



HOLY CROSS HERALD

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

August 2017

Dear Friends,

This is always a busy time of the year in our parishes. We have started a new school year and are preparing for another year of religious education. We are so blessed to have our Catholic schools and our great religious education and youth ministry programs. As you know, it takes a lot of resources to make all of this happen. If you really think about it, a Catholic parish is an amazing place. These parishes certainly are amazing. Thank you for all that you do to help us fulfill the mission entrusted to us. Jesus gave us the great commission to baptize all nations and to spread His Gospel. Together, we are doing this.



I also wanted to share a few thoughts about a new position we have created in our parishes. We recently hired Joe Hopf to serve as the Coordinator of Parish Operations. The goal of this position is to help me with the administrative duties of our parishes. He will be working closely with our parish staffs and committees. If you get a chance to welcome Joe to our staff, please do. He is going to be a great addition. You will read more about him below.

Know of my daily prayers for all of you. May God continue to bless you and your families.

Love in Christ,
 Father Tony



I was born and raised in Poseyville and was a member of St. Francis Xavier where I attended the catholic school through the 8th grade. I graduated from North Posey High school, and from Ivy Technical College.

My wife (Sue) and I were married in 1977, and have three children and one grandson. We moved from our hometown due to my job in 1991 and lived in several cities returning to the area and settling in the Haubstadt area in 2005, and became members of Sts. Peter & Paul.

I worked in the electric utility industry for just over thirty-five years for several different companies and have twenty-one years experience in a senior leadership role.

Over the next several months I'll be spending time with the staff's at all three parishes, in an effort to fully understand the operations at each parish and school.

I'll be meeting with presidents and members of our councils and committees in an effort to understand the working of each and their mission.

The hope and goal is that through this position we can free Father Tony up for more pastoral ministry and less time on administration. I'll also be working with our staffs in areas that we could create a more efficient and effective operation of our three parishes. I'm extremely excited about this position and I look forward to meeting and working with all of you.

Joe

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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.

✠ Joshua & Cassandra Neufelder. They have 2 children, Isaac and Cora.

✠ Ryan & Ashley Jones. They have one son, Christopher.

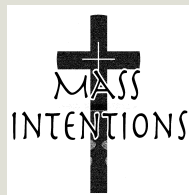


HOME COMMUNION

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.



2018 MASS INTENTIONS



The parish office is now scheduling 2018 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@iee.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

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 Monday, September 11 at 6:30 pm at Holy Cross Parish Office. Please contact Liz Hirsch at lhirsch@evdio.org or the parish office to register for a class.



Prayer Chain—Please Pray for the Sick & Suffering

To add someone to the prayer chain, please contact Phyllis Schmits at 812-615-5141 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. Ambrose.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL NEWS

John Hollis, Principal



Our Diocesan theme for this school year is: “Called To Serve”. We will continue to make the act of serving others a priority here at Holy Cross.

We have a few new faces at our school this year. Miss Emily Wallace will be our new 2nd grade teacher. Emily graduated with a degree in Elementary Education this past spring from U.S.I. Emily is a member of Sts. Peter & Paul Parish and resides in Haubstadt.

Miss Abby Hollis will be joining our staff as a classroom aide and technology teacher. She has her degree in nutrition and wellness from U.S.I. Abby is currently continuing her studies to become an elementary teacher.

Mrs. Cindy Titzer will be helping out in our cafeteria, and Mr. Joey Vessels is the school’s custodian.

We also want to welcome Mrs. Leah Mowrer who will be taking over as our new preschool teacher.

Please keep all of our students, staff, and families in your prayers.

Mr. Hollis



The 2017-2018 school year has begun, and we are excited to announce that our enrollment for the year is 100! This is our largest enrollment in many years. Part of the credit for the increase goes to the ABC Tuition Trust Fund. This fund was established and maintained by the contributions of a single individual who always wished to be anonymous.

Cletus Oing made it his mission to provide tuition money for any family needing assistance. He always said, “I want anyone to be able to send their children to Holy Cross if they so desire.” Cletus helped, and is still helping, many families achieve their goal of sending their children to Holy Cross. The number of families he has aided over the years is over 100.

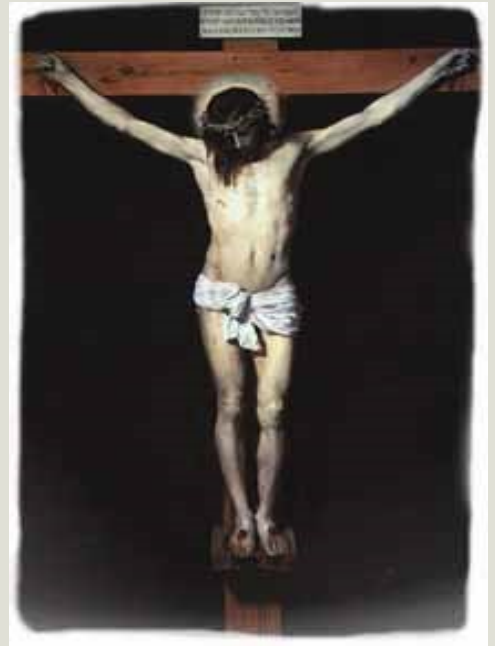
Cletus set a goal to contribute \$100,000 to a trust fund he called the ABC Tuition Trust Fund. He not only met his goal but exceeded it contributing a total of approximately \$180,000. Each year, Holy Cross uses the interest from this fund to award scholarships.

Cletus would be happy and proud to see our enrollment numbers for this year.

Thank you, Cletus, for being so kind and generous to us here at Holy Cross.

Exaltation of the Holy Cross
 Feast Day, September 14
 Holy Cross Novena
 September 5 ~ 13

Early in the fourth century St. Helena, mother of the Roman Emperor Constantine, went to Jerusalem in search of the holy places of Christ's life. She razed the second-century Temple of Aphrodite, which tradition held was built over the Savior's tomb, and her son built the Basilica of the Holy Sepulcher over the tomb. During the excavation, workers found three crosses. Legend has it that the one on which Jesus died was identified when its touch healed a dying woman.



The cross immediately became an object of veneration. At a Good Friday celebration in Jerusalem toward the end of the fourth century, according to an eyewitness, the wood was taken out of its silver container and placed on a table together with the inscription Pilate ordered placed above Jesus' head: Then "all the people pass through one by one; all of them bow down, touching the cross and the inscription, first with their foreheads, then with their eyes; and, after kissing the cross, they move on."

To this day the Eastern Churches, Catholic and Orthodox alike, celebrate the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on the September anniversary of the basilica's dedication. The feast entered the Western calendar in the seventh century after Emperor Heraclius recovered the cross from the Persians, who had carried it off in 614, 15 years earlier. According to the story, the emperor intended to carry the cross back into Jerusalem himself, but was unable to move forward until he took off his imperial garb and became a barefoot pilgrim.

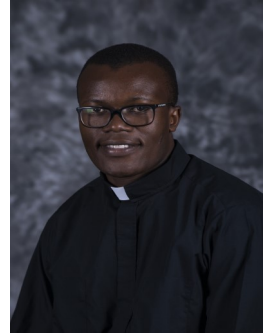
Prayer

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the Cross that He might draw the whole world to Himself, mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow Him: Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Jesus, who because of your burning love for us willed to be crucified and shed Your most Precious Blood for the redemption and salvation of our souls, look down upon us from Your Most Holy Cross and grant the petition we ask for (mention your petitions). We trust completely in Your mercy. Cleanse us from sin by your grace, sanctify our work, give us and all those who are dear to us our daily bread, lighten the burden of our suffering, bless our families and grant to the nations afflicted, Your peace, which is the only true peace. So that by obeying Your Commandments, we may come at last to the glory of Heaven. Amen.

UNDERSTANDING THE CHURCH By Fr. Ambrose

We read in the Acts 2:42 “They devoted themselves to the apostles teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.” They persisted in the apostles teaching and fellowship the breaking of bread and prayers. This verse offers us the key to the correct understanding of the church.

This community of faith started by the sending of the Holy Spirit, they were united in prayer and centered on Mary and the apostles (Acts 1:12-14; 12:1), we read. “When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter and John and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Mathew, James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer together with certain women, including Mary the Mother of Jesus as well as his brothers.



Reflecting on what is said here, we may notice that three of the basic characteristics of the church are clear: the church is apostolic: These are the twelve men Jesus appointed. He named them apostles; he sent them out, he says whoever receives you receives me. Jesus unites them to the mission he received from the Father. As the son can do nothing of his own accord, but receives everything from the Father who sent him, so those who Jesus sends can do nothing apart from him; they received both the mandate for their mission and the power to carry it out; they are servants of God.

The second characteristic is prayer: She is a praying church; she turns to the Lord for her needs. She is “Holy” Christ loved the church as his Bride, giving himself up for her so as to sanctify her; he joined her to himself as his body. The Holy Spirit is active in the church; the church is the holy people of God; are truly called saints. Christ being the head of the Church, it is sanctified, made holy by him. Christ makes us holy as a church. Although not perfect he accompanies us and journeys with us.

The 3rd character is that the church is one: One may wonder why? The church is one because its founder is one. The one who has reconciled us to his Father by his Cross. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is clear; that the church cuts across different cultures yet we are one in Christ. The diversity is a gift; although at times we fail to appreciate it; we tend to be comfortable with our own particular cultural base; if I am a Hispanic speaking; I only go to Spanish events and Spanish masses and no other mass; or if I am Caucasian, I will never show up to a Spanish mass, in other words we feel comfortable with what we are familiar with, nothing wrong, its only that we still need to realize that we are one church, just but different cultural heritage. This goes hand in hand with hospitality; we open our parish community to all; everyone is welcome.

The 4th characteristic is Catholic: This community of Faith is universal and it is enlightened by the Holy Spirit it is displayed by different gifts among the members of the church aimed at service. It cuts across all cultures, the spirit of God flows where it wills. The community of faith is universal people who speak in all languages; from the very beginning it is portrayed as “Catholic” we see the apostles actively going to evangelize pagan regions; even now, we see missionaries, literally going to distant lands to preach

Looking into this characters we realize that the church is not private in any way; it does not belong to a particular person, or a particular region, or a certain community or a particular country; it belongs to all; every should feel at home in the church; don’t wait for somebody somewhere to welcome you and make you feel at home; the church is our mother; for us all; always welcoming. For those in the church who might think otherwise, take time to meditate on these characters, then go out and be agents of Christ, invite everyone. Rome was the capital of gentiles, we see the apostles evangelizing up to Rome; most of them were killed in Rome including Peter and Paul. You don’t need to travel physical to evangelize; it could be in your prayer, I pray for those who have devoted their life to going to those places I am unable to go; or I support those missions financially, or during my casual encounter, I invite others into my spiritual life and share my experiences with them; or help those struggling with their faith in my community to get a clear understanding. Above it all, be grateful for the Holy Spirit. *Father Ambrose*

Seminarians & Religious Life *By: Kim Goedde*



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It was wonderful to spend time at home this summer, but I am very excited to get back to school. I look forward to my second year in the seminary as I continue to discern where God is calling me in the future. Please pray for me as I pray for you!.....Nick

NEWLY ORDAINED

Congratulations to Fr. John Pfister & Fr. Jerry Pratt who were ordained to the priesthood on June 3. Fr. John was assigned as Associate Pastor to St. John the Baptist & Fr. Jerry was assigned as Associate Pastor to Good Shepherd.



ARCHBISHOP THOMPSON

Congratulations to Archbishop Charles Thomas who was installed as the 7th Archbishop of Indianapolis on July 28.

The installation Mass can be found at <http://www.archindy.org/archbishop/installation2017-mass.html>



BROTHER JOEL BLAIZE



Brother Joel Blaize
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"I had a very nice time attending the International Benedictine Congress for monks in simple vows from June 22 to July 6 in Rome. About 30 young monks from around the world took part in the congress, & we toured many places in Rome & elsewhere in Italy. St. Meinrad's very own Br. John Mark Falkenhain presented conferences on living a healthy celibate life. Since my time at Rome, I've been at the Abbey of Einsiedeln in Switzerland, the monastery that founded St. Meinrad Archabbey. I've visited many historical places, churches, and Benedictine sites here in Switzerland, & before I return home on August 22, I hope to continue to study the musical tradition at Einsiedeln, as well as visit England. Next semester, I will be a part time student in the school of theology, and I will continue my work in the music office and with St. Meinrad's oblate program.".....Br. Joel

Please continue to pray for Br. Joel as he continues his journey.

BROTHER BRIAN WARD

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"I will be taking a year off of studies in DC and I plan to do ministry with two other brothers in my congregation at a Prep School that was founded in the 30's by the Marians in Thompson, CT. The school is called Marianapolis Prep and I will be helping with the classes in Theology, doing Campus Ministry, and helping with the music as well. I look forward to it and would love for more prayers. This is going to be my new address for the year starting August 17.".....Br. Brian

Please continue to pray for Brother Brian as he continues his journey.



View of the neighborhood where Fr. Tyler is living in Siena

Fr. Tyler Tenbarge was assigned by the bishop to study in Rome for a degree in Canon Law. Here is a short update from Fr. Tyler:

"Ciao! I arrived in Rome in July for a week of documentation and paperwork, and now I am in Siena, a small town in Tuscany (Italy), to spend 10 weeks learning the Italian language. I have classes each morning and on a couple afternoons each week, and I am enjoying learning to converse with my host-mother, not to mention enjoying her Italian cooking! After my two months here, I return to Rome for full-time studies towards a "JCL" (Canon Law degree) at one of the pontifical universities. I will update you with a permanent address once I have one in Rome. Know of my prayers from Italy for my family and friends back home in Gibson County."...Fr. Tyler

Seminarian Intern

My name is Tim Pick and I am currently a 3rd theologian studying at St. Meinrad School of Theology and Seminary. I am a native of Le Mars, Iowa, the self-proclaimed "Ice Cream Capital of the World". Blue Bunny ice cream is manufactured there and is the city's largest employer with over 2,900 employees.

I am a 1980 graduate of Le Mars Community High School and a 1984 graduate of Westmar College (formerly in Le Mars, IA) with a BA degree in Business Management and a minor in Accounting.

I have three siblings (2 living and one deceased) and they reside in Le Mars, as do my parents. I am a musician having been a cantor, choir director, and liturgist for many years in my home parish, All Saints-St. James Church. I am a veteran of community theatre and in my spare time enjoy long walks and renovating houses, primarily painting and décor.

I am very excited to be a part of your parish family this upcoming formation year; looking forward to share in your vibrant parish ministry!



Pope Francis presided over the Holy Mass with the imposition of the Pallium on the Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul on June 29. There were three United States Archbishops who received the Pallium and all three had Indiana ties—Archbishop Paul Etienne, Cardinal Joseph Tobin and Archbishop Charles Thompson. The Mass can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/4xgO8qnqkbw>



Catholic Community Mother's Group – NOW FORMING!

A new ministry designed to connect and support the mothers of Holy Cross, St. James, and Sts. Peter and Paul! The Catholic Community Mother's Group is a new group being formed with a mission to affirm and support women, primarily in their role as mother, but also as wives, daughters, and sisters, while strengthening our Catholic faith and family life. This ministry is designed for moms of all ages and seeks to generate and strengthen friendships so that we can lovingly accompany one another on the path of motherhood. **Our first meeting will be Wednesday, September 20, 9 a.m. at Sts. Peter and Paul. We ask that you pre-register by September 13. Contact catholiccommunitymothers@gmail.com to pre-register or for more information. You can also find us on Facebook by searching "Catholic Community Mother's Group."**

Catholic Community Mother's Group Seeking Volunteers!

In conjunction with the Mother's Group, the Joy Club will be offered for children ages 1-5. (Infants and children who prefer to be with mom are welcome stay with mom at the Mother's Group meetings.) The Joy Club will meet in the Youth Room at Sts. Peter and Paul while the Mother's Group meets upstairs. Activities and snacks will be provided for the children. **We are looking for adults who would be willing to help with providing care to the Joy Club children during one (or more!) of the Mother's Group monthly meetings.** Please contact catholiccommunitymothers@gmail.com or Kristen Kassenbrock at 812-431-8728 if you would like to help!

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION By: Laura Goedde & Stephanie Stoll

Holy Cross/Sts. Peter & Paul 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. You are invited to share the beginning of our Religious Ed school year!

Parents are encouraged to attend the opening of Religious Ed classes on September 6 at 6:30 p.m. We will have a guest speaker followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Students will spend a short time before the Blessed Sacrament and then dismiss to their classes. Parents and parishioners are welcome to come and stay for Adoration until it is time for the students to be released at 7:45 p.m. Let's show our support of our students by praying for a successful year!

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 & K-12 Religious Education Classes.

Please go to one of the parish websites for registration forms: www.holycrossparish.info or www.stsppchurch.com or contact the parish office. Classes begin Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sts. Peter & Paul campus. Pre-school classes at Holy Cross & Sts. Peter & Paul begin Sept. 24.

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 10 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.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a process designed to form and inform inquirers who fall into three categories:

1. The unbaptized person
2. The person baptized into a faith tradition other than Catholic
3. The baptized Catholic who was neither confirmed nor reared as a Catholic.

The climax of the process comes when those who choose to do so are confirmed and baptized (if necessary) in the Catholic Church.

Each inquirer chooses a sponsor. This sponsor is not to be confused with a baptismal or confirmation sponsor. The RCIA sponsor is a practicing Catholic, usually a member of this parish, who goes through the sessions and rites (ceremonies) of the process with the inquirer, serving as a friend and mentor.



"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations" Mt. 28:19. The Holy Cross RCIA program will be starting with the Inquiry sessions. Inquiry is the first phase of the RCIA program. During this period those interested in the Catholic Church, or those who have questions, are invited to attend gatherings, to ask their questions, and to start learning what it is to be Catholic.

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. We challenge every member to think of your extended family, friends, neighbors and co-workers. Think about to whom you could make a simple invitation to share this priceless gift of faith.

Inquiry sessions will start on Sunday, August 20 after the morning Mass in the parish center. These sessions are informal and will last approximately six weeks. If someone is interested in attending and can't make the first sessions we will still provide with the necessary information from the sessions they missed.

If you know of anyone who is interested in finding more out about the Catholic Church, or have any questions, please contact Monica Weber at 812-753-4833, or the Parish Office at 812-753-3548.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Scripture Study – Two different studies will be offered this fall. We will offer a study called “The Bible Timeline” The Story of Salvation. The study takes you on a journey through the entire Bible. You will go deep into each period of salvation history and discover the amazing story woven throughout all of Scripture. Using a unique color-coded Bible Timeline system, you will learn the major people, places, and events of the Bible and see how they all come together to reveal the remarkable story of our faith. Classes will be held Sunday mornings at 8:30 a.m. and Wednesday mornings at 9:00 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul. A study called “The Wild Goose – Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit” will be held on Tuesday evenings at Holy Cross at 6:30 p.m. and on Monday evenings following Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul at 7:00 p.m. Join Fr. Dave Pivonka in this incredible 14 part video series which is awakening God’s love and transforming power in the hearts of all who participate. Discover the Holy Spirit who has been revealed to us by Jesus Christ and who leads us to our heavenly Father. Contact Laura at 812-768-6457 or email at lgoedde@evdio.org to register for any of these studies.



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' weekend Oct. 5-8 and Women's Nov. 2-5.

Mark your Calendars

August 30 - Confirmation Parent/Candidate Kick-off Meeting at 6:30 p.m. - Sts. Peter & Paul
 September 6 – K-12 Religious Ed Classes Begin at 6:30 p.m. - Sts. Peter & Paul
 September 10 - Catechetical Sunday - HC at 8:45 a.m. and Sts. P & P at 10:30 a.m.
 September 10 – Catholic Scripture Study Kick-off meeting at 6:30 p.m. - Sts. P & P Cafeteria
 September 11 – Baptism class – Holy Cross at 6:30 p.m.
 September 24- Preschool Religious Ed Classes Begin

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 your faith and develop a deeper relationship with Jesus. 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!

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



For this edition of the SMG newsletter, Regan Happe (parishioner at Sts. Peter & Paul and HS senior at Gibson Southern) is going to share about her experience at Notre Dame Vision, a week-long summer conference for high school students around the nation and even international youth. Regan, along with 7 other HS youth attended ND Vision June 26 – 30. Tess Rumble also went on the adult ND Vision conference. Here's a picture of the 8 girls from our parishes that attended (From left back: Elizabeth Spindler, Regan Happe, Brooklynn Moody, Ellie Kiesel, Cameron Spindler; from left front: Hannah Rumble, Rachel Jones,

Lindsey Field). Now, let's hear from Regan! :

People receive their callings in many different ways. Appropriately, my calling became very clear to me while attending Notre Dame Vision earlier this summer. My week at Notre Dame was powerful, enriching, and renewing as I grew in my faith with youth across the nation along with seven other girls from Saint Maria Goretti Youth Group. While attending ND Vision, we heard speeches from students at the university, prayed a daily rosary at the beautiful Grotto, and made friends with other God-seeking high school students; all while having some fresh fun.



God was trying to tell me something all week, and you could say I was confused. However, on the last day, there was a certain phrase that stood out to me, the same phrase we hear at the end of every mass. It was simply said, "Go out and spread the good news." Though I was extremely sad to leave, I couldn't help but feel excitement because there it was: my calling! Why did this not click with me before? I'm not sure. The Lord works in mysterious ways.

I now plan on attending a Catholic university and majoring in religious education in hopes to one day teach my very own theology class. I feel that this is how I am called to spread the good news of our Lord to others. Experiencing something as great as Notre Dame Vision was a blessing to me. I highly encourage all high school youth to attend Vision in the future, and I hope it will be just as powerful to you as it was to me.

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.

Join our Facebook group: "St. Maria Goretti Catholic Youth Ministry"
website: smgyouth.com

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE By: Ann Minnis

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 15 and 16—GOLDEN HERITAGE FESTIVAL –on Princeton Sq. Call Lynn Will 812-632-0177 to help at booth.

October 1, Sun., 12:30 – LIFE CHAIN – Come to Lloyd and Green River Rd for rally, sandwich, and materials. People then spread out to pray along Green River Road, giving silent witness for innocent human life.

Oct. 11-- “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. 27—Nov. 5, 2017.* Internationally, 40 Days For Life has succeeded in shutting down **86 abortion facilities**, has saved at least **13,305 babies**, **154 abortion workers** have quit their jobs and walked away from the abortion industry, and thousands of women have been spared the suffering and trauma that comes with the decision to abort one's own child.

Oct. 21 (Sat, 9:00—10:30am – “CEMETERY OF THE INNOCENTS” – (rain date: Oct. 28) 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.

Oct. 22, Sun., 2:00 -- “MOMMY & ME FASHION SHOW”—Fun afternoon at The Bauer Haus, sponsored by Right to Life of Southwest Indiana. \$25/adults; \$12/children ages 6+; free/children under 6. Watch for flier later at church.

Nov. 7, 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! Yum!

Thank You

To our **Outreach Committee** for a generous donation for Respect-Life work. To **VBS volunteers, parents and children** (and the Dominican Sisters) who donated more than \$200 to Right to Life in generous thanksgiving for materials and supplies provided by RTL for the “LIFE”-focused theme of this summer’s VBS.

To our many parishioners who helped **staff the Right to Life booths** at the Sommerfest & Fair; entered babies in the **“Beautiful Baby Contests”**; drove RTL **floats in the Sommerfest Parade**; appeared in the Mother’s Day & Father’s Day **Ads**; and **supported respect-life efforts in so many ways!**

To **Sarah (Jost) Rigg** who has kindly agreed to help coordinate our Respect-Life Committee at Sts. Peter & Paul! Thank you to **Amy Parmer** for her years of service in that work and welcome to Sarah!

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:

Sept. 12, Oct. 10, Nov. 14

All meetings start at 7:30 pm and are held at the home of Ann Minnis, 115 N. Vine St. Haubstadt. All members & prospective members are welcome!

RIGHT TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION –dues for 2017

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

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