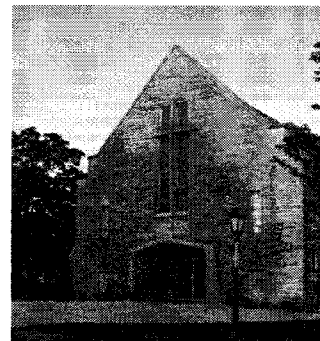


HOLY CROSS HERALD

Fr. Anthony Ernst
Pastor

May 2013



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Dear Friends,

I hope you are enjoying the Spring weather! It is beautiful.

In this edition of the newsletter, I would like to share a few reflections from a book I have been reading by Matthew Kelly. It is called, "The Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic." Kelly has done extensive research and he has found that there are some common characteristics that are found among Catholics who live their faith dynamically. The four signs Kelly speaks about are: Prayer, Study, Generosity and Evangelization.

First and foremost, a dynamic Catholic is one who prays daily. Everyone has different styles of prayer. Dynamic Catholics make certain that they spend quality time in prayer each day. For some, this is attending daily Mass. For others, it might mean praying the Rosary or reflecting on Scripture. The key is that we take the time to pray each day. Dynamic Catholics have a routine and structure to their daily prayer life.

The second sign of a Dynamic Catholic is Study. Kelly found that those who are living their faith dynamically understand that they are continuous learners. On average, he discovered that Dynamic Catholics spend around fourteen minutes each day learning more about the faith. In my experience, I would totally agree with his findings. How can we live our faith fully if we are not continually growing in it through study? Highly engaged Catholics tend to read good Catholic books, listen to CDs and find other ways to grow. What are you doing to study?

The third sign of a Dynamic Catholic is Generosity. Kelly found that those who are living their faith fully are very generous with their time, talent and treasure. These people have hearts of gratitude for all that God has given them and they want to give back. They are not only generous with their treasure and talents; they are also generous in their love, patience and kindness for others. Generosity is a way of life.

The fourth sign is Evangelization. There's that big word again! Kelly found that dynamic Catholics are effective at inviting others to grow in the faith by sharing God's love with them. Notice, this is the fourth and final sign of a person who is living the faith fully. This makes sense because evangelization is really the fruit of our prayer, study and generosity. Those who are exercising the first three signs will naturally possess the fourth sign. If you would ask people if they are "evangelists," they would say no. But the reality is that many people are effective at sharing the faith by the way in which they live it each day with a passion.

There you have it. So, we must ask ourselves, "Am I a dynamic Catholic?" If you were to look at the four signs, how would you rate yourself? Just think what our parish and Church would be like if more of us lived the faith more fully each day? We could transform the world. God is calling us to do that.

If you would like to read a copy of Matthew Kelly's book, there will be copies available in the back of church or at the parish office. I promise you will enjoy the book and it will help to change your life.

Have a blessed Summer!

Yours in Christ,



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.

- ♦ Matt & April Weisheit. They are enjoying a new set of twins, Knox and Charlotte, born 12-7-12 and were welcomed home by sister, Camille and brother, Brody.
- ♦ Glen & Paula Heldt. Glen works in Maintenance and Paula in Administrative. They have 3 children.

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.

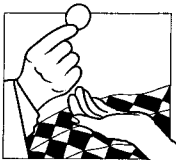
WEBSITES

We 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@ieee.org. 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.



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WEEKDAY MASS POLICY

Tuesday and Thursday Masses during the school year will be at 8:15 a.m.
Tuesday and Thursday Masses during the summer months will be at 7:30 a.m.
Friday mass will continue to be at 7:30 a.m.

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.

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.

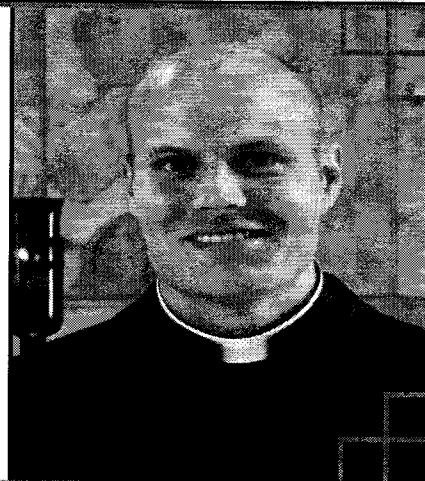


Deacon Christopher Droste

will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Evansville
by Bishop Charles Thompson

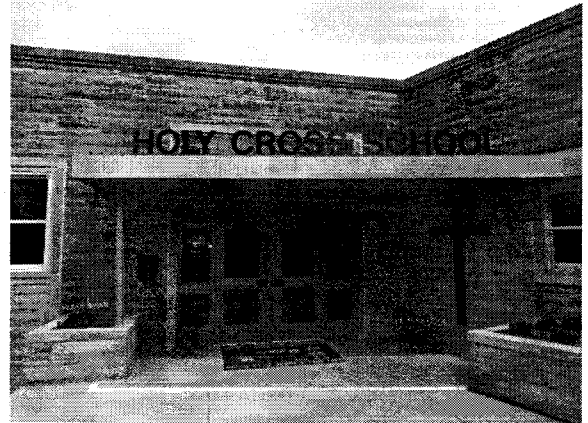
on
Saturday, June 8, 2013
9:30 am
Saint Benedict Cathedral

Please join us and pray for him as he commits himself
to the service of God and the Church.



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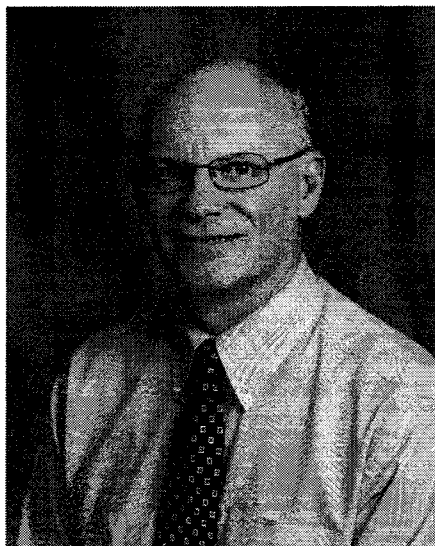
Have you considered sending your child(ren) to Holy Cross School? Some have commented that they are not able to afford it. Actually, those who are active parishioners and give of their time, talent and treasure can receive assistance to send their children to our school. We have several resources available for those who are interested. If you would like to discuss sending your child(ren) to Holy Cross School, please call the Principal, Mr. John Hollis, at 753-3280 or Fr. Tony at 753-3548. It is an amazing opportunity for children!



SCHOOL NEWS

A Note From The Principal, John Hollis

It was 2012 and the year started flying by as we welcomed the students to Holy Cross Catholic School. Through the year we made memories we won't forget. We remember all the fun, work, and accomplishments. Many things have changed since the doors to the school were opened in 1948, but I think you may recognize some of the happenings at Holy Cross over the past year. Hopefully it will spark some fond memories and (if only for a brief moment) make you feel young again. The following are glances of the 2012-2013 school year here at Holy Cross: Arrival of Father Brian...Ice cream party...birthday Masses...Diocesan Mass at Ford Center...Grade 4 Civil War Days...Grandparents' Day...living rosary...recess...Red Ribbon Week...dancing to music on the intercom...Halloween parties...turtle-making...kickball games...Veterans' Day program with 21-gun salute...spelling bee...grade 3 Thanksgiving program...geography bee...Crusader basketball...St. Nick visit...Advent program...Christmas parties...dodge ball...grade 5 vocations talk...Holly's House...Camp Ondesonk...Catholic Schools' Week...homemade bread for lunch...Deanery Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul...grade 3 professor popcorn...parents' night out...ISTEP...Valentine's Day parties...snow days...I READ...Dads' Day...children's choir...school uniforms...book fair...science fair...grade 2 First Reconciliation...spring break...server training...talent show...3rd & 4th grades to New Harmony...Earth Day...grade 4 Pioneer/Native American Days...academic excellence...May crowning...grade 1 beach party...2nd grade First Communion...Moms' Day...Kindergarten Mass...field trips...5th grade recognition...accelerated reading carnival...field day...last day of school...summer break!!!



Another great year at Holy Cross has quickly come and gone, but we're already looking forward to opening our doors to welcome next year's students and begin making new memories.

Thank you to everyone who continues to make Holy Cross Catholic School a special place to learn and grow.

Mr. Hollis, Principal



May Upcoming Events

May 12—Happy Mother's Day

May 14—8:15 Kindergarten Mass

May 16—5th Grade Recognition @ 5:30

May 20—Accelerated Reading Carnival (afternoon)

May 22—Field Day

May 23—Last Day of School



*Have a safe and wonderful
summer Break!!*



Pictured left to right, bottom row: Ciaran Whittaker, Hallie Fleetwood, Maggie Rose, Mary Hall, Allie Sensmeier, Annabelle Silva, Mitchell Spindler. Top row: Devon Bullock, Colton Stefanich, Ryan Steckler, Shayla Whitten, Ally Fisher, Shelby Schaefer, Macray Robinson, Paxton Mosby, Caleb Sellers.

The fifth grade class of 2013 recently completed their service project. They hand quilted two lap quilts with the help of the Holy Cross quilters. With the help of Mrs. Peg Hall and Mrs. Lisa Bittner, the students learned to thread needles, tie and bury their knots, and make uniform stitches in their quilts. Each lap quilt has a special religious significance. One quilt is done in triangles to represent the Holy Trinity while the other quilt contains a large cross. The money the

students raise from the sale of raffle tickets will be donated to the school. Over the years, students have been able to purchase colored cinctures for servers, televisions and DVD players for the classrooms, a photo printer, trade books, and last year a new set of dictionaries were purchased for the fourth and fifth grade classrooms. The winners of this year's quilts will be drawn on May 16, 2013 at the fifth grade Recognition Night dinner.

WE HAVE A NEW MARKETING COMMITTEE!



Introducing the new Holy Cross Catholic School Logo! The School Board Marketing Committee has been busy getting the new logo visible to all. Window decals with the new logo were designed and are on sale now. You can stop by the parish office if you haven't purchased one yet. Alumni T-shirts were also on sale and should be arriving soon. If you missed the first order, watch the bulletin for another chance to order in the fall. An updated Holy Cross School brochure was created and is available for any parent considering where to send their child to elementary school. The School Board Marketing Committee extends appreciation to the Holy Cross Booster Club for donating

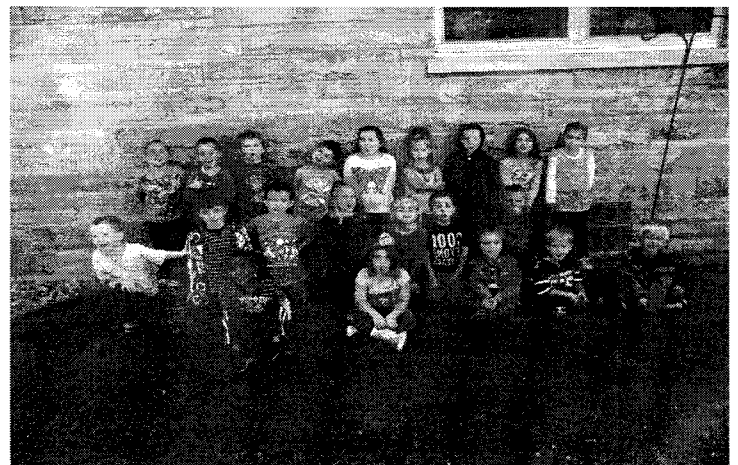
startup funds for these projects! Also, thank you to all who are wearing or displaying the logo with pride. We hope the whole community will know how extraordinary our school is!

BOOSTER NEWS

Hello Everyone! Boosters are busy finishing up the school year with many activities. We celebrated Mom's Day on May 9. We started off the morning with breakfast followed by mass and finished up the special day with activities! That same week, May 6-9 we celebrated Teacher Appreciation week. Our teachers are awesome and we couldn't wait to spoil them that week. We also have Field Day and the AR carnival to celebrate with the kids the last week of school. We would like to thank Vicki Spindler and Carrie Martin for the hard work they have put in during their time as Booster officers. Amy Foster and Shawna Riggs are our new Booster officers and we look forward to having them! Have a wonderful summer and we look forward to having a great turn out to our first Booster meeting of the new school year on August 26.

CRUSADER ACADEMY

What a year! The Crusader Academy enjoyed another wonderful year of faith-filled friendship and fun! We are so proud of the progress that our wonderful students have made, and celebrate all their amazing accomplishments! We send all our love and best wishes to our soon-to-be Kindergarten students! We pray their first year outside our walls be full of excitement and new experiences, and that each of their future teachers understand how very blessed they are to teach such wonderful students! And to all our new students and incoming Pre-K's, we can't wait to see you next year and look forward to our special time with you!! Have a wonderful summer!!



RELIGIOUS NEWS

Serra Club Youth Award Winners

Congratulations to Veronica Bittner, daughter of Steve & Lisa Bittner Seth Kissel, son of Mark & Amy Kissel of Holy Cross. To Isabel Greubel, daughter of Steve & Dana Greubel and Kate Sorg, daughter of Mike & Mary Sorg of Sts. Peter & Paul for being selected as this year's Serra Club Youth award recipients.

By their commitment and leadership, they serve as role models to their peers. We thank them for their service, and we thank their parents for teaching them the importance of serving God and others. Bob Naas, from the Serra Club of Evansville presented the awards to these young adults on April 24 at the final religious education class for the year.



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. Even if your child is enrolled in our Catholic schools, they are still welcome to come and learn with us on Wednesday evenings. We have several students doing that now. Beyond high school we offer continuing education through Scripture Study, RCIA, CRHP, Cursillo, Marriage Enrichment and other short course studies on the Bible.

High School Senior Celebration

On May 19, 2013, our high school senior class will celebrate mass together at 8:45 at Holy Cross followed by a breakfast and at Sts. Peter & Paul at 10:30 a.m. followed by a luncheon. Let us keep the seniors in our prayers as they continue on their journey, and may they keep Jesus in their hearts and allow Him to lead the way! Our Senior Class this year: Nicholas Barrett, Aimee Boyle, Kyleigh Fox, Brianna Ingram, Gavin Kissel, Casey Mosby, Cydney Mosby, Lucy Odom, Chasity Ricker, Jordan Scheller, Alec Taylor, Tanner Willis.

Religious Ed Registration

Please register now for Religious Ed for the 2013-2014 school-year! Classes will begin on Sept. 5. New enrollees may find the forms on the parish websites or in the back of church. The cost is \$43 per student for 1-2 students, 3 or more students in the family is \$33.00/per student. Registration late fees of \$10.00 will begin on June 1. Please make checks payable to your parish. Preschool Religious Ed cost is \$25/per student. Please contact Laura Goedde at 812-768-6457 with any questions.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School will be held June 24-28 at Holy Cross. This year's theme is: Parachuting with the Angels. The program is open to all children entering kindergarten through entering 5th grade for the fall 2013 school year. Registration forms are available at the churches, parish centers and on-line. (www.holycrossparish.info and www.stspeterandpaul.net) Please complete a registration form and return with the fee to your parish office or in an envelope marked VBS in the collection basket. Checks can be made payable to Holy Cross. We need volunteers to help with registration, snacks, preparing craft kits, leading children to daily activities and a teaching. Craft Day will be June 5 at Holy Cross beginning at 9:00 a.m. Please contact Laura Goedde at 812-768-6457 or Stephanie Stoll at 812-768-5493 to volunteer.

ADULT FORMATION

Catechism Study

A Catechism Study is being held at SPP on Sunday mornings at 8:30 am on the following dates: May 19, June 2, 9. The same study is offered at HC on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 pm on May 14, 21, 28, and June 4. This is a 6 part DVD series by Cardinal Christoph Schonborn. There are no study materials to purchase. Please bring your Bible, a Catechism Book & notebook. Please contact Laura Goedde at lgoedde@evdio.org or 768-6457 to let us know if you'll join us to learn more about our rich Catholic Faith and Tradition.

Catholic Scripture Study (CSS)

We currently offer classes on Sunday and Wednesday mornings at SPP and Tuesday evenings at HC. The new fall study will be "A Biblical Introduction to Angels and Demons". Every Sunday Roman Catholics stand to profess our faith in God who created "all things visible and invisible." We hear Scripture readings that tell stories of angelic interventions in history. In these lessons, we're going to meet some of the angels and demons featured in the Bible as distinct spiritual persons, with names and identities. Who are they? What do they do? And what do their names teach us about who they are? The study will begin in September and finish in April. New students welcome! There is no prior study experience necessary. Watch for registration information in upcoming church bulletins or contact Laura Goedde at 768-6457. For more info or to learn more about CSS International, go to www.catholicscripturestudy.com.



Sponsor Couple Program

This is a parish-based program of marriage preparation in which a married "sponsor" couple is paired with an engaged couple from the parish. The sponsor couple will guide the engaged couple through discussions of important topics related to marriage in a series of meetings, which are usually held in the home of the sponsor couple. The book "For Better and For Ever" by Fr. Robert Ruhnke, C.S.S.R. is the material that is used for the sessions. If you would like to be a Sponsor

Couple or are planning to be married and would like to have a Sponsor Couple, please contact Lisa May at 753-3548 for more details.

Cursillo & Ultreya

Cursillo is a weekend retreat for Catholics to help those attending find Christ in ourselves and in others in our daily activities. 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 retreat or be a sponsor, please call the office or 753-3548 or go to www.evansvillecursillo.com for more information.

Ultreya! You may remember this word from your Cursillo weekend. It means "Onward!" It is a time to encourage each other in our walk with the Lord and keep moving up the mountain together. Our Cursillo community in our parishes has grown so much in the last few years that it is hard to stay connected with every-one. Ultreyas are a perfect opportunity to help us all KEEP the fire and SPREAD the fire to the rest of our parish. Ultreyas are held at Sts. Peter & Paul on the 4th Monday of every month. The format includes short grouping, a witness talk, prayer, and time to socialize. For more information on Ultreya, contact Jerry Woehler at 768-6701.



Thank You to All Volunteers

Fr. Tony, Laura Goedde, Stephanie Stoll, & Liz Hirsch would like to thank all of our dedicated catechists and helpers for this year's Religious Ed program. We were blessed to have Deacon Christopher Droste and Deacon Elijah Cho from St. Meinrad teaching this year. We thank them for their humble service and for sharing their love of the Lord with us! It is exciting to see the students maturing in their faith and becoming leaders in our church!

We are making plans and looking for volunteers to be a part of our Religious Ed program this fall. Please consider becoming a catechist. God has given all of us special talents and this may be the talent that you've yet to discover that God is calling you to use. We need teachers, aides, helpers, and Rosary leaders. We have openings in Grades K-1, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, & 11. We would like to have at least 2 catechists for each class. Call Laura Goedde at 768-6457 or Stephanie Stoll at 768-5493 for more info.

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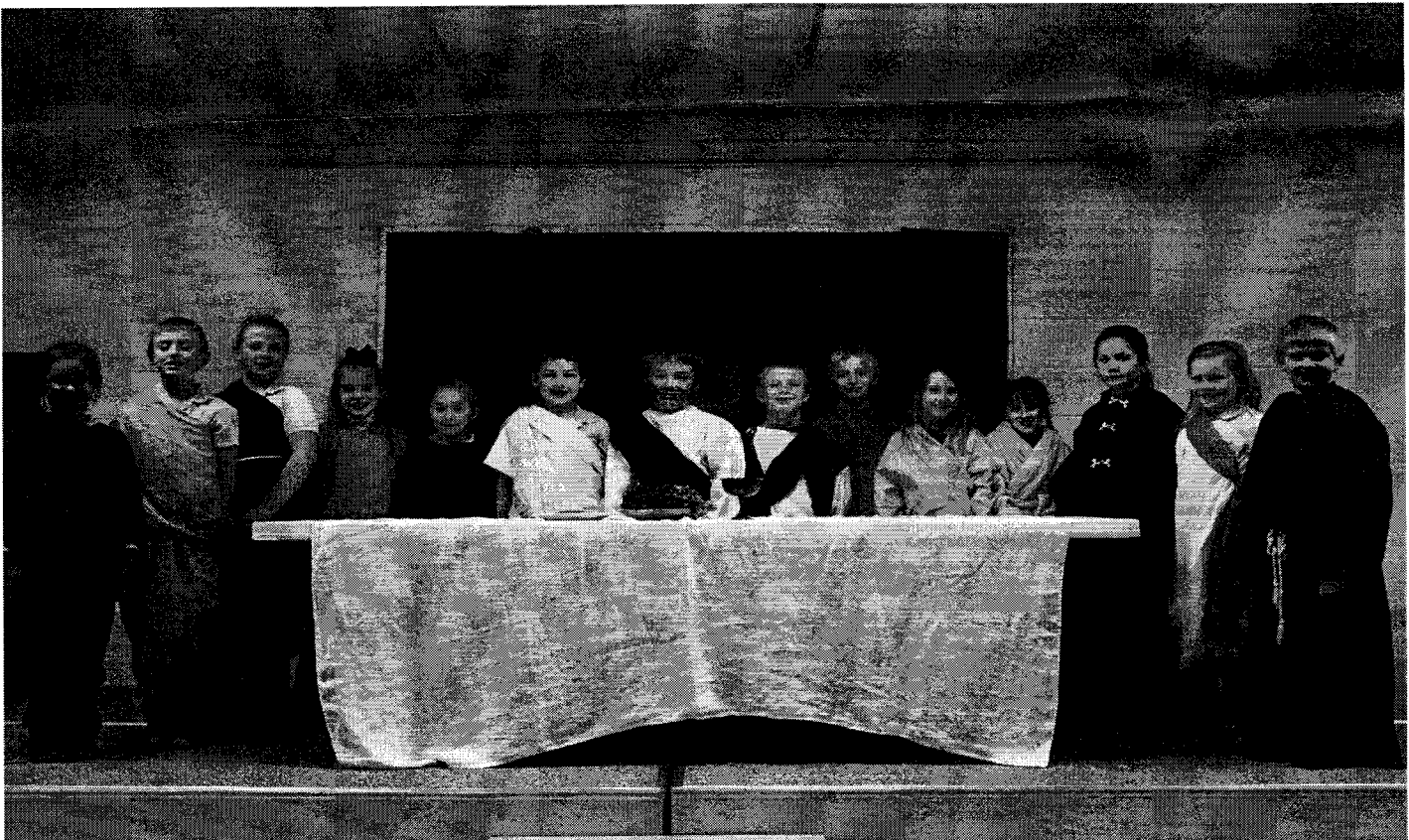


Confirmation

We were excited to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation on April 21 with Bishop Thompson, Fr. Tony & Fr. Brian. It was a beautiful day and many family and friends joined us to celebrate on this special day.

Please continue to pray for our confirmation class. Like Bishop Thompson said, "These young men and women are not the future of our church, they are our church right now and they bring many gifts and talents with them to carry on our faith".

Front row: (l to r) Crystal Mossberger, Kaitlyn Roth, Delaney Spindler, Sydney Bittner, Krista Tenbarger, Reba Odom, Jordyn Milheiser, Mariah Kramer Fr. Brian Emmick. 2nd row: Paige Harpenau, Dana Bittner, Sydney Norris, Kenzi Potts, Haley Decker, Kirstin Connor, Sara Kissel, Addison Woehler, Maddie Prior, Maria Willinger 3rd Row: John Kissel, Austin Martin, Eric Wallace, Teddy Rexing, Chase Maurer, Shane Murphy, Chris Mossberger, Fr. Tony Ernst. 4th Row: Collin Reinbrecht, Chase Kruse, Bryce Baeho, Brant Elpers, Noah Evans, Lane Ash, Nick Bengert. 4th Row: Collin Reinbrecht, Chase Kruse, Bryce Baehl, Brant Elpers, Noah Evans, Lane Ash, Nick Bengert



Congratulations to the 2nd grade class who made their First Communion on Sunday, May 5th.

Pictured from left to right are: Kaleigh Baehl, Isaac O'Neal, Laila Fleetwood, Kaylia Hoke, Kaydence Hopster, Jason Sexton, Patton Adams, Vann Rose, Ethan Spindler, Hailey Richter, Alizebeth Woehler, Ruth Mercer, Mylie Rexing, Adam Spindler. Not pictured are: William Lloyd and Jaxun Lamb.

ST. MARIA GORETTI YOUTH GROUP

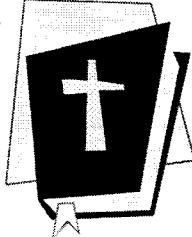
The past few months have been pretty exciting for the youth ministry and me. Personally, my wife and I were blessed to have had our first child on March 19. Life is pretty crazy at home as we're in the process of figuring out all of these changes, but nonetheless, they are truly good changes. I hope that the experience of having my own child will help me become a better leader of the faith for the youth in the community.



High School Youth Bible Study

There is also good reason to rejoice in the youth ministry! In February, we began our new high school Bible Study program on Sunday evenings. We've been meeting in the Youth Room twice a month using the *T3 Timeline* series from Ascension Press as a guide. I think the youth have really enjoyed gathering together for this study. They've had good food, good fellowship and fun, and most importantly...I think they've grown in good faith. We've had between 10 and 15 youth for each meeting. The

YOUTH
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STUDY



final meeting to conclude the series is on May 19th. Please continue to pray that God's Word takes root in the youth at this study and that their faith, hope, and love in the Lord are strengthened. How totally AWESOME it truly is to have a good amount of youth coming to a Bible study!! To me, that is the best thing I've been a part of in the St. Maria Goretti Youth Ministry!

I really like the excitement and adrenaline rush of an intense dodgeball match under the blacklights, but I know deep down that it's only Jesus Christ that can fill the void in our souls', and do it for a lifetime, not just for an evening. So with that being said, we want to continue these types of studies. We are in the process of planning the calendar for next year, and we'll be including another high school Bible study, created and hosted by the same youth speaker in our current series, Mark Hart. It's called *Matthew: Thy Kingdom Come*. It picks up where T3 left off, leading us on an "in-depth journey into the heart of God" in the Gospel of Matthew.

Middle School Youth Bible Study

We will be launching the latest study series from Ascension Press intended for middle school youth, *Encounter: Experiencing God in the Everyday*. Ascension says, "It is more than a Bible study program. It is a life-changing experience that speaks directly to the hearts and minds of middle school aged kids... Most importantly they will see God not as a distant doctrinal concept, but as a loving Father who desires a meaningful and lasting encounter with them." I'm doubly excited to be implementing a Bible study for middle school youth as well!! Please join us in praying that our efforts in these Bible studies are guided by the Holy Spirit. And remember: "Faith is the assurance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1) So our faith needs to be in the Lord, and not in a program.

THANK YOU!

A HUGE thank you to Charlie & Sandy Wilhite for supplying our Bible study group with pizza!

Sandy's
PIZZA

Upcoming SMG Youth Events:

Watch the bulletin & website for upcoming events.

High School Bible Study - Sunday, May 19th - 6:00 pm
Holiday World Trip - June 6
HS Mission Trip - June 9-15
TEC - June 22-24
TEC July 27-29

Join our Facebook group:

"St. Maria Goretti Catholic Youth Ministry"

Visit our website at:

www.smg youth.com

All youth, grades 6 through senior are welcome!

If you would like to be a part of any youth group programs or event I would be very happy to chat and work with you! Adult volunteers are always needed! Bryan Macke 753-3548

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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)

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Transfer Amount \$ _____ for Sunday collection _____

Type of Acct: _____ Checking _____ Savings

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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

CATHOLIC PARISHES CAMPAIGN (CPC)



We have received pledges totaling \$83,680 from 281 families, exceeding our assessment of \$72,992 by \$10,688. 100% of your pledge payments made in excess of the assessment will be returned back to Holy Cross. Thank you for your generosity!!

HOSPITALITY COMMISSION

Set up to offer friendly receptions to parishioners and guests of Holy Cross, the Hospitality Commission hosted several activities over the past year.

Three receptions: one in May (Randy Albright concert); one in July welcoming our new associate Fr. Brian; and one in August sending our seminarians back to school.

Two blood drives: the fall drive yielding 22 units; and the drive just this past week.

A Coffee and Donuts gathering: held in January to help all with their winter doldrums!

If you are interested in getting involved with Hospitality, contact the parish office.

JOURNEY MEN

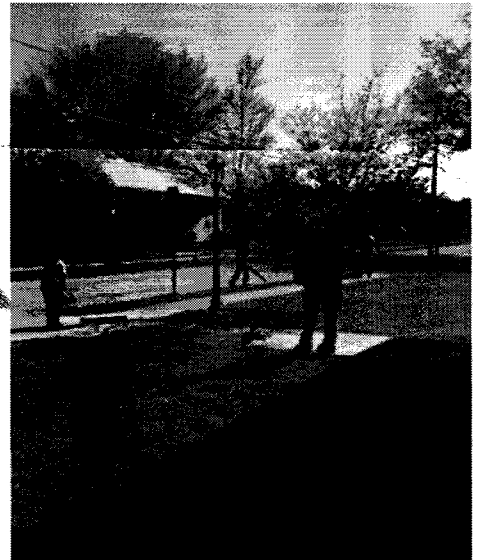
Holy Cross Catholic Church forms new "Journey Men" Group

Holy Cross Catholic Church is proud to announce that the "Journey Men" group has been formed. Holy Cross has been without a men's group for some 18 years after the former men's group, "The Holy Name Society" dissolved. The Journey Men's main purpose and goals will be to serve Holy Cross Church, school, as well as the local community. The "Journey Men" will maintain and beautify the grounds of Holy Cross, create meaningful spiritual activities to increase fellowship for the parish community, as well as increase the man's role in spiritual guidance of others. We welcome any male, 21 and older who is a member at Holy Cross Catholic Church. The group meets the first Monday of every month at 7 p.m. in the Holy Cross School cafeteria. The Journey Men will host a fried chicken carryout dinner at the Fort Branch Town Festival upcoming on June 6, 7th, and 8th. Stop by, meet and greet with the group and enjoy some of Holy Cross's famous fried chicken. The Journey Men's most recent project was a Spring Spruce Up day on the Holy Cross grounds. We mowed the lawns, weed eaten, edged, trimmed trees, planted grass seed, and sprayed for weeds. We also cleaned out the boiler room and moved all of the school's PE equipment into the new breezeway. Overall, it was a very successful project, we had over 15 men and even a few of their sons took part in the spruce up. Our next project on the church grounds will be to repaint the Holy Cross Catholic Church sign by the front entrance.

Come join us on the first Monday of every month in the Holy Cross Cafeteria for our next meeting. We look forward to seeing all you men there! Also, if you would like to stay up to date with the Journey Men, please "Like" Holy Cross Journey Men on Facebook as we will keep the entire parish and local community informed of our group's efforts and journey together.



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BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

Once a part of the Hospitality Commission, the bereavement meals are now handled through the newly organized Bereavement Committee. The Committee is comprised as a team concept, with two teams currently in place. The two teams alternate handling the parish's bereavement meals.

The benefits of a team concept are many. More parishioners become involved with the team structure concept, making the work load smaller, and community bonds also occur within the parish when more people help.

Recently the committee has provided bereavement dinners for Marietta Jones, Faye (Neufelder) Oing, Mary Louise Field, and Dorothy Jane (Georges) Holland. Thanks to all who volunteered their time and food items in support of these endeavors.

The Bereavement Committee is still under the Hospitality Commission umbrella within the parish structure, with the Hospitality Commission helping whenever called upon by the Bereavement Committee. If you are interested in becoming involved with the Bereavement Committee, please contact the parish office.

Easter Welcomes New Members

Easter is a time of great joy and celebration in our Catholic Church. We celebrate that we are able to enter heaven because Jesus rose from the dead liberating us from the curse of sin. We not only celebrate the resurrection of Jesus but also the entrance of new members into the Catholic Church.

This year Holy Cross and Sts. Peter and Paul parishes joined together at Haubstadt to celebrate Easter and to welcome new members into the Catholic Church. The evening was filled with symbolism, prayer and praise as we celebrated our roots and dedicated ourselves to God our Father.

Joining the Catholic Church on Easter Vigil from Holy Cross was Leon Potts. It was a joy to help Leon on his journey, and we appreciate the chance to learn from Leon.

Following the vigil, Sts. Peter and Paul hosted a reception to welcome all new members. Thanks to Sts. Peter and Paul for their warm reception and hospitality. We look forward to hosting the vigil next year at Holy Cross.

A big thank you to the sponsors of the new Catholics! They played a significant role in supporting the new members of Holy Cross and Sts. Peter and Paul on their faith journey. Without sponsors the faith journey would be more difficult. Also, thanks to the RCIA team for their dedication and willingness to share their own faith journey with others.

We are continuing to meet after Mass every Sunday until Pentecost. During this time we discuss the Sunday scripture readings and how we can assimilate the word of God into our daily lives.

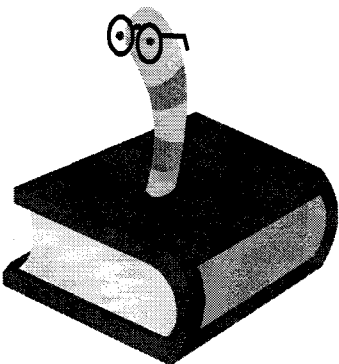
A new Inquiry period will begin in July for anyone having questions about the Catholic Church. Inquiry is a period of searching and reflection on the call of God. If you know anyone that may have an interest of learning more about the Catholic Church, have them call one of the RCIA team members: Peg & Steve Hall, Kay & Randy Kiesel, Monica & Jim Weber, and Gerald & Betty Sue Weber.

Please pray that people are open to the call of God in their lives, and that the RCIA team be directed by the Holy Spirit to help strengthen their faith.

-Gerald Weber, RCIA Coordinator



STEWARTSHIP COMMITTEE



Stewardship Commission participated in the pulpit talks at Mass on April 6 and 7. Over four weeks the commissions gave a short description explaining what their commission does with an invitation to parishioners to consider being on the ballot for the upcoming elections.

The Parish and Social Affairs and the Stewardship Commission were responsible for the April highway cleanup which was held on April 20. Thanks to the coordinators of the project, the workers, and the drivers.

At the last Stewardship Commission meeting Fr. Tony gave each of us the book, "Four Signs of a Dynamic Catholic" by Matthew Kelly. We will be discussing and sharing ideas to deepen our practice of stewardship as a way of life.

Troubled by a past abortion?

Visit

www.silentnomoreawareness.org,www.rachelsvineyard.org, orwww.priestsforlife.org.

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There is forgiveness and healing!

Your baby in heaven is praying for
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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

In reference to late-term abortionist Kermit gosnell, who faces four counts of murder, Father Frank Pavone said, "Forty years of abortion on demand through all nine months of pregnancy has not brought women more dignity, made them freer, or advanced their equality. Instead, as the trial of abortionist gosnell cruelly testifies, abortion has made women the subject of predatory practices, ugly disfigurement, gruesome deaths, and conditions not even fitting for animals. We must seize this moment to make sure everyone understands that what happened in gosnell's clinic has been happening all over the country for the last 40 years."

Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

Haubstadt Sommerfest (June 20-22) To help at our booth, call Maureen Ruggles 768-6974. To enter a baby in the Beautiful Baby Contest, call Linda Kissel 768-6033.

Gibson County Fair (July 7-13) To help at our booth, call Janith Goedde 768-6537. To enter your baby in the Beautiful Baby Contest call Linda Kissel at 768-6033.

Culture of Life Prayer Services (first Wednesday of each month) Join us at Holy Trinity June 5, July 3, Aug. 7.

Right of Life Meeting Dates:

June 11 (Meeting will begin at 7 pm)

July 9, August 13, & September 10

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!

Senate Bill 371 Concurrence Passes

SB 371 includes chemical abortions in the definition of abortion in Indiana law. SB 371 requires chemical abortion facilities to meet the same requirements as surgical abortion facilities in such areas as reporting standards, physician oversight, cleanliness standards and building accessibility.

The atrocities that took place at the West Philadelphia Women's Medical Society by late-term abortionist Kermit Gosnell should never have occurred. For more on the latest Pro-Life News contact Ann Minnis at 768-6768 or visit: www.nrlc.org, www.lovetheboth.com, www.lifenews.com, www.aul.org, www.priestsforlife.org, www.sba-list.org

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2013 Distributions Made Available to Holy Cross Parish

Holy Cross Parish has several permanent endowments in place to serve the current and long-term needs of our parish. This year, \$20,162 has been made available in total distributions from these endowments. The parish has decided to take a portion of these distributions and to reinvest some of them. The table below shows the details for each endowment:

Endowment Name	12/31/2012 Balance	Available Distribution	Use of distribution
HC Religious Education	\$61,233	\$2,385	HC School scholarships
HC School Karen Georges Memorial	128,508	5,127	Reinvested
HC Holy Name Society / Athletics	19,732	666	Gym Rental for HC School
HC School Transportation Fund	8,701	347	Reinvested
Jay Burger Memorial	99,085	3,992	Reinvested
Dr Michael W and DeAnn C Green Fund	7,629	279	Reinvested
HC Parish	193,357	6,809	HC General Fund
Fr. Tony Ernst Vocational Scholarship	15,409	557	Intended for Scholarships

Anyone can add to an existing endowment at any time and in any amount. For more information, contact the parish office or the Catholic Foundation at 424-5536. Let us give thanks to those who have created these gifts that annually support our parish and our school.