lied or gossiped? Have I talked about another behind his back? Do I always tell the truth? Am I sincere? Did I reveal secrets that should have been kept confidential? Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my talk?

9. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S WIFE. Have I consented to impure thoughts? Have I encouraged them by stares, curiosity or impure conversations? Did I neglect to control my imagination or desire other people?

10. YOU SHALL NOT COVET YOUR NEIGHBOR'S GOODS. Is my heart greedy? Am I jealous of what another has? Am I envious of others because I don't have what they have? Am I moody or gloomy? Do I work, study, and keep busy to counter idle thoughts? Am I critical, negative or uncharitable in my thoughts of others? Is my heart set on earthly possessions or on the treasures of Heaven?

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 28 - Holy Cross—3 pm—Service

Divine Mercy Sunday will be celebrated on April 28 at 3:00 pm at Holy Cross. You may receive special graces when you take part in the prayers and devotions held in honor of Divine Mercy.

Divine Mercy was revealed through Christ to St. Faustina in 1935. Calling her the Apostle and Secretary of His mercy, He ordered her to begin writing a diary so others would learn to trust in Him. In a series of revelations, He taught her that His mercy is unlimited and available even to the greatest sinners, and He revealed special ways for people to respond to His mercy.

Urging St. Faustina to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet often, Jesus told her: "My daughter, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you. It pleases Me to grant everything they ask of Me by saying the chaplet. By saying the chaplet you are bringing humankind closer to me".

Please join us at 3:00 pm on Sunday, April 28 for this beautiful service.

Jesus told St. Faustina that this Feast of Mercy would be a very special day when "all the divine floodgates through which graces flow are opened."

LENT / EASTER 2019

Way of the Cross

This important devotion of Lent brings us closer to Christ by examining our own lives, and walking with Him in the Passion of Christ.

*The
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Lent*



Monday

2:15 pm at Holy Cross - led by school children
6:15 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul - followed by Mass

Wednesday

7:00 pm at St. James - followed by Mass

Thursday

2:30 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul - led by school children

Friday

7:00 pm at Holy Cross

Ash Wednesday - March 6

5:45 am - Sts. Peter & Paul
8:00 am - Sts. Peter & Paul
8:15 am - Holy Cross
8:30 am - St. James
6:30 pm - Sts. Peter & Paul
7:00 pm - Holy Cross
7:00 pm - St. James

Chrism Mass - Tuesday, April 16

5:30 pm at Holy Redeemer in Evansville

Holy Thursday - April 18

7:00 pm - Holy Cross
7:00 pm - St. James
7:00 pm - Sts. Peter & Paul

Good Friday Service- April 19

1:30 pm - Sts. Peter & Paul
6:00 pm - Holy Cross
7:00 pm - St. James

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) - April 20

7:00 pm - St. James
8:00 pm - Sts. Peter & Paul
NO Mass at Holy Cross

Easter Sunday - April 21

7:00 am - St. James
7:15 am - Sts. Peter & Paul
7:30 am - Holy Cross
9:30 am - Holy Cross
9:00 am - St. James
10:30 am - Sts. Peter & Paul

Please note the change of times on Easter Sunday for Holy Cross

Divine Mercy Sunday Service- April 28

3:00 pm - Holy Cross

CONFESSION TIMES DURING LENT

Regular Confession Times

Sts. Peter & Paul

Mondays 5:30 - 6:10 pm during Lent
Fridays 7:30 - 7:55 am
Saturdays 8:30 - 9:30 am & 5:15-5:50 pm

Holy Cross

Thursdays 7:45 - 8:10 am
Saturdays 4:00 - 4:20 pm
Sundays 8:15 - 8:35 am

St. James

30 minutes before each Mass
Wednesdays 6:00-6:50 pm
Saturdays 4:00-4:45 pm

Extra Confession Times

Saturday, March 30—5:00-5:50 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul
Monday, April 1—7:00-8:00 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul
Wednesday, April 3—6:30-7:45 pm at SPP (*for Religious Ed only*)
Saturday, April 6—3:30-4:20 pm at Holy Cross
5:00-5:50 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul
Thursday, April 11—6:00-8:00 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul
Saturday, April 13—3:30-4:20 pm at Holy Cross
5:00-5:50 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul
Monday, April 15—7:00-8:00 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul
Wednesday, April 17—6:00-8:00 pm at Holy Cross

Penance Service

Poss. Apr. 10 after 7:00 pm Mass at St. James

40 DAYS

RELIGIOUS & ADULT EDUCATION

Vacation Bible School

Save the date for a trip of a lifetime! June 24-28, the parishes of Holy Cross, St. James, and Sts. Peter and Paul will embark on a Vacation Bible School trip around the world. Children entering kindergarten – 5th grade are invited to join us on a Radical Ride on the Wings of Prayer. With Jesus as our pilot, we'll start our adventure each day at Sts. Peter and Paul and visit destinations around world to learn more about prayer, amazing angels, and super saints. Help is needed to make this an awesome adventure! If you would like to sign up to help as a VBS tour guide (group leader) or station leader, please contact Amie Hulfachor and Leah Simon, 2019 VBS coordinators, at BS2019@gmail.com. We can't wait to have your help as we plan this fun-filled week! VBS registration for students will begin April 1. More details will be shared soon!



FORMED.ORG

As Fr. Tony mentioned in his opening article, we have a great resource available to all of our parishioners of Holy Cross, St. James and Sts. Peter & Paul. To help you get started in FORMED.org, we will be introducing a Parish Wide study. We will introduce the video in the bulletin, for example: Week One – Prayer. It will tell you to login to formed.org and watch “Into the Desert”, Episode 1 (approx. 30 minutes). Then on the following Sunday, Fr. Tony and Fr. Ambrose will mention things that were covered in the video in their Homilies. There are 6 videos in all to take you through the Lenten season. Why not take advantage of this great opportunity to learn along with many others at the same time. You may even want to start a discussion group with your family or a group of friends to talk about each episode and how you are learning to put into practice what you learn.

There's another way to make the most of Lent – **Lenten Reflections** – Experience the Catholic Faith in a whole new way. Journey through Lent with Dr. Tim Gray. Set yourself up for a transformative 40 days with FORMED Lenten Reflections. Get daily videos from esteemed Scripture expert Dr. Tim Gray delivered right to your inbox so you don't miss a day of growing closer to our Lord. Visit lent.formed.org to sign up! Haven't signed up for your free formed account? Visit <https://hcastjppchurches.formed.org>.

Haiti Project

The students of the Holy Cross/Sts. Peter & Paul Religious Ed classes will have a Haiti Fundraiser again this year. We are encouraging the students to collect dimes in a 20 oz. plastic water or soft drink bottle which when full is \$100.00. They can do this as a class or individually. They may also choose to donate any of the following from the list of items that are needed for children in the two schools we support in Haiti. There are approximately 950 students. Supply List: Crock shoes all sizes, Pedestal fans or box fans for the medical clinic, hand tools, 11X17 copy paper, 8 1/2 X 11 copy paper, spiral notebooks, loose leaf paper, pens, pencils, erasers, rulers, chalk for boards, erasers for blackboards, folders, backpacks, string bags, raincoats for students (K-12 grades), poncho raincoats, umbrellas, classroom decorations, white boards, expo markers, construction paper, glue (Elmer's is best), colored pencils, crayons, markers, heavy duty string for classrooms, clothespins, paper clips, clipboards, hooks for hanging backpacks.

The deadline for donations is April 1.



Sponsor Couple Program

The Sponsor Couple Program is a parish-based program of marriage preparation in which a married “sponsor” couple is paired with an engaged couple from the parish. The sponsor couple will guide the engaged couple through discussions of important topics related to marriage in a series of meetings, which are usually held in the home of the sponsor couple. If you would like to be a Sponsor Couple or are planning to be married and would like to have a Sponsor Couple, please contact Laura Goedde at 812-768-6457 for more details.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

RCIA

The pace in RCIA has been a little slower this year since we celebrated Christmas because Lent is later than it has been for the past couple of years. But it will be here before we know it.

On January 26 our candidates and catechumens, Natalie Winters, Lisa Dunkel, Kathryn McGregor, Rachel Wallace, and Matthew Weisheit, joined with other participants from Sts. Peter and Paul, and St. James, who are also making their faith journeys, at Sts. Peter and Paul for a retreat. We had 55 people in attendance who enjoyed food and fellowship and learning more about the Catholic Faith. The day included lunch, witness talks by Kristin Brokaw and Dan Deer, and Fr. Tony led a "Teaching Mass" followed by Adoration/Rosary. It was a beautiful day of sharing faith and learning more about the beauty of our Catholic beliefs and traditions.

The Rite of Sending for RCIA will be held at Holy Cross at the 8:45 a.m. Mass and at 10:30 a.m. Mass on March 10, 2019 at Sts. Peter & Paul. The Rite of Election will be held at Precious Blood in Jasper that afternoon at 2 p.m. our time. 3 p.m. Jasper time.

The Easter Vigil, will be celebrated at Sts. Peter and Paul this year. At the Vigil Natalie Winters will be baptized. Along with Natalie, Lisa Dunkel, Kathryn McGregor, Rachel Wallace, and Matthew Weisheit will profess their belief in the teachings of the Catholic Church, be Confirmed, and receive their first Holy Communion.

During Lent our parish will be offering special prayers and encouragement for Natalie Lisa Kathryn, Rachel and Matthew. We will pray that this catechumen and these candidates and will be filled with the Holy Spirit to guide them along their journey.

Please keep all of the Candidates, Catechumens and sponsors in your prayers as they enter into a deeper period of union with God and a deeper understanding of our rich Catholic Faith.

HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

A Confirmation Retreat was held on Sunday, February 10, at St. Bernard's.

There will be a meeting for confirmation candidates and their parents on February 27 at 6:30 pm in the Sts. Peter & Paul cafeteria. We will be going over final things in preparation for Confirmation.

Practice for Confirmation will be on Wednesday, March 20, at 6:30pm at Holy Cross. Confirmation will be Saturday, March 30 at 4:30 pm at Holy Cross.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

There will be a parent meeting for all First Communion parents on March 14 at 6:30 pm in the Holy Cross cafeteria.

The First Communion retreat will be on Friday, April 26 at St. Joseph - Princeton for St. Joe, Holy Cross, St. James and Sts. Peter & Paul parishes.

First Communion Mass for Sts. Peter & Paul will be on Sunday, April 28, at 1 pm and First Communion Mass for Holy Cross will be on Sunday, May 5, at 1 pm.

BAPTISM

Upcoming baptism classes for first-time parents will be on March 11, May 13, and July 8. Each will be at 6:30pm and will meet in the Holy Cross Parish Center. Godparents are welcome to attend as well. Contact Becky Mann at bmenn@evdio.org to reserve your spot.



UPCOMING EVENTS

March Senior Gathering at Gibson Southern High School

The March gathering of the St James Senior Group will be on Saturday March 16 at Gibson Southern High School. We will be going to the Gibson Southern Drama Departments presentation of Disney's Newsies. The play is an award winning Broadway musical based on the real life Newsboys strike of 1899 in New York City. This play has just been released for amateur licensing and Gibson Southern was selected to present Newsies in the tri-state area.

We have been to many dinner theaters and plays as a group so I thought it was time we attended a play close to home and show our Gibson Southern students how much we appreciate their hard work and dedication. Most of us have had children, grandchildren or we ourselves have participated in one of these productions, so we know how many great memories are made as a member of the cast and crew.

There is a special group rate of \$5.00 per person at the Saturday, March 16, 2:00 pm performance only. Wouldn't this be a great time to take a friend, child or grandchild to see a live stage play. A minimum of 15 people is needed for the group rate. This is open to all St James, Holy Cross, and Sts. Peter and Paul parishioners, their friends and families. Let's do our best to fill Gibson Southern's Theater!!!!

Please call Norma @ 812-867-3036 or 812-306-4098 by Friday March 8 for your tickets. Payment will be due by check payable to St. James Seniors before tickets will be purchased. Mail check to Norma Petitjean at 12858 S 200 E. Haubstadt Indiana 47639.

Where: Gibson Southern High School

When: Saturday March 16

Time: 2:00 pm

Play: Newsies

St. Patrick Family-Game & Card Party Benefits Right to Life of Gibson County

DATE: Sunday, March 17, 2019

TIME: NOON

PLACE: Sts. Peter & Paul Cafeteria, Haubstadt

COST: \$5/person or \$15/ family

FREE door prizes, sandwiches, chips, & a drink.

Chinese Auction, ½ pot, & Snack Table available.

RESERVATIONS: 812-768-6941 OR 753-5048

Board-games welcome!

Call Carolyn Spindler 768-6941 or Melba Pohl 753-5048 for table reservations or to donate items for the Chinese Auction


Happy
St. Patrick's Day

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE By: Ann Minnis

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

Wednesday, April 3 --"40 DAYS FOR LIFE": This is Sts. Peter & Paul's date to join this peaceful prayer vigil. Call Mary Jane Thompson 812-453-9948 to sign up for a shift or wait for the sign-up sheet in back of church.

Note: Mar. 6 (Ash Wed.)—Apr. 14 (Palm Sunday): Volunteers are, also, needed between 7:00 am & 6:00 pm each day on one- hour shifts to pray outside the Evansville Planned Parenthood Clinic at 125 N Weinbach Ave. Just show up & walk with the other volunteers any day! This Evansville clinic refers clients for surgical abortions and dispenses abortifacients. Nation-wide, "40 Days" has saved 15,256 unborn babies since 2007; 186 abortion workers have quit; and 99 abortion centers have closed!

Mar. 23: (Sat. 9:00or earlier) -10:00 am CEMETERY OF THE INNOCENTS: We will need individuals and groups to remove the crosses from Syl Elpers' field at Hwy 41 and I-64. Call Joe Goedde 768-6537 or Jim Helfrich 768-6313 for details. Watch the bulletin for date and time changes.

Mar. 25 -- Dec. 25 (9 months): "SPIRITUAL ADOPTION" PROGRAM: _Pray for an unborn baby in danger of death by abortion. Begin on the Feast of the Annunciation.

Mar. 29: Check local listings for MOVIE "UNPLANNED": _Story of Abby Johnson, her conversion from Planned Parenthood, & the 500 people her organization has helped out of the abortion industry!

Apr. 25: (Thurs) SPRING BANQUET (Right To Life of Southwest Indiana): _Keynote Speaker is Dinesh D'Souza (best-selling author & filmmaker). _Call Ann Minnis 768-6768 if you would like tickets & want to sit at our tables!

Did you know? On Jan. 22, 2019 New York shocked the world by legalizing 3rd trimester abortion & eliminating protection for children born alive after surviving an abortion (infanticide!). And "Catholic" Governor Andrew Cuomo signed that bill into law! Rhode Island, Vermont, & Virginia tried to do likewise. Virginia's Del. Kathy Tran presented a bill that would legalize an abortion—even as the mother is in labor. Governor Ralph Northam of VA said the bill would allow a mother and doctor to kill a newborn child AFTER delivery.

Troubled by a past abortion?

Visit www.silentnomoreawareness.org,
www.rachelsvineyard.org, or
www.priestsforlife.org.
 Or call 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.
 There is forgiveness and healing!
 Your baby in heaven is praying for you.

Right of Life Meeting Dates:

March 12 April 9 May 7 June 11
 All meetings start at 7:30 pm (unless otherwise noted) and are held at the home of Ann Minnis, 115 N. Vine St. Haubstadt. All members & prospective members are welcome!

Mail to: Right to Life of Gibson County, P.O. Box 324, Haubstadt, IN 47639 --dues for 2019
 (please print) **NEW**_____ **RENEWAL**_____ (If you have already paid, thank you!)
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