



HOLY CROSS HERALD

Father Anthony Ernst, Pastor
Father Ambrose Wanyoni, Parochial Vicar

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Dear Friends,

I hope this finds you doing well. I want to share a little update on some projects we have been working on over the past several months.

Because of the funds we have received from the Stewards of God's Grace Capital Campaign, we have been able to accomplish multiple projects in our parish. You may have noticed the men working on our buildings this summer. They have been doing some major cleaning and tuck pointing of our Church, School and Parish Center. This is something that we have often discussed over the years, but we never really pursued it because of the expense. The buildings have been thoroughly cleaned, cracks in the stone have been repaired and the stone has been sealed. This will help preserve our buildings for many years to come. We are so grateful that the founders of our parish built these buildings so well.

We have also replaced the windows in the Parish Center. The windows were really in bad shape and extremely inefficient. In fact, if you were sitting close by one of the windows, you could feel the cool or hot air coming through them. The new windows look very nice and they will also save us a great deal of money on our utility bill.

We also replaced the canopy connecting the Church Building and the Parish Center. You may have never noticed it, but the old canopy was really deteriorating. Some of the wood was rotting out and it was time for an update. The new canopy looks really nice.

We have also been doing work on our air conditioning system. We hired a company to come in and evaluate our system. They did some thorough cleaning and were able to help maximize the output of our current system. It seems to be working quite well at this time. We will continue to monitor the system's performance.

Finally, we have totally renovated our restrooms in the School Building. This was much needed! I can't begin to thank everyone who helped with this project. There were several parishioners who put in a lot of time on this effort, which saved us a lot of money. It was a lot of hard work! Everything was replaced in the restrooms, including the entire terrazzo floor. When you get a chance, please take a look at them. The funds for these renovations were provided through two of our school endowments.

I think that's it! As you can see, a lot has happened and it has happened because of your generosity. I know that many people weren't initially too excited about engaging in the Stewards of God's Grace Campaign, but it has certainly been a blessing for our parish and the parishes throughout our diocese. The improvements we have made may not be the most exciting things to think about, but they are really important to our parish. We must take care of our buildings if we are going to provide our ministries for many years to come. Thank you for your generosity. We are very blessed!

Join me in praying for our students, families and school staff as we begin a new year. May it be a year for all of us to grow in God's wisdom and grace.

Love in Christ,

NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

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.



Mr. & Mrs. Jay & Lisa Bradshaw. They have 2 sons and reside in Ft. Branch.

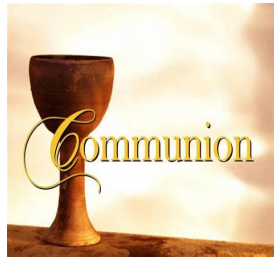
Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan & Chantal Wood. They have two sons and reside in Ft. Branch.

Ms. Sandy Robinson. She is a nurse and resides in Owensville.

Mr. & Mrs. Justin & Kira Morgan. They reside in Francisco and have one son.

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.



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 812-753-3548 or lmay@evdio.org with questions.

WEBSITES

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

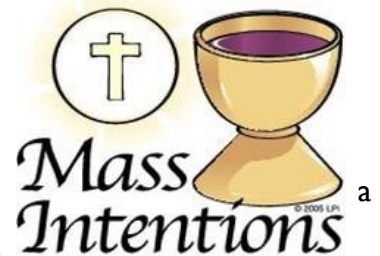
Our website pages are:

Parish: www.holycrossparish.info

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

2019 MASS INTENTIONS

The parish office is now scheduling Mass Intentions for 2019. You may schedule up to 3 Mass Intentions per year for particular person. One weekend and two week day.



Prayer Chain—Please Pray for the Sick & Suffering

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



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL NEWS



John Hollis, Principal

The Diocese Catholic School Theme for the 2018/19 School year is:

“Lighting the World with Hope”



It was great to welcome back our returning students and families. It was also nice to meet our new students and families as we begin the 2018-19 school year. Our theme for this year is: "Lighting the World With Hope.". We have a new addition to our staff. Miss Sarah Guse has been hired as our new music teacher. Our former music teacher, Mr. Winstead, has accepted a position as Principal of St. Joe County in Evansville. We're looking forward to a great year here at Holy Cross Catholic School. be sure to follow us on Facebook to discover some of the wonderful happenings going on at our school. You can follow us on Facebook by searching Holy Cross Catholic School. Please keep all of us here at Holy Cross in your prayers.

Mr. Hollis

Update from the desk of Coordinator of Parish Operations

It's hard to believe that a year has already gone by since I started in this position last August. It's been extremely fulfilling and uplifting for me to be able to work with all of our parish & school staffs, many of our parishioners, councils and committees, Father Tony, Father Betz, and Father Ambrose. Thanks to everyone for your cooperation, expertise and knowledge in answering my many questions as I worked to get up to speed and become familiar with the operations of our three parishes.

Continued from my update in the May newsletter where I discussed breaking everything down into four major categories 1) Operations - overall running of our parishes day to day, scheduling, 2) Finance & Accounting – budgeting, reporting, systems, account management, processes, 3) Audit, Compliance & Controls – committee bylaws, cash management, processes, 4) Strategic & Long Term planning – three to five year plan looking forward.

I'm going to explain a change we decided to make at our parishes that falls under the category of operations. Each parish office was using a different method to schedule their Liturgical Ministries. It's fine for each parish to do things differently, but in this case, it was an inefficient use of staff time at two of the parishes. One parish was using a manual process, one was using an old computer program, and the other was using a web based program called Ministry Scheduler Pro, which is a newer efficient software used by many different church organizations throughout the United States. It took us about eight months to make the decision to change all the parishes to Ministry Scheduler Pro and implement because we took our time to make sure this was the best decision for all three parishes, and that the employees using the application were all in agreement with making this change. Using this program will save our staff time and will give our many volunteers the capability to check their schedule from anywhere through a phone application, computer, or a printed schedule; it will send you an email reminder when you are scheduled to minister next; and will allow you to easily find a substitute when you can't make one of your scheduled dates. There are many benefits for our volunteers and staff.

At some point in the future each parish will be audited by the diocese so I'm currently concentrating on the category of Audit, Compliance & Controls. In this area we're updating council and committee bylaws, looking at and updating cash management controls, creating new controls where none existed, and developing process and procedure guidelines. You'll hear more on this topic from me in future updates.

Look for future updates in the bulletin and newsletter where I'll share additional examples and thoughts with you on the many areas that we are working on as we continue to look at ways to enhance our parish operations.

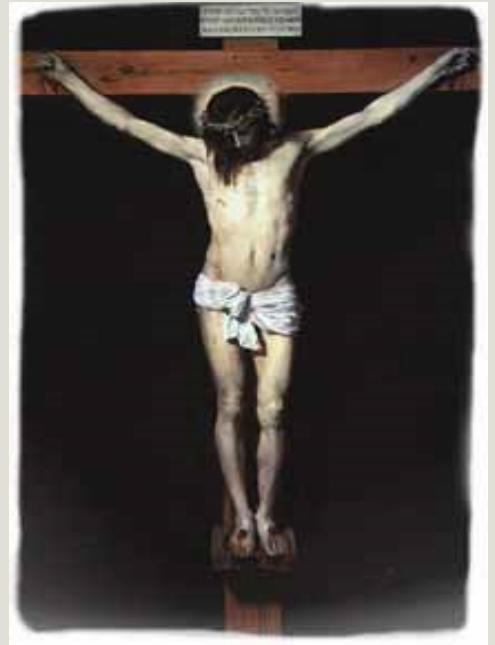
If you have an idea or thought that you'd like to share or discuss with me, you can send me an email at chopf@evdio.org or call me at 812-768-6457.

*Thanks,
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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.

A Novena is to be said for 9 straight days. The below prayer should be said Everyday-September 5-13 for your special intention.

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.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Our linked parishes are sponsoring Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University, a nine-week personal financial course that will begin **Tuesday, August 28** at Sts. Peter & Paul. It will cover many subjects of personal finance that can change your life in a positive direction and will enable you to get your financial life in order and plan for the future. Subjects will include: *Relating with Money, Cash Flow Planning, Dumping Debt, The Role of Insurance, Super Saving, Retirement and College Savings, Real Estate and Mortgages, and Being a Generous Giver*. If you would like to get your money and debt under control and develop a strong financial plan for the future, then this course is for you. Sign-up at www.fpu.com/1066137. You are welcome to come to the first session with no obligation to see if this program is for you; sign up after the first session. Cost is \$109 for all course materials. This course is ideal for couples to attend together. Individuals and single-parent families will also find the course valuable. *Coordinators are Greg Kissel and Jason Rainey.*



STEWARDSHIP IN YOUR LIFE

The Stewardship Committee is looking forward to our first youth focused event! It will be held on the first night of Religious Education classes on **Wednesday, September 5, at 6:30pm in Sts. Peter & Paul Church**. We will have several high school students speak to all registered Rel. Ed. Kindergarten-High School students. The theme is "How did you get where you are now in your faith!"

We would like to extend a special invitation to all 5th – 8th grade students from Sts. Peter & Paul, Holy Cross, St. James and all Community Schools who normally do not attend Rel. Ed. classes on Wednesday nights. The event will last about 45 minutes. Pick up for those attending only the youth event will be around 7:15pm. More information will be sent out through the bulletin and student Friday folders closer to September. Please feel free to contact Breana Taylor at btaylor@evdio.org or any Stewardship Committee member for more information. We look forward to hosting this event for the youth of our faith communities!



COMMUNITY MOTHER'S GROUP—FALL

Are you looking for a way to connect with other moms in our community while strengthening your Catholic faith and family life? Come see what the Catholic Community Mother's Group is all about! We are a welcoming group of mothers from different parishes and would love to have you join us at our meetings, even if you can only come to one! Meetings include a variety of topics, discussion and guest speakers. Mothers of all ages are welcome! This Fall, we will meet on September 19, October 17, and November 28 at Sts. Peter and Paul in Meeting Room I. Each meeting is held from 9-10:30 a.m. and childcare is available! Find us on Facebook by searching "Catholic Community Mother's Group" or email catholiccommunitymothers@gmail.com with any questions or for more information.



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



This edition of the SMG newsletter is 2 part: 1) Emily Spindler, parishioner at Sts. Peter & Paul and HS junior at Gibson Southern, wrote about her experience at Notre Dame Vision. 2) Jamie Baehl, leader of SMG Girl Time, wrote about the first HS Summer Girls Retreat.

"Notre Dame Vision is a five-day church retreat held at the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana. It is offered to high schoolers all over the world and ran by mentors who attend the University of Notre Dame, and those who attend get the full college experience of staying in the (non-air conditioned) dorm rooms and eating at the dining hall. This is all I knew when I signed up

to go back in March, but I was also told that the experience would change my life in more ways than one. Although I really had no idea what to expect, I figured there was no harm in trying it out.

On July 16, a few others from the St. Maria Goretti Youth Group and I made the 6 hour drive up to South Bend, Indiana. We were greeted by smiling mentors and freshly made cookies, and we were granted Notre Dame Vision Books containing rules, journaling pages, saints' stories, etc. We were also given lanyards with our name and dorm building on it and a bracelet that acted as our meal pass. After arriving at our dorms and unpacking our luggage, we headed outside, and this was the first time we were separated.

A large portion of Vision was spent with our small groups. You were put in a group with other high school students that you didn't know, so I was very anxious and excited for this. I was scared to be alone without any of my friends to save me from any awkward interactions, but everyone who had been urging me to go to Vision back home informed me that you grow very close to the people in your small group. There were seven people in my group: Nate, Michael, Sofia, Andrew, Aman, Lindsay, and me. There was a lot of small talk when we first met, but soon our two college mentors, Joseph and Halena, got us to open up when they started to hit us with deep questions.

One of the first in depth question they asked was, "How would you describe your faith life currently?" I had the feeling they were going to ask this, and I was honestly dreading it because I

was scared they were going to judge my answer. However, I knew that in order to participate I needed to answer honestly. I opened up and told them that I felt as if I was much more into my faith back in fifth grade at Sts. Peter and Paul. I remember enjoying going to confession much more. My heart would feel like it would burst from joy when I would leave the confessional, and I remember seriously considering becoming a nun. However, after entering into a public middle school, my relationship with God seemed to get weaker.

As the years went on, I began going to confession less and less, I didn't see the point in praying all the time when I wouldn't get an immediate answer, and I didn't long to go to mass. Going to mass began to feel more like something I would meaninglessly check off my to do list every Sunday. I struggled to pay attention at church, as my mind would begin to wander on what else I could be doing or other stresses I had going on. It was implied at school that being religious wasn't "cool," and like many other teenagers, I desperately wanted to fit in. I started pushing God away, and I didn't know what to do to fix it.

After telling this to my small group, my heart raced. I was scared of what they would say, but instead Joseph gave me a genuine, heartfelt smile, and I was told that what I had just confessed was actually very common. Some of my worries began to melt away.

Others in my small group began speaking, and I learned that I wasn't the only one feeling this way. I had always thought that no one understood what was happening to me and that I was the only one struggling, but that was not the case. Halena then looked at us all and said that it doesn't matter how weak our relationship with God is right now, the only thing that matters is our willingness to fix it. This showed me that even if you're at rock bottom, that doesn't have to be the end for you.

Vision taught me that it is okay not to be a perfect Catholic, and it has already put me on the right track to mending my relationship with God. It is also much easier to get started on this path when you're honest and open up to others. The people in my small group motivated me to better myself, and they still do to this day (I talk to them all everyday). I'm so thankful for how Notre Dame Vision has opened my eyes to God's love and mercy, and I was shown how He works in ways that might not be obvious to the human eye but still makes his presence known." - Emily Spindler



SMG YOUTH NEWS CONTINUED.....



July 28 and 29 the St. Maria Goretti high school girls participated in the first annual "Dogwood Retreat". The girls selected this name to stand for "Daughters Of God, Working On Our Destiny". The dogwood flower is also said to be symbolic of the Crucifixion and Resurrection.

Saturday, the girls spent several hours organizing supplies for incoming families at Ozanam Family Shelter in Evansville. They participated in a scavenger hunt at Mesker Park Zoo and then cooled off at Burdette Pool. That evening, Matt Parmer came to talk about what men look for in a spouse. Cecilia Hall, Jackie Goedde, and Maria Sermersheim later spoke about college life and staying active in your faith during school and summertime.

Sunday, they were able to attend mass at St. James and have breakfast with their moms and sisters. The high school girls were really able to think about their futures

and feel God helping them "work on their destiny" throughout the weekend. Ellie Kiesel said, "The girls retreat was an absolute blast! But not only was it fun, it was also informative. We learned about what your faith life is like in college and how to give back to our community. We also had a great talk from Matt Parmer about a guy's mind and how they really are much different than a girl's mind! Overall it was a great weekend and was refreshing to just step back and enjoy the faith with friends."

We hope to continue the Dogwood Retreat next summer with a trip to Nashville to visit the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecilia." - *Jamie Baehl*



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.

RELIGIOUS LIFE UPDATES



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I am very excited to begin this next semester. This year of discernment should be an amazing experience. Please pray that I can come to know greater depth of the Father's love, and the adventure he has planned for my life. Know of my prayers for you all.*Nicholas Sellers*

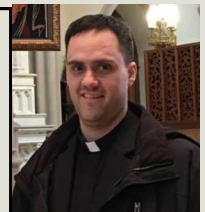


**Brother Joel Blaize
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God and community willing, Brother Joel and his classmates will make their solemn vows in January 2019. Please continue to pray for Br. Joel as he continues his journey.

**Brother Brian Ward
(Holy Cross)**

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This fall Brian will continue his theology studies in Washington, DC. If all goes as planned, he will profess his final vows in a couple of years and in four years he will be ordained to the Priesthood. Please continue to pray for Br. Brian as he continues his journey.

ENDOWMENT UPDATES FOR 2018

Holy Cross Endowments (as of June 30, 2018):

Religious Education Endowment	\$93,366
Karen Georges Memorial Endowment	\$221,613
Holy Name Athletic Endowment	\$25,057
Transportation Endowment	\$12,130
Jay Burger Endowment	\$117,960
Dr./Mrs. Michael Green Endowment	\$15,475
Holy Cross Parish Endowment	\$256,244
Frederick/Barbara Jean Bender Endowment	\$3,567
Fr. Tony Ernst Vocational Endowment	\$29,018
Fr. Tony Ernst Vocational Endowment-Unrestricted	\$4,131
Andrea Kay Bullock Memorial Endowment	\$13,266
Cemetery Endowment-Restricted	\$2,323,905
Cemetery Endowment-Unrestricted	\$535,408
TOTALS:	\$3,651,140

FATHER DEYDIER HOUSE OF DISCERNMENT

The Father Deydier House of Discernment will open this August at Sacred Heart Rectory in Evansville. The house will provide a place for young men, ages 19-30, to discern God's call in their lives. Fr. Tyler Tenbarger will serve as Chaplain and Director of the House. Young men interested in applying can contact Fr. Alex Zenthoefer at (812) 476-3061 or azenthoefer@evdio.org. Those interested in financially supporting the House of Discernment can send donations to the Catholic Diocese of Evansville at PO Box 4169, Evansville, IN 47724-0169. Checks should be made payable to the Catholic Diocese of Evansville with "House of Discernment" in the memo line. To learn more visit <http://www.evdio.org/vocations.html>.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION & ADULT FORMATION

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!

Religious Ed classes at Sts. Peter & Paul begin September 5. Students and Parents are invited to pray the Rosary at 6:15 p.m. Classes begin at 6:30 p.m. in church. This year Religious Ed is teaming with the Stewardship Committee to present several youth speakers expressing how their Faith and Formation has shaped their lives. Students will then be released to their classrooms following the talks to meet with their catechists and classmates. Students in Grades 5 through 8 who attend public school, catholic school or homeschool that are not registered for Religious Ed classes are also invited to attend.

Please keep all of our students and catechists in your prayers as we embark on a new Religious Ed 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. Pre-school classes at Holy Cross begin Sept. 23.

Catechetical Sunday will be held on September 9 at the 8:45 Mass at Holy Cross, and at 10:30 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul. All catechists will be recognized and a blessing offered for the new school 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.

The RCIA is not a program or a class, but a sacramental formation process that prepares individuals and communities for a particular way of life as Catholic Christians. Conversion is at the heart of that way of life. Conversion is a turning around, an about-face; it is the change that happens when we allow God to love us enough that God reforms us.

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. 4-7 and Women's Nov. 8-11.

We offer 3 different days and times for Scripture Studies. Sundays at 8:30 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul, Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross and Wednesday Mornings at 9:00 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul.

Sundays

"The Wild Goose—Discovering a Deeper Relationship with the Holy Spirit" - Sept. 16 – Jan. 6.

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.

"Psalms" - Jan. 13 – April 17

With *Psalms: The School of Prayer*, The Great Adventure moves from telling the Story to making it personal. While the historical books of the Bible recount God's creative and redemptive acts in history, the Psalms reveal Israel's response to God's covenant offer and serve as a model for our response to Him. Indeed, one could say that the historical books tell the "outside" of the story of Israel by giving a historical perspective, while the Psalms tell the "inside" story, which comes from the deeply personal perspective of one who is seeking God. Our communication with God is enhanced by a deeper understanding of the book of Psalms and of the individual psalms that reside in each of our hearts.

"Presence" A study on the Eucharist - April 14, 21 & 18

Presence explores the radical mystery of God's love expressed in the Eucharist and shows how in this sacrament God is really present to help and strengthen us at every step of life's journey. By diving into the story of God's love for his people in Scripture and the Church's teaching on this sacrament, Presence invites each one of us into a deeper, more intimate union with God.

Tuesdays

"Presence" - Sept. 11 – 25

"Psalms" - Oct. 2. – Dec. 11

"Turning Point" by Dynamic Catholic – Dec. 18 – March 5

This 9 week class is not your typical Bible study. It focuses on eight encounters with Jesus in the Gospel of John. Transformed by their experiences, the people in these stories invite us to encounter Jesus in our everyday lives.

Wednesdays

"Turning Point" – Sept. 12 – Nov. 7

"Presence" Nov. 14 – Dec. 5

"Psalms" - Jan. 2 – March 13

Registration forms are available on-line at www.stsppchurch.info or www.holycrossparish.info or at the Parish Centers.

Upcoming **Baptism classes** will be on Monday, September 10, and Monday, November 12, at 6:30pm at the Holy Cross Parish Center. Parents are required to attend a preparation class prior to the baptism of their first child or if they have not yet attended a class. Classes are typically held every other month on the second Monday.

Confirmation candidates must turn in their sponsor's contact information by Wednesday, October 3. Contact Becky Mann (bmann@evdio.org) if you need another sheet to fill out. A meeting for Confirmation sponsors and candidates will be on Sunday, November 4 at Sts. Peter & Paul at 9:15am. Sponsors and candidates may then attend 10:30 Mass together. Confirmation will be during the 4:30pm Mass at Holy Cross on Saturday, March 30, 2019.

An informational meeting for parents with children who will be making their **First Reconciliation and First Communion** this school year will be held on Thursday, October 11 at 6:30pm at Holy Cross. Please mark your calendars as we will be covering important information and dates as your child begins preparing for these sacraments. Please also be on the lookout for a First Reconciliation/First Communion registration sheet that your child will soon bring home. This sheet needs to be returned to your child's teacher or catechist by September 26. The First Reconciliation service will be on Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30pm at Holy Cross for both Sts. Peter & Paul and Holy Cross. Please contact Becky Mann (bmann@evdio.org or 812-589-5568) with any questions

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!

Laura Goedde, CRE lgoedde@evdio.org Stephanie Stoll, CRE Asst. sstoll@evdio.org Becky Mann, Sacramental Coordinator bmann@evdio.org

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE By: Ann Minnis

Upcoming events

Sept. 21 and 22—GOLDEN HERITAGE FESTIVAL —on Princeton Sq. Call Mary Lee Ingram 812-664-2122 to help at the Right to Life booth.

October 7, 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. 10, Wed.-- “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. 26—Nov. 4, 2018.* Internationally, 40 Days For Life has succeeded in shutting down **96 abortion facilities**, has saved at least **14,643 babies**, **177 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. 20 (Sat, 9:00—10:30am – “CEMETERY OF THE INNOCENTS” – (rain date: Oct. 27) 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.
NOTE: There are still 400 crosses to be painted if anyone would take on this project!

Nov. 6, Tues., 4:00—6:30—(Election-Night) 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 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!.

Right of Life Meeting Dates:

Sept. 11, Oct. 9, Nov. 13

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

SPIRITUAL ADOPTIONS: Keep praying for your spiritually-adopted baby until Christmas! Are you watching each month for information in the bulletin and on our church bulletin board on the amazing development of the baby?

One thing all our parishioners could do is to become dues-paying Right to Life members.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE ALREADY SENT YOUR 2018 DUES TO RIGHT TO LIFE!

RIGHT TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION —dues for 2018

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

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Thursday, October 4, 2018, 5:30pm-8:15pm
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211 North Vine Street Haubstadt, IN 47639



Panel of Speakers: Dr. Bill Blanke,
Rev. Anthony Ernst,
Brendan & Laura McKenzie

Topic: How has Humanae Vitae impacted our lives?

Most Reverend Joseph M. Siegel, D.D., STL
Topic: Taking Humanae Vitae into the Future