



HOLY CROSS HERALD

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

**November
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Dear Friends,

I want to speak to you about the terrible crisis we are enduring in the Church relating to sexual abuse and the failure of some leaders to address issues properly. Many people are angry and frustrated that we find ourselves in this sad situation. I share these frustrations. It is a difficult time for us Catholics.

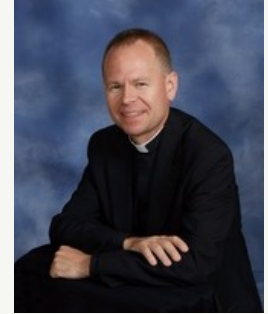
Because of this crisis, some people are leaving the Church. To use an image from one of my former seminary professors, Bishop Robert Barron, "Leaving is not what we ought to be doing. What we ought to be doing is *fighting*." We must fight for the Church that we love. After all, we are not Catholics because of the moral excellence of our leaders. In saying this, I am not making excuses for the bad decisions that have been made by some of our leaders. We should expect our leaders to be good and faithful shepherds. But we are not Catholics because of our Church leaders and their excellence or lack thereof. We are Catholics because of Jesus Christ; He is the head of the Church and our Good Shepherd. We are Catholics because of the seven sacraments, especially the Holy Eucharist, the Source and Summit of our faith. We are Catholics because of our Blessed Mother and the Saints who inspire us on our journey of faith. Even as some leaders in the Church have failed us, the Catholic Church remains the Body of Christ. Jesus promised that the gates of hell would never prevail against the Church and we know that is true.

This is not the time for us to abandon the Church. It is a time for us to fight for the Church. What can you do? Most importantly, pray! Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide our Bishops as they seek to bring healing to the Church. Pray for all those who have been hurt in any way by the Church. Pray to be an instrument of reconciliation to anyone who has been hurt. Pray for the grace to reach out to someone who has fallen away from the practice of the Catholic faith. Most importantly, each of us must work on our own personal holiness. This is how the Church gets stronger.

We will soon enter into the Season of Advent. This is always a time for new beginnings in the Church and for each of us individually. The theme of Advent is to prepare for Christ's coming. Let us prepare ourselves for His coming into our lives this Christmas. One of the best ways we can do this is by making a good confession. This is our way to clean our souls so that we can welcome the Lord Jesus and experience His mercy. May this Advent be a time of renewal in our Church, and may we all experience the peace that Jesus desires to bring our world. Have a blessed Advent and Christmas.

Love in Christ,

Fr. Tony



NEWS FROM THE PARISH OFFICE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT HOLY CROSS

Pleas mark your calendar for the upcoming events for Holy Cross in December and January!

DECEMBER

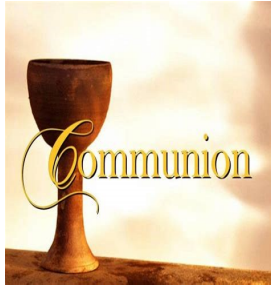
2—Journey Men Breakfast
6- Card Party

JANUARY

19—Stewardship Banquet
26—Casino Night

HOME COMMUNION

Eucharistic Ministers take Communion to the home-bound 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

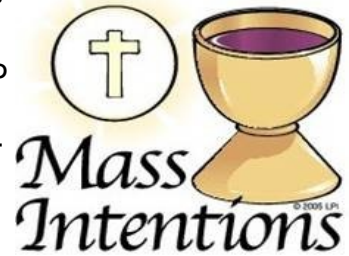
Our website pages are:

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 a particular person. One weekend and two week day. Please call the office to schedule.



Prayer Chain—Please Pray for the Sick & Suffering

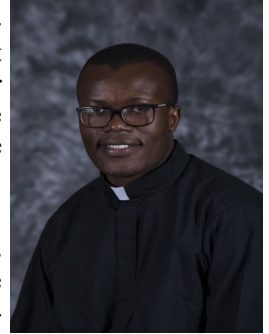
To add someone to the prayer chain or become a part of the chain, please contact Phyllis Schmits at 812-615-5141 or call the parish Office at 812-753-3548. Please contact the parish office if you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or nursing home, or if you would like to receive the anointing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



Fr. Ambrose's Thoughts

BEING PRO LIFE

Pope St. John Paul II, in his encyclical letter: *Humane Vitae* he clearly identifies threats to human life such as: Poverty, hunger, diseases, violence and war. The pope reflecting on the spirit of Vatican II condemned attacks against human life; whatever is opposed to life itself, whatever insults human dignity. It all starts at conception, and goes to natural death. The unborn or the dying, are completely at the mercy of others, they depend on them; they can only communicate through silent language.



In this article we look into human trafficking, it is an evil crime on an international scale, it is termed as modern form of slavery. I have read experiences of people, how they could single behaviors from people on board, on flight, weird behaviors, signs of human trafficking, someone controlling what the other person should say, like not allowing the person to speak for themselves, avoiding eye contact, fearful, anxious, tense, dressed inappropriately.

You may remember the headlines about the Yazidi Women and girls who were abducted in Sinjar (Iraq) in August 2014. These women were trafficked to Syria, subjected to forced conversion, forced marriage, sexual abuse, physical and mental abuse, forced labor. One of them was this year's 2018 Nobel prize winner: Nadia Murad, she was held captive by ISIS before escaping., she now lives in Germany, she travels telling her story, her experiences.

No country is immune to human trafficking; it is a business with billions of dollars UNICEF, estimates that 21 million people have been trafficked around the world, including 5.5 million children. The primary victims are women and girls, women constitute 51%, girls: 20%, men 21%, Boys 8%. Those involved in human trafficking thrive in regions that are not stable, those countries experiencing war and conflict. It's even more challenging with immigration crisis, especially among refugees, they are vulnerable to traffickers, they abuse their situation, traffickers prey on their desperation to find a safe place.

It's important for us to be mindful while addressing factors responsible for mass migration, be it armed conflicts, violence in general, hunger, poverty, natural disasters. Many of these innocent people lack safe pathways to safety, or in their attempts to search for opportunities.

A country like Libya, controlled with Militia groups; they kidnap people and ask for ransom from family members, a quick way of getting cash. Governance is at the center of these problem, bad politics and governments, not putting peace at the center, not caring for its people, resulting in failed states, gang groups, committing organized crimes.

The church calls for compassionate love, respect, hospitality, friendship, solidarity while dealing with migrants and victims of human trafficking. By doing so we are practicing being pro-life. Jesus says: "That all may have life and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10). The Catholic church recognizes the inherent God-given dignity of equal and inalienable rights of all human persons as the foundation of freedom, justice and peace.

The church is active across the world; welcoming victims of human trafficking especially religious sisters do a great work in this regard. Victims of trafficking, those hidden within migrant communities, the church becomes a place they trust and go to, with hope of getting help, this trust is essential. Then other leaders get involved, the police and civil authorities.

Jesus declares: "I am the way and the truth and the life" (Jn 14:6). We who have said yes to him, we are invited to give life to others; we are to accept and fulfill completely the responsibility of loving and serving, of defending and promoting human life from Conception to natural death.



HOLY CROSS SCHOOL NEWS

PRINCIPAL

It has been a busy October. Being the month of the Rosary, we have participated in a Living Rosary and managed to find the time for 2 other Rosaries for the entire school this month. We've had our school pictures taken, celebrated Grandparent's Day, parent/teacher conferences have been held, and had a special program featuring a school-wide Litany of the Saints prayer service. One grading period is under our belts, and I'm sure the 2nd grading period will fly by just as quickly. If you haven't already done so, be sure to check out our wonderful school video. You can view by visiting our website at holycrossparish.info.



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KINDERGARTEN

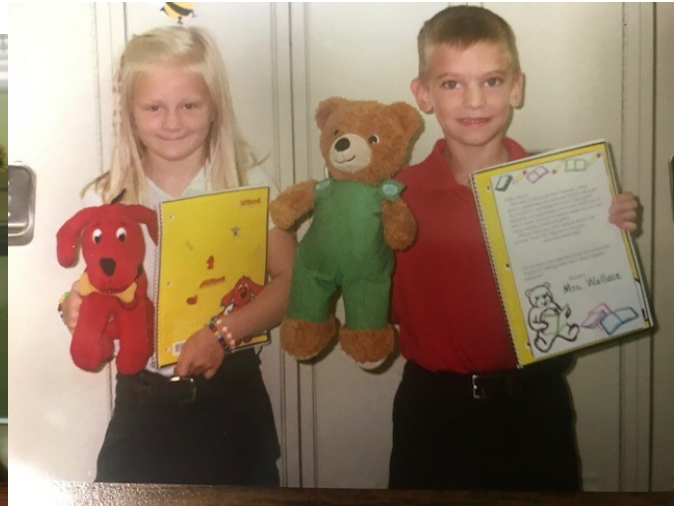
What an amazing year we have had already! The kindergarten class was ready to rock and roll from day one of coming to school! They have learned not only several academic skills but also grown tremendously in their faith and started friendships that will last a lifetime. I look forward to the rest of the year with this smart bunch of kiddos.



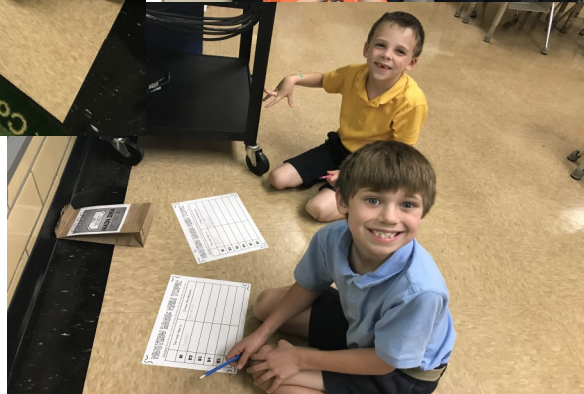
SCHOOL NEWS continued....

FIRST GRADE

We have been very busy this semester.



SECOND GRADE



The Teachers and staff dressed up for Halloween too!!



SCHOOL NEWS continued....

FOURTH GRADE

Hi! I'm Cynthia Owen, and I'm so excited to be teaching at Holy Cross. I am teaching the 4th Grade during Mrs. Grabert's leave of absence. I previously taught fourth/fifth grade at St. Mary Elementary School in Paducah, Kentucky. Prior to that, I taught fourth grade at St. Mary of the Knobs Catholic School in Floyds Knobs, Indiana. My husband, Tyler Owen, and I have one year old twin boys, Ellis and Everett. We are members of Holy Cross Church. I grew up in Fort Branch, and I attended Holy Cross School from preschool through fifth grade. I always wanted to teach at the school I attended, so I am very blessed to be doing that now. I look forward to sharing my love of learning and faith to our students.



NEW ENDOWMENT FOR HOLY CROSS PARISH

By Steve Hall

Recently, we received word that a new endowment has been established for the benefit of Holy Cross Parish. Established at The Catholic Foundation of Southwestern Indiana, the fund is in honor of Bob and Alvina Reuber. The Reubers, now both deceased, were founding members of Holy Cross Parish. They were very active in the support of the new parish. Alvina was a member of the first choir that was established in 1947. Bob was among the first group of Parish Counselors that Fr. Murphy selected when the parish was organized. And they remained active at Holy Cross throughout their lives. Alvina helped with cooking at many Holy Cross events; and Bob helped at many of the necessary tasks to keep the parish operating. Their faith community was always an important part of their lives.

So it is very fitting that this endowment was established by their family in their honor as a way to provide financial support to their beloved parish in perpetuity. This named fund, **John R (Bob) and Alvina (Oing) Reuber Endowment**, is for "the general support of Holy Cross Parish". Their family created the endowment with an initial amount of \$5000. These initial funds will remain and grow year after year. And the yearly disbursements will be available to help Holy Cross throughout the future. Of course, additional funds may be contributed to this endowment at any time by any person or group.

We are very grateful to the Reuber family for creating this thoughtful legacy. This newest fund joins our many existing endowments that will help to secure the long-term financial well-being of our parish. Anyone interested in learning more about endowments may contact the parish office or The Catholic Foundation of Southwestern Indiana (www.catholicindiana.org).



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



We've had a great start to the new school year. High school RockLife on Sunday nights has started off great with packed houses. We've had between 40 and 50 youth per night. It's awesome to see the young church excited about following Jesus Christ, being a part of the Church community, and living their faith! After one of the nights, a youth that attended texted me, "I have a friend that wants to come to join RockLife. She's not Catholic but I told her I can try to take her every time because so far its helped me feel better about being accepted." That's exactly what we're looking for. The mission of RockLife is to meet youth where they're at, and bring them closer to Jesus Christ.

We typically 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. Our average night includes a bit of everything: games, faith lesson, discussion, Sandy's Pizza, Scripture readings, videos, faith sharing talks, etc. This year is focused on Discipleship. That's a pretty general and all-encompassing theme! But it's also pretty basic and real ...just saying "yes" to God in your day to day. We will be using media by Chris Stefanick as well as having a variety of guest speakers. Please pray that through these efforts, our youth come to a deeper awareness of and relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. For he's truly ALIVE!!



On Oct. 20th we had our annual Fall Freshtivities event at Matt & Amy Parmer's house. 115 middle & high school youth attended. It was very windy and one of the first pretty cold nights of the year! We played the *All Saints* trivia game and ran the haunted trail but ended the night a little early since everyone was cold and trying to huddle in the garage. We finished the night listening to a short talk by Emily Spindler, sharing her experience at Notre Dame Vision over the summer (a 5-day conference attended by over 300 youth from around the nation). Emily wrote about her experience in our last edition of the newsletter and it was so good I asked her to share it directly with her peers at this fall event. If you didn't get a chance to read it, feel free to contact me; I'd love to share it with you all. It was a very good article; very genuine and relevant to what many young people experience in their faith journey.

Also on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of each month (Nov. thru March), 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 4:00-5:30. We stop for a halftime "mantime" to discuss growing as young Catholic men in today's world. The Girl Time is held during the same time. This year's activities include Christmas shopping for needy families, guest speakers from the Daughters of Isabella, and a homemade "Escape Room" in our youth room, just to name a few.

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.

Like our Facebook page: "St. Maria Goretti Catholic Youth Ministry"
website: smgyouth.com

Holy Cross Distinguished Alumni Award

The 2018 Distinguished Alumni Award given by the Holy Cross Association of Alumni and Friends (HCAAF) was awarded to Gregory Perkins. The Award was presented by Sue Harrell, president of HCAAF, at the Sunday morning Mass on September 16 during Holy Cross Parish's Annual Celebration Weekend which is always the closest weekend to the Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross on September 14.

The award is given to a Holy Cross School graduate who has been recognized by their parishioners as living exemplary Catholic lives. It has been presented since 1997, in an effort to provide inspiration to others and to give thanks to God for the Catholic Faith as represented by the life of the individual.

To be considered, a person must have been graduated from high school for at least 15 years, demonstrated support for catholic education, live according to the teachings of the Catholic Church and be a positive Catholic influence in the community.

Greg Perkins attended Holy Cross School for Grades one through eight. He has whole-heartedly dedicated his life to serving the parish, school students and community. He has served on several parish commissions, committees and ministries.

He has assisted with the RCIA program and the Church Decorating duties. He is an usher, sings in the church choir, and unlocks the church each morning. He helps at the parish chicken dinners and funeral dinners and serves on the Casino Night committee.

He is also a very active member of the Right of Life of Gibson County. He does many big and small jobs behind the scenes as a quiet supporter of Holy Cross Parish. Quoting from a nomination form "He comes to help wherever needed and basically helps out on all fundraisers and anywhere he is needed."

Quoting another nomination form "He is humble and leads his life as a humble servant of our Parish and Community. He lives the Gospels".

Greg received a framed certificate and a special cross from the HCAAF. Members of the parish congratulated him at a reception following the Mass in the school cafeteria. His name is engraved on the Holy Cross Distinguished Alumni Plaque displayed at the front entrance of Holy Cross School. Congratulations Greg!!



Pictured above are Sisters Becky Mayer & Kris Lutz and Brother Dennis and wife Lori Perkins.

2018 Simon Brute' Award

Congratulations to the Holy Cross Brute' Society Inductees for 2018.

Mr. & Mrs. Tom & Lorinda Wallace

The Brute' Society Mass was held on Sunday, November 5. The Brute' Society of the Diocese of Evansville was formed in 1990 to honor those individuals or couples who have distinguished themselves through voluntary service and stewardship to their parishes. Thank you Tom & Lorinda for the many ways in which you serve our parish!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION by Laura Goedde, CRE, Stephanie Stoll, Asst. to CRE

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.

We are so blessed to have St. Meinrad seminarians Deacon Tim Pick and Connor Plessala joining us at Religious Ed this year. Deacon Tim is from the Diocese of Des Moines, Iowa and Connor is from the Diocese of Mobile, Alabama. Please welcome these gentlemen when you see them and thank them for helping us teach the faith to our children and parish family!

Deacon Tim led the students in beautiful song in the Litany of the Saints in honor of All Saints' Day. We also prayed a Living Rosary with students. Each bead was represented by a luminary that the students lit as they lead each prayer. Thank you to everyone who participated and made this a wonderful prayer experience!

The Serra Club of Evansville hosts an essay contest on Vocations each year. Students were asked to write an essay, research paper, PowerPoint presentation, skit or poem describing their understanding of Vocations after listening to talks by Matt & Amy Parmer on Marriage, Seminarian Connor Plessala on Priesthood and Holy Orders and Sr. Irma on Religious Life. This year's winner is Ruthie Mercer of Holy Cross. Her parents are Dan & Jana Mercer.

They were honored at a luncheon at the Catholic Center on November 2.



Picture above: Fr. Ambrose, Ruthie Mercer, Fr. To-

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONT.....

Religious Education

Religious Ed classes began using the new Parish Center on October 17. We are excited to fill all 6 classrooms with 128 students! The new rooms will be used for Grades 6A & 6B, Grade 7, Grade 8A and Grades 9A & 9B. We are also enjoying a storage room for Vacation Bible School, books, supplies and costumes. We will be able to use this space not only for Religious Ed classrooms, but also for Adult Formation/Scripture Study, RCIA, RCIA Retreats, CRHP meetings, Ultreya, committee meetings, Vacation Bible School, a place to dress for Weddings, Auction Storage, Liturgy Storage. Thank you all for your generous support in making the Parish Center a reality!

RCIA

Please pray for the RCIA Catechumens and Candidates who made their Rite of Acceptance this past month at Mass. They are: **Holy Cross** – Lisa Dunkel, Kathryn McGregor, Rachel Wallace, Matthew Weisheit, Natalie Winters. **Sts. Peter & Paul** – Chris Allen, Brooke Besing, Jeff Church, Sarah Deal, Jacob Dilbeck, Crystal McCarty, Paula Naas, Alicia Schwiensch, Kaylee Shaw, Wayne Stunkel. Please continue to pray for them as they now enter into a period of deeper formation in the RCIA process.

Adult Scripture Study

The following studies begin soon. Call the Religious Ed office if you are interested in attending.
 The Book of Psalms - January 13 – April 17 - Sunday at 8:30 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul
 The Book of Psalms - January 2 - March 13 – Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul
 Turning Point – A study on the Gospel of John - Dec. 13 – March 5 - Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross

We have held two studies now on the Holy Spirit called “The Wild Goose Is Loose”. It is an amazing study. If you would like to learn more about the Holy Spirit and how He works in our lives go to:
<https://thewildgooseisloose.com/about> You can watch this series free of charge and also download the study materials. Why not get together with a group of friends or family and discover how the Spirit moves in your life!”

Best Advent Ever

We prepare for everything we consider important in life. And that includes Christmas. We visit family and friends, bake cookies, decorate our trees, and shop for gifts until we're ready to drop. This year, prepare for Christmas in a different way. Join our parish for BEST ADVENT EVER, a free email program from Dynamic Catholic that will help you slow down and focus on what matters most during the busy holiday season. Each day of Advent, you'll receive an email with:

Short inspirations videos from Allen Hunt and Dominick Albano, with guest appearances from Matthew Kelly
Practical tips for your everyday life
Real-life stories to encourage you in your faith journey

Plus, every Sunday during the program, you'll receive a thought-provoking video reflection that will help you understand how the Gospel relates to your own life.

TO SIGN UP, VISIT **BestAdventEver.com/Christmas**

Mark your Calendars

Nov. 21 – No Religious Ed Classes (Thanksgiving Break)
 Nov. 25 – No Sunday Pre-school class (Thanksgiving Break)
 Nov. 25 - No RCIA or Scripture Class at Sts. Peter & Paul (Thanksgiving Break)
 Dec. 12 – Penance Service for Religious Ed students (Grades 2-12)
 Dec. 26 & Jan. 2 – No Religious Ed Classes (Christmas Break)
 Dec. 23 & Dec. 30 – No Scripture Class or RCIA Classes, Preschool Rel. Ed. (Christmas & New Year's)

CURSILLO

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 evansvillecursillo.com for more information.



Update from the Desk of Coordinator of Parish Operations

Where did this past year go, it's hard to believe that we're already in the month of November and soon we will be at the end of another year.

Continued from the August newsletter article I'd like to share a few thoughts on several items that I've been working on that fall under category 3) Audit, Compliance & Controls – committee bylaws, cash management, processes.



First of all at some point in the near future the diocese is going to audit each of our linked parishes. They've already started this process within the diocese at other parishes. What does the word audit mean? An audit is a formal examination or inspection of an individual or organizations financial accounts, reports, processes, controls and such, conducted by a third independent body. What does this mean for each of our three parishes? It means that the staff will work with the auditor to supply data requested from them ahead of time and to answer questions they may have during the audit process, and sometimes this includes interviews with staff. Several months after the audit is completed the auditor will send out a management report with recommendations to the Diocese, Pastor and staff for our review on items we might want to consider making changes or improvements to. An audit is not a bad thing it is a way for us to improve and become more efficient.

Some areas that I'm concentrating on and working with staff are controls we need put in place audit or no audit. Reviewing and updating council and committee bylaws, this is something we should be doing on an ongoing basis minimum of every three years. We have completed several bylaw reviews to date and made changes and or updates. We still have several more to complete. Reviewing and updating cash controls, for things such as counting cash and the deposit process for Sunday collections, same for fund raising events, and for normal everyday operations. Creating new cash controls around functions where none currently exist. Having these types of cash controls in place is for protection of the staff, volunteers, parish and the type of things we need in place to have our parish operations ran as efficient as possible.

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.

I wish all of you a Blessed and Happy Thanksgiving.
Joe Hopf

SEMINARIAN UPDATE



Nicholas Sellers (Holy Cross)
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It has been another good semester so far at Brute. I am enjoying my classes, especially the one on the Old Testament. I continue to get wonderful formation and spiritual direction, and I look forward to the remaining growth this semester. Know of my prayers for all.

Nicholas Sellers

Please continue to pray for Nicholas as he continues his journey.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL & COMMISSIONS

September 1, 2018—August 31, 2019

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Meeting on the 3rd Thurs. of the month
Jan Burger-Faith Formation (2017-19)
Jeff Sellers— At-Large (2017-19)
Ann Mercer - At-Large (2017-19)
Becky Mann- School Board (2017-19)
Bill Knapp - Finance (2017-19)
Ryan Bruner- Liturgy (2018-20)
Gerald Weber – Alumni (2017-19)
Roger Johnson-At-Large (2018-20)
Wanda Englert-LRP (2018-20)-SECY
Jason Baehl-Journey Men-PRES

Nancy Brokaw- Boosters (2018-20)
Adam Englert - Stewardship (2017-19)
Monica Weber-At-Large (2018-20)-Nominating
Carolyn Johnson – Parish & Soc Aff. (2018-20)
Greg Perkins-Hospitality (2018-20)-VP
Stan May – Building and Grounds
Fr. Tony Ernst - Pastor
Lisa May – Parish Manager
Joe Siewers - Deacon
Joe Hopf-Coord. Parish Operations

SCHOOL COUNCIL

Katie (Cale) Russler (2016-19) President
Becky (Jeremy) Mann (2016-19) Parish Council
Jay (Amy) Foster (2017-20)
Melissa (Chris) Layman (2017-20) Vice Pres
Jessi Meeks (2018-2021) Secy
Amanda Southworth (2018-2021) Nominating
John Hollis (Non-voting member) Principal
Nick Ivy (St. Bernard's Rep)

FINANCE COMMISSION

Meeting on the 3rd Thurs. of the month
Bill Knapp (2016-19) Parish Council
Peggy Zenthoefer (2016-19)
LeAnn (Chris) Cooper Secy
Sheila Maikranz President
Steve Hall Vice Pres
Bryan Hirsch

PARISH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

Jill Kruse (2016-19)
Courtney Kuester (2016-19)
Kathy (Dan) Sollman (2016-19)
Stephanie Hollis (2017-20)
Susan Jenkins (2017-20)
Carolyn Johnson (2017-20)
Alicia MacMunn (2017-20)
Deanna Bullock (2018-21)
Debbie Lamey (2018-21)
Sue Harrell (2018-21) President
Carrie Martin (2018-21) Parish Council

BOOSTERS

Amber Sexton (2017-20) President
April Newlin (2017-20) Vice Pres
Nancy Brokaw (2018-21) Parish Council
Cathy Reising (2018-21) Secy

HOSPITALITY COMMISSION

Diane Bemis
Greg Perkins Parish Council
Marilyn Holzmeyer (2016-19)
Jodie Paridaen (2016-19) President
Diane (Tracey) Kiesel (2017-20)
Jo Odom (2018-21)
Laurie Ziliak (2018-21)

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Mike Emge, Bryan Hirsch, Gene Kiesel,
Darwin Neufelder, Jim Rose

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

Jason Baehl (2016-19)
Adam Englert (2017-20) Parish Council
Linda Hillyard (2018-21)

LITURGY COMMISSION

Kyle Brasher (2016-18) VP
Mary Helen Kiesel (2016-19)
Lauren (Jacob) Hirsch (2017-20) President
Ryan (Jennifer) Bruner (2017-20) Parish Council
Lisa Bloodworth (2018-21)
Brittany Maurer (2018-21) Secy

JOURNEYMEN

Chris Cooper President
Brian Rexing Vice Pres.
Jason Baehl Parish Council
Brian Rose Secretary
Bryan Hirsch Treasurer
Gerald Weber Spiritual Dir

MAINTENANCE

Stan May
George Robinson
Jim Schmitt
Jim Oing
Devon Kuester

ALUMNI - HCAAF

Sue Harrell President
Dorothy Karaff Secretary
Gerald Weber PC
Glenda Barrett Vice Pres
Ann Georges Treasurer

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Wanda Englert Secretary
Tom Wallace President
Mike Hirsch
Randy Kiesel VP

CASINO NIGHT COMMITTEE

Jim & Sylvia Rose, Stan & Lisa May, George Robinson, Greg Perkins, Jan Burger, Peg Hall, Alicia MacMunn, Carolyn Johnson, Jeanne Watkins, Rachael Hileman

FAITH FORMATION

Wanda Englert, Kristen Brokaw, Jan Burger (PC)

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE By: Ann Minnis

THANKS: TO ALL WHO HELPED IN PRO-LIFE WORK THIS YEAR!

FALL EVENTS INCLUDE:

- Golden Heritage Fest; “40 Days for Life”; “Life Chain”; erecting “Cemetery of the Innocents” (We had to postpone this for 2 weeks until the field was ready!); the “Soup Supper”; and several other important projects. All involved many hours of donated work.
- Congratulations to Catholic Charities of Evansville for an excellent “Respect Life Celebration” on Oct. 4 at Sts. Peter and Paul—“Taking Humanae Vitae into the Future!” Bishop Siegel celebrated Mass; the dinner catered by R’z was delicious; and the panel discussion featuring our own Father Tony, Dr. Bill Blanke, and Brendan & Laura McKenzie was enlightening & inspiring.
- Most sincere thanks to all parishioners who prayed, donated, organized, scheduled, volunteered, and participated in any of these activities and events that help defend the most helpless little ones. May God bless you abundantly!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March for Life** in Washington, D.C. Jan. 16-20. Contact Parish Center by Nov. 26 if you are going with the *Pilgrimage for Life*! The Pilgrimage is oriented to HS youth and chaperones & begins with send-off Mass at Ferdinand. See Bryan Macke, bulletin or applications in back of church for more information. Right to Life of Southwestern Indiana will also be taking a bus, Jan. 16-20, more oriented to adults and individual families. But HS and college youth can go—See rtlswin.org or 812-474-3195. Both trips are very inexpensive, but priceless in their effect. Perhaps this is your year to go – or to send a child or grandchild! Wonderful activities are planned in addition to the March for Life (e.g., Tour of White House, visit to legislators, Supreme Court, Monuments, Basilica).
- **Baby Shower & spiritual adoptions**—Leave items for Life Choices in box in back of church or call Joanie Luttrell 664-4273 or Sarah Rigg 306-6226. Pray for your spiritually-adopted baby until Christmas.
- **Oratory, Art, and Video Contests – Feb.** Contact Right to Life of Southwest Indiana, rtlswin.org, or 812-474-3195 for contest details soon. Oratory Contest is open to HS Juniors & Seniors; Art Contest is open to any HS student & Video Contest is, also, open to any student. We have had several winners from Sts. Peter & Paul and other Gibson County Catholic Churches in the past!
- **40 Days for Life- Spring campaign** –March 6-april 18, 2019. Join us for an hour of walking and prayer. (Sts. P&P Day TBA)
- **St. Patrick Family Game & Card Party** – Sunday, Mar. 17, 2019, beginning at NOON – mark your new calendar!
- **Cemetery of the Innocents** –Saturday, Mar. 23, 2019, at 9:00—tentative date for removal of crosses.

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 Upcoming Meeting Dates:

Jan. 8 Feb. 12 March 12 April 9

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!

One of the best things you can do is JOIN RIGHT TO LIFE OF GIBSON COUNTY! See Membership form below!

RIGHT TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION –dues for 2019

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

(please print) NEW _____ RENEWAL _____

Name: _____ Phone # _____

Mailing address: _____ e-mail _____

Teen/\$2 _____ Single/\$5 _____ Family/\$10 _____ Contributing/\$25 _____ Sponsor/\$100 _____

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Thanksgiving

Wed. Nov. 21 - 7:00 pm at Holy Cross
Thurs. Nov. 22 - 8:00 am at Sts. Peter & Paul
Thurs. Nov. 22 - 8:00 am at St. James

Immaculate Conception

Fri. Dec. 7 - 7:00pm at Holy Cross
Fri. Dec. 7 - 6:30 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul
Fri. Dec. 7 - 7:00 pm at St. James
Sat. Dec. 8 - 8:00 am at Sts. Peter & Paul

Christmas Eve

Mon. Dec. 24 - 4:00 & 10:00 pm at Holy Cross
Mon. Dec. 24 - 4:00 pm & Midnight at Sts. Peter & Paul
Mon. Dec. 24 - 5:00 pm at St. James

Christmas Day

Tues. Dec. 25 - 8:45 am at Holy Cross
Tues. Dec. 25 - 9:00 am at Sts. Peter & Paul
Tues. Dec. 25 - 7:00 & 9:00 am at St. James

New Year's Eve

Mon. Dec. 31 - 4:30 pm at Holy Cross
Mon. Dec. 31 - 5:00 pm at St. James
Mon. Dec. 31 - 5:00 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul

New Year's Day

Tues. Jan. 1 - 8:00 am at St. James
Tues. Jan. 1 - 8:00 am at Sts. Peter & Paul

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 pm
Holy Cross - Thursdays 7:45-8:10 am,
Saturdays 4:00-4:20 pm &
Sundays 8:15-8:35 am
St. James - 30 minutes before Masses;
Saturdays 4:00-4:55 pm

Additional Confession Times

Wed. Dec. 12 - 6:30-7:45 pm (Religious Ed classes ONLY at SPP)
Sat. Dec. 15 - 3:30-4:20 pm at Holy Cross
Sat. Dec. 15 - 5:00-5:50 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul
Mon. Dec. 17 - 5:30-6:20 pm & 7:00-8:00 pm at SPP
Tues. Dec. 18 - 6:00-8:00 pm at Holy Cross
Thurs. Dec. 20 - 6:00-8:00 pm at SPP and Holy Cross
Mon., Dec. 17 thru Fri. 21 - 6:00-6:55 pm at St. James
Sat. Dec. 22 - 3:30-4:20 pm at Holy Cross
Sat. Dec. 22 - 5:00-5:50 pm at Sts. Peter & Paul

Penance Service

Wed. Dec. 19 - after the 7:00 pm Mass at St. James

