



HOLY CROSS HERALD

Fr. Anthony Ernst, Pastor
Fr. Brian Emmick, Parochial Vicar

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Dear Friends,

You have certainly noticed the signs around Gibson County that say, "Catholics Returning Home." This is a program we are offering for those who have fallen away from the practice of the faith or may wish to be renewed in their faith. I must admit that I have enjoyed all of the conversation these signs have generated. It has been great! Many people have asked, "What's that all about?" We want people to know that they are always welcome to come home to our parishes. This initiative has already led to several people returning to the Church and to the sacraments. This is one way we are trying to fulfill Pope Francis' call for us to evangelize.

The Catholics Returning Home program is an informal, six-week study of the faith. The topics include:

- Welcome Back
- Sharing stories of faith with witness speakers
- The Catholic Church Today
- Explanation of the Mass
- Explanation of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- The Creed – What we Believe

We have a team of people from our parishes prepared to offer these sessions to those who choose to participate. If you or someone you know is interested in this process, please call the parish office. This is not an easy step for folks who have fallen away from the practice of the faith, so they may need someone to participate with them in this process. Consider offering to do that with a family member or friend who needs the support. Sometimes it just takes an invitation from a friend to come back to the Church. You might be that person. If you or someone you know would like to be a part of this process, please call the parish office at Sts. Peter and Paul. (768-6457)

As we consider the need to reach out to others and share the faith, it's also good for us to find ways to grow in our relationship with Christ. It starts with prayer. If we are going to lead others to Christ and His Church, we must first deepen our love for Him. We must conform our lives to His. When we do this, the faith becomes attractive for those around us. One suggestion: consider making a weekly holy hour. We have adoration at each of our churches. This is a great way to be present with the Lord and allow Him to speak to us about His plan for our lives.

I hope all of you have a blessed summer and take some time to relax and enjoy family and friends.

In the Risen Christ,

Fr. Tony



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.

✠ Jerrad & Kaschi (Hawes) Weber. The Weber's have two children, Kaleb-9 and Rolen-2. Jerrad is a Production Manager and Kaschi is a Homemaker.

✠ Martin & Cami (Dunkel) Tennes. They live in Ft. Branch. Martin is a Vuteq team leader. Cami is a RN with St. Mary's Hospital.

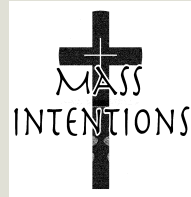
✠ Ared and Jennifer (Scheller) Schnaus. They have 2 children, Paige is 5 and Asher is 3. Ared works in Constuction and Jennifer is a teacher.

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.



2015 MASS INTENTIONS



The parish office is now scheduling 2015 Mass Intentions. You may schedule up to 3 Mass Intentions per year for a person. Only 1 intention should be used for a weekend Mass, the other 2 for weekday Masses.

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

Our website pages are:

Parish: www.holycrossparish.info

School: www.holycrossparish.info/holy-cross-school

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.



AUTOMATIC ELECTRONIC GIVING

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

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

All first time parents must attend a Baptismal Class prior to their baby being baptized. Godparents are welcome to attend also. You are encouraged to attend this class before the baby is born. Next class will be on June 9, 2014 @ 6:30 pm. in the Parish Center.



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 NEWS

John Hollis, Principal

I want to thank the teachers, staff, students, and parents for another successful school year. As always, it's difficult to say "Good-bye" to our 5th grade class. However, there is no doubt that they will be successful in whatever the future holds for them. I also want to congratulate the above mentioned groups for achieving 4-Star school status once again. I hope everyone has a great summer and we look forward to seeing all returning families next school year.



Technology Class, Erica Springer

We have had a busy year in our Technology Classes. Our Kindergarten class has learned all about the computer itself. They can name most of the parts and they got to see and feel the inside of a computer. They have been working on typing skills and have learned about the keyboard. They should all be able to tell you where the home row is located and what fingers they should use.

First and Second grade have continued working on typing skills, as well as, learning about power point. They worked hard on presentations and they got to show them on the Smart Board.

Third, Fourth and Fifth grades also did power point presentations but they added graphs to theirs. They had to gather information, make a presentation with sound and animation, and a working graph. They never cease to amaze me when they pull it all together and show them for the class.

Lyndsey Whitten, Kindergarten

We had a wonderful year in Kindergarten! It seemed like this year went so fast. The kids worked hard all year and learned so much. The kids had fun and were excited preparing for their special end of the year mass. They did a great job performing for their parents.

This class has been full of personality and kept me smiling every day. I look forward to seeing them mature and grow each year, here at Holy Cross!



Lorinda Wallace, 1st Grade

We have had a wonderful year in First Grade! It was a crazy weather year but the first graders were "busy bees" to the very end of school just like our bulletin board display!

I am so proud that all of them made their AR (Accelerated Reading) Goals every grading period this year, and several students doubled their goals!

On May 6, we had our classroom May Crowning of the Blessed Virgin Mary's statue. We had a procession around our room, played rhythm instruments, sang, and prayed together. Also during May, we concentrated on the Mass and the 7 sacraments, especially Baptism. We each made our own Baptism Booklets. Some students brought their Baptism pictures and candles to show the class.

During some of our last Science lessons, we learned about the natural resources that God has given us to use in our world. We brought some of our favorite rocks and soil samples from our yards, gardens, and fields to compare with our magnifying glasses. We also studied about the history and meaning of Earth Day on April 22. We talked about the need for recycling.



Our classroom "critter family" grew over the last 2 months. Adding to our Guinea pig, Belle, and our 2 turtles, we now have 5 new baby water turtles thanks to several students!

Our First Grade out-reach project was to send congratulation letters to all former Holy Cross students who graduated from High School this year. We wish everyone a happy, safe, and blessed summer vacation!!

SCHOOL NEWS CONTINUED.....

Shelley Weiss, Second Grade

We have had a full and very successful year in 2nd grade! In the fall, the class made their First Reconciliation. They also worked hard to make enough Crusader Crosses for parishioners to raise \$600 for the Evansville Ronald McDonald House.

This spring, the class anxiously prepared for their First Communion. In preparation for their First Communion, they presented a skit on the Last Supper to friends and family. Lily Hirsch said, "That was my favorite thing from the whole year because we got to dress up and pretend to do what Jesus and his apostles did." The class also enjoyed going to their First Communion Deanery Retreat and meeting other kids their age. Logan Tooley said that, "Making my First Communion was the best part of the year because I got to receive the body and blood of Christ. I also got to receive it in my own special moment at mass."

Some more of the classes favorite things were writing online poetry, making unleavened bread, learning cursive, doing "circle prayer" every morning, and their 'Flat Stanley' projects.



Thanks be to God for a great year together!

Debbie Schaefer, Third Grade

The kids and I have had a really great year. We have celebrated birthdays and holidays. We celebrated Thanksgiving with a huge family dinner and an awesome production of "Pecos Bill"! In March, we also celebrated St. Patrick's Day with green milkshakes. They spent about 3 months working on a very difficult angel puzzle. We made several trips to the public library to check out AR books.

We want to thank all our parents who have helped us throughout the year. We truly appreciate everything you do for us.

Love and Prayers,
Mrs. Debbie Schaefer and the Third Graders



SCHOOL NEWS CONTINUED....

Connie Grabert, Fourth Grade

We've had such a good year here in the fourth grade. I can't believe the year is almost over! In our religion classes, we have talked about the Beatitudes, Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy, and the Ten commandments. The students have learned the importance of being good Christians through their actions and words.

The students have grown a lot throughout the year. They have learned so many new things in grammar, health, science, and social studies. Many have discovered that math is fun and are able to do so much more than they could at the beginning of the year. They have also grown in their reading skills. Many students have taken off in reading and are devouring one book after another. I'm so proud of them!

We've had a lot of fun too. We had a reading unit on Japan. The students discovered the culture of Japan and even learned how to speak a little Japanese and sing a song in Japanese! We had our annual Pioneer and Native American Day program where we celebrated what we have learned about Indiana history. We went on a field trip to Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial. We've played review games, wrote poetry, did art projects, and worked in groups. It has been a fantastic year! I hope everyone has a wonderful summer. I'm looking forward to working with this class in social studies next year and can't wait to start working with the incoming fourth grade class!

Cathy Gray, Fifth Grade

A note from our 5th grade. Our last year at Holy Cross is full of so many memories: leading school families, putting up the flag, doing announcements, DARE and Junior Achievement classes, doing homework and taking tests, the Advent Program and Talent Show, basketball games, Science Fair, ISTEP tests, pizza parties and class holiday parties, recesses, and all those snow days. The year has gone by so quickly!

We would like to thank our parents and all those who have supported us this year, and every year, we attended Holy Cross School. We may be leaving this school, but our memories will not be left behind. They will stay with us forever. We are proud to say that we are Holy Cross Catholic School alumni!

Our Fifth Grade Class:

Christian Polen, Justin Bullock, Ella Kohl, Zachary Ziller, Jacob Spindler, Laney Neufelder, Carson Kruse, Madilyn O'Neal, Blair Rexing, Nicole Rickter, McKinzy Lockwood, Sabrina Davis, Daniel Hirsch, Amelia Kissel, Kendra Elpers, Olivia Weber, Kari Stecker, Devin Murphy, Preston Riggs, Madilyn Spindler.



SCHOOL BOARD By Deanna Bullock, President

After picking a website program, each classroom has their own website and they look great! The teachers have worked really hard on them and our school families will benefit greatly from them.

The School Board's Marketing Committee sent out a parent satisfaction survey and the results were positive.

We will be having our last meeting for the school year on June 5, 2014 to wrap up the year.

We still have window decals that can be purchased and put on your vehicle. They can be bought at the Parish Office for \$4 each.

CRUSADER ACADEMY

The Crusader Academy wrapped up another wonderful year! The students learned so much, and Miss Kara, Miss Dani, and Miss Reyna are so proud of all they have accomplished! We will miss our sweet Pre-K students so much and wish them a very exciting year next year! And to our wonderful Preschoolers, we can't wait to see you again this Fall!! Have a wonderful summer!



PRO-LIFE COMMITTEE *By: Beverly Hirsch*

THE NATIONAL RIGHT TO LIFE CONVENTION will be in Louisville this summer June 26-28. Call Joanie Luttrell @ 664-4273 or Amy Parmer @ 768-6394 if you are interested in going!!

Right to Life meetings:

June 10 (7:00 pm) and July 8 and August 12 (7:30 pm) at 115 N. Vine St. , Haubstadt



Gabriel Project

Pregnant women needing an "angel" may call toll-free phone # 1-877-734-2444



Upcoming Events & Volunteer Opportunities

HAUBSTADT SOMMERFEST (June 19, 20, 21) - to help at The Right to Life booth, call Maureen Ruggles @ 768-6974. To enter your baby in the BEAUTIFUL BABY CONTEST, call Linda Kissel @ 768-6033.

GIBSON COUNTY FAIR (July 6-12) - to help at the Right to Life booth, call Janith Goedde @ 768-6537. To enter your baby in the BEAUTIFUL BABY CONTEST, call Linda Kissel @ 768-6033.

Troubled by a past abortion?

Visit www.silentnomoreawareness.org,
www.rachelsvineyard.org, or www.priestsforlife.org.

Or call 1-877-HOPE-4-ME.

There is forgiveness and healing!
Your baby in heaven is praying for you.

Pro-Life websites

nrlc.org

lovethemboth.com

lifenews.com aul.org

priestsforlife.org

sba-list.org



SUMMER NEWS

Hey gang! ...boss here, reporting on some fresh news! I'm so turned about this summer! Ok, sorry about the lingo, but we're definitely looking forward to some awesome events coming up!

First, we'll start the summer off with a fun day to Holiday World on June 4th for all youth grades 6 thru 12. We'll meet for Mass at St. James at 8:00am and then head out. We always have a huge turnout for this.

Later in June, we'll be sending 5 youth to Notre Dame Vision, a leadership conference that helps develop the faith and gifts of high school youth to imitate the lives of Jesus Christ and the Saints in our current culture!



Saint Meinrad

Following ND Vision, we have 3 youth attending One Bread, One Cup at St. Meinrad. Like ND Vision, it's a 5 day conference, but focuses more on developing the youth's gifts to serve in the liturgy at Mass like being a Eucharistic minister, cantor, lector, etc. It helps the youth know that they ARE part of the Church and gives them ownership and purpose in the Body of Christ!

On the evening of June 24, during the week of Vacation Bible School, we'll be blessed by the presence of the Dominican Sisters from Nashville, TN at our HS Blacklight event! Not sure if they'll join in on the blacklight dodgeball but it'll be great just to have them with us and witness their passion for the Faith and learn about their life in a Q & A session.

From July 13 – 18 a group of 14 youth and 6 adults will journey back to St. Vincent Mission in the impoverished region of Appalachia, KY to help the people there with home repairs and to share in the love of God with each other! Please pray that we not only bring hope and good works to people in need but to draw nearer to Christ and each other through such an awesome experience. If you'd like to help sponsor a youth financially for the mission, please contact me, Bryan at 664-7992 or bmacke@evdio.org. We really appreciate it and we can't do it without the support of generous people.



Now, for just a couple notes on past events.... Our annual HS Food Fast was held on April 12-13. 20 youth fasted for 24 hours and during that time served at House of Bread & Peace shelter, visited the elderly at the old Little Sisters of the Poor, and raised over \$2,000 (most of which helped with the cost of a new oven at St. Anthony Soup Kitchen). The similar event for our MS youth is Shantytown, which was held on May 3-4. Again about 20 youth attended and took part in multiple activities (such as preparing/serving meals at Ozanam and Evansville Rescue Mission, making cardboard shanties/tents, and learning the causes of homelessness) in order to empathize with those in poverty, learn the value of giving, and better appreciate all the gifts from God that we have in our lives.

SMG YOUTH CONTINUED.....

Finally, our latest Bible study for MS youth (*Encounter: Experiencing God in the Everyday*) came to a close on May 9th with an encouraging crescendo. We've always had about 20 youth attend these Friday night studies (with fun games and pizza), but on the last night we had over 30 youth! 5 high school youth from our Peer Leadership Team also came to witness to their Catholic faith (Kalissa Bittner, Emily Rodgers, Cecilia Hall, Abe Kiesel, and Nick Sellers). They helped in any way they could, by leading the Bible review game, sharing during discussion, and making delicious milkshakes for everyone!! They truly lived out the Scripture verse in St. Paul's letter to Timothy: "[Let no one have contempt for your youth](#), but set an example for those who believe, in speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity." I Timothy 4:12

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

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 Twitter: @SMG_YouthGroup

HOSPITALITY By: Diane Bemis

Hospitality has a new member in 2014. Mr. Greg Perkins has volunteered to be on our commission. He is also serving on a bereavement team. Our commission has mostly been women, so we are thrilled to have him as an active member.

So far this year, we hosted the reception following the Easter Vigil on April 19, 2014. Cake, cookies, and punch were served.

On Saturday, April 26, Hospitality, along with Finance, picked up trash for Adopt-A-Highway. As usual, a curious collection of "stuff" was picked up.

We are looking forward to the Spring Blood Drive. The drive is scheduled for Tuesday, June 3, 2014 from 1:30 - 6:30 PM in the school cafeteria. Your donation can help save up to 3 lives. Please be generous and donate.

LITURGY By: Rita Stone

Most would agree that the attendance for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil Mass, & Easter Sunday masses was wonderful, and affirms how strong our faith is demonstrated by our parish. Holy Cross welcomes Jennifer Schnaus, who joined our Catholic faith family at the Easter Vigil Mass, and we continue to pray for her on her faith journey.

Let us all pray for our Holy Cross second graders who made their First Holy Communion on May 4th, our Confirmation candidates, and our Seniors graduating from Gibson Southern H.S. May they all continue to grow in the Catholic faith instilled in them.

Please consider signing up for Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, which takes place on the 1st Thursday of each month. It was mentioned in the bulletin recently that there are some 1-hr slots to be filled. Contact Beverly Hirsch at 753-5082 if you would like to sign up for one of these hours.

Holy Cross Church is very grateful for all those individuals who are giving of their time and talent as liturgical ministers. It is important that all honor their commitment to serve in those various roles that enhance the celebration of liturgy for our parish. Ministry role assignments are printed quarterly and also listed in our weekly bulletin as a reminder of being scheduled to serve as a liturgical minister.

Some individuals are attending training sessions in May to be leaders for Priestless Sundays..... should that situation arise. Thank you to those willing to serve in this capacity.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION By: Larua Goedde

Religious Ed:

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.

Religious Ed Registration:

Please register now for Religious Ed for the 2014-2015 school-year. Classes will begin on Sept. 3. New enrollees may find the forms on the parish websites or in the back of church. The cost is \$43.00 per student for 1-2 students, 3 or more students in the family is \$33.00/per student. Registration late fees of \$25.00 will begin on June 1. Please make checks payable to your parish. Preschool Religious Ed cost is \$25.00/per student. Please contact Laura Goedde at 812-768-6457 with any questions.

Thank You to All Volunteers

Fr. Tony, Laura Goedde, Stephanie Stoll and Liz Hirsch would like to thank all of our dedicated catechists and helpers for this year's religious education program. We thank all of you for your humble service and for sharing your love of the Lord with our youth! It is exciting to see the students maturing in their faith and becoming leaders in our church!

High School Senior Celebration

On May 18 our high school senior class celebrated mass together at 8:45 at Holy Cross followed by a breakfast. 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!

Serra Club Youth Award Winners

Congratulations to Trey Riggs, son of Todd & Shawna Riggs of Holy Cross and Isaac Sellers, son of Jeff & Amy Sellers and Rose Grinslade, daughter of Rob & Mona Grinslade and Bryn Wilzbacher, daughter of Dan & Jan Wilzbacher 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 23 at the final religious education class for the year.

Pictured left to right: Bob Naas, Fr. Tony, Rose Grinslade, Bryn Wilzbacher, Trey Riggs, Isaac Sellers, Fr. Brian



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CONT.....

First Holy Communion was celebrated on May 4 at Holy Cross. Be sure to welcome these children to the table as they share the Eucharist with us at Mass each week.

Pictured are:

Top row: Justin Bullock, Fr. Tony, Deacon Joe Siewers, Griffin Scheller, Fr. Brian, Jacob Spindler, Miss Weiss.

Second row: Christopher Scheessele, Logan Tooley, Lucas Kissel, Colin Lane, Alex Spindler, Jack Rose, Mason Scheller.

Third row: Shelbi Roberts, Emilee Bullock, Laira Cloin, Sophie Weber, Lily Hirsch, Gabby Baehl, Gabrielle Polen.



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Front row left to right: Kyndall Fox, Madison Elpers, Taylor Rogers, Kylie Hasenour, Raechel Kiesel, Cecilia Hall, Jackie Goedde, Emily Sisk, Holly Bittner, Jenna Ottman, Andrea Franklin, Amy Hart

Second row left to right: Emma Helfert, Cameron Risinger, Grant Young, Adam Hart, Abe Kiesel, Jacob Hess, Logan Dilbeck, Zach Brown, Aaron Hart, Alleyna Goedde

Third row left to right: Hayden Maurer, Trevor Collis, Mitchell Romershausen, Evan Gick, Neil Wilzbacher, Nick Sellers, Travis Ziegler, Eli Kramer

Fourth row left to right: Reece Lamey Nicholas Scheller, Mason Mockobee, Kyle Brakie, Griffin Scheller, Evan Elpers. Not pictured: Jamie Dewig



RELIGIOUS ADULT FORMATION

RCIA - We welcomed the following new members into the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Mass on April 19: Holy Cross –Jennifer Schnaus and Sts. Peter and Paul –Shyla Adler, Andrea Bittner, Clint Bittner, Joe & Kerri Gallion, Alden Heuring, Tammy Hirsch, Heath Howington, Nick Michel, & Shelly Peach Please keep them in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey. A reception was held in celebration following the Mass.

SCRIPTURE STUDY, THE BOOK OF JOHN

We currently offer classes on Sunday and Wednesday mornings at Sts. Peter & Paul and Tuesday evenings at Holy Cross. The fall study for the Tuesday & Wednesday classes will be the Book of John. Watch the bulletin for information on what study the Sunday morning class will offer. The study will begin in September and finish in April. We are open to new students. There is no prior study experience necessary. Watch for registration information in upcoming church bulletins or contact Laura Goedde at 812-768-6457. For more information or to learn more about Catholic Scripture Study 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 Laura Goedde at 812-768-6457 for more details.

SOME THOUGHTS BY FR. BRIAN



Some people were wondering what it would take to have more parishioners sign up or attend adoration here at the parish. We always have a good group of people coming and going when the Blessed Sacrament is present during adoration. Yet we could always get more people.

The reality is no matter what I write about the benefits of spending time with Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, in the end it is just words. The great graces that come from adoration must be experienced by the person who comes to pray.

Some of the obstacles to coming to adoration for an hour are clear. The number one reason people say is that they are too busy. The reality is that if we stop for a second we realize we are never too busy to pray. Prayer, with a heart directed towards God, only takes a second. We don't even have to move our lips as we 'say' our prayer in our mind. We have more time than we sometimes tell ourselves that we do.

Another common obstacle to adoration, is that people say that once they have to sit for an hour that you feel restless and are “not getting anything” out of the prayer. One of the great graces of adoration, is that focused on our Lord in the monstrance, he clears all the frantic clutter in our mind. He clears the constant barrage of thoughts and worries. So if you feel restless at your holy hour, that is a good thing. It is a sign of your soul trying to “settle down”. If you feel agitated and believe you are not getting anything out of the prayer, then that is a good thing. It is a sign that your soul is starting to feel deeply that God is not about “getting something of it”, but is about a pure worship of you simply giving this time to the Lord.

In adoration be prepared to have moments of sweetness and moments of boredom. Be prepared to receive wondrous peace and insight, and be prepared to sit with frustration and wrestle with boredom. Yet with whatever comes your way, do not judge it while praying. Simply do every bit of this before the Real Presence of Christ. Let Jesus watch you!

What will it take to get more people to sign up for adoration? Simply, go, with whatever you have, and experience it for yourself. Then you will know why you came before the Lord.

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FINANCE COMMISSION By Steve Hall, President

2014 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, \$23,430 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.

Endowment Name	12/31/2013 Balance	Available Distribution	12/31/2012 Balance
HC Religious Education	\$69,590	\$2,688	\$61,233
HC School Karen Georges Memorial	\$148,758	\$5,736	\$128,508
HC Holy Name Society / Athletics	\$22,050	\$860	\$19,732
HC School Transportation Fund	\$10,011	\$387	\$8,701
Jay Burger Memorial	\$114,787	\$4,424	\$99,085
Dr Michael W and DeAnn C Green Fund	\$9,280	\$337	\$7,629
HC Parish	\$216,873	\$8,245	\$193,357
Fr. Tony Ernst Vocational Scholarship	\$18,009	\$679	\$15,409
Andrea Kay Bullock Memorial Fund	\$5,380	\$74	\$0

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.