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Excitement Builds for 110th Annual Bazaar

By Teri Breeding

The St. Joseph School Bazaar dates back to 1912 when the School Sisters of Notre Dame received permission to sell fancy needlework off their convent porch to raise money for school supplies. The Bazaar continues to grow each year and always supports St. Joseph School. This year, we will be celebrating our 110th Bazaar on August 5th & 6th. We are excited to be planning this year's event on the church grounds with many prizes on Raffle Row, delicious Box Lunches, 2021 Ford Escape to a lucky winner, Flea Market finds, lots of fun on the Midway, plenty of good food and a great time for all ages!

Joseph Spiritan Center from 10:30 AM to 1 PM. Box lunches may be picked up from the Spiritan Center entrance at the south end of Front Street. Delivery orders of 10 or more are requested to be made no later than 5 PM Thursday.



Lydia Humphrey is ready to give away a watermelon at the popular Country Store stand.

You may order by faxing the order to 501-329-1987, or by emailing the order to boxlunch@conwaycorp.net. Box lunches are \$12 each with dessert available for \$3. Whole pies and cakes will be available for purchase too. **There will not be an evening spaghetti dinner, so take advantage of the box lunches Friday.**



Jalisa Allison is ready to serve homemade sausage for the box lunches

Friday and Saturday of the Bazaar, the Flea Market will be open for business during regular posted hours: Friday from 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM and Saturday from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. The Flea Market is a great place to find hidden treasures and great deals on clothing, household items, books, and furniture.

Friday, August 5th, the traditional box lunches of homemade spaghetti with marinara sauce, brats, chicken strips, green beans, homemade rolls and delicious desserts will be sold at the St.



Hamburgers and hot dogs sold at food stand on the Bazaar Midway. The newest member of the Elsinger family, Audrey, is seen here with husband Jeremy and brother-in-law, Mason.



Last year, Father Brian, Father Tony, Father Desam and Father Ben Riley from Immaculate Conception in North Little Rock each won prizes at various Bazaar stands. Father Riley is now at Harrison and Father Brian recently transferred to Ft. Smith.

Friday and Saturday, August 5th & 6th, the Bazaar Midway will be open at 5:30 PM on the church grounds, including the popular ham & bacon stand, cake stand, bingo, face painting and lots of kid games. There will also be many food stands, including the always popular Hamburger stand, carnival food, sno-cones, and so much more.

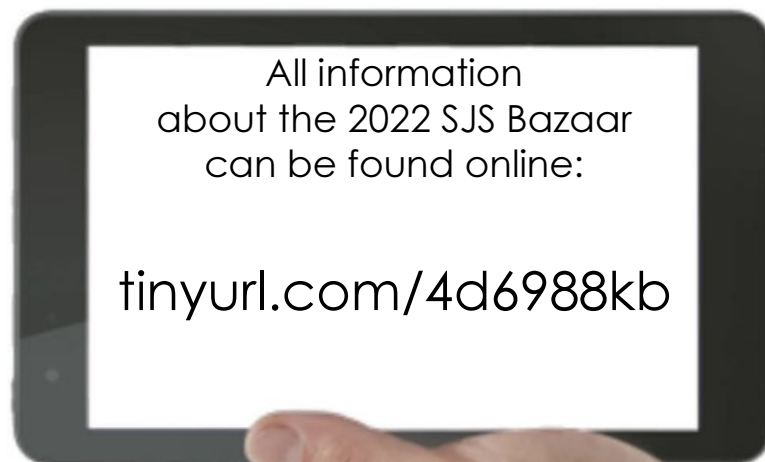
At the Saturday Midway closing, drawings will be held for many raffle prizes. The grand prize raffle is a 2021 Ford Escaper from *Smith Ford*. The raffle's second prize is a \$1,000 credit to *Total Tire*, and third place prize is a Members Mark Pro Series Pellet Smoker from *Sam's Club*. There is also a grand prize cash raffle of \$5,000. Other raffle items include priceless custom art from Steve and Vivian Noe Griffith, an ice chest full of beverages, a necklace from *Francis M. Fine Jewelry*, \$500 gift card from *Strain Photography*, and \$500 cash. All raffle tickets will be available until the drawing Saturday evening. Tickets can be purchased on the Midway. To purchase tickets in advance, visit the St. Joseph

Endowment Office or the St. Joseph Parish Office in the Spiritan Center. You need not be present to win, so purchase your tickets today.

The proceeds from this fun-filled event for all ages will help St. Joseph School continue serving the Conway community and producing Christian leaders of tomorrow. All information about the 2022 SJS Bazaar can be found online at <https://tinyurl.com/4d6988kb>. We hope to see everyone August 5th & 6th for the 110th Annual St. Joseph School Bazaar!



Lindell Atkinson stirs the spaghetti sauce in preparation for the distribution of the box lunches.



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A New Doctor in the House

By Christy Trantina

Many of you know fellow parishioner Don Kremer, who moved to Conway about 20 years ago with his wife Cherie and their four children. For many years, Don and Cherie shared their talents in our parish, working in the music and faith formation ministries. You may remember watching Don care for Cherie who battled a rare neurological disease for 8 years, until she passed away in 2015.

Don's passion is growing in the Lord and in our Catholic faith, and then sharing those things with others. After completing his Master's degree in Theological Studies from the University of Dallas in 2014, Don became certified as a Spiritual Director. Later, he felt God calling him to continue his studies even further.



*Don and his children after the ceremony.
Left to right: Mark, Colleen, Don, Scott, and Karen.*

In May 2022 Don graduated from the Jesuit school, Fordham University in New York City, with a Doctorate of Ministry (DMin). It took him four years, including two years writing his thesis, which is about the impact on parents of their children's leaving the Church, also referred to as disaffiliation or deconversion.

Don plans to put what he learned into practice, teaching classes for us this fall including **Disaffiliation: Why Our Children Are Leaving the Church**, and **Christology: What's the Big Deal About Jesus?** Details will be announced later in the summer.

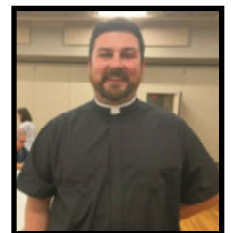
Don also helps coordinate all spiritual directors in the Diocese of Little Rock in conjunction with Fr John Marconi, Fr Ruben Quinteros and Fr Daniel Velasco. You can see that we are blessed to have Don and his gifts in our St. Joseph community. Please help me congratulate him on his achievements - well done, Dr. Don!



Father Brian Cundall Receives Farewell

By Ray Nielsen

Former Associate Pastor Father Brian Cundall had a farewell reception held in his honor at the Spiritan Center on June 26. It was in conjunction with his departure for the new assignment he was recently given to be Parish Administrator at Christ the King Church in Fort Smith. Father Brian had only been with us for about a year. He was ordained back in May of 2021 and made his presence here felt in many ways. He'll be greatly missed, but we wish him all the best on his continuing journey in the priesthood.



Captions:

1. Father Brian chats with Ray and Sue Strack
2. Elizabeth Shamburger, Margaret Martin, and Claranne Ferris all want to thank Father Brian for his service to the parish.
3. David Strack is in a line of well-wishers to greet Father Brian.

15 Years and Counting!

Close-Knit Faith Community—By Jean Leffler

“For it was you who formed my inward parts; you knit me together in my mother’s womb. I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works; that I know very well.”

(Psalm 139 13-14)

What began as a class assignment for her third year of Theology, presented through St. Gregory’s University, produced a legacy. Former parishioner and ‘founder’ of Close-Knit Faith Community, Lynn Pownall, had no idea that her proposal for a new ministry at St. Joseph would grow and thrive for 15 years!

Background

Close-Knit Faith Community blankets our parish and community in prayer and warmth with lap robes, prayer shawls, hats, and baby items. The group meets weekly, year ‘round, to knit and or crochet for local charities. We welcome men and women, youth and retired. We are an ecumenical group who shares The Word or participates in communal inspirational book readings at each meeting.

We rotate through ‘campaigns’ of projects throughout a year. Currently we are making lap robes for the nursing home we adopted this year. When we have reached our goal of 140 – one for each resident – they will be blessed by one of our priests and delivered in time for a Christmas distribution.

We have been meeting for 15 years and invite newcomers to our parish to join us. Whether expert or novice in the craft of knitting or crocheting, all are welcome. We are happy to coach the novices – either left-handed or right-handed.

We meet with prayer on Wednesday mornings, upstairs in Spiritan Center. We begin at 10:00, with a prayer that Lynn composed especially for CKFC. We share in “Ta-Da Moments” to show the projects that have been finished since our last meeting. We share concerns and list them on our weekly prayer list, which is sent out as a reminder of who and for what to offer prayers. If we are not reading an inspirational book, we preview the upcoming Sunday readings. Time is given for discussion. At the end of a meeting, we close with a prayer.

Over the 15 years of meeting, we have made hundreds of lap robes and baby blankets, thousands of baby hats, and hundreds of prayer shawls. We have experienced new life in our group and have shared in the loss of a few members, but we knit on in the strong bonds we have developed over our years together.

Prayer Shawls



Edna feeling the warmth of her Prayer Shawl.

Ruth Slaton with the Prayer Shawl to be sent to her sister

Nothing warms us up better than being wrapped in prayer. That is the aim of the Close-Knit Faith Community’s Prayer Shawl Ministry. Life is not always rosy and we can find ourselves feeling cold. There is a solution - we have a cabinet brimming with hand-made prayer shawls, stitched in prayer and blessed, just waiting to bring a sense of Christ’s love to one in need. They are given freely to anyone who requests one. They are not just for parishioners. In fact, one was recently made by a CKFC member, prayed over by the entire group, and sent to her sister in New England who was going through cancer treatment.



Participants of our parish semi-annual Beacon of Hope grief group each receive a prayer shawl. They are also available to participants in our bi-weekly cancer support group participants and their care-givers.

If you would benefit from the warmth and support that a prayer shawl might provide, or know someone who would, come by Spiritan Center and request one. We have a wide variety of colors.

Lap Robes

One of the long-term projects that the Close-Knit Faith Community fulfills is making lap robes for each and every resident in a local nursing home. At 2021 Christmas, we gave 100+ to Superior Nursing and Rehab. Our 2022 home is Heritage. We are half-way to our goal of 140 – but we could use your help!

CKFC meets on Wednesday mornings in the Spiritan Center. We pray together, we knit (or crochet) together, we hear The Word or share reading a meditative book together. We are, in the fullest sense, a Close-knit Faith COMMUNITY! And we would love for you to join us in our work and prayers.

We use only sturdy acrylic yarns that will withstand the rigors of institutional laundering. The finished size is approximately 30" X 40". This is designed to cover a person's lap while sitting in a wheel chair and not get caught in the spokes of the wheels. Of course, this is a perfect size to throw over the legs while lying down for an afternoon nap.

We have patterns, extra needles and hooks, and even some yarns that you can use. We welcome the work done by 'remote stitchers' who cannot attend our meetings in person. We welcome men and women of other faiths as well. We encourage you to invite your non-Catholic or un-churched friends.



Pictured here are some of CKFC members and lap robes waiting to be blessed by one of our priests.

Baby (and Adult) Hats



They say that to stay warm we should cover our heads. That is what Close-Knit Faith Community tries to do. When we have finished a larger project, like a lap robe, there is often just a little yarn left over. Waste is not in our vocabulary! So, we make hats for preemie babies, newborn sized baby hats, and adult hats.

The preemie hats are donated to Baptist Hospital NICU in Little Rock. The baby hats are donated to CRMC nursery. The adult hats are donated to the Warming Center during the winter months. At Christmas 2021, we donated enough adult hats for each of the homeless served by the Warming Center.

If you have just a little time – just a little yarn – just a little wish to help – Close-Knit Faith Community would welcome your assistance. Making hats for the CKFC is a small commitment with a big impact. We pray together, we knit (and crochet) together, we share in The Word together, and we share in His work!

Pictured here is Father Raj modeling a hat as he gets ready to bless baby hats.

Baby Coverlets and Baby Items for Life Choices

Close-Knit Faith Community helps to welcome newly baptized baby parishioners through our knitting and crocheting ministry. We make small, baby carrier coverlets for our newest Catholics. We enjoy using pastels, and bright colors alike for these special new St. Joe parishioners.

During Advent we focus on making baby items to donate them to Life Choices, the Faulkner County pregnancy center. We make baby sweaters, booties, baby wraps and more. Those are presented to the ministry at Christmas as our gift to celebrate the birth of Baby Jesus. Making the baby items often conjures up memories of our own family members' birth. Life Choices serves our community and helps the expectant parent find joy in the impending new life. The staff and volunteers at the agency are so very devoted in their ministry. CKFC is happy to help support them in their work. As with all the items we make and give to the community, the baby coverlets and other baby items are blessed before being distributed.

Invitation

If you knit or crochet and are looking for a way to serve God with a talent that He has given you, we invite you to join Close-knit Faith Community. We meet at the Spiritan Center on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 to about noon – the bulletin says 11:30, but we often stick around after our closing prayer for community. More commonly, we end closer to noon.

Summertime often provides folks free time not available through the traditional school-year. We welcome short-term part/time participants. It doesn't take very long to make a baby hat! We also welcome 'remote-knitters' – those who cannot attend in person but want to be part of the ministry from home. Through the generosity of parishioners, we are often able furnish tools of the trade and even yarn.

A Word About Yarn

Close-Knit Faith Community accepts donations of yarn; however, we only use acrylic yarn for the projects that we make and send out to the community at large. We primarily use #4 weight. We do not use wool, baby weight yarns, bulky yarns, threads, or cotton yarn. If you have some of those yarns and are looking to donate it, we ask that you donate directly to St. Joe Flea Market.



Pictured here are CKFC celebrations – on the right is Cassie Bergsgheider showing off our 10th anniversary cake. On the left is a baby shower we held for Alex Griffith and her husband Neal.



We gifted Fr. John and Fr. Robert on their departure from St. Joe



Our closet overflows with yarn and prayer shawls.

K 1, P 2, Cast off in P

That could be read as knit instructions for, 'knit 1, purl 2, cast off in purl.' However, in the Close-Knit Faith Community it means, 'kneel once, pray twice, then finish off in prayer.' That is what we do each time we pick up our knitting needles or crochet hook, 'finish off in prayer.' **We would love for you to join us.** Please contact either Retha Fausett at rmfausett61@gmail.com or Jean Leffler at jean.leffler@yahoo.com.

2022 Belize Mission Trip

By Don Kremer

(Sung to the tune of “This is the Day”): We built a house (we built a house) with the love of God (with the love of God)
It is a house (it is a house) for the Lord to dwell (for the Lord to dwell)

On Thursday, May 5, 2022, a group of St. Joseph parishioners, along with other volunteers, sang this song in Belize City after building a new house for Desiree Burgess in four days. The Arkansas travelers were Don and Angela Greenland, Tom and Theresa Gerard, Gary and Ricki Meimann, Terri Seiter, Mark Enderlin, and Don Kremer. (Mark Seiter couldn’t be there due to a travel glitch!)

Can you build a house in four days? We found out that this is, indeed, possible by working with Hand in Hand Ministries, an organization that sponsors immersion mission trips. Our parish already had a relationship with Hand in Hand in the men’s annual journey to Appalachia in Western Kentucky (described elsewhere in this issue). For the Belize trip, though, we traveled a little farther—to Central America.



Famous “Belize” sign on the Caribbean

I’ll explain the house building in a moment, but first I want to tell you about Desiree Burgess, our client. She is an amazing woman—a mother, grandmother, and family matriarch who cares for her whole family on her family land plot. In addition, she cooks regularly for her faith community in Belize City. Belize is a beautiful country with wonderful tourist destinations, but for many citizens, it is a place of poverty. Desiree’s previous home, shared with her children and grandchildren, was falling apart around her; we were privileged to help her build a solid and beautiful home. But how did we do this in four days? I next walk through our time in Belize, day-by-day.

Sunday : We flew from Little Rock through DFW to Belize City and moved into the “Starfish,” which is Hand in Hand Ministry’s residence for volunteers to eat and sleep. We had a wonderful cook, Nen, who prepared our breakfasts and dinners, and sent sandwiches for lunch. James, another Hand in Hand employee, was our driver and chaperone throughout the week. On Sunday, after a brief tour of Belize City and dinner, the group went to Mass at a local Jesuit parish where we listened to Hand in Hand’s Belize director, Abel Vargas, lead the congregation in song with his guitar.



Don Greenland – Watching the sunrise on the Caribbean

Monday: The Starfish residence is just a couple of blocks away from the Caribbean, and we took morning walks before working, watching a beautiful sunrise each day. On Monday, after a delicious breakfast, we traveled to Hand in Hand’s Belize City HQ where all the materials that we would need to build the house were already laid out. In the morning, we and a group of Belizean volunteers built the floor frame and walls of the new house in preparation for assembly the next day.

That afternoon, we were treated to a trip to the Mayan temple of Altun Ha, near Belize City. We all felt reverence for that important spot of Mayan culture. On the way home, we established a nightly tradition, picking up treats and Belikin Beer and wine at a local market for our nightly post-dinner social hour. One of my favorite parts of the trip was getting to know my fellow parishioners during these evening events.

Tuesday: The next morning, the men and women split up into two groups. The men built the foundation for the house, using concrete blocks and an amazing leveling technique with a long plastic hose and water. We then mixed cement for filling the stacked concrete blocks. The space we were working in was very tight, surrounded by other buildings and a fence with narrow entrances. The women spent their morning at Hand in Hand HQ, completing the assembly of the walls and then painting them blue and red.

After lunch, we experienced the most amazing segment of our work. First, we moved the assembled floor frame and a stack of plywood sheets from Hand in Hand HQ to Desiree’s site. We then secured the frame on the foundation that we had built that morning and nailed a set of plywood sheets into the frame. Voila! A floor! Then in a second trip, we trucked the (slightly wet) painted walls from HQ to Desiree’s place and erected them one-by-one on the new floor.

Watching them go up so quickly was almost a spiritual experience! By the end of the day, the house was built, minus the roof. We went home then for dinner and Belikin beer and Ibuprofen!

Wednesday: The next day, while the Hand in Hand folks worked on the roof—they wouldn't let us up there—the rest of us installed doors and windows, completed painting, and nailed sheetrock to the center wall inside. The house was nearing completion! That evening, back at the Starfish, we were entertained by the Garifuna Dancers, a troupe of drummers and dancers who told us the sad but inspiring story of the Belizean people; they also invited us to dance with them. What a wonderful night!

Thursday. We spent the next morning building the front porch and completing some final touches while the Hand in Hand workers installed a sink, toilet, and shower stall in the bathroom. In the afternoon, a Jesuit brother led a blessing ceremony, where we all prayed, sang songs accompanied by Abel Vargas, and presented the keys to Desiree. It was a touching service! That evening, we went out for celebratory dinner at a restaurant on the coast.

Friday. Our last day in Belize was our vacation day. After getting the COVID tests required for our return to the U.S., we took a boat ride—about an hour trip—to Caye (pronounced Key) Caulker, one of the Belizean tourist islands. We spent the day exploring the island, found out how lobster traps are made, rode bicycles, and had a wonderful Caribbean lunch from Chef Kareem. We then returned to the Starfish, ate our last delicious dinner from Nen, and then packed to come home.

Saturday. After one more great breakfast from Nan, we traveled to the airport and flew back to Arkansas.

I sometimes hear people question whether immersion trips are meant to assuage feelings of guilt of those of us with much more wealth than the poor of the world. I will admit that there might be some truth to this criticism. However, after the Belizean trip, and also after several mission trips to the Appalachians and to the Delta, I have come to respect these trips for several reasons. One that you often hear is that we receive tenfold back of anything that we give, which is true. But even more important to me is our encounter of fellow human beings who, although poor, are hard-working, loving, caring, intelligent, and faith-filled people who were born into very different circumstances. We form a bond of exchange with the people we serve, shattering stereotypes in both directions.

I also have come to believe that a person has no right to blame systemic problems of poverty or racism or inequality in the world if he or she has not been actively involved in efforts to make the world a better place where they can. Pope Francis calls this acquiring the “smell of the sheep.” St. Joseph Parish provides many opportunities to smell sheepish, not only in immersion mission trips, but also through Missions for Transitions, Handyman Weekends, City of Hope Outreach (CoHo) and support for other local charity work. This Spring 2023, on Saturday, March 11, for example, we will be partnering with UCA for a Family Volunteer Day, another opportunity to help bring the Kingdom of God to earth. Mark your calendar and bring the kids!

In Matthew 25, Jesus made it clear that taking care of those less fortunate is not optional, and the consequences of ignoring our responsibilities are not good (e.g., eternal punishment!). I have found, though, that my own personal feeling of community with fellow parishioners and those we serve is more motivating to me than fear of punishment. I see my feeling of consolation not so much as a reward, but rather an indication from God that I am doing the right thing. If you have not availed yourself of our parish's many mission opportunities, I encourage you to considering doing so. Please read on about our Appalachian trip for another opportunity.

Also – thanks to the Greenland's and the Gerard's for all the work in setting up this trip!



Theresa Gerard with Nen, our cook



Desiree Burgess (right) with son Cadwell and a grandson



Women painting trim for house (Ricki Meimann, Angela Greenland, Theresa Gerard, Terri Seiter)



Gary Meimann presents house key to Desiree Burgess



Mayan Temple of Altun Ha



Assembling a Wall at Hand in Hand HQ



Moving painted wall to truck to move to site



Men preparing foundation of house at Desiree's plot



Nailing plywood floor



Positioning floor frame on foundation



House with roof and windows



Mixing concrete for front porch (Desiree Burgess, Mark Enderlin, Don Kremer)



House Blessing Ceremony (Terri Seiter reading, Jesuit brother, Gary Meimann, Mark Enderlin, Angela and Don Greenland)



Weight-testing the front porch after house blessing

Saturday before we leave, at Starfish residence: Gary & Ricki Meimann, Don Greenland, Theresa Gerard, Terri Seiter, Don Kremer, Angela Greenland, Mark Enderlin, Tom Gerard



2022 Appalachian Trip

By Don Kremer

This summer, after a one-year COVID gap, a group of St. Joseph men participated in the eighth annual mission trip to Appalachia in eastern Kentucky. As with the Belize trip, we worked with Hand in Hand Ministries, which finds and vets opportunities for mission work, and provides the materials, tools, and supervision. As usual, we slept in a converted school building in Auxier, KY, that is now a dormitory.



The converted school building that we bunked in

Our cohort consisted of St. Joseph parishioners and friends: Don Greenland, Greg Hall, Ron Gatto, Dc. Richard Papini, Joe LaRocca, Mark Seiter, Paul Gunther, Raymond Gunther, Gary Meimann, Robert Massery, and Don Kremer. Three friends from out of state also joined us: Deanna Bowman, Rob Hunt, and Ray Blake. We also worked with a couple of great Hand in Hand interns, Buddy and Sam, both of whom are considering the priesthood. Gail Spradlin, the director of the Auxier Center, says that we are one of the most skilled groups of workers and she saves some of her hardest work for us. It usually involves walking on roofs, but not this year!

We split up into three work groups. One group stayed at the Auxier HQ and worked on a partially completed overhang for a porch intended for Auxier volunteers to gather after their day of work. The men aligned the joists with a “stiff-back” support and then installed soffit and wrapped the beams and columns. When they were done, it was perfectly straight, a real piece of art!

The second group was assigned not one, but *two* homes that needed new ramps and porches, so that people with wheelchairs could access their front door. Deacon Papini also was instrumental in serving a woman who had severe health problems and needed to go to the hospital while we were there. The clients in both homes expressed great appreciation for their work.

The third group, my group, worked on the flooring and plumbing in the mobile home of Roger, a man with developmental challenges but with a wonderful sense of humor and welcoming attitude. We installed linoleum in one room, laminate flooring in a second room, and tile in a third room. Two men from our group removed the old shower, put in a new one along with the replacement plumbing. We also began work for another ramp for another client.

Of course, our time in Kentucky was not all work! We were blessed by wonderful breakfasts and dinners by Gloria, who has been our cook for these many years. At night, we imbibed a *small* amount of Buffalo Trace (and other) bourbon and maybe a beer or two. On Thursday night, some went to the US 23 Country Music Highway Museum to listen to some authentic country and bluegrass music.



Team Auxier, 2022.

Top row: Buddy, Ron Gatto, Dc. Richard Papini, Rob Hunt, Deanna Bowman, Sam, Robert Massery, Ray Blake, Don Kremer
Bottom Row: Gary Meimann, Don Greenland, Joe LaRocca, Raymond and Paul Gunther

The fellowship with both our clients and with each other makes these trips grace-filled experiences and keeps us coming back. Plus, I keep learning more about carpentry and plumbing from the masters that I work with! I am now knowledgeable enough to be dangerous.

If any men of the parish would like to join us on a multi-day mission trip, but don't want to travel as far as Appalachia, was also have a Fall trip coming up that is much closer geographically, in McGehee, AR, Sept. 29 – Oct. 2. We would love to have you come!



Group 1: Rob Hunt with a view of the porch



Group 1: Rob Hunt and Robert Massery work on wiring for Auxier porch



Group 2 on their second ramp: Dc. Richard Papini, Sam the intern, Ray Blake



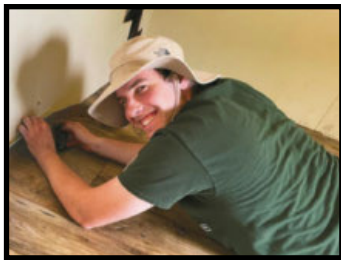
Group 2 finishes their first ramp: Mark Seiter, Sam, Greg Hall, Joe the supervisor, Ray Blake, Dc. Richard Papini, Deanna Bowman (sitting)



Group 2 – Gary Meimann and Joe LaRocca replace a shower



Group 3 working on laminate floor (Paul and Raymond Gunther, Don Kremer)



Intern Buddy installs linoleum floor



Our team enjoys the fruit of the labor of the new porch

Who are you, St. Joseph WOMEN OF GRACE?

By Linda Waytenick

In the Old and New Testaments, we learn about prayer from God's most faithful ones. Prayer is intimate conversation with God in which He draws us very near to His heart and reveals Himself to us, if we are willing to trust Him.

"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you receive it, and you will." Mark 11:24.



Women of Grace meets on Sunday mornings during the school year from 9:15-10:15am in Spiritan Center. All women of the parish are invited to join us, there is no cost to attend, all you need is your Bible. We started with 6 Courageous Catholic Women and ended up with 18! We also have 2 Sisterhood get-togethers (aka lunch) each month on Wednesdays visiting a different "Eats" venue each time.

We learned that the Bible is not just about the past but is relevant to life in 2022. We examined female Saints and how their lives were not so different from our own daily struggles and satisfactions. We took an honest look inside ourselves and learned that fear and unacceptance of self hinders our relationship with Lord. We studied maps of the Holy land in the time of formation of the Jewish nation and the long hard journey to the Promise Land, and examined how our own life journeys are not easy as we slip and slide getting to that final destination. We realized that Jesus was a feminist! (What?!) He welcomed all sorts of women in His group of traveling missionaries – of course His mother Mary, and also those with less than saintly pasts; prostitutes, those possessed by evil spirits, and feuding sisters.

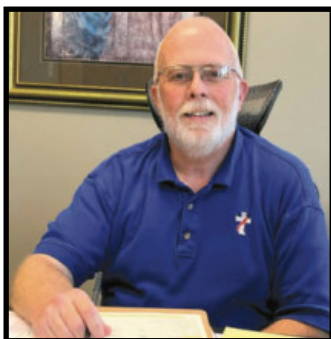
We have had a Summer Retreat series called WOMEN WATERING THEIR ROOTS. We had a session in June and July, and we would love to see you ladies at our final session on Tuesday, August 16, 6:30pm in Spiritan Center upstairs. There is no charge, but please register with LINDA WAYTENICK (call/text 501-339-1907), so you can relax and join in on the FUN, FIXINS AND FAITH.

We invite you to join us this fall beginning Sunday, September 11 when Women of Grace resumes. We will study the great storm in the Sea of Galilee, Mark 4:35-36; Jesus is taking a nap and not understanding why those fishermen are so afraid. We all have life storms; Jesus doesn't always play by 'our' rules but He isn't asleep, and we women will learn how NOT to allow FEAR to keep us from Jesus. Please contact Linda Waytenick with any questions about Women of Grace.



New Adult Sacramental Coordinator Named

By Ray Nielsen



Deacon David French

Deacon David French was recently named St. Joseph's new Adult Sacramental Coordinator. He replaces Andrea Ziminiski who moved to Texas because of husband's job transfer. Deacon French will be coordinating the church's RCIA program. He'll also work with families who have children older than seven years of age who have not received such Sacraments of Initiation as Baptism and First Communion.



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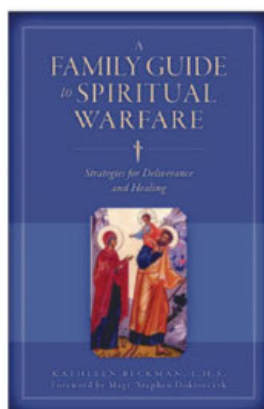
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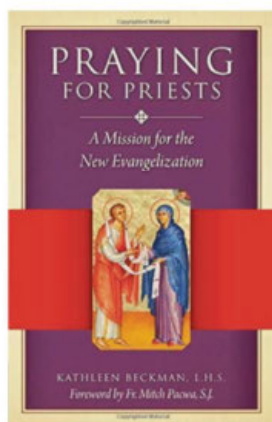
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A Family Guide
to Spiritual Warfare
6:30-8:30pm in Spiritan Center



Demons wage war against families because families are vital to God's plan of salvation. This reality requires that your family become well-trained spiritual warriors who actively secure your home and fight to keep it off-limits to demonic activity. Kathleen Beckman can show you how to clean up your household by cultivating a civilization of love and how to withstand the spiritual attacks that try to destroy the harmonious family life you create.

Saturday, October 29
Kathleen speaks at
Praying for Priests
4th Quarter FPP Vianney Cenacle
Eucharistic Holy Hour
8:30-10:30am in the church



The Church has been praying for the holiness of clergy and for vocations for over two thousand years, but "for such a time as this" a new emphasis is given for an ardent movement of intercessory prayer to protect the holiness and fruitfulness of the clergy. Together, we form an army of intercessors under the mantle of Mary, Mother of the Eternal High Priest.

The Henze Family

By Nancy Breeden Mitchell

In 2004 when the St. Joseph parish was celebrating 125 years, Carolyn Ann “Connie” Henze submitted a family history focusing on her father Frank’s family. Some of the information within this article has been taken from that submission. A special thanks to Al and Jerry Hiegel and David Henze who helped supply additional information and pictures of the family.

Henry Henze was born on January 27, 1836. He was 33 years old when he left Wesphalia, Germany and traveled from the Rhein region departing from Bremen, Germany and arriving in New York on May 7, 1870. His future wife, Christina Bender (DOB February 22, 1847), was 22 years old when she came to America from Baden, Germany with her parents and two brothers Frederick aged 28 and Martin 21 who, like Henry’s family, left the Rhein region departing from Bremen and arriving in New York on March 28, 1870. Both the Henze and Bender families settled in Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania, coal mining country. It was there that Henry married Christina and they became the parents of Henry Jr. (1871-1935), Mary (1872-1950), and John (1874-1954). They moved to Preston, Arkansas (Gold Creek) in 1876. The family became part of the St. Joseph Catholic community. According to Carolyn’s historical account, the Henze family had several more children born after their move to Arkansas: twin daughters, Elizabeth, and Catherine, (1885-1886), and sons Frank (1878--1959), Anthony (1880-1907), Joseph (1882-1911), Frederick (1889) and Louis (1891-1969). Anthony and Joseph died in childhood.

Henry Jr. married Lilly Trailer (1885-1905) and had one child. Henry later married Dena Unger and they had two or three children. Dena moved to Pennsylvania after Henry’s death. Daughter Mary became the wife of Theodore Joseph Lorenz and they made their home in Little Rock. No known children.

Son John married Catherine Muehl Erbacher in 1910. He and Catherine had 8 children, 7 of which reached adulthood. Their son John J. (1905-1994) married Marie Nahlen (1909-1984) on April 26, 1932. Son Henry Anton (1910-1996) never married. Joseph (1912-1914) died in childhood from fulminating tonsillitis possibly from the flu. Gottfried Peter (1914-1980) never married. Margaret Mary (1915-1984) married Leonard Schaefer on May 18, 1936, and had three children: Leonard Robert (Bob), Kathleen, and Marion. Anna Marie (1918-1974) married Kenneth Hogue June 25, 1947, but had no children. Theodore Joseph (1921-1944) graduated from St. Joseph in 1939. On January 14, 1944, he was a turret gunner on a mission over Yugoslavia during WWII when his plane was struck by a bomb released from another plane in his squadron resulting in his aircraft exploding in midair. Clara Marie (1924-2011) married Joseph Aaron Epperson on Nov. 21, 1951, and had seven children: Triplets Sandra, Susan, Steve, Rosalie, Joseph, and twins Mary and Martha. Catherine (1930-2010) married Dennis Connell and had three children: Bonnie, Mary, and Danny. Louis married Rosa Favre. Their children were Clara, Adolph, Ed, and Herman. After Rosa’s death, Louis married Julia Frances Kassaw.



John Henze fishing.



*Catherine smiling
behind a tree.*



Theodore Henze

Frank C. Henze Henry and Christina’s son, Frank, was born on March 10, 1878. On November 9, 1909, Frank C. Henze married Catherine Ficker. Catherine was the daughter of John and Frances Wolbert Ficker who were from Prussia. She was born in 1886. Frank purchased 80 acres of land from Max Schneider on Middle Road for \$1350 on August 30, 1911. This property had originally belonged to the Ficker family. In 1916, Henry sold the 80 Middle Road acreage for \$1500 to a gentleman by the name of Stonewall Anderson and on October 26, 1922, he purchased his parents’ homestead from his mother for \$1,000. It was there that he and Catherine raised their family.



Frank and Catherine Henze with their children. Florian is being held in front of his mother with Mary standing next to her. Boys L-R are William, Frank, and Augustine.

Frank C. and Catherine Ficker Henze's children were Frank Amos (1911-2001), Marie Francis (1912-2006), Amos Aloysius (1914-1914), William "Bill" (1915-1979), Anton John (1916), Augustine "Dutch" (1918-1999), and Florian Leo "Tudy" (1920-2004). Amos and Anton died in childhood. As a young lad, during his lunch hour and after school, Frank Amos hauled rocks and helped make the round bricks that were used in the columns of the new St. Joseph Church which was being built in 1925. The family raised youngberries and grapes, they had peach trees, and they raised produce from their garden. They sold these fresh fruits and vegetables at their Uncle John Henze's store at Gold Creek setting up by an iron bridge, or they took it to market in the Levy area of North Little Rock. The family also grew some cotton and raised sheep, goats, hogs, and cows for butchering and sold milk.

Catherine died of a heart attack on July 28, 1940, on the way to Sunday Mass. Her obituary from a newspaper read as follows: Mrs. Frank Henze Dies on Roadside on Way to Church. *Succumbing on the roadside to an attack of heart disease, after she had started with the family in their car to 7 o'clock Mass at St. Joseph Catholic Church, Mrs. Catherine Henze, died about a half mile north of their home five miles south of Conway Sunday morning. Today was her fifty-fourth birthday. About halfway to town, Mrs. Henze who had suffered for several months with a heart ailment, became ill and asked to be taken home. Shortly before reaching their residence, she said she could sit up no longer and asked to be taken from the car. She sank to the ground and expired immediately.*

Carolyn's Memories of her Grandfather Frank C. Henze *"Grandpa was a true gardener and yardman. He would take his hand trimmer and cut the hedges perfectly square. He trimmed bushes and trees. He shucked corn and picked tomatoes. He carried a hoe most of the time to chop around trees, bushes, and in the garden hoeing as the sprigs came up. He used a grub hoe to cut persimmon sprouts. One day, he decided hoeing bitter weeds did not kill them, so he sent us to the field to pull bitter weeds. They did not come back. It was a wet season the year he died. On his deathbed he told us we needed to get the grass out of the garden. Frank C. Henze r. died on April 2, 1959."*

Al Hiegel's Memories of the Frank C. Henze Homeplace *"My grandmother on the Favre side was Josephine Ficker Favre; came from a Catholic family here in Conway. One of her sisters was "Aunt Katie" Catherine Ficker Henze. She was married to Frank Henze (Sr.). They lived in the foothills between Round Mountain and the freeway. Their home must have been built during the cowboy and Indian days as it was the oldest home I ever knew. My summer vacation dream was to spend 2 or 3 days with them. There were 4 older boys (compared to me) living there and I learned a lot living with them."*

"Of course, they had an outdoor toilet with a Sears catalog as paper. Their animals were hogs, cows, horses, goats, guineas, dogs, and yes, chickens. Mother hen laid her eggs in a nest behind the kitchen cook stove. Always warm there. Back door was always open and no screens on doors or windows. Most roosters ended up for Sunday dinner and chickens that got too old to lay eggs ended up in the same place. There were no termites as the chickens ate them. You could stand in the living room and look through the cracks in the floor between the boards and see the chickens. Did not own a lawn mower. Ate a lot of squirrels and rabbits plus fish from Gold Creek. Honey was gotten from a Bee Tree. Bees had their hives in a tree. The tree was cut down to retrieve the honey. We had to run fast when the tree hit the ground to keep from getting stung. A small creek ran through the property after a rain. Not big enough to swim in but I had a lot of fun paddling around and making mud."

"They had a smoke house used to cure sausage. Would hang large hams in there for a few days, then pack the ham with salt and hang it out in the open on the back porch. When they needed ham for the kitchen, they would just slice off a slab, and put salt back on the cut place. Check out "Salt Meat" on Google. Water came from a hand dug well. A dead toad frog could be found in there every once in a while. We all drank from the same bucket, using the same dipper. They had a cistern that caught water from the roof. It went into a big barrel. Used it for washing clothes and garden. Don't know where their money came from to pay taxes, buy salt, pepper, and animal feed etc. The only cash crop was a little bit of cotton. There were no big open fields in those wooded hills. We called it Bumble Bee Cotton. Those days are all gone. The house has been torn down. Grandma Henze died on the old road going home from Sunday Mass."



Al Hiegel with Frank Amos and Helen Favre Henze with frog catch 1980.

As a grocery store clerk, Frank was always pleasant and happy. He greeted customers with a big smile and was always eager to visit with them, ask about their day, and welcome them back. As one of his customers, Francis Halter Nabholz said she would always go grocery shopping when she was tired or feeling low. Frank knew what to say to lift her spirits. She always hoped she could carry his smile home to her children.



Frank and Helen (Favre) Henze with son James and Carolyn (front) and Raymond.



Frank, grocery store clerk

World War II meant that Bill, Dutch and Tudy were called to war leaving their dad on the home place alone. Frank C.'s daughter Mary was working in town as a housekeeper. Eventually, the war took Frank Amos leaving his wife at home with three children and all of the chores. The chores at this time included washing the clothes. A fire had to be built under the wash pot to heat the water. Then it had to be carried into the wash house to the washer. Homemade soap was used as well as two tubs filled with rinse water and bluing which was added to make the white clothes whiter. White clothes were washed first, the colored clothes using the same water. The clothes had to be put on the clothesline to dry. In winter, the clothes froze dry. There were cows to milk, chickens and pigs to feed, eggs to gather. Before Frank Jr. left for the military, he took a KC Baking Powder wood box, put wheels and a handle on it and Helen used this for the youngest child to keep him safe from trouble while she milked the cows and did the outside chores.

After the War Bill, Dutch, and Tudy all came to Frank Amos and Helen's home on South German Lane as their home. This left Frank and his wife and three children with a family of four more in a two-bedroom home. All worked fine and found jobs in the city and also helped with home duties. As time passed, the returning veterans established their own homes.

Augustine "Dutch" Henze married Irene Washam on August 20, 1951, and moved to the city. They are the parents of Anita (1953) and Richard (1957). Dutch was an employee of Hiegel Lumber and Hardware. He went to work at 7:00 AM and would take the children to school. He passed away in Nov. 1999.

Florian Leo "Trudy" Henze married Margaret Oliver and they made their home on South German Lane. They had two children David (1951) and Michael (1954). Trudy was an employee of Swift and Company where he met Margaret. He later worked for Polyvend until his retirement. He died in Nov. 2004.

William "Bill" Henze never married. He was an employee of Model Laundry and Dry Cleaners. He went to work early, started the boilers for washing clothes and then later delivered the laundry and dry cleaning. He continued to live on South German Lane until his death in March of 1979.

On February 2, 1944, Frank C. Henze sold his 80 acres to W.R. Davis and moved to South German Lane to help care for Frank Amos' family. It was also a benefit to him. On January 22, 1945, Frank Amos and Helen purchased 40 acres adjoining them on the north side from Felix Moix Sr. and this remained the Henze home to this day (March 10, 2004). Our neighbors were the families of John Walter Sr., Leo Favre Sr., Felix Zawislak, Otto Lachowsky, John Lachowsky, Felix Moix, Sr., and Joe Enderlin.

Connie's account of the 1965 Tornado "On April 10, 1965, a tornado struck and destroyed the Henze family home. Mom, Raymond, and I (Connie) saw the tornado coming in the southwest. We jumped in the black Chevrolet truck, headed toward the tornado, honking our horn to alert our neighbors. Katie, Caroline, and Lee Favre and I made it to our uncle's cellar. We were in the cellar praying the rosary as the tornado came over, sucked the door open, and we watched Ham and

Florence Favre's home twirl in splinters not realizing ours was next. It was reported our home was sucked into the air and then exploded spreading our belongings seven miles north. Some of our photos were found at Pickles Gap and returned to us. Dad was still at work and came home, not knowing his home was destroyed. We went to Mass on Palm Sunday with borrowed clothes. A new home was built on the same spot."



In the book Hiegel Lumber Co., written by Al Hiegel in 2006, Connie told how the tornado affected her family and those affected by it who worked at Hiegel Lumber with her. *“On April 10, 1965, the Saturday before Palm Sunday, at 6:30 PM, a tornado struck Conway. It completely demolished my home. Spatz Nahlen’s and Pete Simon’s homes were damaged. (They also worked for Hiegel.) Upon hearing about the tornado, Connie’s brother James tried to call from Memphis for information about the family but was unable to get through. He called the Hiegel Lumber Co.’s 800 number and talked to Frank Gunderman at 11:00 PM while he was at work helping displaced customers.”*

“I went to work Monday morning with my car all covered in mud and Pete Hiegel (of Hiegel Lumber Co) informed the yard men to take it to the rough yard and clean it up. They did a good job. It had the windshield broken. Dutch Henze took my vacation and his that year to work on my house. Mr. Hiegel gave Spatz, Pete Simon and I \$500 each to help with immediate expenses. Al and Paul Hiegel helped put in a new heating system. We received a discount on building materials. There was so much free labor at my new home, I could not mention all of those who helped. Mrs. Pete Hiegel would fix meals and make homemade rolls and bread. She and my mother were great friends who enjoyed fishing together and visiting.”

“Frank and Helen spent 25 years in retirement. They became real partners and did their chores together. Dad helped fix dinner, bake, can, freeze and did dishes. Mom helped plow, plant, reap, shell, and prepare vegetables. They went together to the grocery store, shopping, drug store, doctor, beauty shop and church. They were a wonderful couple. Mom died Bazaar Day 2001 and Dad a week before Christmas, the same year. The question of their 7-year-old great-grandchild was ‘Are we going to make it without Granny and Grandpa?’ The grandchildren and great-grandchildren keep the homes vibrant and alive to date.” The family retains ownership of the Henze property on South German Lane (6/2022).

The Next Generation - Frank and Helen’s Children James, Carolyn, and Raymond James married Margaret Gavin on December 26, 1959 and had two children Thomas Patrick (1960) and Elizabeth Carol (1961). He graduated from Saint Joseph High School and the University of Central Arkansas in Conway with a Bachelor of Science in Chemistry and Biology. He received his Master of Science in Instrumental Sciences at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. James worked for A. C. Humko starting in 1967 where he was a food chemist for 38 years. He passed away in Germantown, TN in 2012.

Raymond married Beth Malin on June 11, 1974, and have three daughters, Roberta (1966), Rebecca (1975) and Laura (1977). His family moved to the north end of the family property. He is a graduate of Arkansas State Teachers College (now UCA) and taught industrial education in Sylvan Hills, North Little Rock, before working at Hiegel Lumber Co for many years and then Nabholz Construction until his retirement.

Carolyn “Connie” was born on May 10, 1939. She passed away on September 12, 2016. Connie never married. Although Connie wrote and submitted the family history to the church, she did not mention any details about herself. Knowing Connie was a long-time employee of Hiegel Lumber Company, I turned to the book Hiegel Lumber Co written by Alphonse (Al) M. Hiegel in 2006. In its pages was a chapter on Carolyn “Connie” Henze Memoirs. In it she tells how in January of 1957, Al Hiegel took a note to Connie’s dad at Thessing Grocery inquiring as to if she would come in for a job interview. She was hired by Pete Hiegel starting work on Saturdays for 8 hours at \$1.00 an hour. Connie mentions that Saturday afternoons were slow, and the mostly Catholic employees would take turns going to church for confession. Within three weeks of being hired, the company decided to close on Saturday afternoons and, as a result, her pay was cut in half. She doesn’t say when she went to work full time for Hiegel, but she does mention that Fridays were usually busy days and on Saturday she would sort invoices into numerical order, alphabetize them and post them. Sometimes she assisted customers who were looking for wallpaper.



May 1957



May 2004

In 1961 she became their only bookkeeper. Fabian Dussex and Al Hiegel sat down with her and taught her how to figure their quarterly taxes. In her memoirs, she recalls how the bookkeeping machine only added and subtracted. It was Pete’s full key electric adding machine which was very heavy. All calculations otherwise had to be done by hand. If you wanted \$244.95 X 12, you entered that amount 12 times. She also used a Burroughs desk top full key posting machine for posting invoices of charge tickets. She used this until they became obsolete and parts were no longer available. One day Al bought a 10 key electronic calculator which was purchased for \$1495. It was one of the first ones and like a new toy to her.

When the company started using computers, George Luyet Jr., son of George Luyet, a previous employee, and Troy Powell (half-brothers) were able to program it to fit Hiegel's system. Handwritten invoices were then entered into the computer which she claims continued until the business closed its doors November 7, 1997. Connie enjoyed working with the public and after a short retirement when to work at Hiegel Supply.

In a May 10, 2004 edition of the Log Cabin newspaper, an article entitled Working For a Living: Henze nears 50 years on same job written by Fred Petrocelli, she sited how it was working in a male dominated environment. She states, "I studied the personalities of the men and when I figured that out, I could deal with them." The article declared the relationship between Henze and her bosses was based on mutual respect. Paul Hiegel used such words as honesty, loyal and love to describe the woman who became more of a friend than an employee. "She always had a level head", stated Al Hiegel. "She did a very fine job. She held her own always."

Connie was a devoted member of her church and was involved in many activities. She tended to a small garden for exercise. Obviously, she was also dedicated to her family for she took the time to discover her family's background and submit it to the church for its 125th anniversary. She must have been some lady!



Two St. Joseph Parishioners Ordained as Deacons

By Ray Nielsen

Two parishioners from St. Joseph Catholic Church in Conway were formally ordained as Deacons by Bishop Anthony Taylor on June 11 at Christ the King Church in Little Rock.

Ramon Argueta and Calvin Percy achieved this honor after a six year formation process. It began with a discernment period of about nine months. That was followed by monthly meetings, online and personal instruction in church history, philosophy, counseling, and theology. There was also practical training on how Masses are conducted.

"It's a long and challenging process," St. Joseph Deacon David French said. "But it prepares you well for a ministry of service." As Deacons, they assist priests with baptizing children and conducting marriage and funeral services. They're also often called on to deliver sermons from the pulpit.

Deacon Percy, a retired Little Rock Fire Department Captain who now owns a landscaping business, says his biggest influences in the diaconate process were his wife, Margaret, Deacon Mark Vercamp, and Father Tony Robbins. Likewise, Deacon Argueta, who's in the construction business, credits his wife, Teresa, and Deacon Marcelino Luna.



The back row includes Associate Pastor Father Belaraju Desam; Father Tony Robbins; Diocesan Director of Vocations and Seminarians, Father Jeff Hebert; Deacon Ed Sweeden from Immaculate Conception Church in North Little Rock; and Deacon David French



Deacon Ramon Argueta Deacon Calvin Percy

*Above photos provided by photographer
Bob Ocken, Arkansas Catholic*

A reception for our two newly-ordained deacons was held here on July 13th. Among the many attendees who congratulated them were five priests, three other deacons, and a seminarian.

They are (front row left to right) Father Warren Harvey, Bishop Anthony Taylor's Liaison to the Council for Black Catholics and Chaplain for St. Vincent Infirmary in Little Rock; Seminarian Elijah Bailey of Conway; Deacon Percy, Deacon Argueta, and Deacon David Westmoreland

St. Joseph Summer Camp Prevents Kids Saying “I’m Bored!”

By Laura Hiegel-Williams

I have always thought that St. Joseph School should have a summer camp for its students because every year there are so many parents that contact me looking for the names of high-schoolers old enough to watch kids and take them on outings, etc. that I just couldn't keep up. 2021 seemed like the year that I wanted to really make a summer camp happen, and it did thanks to all the right people and facilities coming together at the right time. With my supportive husband Jody, who always embraces my crazy undertakings and ideas, as well as my kids Triple, Luke, Jacob, Olivia, Isaac, & Janet, and my large Hiegel family backing me, showing up, and jumping in to help, St. Joseph School has an amazing Summer Camp program.



Before our camp even opened, our prayers were answered with some great people jumping in to help. Because of the 2021 St. Joseph Community and Mission Outreach our 8,000 square foot facility was dry-walled, electrical, adding ½ bath, painting and our building was able to pass certification with the Arkansas Department of Human Services, a necessary step for a summer camp, but a daunting task on a tight budget in just under 60 days. To have a “private pool” for our campers was a MUST. We partnered with the amazing Knights of Columbus for private use of their pool where we swim for almost 1.5 - 2 hours each day every week. Lance & Vanessa McGhee and their team have been a huge part of making that happen, as well as all the members on the Knights of Columbus Council who voted to keep the pool open and partake in giving our campers a great summer.

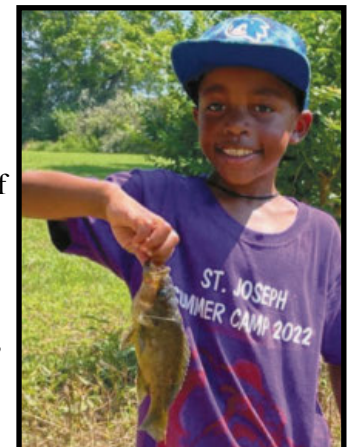
We had an amazing first summer camp with some memorable experiences; so much so, that word soon got out and all 90 registration spots for ages 5-12 for the 2022 summer were filled within the first week of open registration back in the first week of March. We first open to all St. Joseph School and Church students before opening registration to the general public for our eight week Summer Camp. We have gone to the 2JJ Ranch in Quitman, AR which Anna Hiegel-Welch (SJHS alumni 2007) runs with her husband and kids where the kids have played with puppies, kittens, goats, watched as the cattle were feed, a little fishing, and partook in some hay bale climbing, and horseback riding. Other outings have included



picnics and playing at the Toad Suck Park with slushes at the Toad Suck One Stop afterwards thanks to the Trantina family. Movies, bowling, water balloon toss, bingo, fishing, Toad Suck mini golf, different competitions like art contests, swimming and diving, and obstacle courses happen a lot, and even simple acts like learning to snap peas and talk with friends happen around here. Chef Luke Williams (SJHS alumni 2018) has given lessons on how to make homemade ice cream, and the amazing Mrs. Norma Williams helps every kid design their own camp t-shirt! We love to play “Movies” with fake money and a concession stand which the kids run, take tickets, count “money”, and serve others. Kids also organize and put on a lemonade stand that includes a variety of products they make themselves, such as earrings and hair designs, with the proceeds going towards buying every kid a ticket to Urban Air! To ensure our campers are as safe as possible at the pool, we have four certified lifeguards on duty plus additional staff

watching every dive and crazy “trick” these kids do.

The After School Building alone is full of fun activities for the rainy days or heat advisories that an Arkansas Summer can throw at us. Legos, board games, foosball, air hockey, full court gym, ping pong, bounce house, pool table, toys, computer lab, Nintendo switch, Xbox,



pet fish to sit and watch, and all kinds of toys are within reach at all times. Mrs. Norma Williams also does an amazing job with loads of daily art projects and art lessons. It's nearly impossible for a kid to say "I'm bored"!

We serve a continental breakfast and morning snack as well as an afternoon snack, and make sure each camper eats their lunch that they bring from home. At 9:00 every day we come together for The Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer before announcements and breaking into groups. We make sure to spend 20 minutes each day having reading time where students can read individually or together, and our smaller campers are read to. We have an amazing staff certified through DHS, lifeguards, and CPR trained individuals, many of which are alumni of SJHS or current educators and staff members of St. Joseph School. Every one of them knows they are mentoring these kids by their words and actions. The kids love playing kickball, swimming, shooting hoops, or just playing video games with them.

It's been so rewarding seeing kids catch their first fish ever and spending time learning more about them outside of the school year. Like my mother Janet Hiegel (long time After School Care Director) always said, "it is our ministry to teach and love these kids everyday." Her favorite quote was from Mother Teresa "You are not called to do Great things but small things with great love". I think she would be really proud to see the accomplishments of this fantastic summer camp, kids & families served, and the building, along with the amazing staff ministering to these kids through Christ's love each day. Upcoming adventures are outings to the UCA Planetarium and Urban air (with the money made from the Lemonade Stand) and waterslide day.



Vacation Bible School is a Success!

By Kaitlyn Hartman

This year's Vacation Bible School program at St. Joseph church in Conway was incredibly successful. The weekend Vacation Bible School program entitled HayDay ran the weekend of June 17th and 18th, and close to 200 individuals (participants and volunteers) gathered to attend and serve at the event. The program had a farm theme, and participants learned to 'Grow in Friendship with Jesus'. Many activities happened throughout the weekend, including skits, singing and dancing, craft projects, and outdoor games. On Saturday afternoon, the participants were treated to a picnic lunch and blow up water slides. This was Kaitlyn Hartman's first Vacation Bible School since taking on her new role as Director of Youth Faith Formation, and she is incredibly grateful for the outpouring of support and assistance with making this weekend possible for St. Joseph parish.

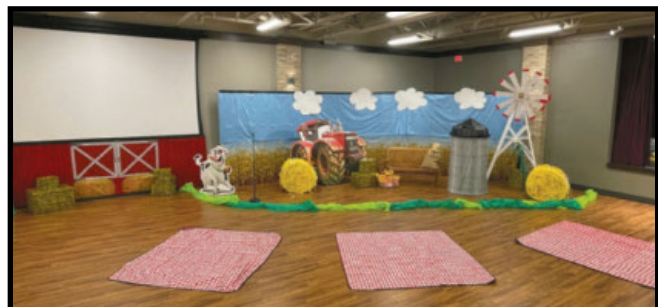


Kaitlyn Hartman

The Youth Faith Formation team has also opened up registration for Kindergarten - 9th Grade Youth Faith Formation Classes. The classes will run from September - April, and students can attend Sunday mornings from 9:10 AM - 10:10 AM or Wednesday evenings from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM. You can see more information on how to register your child for classes or volunteer to teach these classes on the church's website.

The Youth Faith Formation team will also be offering a new small group for 10th - 12th Grade students entitled 'The Upper Room,' starting this Fall. While not a traditional Youth Faith Formation course, it will be offered on Sunday mornings from 9:10 AM - 10:10 AM running from September - April. This small group will meet in St. Joseph's Spiritan Center, in a newly furnished comfortable seating room. While under the facilitation of mentors, the students within the group will guide and carry the discussions of each class. This group is open to students from St. Joseph high school and those from the community. If you would like to register to participate or volunteer with 'The Upper Room', please see the church's website for more details.

Lastly, Kaitlyn Hartman would like to thank the St. Joseph parish community for their love and support as she took over as the new Youth Faith Formation Director this Summer. She feels incredibly blessed to be working in a ministry that she is so incredibly passionate about, and she loves that she gets to serve her home parish. She is excited about the start of Youth Faith Formation classes in the Fall, and she can't wait to meet every child and family at St. Joseph.



Another Successful Fundraiser for One Church

By Joe Cardaro

On June 21st in the Spiritan Center, the Missions Committee hosted *An Evening with Fr. Jeff*, a community evening of food, fellowship and fun featuring St. Joseph's former Associate Pastor Fr. Jeff Hebert. The free event raised funds for the Diocesan program called One Church: Unite Arkansas in Faith & Mission.

For the last few years, the parishioners of St. Joseph's and the missions committee have fostered support of One Church in a variety of ways. The diocesan initiative invests each year in a small mission church in our diocese that needs a leg up to become a thriving community. The 2021-2022 partner is St. Andrew Church in Danville. All funds donated to One Church through the fall of 2022 will help the church renovate its parish center for faith formation classes, retreats and parish-wide events.

Because St. Andrew's had no space for parish activities, back in 2013 they purchased a building across the street from their church that would eventually become their parish hall, known as the St. Francis Center. The almost 5,000 square foot building, which was constructed in 1960, had been home to a poultry company office. With sufficient funding, the building has the potential to be fully converted into a workable space for the parish's needs.

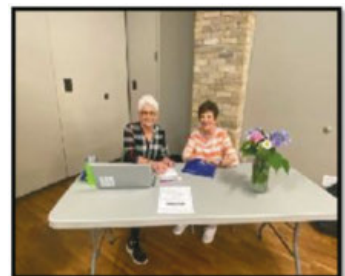
In 2017 & 18, the Missions Committee collaborated with Catholic Charities and coordinated three consecutive volunteer outreach events to Danville where St. Joseph's volunteers worked with St. Andrew's parishioners completing various "facelift" repairs of the St. Francis Center. St. Joseph's volunteers got a firsthand tour of the facility by Father Mauricio Carrasco and our volunteers worked diligently upgrading and fixing portions of the aging building, primarily by way of replacing outdated flooring, but also rectifying a variety of issues including plumbing and lighting issues, just to name a few. It was enriching to see how well the two groups of parishioners worked together toward a common goal. Father Mauricio later came to St. Joseph's and offered Mass, providing in his homily many words of gratitude for all that St. Joseph's did to help his parish.

The *Evening with Father Jeff* kicked off with approximately 75 in attendance including Father Brian Cundall, Deacon Richard Papini, and several familiar faces. Shortly after people arrived, food was served, and there was visiting and social time with a slideshow of St. Andrew's parish in the background, illustrating a glimpse of their parish life and more about the St. Francis Center and its needs.

The Missions Committee made a short introduction to the One Church program and then to Father Jeff who is currently the Bishop's appointed Director of Vocations & Seminarians and the Prefect of the House of Formation. Father Jeff gave an elating talk about the history of St. Joseph's Parish in how it formerly served the catholic population of Danville as St. Andrew's was formerly a mission parish for St. Joseph's. In addition to some intriguing history about how critical St. Joseph's was in the River Valley, Father had some very congenial words to share about Father Mauricio and his passion for St. Andrew's. He also introduced to the crowd two seminarians under his care who got to share some personal testimony. Along with Father Jeff, the two young men also answered questions as part of a Q&A session from the audience.

Thank you to everyone who came out for the *Evening with Fr. Jeff*. It was a fun night and over \$2,700 was raised for St. Andrew, just during the event! If you missed it but would still like to give to One Church, there are several ways to donate:

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What Exactly is RIDL?

By Diane Bausom



Perhaps you've seen this picture in the bulletin the past few weeks and wondered, what is RIDL. Retreat in Daily Life (RIDL) is one manner of going through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. He wrote these exercises more than 500 years ago but they're as fruitful today as they were for the very first participants.

From the website, IgnatianSpirituality.com, *"The Spiritual Exercises are a compilation of meditations, prayers, and contemplative practices developed by St. Ignatius Loyola to help people deepen their relationship with God. For centuries the Exercises were most commonly given as a "long retreat" of about 30 days in solitude and silence. In recent years, there has been a renewed emphasis on the Spiritual Exercises as a program for laypeople. The most common way of going through the Exercises now is a "retreat in daily life," which involves a months long program of daily prayer and meetings with a spiritual director. The Exercises have also been adapted in many other ways to meet the needs of modern people."* However, few people can set aside 30 days at one time, so with RIDL, the Exercises are given over a period of thirty weeks. Each participant has daily prayer and Scripture and then meets weekly with a small group of others who are going through the retreat. A spiritual director also is assigned to each person, to journey with him/her as they unpack the grace and fruit of each week

RIDL has been offered at St. Joseph's (and throughout the state) for the past four years. We will begin another group this fall. If you're interested in learning more about what this involves, please send an email to either me, bausom@conwaycorp.net or Alice Nahas, anahas@icloud.com. We will then meet with you and explain the retreat in more detail. These meetings will take place during July and August. When possible we will meet in person; however, meeting via Zoom is also an option for the initial meetings.

I could write forever about how RIDL has changed people's lives. But instead, I'm simply going to include comments from many of last year's participants. All personal sharing that happens during RIDL is confidential; therefore, I have not included the names of who said the following:

"This retreat has been a blessing and a journey in discovering how real God the Father's love is for me. My perspective has changed in the healing discovery of wounds and the many joys of truly trying to follow God's plan for my life. The intimacy of really immersing myself in the story of God's love for us is something I hope to carry with me the rest of my life. Grateful beyond words."

"RIDL has been the best program I have done. It has guided me to a better prayer life, helped me become closer to Jesus, helped bring scripture to life and relevance and triggered much beneficial self-reflection. All of this has occurred in a way that felt very comfortable"

"I had no idea what I was signing up for when I received the email from you inviting me to consider RIDL. I had been looking for a deeper relationship with Jesus and how to pray in a meaningful way. That's what I found through RIDL. I feel like a different person and see the world in a completely different light—in a good way. I realize that Jesus really does love me unconditionally despite the many sins of my past. Through that realization I have been able to forgive myself and to not have to live with that heavy load of guilt I've carried around for decades. What have I been called to do? I'm not sure yet but as I continue to pray I'm hopeful to recognize what my calling is."

"This was a unique opportunity to regularly pause and grow closer to God in prayer while still living my normal daily life. Doing this retreat under the guidance of a spiritual director and with others who also yearned to grow their connection with God and God's love was of great value. It felt like I had a team of cheerleaders supporting me and encouraging me on. I left the retreat calmer, free from things that had bound me, less controlling, more trusting, and eager to reach out to others with the deep love of God that I have encountered. My prayer now is that I may live in awe and wonder with gratitude, confidence, and clarity of purpose."

"The Holy Spirit intervened again and had me embrace the RIDL program when you mentioned it. I did have a bit of 'buyer's remorse' when I learned I was the oldest person in the room and discovered how much work was involved and realized the length of the course. But I managed to persevere although I was not as dedicated as I feel I should have been. I did not have any expectations of spiritual growth. During my many years of life, I knew I had encountered God through the Holy Spirit at rare and distant times. I did not know Jesus.

I did not know His Mother, the Blessed Virgin Mary. I did not know God. I did not know myself (a curious thing to acknowledge at my age). I thought RIDL would be like a series of college lectures, i.e., read the material, listen to the lecture, take careful notes,

pass the tests, check off the course from your curriculum when completed. I was surprised. RIDL was the start of that necessary journey I had hitherto not undertaken but needed.

The closeness to Jesus helped me tear down emotional walls of resistance to accepting His love and mercy and to show love and mercy to others. The Blessed Virgin Mary, in Her kindness and forgiveness, helped me forgive my own early mother and myself. My relationship with God is most important to me as I come to the end of my earthly life. I see God as an enormous source of light and energy and love and compassion to Whom my soul shall be joined when it leaves my body.”

“RIDL has deepened my faith. I see better how God has led me in my life to where I am now. And I know that He has a plan for me in the future. Surprisingly, the time commitment was not difficult because of the inspiration of the members of my small group, and the guidance of our attentive leaders and spiritual director. I am changed, and yet I feel the same. My job now is to continue to grow closer to God, and to be the person He wants me to be.”



Youth Ministry Paints Mural at St. Joe Flea Market

By Morgan Gatto

The St. Joseph Youth Ministry students, along with the Missions Committee, painted a mural at the St. Joseph’s Flea Market last fall and spring and will continue this coming spring. Last fall, the students first painted the container a sky blue then painted a giant bare tree across the side of the container. In the spring, they added green grass and colorful flowers to the bottom of the mural. Finally, they added their painted handprints to be the leaves on the tree along with the names written on the palms. The tree represents the St. Joseph’s Church and School family, painted with large, strong roots. Their hands symbolize the community support surrounding St. Joseph’s. This spring the students will add small nature details along with sponsor logos and slogans. The project was funded by the Youth Ministry, the Missions Committee and Catholic Financial Life.



The Woman to Whom I Owe My Catholic Heritage

By Kathy Kordsmeier

There is much that I do know about my great-great paternal grandmother Mary (Marie) Aloysia (Louise) Hall Laharanne Penfield, but still much more I wish to know. As you can see, I do know every name by which she was ever called. However, for the sake of brevity I will refer to my ancestor as Mary, the name most commonly found in her records. Even with large gaps in the historical record, I have pieced together her life story which, at first glance, appears to be one of frequent heartache. However, as I have reflected on the significant events of her life I hope you will be able to see, as I did, that her faith was the antidote to despair.



Mary was living in Springfield Missouri prior to her wedding in St. Louis in August of 1866, just after the Civil War ended. Her fiancé was an immigrant from France, presumably Catholic, and a former soldier in the Union Army. The wedding was apparently a small affair in the presence of her mother, a family friend, and the officiant Fr. Rev. Brinkhoff, the Pastor of Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church.

Years ago I heard from my Aunt Kathryn that Mary was a former Presbyterian and a convert to the Catholic faith. Further research of the archives revealed that she had entered the convent of the School Sisters of Notre Dame in St. Louis as a candidate two years before her marriage. The record of her admission reads: “Aloysia Hall; birth date, not given; entered (the candidature), November 3, 1864; Cash, \$5; Aloysia was dismissed”. I may never know, but had to wonder what brought Mary to this convent and why she was dismissed. Did she choose this particular order to enter because the sisters were from Germany, the homeland of her father? Or could it be she was attracted to them as a former student at the school where they had taught her? Is it even possible that Mary was forced to consider the convent as a means of survival because she had no other support and had no way to make a living during the Civil War?

Starting with a page from a family bible, I have learned much about the history of this marriage and the family that followed. The Frenchman was born Jean Prosper Laharanne in 1841. It is unknown how he came to be in Missouri at the time of his marriage in 1866. Strangely, the Marriage Certificate issued by Most Holy Trinity Church, listed his name as Aug(ust) Penfield at the time of the wedding. It is not fully understood how or why this name change took place. At the time their first child, Stella Mary, was born on May 14, 1867, Mr. and Mrs. August Penfield were still residing in St. Louis where August was working as a mechanic. Following a move to Bloomington Illinois they welcomed their second child, Minnie Lucie (y), on August 5, 1868. Sadly, Minnie died three months later. I tried to imagine how this young couple was consoled at the loss of their second child. Perhaps, they received help from friends or family. Maybe there was a Church to support them and tend to a proper burial for their baby. Or was this young grief-stricken couple left without consolation from anyone?

Minnie was the second child of five born to their union between 1866 and 1876 in four different states across the Midwest and Southeast of post-Civil War America. After Minnie’s death, the Penfields were on the move again when Mary’s father died from Small Pox on an island near St. Louis. It seems very doubtful that she could have been there for his death or burial considering their circumstances at the time. Imagine the struggles already, the infant death, living far from family, and still not settled with another child on the way. Where did their solace come from? Were there any Catholic or immigrant communities to connect with along the way? What was life like for this family of a French immigrant and a young woman from New York who differed in their native language, customs, and traditions? Did August’s immigrant status make it more difficult for them to settle in this part of the country after the Civil War or were they forced to keep moving so that he could find better employment to provide for them?

After Minnie’s death, they made their next move westward to the growing city of Columbus Indiana where the third daughter made her appearance on Palm Sunday, April 9, 1870. Known as Kathryn “Katie” Dillon Laharanne Penfield, she was my great grandmother after whom I am named. The family was documented in the Federal Census taken on June 5, 1870. The first names listed in the household of “Augustus M. Pennfield” were strangely misspelled, suggesting a failure to communicate between the non-English speaking informant and the census taker.

Within a year of Katie’s birth, the wandering Penfield family hit the road again. This time they traveled further south to Paris Tennessee where the first and only boy, Robert Henry Isidore, was born on March 25, 1871. When baby Robert died 12 days later, Augustus and Mary were still without the support of extended family and living in another strange

community. Even though these early deaths were not uncommon in the 19th century, they surely took their physical and emotional toll on the family members. Adding to their travails, Mary's mother died in St. Louis on December 19, 1871. It is impossible to know for sure what part their faith in God played in these early years. In fact, there is no indication of Augustus' religious background. Being a convert in the 1800s, especially during the Civil War period, probably made it difficult if not impossible for Mary to receive much formal instruction in the Catholic faith. Besides her lack of formation, it seems unlikely that they were active in a Church community due to the nomadic nature of their lives. Was it even possible for them to have their children christened as infants? Hopefully, her early participation in the Presbyterian Church and the short time she spent with the Catholic sisters in the convent helped her develop a personal relationship with God. I do believe that learning to trust in an ever-present and loving God is the only way this young family could have overcome the series of traumas that came their way.

The Penfields were not able to settle in Paris for long before finding their way to another Tennessee town called Union City. Mary birthed her fifth and final child, Theresa Augustina, on November 25, 1873. I don't know much about the details of the family's life after the death of Augustus which occurred in New Madrid Missouri on September 19, 1876. However, I do know that the family suffered the death of Theresa in St. Louis at the home of Mrs. George Wagner on October 24, 1876, one month before her third birthday. There would be other unfortunate future events including more relocations, placing Katie and Stella in an orphanage three times, and finally living as a widow raising two daughters as a single parent in the last quarter of the 19th century.

It must have been by the grace of God imparted through Baptism and the other Sacraments of the Church, that Mary was able to endure the many hardships she and her family faced. This grace would ultimately allow her to transmit the gift of the Holy Catholic faith to her children and to future generations including mine. I have been blessed to see the indisputable proof of my Great great grandmother's transmission of her Catholic faith to her surviving children, Stella and Katie. The evidence of Mary's solid foundation and influence was found in the way her early descendants were dedicated to the Church, particularly Sacred Heart Church in Atlanta which is now a Basilica. That is where they received the Sacraments, attended the parish school, were married, and laid to rest. My oldest brother and I were also baptized there. I have been a witness to their lifelong devotion through the careful examination of family heirlooms including dozens of prayer books, missals, rosaries, religious icons, and Holy Cards dating as far back as 1856. The oldest one, *St. John's Manual*, was inscribed "Mrs. M. A. Penfield's Prayer Book" inside its front cover. Because Mary greatly influenced the faith life of her grandchildren, I can rejoice that my father, Ligon Alfred Webb, one of her great grandsons, was able to transmit his Catholic faith to me.

I will close my tribute with these precious words written in Mary's tiny script in a note dated May 15, 1910 to my grandmother:

May 15, 1910

Darling little Evelyn,

I am glad you were confirmed and hope you will never forget to keep the promise you made to always be a good and faithful Christian member of God's Holy Catholic Church.

With heart full of love for you and all,

Your ever-loving Grandma

Storms, Seasons and Silence

By Diane Bausom



My boat, tossed amidst the storms;
“Come to Me”, He said.
I’m busy bailing water, Lord;
“Come to Me”, He said.
There, the water is lowered;
“Come to Me”, He said.
My gosh! More waves are coming!
“Come to Me” He said.
This season surely won’t last forever;
“Come to Me”, He said.
I will, Lord, once life settles down;
“Come to Me”, He said.
Soon the water rose higher;
“Come to Me”, He said.
Can the others manage the ship?
“Come to Me”, He said.
I’m drowning and the storm still rages;
“I’m coming, Lord; wait for me.”
“I always will”, He said.

The past three years have been a season of storms for my family and me. The season has yet to end. I know many of you can relate as you’ve endured your own storms of life. As I’ve written about before, when life gets hard, I sometimes fall back on old coping skills – be strong, work harder and push through. And God patiently watches, hoping I’ll accept His invitation to ‘Come to Me’. I love how He never gives up on me. Never. He watches me ‘bailing water’ in the storm, and He waits, with pure Love.

After months of trying to manage the storms, I accepted His invite and joined Him the silence; an 8-day silent retreat at the Jesuit Spirituality Center in Grand Coteau, Louisiana. He met me as I washed up on shore, took me deep into the quiet and refreshed my weary soul. He showed me healthier ways to live in this season of life. The storms will come and go. He is steadfast. He calls, He waits, He loves, He restores. I find Him most easily in the silence.

If you’ve never been on a silent retreat, I want to encourage you to consider the idea. Ask God if He’s calling you to a time of quiet. This was my third 8-day silent retreat. Even though the first two were wonderful, I had convinced myself that there was no way I could go again, what with all the ‘storms’ going on with my family. But when I

found myself struggling to find joy, and wondering where my peace was, I knew it was way past time for some alone time with God. Like the song *Hosea* says,

*The wilderness will lead you,
to the place where I will speak;
Integrity and justice, with tenderness,
You shall know.*

*Long have I waited for your coming home to me
and living deeply our new lives.*

I made arrangements for my husband to be cared for while I was gone and I disconnected from the world with all its demands and noise. Only after getting still and quiet did I realize that in the midst of the storms, I was relying more on my own strength instead of leaning totally on God. Satan had just about convinced me that this was the way life was going to be from now on – full of challenges and no room for joy. But remember, he is the father of lies (John 8:44). As Jesus says in John 10:10,

“The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

I am beyond grateful that I was able to reconnect with His abundance during my 8-day retreat. He met me where I was and He loved me. Like the lyrics of *You Are Mine* say,

*I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice
I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am near.*



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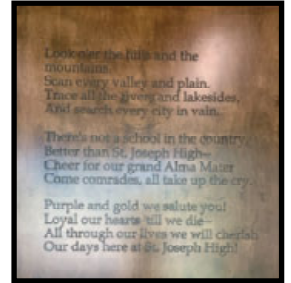
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St. Joseph School Capital Campaign

By Jacqueline Kordsmeier

The new high school will be open for the 2022/23 school year, Certificate of Occupancy was acquired this month. What an impressive building it is! St. Joseph School is so grateful to all our benefactors for their donation of time, talent, & treasure. It is not too late to be a part of history, enroll your child in St. Joseph School if they are not already there and/or make a contribution to the campaign. Wouldn't you love to say to your children/grandchildren/great grands that you helped to build the new school?



This new building will provide 39,000 square feet of educational and extra-curricular space. Downstairs will be home to the Administration Suite, Cyber Café, Black Box Theatre, library/computer lab, music room, art room, and additional classroom space. Upstairs will contain fourteen classrooms, the Student Support Services offices, and more.

Asbestos abatement and demolition of the original high school began June 14. It was a sad day when the building was closed, but it is a step forward in the progress of St. Joseph School. The original high school was dedicated in 1951 and additions were added along the way. This new building offers

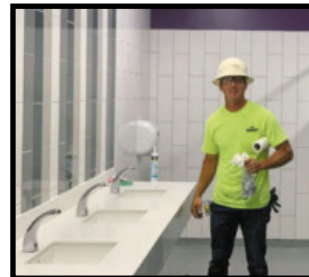
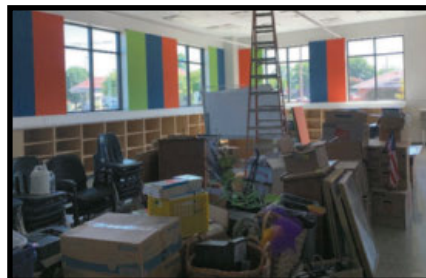
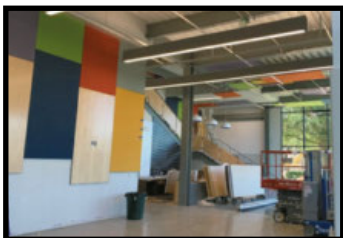
our church family and the community a beautiful building outfitted with all the latest in technology and learning.

Thank you to Nabholz Construction Corporation, especially Kenny Nahlen, '90, Superintendent, Aaron Zwirnmann, Crew Leader, and James Luyet, '12, Senior Project Manager, for their service to the project. A special thank you also to the subcontractors who have been so generous with materials and time. The project has remained on time and on budget!

This new building offers our church family and the community a beautiful building outfitted with all the latest in technology and learning.

What is lacking in this project? To be completely paid for. The goal of the campaign was \$10.9M to cover construction of the new 2 story high school, demolition of the original high school, professional fees, furniture, fixtures, equipment, contingency allowance, and create a maintenance fund. As of July 7, 2022, \$9,545,997 has been raised. We need everyone's help to complete the payment for this building. Consider making a monthly payment of any amount - \$10, \$25, \$50, or more – you don't have to make a pledge but set up monthly drafts via your checking account or credit card or make a donation when you can. Every dollar helps reach our goal!

When are we going to build a new K-6 building? When the high school is paid for we will begin another campaign for the new K-6 building and the remodel of the current middle school for the pre-k. For now, the dirt work is being done to prepare for this future building.



Woman to Woman Upcoming Retreat

By Barbara Kordsmeier

Below is the reflection from the Fourth of July at Blessedisshe.com:

I thought it summed up perfectly why we go on retreat. We go to hear the Lord speak to our hearts in way that he can't really do when we are caught up in the businesses of ordinary life. You have the opportunity to go on retreat with you fellow parishioners. The Woman to Woman retreat will be held at Subiaco on September 24th and 25th. **There is a link to an online application at the church website or a hard copy will be in the bulletin.** If you haven't ever made a retreat...sign up...you won't regret it.

"I will lead her into the desert and speak to her heart." Hosea 2:16

The first time I ever went on retreat, I was in the sixth grade. I went to a Catholic school and once a year, in the spring, they would bus the sixth graders to a Schoenstatt Sisters retreat center about twenty miles away situated on a little lake. I remember that day as "a beginning" of some kind.

Walking the grounds, praying as a group, working out our little sixth-grade reflections, I recognized for the first time in my life that it was something special to come away and seek the face of the Lord with such intentionality. And, that there was something sacred about creating an environment in which someone could seek the face of the Lord in this way. I was very drawn to it, even then. Though I might not have been able to articulate it at eleven years old, I understood, "retreat" was life-giving.

Today's readings are favorites for retreat directors and the reasons for this are obvious. This is precisely what Jesus is doing when He "allures us" into the desert of retreat, to speak tenderly to our hearts. It is there that we "respond...as in the days of [our] youth" (Hosea 2:15).

This is what happens for us on retreat—just as it happened for the girl in Saint Matthew's Gospel. Everyone thinks she's dead, but the child cannot resist the allure of the Lord's voice calling her to rise. We go on retreat for the exact same reason: to allow the Lord to touch any place in us which is dead that He may call us back to life.

If retreat is not a regular part of your spiritual disciplines, take that to prayer. Ask the Lord if there are ways that you might respond to His call to come away, to seek His face, and let Him revive your spirit. Today I will join you: let's pray about committing to your next retreat some time in the next twelve months. And on this Independence Day, we thank the Lord for religious freedom. God bless America and the whole world.

ABOUT LIZ KELLY

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6:30 pm
Banquet Begins

Harrell & Donna Clendenin

Guest Speaker
Fr. Brian Cundall

Bill & Susan Farris

Greg & Doris Williams

Tickets are \$25 each

Tickets will be sold until September 6, but space is limited.

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