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A NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

A Message From Father Tom



Bureau of Internal Revenue, Battle Hymn of the Republic First Published, Department of Agriculture, Battle of 'Monitor' and the 'Merrimac', and St. John the Baptist Catholic Church...

All these things happened in 1862! Newburgh had been around for 60 years when 15 families gathered at Henry Weiss' home to celebrate the Eucharist. Maybe they got together for safety. It was also in 1862 that the Confederate army captured Newburgh. These 15 families had a dream. Who knows what the conversation was about that day but we are here 151 years later!

July 18th made it my one year anniversary of being part of the StJB community. I am grateful and continue to be excited and proud to be part of this community! A little aside - it was the 18th of July 1862 that Newburgh was captured by the Confederates. Could those Kentuckians cross the river again? Since Fr. Attila lives on the 2nd floor I have asked him to be the lookout guy and protect me from any invasion - he laughed and walked away! Here are some updates on what is happening at StJB:

The parish office building has new windows, fresh paint, new flooring. Works continues. Please check it out. It really is an amazing transformation! The Parish Pastoral Council and Parish Staff continue work on job descriptions, mission statements, organizational chart and other development issues. We have assembled a Search Committee to review, interview and recommend any of the candidates who apply for the position of Youth and Young Adult Director for our parish community. Members are: Jeff Cox, Janice Jillson, Ben Schmitt, Jenny Hardison and Fr. Attila.

I am not sure if this is a quote or a paraphrase of Martin Luther: 'Can a rock that has been in the sunlight all day not fail to give off warmth at night'. I like it and it leads me to contemplate and ask can a Christian who has lived in the sunlight of God's love, mercy and compassion not fail to give off that same love, mercy and compassion?!? We have to live in the sunlight of God's love. We have to bake in the sunlight of God's mercy and compassion. This has to be the bloodstream that give us life! I believe Jesus was talking to our faith community when he said 'you are the light of the world', 'you are the salt of the earth'! God may your light shine on me! Shine on us! That we the Catholic Community of St. John the Baptist give off the warmth, love, mercy, and compassion of your love to all people everywhere!

United in the Risen Christ, I wish you much joy and peace,

Fr Tom Kessler



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SEWING MAKES A DIFFERENCE FOR AFRICAN ORPHANS

“My name is Madalyn Schadler and I am a Junior in high school. I have been sewing since I was eight years and I am using my love for sewing as I work on my Girl Scout Gold Award.”

This was the introduction for parishioner Madalyn Schadler’s Girl Scout Gold Award project, which began in Newburgh, Indiana... and ended up in Tanzania, Africa.

For her Gold Award, Madalyn offered sewing classes to 51 area youth. During these classes, she taught the basics of sewing and each participant learned how to sew a basic skirt using a sewing machine. Madalyn then made arrangements to personally deliver the skirts (100 in all) to an orphanage in Tanzania, Africa, where she planned to teach the children how to hand sew.

Madalyn and her father, Gene, spent four days working in Kurasini Orphanage at the end of May. In addition to donating the skirts and coordinating



The children gather outside the Kurasini Orphanage for a photo with Madalyn (at top in pink shirt). Madalyn taught 30 girls and boys the valuable skill of sewing.

T-shirts, Madalyn was able to also collect shorts and T-shirts for the boys, since there was a fire in the boys dormitory that destroyed their extra clothing. While at Kurasini, Madalyn, with the help of a translator, taught 30 girls and boys basic hand sewing with the opportunity to sew two projects. The idea was to leave behind a skill that would help them in the future. Additional resources to continue sewing were provided to the orphanage volunteers.

Madalyn said during her journey she was impressed by the children and their spirit.



Madalyn Schadler (green shirt), teaches the children of Kurasini Orphanage in Tanzania, Africa how to sew.

“I was amazed by the fact that these kids had nothing but were so happy. I was able to see the joy and happiness on their faces as they learned a new skill.”

She said she also felt blessed to see the children “come alive” during her four days there.

“At first, they were apprehensive but they soon warmed up. There was one little girl that was new to the orphanage and was very shy but by the third day she was very happy and lively.”

Madalyn is a graduate of St. John the Baptist School and currently attends Memorial High School. To read more about her experience, see www.sewafrica.blogspot.com.

COMING UP...MATT MAHER IN CONCERT SEPTEMBER 12!



Matt Maher

On September 12, 2013, St. John the Baptist Parish will host Matt Maher, one of the most popular and critically-acclaimed Catholic artists in the country. The concert will be held in the Church beginning at 7 p.m. (doors will open at 6 p.m.) Tickets will cost \$20 a piece – or \$17.50 a piece if you purchase two or more.

Matt Maher has received numerous awards including Best New Artist of the Year in 2003, a Unity Award for Praise & Worship Song of the year in 2004, and another Unity Award for Artist of the Year in 2008. He has become a popular performer at Youth Conferences throughout the country, and has recorded and produced 6 albums to date. Four of his songs have reached Billboard's Top 25 for Christian Songs.

Proceeds from this concert will benefit the St. John the Baptist Music Ministry and will allow us to offer more exciting concerts like this in the future. For information, contact Mike Killebrew at 490-1000 or mkillebrew@evdio.org.

JACK & EMILY THOMPSON SCOUTING ENDOWMENT FORMED

Bishop Emeritus, Gerald A. Gettelfinger, Episcopal Advisor to NCCS, has stated, "The Catholic Church is fortunate to have in the Scouting movement so apt a vehicle for Christian development. It can be noted that many church leaders today, clerical, religious, and lay, have come from the ranks of Scouting."

In the case of Jack Thompson, it was as a church leader that led to his love of scouting. John "Jack" Ellis Thompson passed away earlier this year but his legacy will live on for Boy Scouts. Jack grew up in Evansville where he attended St. Benedict parish and grade school. He spent his high school years at St. Meinrad where he discerned a call to monastic life. Upon finishing, though, he followed a different path and joined the United States Navy, where he served in the Korean War in the South Pacific aboard the USS George. Upon returning to Evansville he married his beloved, Emily, started a family, and worked for his electrical contracting firm, JET Electric, and the University of Evansville, where he eventually retired as Physical Plant Director.

Jack was an active member of St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in Newburgh and over the next 40 years served as a Scoutmaster, Cubmaster, Camp Director of the Outpost, Chaplain for Scouting for the Diocese of Evansville, and a board member of the National Catholic Committee of Scouting. Through Scouting he was able to share his great love of Christ

and nature, and to instill solid values in countless young people.

According to Emily, "Jack always encouraged boys to earn their religious emblems so that they would understand their faith better. He encouraged boys of all faiths to work on their religious emblems.

When the scouts work on something, they inevitably become more aware of it." The endowment will help fund the religious emblems program and also to support the scouting program, whether it is maintaining the physical space or Scout retreat programs. The endowment has been started with memorial gifts, following the passing of Jack Thompson, to assist with Boy Scouting at St. John the Baptist Parish, Newburgh. In order to completely fund the endowment, additional gifts will be accepted for the Jack and Emily Thompson Scouting Endowment. This will ensure that monies are available every year to assist with the scouting program. To make a contribution, please make a gift to St. John the Baptist or to the Catholic Foundation at www.CreatingCatholicLegacies.org. For more information, you may contact the Foundation at 424-5536 or lcx@evdio.org.



Jack Thompson



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Baptisms

Kenneth Hutton,
adult at Easter Vigil,
March 30, 2013

Allen Pearce,
adult at Easter Vigil,
March 30, 2013

Thomas Rogers,
adult at Easter Vigil,
March 30, 2013

Avery Jo Holston,
daughter of James & Andrea Holston,
March 31, 2013

Ashley Reese O'Daniel,
daughter of Flynn & Melanie O'Daniel,
April 7, 2013

Ave Frances Mitchell,
daughter of Michael & Denise Mitchell,
April 13, 2013

Mason Stewart,
son of Matthew & Tiffany Stewart,
April 14, 2013

Madison Marie Coffman,
daughter of Donald & Claire Coffman,
April 20, 2013

Mason Bryant Wilson,
son of Cain & Melissa Wilson,
April 20, 2013

Miles Benjamin Pina,
son of Alex & Kate Pina,
April 21, 2013

Marcus Lee Englert,
son of Eric & Brienne Englert,
April 27, 2013

Maxwell James Hayes,
son of Perry & Angela Hayes,
April 27, 2013

Memphis John Richardson,
son of Andrew & Janice Richardson,
May 19, 2013

Hadley Anne Wilson,
daughter of Ryan & Christine Wilson,
May 19, 2013

Karina Marie Pickard,
daughter of Derek & Sheena Pickard,
June 9, 2013



Stewardship Notables

Thank you to **Maggie Hennel, Cathy Keller, Shanah Johnson, Jeff Sickman, Dan DeCastra and Nick Seib** for their sharing with our RCIA as Catechists.

Thank you **Charles Scherrer** for making all the wooden crosses (small ones for Rite of Acceptance and large ones for parish gifts) for those involved in our RCIA.

Thank you to those who have served on the Food for Father Ministry this past year -- **Tiffany Bonnell, Denise Caskey, Patty Eble, Norma Folz, Mary Gray, Milly Haughn, Kristi Kain, Diane Krug, Martha McCaffry, Mary Milsaps, Beverly Okey, Mary Titzer, Melissa Titzer.**

Thank you to **Jeannette Arias, Karen Bennett, Deacon Vince Bernardin, Margaret Boarman, Michelle Brown, Marty Brown, Linda Browning, Selene Clark, Jill Collier, Carole Daniels, Gene Dobrzynski, Norma Folz, Gary Folz, Barb Gasick, Tom Gasick, Janis Garrison, Erlene Gehlhausen, Sheree Graves, Mary Gray, Patty Harvey, Maggie Hennel, Pat Krack, Barbara Lechner, Ann Motycka, Justin Naumovitz, Betty Niemeyer, Jim Niemeyer, Carol Niehaus, Beverly Okey, Suzy Rafferty, Joe Ream, Mary Susan Salm, Pat Spahn, Mark Thieman, Romulus Thomas, Cheryl Thomas, Roberta White** for taking Holy Eucharist to our area Nursing Home residents and those at home.

Special thanks to the Summer Social Committee for all their hard work: **Bob Brown, Jenny Barry, Pete Barry, Chad Bennett, Karen Hanley, Janice Jillson, Angie Knust, Martha McCaffry, Heather Schroeder, Carl Ulrich and Cindy Ulrich.** Special thanks to chairman **Bob Brown** and booth coordinator **Karen Hanley.** Thanks also to the **Quilters, Booth Chairs and Volunteers, Kitchen Volunteers, Set-Up/Tear-Down Crews, Sponsors and Donors.**

Special thanks to **Jackie Shinn** for support of Mother T's and **Kathy Borkowski** for her support of our school.

Heartfelt thanks to **Eric Goelzhauser and Sherwin Williams Paint** for providing painting supplies for the Mission Trip.

Special thanks to **Mimi Scheessele and the Gardening Angels** for keeping the gardens looking so nice and thanks to our **Camillus Ministers** for their dedication.

Welcome New Families

FEBRUARY

Tim & Carrie Lazich
5963 Waterstone Drive
Newburgh, IN 47630

Gabor & Edith Puski
5666 Woodlawn Drive
Newburgh, IN 47630

Matthew & Tiffany Stewart
6844 Oakmont Court
Newburgh, IN 47630

MARCH

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Evansville, IN 47711-4963

Chuck Byrnes
2126 Long Cove Circle
Newburgh, IN 47630

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Newburgh, IN 47630

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Newburgh, IN 47630-2413

Andrew & Maria Espejo
6463 Woodland Springs Drive
Newburgh, IN 47630

James & Joan Kveglis
7900 Margaret Circle
Newburgh, IN 47630

Lily Stolzy
511 W. Main Street
Newburgh, IN 47630-1144

Betty Turner
1101 Glenmoor Court
Evansville, IN 47715

APRIL

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2942 Megan Drive
Newburgh, IN 47630

Anthony Beavers
8222 Lancaster Drive
Newburgh, IN 47630

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6088 Glen Oak Court
Newburgh, IN 47630

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1030 Jefferson Park Drive
Newburgh, IN 47630

Jan & Joseph Carpenter
676 N CR 180W
Rockport, IN 47635

Jonathan & Eve Lamar
10866 Titan Drive
Newburgh, IN 47630

Luis & Nancy Londono
9172 Halston Circle
Newburgh, IN 47630

Shane & Whitney Muncy
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Evansville, IN 47715

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Newburgh, IN 47630

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NEW MEMBERS



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School News

SCHOOL BEGINS AUGUST 8; NEW TEACHERS JOIN STAFF

St. John the Baptist Catholic School staff and students will begin a new school year on Thursday, August 8. Students grades K-8 (and Child Care) will begin that day; while the Preschool will begin on August 21.

As communicated in the bulletin, the Preschool has moved to its former location in the building just north of the school, and will continue to offer Extended Care. This also allows the school extra room to expand and implement two new programs that are being offered to select schools of the Diocese. These programs are DEEP (Diocese of Evansville Enrichment Program) and SEEDS (Special Education for Evansville Diocese Students). We will communicate more about these programs in the future.

The school is also adding four new teachers to its faculty for the 2013-2014 school year. Trisha Memmer will teach 3rd grade; Wyatt Arvin will teach middle school religion and social studies; Lisa Hardesty will join middle school as a language arts teacher; and Sarah Schneider will teach music. Welcome to our new teachers!

Elementary school enrollment is up from last year and now sits at 312 (K-8). There are currently 70 enrolled in Preschool. Both the Elementary and Preschool are accepting new students. For enrollment information, call School Principal Elizabeth Flatt at 490-2000.

For Preschool enrollment, call Director Julie Swihart at 490-3000.

SCHOOL HOLDS "CAMP INVENTION"

About 60 children participated in St. John the Baptist School's first "Camp Invention" during the week of June 10. Camp Invention is a week-long summer camp focusing on science, creative learning, and invention and is part of the STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) program. During the week, the children learned many fun, creative activities focusing on science, such as building a catapult, protecting our ecosystem and more.

The learning began at "Planet Zak", where children used their creative and critical-thinking skills to keep themselves safe and nourished after crash-landing on a strange planet. Children were then introduced to environmental science and the concept of conservation when they were challenged to rebuild a cleaner, more eco-friendly city that has been polluted to the point of ruin in "Saving Sludge City". In the "I Can Invent: Launchitude" module, expedition teams were challenged to launch international rubber ducks to their country origin and race to destroy competitor duck territory! Last, the "Geo-Games" module combined physical activity and creativity and embodied the fact that all games can be modified with nontraditional approaches and made more exciting as children created

game pieces and sporting equipment from everyday items, employing the concept of upcycling.

The camp was directed by StJB teacher Susan Davis, with assistance from teachers Angie Anderson, Lora Bailey and Wyatt Arvin, Liz Greenwell, Jenny Arvin, and other volunteers. Susan said the school plans to offer the camp again next June.



Pictured from left are Landon Kieffer, Jackson Bennett, Aubrey Flatt, Lydia Bauersfeld

StJB SEAPERCH ROBOTICS TEAM WINS NATIONAL TITLE

Congratulations to the St. John the Baptist Catholic Middle School School SeaPerch Team for taking first place in the 2013 National SeaPerch Challenge!



SeaPerch Team Members - Front Row (l to r): Coach Angie Anderson, Nolan Durcholz, David Thompson, Brett Weyer, Michael Francis and Coach Theresa Weyer

School News (Cont'd)

The team placed 2nd in the Obstacle Course, 2nd in Deep Water Transfer and 1st Place Overall in the Middle School Championship. The challenge featured close to 100 teams and was held on May 18 at the Natatorium on the campus of Indiana University Purdue University Indianapolis (IUPUI).

The St. John Middle School team advanced to Nationals after claiming the overall State Championship at the 2013 State SeaPerch Robotics Championship at Southridge High School on April 6. The underwater R.O.V. (remotely operated vehicle)

the students built and guided through the course finished ahead of 14 other Middle School Regional Winners.

The St. John the Baptist Middle School Team was coached by middle school science teacher Angie Anderson, and Theresa Weyer, a Senior Project Engineer at Cresline Plastic Pipe Company. Team members were 7th grader Brett Weyer and 8th graders Nolan Durcholz, Michael Francis and David Thompson.

The SeaPerch program trains educators to assist students in building underwater remote operated vehicles. Students follow a curriculum that teaches basic engineering and science concepts to construct the machines using kits provided by the Naval warfare center. For more information about SeaPerch, visit www.seaperch.org.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SPIRITUAL FORMATION NEWS

SERRA CLUB YOUTH DISTINCTION AWARDS

Congratulations to Connor Kozelcar, Mikaelah Leslie, Michael Francis, and Lauren Grady, recipients of this year's Serra Youth Distinction Award. Each year the Serra Club recognizes outstanding eighth graders in each parish who have shown such service within their parish, school, and community, making them an example to their peers and an inspiration to their adult leaders. This year, St. John parish was proud to recognize these amazing youth with this distinguished award. The Serra Club of Evansville is a Diocesan organization whose primary goal is to support and promote vocations. All vocations - whether to the priesthood, religious, married, or single life - call each of us to some type of service to one another.



Pictured with Father Attila are Serra Youth Award Winners Connor Kozelcar, Mikaelah Leslie and Michael Francis (from left). Not pictured is Lauren Grady.

STJB ENDOWMENT SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS NAMED

Congratulations to Marisa Boris and Sean Nelson, winners of this year's St. John the Baptist Endowment Scholarship. Each will receive

\$1,500 for college, made possible through our endowment program. Marisa plans to attend I.U.P.U.I in the Fall, majoring in Nursing, and Sean will attend Western Kentucky University, majoring in Nutrition and Dietetics.



Sean Nelson



Marisa Boris



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11:00 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

Change Service Requested

AROUND THE PARISH



High school seniors from our parish pose at the Senior Banquet held in the Center in May.

Dave Harris and Jan Larson both retired from St. John the Baptist School in May. Dave taught social studies and Jan taught 3rd grade.



Above, Mr. Harris is congratulated by Pastor Tom Kessler and Principal Elizabeth Flatt. At left, students presented Jan Larson with gifts and cards at her "surprise" retirement party.

VBS participants and volunteers gather in the Center for song and praise. Vacation Bible School was held at StJB the first week in June.



Teens and chaperones from St. John the Baptist Parish pose for a photo before leaving on a Mission Trip July 21. The group went to Charleston, South Carolina, where they served in the community building, cleaning, and helping out with many needs.



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