



THE HOLY CROSS HERALD

Fr. Anthony Ernst
Pastor

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Dear Friends,

Well, it is time for school again. The summers go by so fast. I hope it was a time for some rest and relaxation with family and friends.

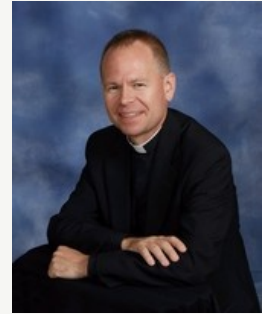
As many of you know, Deacon Steve Hall has retired from his active duties serving as our deacon. He has been a most faithful servant for 28 years. We are so grateful for his dedication. I also want to thank his dear wife, Pat, for always supporting Deacon Steve in his ministry. They are a wonderful couple and a great witness to our community.

As God's providence would have it, Bishop Thompson informed me in June that we would be receiving another deacon to serve at St. Bernard and Holy Cross Parishes. His name is Joe Siewers. Bishop Thompson ordained Joe a Permanent Deacon on August 3rd at St. Benedict Cathedral. You will learn more about Deacon Joe in the article he has provided in this newsletter. I believe that, like Deacon Steve, he will be a faithful servant to our parishes. Deacon Joe and his wife, Becky, are a faith-filled couple and will bring many blessing to our community. Please welcome them when you have the opportunity.

As we celebrate and give thanks for the vocations of Deacon Steve and Deacon Joe, let us also be mindful of our own response to God's call. Each one of is called to serve Him with our gifts and talents. May God grant us the grace to be faithful to His calling in our lives of faith. Also, please continue to pray for our seminarians who are returning to the seminary this fall. We are most grateful for their willingness to pursue God's call.

Have a blessed fall. Pray for our farmers, that they will be safe and have a bountiful harvest.

Yours in Christ,



PARRISH OFFICE NEWS

NEW PARISHIONERS

Welcome to our newest Holy Cross members! If you get the chance to greet these people at church, use the opportunity to show them true Christian fellowship, and tell them how much we appreciate them coming into our church family.

✠ Douglas & Rachel (Neufelder) Burek. Douglas is a Director of Purchasing and Rachel is a teacher. They have two children, Keegan 7 and Aiden 3.

✠ Richard & Deborah (Kissel) Neufelder. Richard is retired and Deborah works in Radiology.

✠ Duane & Audrey (Rosman) LaPlante. Duane and Audrey are retired and moved to Ft. Branch recently to live closer to their daughter, Peg Hall.

✠ Josh & Krisie (Howard) Medler. Josh is a firefighter and Krisie is a RN. They have two children, Joselyn is 5, and Isaiah is 2.

✠ Dustin & Amy Lindsey. Dustin works in technology and Amy is employed with Toyota. They have a daughter, Ellie Marshall, who is 14.

PARISH ALL-COMMISSION MEETING

Scheduled for August 29, starting at 7:00 pm in the cafeteria. All current and new members of all commissions are encouraged to attend.

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. A form is on page 10 of this newsletter. Please contact Lisa at 753-3548 or lmay@evdio.org with questions

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



WEEKDAY MASS POLICY

Tuesday and Thursday Masses during the school year will be at 8:15 a.m. starting August 14th.

Friday mass will continue to be at 7:30 a.m.

2014 MASS INTENTIONS



The parish office is now scheduling 2014 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.

BULLETIN



Would you like to receive your bulletin online? Because of our printing agreement with Liturgical Publications, now you can! Simply log on to SeekAndFind.com and enter our church's zip code in the "NEAR" field and click the red "FIND" button. Select our church from the results and you'll see a listing of our bulletins. You can even sign up to receive an e-mail notification every time a new bulletin is posted to Seek And Find; just click the red envelope link above the

WEBSITES

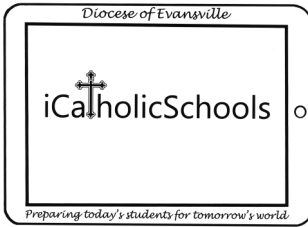
We are working hard to keep the Parish and School websites current and informative. If you have any information you want to see on the website, contact Peg Hall at hallfamily@ieeee.org. **Our website pages are:**
Parish: www.holycrossparish.info
School: www.holycrossparish.info/holy-cross-school



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. Brian.

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL



WELCOM BACK TO SCHOOL!!!!



On behalf of the teachers and staff of Holy Cross Catholic School, I want to welcome back all returning students for the 2013-2014 school year. We can't wait to see you again and to start making new memories. We also want to welcome all children who will be entering kindergarten this year. We can't wait to meet you! Teaming with all of you, we look forward to helping your child grow spiritually, socially, and academically.

We are in need of two volunteers to fill positions vacated over the summer. I want to thank Amy Sellers for her years of service as assistant athletic director. The requirements for this position are to work directly with Tina Murphy to insure the concessions are stocked for all home Crusader basketball games. The volunteer for this position will also be responsible for getting referees.

I also want to thank Amy Silva for her work with Campbell's labels. The proceeds from the labels have been used to purchase recess and P.E. equipment. Amy stated she would be more than happy to instruct a new volunteer on the "simple" process.

If you are willing to fill either position, please contact me at 753-3280.

John Hollis
Principal

Our New Music Director Nathan Winstead

Nathan and his wife, Kaycie, live in Haubstadt. They have 10 month old twins, Lyla & Zoey. Nathan earned a Bachelor of Music from University of Evansville.

Our New Teacher Aid Alicia Farney

Alicia lives in Ft. Branch. **Teacher Aide** She is engaged to Jason Hoefling and getting married in September. Alicia earned a Bachelor of Science Elementary Education from University of Souther Indiana.

Upcoming School Events!!

August 14—Firs Day of School
16—2:30 Ice Cream Social For Kids
20—July/August Birthday Mass
26—6:30 Booster Club meeting

October 1—2:15 Living Rosary
10—October Birthday Mass
11—School Pictures
18—No School (Fall Break)
20-26—Red Ribbon Week
29—Parent / Teacher Conferences
30—Parent / Teacher Conferences

September 2—No School (Labor Day)
3—September Birthday Mass
12—Grandparent's Day @ 7:30

November 2—Turtle Making
5—November Birthday Mass
9—Turtle Making
18—Spelling Bee @ 1:00
19—Picture Retakes
27—3rd Grade Thanksgiving Program @ 1:00
28-29—No School (Thanksgiving Break)

MEET DEACON JOE SIEWERS!



Hello to the good people of the Catholic communities of Holy Cross and St. Bernard. My name is Joe Siewers, (pronounced See'vers), and I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and my wife to all of you. I am originally from rural Knox County a few miles north of Vincennes, IN. where I was born and raised Catholic. My faith journey has led me through some trials and tribulations and brought me to the town of Jasper where I have lived for the last twenty-one years. It was here in Jasper at Holy Family Parish that I had a conversion experience on a Christ Renews His Parish weekend that launched me into

the ministry of service. I became active in the parish as core coordinator for Renew 2000; trained as a catechist and taught sophomores in preparation for Confirmation; set on the continuation committee for CRHP; set on the Spiritual Life committee; was a participant in three liturgical music groups and was the leader in a fourth group; lector and also trained as a Stephen Minister which is ministry to those in the parish who are afflicted and facing some type of crisis. Prayer, faith, and involvement in these ministries of service brought me to the Deacon Formation Program which I have completed with four years of study so that I could present myself to Bishop Charles for ordination on August 3rd, 2013.

My wife, Becky, has her own faith journey that has led her to several ministries of service such as Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry to mention two of them. She is originally from this area and is the daughter of Russell and Coletta Kern of Haubstadt. We received the sacrament of marriage in November 2008 uniting three adult children from our previous marriages to form one family. This has brought us great joy and blessings as we have two grandchildren in Ft. Branch; one in Lexington, KY.; and a future grandchild in Vincennes due in March. We have one parent each that is still living. My Mother, Helen, is 91 years young and lives in Vincennes while Becky's Father is 83 and lives in Evansville. We are looking forward to moving to the area and being closer to our families and relatives.

Family is of the utmost importance to us. This importance can be related to the importance of good soil to produce healthy strong plants that thrive to make fields of nourishment for all. So it is with the family. Families united in love with God produce strong, healthy, and well-adjusted individuals that form a society to produce a culture that is devoted to the life of all. Becky and I are excited to bring our ministries of service to the parishes of Holy Cross and St. Bernard becoming family with all of you who make up these good parishes. It is our hope to be involved with the ministries that promote family and youth so that we may cultivate a culture of life.

May God bless with Peace, Love, and Harmony.

Deacon Joe and Becky Siewers

THANK YOU FROM DEACON STEVE HALL!



Thank you all for coming to Steve's wonderful appreciation party! Thank you for your prayers, your loving words of appreciation, and your beautiful cards! We especially thank the Hospitality Commission for their work in preparing the reception. We also thank you for the beautiful appreciation plaque we received from Holy Cross. And always, our special thanks to our dear pastors, Fr. Tony and Fr. Brian for your continued

prayers, love, and concern for us! You all truly fill our hearts with joy, and we are forever grateful! We feel so very blessed to be a part of the Holy Cross Parish Family!!

*Our love and Prayers Always,
Deacon Steve and Pat Hall*

RCIA NEWS

A person who is considering the possibility of becoming a Catholic, or who simply wishes to learn more about the Catholic Church will find no better way to do this than to become a part of the RCIA process.

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. A few months after beginning the RCIA process, each inquirer is assigned 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.

There are various periods and phases and rites in the RCIA process, which will be explained before the inquirer experiences them. To do so now would only be confusing. The only things that are important for the reader to understand now is that there is no charge and absolutely no pressure put upon an inquirer.

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.

We will begin our inquiry sessions on August 26 at 7 p.m. If you know of someone who would like to join the church or is just wanting to know more about their Catholic Faith, please have them contact our office for more information.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes -Faith formation is a life-long activity. In Baptizing your child into the Catholic Faith, you accept the responsibility of bringing your child up in the teachings and traditions of the Catholic Church. Please join us as we come together to help strengthen the faith of your children. Parents are invited to the opening of classes on September 4 at 6:30 p.m. We will open the year at church with Deacon Joe Siewers. Following the talk we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Students will spend a short time before the Blessed Sacrament and then dismiss to their classes. Parents are encouraged to stay for Adoration until it is time for the students to be released at 7:45 p.m.

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

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

Please go to one of the parish websites for registration forms: www.holycrossparish.info or www.stspeterandpaul.net or contact the parish office. Classes begin Sept. 4 at 6:30 p.m. at the Sts. Peter & Paul campus. Pre-school classes begin Sept. 22.

Catechists - We are still looking for Sunday morning pre-school teachers. If you would like to help during the 8:45 Mass at Holy Cross or the 10:30 a.m. Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul, please call us. We will have a Catechist Gathering for K-12 Catechists on August 21 to kick off the new school year.

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

SIX DATES FOR CATHOLIC COUPLES

Six Dates for Catholic Couples by John & Teri Bosio is a parish marriage-building program based on the wisdom of the Catholic Tradition. The six videos and handouts remind couples of the meaning of Christian Marriage, and the blessing that marriage is to the Church and to society. The program is based on the book: Happy Together: the Catholic Blueprint for a Loving Marriage by John Bosio. The scripts for the videos are true to Catholic teachings and received the "Imprimatur" from Most Reverend David R. Choby, Bishop of Nashville. There are 6 "Dates" September 6, 13, 20, 27 and October 4 & 11. Couples will meet for a short video, receive handout materials and then go on their date while we watch their children for the evening. Registration forms are available on the parish websites or in the parish offices. There is no fee for this series. Deadline to register is August 19. Space is limited.

OREMUS (A GUIDE TO CATHOLIC PRAYER)

Do you find it easy to pray?

For most of us, prayer becomes a source of frustration as we struggle to calm our minds and to find even a few minutes to pray. In our busy lives, prayer is seen as a luxury, when in reality it is at the foundation of a healthy spiritual life.

The good news is that you can overcome your difficulties with prayer, and it is easier than you might think. Over the course of eight weeks the Oremus study program teaches you the essentials of an effective and fruitful prayer life.

A class will be held at Sts. Peter & Paul on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. beginning Sept. 4. This will be held at the same time as K-12 Religious Ed classes to allow parents an opportunity for faith formation. Please contact us by Aug. 16 to register for this session. The cost is \$17.00. And an Oremus 8 week session will begin at Holy Cross on Sept. 25 at 9:30 a.m. in the Parish Center. Please register by Sept. 20.

THE CURSILLO MOVEMENT

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' #80 – October 10-13 and Women's #85 – Nov. 7-10.

JOURNEY MEN

The Holy Cross Journey Men have continued to gain momentum and membership. The group currently has had over 50 total men come to meetings and are averaging about 30 men per meeting. The Journey Men hosted their first successful fundraising event in early June at the Ft Branch Town Festival. They served a fried chicken dinner meal and sold out two of the three days. It was a great effort led by Fundraising Chairmen Dan Mercer and Stan May. All proceeds benefited Holy Cross Catholic Church. The Journey Men also formed a small group and ran the Laufenfest 5k run in June. The men wore their new Journey Men shirts which were paid for and donated by an anonymous parishioner.



The Journey Men meet the first Monday of every month at 7 pm in the Holy Cross cafeteria. Membership is open to any male, Holy Cross parishioner, 21 and over.

The Journey Men hosted Fr. Brian Emmick at their August meeting. Fr. Brian hosted a talk entitled "Pilgrimage to Russia: Spiritual lessons on the Journey."

Fr. Brian discussed with the group about his recent trip to Russia, his experiences along the way, and what the Russians can teach us about living our Catholic faith.

The Journey Men have some big and exciting new church activities they are working on for the future. Please "Like" The Journey Men on Facebook as they keep everyone posted on the group endeavors as well as provide excellent resources for men and families.

Chris Cooper, President

HOLY CROSS BIRTHDAY FUND

The Finance Commission is pleased to announce that it is time again for the 2013 "Holy Cross Birthday Fund". As a reminder, parishioners will be encouraged to donate an amount equal in dollars to the age of our parish in honor of our parish birthday. Since Holy Cross was established in 1947, this year the amount we will ask for is \$66. The amounts raised through this fund this year will be transferred to the recently established Property Acquisition Restricted Fund.

This new Restricted Fund will provide Holy Cross with the resources to pursue future property acquisitions. Even though there are no expansion plans for Holy Cross at this time, the Parish Leadership deemed it prudent to have this fund available should any opportunities arise. Envelopes marked for the Birthday Fund will be in the pews during September. Donations may be placed in the collection using these envelopes, or any envelope clearly marked "Birthday Fund". Thank you for your support.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING

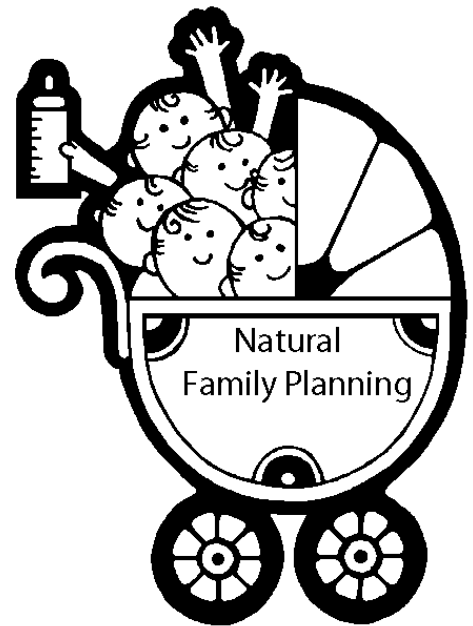
Summary Statement on Marriage

This article was taken from +Charles C. Thompson, Bishop of Evansville.

The US Supreme Court recently rendered its rulings on cases involving same-sex unions. In light of these rulings, it is important for us to maintain clarity on the Catholic Church teachings regarding the dignity of persons, marriage and family.

Every person is created in the image and likeness of God as a union of body and soul. Therefore, man and woman have dignity which must be acknowledged and respected. God created man and woman out of love, and summoned them to love. This sacred character and calling is true of every human being. Of course, there are various forms or means of love. Among these, marriage, according to the divine plan of God as revealed in Sacred Scripture, is reserved for the union of a man and a woman.

The complementary sexuality of man and woman is a gift that merits respect. As different yet complementary, they are capable of forming a union that is open to the possibility of new life. Human sexuality is a gift from God and is thus good. Sexual desire, in turn, is meant to “draw man and woman together” in marriage by divine plan. Marriage involves a faithful, exclusive, lifelong union of a man and a woman in an intimate community of life and love. As Jesus Christ instructed, “from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife and the two shall become one flesh.” Mark 10:6-8



Marriage is not merely a private institution: it is the foundation of the family, which as the original cell of social life is critical to social well-being. Society, the *Catechism* teaches, has a responsibility to “support and strengthen marriage and the family.” CCC, #2210

While I realize that Church teaching is not always easy to hear, let alone, fully embrace, the Christian way of life has never been marked by the path of comfort or least resistance. Many today have chosen to determine what is right and just based merely on a sense of “fairness.” This notion fails to take into consideration the full Church teaching on the dignity of human life and sexuality as a sacred gift from God.

Creighton Model Fertility Care classes are available at Holy Cross. For more information please contact Terri Ziliak at 753-3746 or Lori Spindler at 753-3360.

Liturgy

Liturgy's goal is to support and encourage good prayerful liturgical worship, active participation, enhance personal growth in holiness and form greater unity in the Church of Holy Cross.

Liturgy will be looking forward to All Saints Day. We will be lighting candles at mass for all the deceased members of our parish for this year. There will also be a rosary said at the Holy Cross Cemetery. Everyone is invited. Watch the bulletin for day and time.

SMG YOUTH: SUMMER NEWS

This summer has flown by! I hope in the midst of the hustle and bustle you were able to make the time to relax and enjoy some quality time with family and friends. In youth ministry, summer seems like the least busy season but in reality it's quite full.

We started off the summer with having our Shantytown campout for middle school youth on May 29. Grace Gruebel, Sid Goedde, Aubrey Reid, and Maddy Speicher (from left to right) embraced the heat to construct their shanty-complex; although the duct tape would hardly stick it was so hot! The youth gained a new appreciation for the comfort of air conditioning and a morning shower while they learned to empathize with those struggling in poverty.



On June 6, we had over 100 people come with us to Holiday World! We started the day off right, in communion and thanksgiving with Our Lord at Mass, and then headed out for a day of fun! Even "the bosses" dressed out and took a ride on the Voyage!



From June 9 – 15th, 6 of our youth and 3 adults went on a mission to help and serve the poor of Memphis, Tennessee. We teamed up with Catholic Heart Workcamp, an organization that provides youth from around the nation the opportunity to serve in a dynamic way. Throughout the work week, we were all split up into different groups. At first this seems a bit intimidating since you don't know anyone in your group and you'll have to work with them all week! But since everyone in your group feels the same way, it doesn't take long for people to open up and begin to build fresh, exciting, and perhaps lasting relationships with newfound friends! This social-service experience, along with daily spiritual nourishment, up-beat live music, dramatic presentations, youth witness talks, and great food, all come together to help youth truly know Jesus Christ and His Church in a new way! It brought to life Jesus' words in the Gospel of John, "I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly."

On July 2, we had a Lock-In for Freedom for 20 high school youth to reflect on what freedom means in different facets of their lives. We discussed these various sides of freedom such as the current religious freedom issue in our government health care system, the lack of religious freedom in many areas of the world (some of which include serious persecutions), and the deepest freedom of all – being freed by the love of Jesus Christ in your own heart and soul, primarily thru the sacrament of Reconciliation. I was impressed by the level of maturity and engagement these 20 youth showed concerning such serious issues. But there's no doubt we had a ton of fun playing different games... especially "sardine tag" at night!



SMG YOUTH: SUMMER NEWS

Lastly, we sent 2 groups of youth on Catholic leadership conferences during the second and third weeks in July:

First, from July 8-12, we sent 3 youth and 1 adult to One Bread, One Cup liturgical conference at St. Meinrad Archabbey. It helps youth to, not unlike the monks who live there, step out of their busy routine to deepen their relationship with Christ and the Church community. They spend time in prayer, liturgical formation, and recreation. Rachel Weiss, a Sophomore from St. James, said about OBOC *"I had a fantastic time... all the new friends I made and the community there truly helped me get closer to Christ."* Rachel said the main thing that stuck out to her was the sense of community. *"Everyone was welcomed,"* she said. Joseph Buehner and Kate Bittner also attended as youth participants. Thank you very much, Anna Bittner, for your time as the adult chaperone.

Second, from July 15-19, I brought 5 of our youth (Caleb Ziliak, Emily Rodgers, Kate Bittner, Jordyn Milheiser, and Shane Murphy) to Notre Dame Vision, on the revered grounds of the Fighting Irish. ND Vision provides youth with the opportunity to explore their calling from God and how they can respond in their daily lives using their gifts and talents. One of the mottos at ND Vision is similar to that of Las Vegas, *"what happens in Vegas stays in Vegas"* but is the exact opposite *"what happens at ND Vision won't stay here"*. Kate Bittner, a Senior from Holy Cross, said of her experience at ND Vision, *"I feel on fire for Christ. Even though I am just one person, I can change the world somehow in my own way. There they mentioned what Mother Teresa said, 'Find your own Calcutta.' So I don't have to go somewhere extremely poor, but instead, I can be the light of Christ right here in my own hometown."* Hearing the youth respond like this motivates and inspires me to continue seeking Jesus in my own life and working to bring His awesome love and purpose to our youth. I hope you will join me in this awesome calling!!

Watch the bulletin for 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!

Upcoming Events:

All are welcome! Watch the bulletin for upcoming events or check out the following:

Join our facebook group: "St. Maria Goretti Catholic Youth Min-



PRINCETON DEANERY SEMINARIANS

It was great to welcome Keith Dewig back to Haubstadt after his semester of studies in Rome. His time in Rome was one that was truly a once in a lifetime experience with the retirement of Pope Benedict and the election of Pope Francis. Keith will be attending Marian University for his Fourth Year of College.

Tyler Tenbarger was assigned this summer to Holy Rosary. Tyler traveled with a group of youth and seminarians to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil for World Youth Day. Tyler will be attending St. Meinrad School of Theology and will be studying Theology II.

John Pfister was assigned this summer to St. Joseph in Jasper. He has enjoyed his time in Jasper. John will be attending St. Meinrad School of Theology and will be studying Theology I.

Our deanery seminarians will begin their next school year soon. Please continue to pray for them as they continue through the discernment process. Notes of encouragement can be sent to:

Keith Dewig (Sts. Peter & Paul)
Bishop Simon Brute Seminary
2500 Cold Spring Road
Indianapolis, IN 46222

Tyler Tenbarger (Sts. Peter & Paul)
St. Meinrad School of Theology
200 Hill Drive Street
St. Meinrad, IN 47577

John Pfister (Holy Cross)
St. Meinrad School of Theology
200 Hill Drive Street
St. Meinrad, IN 47577

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE *Beverly Hirsch 753-5082 bevhirsch@sit-co.net*

Troubled by a past abortion?

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www.silentnomoreawareness.org,

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Your baby in heaven is praying for
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Gabriel Project

Pregnant women needing an "angel" may call toll-free 877-734-2444 to be connected with the participating church nearest them. Our volunteers need your help to spread the word that ANY woman may receive spiritual & practical friendship to help with her pregnancy and new baby. Call Amy 768-6394 or Joanie 664-4273

THANK YOU:

- 1) To our many parishioners who helped staff the Right to Life booths at the Sommerfest & Fair. Special thanks to our young people: Sean Luttrell, Alison & Jackie Goedde, Olivia Mayer, Emily Wallace, and Kortney Schmitt, who stepped out of their comfort zones to work at the Fair booth! Ask them about their experiences.
- 2) To all the babies and their parents and supporters of the "Beautiful Baby Contests." Sommerfest winners were: 1st place Tripp and Mela Dutkiewicz; 2nd place Cole Phillips; 3rd place Sam Wright. Fair winners were: 1st place Rebecca Taylor; 2nd place Madelyn French; 3rd place Cole Phillips.
- 3) To the Jerry Schmitt family & to Joe & Janith Goedde who drove RTL floats in the Sommerfest Parade & F. B. Parade.
- 4) To Sts. Peter and Paul Outreach for a generous annual donation to RTL of Gibson County.
- 5) To Breana Taylor and children, JC, Addison, and Joseph, who appeared in the Mother's Day ad. And to Tim Dutkiewicz and Tripp and Mela who appeared in the Father's Day Ad. All are from Sts. Peter and Paul.

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

Sept. 14 National Day of Remembrance. Visit AbortionMemorials.com for more information.

Sept. 20, 21, 22 Golden Heritage Festival on Princeton Sq. Call Beth Hauger 386-1237 to volunteer at booth.

Sept. 25—Nov. 3 "40 Days for Life" Call Mary Jane Thompson 453-9943 to volunteer to walk for an hour to pray at the pro-abortion Planned parenthood Clinic at Evansville.

October 6. Life Chain on Green River Road.

Oct. 10 Respect Life Celebration—5:30 pm Mass at St. Ben's with Bishop. Registration required for dinner. Visit charitiesevv.org or 423-5456.

Oct. 12 Cemetery of the Innocents. Watch the bulletin for further details.

Nov. 5 4:00-6:30 Soup Supper to benefit Right to Life of Gibson County. Held at Sts. Peter & Paul cafeteria. Chicken noodle & chili soups plus desserts. Everybody come!!

Right of Life Meeting Dates:

August 13, Sept. 10, Oct. 8, Nov. 19

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!

RIGHT TO LIFE MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION - 2013

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

(please print) NEW MEMBER _____ RENEWAL _____

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Email: _____

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

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AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM

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 complete the form below & return to the parish office. Please contact Lisa at 753-3548 or lmay@evdio.org with questions.

Direct Debit Authorization Form

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

(Financial Institution Name)

(Name(s) on the Account)

Transfer Amount \$ _____ for Sunday collection _____ Type of
Acct: ___ Checking ___ Savings (Routing Number) _____ (Account Number)

Frequency of transfer: Weekly _____ on Friday or Monthly _____ on the 5th (or next business day)

This authority is to remain in effect until Holy Cross has received written notification from me/us of its termination in such time and manner as to allow Holy Cross and the financial institution a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

(Print Name)

(Signature)

(Print Spouse Name) (if joint acct)

(Spouse Signature) (if joint acct)

(E-mail Address)

(Date)

PLEASE ATTACH COPY OF VOIDED CHECK TO THIS FORM