



HOLY CROSS HERALD

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

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I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers (Eph 1:16)

Though I am appearing for the first time on our parish newsletter, I think I need not introduce myself. I may not know you by name but I am sure you know me because I am experiencing your care and concern.

As I am a missionary here I am just reminded of a small story. Missionaries in the past travelled all over the world to preach the Good News even without knowing the language. Long ago some missionaries came to USA and they learned only three words: **we, for our pleasure and come let us go**. One day as these missionaries were walking on the road unfortunately they found a person who was beaten up thoroughly and left for death as in the story of Good Samaritan. Being moved by the condition of the person, went to him and caught hold of him with the intention of saving him. Meanwhile police came to the spot and asked them who killed the man? And the missionaries as they have learned only three words replied saying **we**. Then the police asked them why did you kill him, then they replied **for our pleasure**. Then the police told missionaries come to police station. Then they replied **come let us go**. We can imagine what could have happened to those missionaries.

It's been a month that I am here and I hear from the most of the people saying to me "we need you." I remember, once Mother Teresa was asked a question, if an Angel and Priest come to you whom do you welcome first? Then she replied, priest. Why? because an Angel brings down only the message of God but priest has the power to bring down God through the celebration of the Eucharist and, blessings and graces of God through the celebration of other Sacraments. That is true. When I hear the expression "we need you" I feel that you say from deep within your hearts and spiritual experience. At the same time it reminds me of the **Call** and responsibility of serving the people of God. But finally I understand that how much you feel the need of me and your love and concern.

But another thing what I feel is that I am just the fruit of the tree you grew up. I was blessed to have St. Thomas the Apostle come to Kerela in South-India, which is my neighboring state, and sow the seed of faith, but that seed has been watered, protected, taken care of by the missionaries, like Fr. Jerry Ziliak who spent many years serving in India. I am just fruit of that tree. Coming to my vocation of the priesthood, from the time I entered into seminary, my **Spiritual Parents, Jim and Betty Barr** (from Texas), supported me all through my journey to the priesthood. They were with me at every moment of my life supporting me all the way possible and made me a priest. For me it is awesome and incredible that I am in the land of generous people. Finally what I say is that we are not the people who gather where we have not spread and harvest where we have not sowed. Whatever good work we do, it will return to us one day somehow miraculously. One thing I like is that people in our parishes are God-fearing, loving, sincere, hard-working and generous. Someone said, 'fear of God is the beginning of wisdom.' Perhaps it is because of this that God has blessed America. I pray that God continues to bless you and America.

Thank you for welcoming me with such open hearts.

God Bless You, Fr. Sudhakar

PARISH OFFICE 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.

✠ Christopher & Melissa (Dunkel) Layman—they have 2 children that attend Holy Cross School. Kali Ann and Wyatt Matthew.

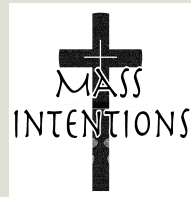
✠ Jessica Kramer—She has 2 children at Holy Cross School. Jayda Hardiman and Jaycee Kramer.

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.



2015 MASS INTENTIONS



The parish office is now scheduling 2015 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

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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

All first time parents must attend a Baptismal Class prior to their baby being baptized. Godparents are welcome to attend also. You are encouraged to attend this class before the baby is born. Next class will be on September 8 @ 6:30 pm at Holy Cross.



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

WELCOME BACK



Summer vacation seems to pass by more quickly each year. As a new school year begins, the teachers and staff are gearing up for another wonderful school year here at Holy Cross. Our theme for this year is: "A Family of Families." This theme is so fitting for Holy Cross. Anyone who has ever attended Holy Cross Catholic School understands the feeling of "family" very well. Holy Cross always has been and continues to be a special place to learn and to grow in one's faith. Please take a few moments to recall some of your fondest memories of Holy Cross. I'm sure our students would love to hear some of your stories. If you would like for some of your memories to be shared with our students, please email them to me, and I will pass them along to our teachers and students.

Upcoming School Events!

September 1—No School Labor Day
 September 2—September Birthday Mass
 September 3—Free Dress
 September 7—St. Bernard's Chicken Dinner
 September 8—Computers of Education kickoff
 September 9—Grandparent's Day
 September 12—Progress reports sent out
 September 14—Alumni Weekend
 September 23—Autumn Begins



A Family of Families
Una Familia de Familias

My email is: jhollis@evdio.org.

Please pray for our children to have a wonderful school year.

John Hollis, Principal



FINANCE COMMISSION By Steve Hall, President

Have you ever wondered what a typical Collection looks like financially? We get a summary each week in the bulletin of the total from the previous week; but do you ever wonder about more details? Like, how much of the collection is cash? How much is checks? And what about this new "Electronic Tithing", are people really using it?

Well, as any collection counter will tell you, every week is different. But I have taken the collection data from the last 3 months to give an idea on what the typical breakdown looks like. So assuming that the Sunday collection total for a given week is \$8,638 (our budgeted amount this fiscal year), here is how it would be composed. There would be about \$264 in loose cash. There would be about \$1,421 in cash in envelopes; and there would be about \$5,339 in checks in envelopes. And there would be about \$1,614 from automatic withdrawals (electronic giving). And how many families are actually using the electronic giving? Currently, we have 41 families that have chosen this method to make their on-going contributions to Holy Cross. As a point of reference, we have about 275 families that contribute to our collections at some point throughout the year.

But in the end, it does not matter how you choose to contribute to the collection, the fact is that you do make faithful donations. We sincerely appreciate your on-going, generous support of Holy Cross.

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Direct Debit Authorization Form

I hereby authorize Holy Cross Church to initiate debit entries for tithing to my/our account as indicated below and the financial institution named below to debit the same to such account. I/We acknowledge that the origination of ACH transactions to my/our account must comply with the provisions of U.S. law.

(Financial Institution Name)	Name(s) on the Account
Transfer Amount \$ _____ for Sunday collection _____	
Type of Acct: <input type="checkbox"/> Checking <input type="checkbox"/> Savings	(Routing Number) _____ (Account Number) _____
Frequency of transfer: Weekly _____ on Friday or Monthly _____ on the 5 th (or next business day)	
This authority is to remain in effect until Holy Cross has received written notification from me/us of its termination in such time and manner as to allow Holy Cross and the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.	
(Print Name)	(Signature)
(Print Spouse Name) (if joint acct)	(Spouse Signature) (if joint acct)
(E-mail Address)	(Date)

PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF VOIDED CHECK TO THIS FORM

RCIA By Gerald Weber

Fall Inquiry

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" Mt. 28:19. Many people are searching for something that they can grasp onto as a purpose for living. RCIA is a method of introducing these people to the Catholic Church. The RCIA does not try to persuade people of other religious faiths that the Catholic Church is the only way to live, but to offer Jesus to the churchless.



Evangelization is one of the primary functions of our Catholic faith. It is up to the Church, which is all of us, to get the word out about God's love for each of us. We all must be aware of our duty to evangelize and extend an invitation to those in need to learn about our Catholic faith through the RCIA.

When people respond to our invitation to learn about our faith there must be a structure in place to serve these people, this is the purpose of the RCIA. The RCIA offers a structure of inspiration of others to support the candidate. Because of all the opposing values and pressures that are not in harmony with the gospel there is a great need to have others to strengthen and support the candidates. Every member of the Christian community has the obligation of supporting the candidate.

There are many ways for everyone to support the RCIA candidates. Each of us must find our own way of helping. A few things that all of us can do are: praying for the candidates and catechumens, speaking words of encouragement when we see these people, participating in scripture study on Sunday mornings, or offering to host the Sunday morning scripture study. These are only a few ways we can help. With a little imagination we can all help encourage those who are looking for meaning and purpose in their lives.

Think about someone you could make a simple invitation to share this priceless gift. There is no commitment involved in Inquiry. The sessions are informal and for anyone having questions, or, an interest in the Catholic Church.

Inquiry sessions for this year began on Aug. 10. Call Monica Weber 753-4833 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Alumni Weekend and Parish Picnic are fast approaching. Watch for information in the bulletin about signing up at Church. We look forward to another great year of fun and fellowship!

Sunday, September 14, 2014!



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



What a fresh summer! In the previous SMG Newsletter article we had a lot of anticipation and excitement for upcoming summer events. And it turned out to be truly awesome! God is good...all the time!

Our fun day to Holiday World on June 4th was being threatened by some severe bad weather. We were considering just cancelling (like many other groups) but we still went, the weather was fine (until about 4pm) and there were hardly any lines for rides!

Later in June, we sent 5 youth to Notre Dame Vision, a leadership conference that helps develop the faith and gifts of high school youth to imitate the lives of Jesus Christ and the Saints in our current culture. Cecilia Hall said of her experience, *"ND Vision helped me to open my eyes and realize that I'm not the only one out there with problems like mine. It helped me to realize that there is so much more to my faith than just going to Mass each week."* And Lauren Ziliak shared her thoughts: *"Notre Dame was a great experience. It was an awesome feeling to be surrounded by other Catholic teenagers and being able to share open up with others my age. I'll take the things I've learned about my faith and myself and use them for the rest of my life."* Following ND Vision,

we had 3 youth attend One Bread, One Cup at St. Meinrad. Like ND Vision, it's a 5 day conference, but focuses more on developing the youth's gifts to serve in the liturgy at Mass like being a Eucharistic minister, cantor, lector, etc. It helps the youth know that they ARE part of the Church and gives them ownership and purpose in the Body of Christ!



On the evening of June 24, during the week of VBS, we were blessed by the presence of the Dominican Sisters from Nashville, TN at our HS Blacklight event! Over 30 HS youth attended. I was impressed by how engaged the youth were when the Sisters were sharing a little about their lives and vocation. I wasn't sure if the Sisters were going to join in on the blacklight dodgeball but they did! And they even did a bit of line dancing to a Brooks & Dunn classic.



From July 13 – 18 a group of 14 youth and 6 adults journeyed back to St. Vincent Mission in the impoverished region of Appalachia, KY to help the people there with home repairs and to share in the love of God with each other! We contributed to Sandy's new construction home (as seen in this picture; her previous home was demolished) by working on her plumbing, electricity, drywall, cabinets, flooring, and underpinning. We also worked on the home of Madonnina, who suffered spinal injuries in a car wreck, by cleaning out garbage and installing vinyl flooring in two rooms. It was an awesome experience for our youth

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and for our adult volunteers. This would not have been possible without your help! Thank you all so much that supported us with your gifts of prayer and donations. I truly believe lives were changed, both the people we served and our group of Christ-like servants. A Scripture verse that we read one night came from St. Paul in the Acts of the Apostles 20:35, *"In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"* From this picture of some of the "young" men on the mission, I think it's evident that we all felt pretty blessed and that the Corporal Works of Mercy produce the fruit of the Holy Spirit such as joy, peace, kindness, etc. in all who partake. Holly Bittner, a volunteer on the mission, said that she truly learned the meaning of love on the trip and shared a few thoughts about it: *"The people who we were helping, you could just look in their eyes and the sound of their voice...and you could tell people have never showed them love. Love is Patient, love is Kind. Love is Eternity. Love is a lot of things, but you have to use it the right way. The way Jesus would want you to. We used so many different types of love to people who most need it and what a wonderful feeling inside and a GREAT experience. Thank you very much for all who made the Kentucky Mission Trip possible! We couldn't do it without your everlasting love to keep on giving!! AMEN"*



Finally, we closed our summer with a party to not only welcome and meet Fr. Sudhakar, but also say goodbye and thank Brian Ward (aka "the Warden") for the countless hours of help he gave to our youth ministry. Brian is discerning the call to the religious life by joining the Marians of the Immaculate Conception in Steubenville, Ohio. Please pray for Brian to be given the grace and strength to follow God's will. On the other hand, receiving Fr. Sudhakar into our parishes is a great joy! He shared with our youth a lot about the culture, faith, and family life in India, as well as his experience here in southern Indiana so far. Although linguistic communication with Fr. Sudhakar can be difficult due to accent and dialect, shared likes and interests can go a long way. When asked what he likes so far about our community he said without hesitation, "Sandy's Pizza!" Thank you Sandy's Pizza for ALL that you do! And I'd suggest trying some of Fr. Sudhakar's spices from India, but look out for the heat factor...grab a tissue. Thank you Fr. Sudhakar for traveling halfway around the world to share your love of Jesus and His Church with us.

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.

Upcoming Events:

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

Twitter: @SMG_YouthGroup

BIBLE SCHOOL

We had a wonderful Bible School this years with the Dominican Sisters presenting for us. Here are a few pictures of the children learning lessons during the day. The children learned so much and enjoyed their time with them!



HOSPITALITY By: Diane Bemis

The Hospitality Spring Blood drive was Tuesday, June 3. We extended the drive from four hours to five hours. This enabled us to have more time to collect blood and speed up waiting time. We collected 30 units, which is the most we have ever collected. On Saturday, June 28, the Hospitality Committee hosted a farwell reception for Father Brian. We will miss him very much! Finally, on Sunday, July 20, we hosted a welcome reception for Father Sudhakar. Parish members welcomed him with open arms and donuts!

LITURGY By: Rita Stone

The goal of the Liturgy Commission has always been to help the members of our parish to experience liturgy in a more meaningful way when attending Mass & other services held at Holy Cross Church.

Active participation is the key to achieving the experience that brings all of us closer to God as we worship as a congregation. We should all be responding during Mass..everyone saying the words of the Creed, Our Father, etc. Some folks say they cannot sing, but every voice sounds perfect to God. Most of you have heard the saying, "singing is praying twice" a true statement if there ever was one! God loves to hear us raise our voices to Him in song. The more we participate, the more meaningful Mass becomes for each of us.

We are so blessed to have priests to celebrate the Mass for our parish. It is at Mass we experience the love of Christ and truly appreciate what is happening at the Consecrationthat He left us a way to partake in the Body & Blood of Christ that is transformed from simple bread and wine at the hands of the priest. We carry Christ within our very bodies when we receive Holy Communion....how fortunate are we to be Catholic!!

The members of the Liturgy Commission hope that all will be conscious of how privileged we are to be able to practice our Catholic faith. Let us make an effort to fully participate in the Mass, realizing the great blessings we receive when we worship and pray at Holy Cross Church.

RELIGIOUS ADULT FORMATION

Epic: A Journey Through Church History

This 20 week series will be offered at Holy Cross on Sunday evenings beginning Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. This class includes light reading and study questions outside of class, a dynamic & engaging DVD presentation along with discussion & sharing during class. Registration forms are available on the parish websites and in the back of church. Please join us to discover the fascinating story of our church family and how we fit into that family!

Oremus (A Guide to Catholic Prayer) Do you find it easy to pray? For most of us, prayer becomes a source of frustration as we struggle to calm our minds and to find even a few minutes to pray. In our busy lives, prayer is seen as a luxury, when in reality it is at the foundation of a healthy spiritual life. The good news is that you can overcome your difficulties with prayer, and it is easier than you might think. Over the course of 8 weeks the Oremus study program teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life. A class will be held at Sts. Peter & Paul on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning Oct. 1. This will be held at the same time as K-12 Religious Ed classes to allow parents an opportunity for faith formation.

The Cursillo Movement, approaches evangelization as a very natural act of being Christlike within each of our daily activities. While most people would like to live their lives in a Christ-like manner, the pressures of the world often make this difficult. The Cursillo Movement provides a method and a technique to provide each of us with the tools, the mentality, the strength, and the support to make this natural type of evangelization possible. The Cursillo Movement can assist each of us in developing a deeper understanding of what it means to be fully Catholic by being fully Christian. If you'd like to make a Cursillo or be a sponsor, please contact Laura Goedde at 812-768-6457 or go to www.evansvillecursillo.com for more information. Dates for upcoming Cursillos are: Mens' #82 – October 9-12 and Women's #87 – Nov. 6-9.

Natural Family Planning By Lori Spindler & Terri Ziliak

The Parishes of Holy Cross, St. Bernard & Sts. Peter & Paul Present **God's Way, Not ours.....His plan for your marriage.**

Topics include Infertility, Fertility and the Catholic Church's teachings on these subjects.

Come join us for an enlightening evening filled with faith and fellowship.

A special guest speaker for the evening is Dr. Blanke, a physician trained in the Creighton Model system. Watch the bulletin for more information!



Monday, October 20th following 6:30 pm Mass
at Sts. Peter & Paul in the cafeteria.

A light meal will be served.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION By: Larua Goedde

Religious Education Classes -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. Please join us as we come together to help strengthen the faith of your children.

Parents are invited to the opening of classes on September 3 at 6:30 p.m. Fr. Sudhakar will give a talk to the students & parents. Following the talk we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Students will spend a short time before the Blessed Sacrament and then dismiss to their classes. Parents are encouraged to stay for Adoration until it is time for the students to be released at 7:45 p.m. Sophomore parents & students will have a meeting in the cafeteria immediately following the opening talk.

Wednesday Evening Rosary -The rosary will be prayed beginning at 6:15 on Wednesday evenings before Religious Ed classes each week. Parents and parishioners are invited to join us for this time of prayer.

Sign-up -It's not too late to sign up for Preschool-12 Religious Education Classes.

Please go to one of the parish websites for registration forms: www.holycrossparish.info or www.stspeterandpaul.net or contact the parish office. Classes begin Sept. 3 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sts. Peter & Paul campus. Pre-school classes begin Sept. 21.

Catechists - We are still looking for Sunday morning pre-school teachers. If you would like to help during the 8:45 Mass at Holy Cross or the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul, please call us.

Catechetical Sunday will be held on September 7 at the 8:45 Mass at Holy Cross, and at 10:30 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul. All catechists are invited to join us for a blessing for the Religious Ed year.

Mark your Calendars

September 3 – K-12 Religious Ed Classes Begin– Parents invited to opening with Fr. Sudhakar & Adoration

September 3 - Confirmation Parent & Student meeting in Sts. Peter & Paul cafeteria

September 7 - Catechetical Sunday - Holy Cross at 8:45 a.m. and Sts. Peter & Paul at 10:30 a.m.

September 7 – Catholic Scripture Study Kick-off meeting at 6:00 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul Cafeteria

September 8– Baptism class – Holy Cross at 6:30 p.m.

September 21- Preschool Religious Ed Classes Begin

Baptism– The next Baptism class is September 8 at 6:30 pm at Holy Cross. All first time parents who are parishioners wanting to get their child baptized need to attend this class. The next class is December 8 at 6:30 pm at Holy Cross.

First Reconciliation and Holy Communion—Plans are underway for our new class of second grade students. Watch your child's folder for participation form. Please return the completed form to your child's teacher as soon as possible. IF your child was not baptized in our deanery, please attach a copy of his/her baptismal certificate.

Confirmation—Class starts September 3. Parents and students both need to attend the first class. Your child will need to be registered for both religious education and confirmation. We look forward to celebrating this sacrament with your child.

We are here to help you in any way we can to ensure that you and your children receive the formation you need to grow in their faith. We invite parents to become an active part of their children's Catholic formation by volunteering or just coming by to visit the classes. Enroll in the adult formation classes and be that model for your children to encourage their continued growth and deepen your spiritual life too!

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE By: Ann Minnis

Right to Life meetings:

Sept. 2, Oct. 14, Nov. 11 at (7:30 pm) at 115 N. Vine St. , Haubstadt

COMING EVENTS:

Placement of a Memorial to the Unborn in Sts. Peter and Paul Cemetery's

Meditation Garden—Funded by Right to Life of Gibson County and designed and carved by Chris Botzum to honor unborn babies who have died from miscarriages, as well as abortions. Individuals or families who have lost an unborn child but do not have a gravesite to visit, can benefit from an opportunity to recognize their child and find healing and comfort. And all of us can remember the unborn and pray for their grieving parents. Thank you to the Wilfred Tenbarge family and to the Cemetery Committee for permission and their cooperation in this project.

Sept. 19, 20, 21—GOLDEN HERITAGE FESTIVAL—on Princeton Sq. Call Elizabeth Hauger 386-1237 to volunteer at booth.

October 5, Sun., 12:30 – LIFE CHAIN – Come to Lloyd and Green River Rd for rally and materials.

***October 9, Thurs., -- RESPECT LIFE CELEBRATION—5:30pm Mass at Sts. Peter and Paul** with Bishop Thompson. Registration required for Catered Dinner -\$20/person or \$15 per HS or college student. Keynote address by Most Reverend Timothy L. Doherty, Bishop of the Diocese of Lafayette. We urge all those involved in parish ministries to attend and hope our Parish will be well-represented! Call Ann Minnis 768-6768 to register or for more information.

Oct. 15-- “40 DAYS FOR LIFE”—Sts. Peter and Paul’s tentative date. Look for sign-up sheet in back of church late in Sept. Please volunteer to walk for an hour to pray at the pro-abortion Planned Parenthood Clinic at Evansville. You may call Mary Jane Thompson 453-9943 for more information. The “40 Days for Life” extends from **Sept. 24—Nov. 2.**

Oct. 25, Sat, 9:00—10:00am – “CEMETERY OF THE INNOCENTS” – We will need individuals and groups—

especially strong young workers-- to erect the crosses at Syl Elpers’ field at Hwy 41 and I-64. Call Jim Helfrich 768-6313 or Joe Goedde 768-6537 for details. Watch the bulletin for further details or changes.

Nov. 4, Tues., 4:00—6:30—SOUP SUPPER to benefit Right to Life of Gibson County—sponsored by Sts. Peter & Paul Pro-Life Committee in cafeteria. Chicken noodle & chili soups plus desserts. Everybody come!



For Pregnancy aid:

1-877-734-2444 (Gabriel Project 1-800-848-LOVE (Nation-wide)

There is HOPE after an abortion: silentnomoreawareness.org; priestsforlife.org

Did you know? An unborn baby at just 8 weeks will react to touch. By 12-18 weeks the neuron circuits for pain are becoming fine-tuned. By 20 weeks, pain receptors are definitely in place. Any baby after 20 weeks will need pain medication to get through prenatal surgery. The “Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act” would prohibit any person from performing an abortion if the age of the unborn child is 20 weeks or greater. Senator Dan Coats is a co-sponsor of this proposed legislation. Senator Joe Donnelly has not yet co-sponsored.

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ADORATION By Beverly Hirsch

“COME SPEND ONE HOUR WITH ME?”

These are the words Jesus said to His disciples before He was crucified. Jesus is asking that same question of us. We are all called to spend more time with Him. It is true that we can spend time in prayer anywhere, but there are so many distractions in our daily lives that it is easy to forget unless we make a commitment. Eucharistic Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament is our Lord's gift to us. Spending an hour with Jesus in Adoration will bring many graces & blessings to you and those you pray for. You are offered this opportunity every First Thursday of the month beginning after morning Mass until Friday morning Mass at Holy Cross. A sign-up sheet is in the back of church or you may call Beverly at 449-7355 or call the church office at 753-3548 for the hour that works best for you. We would like to have at least 2-3 people for each hour. We currently have only one person at 12:00, 3:00, and 4:00pm. Will YOU accept Jesus' invitation?

