



BUILDING STUDENTS IN FAITH

Resurrection parishioner Emma Hoffman is on a mission to build students in faith at Grand Valley State University.

For the next several years, Emma will be working at the Michigan college as a Fellowship of Catholic University Students (FOCUS) missionary. Her goal is to serve God and to help college students strengthen their faith just as the FOCUS missionaries at Indiana University helped her.

Statistics suggest that an estimated 80% of people who leave the Catholic faith do so by the age of 23. Having just graduated from IU, Emma witnessed this first hand. She said she noticed that college campuses are becoming indifferent, and in some cases even hostile, to Christianity. For those who enter college feeling lost or unsure of themselves, it can be easy to abandon their faith.

“I was one of those people who went to college and felt lost,” Emma said. “I had the choice in front of me to walk away from the faith altogether if I wanted to. I knew that no one would question it, and I may have even been applauded for it. But praise be to God, He was right there with me all along because in that time in my life, I also began to feel a growing desire within myself to learn more about the faith and actually start living it out.”

When Emma arrived at this crossroad in her faith journey, it was a FOCUS missionary who guided her toward God. Emma had been attending a FOCUS Bible study. When Emma felt a desire to grow her faith her junior year, her Bible study leader, Lauren, asked her to join FOCUS’s faith formation.

“It was such a blessing because Lauren was the first person who really saw that desire within me and wanted to walk with me in it,” Emma said. “Lauren started me on this path of rediscovering my faith because she saw what no one else did.”

Emma became really involved with FOCUS her senior year. She began leading her own Bible study, started developing deeper relationships with the FOCUS missionaries at IU, and even began leading some girls in faith formation. As Emma learned more about her faith and about the FOCUS missionaries, she began to desire the life these missionaries had. She saw their devotion to the sacraments. She watched the missionaries attend daily Mass and pray a daily holy hour. She witnessed the joy they found in spending time with students and walking with them in their faith lives. She wanted to be a part of it.

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday: 5:00p
Sunday: 8:00a & 10:30a

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 4:00 - 4:30p

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

Monday, Tuesday (School)
Wednesday, Friday: 7:30a

PARISH SUMMER OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Thursday: 7:30a–3:30p
Friday: 7:30a - 11:30a

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COLLECTION INFORMATION UNAVAILABLE THIS WEEK

Due to the holiday schedule, collection information for July 3rd was not available by the bulletin's print deadline. This information will be shared in next weekend's bulletin. Thanks for your understanding!



KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

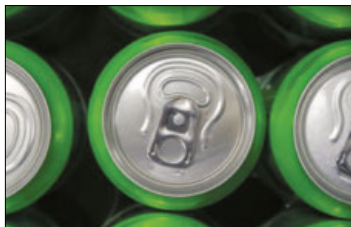
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2022 CPC ENDS SEPTEMBER

If you have not yet contributed to the 2022 CPC, and still wish to do so, please make your donations before September. The 2023 campaign begins in September, and 2022 contributions will no longer be accepted at that time. Any CPC donation made by our parishioners helps our parish. Thanks so much to everyone who has made CPC contributions already!

ALUMINUM CAN DONATIONS

Thank you to everyone who continues to donate aluminum cans to Resurrection and to Bob Weber who routinely takes those cans to be recycled. Because of everyone's contributions, Resurrection received a payment of \$84 in May.



MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, July 11, 2022

7:30a Rita Neumann

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

7:30a Ray & Betty Goedde

Friday, July 15, 2022

7:30a Theresa Martin

Saturday, July 16, 2022

5:00p For the Parishioners of Resurrection

Sunday, July 17, 2022

8:00a Lucille Fechtmeister

10:30a Paul Beckgerd

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

EMHC for July 16/17

Saturday 5:00p— Ed Walker/Austin Schapker/Glenn Smith

Sunday 8:00a— Deb Record/Saundra Humm/Lawrence Humm
10:30a— Ed Walker/Tammy Schroeder/Matthew McDowell

Readers for July 16/17

Saturday 5:00p— Vanessa Mischler/Presley Mischler

Sunday 8:00a— Karen Stewart/Samantha Kirsch
10:30a— Emily Nurrenbern/Wanda Jackson

Gift Bearers for July 16/17

Saturday 5:00p— Frank Goebel

Sunday 8:00a— David & Kathy Esche
10:30a— Pat & Shari Kempf

Ushers for July 16/17

Saturday 5:00p— Bob Weber/Matt & Jamie Beyer/Jeff Weinzapfel

Sunday 8:00a— Jim Balbach/Wayne Botzum/Dan Gutzweiler
10:30a— Mike DeJean/Scott VanMeter

Servers for July 16/17

Saturday 5:00p— Wyatt Bright/Emma Ashbrook

Sunday 8:00a— Alexa Adler/Caleb Mullenix (MC)
10:30a— Henry Porter/Carter Seib

Sacristans for July 16/17

Saturday 5:00p— Bob & JoAnn Weber

Sunday 8:00a— Matthew McDowell
10:30a— John & Tammy Schroeder

CLERIC CUP SET FOR JULY 24

You are invited to the Second Annual Cleric Cup Volleyball Tournament on Sunday, July 24th. Join us for Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul at 4:30p. Volleyball games will begin at 6p in the Haubstadt Old Gym, 115 S. West St., Haubstadt.

Will anyone be able to beat the priest team this year? The priest team features Fr. Gries, Fr. Hassler, Fr. Read, Fr. Sudhakar, Fr. Tenbarge, and Fr. Zenthoefer. The young men of the Savio group will field a team. The Diocese of Evansville seminarians and the residents of the House of Discernment will field teams as well. Resurrection parishioner James Wassmer will compete on the House of Discernment Team! We hope to see you there!



2023 CONFIRMATION INFORMATION

Resurrection's 2023 Confirmation is scheduled for January 28th. Registration forms will be mailed to incoming sophomores in high school by the end of the month. The confirmation class schedule will be included in the registration packet. Thanks!

WHAT JESUS DOESN'T SAY

"If Jesus wanted us to (fill in the blank), he would have said so." We hear this argument applied to every controversial topic under the sun. Whenever someone is trying to make a case for a decision they have already made, they call in Jesus' scriptural silence on the matter as their expert, unimpeachable witness. And sure, there's much Jesus doesn't talk about in the Gospels. But by this logic, we would have to assume that Jesus doesn't care, for instance, if we drive well over the speed limit (he doesn't discuss cars and highways in the Bible), when we know that is just not the case.

Like the scholar of the Jewish law who challenges Jesus to define who exactly his "neighbor" is, we can argue semantics all we want. But if we rest in prayer and look deep into our hearts, we know what path we need to take, and it's usually not the easy one.

I find that I do this plenty in subtle ways. I lament that a situation facing me is not sufficiently "black and white". I become frustrated, claiming I don't know what the right answer is, insisting I can't be blamed for the ramifications of my decision. What I need to be doing in these situations is asking God for His guidance, even if it makes me nervous. I need to be like the scholar. He was brave enough to ask, even though I think he knew he wouldn't like the answer. Let's strive for that courage.

— *Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS* ©LPI

EMMA HOFFMAN FOCUS MISSIONARY (Continued from Cover)

“However, I was very afraid and most likely would not have had the courage to actually apply to become a missionary had it not been for some very clearly answered prayers,” Emma said.

During Emma’s senior year at IU, she attended a FOCUS informational event where seniors and graduate students could ask questions about the life of a FOCUS missionary. Emma went to the event not even considering becoming a missionary. She left feeling differently.

“I walked out of that night with a desire on my heart for a life that the missionaries were describing, and to be frank, that desire terrified me,” Emma said. “The next day, though, I couldn’t stop hoping, ‘Could I actually be a missionary?’ But then my rationale would kick in and tell me, ‘You don’t have the experience. You really just started your faith journey. It would be too hard. You’re too shy. No, you wouldn’t be able to do it.’ Despite these arguments, though, I kept going back to asking, ‘But what if I did?’ This back-and-forth argument went on in my head for the majority of the day until I made myself so confused that I finally sat down and began to turn those thoughts to Jesus.”

So Emma grabbed her Bible and read the daily Gospel, which was Luke 5:1-11, the calling of the first disciples. The end of that passage reads: “Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men. When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed Him.”

“That was the answer to my prayer,” Emma said. “I knew in that moment that Jesus wanted me to do this, that the desire I felt so strongly in my heart was placed there by Him. He was telling me that I didn’t have to fear this because He was calling me to it. And even though I was scared of the unknown, I also felt a deep joy and peace in the decision to say ‘yes’ to becoming a FOCUS missionary.”

Emma will move to Michigan at the end of the month. At Grand Valley State, she will be investing deeply in the Catholic community there. She will work to form relationships with the students, lead two or three Bible studies each week, and lead a group of girls in faith formation, all while striving to maintain and deepen her own faith. Emma also will work closely with her teammates and the Chaplain at the Catholic Center on Grand Valley’s campus.

“I’m excited to begin living the life I’ve felt called to for a long time,” Emma said. “I accepted this position as a missionary back in October 2021, so quite a bit of time has passed. But I’ve never doubted that I made the right choice. I know this is where the Lord wants me right now. I am just excited to see what He has in store.”

Emma has one piece of advice for young people, and it is based off John 10:10, where Jesus states: “I came so that they may have life, and have it more abundantly.”

Emma said, “Jesus wants to give us a life of fulfillment, desire, and joy! And I speak from personal experience when I say, the Lord knows where you are, He knows your heart, and He will work with whatever you give Him. He will make it known to you what He desires for your life. Remain close to Him through a consistent prayer life, the Sacraments, and finding a good community of people who encourage you in your faith instead of making you feel like you need to hide it! Do not be afraid of where He calls you, because no matter where that is, it will be so much more beautiful than anything we could ever plan for ourselves!”

SUPPORTING EMMA’S MISSION

MESSAGE FROM EMMA: “As missionaries, we rely completely on the financial support of others which allows us for the two (or sometimes more) years we are on staff to devote all of our time and energy to this mission. Of FOCUS’s nearly 800 missionaries, each one has a team of about 50-100 mission partners supporting them and the mission that the Lord is calling them to. So while I am in need of financial support, I am looking for people who want to be part of this mission of the Church that is so needed. If you have any interest at all, I would love to schedule a time to meet sometime this week or next for a coffee or over lunch to get to know each other, discuss FOCUS more in depth, and answer any questions you may have about FOCUS or my fundraising goals. If you think you’d be unable to meet in person, I’d love to still schedule a phone call with you, but if you are simply interested in donating, you can do so here: <https://www.focus.org/missionaries/emma-hoffman>. Thank you!”

NOTE: Emma will be in the church lobby after Masses this weekend if you wish to set up a time to speak with her. You also can email Emma at emma.hoffman@focus.org to schedule a time to talk or to ask questions.



NEW PARISH RESPECT LIFE GROUP

Resurrection, with the help of parishioner Patty Schnautz, is launching a parish Respect for Life group. Patty will share more information about this group during Masses this weekend.

Our parish will host a callout meeting for anyone interested in the group. This meeting is scheduled for 7p Thursday, July 21st in the Kreilein Conference Room. This meeting will help us seek feedback and ideas on the programs and services the group should focus on.

Resurrection's Respect for Life has two goals. **One:** notify parishioners of learning opportunities and events/service opportunities that support life, such as the Right to Life Banquet and Life Chain. **Two:** assist anyone facing a crisis, whether that be an unexpected pregnancy, dealing with a past abortion, family planning, grief, addiction, or other issues.

As Pope Francis said in his encyclical "Evangelium vitae": "We are all called to respect, defend, and promote the dignity of every human person, at every moment, and in every condition of that person's life. The task of accepting and serving life involves everyone, and... must be fulfilled above all towards life when it is at its weakest. WE are to be islands of mercy in a sea of indifference."

Anyone with questions can contact Patty at (812) 319-4841. Thanks!

BLEACHER REMOVAL THANK YOU!

We owe a big thank you to the many men of all ages who helped us dismantle and remove our old gym bleachers recently. This group worked hard, and they worked efficiently. They completed the work in just a few hours!

We are thrilled to announce that the new gym bleachers have been ordered after two years of fundraising efforts at Resurrection School, and with the help of a generous donor. Thank you to that donor, and to everyone who supported the many fundraisers—including the Dewig Meats sale, P Fresh dinner sales, and the inaugural trike race fundraiser. This much-needed project would not have been possible without your generosity!

We are blessed with wonderful parishioners!



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