

HOLY CROSS HERALD

Fr. Anthony Ernst
Pastor

February 2013



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Dear Friends,

As many of you know, our Holy Father, Pope Benedict XVI, has asked Catholics throughout the world to observe a Year of Faith. Of course, every year is a year of faith. We are simply being encouraged to intensify our efforts to grow in faith this year. Lent is always a time when we engage in particular disciplines to grow in faith, especially fasting, prayer and almsgiving. In our parishes we will be offering opportunities to grow in faith this Lent. One great practice is the Stations of the Cross. We will celebrate the Stations at each of our parishes during Lent. We will also have additional times to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Another suggestion to grow in faith would be to purchase one of the cd's located in the back of church. They are excellent sources of learning and inspiration. Why not challenge yourself to listen to one a week?

I also want to extend a special invitation to attend a special parish mission we will be offering on February 24-26 at Holy Cross Church. **This is for all three of our parishes.** A dear friend of mine from the seminary will be preaching our parish mission. His name is Father Ted Dudzinski. As a man of great prayer and dedication, he is one of the priests I have always admired. Fr. Ted is a priest of the Diocese of Lafayette, Indiana, where he serves as pastor of two parishes in Kokomo, Indiana. The main theme of the parish mission will be the "Year of Faith." Fr. Ted will help us during this special year to grow in our relationship with Christ and one another. Please plan to come. I know that you will receive many blessings.

May this Lent be a time of spiritual renewal for all of us. Know of my love and prayers.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr. Tony".

Father Tony Ernst

PARISH OFFICE NEWS

NEW PARISHIONERS



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

- ♦ Steve & Linda Bilderback. Steve is enjoying retirement, while Linda works for the US Postal Service.
- ♦ Jude & Laura Hays. Jude works for the DNR and Laura is a teacher at Haubstadt Community School.

SICK AND SUFFERING

Please contact the parish office at 753- 3548 if you or a family member is admitted to the hospital or nursing home, or would like to receive the anointing of the sick, so that we may notify Fr. Tony.

WEBSITES

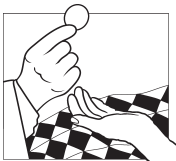
We have been working hard to keep the Parish and School websites current and informative. If you have any information you want to see on the website, contact the parish office.

Visit us at www.holycrossparish.info



HOME COMMUNION

Eucharistic Ministers take Communion to the homebound on Friday mornings. If you have had a recent surgery, a hospital stay, or are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive Communion, please contact the parish office by Thursday afternoon.



AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC GIVING

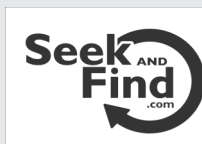
The electronic giving program allows you to electronically have funds transferred directly into the parish's account for your Sunday giving. It is convenient, no cost to you, & helps you stay current on your Sunday giving. You may increase, decrease, or suspend your transfer any time by calling the parish office. A form is on the last page of this newsletter. Please contact Lisa at 753-3548 or lmay@evdio.org with questions.

FUNDRAISERS

Finance Commission will host a breakfast on Sunday Feb. 10 from 7:30-10:30 am. Please come enjoy a great meal, and help support Holy Cross.

Upcoming Chicken Dinners are March 3 and April 7. Please help us by working, attending, or making a pie.

BULLETIN



Would you like to receive your bulletin online? Because of our printing agreement with Liturgical Publications, now you can! Simply log on to SeekAndFind.com and

enter our church's zip code in the "NEAR" field and click the red "FIND" button. Select our church from the results and you'll see a listing of our bulletins. You can even sign up to receive an e-mail notification every time a new bulletin is posted to Seek And Find; just click the red envelope link above the bulletins.

MASS INTENTIONS



The parish office is now scheduling 2013 and 2014 Mass Intentions. You may schedule up to 3 Mass Intentions per year for a person. Only 1 of these intentions should be used for a weekend Mass, the other 2 for weekday Masses.

Box Tops for Education, Used Ink Cartridge Recycling, Aluminum Can Recycling, Campbell's Labels

Holy Cross participates in several programs that help our school and its finances. The money generated from these programs aid in school activities and class room supplies. All you need to do is cut out the boxtops coupons and Campbell's coupons from participating products that you buy for your home, collect empty aluminum cans and empty printer ink cartridges, and bring everything into the school office or the parish office. Please consider helping by participating in as many of these programs as possible, and help our school.



LENT & EASTER SCHEDULE

Sts. Peter & Paul

Mondays – Way of the Cross at 6:15 pm, Mass at 6:30 pm (except Feb. 25).

Thursdays – Way of the Cross with school children at 2:30 pm

Individual Confessions – Fridays 7:30–7:55 am, Saturdays 8:30-9:30 am & 5:00-5:50 pm

- Mondays 5:30 – 6:10 pm (except February 25)

- March 6 from 6:00-7:30 pm

Holy Cross

Fridays - Way of the Cross at 7:00 p.m. (except March 29).

Individual Confessions – Saturdays 3:30- 4:25 p.m. & Thursdays 7:30-8:10 a.m.

- March 6 from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

St. Bernard

Wednesdays - Way of the Cross led by Religious Ed classes at 7:00 p.m.

Individual Confessions – Sundays from 8:40-8:55 a.m.

St. James

Wednesdays - Mass with Way of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.

Individual Confessions - 30 minutes before each Mass

- Saturdays 7:00-8:00 p.m.

St. Joseph

Individual Confessions – Every Saturday from 5:00-5:30 p.m.

March 6 from 6-8 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament

Individual Confessions - Thursdays from 5:30-5:50 p.m.

Parish Mission – February 24-26 (held at Holy Cross)



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES:

Sunday, March 17 - 4:30 p.m. at Sts. Peter & Paul

Tuesday, March 19 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Joseph

Wednesday, March 13 - 6:30 p.m. at St. Bernard

Wednesday, March 6 – 6:30 p.m. at St. James

MASS SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday February 13

Holy Cross 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

St. Bernard 7:30 p.m.

Sts. Peter & Paul 5:45 a.m. & 8:00 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

(Religious Ed kids to attend Mass with their families)

St. James 8:20 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph 7:00 a.m. & (12:15 p.m. Prayer Service with School)

Blessed Sacrament 6:30 p.m.

CHRISM MASS – MARCH 26

St. Benedict Cathedral - 5:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday (Mass of the Lord's Supper) **March 28**

Holy Cross 7:00 p.m.

St. James 7:00 p.m.

Sts. Peter & Paul 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph 6:30 p.m.

St. Bernard 7:00 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament (No Mass)

Good Friday Service (Passion of the Lord)

March 29

Sts. Peter & Paul 1:30 p.m.

St. Bernard 4:30 p.m.

Holy Cross 6:30 p.m.

St. James 7:00 p.m.

St. Joseph 6:30 p.m.

Blessed Sacrament 12:00 noon

Holy Saturday (Easter Vigil) **March 30**

St. Bernard 8:00 p.m.

St. James 7:00 p.m.

Sts. Peter & Paul 8:00 p.m.

St. Joseph 8:00 p.m.

Holy Cross (No Mass)

Blessed Sacrament (No Mass)

Easter Sunday March 31

Holy Cross 8:45 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

St. Bernard 9:00 a.m.

St. James 7:00 & 9:00 a.m.

Sts. Peter & Paul 7:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

St. Joseph 7:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Blessed Sacrament 9:00 a.m.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education Classes

Eighth graders participated in the Serra Club of Evansville's Vocation Awareness Contest. Students were asked to write a research paper, essay, audio/video presentation, play/skit or poem showing their understanding of Vocations. This is done to raise awareness of what God is calling each of us to do with our lives.

Congratulations to this year's winners from Holy Cross - Mackenzie Whitten, daughter of Casey & Lisa Whitten, and Jacob Murphy, son of Wayne & Tina Murphy.

Sts. Peter & Paul winners are: Erin Lasher, daughter of Howard & Ruth Lasher, and Kaylee Schmitt, daughter of Kevin & Elaine Schmitt. The winners were honored at a luncheon and awards presentation at the Catholic Center January 18.



Seen from left to right are, MacKenzie Whitten, Erin Lasher, Fr. Brian Emmick, Kaylee Schmitt and Jacob Murphy.

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 24-28, 2013. VBS will be held at Holy Cross. The program is called "Parachute with the Angels". This program teaches about angels and the role they play in our lives and the lives of the saints. It also teaches about St. Catherine Labouré and how she was led to meet Mary and the story of the Miraculous medal. We are looking for volunteers to coordinate the week. If you would like to help, please call the Religious Ed office at 812-768-6457.

ADULT FORMATION

Oremus

Oremus (A Guide to Catholic Prayer) began as a Lenten study the last week of January and will continue for 8 weeks. Studies are being held at St. Bernard on Wednesday night and Sts. Peter and Paul on Wednesday nights and Thursday mornings.

RCIA

It seems like it was just yesterday we were celebrating Christmas and now Lent is at our door step. We are getting into a very busy phase of the RCIA program that encourages our participants to mediate more deeply on why they chose to join our Catholic faith. On February 2 Leon Potts joined with other participants from Sts. Peter and Paul that are making the same journey at St. Bernard's for a retreat. This gathering gives everyone a chance to slow down and take a good look at themselves and their spiritual lives.

With the beginning of Lent begins the Scrutiny phase of the RCIA journey. During this phase Leon, along with many others from the Evansville Diocese, will be presented to Bishop Thompson at St. Benedict's Cathedral at Evansville for the Rite of Election. Bishop Thompson will welcome them and give them words of encouragement.

During Lent our parish will be offering special prayers and encouragement at three occasions; 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays of Lent. We will pray that they be filled with the Holy Spirit to guide them along their journey.

On Easter Vigil, March 30, we will welcome Leon into our Catholic community. Leon will be baptized, profess his desire and belief in the teachings of the Catholic Church, be confirmed and receive his first Holy Communion.

Please pray for Leon that he will be faithful to the Church and pass his faith along to others.

Lenten Scripture Study Opportunity

As we approach the Scriptures this session of Lent, we will study the two volume work of Luke:

The Gospel According to Luke: Luke's Gospel tells the story of Jesus from his birth to his death and resurrection. From Luke we have received many memorable stories and prayers not found in any other gospel. Luke is a storehouse of Christian imagery.

We will also get some insight into The Acts of the Apostles which is unlike any other book of the New Testament. Moving from the ascension of Jesus to Paul's imprisonment in Rome, it tells a story no one else recounts – the birth and growth of the infant Christian church. In Acts Luke speaks of the role of the Holy Spirit in the evangelizing mission of the early church.



We will also study two of the works attributed to John (the disciple whom Jesus loved):

The Gospel According to John: John's Gospel is believed to have been the last of the four Gospels to be written. From the earliest days of Christianity believers have recognized the uniqueness of this Gospel. This Gospel contains some of the most memorable stories ever told about Jesus.

John's three letters (Epistles): The purpose of these letters is to correct certain false impressions about Jesus that some in the community have developed. They treat of love, light, sin, and truth over and over again.

We will conclude by bringing together events from all four Gospels that relate to the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus.

These classes are open to everyone. You are welcome to come and ponder on how God has intervened in human history, OUR salvation history, and how lovingly Jesus revealed our Father to us.

There is no fee. All you need to bring to class is a Bible. Classes will be held in Holy Cross cafeteria on Wednesday, February 27, and on Tuesdays: March 5, 12, and 19. All classes will be 6:00-7:30pm. If interested please call Ann Friedman (753-4387) or email afriedman@insightbb.com.

SACRAMENTAL NEWS

We are in the midst of many preparations for the sacraments coming up this spring. Please keep the children preparing for these sacraments in your prayers.

Baptism- All parents who have not attended a Baptism Class and wish to have their child baptized must attend a baptism class. These classes are offered every 3 months in order to accommodate everyone during their pregnancy. If you know of someone who is expecting, please let them know about the classes. The next few classes are March 11, June 10 and September 9, 2013. All classes are held at Holy Cross at the Parish Office at 6:30pm.



First Holy Communion- The parent meeting for all parents from both Holy Cross and Sts. Peter and Paul is March 21, at 6:30pm Sts. Peter and Paul Cafeteria. The Retreat is at St. James this year, so parents plan to attend on April 5 with your child.

Confirmation- Our Confirmation candidates will have their retreat at St. Bernard's Parish on February 10, 2013 from 11:30am- 4:30pm. Fr. Tony, Fr. Brian, Deacon Christopher Droste, and additional speakers will make it a special day for all of our Candidates. The Confirmation will be held April 21, at 1:00pm at Sts. Peter and Paul.



ST. MARIA GORETTI YOUTH NEWS by Bryan Macke

SMG Youth: Faith and Action

Last newsletter I wrote a little about what the Year of Faith means for our youth ministry. It's pretty simple: we want to increase the faith of our youth. Since then, I've realized, it's not just the youth's faith God's trying to grow here....it's ours. It's mine. I'm not going to delve too deep on that thought, but I think the point is: before we can help increase the faith of the youth, our faith, my faith, has to be strong – or at least active. Or else, it's just the blind leading the blind, so to speak. Just some food for thought.



We're going through some changes in St. Maria Goretti Youth Ministry, especially in the High School area of ministry. We've not been as successful as we'd like this year in certain areas. It's hard to know how to connect to the high school youth, to get them interested and engaged in youth ministry. For example, our After School Hangout has not been very successful this year. So we tried to revamp the program by including peer tutoring into the hangout. On a positive note, we have a little momentum going here. But we're just not sure if this will pick-up or be a lasting program.

This may seem like bad news, and in a sense it is. But we're working on it. *"Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen."* (Hebrews 11:1) We believe God wants to use this ministry to do good things. So our faith needs to be in the Lord, and not in a program. It seems God shines through the most when times get tough and OUR wills are broken down. Sometimes, we just need to get out of the way. So that's what we're trying to do.

We've started a Peer Leadership Team. It's a team of high school youth (9 individuals) that will be meeting once a month to discuss ideas and plan events for SMG Youth Ministry. We figure the youth can do it better than we can! And what better way to increase faith, than to put it in action! We are very hopeful that giving the youth the opportunity to use their gifts and talents for the Lord will be a key element to a blessed ministry that helps to transform lives. Please pray for our Peer Leaders! They are: from Holy Cross: Kate Bittner & Nick Sellers, from St. Bernard: Emily Rodgers & Caleb Ziliak, from St. James: Kalissa Bittner, Abe Kiesel, & Leah Raider, and from Sts. Peter & Paul: Drew Happe & Jordyn Milheiser.

Beginning on February 10, we are kick starting our Bible Study/Discussion meetings for high school youth. What better way to fan the flame of faith than learning God's Word! St. Paul told the Romans, *"faith comes from what is heard, and what is heard comes through the word of Christ."* We'll be using the *T3 Timeline* series from Ascension Press as a guide. As it says on the website, this series helps *"the Bible come alive for Catholic teens by unpacking God's Word in a way they can relate to. T3 teaches teens the Bible by showing them the 'big picture' of salvation history... teens begin to wrap their minds and hearts around the Scriptures. They come to see the Bible as a relevant part of their lives."* And not only will they find food for the soul, they'll also be served Sandy's Pizza!! We'll meet in the Youth Room at Sts Peter & Paul from 6:00 – 7:30 pm every 2nd and 4th Sunday evening of the month (from Feb. thru May).

Please join us in praying that our efforts are guided by the Holy Spirit and watch the bulletin for an update. 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!

Lastly, SMG Youth Ministry would like to thank Judy Glaser for once again being head chef for baking kuchen for our fundraiser. And thank you all very much who supported our youth in going on the Pilgrimage for Life by buying kuchen. You helped us raise \$2,200! Wow!!!

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 Ministry"
website: smgyouth.com

THANK YOU FROM KEITH DEWIG

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

I just want to take this opportunity to thank all you for your support as I continue to discern God's call to the priesthood in Rome. The gratitude I have for all of you who have sent donations, cards, and prayers cannot be explained with words. I not only thank all for the support for Rome, but also during the Christmas season. Receiving these things only makes my calling to the priesthood stronger. Know that my journey to discern God's call would not be possible without **ALL** of you!

Many of you have become an extended family that I realize I could not be who I am without your presence in my life. As I have said many times before, I love you and I thank you all for what you not only do for me but what you do for the Church! I could not have asked for a better parish and parish cluster to be a part of! This all just makes the trip to Rome that much more of a blessing because I know you will **ALL** be with me in spirit! I will not be taking my phone with me to Rome. You can stay in contact with me by sending mail to the address below or by emailing me at kdewig@evdio.org. I promise you all I will have plenty of updates on Facebook and through my family, Father Tony, etc. so you can journey with me on my trip.

Once again thank you all for the never ending love and support! Know that I will be praying through Sts. Peter and Paul's intercession for you everyday while I am in Rome.

God Bless you all my dearest friends!

Sincerely and Gratefully,
Keith Dewig

Mail can be sent to:
Keith Dewig
University of St. Thomas
15-16 Lungotevere delle Armi
00195 Roma, Italy



PRINCETON DEANERY SEMINARIANS

As our seminarians continue to discern a religious vocation, they would certainly welcome your prayers and notes of encouragement during this Lenten Season.

Notes of encouragement can be sent to:

Christopher Droste (St. James)

St. Meinrad School of Theology
200 Hill Drive Street
Meinrad, IN 47577

Tyler Tenbarge (Sts. Peter & Paul)

St. Meinrad School of Theology
200 Hill Drive Street
Meinrad, IN 47577

John Pfister (Holy Cross)

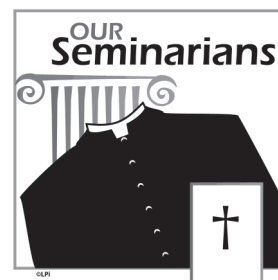
St. Meinrad School of Theology
200 Hill Drive Street
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Keith Dewig (Sts. Peter & Paul)

University of St. Thomas
15-16 Lungotevere delle Armi
00195 Roma, Italy

Andy Hirsch (Holy Cross)

Bishop Simon Brute' College Seminary
2500 Cold Spring Road
Indianapolis, IN 46222



LITURGY COMMISSION

We have many prayer and worship opportunities available in the coming weeks to help you on your faith journey. Lent is just around the corner (Ash Wednesday is February 13), so take time to plan your days with any or all of the following items. Anyone interested in being a member of Liturgy just let us know.



DAILY DEVOTIONS

"Lauds", or morning prayers are held every day except Sunday at Sts. Peter & Paul at 7:20 am. Following daily Lauds is the Rosary at 7:30 am. At 8:00 am each day a Mass or Communion Service is held. Invite the Lord into your daily prayer life with community prayer!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross is one of the most important devotions honoring the passion of Jesus. What matters most in the Stations of the Cross is to follow Jesus Christ in his passion and to see ourselves mirrored in him. To face life's dark side in ourselves and in our world, we need images of hope, and Jesus offers images of hope in his passion. By accompanying him on the Way of the Cross, we gain his courageous patience and learn to trust in God who delivers us from evil. We encourage and invite EVERY-ONE to participate in the Stations of the Cross! It will begin at on Friday, February 15th and continue EVERY Friday through March 22nd at 7pm.

HOLY THURSDAY

Holy Thursday is the Christian feast, or holy day, falling on the Thursday before Easter. It commemorates the Maundy (washing of feet) and Last Supper of Jesus Christ with the Apostles. This year Holy Thursday will be celebrated on March 28. Also, we will have adoration of the Blessed Sacrament that evening in the school cafeteria.

We are in need of volunteers to have the priest wash your feet during the Holy Thursday services, and to stay and spend some time with Jesus during adoration.

Sign-up sheets will be at the church doors starting March 14.

HOLY SATURDAY

Holy Saturday is the day before Easter and the last day of Holy Week in which Christians prepare for Easter. It commemorates the day that Jesus Christ's body laid in the tomb.

Holy Saturday Mass will again be celebrated with Sts. Peter and Paul. Held in Haubstadt this year, we will again be welcoming a large number of new members into our communities.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

The **Divine Mercy** is a Roman Catholic devotion to the merciful love of God and the desire to let that love and mercy flow through one's own heart towards those in need of it. The devotion is due to Saint Mary Faustina Kowalska (1905-1938), also known as the Apostle of Mercy. For more information about the Divine Mercy, visit www.ewtn.com/devotionals/mercy/index.htm

Join in praying the Devine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm on Sunday April 7. We will meet in church

STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION

The Christmas Giving Program through Catholic Charities was once again a huge success this year. Because of the generosity of Holy Cross parishioners 15 children were given a very bright and Merry Christmas! We received "Thank You" notes from the 5 families that we donated to expressing their gratitude for making their Christmas so special. Our response was so overwhelming that we plan to reach out to even more children next year! Thanks so much for the wonderful participation!

Father Tony will be offering Mass at River Oaks on February 20 at 1:30 p.m. The Stewardship Commission would like to invite anyone interested in attending the Mass with the residents to also make a reservation for lunch to be shared with the parishioners from our deanery who are now residing at River Oaks. This would be a great opportunity to get out, escape the winter blahs and share some time to brighten the day of some very special people some of whom helped lay the foundation of our parishes. For a reservation for lunch call Carolyn Neufelder at 753-3045 or the parish office. Check the bulletin for the time for lunch as well as the cost.



Stewardship

HOLY CROSS SCHOOL NEWS

John Hollis, Principal

As I write this letter we find ourselves in the middle of Catholic Schools' Week. We will celebrate the entire week for the opportunity to be educated in such a wonderful school as Holy Cross.

Please join me in congratulating a few students.

- ◆ Our 5th grade basketball team won the Holy Cross Tournament.
- ◆ Mary Hall won our school spelling bee, and
- ◆ Paxton Mosby won the school geography bee.

It's a great pleasure to watch the children grow from year to year, both academically and spiritually. This year is no exception. All the teachers and staff are proud of all our students!



CRUSADER ACADEMY

Hi everyone! The Crusader Academy is LOVING 2013! We have been so busy with our new report cards, the Veterinary Center in the treehouse, the new Christmas toys, and all our homework! We brought in the new year with a party! We celebrated all the blessings Jesus has shared with us, and prayed for a faithful year full of friendship and fun! We are so excited about Pre-K Family Fun Night on Feb. 26th! Our Pre-K families will enjoy a show, some neat crafts made by the students, and a lot of family fun time! Happy February to all of you!



BOOSTERS

It was another successful year for the Boosters Turtle Fundraiser. With MANY hours and MUCH dedication from numerous school families, teachers, parishioners, and community volunteers we successfully made more than our goal of 3,000 pounds of turtles this year! And, we were completely sold out of those delicious turtles earlier than ever before! They really do sell themselves! So from the Boosters to everyone who helped or supported this very important fundraiser, THANK YOU!

We still have a lot of things planned for the remainder of the school year.

- ◆ Please come to our next Booster meeting scheduled for Monday February 11 @ 6:30. We have numerous items on the agenda and would love to have a big turn out for this meeting.
- ◆ We are also in the process of planning our annual Basket Raffle that is scheduled to take place at the Spring Talent Show April 25.

Thanks for all of the support you show to Holy Cross School by supporting our children and Holy Cross Boosters.

DINNER/DANCE/AUCTION

Do you enjoy getting out with your friends? Do you enjoy spending time with your significant other? Do you enjoy dancing? Do you enjoy eating? Do you enjoy watching/participating in a live auction of fabulous items? Then I know the place you need to be!! It's the upcoming **Holy Cross Dinner/Dance/Auction** night! Scheduled for **March 9, 2013**, this evening is guaranteed to keep your feet tapping, your laughter happening, and your appetite fed. The happening place is Holy Cross's Kaiser Hall, with doors opening at 5 PM, dinner served at 6 PM, and dancing/auction from 7-11 PM. Cost for the evening is \$60/couple or \$30/single, which includes your meal, drinks, dance, and a chance to purchase auction items! All proceeds will be used to benefit Holy Cross School. So, grab some friends and reserve your table before it is too late! For ticket information please get in contact with either Lisa May (753-3548) or Kathy Sollman (753-3280).



HOLY CROSS ALUMNI COMMITTEE



The "Golf for Dummies" event held in October sported 34 participants on 9 teams and several spectators in the gallery. The weather held out until we were leaving the grounds. Our profit this year was a record breaking \$1,051.00!

If you are looking for an activity where you can have great fun with lots of food, drink and prizes, consider getting involved with "Golf for Dummies". You can put together a team of 4 golfers, or enter alone and we will put together a team for you. It is always held on the second Sunday in October. What a great way to support our scholarship program for the school.

Our next GREAT fundraiser is coming up on February 17th. Our annual Chili Supper. The menu includes the "famous" Holy Cross chili, sandwiches, drink and wonderful homemade desserts. It is also "all you can eat" !!! We will serve from 4:00 to 7:00 pm, with carry-outs available including 1/2 gallons and gallons. Adults are \$5.00, children 3 and over are \$3.00 and under 3 eat free. Last year's profit was \$1,400.00 Help us make it more this year. Profits from all our fundraisers fund our scholarships and other Religious Ed activities.



We thank all of our members, alumni and friends of Holy Cross, who number over one hundred. It is our goal, however, to increase membership to the point that we wouldn't have to depend on fund raisers to cover our scholarships and other programs. We need your help to encourage our younger alumni to become members. With your help and the help of the Holy Spirit, we hope to see the time when we can increase the scholarships awarded and expand other Religious Ed Programs primarily on dues.

PARISH AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

The annual card party held in December was another great success! We had over 150 paid admissions, which really makes our cafeteria hum! Profits from the evening were \$2,559.00.

If you are looking for a great time, with LOTS of food, plenty of good company, and time out of the house, then mark your calendar on the first Thursday in December as your night to attend the next card party. Hope to see you there!

CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CHRP)

CHRP has been revitalizing parishioners for over a decade at Sts. Peter & Paul, St. James, Holy Cross and St. Bernard. Through witnesses of those wanting to share how Christ has helped them, we learn how the Holy Spirit touches each life individually and uniquely. Would you like to give the Holy Spirit an opportunity in your life? Sign up for the next weekend—

- Women's Weekend: February 23-24
- Men's Weekend: March 2-3

Please help us pray for all the candidates to be infused with the fire of the Holy Spirit. Sign-up sheets are available in the back of church.

PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE

Beverly Hirsch 753-5082 bevhirsch@sit-co.net

THANKS: TO ALL WHO HELP US IN ANY WAY!
One of the best things you can do is JOIN RIGHT TO LIFE OF GIBSON COUNTY.

** see membership form below**

"Pray to End Abortion" and **"Stand Up for Religious Freedom"** signs are free and available on Ann's porch—115 N. Vine, Haubstadt.

Gabriel Project: Any woman with pregnancy-related needs may call for confidential help from our "angels"— toll-free phone # 1-877-734-2444. Please pray daily that the Holy Spirit will guide pregnant women to seek help, especially those who are thinking of an abortion.

Meeting Dates: Feb. 12, Mar. 12, Apr. 9, May 14, 7:30 PM, at the home of Ann Minnis, 115 N. Vine St., Haubstadt.

REPORTS:

1) Bulletin Fliers: 7,000 bulletin fliers were delivered to Catholic and non-Catholic Churches in Gibson County in observance of the 40th Anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision which legalized abortion.

2) March for Life in Washington, D.C.: Jan. 23-27—some 40 Gibson County members went with the Diocesan "Pilgrimage for Life" & Right to Life of South West Indiana this year. Thanks to all who supported the fund-raisers.

3) Knights of Columbus "One Rose--One life" Collection Jan. 26-27—at Catholic Churches to benefit Right to Life of Gibson County. This has been a much-appreciated annual event for many years

PRO-LIFE UPCOMING EVENTS:

1) Feb. 13-Mar. 24—"40 DAYS FOR LIFE": 7AM-7PM prayer shifts each day at Evansville Planned Parenthood Clinic for an end to abortion. Sign-up sheets will be at church.. Contact Ann Minnis for more information

2) Mar. 17 (Sun., 1:00PM) ST. PATRICK FAMILY GAME & CARD PARTY: The annual fundraiser in the Sts. Peter & Paul cafeteria which benefits Right to Life. \$4/person or \$10/family. Reservations: call 677-0085 or 664-4323. **To donate items for Chinese auction,** call 768-6941 or 664-4323.

3) Mar. 25-Dec. 25 (9 mo.) "SPIRITUAL ADOPTION" PROGRAM: Pray for unborn baby in danger of abortion.

4) Apr. 6 (Sat., 9:00 AM) "CEMETERY OF THE INNOCENTS": Volunteers needed for about 1 hour to remove crosses from field. Call Joe Goedde 768-6537. *Apr. 6 is likely date, but watch bulletin for changes.

5) Apr. 18 (Thurs.) SPRING BANQUET (Right to Life of SW Indiana): at the Centre, keynote speaker is Rick Santorum, former U.S. Senator from Pennsylvania. Call Ann Minnis 768-6768 for tickets which are \$37 each.

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