



HOLY CROSS HERALD

Fr. Anthony Ernst, Pastor
Fr. Sudhakar Bhastati, Parochial Vicar

Date May 2015

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Dear Friends,

As I write this on a beautiful spring day, we are preparing for an exciting event in our community. After many years of prayer and preparation, Tyler Tenbarger will be ordained a Transitional Deacon on May 30th at Sts. Peter & Paul Church. We pray every day and every Mass for vocations and it's so wonderful to experience the fruits of our prayer. We expect a huge crowd on May 30th for Tyler's ordination. Because of this, we are planning overflow seating in Sts. Peter & Paul School Cafeteria, which will allow people to participate in the Mass and receive Holy Communion. We will also have a reception in the Family Life Center following the ordination. Please come to congratulate Tyler. We will also have a special prayer service for Tyler at Holy Cross Church at 7:00 p.m. on Friday, May 29th. Please come and pray for him. For your information, Tyler's Priesthood Ordination will be at St. Benedict Cathedral June 11, 2016. We are going to pack the Cathedral!

And let's continue to remember John Pfister and Brian Ward, two young men from our parish who are discerning God's call of service in the Church. They are both doing well and excited for their future ministry. Please keep them in prayer.

As you are all aware, the transition to our new parish link will be taking place on July 1st. This means that Holy Cross, St. James and Sts. Peter & Paul will be linked together and St. Bernard will be linked with St. Joseph in Princeton. Fr. Sudhakar and I will be serving the three parishes of Holy Cross, St. James and Sts. Peter & Paul and, while he will be relinquishing his duties as pastor, Fr. Betz will continue to serve with us as a "Senior Associate." This basically means he will continue his priestly duties without the stress of the administration. We are very grateful to have Fr. Betz with us. He continues to go strong at 75! I also want to invite everyone to join me in congratulating Fr. Betz on his 50th Anniversary as a priest. He is celebrating his anniversary on May 31st with a Mass and reception at St. James. If you have a chance, stop in to congratulate him on 50 years. He's an inspiration!

As we begin this new adventure together with our three parishes, we are going to have a special celebration of "Unity" on August 30th at St. James. We will share more details on this celebration over the next several months. It will basically be a time for us to gather together and celebrate our future together in Christ. God has great plans for this community! Let us continue to pray for one another.

Love in Christ,



PARISH OFFICE NEWS

SAVE THE DATES

✠ Journeymen Dinner/Dance ~ November 21, 2015

✠ Card Party ~ December 3, 2015

✠ Casino Night ~ January 30, 2016

Along with our annual chicken dinners. Mark your calendars with these important dates and let's make this a profitable year at Holy Cross. Thanks for all your support!



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. Thank you to all the Extraordinary ministers who help with this beautiful ministry. If you would like to help, please call the parish office!



2016 MASS INTENTIONS



The parish office is now scheduling 2016 Mass Intentions. You may schedule up to 3 Mass Intentions per year for a person. Only 1 intention should be used for a weekend Mass, the other 2 for weekday Masses.

WEBSITES

We are working hard to keep the Parish and School websites current and informative. If you have any information you want to see on the website, contact Peg Hall at hallfamily@ieee.org

Our website pages are:

Parish: www.holycrossparish.info

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

BULLETIN

Would you like to receive your bulletin online? Because of our printing agreement with Liturgical Publications, now you can! Simply log on to SeekAndFind.com and enter our church's zip code in the "NEAR" field and click the red "FIND" button. Select our church from the results and you'll see a listing of our bulletins. You can even sign up to receive an e-mail notification every time a new bulletin is posted to Seek And Find; just click the red envelope link above the bulletins.



AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC GIVING

The electronic giving program allows you to electronically have funds transferred directly into the parish's account for your Sunday giving. It is convenient, no cost to you, & helps you stay current on your Sunday giving. You may increase, decrease, or suspend your transfer any time by calling the parish office. Please contact Lisa at 753-3548 or lmay@evdio.org with questions.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

Our next baptism class is June 8 at 6:30 pm at Holy Cross. All first time parents should make every effort to attend the class BEFORE their baby is born. This allows them to plan their baptism immediately after the birth. Godparents are welcome to attend as well.



Prayer Chain—Please Pray for the Sick & Suffering

To add someone to the prayer chain, please contact Phyllis Schmits at 753-3858 or call the parish Office at 753-3548. Please contact the parish office at 753-3548 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 Fr. Tony or Fr. Sudhakar.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL NEWS

John Hollis, Principal

We've entered the final stretch to the school year. Even though we're heading downhill, we still have many activities to take part in. The following is a list of what I'm talking about. See if any of these bring back fond memories for you.

May crowning, First Communion, Mom's Day, Kindergarten Mass, 5th grade recognition, field trips, Pre-K graduation, field day...
Hopefully, we'll be able to look back on these times someday, and we will also share in these fond memories.

Have a great summer!
Mr. Hollis



FIRST GRADE: *By Mrs. Wallace*

We are "busy bees" this spring! In Religion, we are focusing on the Sacraments of Baptism and the Feast of Pentecost, the Birthday of our Church. In Math, we are busy counting money, telling time, and measuring things in inches, centimeters, feet, etc. We have brought soil samples from our yards, gardens, and fields to compare with magnifying glasses. We also brought our favorite rocks to display as we study about our natural resources in science. During April we celebrated Earth Day by doing different activities, making posters, and even singing Earth Day songs. For our Spring Field Trip on Earth Day, we visited the New Generation Dairy Farm, ate at Sandy's Pizza and then picked up trash at the Ft. Branch Park! We are doing great this grading period again in AR (Accelerated Reading)! Finally, we are enjoying special lessons in Junior Achievement presented by Mrs. Carrie Martin. She will visit once a week for five weeks. We are busy, busy!

Second Grade: *By Ms. Shelley Weiss*

First Communion was held at Holy Cross on Sunday, May 3 at 1 p.m.



Front Row- Left to right- Selena McCoy, Alyssa Baehl, Cole Martin, Lucy Weber, Aleah Rexing
Second Row- Marci Fleetwood, Brodey Lamb, Skyler Neufelder, Beau Rose, Dylan Bolton, Emily Holzmeyer
Third Row- Tristan Christian, Alexis Coy, Brody Riggs
Fourth Row- Fr. Tony Ernst, Fr. Sudhakar Bhastati, Deacon Joe Siewers, Ms. Shelley Weiss

School News Continued.....

FOURTH GRADE: *By Ms. Grabert*



Above is Ann Mercer and granddaughter Ruth

The fourth grade class just finished performing their annual Pioneer and Native American Day. The students did a wonderful job putting on their plays, doing readings, singing songs, and playing their recorders. They also had several projects on display that they made at school and at home. We were happy to perform for the second and third grade classes in the morning and to have so many parents and other guests to perform for in the afternoon. Here are some pictures of the special day!



Above is Brittany Hopster and daughter Kaydence

ST. MARIA GORETTI AWARD WINNERS



On Sunday, March 1 some of the youth of our parishes received the SMG Award at St. Benedict Cathedral in Evansville. Congratulations to our young adults on this accomplishment!

Pictured from left to right: Fr. Tony, Delaney Spindler, Emily Rodgers, Rachel Weiss, Cecilia Hall, Bryan Macke, Shane Murphy, Caleb Ziliak, Travis Zigler, Abe Kiesel and Fr. Sudhakar

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



What does it mean to love?
I love cheeseburgers! I love
warm weather! I love my
cat! (well....) I love my
boyfriend! I love you, bro!

We have this one word in
the English language that can describe so many
different/various thoughts, feelings, actions, etc.
St. Valentine's day is usually a time to rekindle
the romance in a relationship but perhaps also
a time to think about what it really means to
love. So that's what we did for our high school

"Pal"entines event. We called it "Pal"-entines to clarify that you didn't need a boyfriend or girlfriend to attend our
event. You could just bring a friend/pal. But on a deeper level of meaning we were also illustrating that the love of a
friend or "pal" could be just as deep and meaningful or perhaps even more in one's life. In fact, a good marriage would
exemplify both.

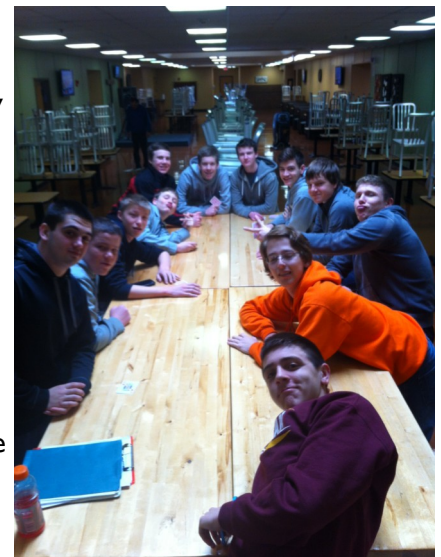


Sr. Michaela, from the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia in Nashville, came as a guest to speak on the true meaning of
love and relationships. She discussed the origin of love – the Trinity – and how the love between the Father, Son, and
Holy Spirit is the ultimate example for us to live by, especially in our families.

We couldn't have a youth event without a little crazy fun so we invited 6 couples to play a modified version of the
Newlywed game. The 6 couples were Jeff & Laura Ziliak, Dean & Laura Happe, Les & Colleen Kiesel, Nick & Andrea
Michel (our only true newlywed couple), Parker Rose & Jackie Goedde, and pals Mason Mockebbee & Nick Sellers.
Our host, Chuck Fabulous (in picture on right), lit 'em up with some toughies, such as "She thinks my sense of humor
is: A) hilarious, B) not as funny as I think it is, or C) just plain sad." Nick & Andrea took home 1st place, winning a \$50
gift certificate to Haub Steakhouse. No shame here for the "not-so-newlywed" couples.

During Lent, SMG had planned a MS Lent Night series on 4 consecutive Fridays, although the late winter snows caused
us to cancel 2 of them. But the 2 that we did have were filled with fun, faith, and fellowship! Last year, we played Ulti-
mate "Fish"bee. This year we went with the crustacean family of seafood to play a crazy game...Bubba Gump
Shrimpin' (we had an obstacle course using crawfish)! More importantly, we learned more about the meaning of Lent
and what Christ's death and resurrection means for the world and for us personally. We watched the short film *Most*,
meaning "bridge" in the Czech language. It's a powerful film revealing in a very human way what God the Father must
have felt as he sent his son to die on the cross for us.

Our annual HS Food Fast was held at St. Bernard this year on March 20-21. It's
kind of hard to look forward to not eating for at least 24 hours. And it's not easy
when you're at the Evansville Icemen game, your stomach is starting to growl
pretty substantially, and you're watching people buy hotdogs, nachos, and pop-
corn. But when you reflect on the poverty/hunger in the world at large you just
count your blessings and suck it up. There are many activities that we do over
the 24 Food Fast, such as doing a fun activity like the Icemen game, collecting
canned goods for St. Vincent de Paul around town, and preparing/serving a meal
at local soup kitchens (boys in picture at Evansville Rescue Mission), but to me,
one thing stands out above the rest. Late Friday night, as the night was drawing
to a close, we had prayer and a youth witness sharing. Emily Rodgers, a senior
from St. Bernard, beautifully led us in Taize prayer singing the line from the Divine
Mercy Chaplet "For the sake of His sorrowful passion, have mercy on us and on
the whole world." After prayer, Nick Sellers, a junior from Holy Cross, spoke
about what he (and we) really "hungers" for in life – to be filled with Christ's di-
vine life and love. It's moments like these that I realize that I'm not just ministering to the youth...they are ministering
to my soul as well, and the world around them.



SMG YOUTH CONTINUED.....

Source & Summit retreat was held at Mater Dei this year on Divine Mercy weekend in April. Fr. Tony wrote about it in his "tidbits" after the retreat, so I won't go into much detail. Between our 4 parishes, we had 49 youth attend, the largest group in the diocese. The joy and mercy of Our Lord was present, and filled the hearts of many. Like Fr. Tony said, I was amazed at the size of the line to go to confession. One of my favorite parts of the weekend is when youth are invited to share their thoughts and experiences of the retreat at the very end. We had 5 or 6 get up and share in front of the whole assembly, including parents. If you'd like to see Aaron Cochran/Wilson and Brendan Bittner share, check out the video on our webpage at www.smgyouth.com.Merica.

Lastly, this summer, we have 14 youth and 6 adults going on a mission trip to Rutledge, TN through Glenmary Home Missioners to help folks in poverty with home repairs. If you would like to donate a financial gift we would really appreciate it. We couldn't have mission trips and other great experiences for our youth without your help.

We would love to have interested adults to help with these events and share their gifts and talents with the youth. We truly NEED you! And so do our youth!

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.

EVANGELIZATION By: Wanda Englert, President

If someone were to tell you that you need to evangelize others, what would be your reaction? Perhaps, it might be, "I would like to, but I'm not trained or knowledgeable enough to do it." Or maybe, it would be, "I evangelize by example not with words." Or maybe we think of saints or missionaries or gifted Catholic priests and say "That's what priests and deacons do."

Evangelization calls each of us to deepen our faith, believe in the Gospel message and go forth to proclaim the Gospel. Maybe the resistance to this call is because we believe that it is not a teaching of the Catholic Church. However, the focus of the New Evangelization calls ALL Catholics to be evangelized and then to go forth to evangelize. All of us are called to offer others an explicit witness to the saving love of the Lord, who despite our imperfections offers us his closeness, his word and his strength, and gives meaning to our lives. Evangelization is not an optional add-on. It is at the very heart of what it means to be Catholic followers of Jesus. In the final chapter of St. Matthew's Gospel Jesus tells us: "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, to the close of the age" (28:19-20).

The best way to evangelize is to simply live your faith; but also grow in your faith by learning as much as possible so that you can answer the inevitable questions that people will ask about your faith. Shortly after Pope Francis became Pope in 2013 he spoke on the New Evangelization and he tells us, "Christians who are afraid to build bridges and prefer to build walls, are Christians who are not sure of their faith, not sure of Jesus Christ. Thus to evangelize is not just a task undertaken from time to time; or even most of the time. It is, to put it simply, the Church's defining identity; it is why she exists. Faith is only worth having when you give it away."

This will require the resources of the Holy Spirit. "So let us ask him," the Pope ends by exhorting us, "to give us the grace to be annoying when things are too quiet in the Church, the grace to go out to the outskirts of life. The Church has so much need of this! ... And if we annoy people, blessed be the Lord. Onwards, as the Lord says to Paul, 'take courage. "But what if we make mistakes, falling flat on our newly apostolic faces? "Well, what of it," the Pope snaps. "Get on with you: if you make a mistake, you get up and go forward: that is the way. Those who do not walk in order not to err, make the more serious mistake."

One easy way to "give away" your faith is to invite someone back to the Church. If you know of someone who has been away from the Church, invite them to come to Mass with you. All you need to do is ask and let the Holy Spirit lead the way!

REGISTRATION

We need to update our files in the office so that we have correct information on all of our members. Please fill out all information that pertains to you and your family on pages _____. **Drop the completed information in the collection basket or return to the office by May 27.**

HOLY CROSS CATHOLIC CHURCH

MEMBER REGISTRATION FORM

NAME (head of household) _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____ MARITAL STATUS _____

RELIGION (please specify if different than Catholic) _____

OCCUPATION _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

MARRIAGE (date & location) _____

CIRCLE ALL THAT PERTAIN TO YOU (OR THAT YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DOING):
 Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Cantor, Accompanist, Gift Bearer, Greeter, Help with Bulletin Flyers or Mailings, Help with Chicken Dinner, Casino Night, Parish Commission

Other (List) _____

SPOUSE'S NAME (include Maiden Name) _____

OCCUPATION _____ BUSINESS PHONE _____

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

CIRCLE ALL THAT PERTAIN TO YOU (OR THAT YOU WOULD BE INTERESTED IN DOING):
 Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, Cantor, Accompanist, Gift Bearer, Greeter, Help with Bulletin Flyers or Mailings, Help with Chicken Dinner, Casino Night, Parish Commission

Other (List) _____

On the next page, please fill out only for your children that are college age and younger. Please use a separate sheet of paper if you have more than 4 children.

REGISTRATION

CHILD NAME (Last, First, Middle) _____

DATE OF BIRTH _____ **GRADE** _____ **SCHOOL** _____

BAPTISM (date & location) _____

CONFIRMATION (date & location) _____

CIRCLE ALL THAT PERTAIN TO YOU (OR THAT YOU ARE INTERESTED IN DOING): Lector, Cantor, Accompanist, Server, Gift Bearer, Greeter, Eucharistic Minister, Help with dinners, etc.

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RCIA By: Gerald Weber

RCIA – Time Before Easter

It seems like it was just yesterday we were celebrating Christmas and now Easter is over and Spring has sprung. On February 22 our catechumens (Taylor Brittingham, and Shawn Sunderland), and candidates (Todd Riggs, Kyle Brasher, and Dani Shelton) along with many others from the Evansville Diocese were presented to Bishop Thompson at St. Benedict's Cathedral at Evansville for the Rite of Election. Bishop Thompson welcomed them and recognized them for their progress and encouraged them to continue their journey throughout their lives. During Lent our parish offered special prayers and encouragement at three occasions; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays of Lent. We prayed that Taylor, Shawn, Todd Kyle, and Dani would be filled with the Holy Spirit to guide them along their journey.



On Easter Vigil, April 4th, we welcomed Taylor, Shawn, Todd, and Kyle, into our Catholic community. Taylor and Shawn were also baptized into the Catholic Church, and along with Todd and Kyle professing their belief in the teachings of the Catholic Church, were confirmed, and received their first Holy Communion. Please pray for these parishioners that they will be faithful to the Church and pass their faith along to others.

HOSPITALITY By: Greg Perkins

Hospitality served a reception for the Confirmation recipients after the 4:30 pm Saturday Mass on April 18. Thanks to those candidates and their parents who helped decorate the cafeteria and clean up after. Be-reavement hosted two meals in the month of April. Many thanks to Laurie Ziliak and Jo Odom for accepting to be on our commission starting in August, and welcome aboard!

SCHOOL BOARD NEWS By: Scott Scheller, Legislative Liaison

As a member of the Diocese of Evansville, Holy Cross is part of a joint cooperative in education with the Indiana **N**on-public **E**ducation **A**ssociation (INPEA). The Diocese has partnered with the INPEA to help protect and inform our schools about upcoming legislation. The INPEA acts as our voice at the state level to ensure that we are heard. To make that happen, each school in the diocese provides a point of contact called the “**Legislative Liaison**”. As your liaison, I will assist the school administration in keeping parents and parishioners informed of important non-public school issues that are being addressed for possible legislation.

When required, I will engage parents and parishioners and ask that they make their voices heard by signing petitions, emailing, writing, or calling our legislative representatives. Should a situation arise that calls for us to unite, you can expect communication thru several different sources. They include: Holy Cross Church bulletin, Holy Cross School and Church websites, Friday folders, Parish newsletter, etc.

I'm sure you will agree that Holy Cross is an extraordinary school in many ways. First and foremost, we are here to ensure students experience the loving presence of Jesus Christ. It is important that we stay informed of potential legislative actions that might hamper our ability to do this. Thank you for your time and support.

Should you have any questions, you can email me at: kimandscott92@gmail.com

For more information on the INPEA go to: www.inpea.org



SERRA CLUB AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations Kennedy Obermeier, daughter of John & Misty Obermeier and Brendan Murphy, son of Wayne & Tina Murphy, both from Holy Cross and Mark Sorg, son of Michael & Mary Sorg and Cameron Spindler, daughter of Terry & Robyn Spindler of Sts. Peter & Paul for being selected as this year's Serra Club Youth award recipients. By their commitment and leadership, they serve as role models to their peers. We thank them for their service, and we thank their parents for teaching them the importance of serving God and others. Bob Naas, from the Serra Club of Evansville presented the awards to these young adults on April 22 at the final religious education class for the year.



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Confirmation was held at Holy Cross on Saturday, April 18 at 4:30 pm Mass



Row 1- Veronica Bittner, Ellie Marshall, Elaine Bengert, Isabel Greubel, Abby Kiesel, Elizabeth Pfeiffer, Chandler McKee, Samantha Bittner, Landon Schmitt, Kate Sorg

Row 2- Mackenzie Whitten, Kaylee Schmitt, Lexi Rigsby, John Clutter, Cole Dilbeck, Blake Dillon, Blake Tenbarga, Hayley Doty, Camille Greenwell, Carlee Tenbarga, Madeline Evans

Row 3- Caleb Kramer, Brandon Moody, Michael Polen, Seth Kissel, Tait Tenbarga, Jacob Murphy, Caleb Ziliak, Cameron Crawford, Erin Lasher, Joely Will

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION By: Laura Goedde

Faith formation is a life-long activity. In Baptizing your child into the Catholic Faith, you accept the responsibility of bringing your child up in the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. Our parishes' religious education program helps parents meet this commitment by offering religious education for children as young as 3 years old all the way through high school. Even if your child is enrolled in our Catholic schools, they are still welcome to come and learn with us on Wednesday evenings. We have several students doing that now. Beyond high school we offer continuing education through Scripture Study, RCIA, CRHP, Cursillo, Marriage Enrichment and other short course studies on the Bible.

Religious Ed Registration

Please register now for Religious Ed for the 2015-2016 school-year. Classes will begin on Sept. 2. New enrollees may find the forms on the parish websites or in the back of church. The cost is \$43.00 per student for 1-2 students, 3 or more students in the family is \$33.00/per student. Registration late fees of \$25.00 will begin on June 1. Please make checks payable to your parish. Preschool Religious Ed cost is \$25.00/per student. Please contact Laura Goedde at 812-768-6457 with any questions.

Thank You to All Volunteers

Fr. Tony, Laura Goedde, Stephanie Stoll and Liz Hirsch would like to thank all of our dedicated catechists and helpers for a great year in Religious Ed. We look forward to new classes in the Fall and for more ways to bring Christ to life in each one of our students.

We need teachers, aides, helpers, traffic and Rosary leaders for Religious Ed this Fall. We have openings in Grades Pre-K through Grade 12. Please contact us if you have an interest in teaching and if you feel called to a specific age group. Contact Laura Goedde or Stephanie Stoll at 812-768-6457.

High School Senior Celebration

On May 17 our high school senior class will celebrate mass together at 8:45 at Holy Cross followed by a breakfast and at Sts. Peter & Paul at 10:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon. Let us keep the seniors in our prayers as they continue on their journey, and may they keep Jesus in their hearts and allow Him to lead the way!

SCRIPTURE STUDY, THE BOOK OF ISAIAH

We currently offer classes on Sunday and Wednesday mornings at Sts. Peter & Paul and Tuesday evenings at Holy Cross. **The fall study for the Tuesday & Sunday classes will be the Book of Isaiah. The Wednesday morning class will study the Symbolon Series.** The study will begin in September and finish in April. We are open to new students. There is no prior study experience necessary. Watch for registration information in upcoming church bulletins or contact Laura Goedde at 812-768-6457. For more information or to learn more about Catholic Scripture Study International, go to www.catholicscripturestudy.com.

SPONSOR COUPLE PROGRAM

This 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.

MADE A DIFFERENCE TO THIS ONE By: Fr. Sudhakar

One day, a man was walking along the shore. As he looked down the beach, he saw a boy reaching down to the sand, picking up something and very gently throwing it back into the sea. As he got closer, he called out, "Good morning! young man. What are you doing?" The young person paused, looked up and replied, "Throwing starfish into the sea." Why are you throwing starfish into the sea?" the man asked. "The sun is up and the tide is going out. If I don't throw them in they'll die." "But, don't you realize that there are miles of beach here and starfish all along it. You can't possibly make a difference!" The boy listened politely. Then he knelt down, picked up another starfish and threw it into the sea, past the breaking waves and said..." I made a difference to this one." (Fr. Eugene Lobo S.J.)



One may think what is the way I may make difference in the world? Making a difference to the world may seem like an enormous task, but it is in fact the collective effort of everyone to make small contributions with a lot of heart. The size of the contribution is not what matters most. The key here is to have the heart to do it. The same heart we see all through the life of Jesus Christ, a heart to do good to the people. Jesus Christ even did not have time to lay down his head. He had the same heart even on the Cross as He forgave the people who were cause for his Crucifixion. Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing" (Lk 23:34). That's why the human history is divided into two B.C. (Before Death of Christ) and A.C. (After Death of Christ). Such a great difference Christ had made in human history.

The truth is every one of us is put into this world to contribute and make a difference in our own unique way. In this regard one need not do extra ordinary things to achieve the goal, but continue to do what we are supposed to do with great heart. Someone said, "Nobody can do everything, but everyone can do something." Take the time to think about something you can do? Being a parent - is that something I can do? Being a teacher - is that something I can do? Being a student - is that something I can do. Being a jobholder - is that something I can do. If everyone thinks about something they can do and does it with great heart, that is the difference you can make in the world. I am also just reminded of the song our children sing during the Mass, clapping and raising hands up and down, and with a lot of enthusiasm and happiness- go and make a difference, you can make a difference, go and make difference in the world.

OUR PRIEST, DEACONS & SEMINARIANS

Tyler Tenbarger, Seminarian

Tyler Tenbarger (Sts. Peter & Paul) is preparing for his Diaconate Ordination on May 30, 2015 at 10:00 am at Sts. Peter & Paul. All are welcome to attend.



Tyler will be assigned to Resurrection for the summer, serving as a deacon (preaching, weddings, etc.) and learning more about how to serve in a parish. In the fall, Tyler will begin his final of eight years in the seminary at St. Meinrad. His priesthood ordination is scheduled for June 11, 2016. Please continue to pray for Tyler as he continues his journey.

John Pfister, Seminarian

John Pfister (Holy Cross) will be assigned this summer to do CPE (Clinical Pastoral Education) at Deaconess Hospital while living at Holy Trinity. John will continue his education in the fall at St. Meinrad. Please continue to pray for John as he continues his journey.



Jon Blaize, Novice

Jon Blaize (Sts. Peter & Paul) is about to finish his first semester of classes as a Novice at St. Meinrad. Jon reports that his Novitiate is going well and he hopes to make his temporary vows in January 2016. Please continue to pray for Jon as he continues his journey.



Brian Ward, Candidate

Brian Ward (Holy Cross) will be returning to our area from May 8-28 for vacation. He will then travel to and live in Strockbridge, MA until August 15. In the fall, Brian and 12 others will be head to Washington DC to take the next step in their journey. Brian will then become a Novice and begin a year of work, prayer, and study about what is Religious life and this year allows time to discern whether to take vows at the end of the year and become a Brother with the Marians. Please continue to pray for Brian as he continues his journey.



Deacon Hiep Nguyen

We would like to thank Deacon Hiep Nguyen for the time he has spent with us helping with our Religious Ed program and also the time he has spent with us during Masses. Deacon Hiep will return to the Diocese of Cheyenne for his Priesthood Ordination on May 22, 2015. We were truly blessed with Deacon Hiep serving in our Catholic communities and wish him the best of success in his future. Cards and well wishes can be sent to: St. Margaret's Catholic Church, 622 E. Park Ave., Riverton, Wyoming, 82501



PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE By: Ann Minnis

Please stop by the meditation garden in our cemetery to see the “In Memory of Unborn babies” memorial stone. Pray for unborn babies and all those grieving the loss of a child. This is a photo of the beautiful stone.



REPORTS & THANKS:

Special thanks to all who have taken part in the “40 Days for Life”; St. Patrick’s Family-Game and Card Party; “Cemetery of the Innocents”; Right to Life Banquet; and to the K of C Council #2215 and D of I Circle #151 for donations. You may not know until you stand before the Throne of God how your prayers, actions, words, donations, encouragement, and joy in LIFE make a difference, but keep on doing what is right!

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

COMING EVENTS & Volunteer Opportunities:

HAUBSTADT SOMMERFEST (June 18, 19, 20) – to help at The Right to Life booth, call Maureen Ruggles 768-6974. To enter a baby in the BEAUTIFUL BABY CONTEST, call Linda Kissel 768-6033.

GIBSON COUNTY FAIR (July 5--11) – to help at the Right to Life booth, call Janith Goedde 768-6537. To enter your baby in the BEAUTIFUL BABY CONTEST, call Linda Kissel 768-6033.

PARADES – The Schmitts & Keils will again be pulling the Right to Life floats at the Sommerfest.

SPIRITUAL ADOPTION PROGRAM – Continue to pray for an unborn baby in danger of abortion. Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen recommended, “Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the unborn baby that I have spiritually adopted, who is in danger of abortion.”

“**Royal Baby**” -- Prince William and Kate Middleton announced the name of Britain’s newest princess, Charlotte Elizabeth Diana. Her official title will be Her Royal Highness Princess Charlotte of Cambridge. The birth is an interesting phenomenon because it has billions of people acknowledging the simple fact that a baby is a baby both before and after birth. Christian writer Eric Metaxas points out that abortion activists normally call a child in the womb anything but a baby or a child; but this was one rare occasion where “Royal Baby” won out over “Royal Fetus.” The battle over human dignity is waged not just at the abortion clinic or crisis pregnancy center, nor merely in the halls of Congress or the Supreme Court. It is also carried out in our choice of *words*.

Right of Life Meeting Dates:

June 9, July 14, August 11

The June 9 meeting starts at 7pm. The July, 9 and August 14 meetings start at 7:30 pm. All are held at the home of Ann Minnis, 115 N. Vine St. Haubstadt.

All are welcome to attend!

RIGHT TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION –dues for 2015

Mail to: Right to Life of Gibson County, P.O. Box 324, Haubstadt, IN 47639

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School

St. Bernard ~ Holy Cross ~ St. James ~ Sts. Peter and Paul present:

“Cathletics! Training to be Champions for Christ” It will be held June 22-26 at the Sts. Peter & Paul Campus. Registration forms are available at the churches, parish centers and on-line at (www.holycrossparish.info and www.stspeterandpaul.net) . Please complete a registration form and return with the fee to your parish office or in an envelope marked VBS in the collection basket. Checks can be made payable to Sts. Peter & Paul. We need volunteers to help with registration, snacks, preparing craft kits, leading children to daily activities and a teaching. Craft Day will be June 10 at Sts. Peter & Paul beginning around 8:30 after Mass. Jessica Church is this year's Coordinator. Please contact her at jess.church@gmail.com or 812-483-3833.

Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia

We have a week-long list of events planned for June 22-26. The sisters of St. Cecilia will join us to teach Vacation Bible School, personal witness talks on Monday evening after Mass, activities with the St. Maria Goretti Youth Group and a special evening with our Catechists. Watch the bulletins for more detail! If our Kindergarteners could learn what “Transubstantiation” means at VBS last year, just imagine the wonderful things that could be in store for us all this year!