



THE HOLY CROSS HERALD

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

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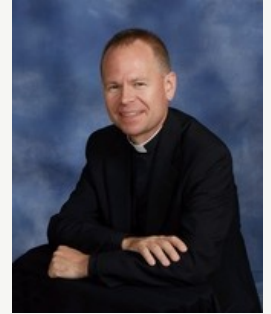
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Dear Friends,

You have most likely heard the news that Bishop Thompson has announced that there will be changes in our Princeton Deanery beginning July 1, 2015. Currently, Holy Cross, St. Bernard and Sts. Peter and Paul Churches are linked. We share a common pastor, associate pastor, other staff and resources. Beginning July 1, 2015, St. James Church will be linked with Holy Cross and Sts. Peter & Paul Churches. St. Bernard Church will be linked with St. Joseph Church in Princeton.



What does all of this mean? To be honest, much of the day-to-day operation of our parishes will not change. One change is that Fr. Betz will no longer be the pastor at St. James. As of now, I will assume that responsibility. Fortunately, Fr. Betz will continue to serve in our community. He will be relieved of the administrative duties as pastor, but he will continue to celebrate the sacraments and perform many other priestly duties. We are very blessed to have him continue actively serving. He says that he hopes to stay active as long as his health allows him. Knowing Fr. Betz that could be a long time!

I am sure there will be other changes due to our parishes being linked together. We will continue to share staff and resources to best serve the people of our parishes. We already have a combined youth ministry program between our parishes. This has been a great success. I am confident that we will share many other ministries between our parishes, which will help to strengthen our Catholic community. We are blessed to have such active parishes.

Advent will be here soon. We will be handing out a prayer book to help us enter into the Advent Season. Another great practice of Advent is to make a good confession. Please note the various times to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May we be prepared to welcome Jesus this Christmas and ready to meet Him when He comes to judge the living and the dead.

Know of my prayers for you and your families. May the birth of the Lord bring peace to our families and to our world.

Love in Christ,

Fr. Tony

PARRISH OFFICE NEWS

SAVE THE DATE

The Holy Cross Casino Night is Saturday, January 24, 2015. Watch the bulletin for upcoming information. We are in need of donations. You may drop them at the office. Call the office for more information!



The Holy Cross Annual Card Party is Thursday, December 4th from 6-9 pm. We are currently collecting items for the Chinese auction. Please drop them at the Parish office and be ready for a fun night of food and fellowship! Please RSVP to Sue at 753-3463.

CRHP WEEKENDS

We are all on a spiritual journey throughout life to strengthen our individual relationships with God. Join us for the upcoming CRHP weekend and allow God to work within you! Sign up sheets will be in the back of each church as the weekend approaches.

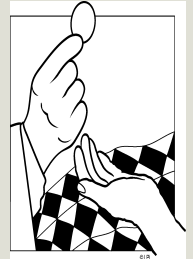
Women's Weekend is Feb. 28-March 1.

Men's Weekend is March 7-8, 2015.

For more information call Sauny or Leroy Seib at 812-677-0869.

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.



If you would be interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister and taking communion to the homebound, contact the office and we will give you more information. This is a very fulfilling mission!

2014 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.

Congratulations Brute Award

Congratulations to Robert "Bob" & Doris Elpers, 2014 Holy Cross Brute Award winners. They were recently recognized in Evansville at the Brute Awards Ceremony. As you know, Bob passed this past October. What a beautiful way to remember Bob & Doris for all that they have done for Holy Cross Parish. Thank you to the Elpers!

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@ieeee.org **Our website pages are:**
Parish: www.holycrossparish.info
School: www.holycrossparish.info/holy-cross-school

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



A Family of Families
Una Familia de Familias



The 2014-15 school year at Holy Cross has gotten off to a great start. The students and teachers are working hard as the first grading period has come to an end. The school years seem to pass by very quickly. This year Holy Cross Catholic School has begun to bring back some lost traditions. We have started clubs at Holy Cross to allow the children an opportunity to gain positive experiences beyond the classroom. Our Key Club will stress the importance of being good servants, and the Catholicism study group will strengthen the faith of all those involved. Mrs. Bittner will guide the students to new levels with the Art Club, and Holy Cross is also now home to an all-boys choir. Many great things continue to take place at Holy Cross Catholic School. Just as it was when many of you attended school here, Holy Cross Catholic School remains a special place to watch your children grow into successful servants of Christ.

Mr. Hollis
Principal

Upcoming School Events!!

November	4 Birthday Mass	December	4 Birthday Mass	January	5 School Resumes
	7-9 Turtle making		11 Advent Programs		6 Birthday Mass
	10 Canned food drive begins		15 Geography Bee		9 Report Cards sent home
	11 Veterans Day program		18 Crusader Academy		15 Fr. Tony's Birthday
	14 Midterm reports sent home		Christmas Party		24 Holy Cross Bball tourney
	17 School Spelling Bee		19 Pre K-Grade 5		25 Catholic Schools Week begins
	18 Picture retakes		Christmas parties		28 Mass for grade 5 at St. Ben's
	26 Grade 3 Thanksgiving program		22 Christmas break begins		30 Princeton Deanery Mass
	27-28 Thanksgiving break				31 Mrs. Spindler's Birthday
	28 Miss Weiss Birthday				

HELP NEEDED

The Church Building and Renewal Committee has been working with an architect over the past two years to come up with ideas to renew and enhance Holy Cross Church. We have some final proposals to share with our fellow parishioners. A meeting will be held in the cafeteria on Sunday, November 16th after the 8:45 am Mass. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend. Any thoughts and ideas will be appreciated!

The Church Building Renewal Committee



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL NEWS cont...

KINDERGARTEN NEWS:

We have had an amazing year in Kindergarten. The students are a great group of kids who make each day exciting. They are learning to read several new words, write sentences on their own, and practice new skills involving numbers. I can't wait to see how the rest of our year goes. I anticipate it will be as wonderful as it has started! *Lindsay Whitten*

FIRST GRADE NEWS:

October is a very busy month for us! To celebrate October as the Month of the Rosary, each first grader will take home our class Prayer Box one night to share with their families. We are also making our own Rosary Booklets. We have learned all about fire safety. We enjoyed our visit from Mr. Josh Medler of the Princeton Fire Department. We also learned what to do in a house fire by going through the "Smoke House". We appreciate the Ft. Branch Fire Department for bringing the display to our school so all students K-5 could have this learning experience. We enjoyed having our "Teddy Bear Day" and learning about the real Smokey Bear. Our bears helped us do math, spelling, and reading activities! We ate four kinds of "teddy Grahams" and voted that we liked the chocolate chip flavor the best. Congratulations to the first graders! They all made their AR goal for the first grading period. We celebrated with popcorn and a movie! We are now working on our new and higher goals. We made squirrels with sawdust tails. Each of us had our own ideas of how the sawdust felt. Some of our ideas were soft carpet, dust, sand, sugar, feathers, hay and stuffed animals. Finally, we celebrated lots of special activities for Red Ribbon Week at Holy Cross!!
Lorinda Wallace

FOURTH GRADE NEWS:

The fourth grade class has been working over the past few weeks, along with the third and fifth grade classes, to make "Hurricane" Houses. The students worked together to build houses using various types of paper and tape, glue, and craft sticks. After the houses were complete, the "hurricane" came. It consisted of high winds (leaf blower), a water surge (bucket of water thrown on house), and driving rains (power washer). The students had fun building their houses and watching to find out whose house would survive the "hurricane".

They have been busy writing! We have written several times, but just started our poetry writing. The first type of poem the students wrote were limericks. Their poems and illustrations they did to go along with them turned out



awesome! In another form of writing, we just finished stories about being a leaf on a tree. In this story, the students used as many alliterations as possible. We have students with great imaginations! *Connie Grabert*



FIFTH GRADE NEWS:

Sr. Theresa Sullivan from the Daughters of Charity spoke to the fifth graders about vocation!

Cathy Gray

SCHOOL BOARD by Deanna Bullock

The School Board Officers for this year are President: Deanna Bullock, Vice-president: LeeAnn Holzmeyer, Secretary: Mike MacMunn, and Parish Council Representative is Courtney Kuester. Mike attended the School Board Workshop at the Catholic Center in September as our new member.

We voted to change our meetings from the first Thursday of the month to the first Wednesday of the month. We have also voted to not meet each month and have made a schedule of the months we need to meet. We are trying to minimize the number of meetings held as requested by Fr. Tony.

The Evansville Diocese has asked that we rename our commission from School Board to School Council. They feel it better describes our relationship with the principal and school. The diocese has also asked that we have a liaison to deal with legislative actions by the state government that would affect Holy Cross. Scott Scheller has volunteered to do this and distribute the information to our parish families as needed. We are also in the process of looking at our Crusader Academy School Schedule for the 2015-16 year to meet the needs of our students. We are planning to develop a phone survey to see what would work best for our parents.

RCIA NEWS

RCIA PROGRAM IN FULL SWING

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) program is again in full swing at Holy Cross. Kyle Brasher, Taylor Brittingham, Todd Riggs, Dani Shelton, and Shawn Sunderland were accepted into the program on September 28, during the Rite of Acceptance. Our catechumen and candidates will meet almost every Sunday morning during the Mass to study our Catholic faith until the Easter Vigil. Their studies will consist of more than 30 lessons of various topics including the bible, faith and morals, and the sacraments. In addition to these lessons they will meet after Mass in group discussions of the Sunday readings.

Todd, Kyle, Taylor, Dani, and Shawn need the help of everyone in the parish to help them learn what the Catholic Church is and what it teaches. Each of us must find our own way of helping. A few things that all of us can do are: praying for Todd, Kyle, Taylor, Dani, and Shawn speaking words of encouragement when we see them, 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.

Faith Sharing is an opportunity to discuss the Sunday readings and help figure out how they apply to us today. Faith Sharing is open to the entire parish and is an excellent opportunity to show the catechumen and candidates what our faith means to us. We pray that the Holy Spirit guide Todd, Kyle, Taylor, and Dani along their faith journey.

STEWARDSHIP By Stephanie Stoll

When someone says the word stewardship what is your first thought? Many think of the 3 T's- time, talent, and treasure or Father giving a homily on money. Stewardship is so much more. In John 3:27, John answered, "A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven". Everything we have, even our own existence, is a gift from God to be used for His purposes. Living our Catholic faith and using God's gifts according to His purpose is stewardship. The future of our parish and of the Catholic Church depends on each one of us. What we do every day will determine what the church will be in the future. How will you serve Him today?

Stewardship Committee



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Faith formation is a life-long activity. In Baptizing your child into the Catholic Faith, you accept the responsibility of bringing your child up in the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. Our parishes' religious education program helps parents meet this commitment by offering religious education for children as young as 3 years old all the way through high school. Beyond high school we offer continuing education through Scripture Study, RCIA, CRHP, Cursillo, Marriage Enrichment and other short course studies on the Bible.

Thank you to everyone answering the call that the Holy Father asks of us to evangelize and teach! We are very blessed to have all of the following who give of their time and talent to share their faith with our children and adults.

Sunday pre-school: Holy Cross – Sheila Robinson, Courtney Kuester, Holly Brittingham, Jennifer Schnaus, Sue Boyd, Jodie Paridaen & Lorinda Wallace

Sts. Peter & Paul – Doris Martin, Lucy Will, Cassie Helfrich, Jessica Weber & Shyla Adler, Christy Walker & Amber Schmitt

Kindergarten – Blake Goedde, Debbie Neufelder

First Grade –Stacey Higginbotham, Ann Sobotka

Second Grade –Jill Heuring, Megan Howington, & Jonette Wilson

Third Grade – Mary May, Betty Jo Knapp

Fourth Grade – Andrea Michel, Ann Luttrell

Fifth Grade –Anna Schulten, Kim Sisk

Sixth Grade - Kristy Scherer, Jack Field

Seventh Grade - Wanda Englert, Lisa Bittner, Jen Speicher

Eighth Grade – Brad Mayer, Aaron Scott, Bob Seib, & Brad Schmitt, Fr. Sudhakar

Freshmen – Joe & Jamie Kiesel, Keith Dewig

Sophomore – Bryan & Liz Hirsch, Joe Mraz, Heather Furniss

Junior – Karen Adams, Bill Goedde, Stephanie Stoll & Mike Weaver

Senior – Tina & Wayne Murphy, Jamie Titzer

Our volunteers are: Bernie Wallace, Kathy Seibert, Michelle Brown, Chrysanne Rogers, Julie Burnor, Amy Parmer, Christie Menke, Denise Taylor, Jennifer Schnaus, Jason Krueger, Jessica Church & Delaine Preske. Rosary Leaders on Wednesday evenings are: Jerry & Patty Woehler, Vernon & Hilda Schaefer, Tom & Ann Minnis, Joe & Janith Goedde, Larry & Shirley Haley & Tom Maurer.

RCIA Teachers: Holy Cross – Peg & Steve Hall, Kay & Randy Kiesel, Monica & Jim Weber, Betty Sue & Gerald Weber

Sts. Peter & Paul –Shelly Weiss, Ann Minnis, Alicia Brandle, Alden Heuring

SPRED Teachers: Ann Georges, Sue Harrell, Helen Wolf, Lora Tribble, and Connie Dewig

Catholic Scripture Study Leaders: Annlee Botzum, Jonette Wilson, Bill Goedde, Gary Goedde

Epic Church History: Wanda Englert

Oremus: Laura Happe

We are again blessed to have seminarians from St. Meinrad. Deacon Hiep will assist Fr. Tony and Fr. Sudhakar at the weekend masses. Deacon Hiep will be ordained a Priest in May 2015. Taryn Whittington, a third year seminarian from the Diocese of Little Rock, Arkansas is teaching and observing in our Religious Ed Program on Wednesday evenings.

Please thank these gentlemen when you see them for helping us teach the faith to our children and parish family!

Our Religious Ed Classes celebrated the Month of Mary and the Rosary by praying a Living Rosary outside on October 22. It was a cool crisp, starry evening. It was priceless to witness the faces and faith that these children professed as we made our way around the luminaries representing the beads of the Rosary. One student asked if we could do this every week!

The 8th grade class is busy listening to vocation talks and working on their research projects for the Serra Club of Evansville. The students are asked to write an essay, research paper, PowerPoint presentation, skit or poem describing their understanding of Vocations. Two winners from each parish will be chosen and honored at a luncheon on January 16, 2015. Vocation talks were given by Fr. Sudhakar and Taryn Whittington on the Priesthood and Holy Orders. Brian & Mandy Rose gave a talk on the vocation of Marriage and a video was shown depicting a day in the life of a Dominican

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION cont...

Sister for the vocation of Religious Life. This is the same order of Sisters that visited with us this past summer and taught at our Vacation Bible School. They are from St. Cecilia in Nashville, Tennessee.

We are excited to bring 2 new programs to our Religious Education classes. The Junior class is studying the newly released "Decision Point" by Dynamic Catholic. The Sophomore class is studying "Chosen" by Ascension Press. Both of these programs are powerful ways to reach students where they are and help them identify with their Catholic Faith. Ask them what they are learning! We see great things coming from these young people! They aren't just the future of our church, they are a living, vibrant part right now!

Symbolon – We offered a class called Symbolon for the first time this fall. This program breaks down the Catholic Faith and explains it in a way that everyone can understand. We have found it to be so amazing that we will be sharing this with the RCIA class in December. Participants have said that this is exactly what they were looking for in a study and in an environment that they feel comfortable sharing their faith. Watch the bulletin for upcoming sessions.

Oremus (A Guide to Catholic Prayer) Another session of Oremus is wrapping up at Sts. Peter & Paul. If you haven't attended a session yet, what are you waiting for? One participant said, "Everyone should attend this class, I'm so glad you talked me into coming!" A class will be held at Sts. Peter & Paul on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning in January and a class at Holy Cross will be added. Watch the bulletin for details.

Epic History - A class in Church History is being offered at Holy Cross on Sunday Evenings at 6:30 p.m. Church History is so important in helping us know who we are as a Church and where we came from. Watch for upcoming opportunities to learn more about our rich Catholic Faith.

RCIA

Please pray for the Catechumens and RCIA Candidates who made their Rite of Acceptance this past month at Mass. They are: Holy Cross: Eric Bradshaw, Kyle Brasher, Taylor Brittingham, Todd Riggs Dani Shelton & Shawn Sunderland.

Sts. Peter & Paul – Amie Hulfachor, Michael Hulfachor, Kaci Lutz, Brittany Weinzapfel, Jason Kruger, Kaitlyn Jochim, Linda Hisch, Kendra Michel, Adam Pohl and Aaron Wilson. A very special thanks to all who helped in any way with the celebration. Please continue to pray for our catechumens and candidates as they now enter into a period of deeper formation in the RCIA process.

CURSILLO

"Become a friend, make a friend, bring that friend to Christ"



To explain Cursillo to someone who has never experienced Cursillo is at best, difficult. Often, for those who have experienced Cursillo it is still somewhat mystifying. This is not because the Cursillo Movement is a "secret" organization. The reason behind the mystery is God. No one can fully explain how God touches each person in His special/unique way throughout the various elements of the Cursillo Movement.

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.

Spring Dates: Men's Feb. 19-22 Women's March 19 -22

Mark your Calendars

Nov. 26 – No Religious Ed Classes (Fall Break)

Nov. 30 – No Sunday Pre-school classes (Fall Break)

Dec. 3 – Penance Service for Religious Ed students (Grades 3-12)

Dec. 9 – Baptism Class at Holy Cross Parish Center at 6:30 p.m.

Laura Goedde, CRE

Stephanie Stoll, Asst. to CRE &

Liz Hirsch, Sacramental Coordinator

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING by Lori Spindler & Terri Ziliak

Why is the Church always saying “NO?”

The Church has the solemn responsibility to uphold truth, and to do so with love. She has a vested interest in the good of both Catholics and non-Catholics, so she seeks the “common good” of all in society. Her teaching regarding contraception is made “in the light of an integral vision of man and of his vocation, not only his natural and earthly, but his supernatural and eternal vocation. (*Humanae vitae* 7)

We have been made by God and for God, and the Church proposes the truths necessary to aid men and women to live this life so that they might enjoy eternal life with Him.

Despite what most people hear about Church teaching through other sources, that it is just a bunch of “no’s” to good things, the Church’s teaching about contraception is based on Her teaching about sexuality and marriage, which is a resounding “**Yes!**”

The True Meaning of Marriage

Scripture affirms that marriage is not a man-made institution, but an institution of nature that has been divinely ordained by God. Marriage is a beautiful lifelong covenantal relationship between one man and one woman, and it is exclusive and open to new life.

The marital act is and must always remain open to new life; therefore the union of spouses through conjugal love must never be deliberately closed to life or love. As Pope Paul VI explained, “The Church...teaches that each and every marital act must of necessity retain its intrinsic relationship to the procreation of human life” (HV 12). In God’s divine plan the marital act unites spouses in love and gives rise to new life. God has established an “inseparable connection” between these unitive and procreative purposes of marital love. So when a couple rejects one of these beautiful purposes of their sexual union, they harm their spouse and their marriage, even if their intentions are good.

Contraceptive intercourse involves a choice against the possibility of new life so as to prevent pregnancy. It deliberately makes infertile a sexual act within marriage that should be fertile. The couple who freely and knowingly does this commits a mortal sin.

St. Pope John Paul II noted that “it’s not just about potential new life, but about love. Recall that Jesus revealed to us on the Cross that the true and full nature of love is that love is self-gift. Husbands and wives are called to foster love and unity within their marriage. Every couple seeks marriage precisely because they ardently desire to love deeply and fully. But love is more than a feeling; it is a choice and it is hard. Instead of facilitating love, contraception actually makes it more difficult to love.

Does this mean we have to breed like rabbits? Not at all....following the teaching about “responsible parenthood” in *Humanae vitae* and previous Church documents, John Paul stressed that, “unfortunately, Catholics often misunderstand this point, as if the Church supports an ideology of fertility at all cost, urging married couples to procreate indiscriminately and without thought for the future. One only needs to **study the teachings of the church** and learn that when couples have reasons to postpone having children they may do so by abstaining periodically by using “Natural Family Planning”.

Humanae vitae, encyclical of Pope Paul VI, *Evangelium vitae*, encyclical of Pope John Paul II, *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

Hospitality by Greg Perkins

Hospitality hosted our RCIA reception for our new candidates on September 28th. Our new candidates for this year are Kyle Brasher, Dani Shelton, Taylor Brittingham, Shawn Sunderland and Todd Riggs. Congratulations to these candidates! Holy Cross’s fall blood drive was held on Tuesday, October 7th. We had 20 plus donors during the event. Thanks to all who donate to this precious gift of life! Our commission is looking toward next year’s confirmation reception and spring blood drive. Thanks to all who help with this great commission.

SMG YOUTH: SUMMER NEWS by Brian Macke

Around the time of the last newsletter, we were in the process of sending out our mailing appeal to raise funds for our youth ministry. Wow!! We were truly surprised to see the amazing generosity of our parishioners! We collected a total of \$17,900!! We collected \$1,655.40 on the pumpkin fundraiser. We are truly blessed to have a community that cares so much for our youth and supports the mission of the Church to help lead them closer to Christ. Thank you!!



To kick off the new school year we invited all youth grades 6 thru 12 for a movie night out to the theatre. There was a movie showing called *When the Game Stands Tall*. It is a faith-based film and had a lot of good ratings so anticipation was high. But we didn't realize exactly how high. We had a total of 60 youth and 8 adults! The theatre only held 75 people so we basically bought out the show! The joy and excitement were overflowing as we settled in, as well as the popcorn and Coke Classic. I think I can speak for most of us by saying that it was a great movie. It was action packed and included a bit of romance (in a healthy way). But most of all, I think it truly inspired us all to re-think what it means to be successful in this life; to become more of who we're called to be...like Christ. Without spoiling the movie

(because I highly suggest you see it) the ending reflects St. Paul's description of Christ in his letter to the Philippians: *"though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself,...humbled himself, becoming obedient to death... Because of this, God greatly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name."*

Beginning in September, we kick-started our new high school Sunday evening program which we're calling *RockLife*. We created the name based on the merging of two different sources: Life Teen (the leading Catholic youth ministry resource in the country which we now use) and the Scriptures. The references to the word "rock" in the Scriptures are vast. Jesus' parable of building the house on rock compared to sand, Jesus changing Simon's name to Peter (meaning "rock") and saying to him "upon this rock I will build my church." Even God the Father is often referred to as the Rock: *"God alone is my rock and salvation, my fortress; I shall never fall."* - Psalm 62:3. For *RockLife*, we meet every 1st and 3rd Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00 in the youth room at Sts. Peter & Paul. We try to keep a healthy balance of spiritual and social activities. In the picture, we played "Bocce Pumpkin" to get the blood flowing! Our average night includes a bit of everything: games (mostly unconventional), discussion, Scripture readings, videos, faith sharing talks, etc. It is our mission, hope and prayer that through this ministry, our teens will seek to build their lives on "the rock" of Christ and His Church. Please pray for our efforts and if you'd like to be involved, we'd love to have you. Seriously.



Also on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month, we have Open Gyms for boys grades 8-12 and Girl Time for HS girls. The Open Gyms are held in Sts. Peter & Paul's Family Life Center from 4:00-5:45. We stop for a halftime "mantime" to discuss and share about growing as young Catholic men in today's world. The Girl Time is just getting going this year. They are mainly meeting in the youth room but will also travel off the premises such as shopping, ice skating, etc. Again, we would love to have interested adults to help with these events and share their gifts and talents with the youth. We truly NEED you! And so do our youth!

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

2014 MASS & CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Thanksgiving

Wed. Nov. 26 - 7:00 pm at Holy Cross

Wed. Nov. 26 - 7:00 pm at St. Bernard

Thurs. Nov. 27 - 8:00 am at Sts. Peter & Paul

Thurs. Nov. 27 - 8:00 am at St. James

No Masses or Morning Confessions Fri., Nov. 28

Immaculate Conception

Mon. Dec. 8 - 5:45 & 8:00 am at Sts. Peter & Paul

Mon. Dec. 8 - 8:15 am & 6:00 pm at Holy Cross

Mon. Dec. 8 - 6:30 pm at St. Bernard

Mon. Dec. 8 - 8:30 am & 7:00 pm at St. James

Christmas Eve

Wed. Dec. 24 - 4:00 & 10:00 pm at Holy Cross

Wed. Dec. 24 - 4:00 pm & Midnight at Sts. Peter & Paul

Wed. Dec. 24 - 10:00 pm at St. Bernard

Wed. Dec. 24 - 5:00 pm at St. James

Christmas Day

Thurs. Dec. 25 - 8:45 am at Holy Cross

Thurs. Dec. 25 - 9:00 am at Sts. Peter & Paul

Thurs. Dec. 25 - 7:00 & 9:00 am at St. James

Fri. Dec. 26 - No Mass

New Year's Eve

Wed. Dec. 31 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross

Wed. Dec. 31 - 5:00 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul

Wed. Dec. 31 - 6:00 pm at St. Bernard

Wed. Dec. 31 - 5:00 pm at St. James

New Year's Day

Tues. Jan. 1 - 8:45 am at Holy Cross

Tues. Jan. 1 - 9:00 am at Sts. Peter & Paul

Tues. Jan. 1 - 8:00 am at St. James

Penance Services

Sun. Nov. 30 - St. James @ 6:30 pm

Tues. Dec. 2 - St. Joseph @ 6:30 pm

Regular Confession Times

Sts. Peter & Paul—Mondays 6:00-6:25 pm

Fridays 7:30-7:55 am & Saturdays 8:30-9:30 am & 5:15-5:50

Holy Cross—Thursdays 7:40-8 am & Saturdays 4:00-4:25

St. Bernard—Sundays 8:40-8:55 am

St. James—30 minutes before Masses; Saturdays 4-4:55 pm

Additional Confession Times

Wed. Dec. 3—6:30-7:45 pm Religious Ed at SPP

Sat. Dec. 13—3:30-4:20 pm at Holy Cross

Sat. Dec. 13 5:00-6:20 pm at SPP

Mon. Dec. 15—5:30-6:20 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm at SPP

Tues. Dec. 16—6:00-8:00 pm "The Light is On" SPP & HC

Wed. Dec. 17—6:30-7:00 pm at St. Bernard

Wed. Dec. 17—7:00-8:00 pm—Rel Ed at St. Bernard

Sat. Dec. 20—3:30-4:20 pm at Holy Cross

Sat. Dec. 20—5:00-5:50 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul

Mon. Dec. 22—5:30-6:20 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm at SPP

Tues. Dec. 23—6:00-8:00 pm at Holy Cross

Additional Masses

Thursdays, Dec. 4, 11, 18 at 6:30 pm at Holy Cross

HOLY CROSS ALUMNI

On Sunday, Oct. 12 the Holy Cross Alumni held their 10th Annual Golfing for Dummies. The weather was beautiful and we had 7 teams to participate. The great thing about this fundraiser is that most of the teams golf only one time a year!! So there is no pressure. After everyone puts in 9 holes, a picnic lunch is served and awards are given. We made a little over \$1000.00 for our scholarships and for Holy Cross School. Hope to see old and new faces next year on Oct. 11, 2015!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR
OUR UPCOMING CARD PARTY
ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 4TH!!**



One team showing their skills was Glenda Barrett, Ellen Kramer, Margaret Dickman and Mindy Stone

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE Ann Minnis

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Upcoming Events

March of Life in Washington D.C. is Jan. 21-25, 2014.

Baby shower & spiritual adoptions—leave items for Life Choices in box in back of St. Peter & Paul church or call Joanie Luttrell 664-4273.

Annual St. Patrick Family Game & Card Part is Sunday, March 15, 2015. Mark your calendar!

THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION was held in Louisville on June 26-27. Ann Minnis (president), Linda Kissel (legislative and Baby Contest chairman), and Beth Hauger (Media chairman) attended and brought back information!

THANK YOU:

- 1) To all who took part in the international 40 days of prayer, fasting, community outreach and peaceful prayer vigils outside abortion facilities.
- 2) To all who helped with the "Cemetery of the Innocents" either by prayer or taking the crosses down!
- 4) To all who helped with the Election day soup supper to benefit Right to Life of Gibson County.
- 5) To all who participated in the annual 1 hour prayer vigil "Life Chain" on Green River rd.
- 6) To all who attended the "Respect Life Celebration", helped promote, set up and clean up.
- 7) Special thanks to all the Pastors who welcomed the fliers and to all those who helped with mailing, delivering, inserting and distributing all the information. **THANKS TO ALL OUR 2014 VOLUNTEERS!!**

What About "Assisted Suicide?"

Brittany Maynard is apparently dying of brain cancer at age 29 and has decided to mount a pro-assisted suicide campaign, announcing she will kill herself on Nov. 1. She plans to take the lethal pill in Oregon, a state which allows assisted suicide for terminally ill patients. So what does the Church have to say about assisted suicide? Please see the sections on Euthanasia and Suicide in the Catechism of the Catholic Church #2276-2283. "Catholic teaching views suicide as a grave offense against love of self, one that also breaks the bonds of love and solidarity with family, friends, and God. To assist another's suicide is to take part in "an injustice which can never be excused, even if it is requested." People who request death are vulnerable. They need care and protection. To offer them lethal drugs is a victory not for freedom but for the worst form of neglect." Those of us who remember our former Pastor Francis Schroering know that he died of brain cancer in our Rectory; cared for by Father Tony and many parishioners. Father Francis' dignity was respected; his fears and pain relieved. He was surrounded by a compassionate, caring community. This is "the way of love and true mercy" advocated by Pope John Paul II. For more information see the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Statement on physician-assisted suicide-uscbb.org/toliveeachday.

Right of Life Meeting

Dates:

January 13, Feb. 10, March 10, and April 14

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!

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DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI AWARD by Lorinda Wallace

Sister Patricia McGuire, O.S.B. received the Holy Cross School Distinguished Alumni Award for 2014 and is the 18th person to receive the award. Sr. Pat attended Holy Cross School from 2nd grade to 8th grade, having transferred from Sts. Peter & Paul when Holy Cross opened.

She was inspired by the nuns who taught at Holy Cross and their lives of service. She attended high school at the Academy of the Immaculate Conception. After college, Sr. Pat taught in Catholic parishes in the Evansville Diocese. Then she spent 10 years in missionary work teaching in Peru. Since returning from Peru, she has worked in various roles around the Evansville Diocese. In addition, she also faithfully took care of her mother Margaret until she recently passed away.

Sr. Pat is known to be so kind, loving, and appreciative to everyone. Fr. Tony Ernst stated during the award presentation at Mass that "in my years at Holy Cross, I've been touched by her love for people. She's a great example for our young people, and a great person to receive this award."

Sr. Pat received a framed certificate and a special cross. Her name is engraved on the Award plaque that hangs in Holy Cross School.

