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A NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

A LITTLE BIT OF THIS ~ A LOT MORE OF THAT!

We (Fr Attila & Fr Tom) are very pleased to let you know that we have hired Jay Van Hoosier as our Parish Catechetical Leader (DRE). He will direct our parish religious education programs, and work with our Adult Faith Formation Committee.



Father Attila and Jay VanHoosier

More about Jay and our programs in upcoming bulletins, Frameworks, and on our website!

We are also pleased to let you know that our parish staff (15 people) have completed a 180 degree evaluation facilitated by Gayle Ubelhor. This process includes your own personal evaluation, and then each staff person evaluates you. It is all confidential. We believe this tool will help us to grow and deepen our awareness of ourselves, each other, and to function more as a team in our ministry.

We are very grateful to have Margaret Boarman and Linda Browning at the front door of our Office building Monday through Friday...answering the phone, greeting and assisting those who come through the front doors, and being of service in any way to the rest of the staff.

May all of us Embrace Hope! Practice Resurrection!
Celebrate Easter Living!

Fr Tom & Fr Attila



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ELIZABETH MINISTRY SUPPORTS, AFFIRMS, ENCOURAGES WOMEN

There are many wonderful examples of outreach ministries here at St. John the Baptist, and perhaps none has touched more women than the Elizabeth Ministry. This ministry, established almost 20 years ago, follows the scripture story of the Visitation by bringing together women who share a similar story. The purpose is to affirm, encourage and assist women in response to their needs during the childbearing years.

In the past, the presence, intimacy and support needed during childbearing years were found in the structure of family, neighborhood and church. Today these structures are undergoing rapid change:

- Neighborhoods are fragmented, leaving many families isolated.
- Churches have increased in size, making it sometimes difficult to create a warm, hospitable, personal and loving environment.
- Mobility has caused many extended families to be separated by miles, making frequent visits improbable and presence impossible.

The wisdom, reassurance and advice, usually given by extended family, often now need to come from another source. That's where the Elizabeth Ministry comes into play! By sharing their stories and experiences, women serve one another in an atmosphere of faith, love and hope.

The Elizabeth Ministry assists women in a number of ways, including:

Prayer Partner Program

The Elizabeth Ministry assigns "prayer partners" to pray for women who are pregnant,

waiting to adopt or experiencing infertility. If you know of someone who is expecting or who needs prayers, please fill out a rose, located by the guardian angel statue in the Narthex (white ribbon = pregnancy, yellow = adoption and violet = infertility.) This person will be given a prayer partner who will journey with them in prayer. Once the prayer partner is assigned, the rose is placed in the vase in front of the Blessed Mother statue in church. Prayer Partner Coordinator Fran Dickinson explains, "As Mary and Elizabeth, together in prayer, you can share this special time in your life, asking God's blessing on you and your child."

Meals/Assistance

"There are times in our lives where we all need extra help," says Meal Delivery Coordinator Lisa McFadden. "The Elizabeth Ministry is in place to lend a sympathetic ear, a partner in prayer and to support families with the delivery of meals during difficult times."

Lisa said she joined the ministry when "a wonderful woman named Linda Pass told me about the ministry when our now 16-year-old was in kindergarten." Lisa enjoyed giving to others, but it was several years later that she learned how it felt to be on the receiving end.

"Four years ago, after a sudden health crisis, I became the recipient of meals instead of the deliverer. So I can tell you as someone on both ends of the Elizabeth Ministry meal train, it is good to give and to receive! When it's an uphill battle to recovery, knowing that someone cares enough to feed your family can give you the strength it takes to put one foot in front of the other."

Parent Letters

After the first Baptism in a family, the Elizabeth Ministry sends parents letters of encouragement, focusing on helping their child get to know God and the church. These are sent every six months for 3 years and include letters from the pastor and age-related encouragement and prayer materials for the parents. Parishioner Mary Joyce Heathcott coordinates the Parent Letters.

ELIZABETH MINISTRY (CONTINUED)

Feast of the Holy Innocents Mass

The Elizabeth Ministry organizes the annual Feast of Holy Innocents Mass in commemoration of the children who were ordered killed by King Herod in his quest to find baby Jesus.



From left are Elizabeth Ministry coordinators Fran Dickinson, Lisa McFadden and Mary Joyce Heathcott

The mass celebrated at St. John the Baptist in December, is also in remembrance of all children lost through accident or illness, childbirth, miscarriage and abortion. The Ministry is responsible for organizing this service, including providing the program, liturgical ministers, music and all other related services.

Currently, the St. John the Baptist Elizabeth Ministry is about 80 women strong, but continues to search for and encourage new volunteers. The ministry could use people in all areas – especially to prepare/deliver meals and serve as prayer partners. If you are interested in learning more about the Elizabeth Ministry, please contact Connie Schnapf at the Parish Office, 490-1000 or cschnapf@evdio.org.

PRAYER GARDEN AT MAUSOLEUM FEATURES SAINT PEREGRINE STATUE

A place of prayer has been added to the St. John the Baptist Mausoleum property with the addition of a statue of Saint Peregrine Laziosi, the patron saint of people suffering from cancer. Parishioner Pat Krack and family provided the funding for the statue of St. Peregrine following husband Jerry's death from cancer. (Jerry was a longtime member of the StJB Cemetery and Mausoleum Board.) The placing of the statue in front of the Mausoleum provides a serene prayer



This statue of Saint Peregrine Laziosi, located in front of the St. John the Baptist Mausoleum, provides a serene prayer setting for those who have been affected by cancer.

setting for those with cancer - or for friends and family to pray for loved ones with cancer. Saint Peregrine Laziose was born in the 1260s in Forli, Italy. As a young man, he was somewhat of a rebel against the church in Rome, but after a confrontation with a Church official, he channeled his energy into good works.

Eventually, he joined the Friar Servants of Mary in Siena, Italy, and then returned to Forli, where he spent the remainder of his life dedicating himself to the care of the sick, poor, and those on the fringes of society. Peregrine imposed on himself the penance of standing whenever not necessary to sit. This led to leg problems which deteriorated into open sores and eventually cancer. His leg was to be amputated, but the night before surgery Peregrine prayed before the image of the crucified Christ. When he awoke, the wound was healed, and the leg was saved. He lived another twenty years and died May 1, 1345.

St. Peregrine was canonized on December 27, 1726 as the patron saint of those suffering from cancer. His body rests in the Servite Church in Forli. The Cemetery and Mausoleum Board, on behalf of the St. John the Baptist Church Community, would like to thank Patricia Krack and family for providing the statue of St. Peregrine in memory of Jerry. All are welcome to use this prayer garden! It is located outside the Mausoleum off Bell Road (use the Bell Road entrance).

(Information provided by Cemetery and Mausoleum Board)



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Baptisms

Miles Jennings,
Son of Adam & Brittany Jennings,
December 22, 2013

Sarah Clare Onderak,
Daughter of Matthais & Jennifer Onderak,
January 26, 2014

Krimson Rose Mueller,
Daughter of Jason & Amanda Mueller,
February 22, 2014

Miriam Hope Wenderoth,
Daughter of Brad & Anne Wenderoth,
December 25, 2013

Warren Klinger,
Daughter of Kevin & Meghan Klinger,
February 9, 2014

Luke Michael Stroud,
Son of Michael Stroud & Jacquelyn Morton,
March 1, 2014

Charles Andrew Schweiss,
Son of Andrew & Amanda Schweiss,
December 28, 2013

Vivi Tran,
Daughter of Hung & Trudy Nguyen,
February 15, 2014

Josiah Daniel Stroud,
Son of Michael Stroud & Jacquelyn Morton,
March 1, 2014

Thomas Wayne Blake,
Son of Michael & Casey Blake, Jr.,
December 30, 2013

Clark Cole Thomas,
Son of Joe & Rebecca Clark,
February 16, 2014

Norah Claire Vaal,
Daughter of Daniel & Allison Vaal,
March 1, 2014

Tripp Joseph Wingert,
Son of Chad & Mindy Wingert,
January 19, 2014

Reese Evelyn Obermeier,
Daughter of Eric & Gina Obermeier,
February 16, 2014

Stewardship Notables

Special thanks to **Alice Williams** for making the knotted rosaries for each RCIA candidate and their sponsor.

Thanks to **Charles Scherrer** for making the comfort crosses given to those parishioners who are homebound and in our nursing homes.

Thank you to all those involved in the Hospital/Nursing Home/ Homebound Visitation Ministry: Hospitals; **Myra Loehrlein, Mary Titzer, Susie Corressell, Bob Fuchs, Karen Hanley, Deacon Tony Schapker, Karen Seib, Deacon Vince Bernardin, Jeff Sickman, Susan Schaefer, Bill Wallace, Fr. Tom and Fr. Attila**; Nursing Homes: **Janis Garrison, Ann Skvara, Erlene Gehlhausen, Maggie Hennel, Cheryl Thomas, Mary Gray, Jill Colier, Selene Clark, Roberta White, Carol Niehaus, Gene Dobrzynski, Michelle Brown, Karen Benett, Suzy Rafferty, Barb Lechner, Justin Naumovitz, Linda Cirillo, Jeannette Arias, Norma Folz, Gary Folz, Gordon Durholz, Sue Salm, Linda Browning, Patrick and Bethany Logan**; Homebound: **Beverly Okey, Ron Keller**.

Special thanks to the volunteers who have kept our parking lot clear during this very snowy season: **Chris Niehaus, Gary Niehaus, Craig Niehaus, and Mike Schnur**. Also thanks to **David Shields, Mike Rodenberg and Chad Bennett** for taking care of sidewalks and grounds.

Thank you to those involved in our outreach ministries of **CAJE, St. Vincent De Paul, Newburgh Area Food Pantry, Mother Teresa Treasures Thrift Store** and the **Area Soup Kitchen**.

Heartfelt thanks to **Mary Gray** for designing the bulletin boards in the Narthex. Many have complimented them and commented on how they can't wait to see the changes from season to season!

Thank you to the **Knights of Columbus and Men's Club** volunteers for providing another fantastic season of Lenten fish dinners!

Thank you to our parish office evening volunteers: **Nancy Wedding, Sandy Malone and the team of Barbara Cason/ Liz Cox**.

Last, thank you to **Cindy Shoulders** for her many years of service here in Religious Education at StJB. Good luck at Good Shepherd Parish - we will miss you!

Welcome New Families

December 2013-March, 2014

Marjorie Ferrerio
5733 Maple Lane
Newburgh, IN

Roger & Lana Ballard
527 E. Water St
Princeton, IN

Rob & Brenda Dyer
7800 Crystal Ct
Newburgh, IN 47630

David & Donna Hirsch
1500 Bell Road
Newburgh, IN 47630

Jason & Lori Counts
7701 Circle Front Ct
Evansville, IN 47715

Thomas Donnon
6511 Hemlock Way
Newburgh, IN 47630

Emil Prekop
8003 River Park Way
Evansville, IN 47715

Randall & Judith Braun
1377 S Center Rd
Boonville, IN 47601

Beau Labhart
6038 Glen Oak Court
Newburgh, IN 47630

Nicole Garrison
7908 Peach Blossom
Evansville, IN 47715

Jared & Jessica Ziliak
5622 Essex Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

Jeremy Neese
9150 Schaad Circle
Newburgh, IN 47630

Jayna Wagler
7808 Coventry Ct
Evansville, IN 47715

Scott & Summer Wright
2840 Jace Lane
Newburgh, IN 47630

Bud & Linda Smith
8052 Cedar Pointe Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

James & Silvia Clark
3255 Kenwood Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

Eric & Gina Obermeier
10686 Fall Creek Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

Jamie & Stephanie Duncan
7822 Oak Grove Rd
Newburgh, IN 47630

William & Cookie Barrow
611 Short Plank Rd
Chandler, IN

Debra Ordner
2666 Lakebrooke Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

Chris & Sandy Wischer
5922 Laurel Ridge Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

Robert & Jessica Felker
4219 Weaver Rd
Evansville, IN 47711

Ryan & Elizabeth Mullane
1999 Bent Tree Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

Shelly Feagley
1011 New Hope Rd
Boonville, IN 47601

Barbara Henneberger
20 Williams Lane
Newburgh, IN 47630

Gerard Sabeh
807 Clark St
Newburgh, IN 47630

Craig & Kelli Bohannon
3200 Raintree Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

Mike & Greta Smith
5577 Victoria Bluffs Dr
Newburgh, IN 47630

Linda Melchoirs
110 Plum St
Newburgh, IN 47630

2014 CPC CAMPAIGN UNDERWAY

The annual Catholic Parishes Campaign is now underway! This diocesan appeal raises money for programs, services and other expenses associated with the diocese and its parishes, including ours. It is in essence a "tax" to help pay for diocesan agencies and programs that help all of us. This year the goal at StJB is \$298,655. Anything

raised above this goes directly to our parish. Letters with pledge cards were mailed to all parishioners. Extras are in the parish office. Please prayerfully consider giving to the CPC! Pledge cards can be dropped off in the collection basket—or mailed or returned to the parish office.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity to St. John the Baptist Parish!





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RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Easter is upon us and our “Elect” will become our “Neophytes” on April 19, 2014, as we celebrate their reception into the Catholic Church and the parish of St. John the Baptist at the Easter Vigil. We will continue to celebrate and walk with them through a period of “mystagogia” continuing through the years ahead.

“Neophyte” simply means “recent convert; a beginner, a novice.” It is from the Greek word “neophutos” meaning “newly planted.” Our neophytes continue to grow as they become part of this community and the life of the parish in various ways. “Mystagogia” is that period of time of reflecting on the gospel, sharing in the Eucharist and doing works of charity that leads them (and all of us) into a deepening grasp of the paschal mystery and making it a living part of community.

Mystagogy is that final period of the RCIA process, and the beginning of a life of discipleship with Jesus Christ. The journey of faith now focuses upon the greatest of all mysteries: Christ’s life, death and resurrection as they continued to seek these answers: What happened? What happens now? How has my life been changed? The neophytes are now celebrating with the entire community at the Sunday Eucharist. They are beginning to realize that the RCIA is not a program “to make Catholics”, but a process of



Candidates at the Rite of Sending Forth prepare to be sent to the Rite of Election on March 9, 2014.

focusing on the response to a call to a particular “gospel way of life.” Just as each one of us answers the call of conversion to the gospel message on a daily basis in our own lives, so too, they become a messenger of the gospel of Christ to others.

Let us continue to pray for those who will join us at the Easter Vigil through Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist: Derrick McDowell, Amie Maslanka, Amber Stanley.



Catechumens sign the Book of the Elect at the Rite of Sending Forth to the Rite of Election on March 9.

Let us continue to pray for those who will join the Church through their Profession of Faith and will be Confirmed in the Catholic Church and receive their First Eucharist: Patricia Hughes and Seth Stanley.

Let us continue to pray for Debra Elkins, baptized Catholic, who has completed studies and will be Confirmed in her Catholic Faith on the Feast of Pentecost.

Thank you to those individuals who have journeyed with these people as their faith companions: Craig Goebel, Laura Goebel, Greg Goebel, Libby Scheessele, Karen Ubelhor, Shanah Johnson, Milly Haughn, Stuart Janney, Marie Janney. Thank you to the RCIA Catechists, who along with me, have shared their stories of faith: Maggie Hennel, Cathy Keller, Shanah Johnson, Jeff Sickman, Nick Seib, Steve Smith, Stuart Janney.

Thank you to the families of the catechists and sponsors, as well as the families of those who joined the Church. There is a great deal of time involved with this journey and your encouragement and support, along with your prayers, are invaluable.

Thank you always to the parish community of St. John the Baptist for your prayers, support, and encouragement of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults through the years. *-Bev Okey*

SCHOOL NEWS

StJB STUDENTS WIN 2014 SEAPERCH STATE CHAMPIONSHIP

St. John the Baptist School sent two teams into battle at the February 8 Indiana SeaPerch Challenge, held at the Mt. Vernon Junior High Natatorium. By the end of the day, St. John the Baptist students had taken the following prizes:



- **2014 SeaPerch State Champion - St. John - Team Red October**
- 4th Place in the State Championship - St. John - Team Catching Red October
- 1st Place in “The Heist” - St. John - Team Red October
- 1st Place in the Obstacle Course - St. John - Team Red October
- 3rd Place in the Obstacle Course - St. John - Team Catching Red October

Team “Red October” members were Rosemary O’Daniel, Riley Cox, Nicholas Becker and Brett Weyer, the only returning member from last year’s team. Team “Catching Red October” members were newcomers Justin Drake, Theo Mitz, Kieran Burkhardt and Ellen Hayhurst.

Pictured back row from left are coach Theresa Weyer, Ellen Hayhurst, Justin Drake, Riley Cox, Nicholas Becker and coach Angie Anderson; front from left: Theo Mitz, Kieran Burkhardt, Brett Weyer, Rosemary O’Daniel

The SeaPerch program trains educators to assist students in building underwater remote operated vehicles (ROV). Students follow a curriculum that teaches basic engineering and science concepts to construct the machines using kits provided by the Naval Warfare Center. Special Thanks to coaches Angie Anderson and Theresa Weyer for making Science Fun, and for bringing one of the best Middle School robotics programs in the state to St. John the Baptist School.

UPCOMING PARISH EVENTS

EGG HUNT APRIL 12- The annual egg hunt will take place on the parish lawn Saturday, April 12 at 3 p.m. (rain date will be Sunday April 13 at 3 p.m.) All children ages infant—3rd grade are invited to participate. Please place donations of individually wrapped candy (non-chocolate preferred) in the box near the Elizabeth Room. This event is sponsored by our Mother to Mother Ministry.

EASTER HAM & DUMPLING SALE- Take a break this Easter and let the StJB Men’s Club cook for you! The Men’s Club is offering for sale Easter hams, chicken & dumplings and hash brown casseroles. The 8-pound warm, smoked Easter Hams are priced at \$35 a piece (free slicing available on request). Half hams are available for \$20 a piece. You can also order chicken & dumplings (\$6/quart or \$12/half gallon) and hash brown casseroles for \$15 a piece. All of these items will be ready for pick up on April 19 (Holy Saturday) from 3:30—5:30 p.m. Orders will be taken at the Fish Fry (held the Fridays of Lent except Good Friday, 5-7:30 p.m., Center). For more information or to order, please call Keith Scheessele at (812) 431-4435 or Wendel Martin at (812) 518-4199

OUTREACH NEWS

2014 CAJE NEHEMIAH ACTION APRIL 10- On Thursday, April 10, there will be a Lenten Prayer Service with John Angotti: “Preparing for Holy Week” at 7 p.m. at St. John the Baptist Church. You are encouraged to attend this parish Lenten prayer service. However, if you do not plan to do so, please attend the rescheduled CAJE Nehemiah Action, at the Veteran’s Memorial Coliseum, 307 Market St. in Evansville. Registration for the Nehemiah Action assembly begins at 6 p.m., and the program starts at 6:30 p.m. At this meeting, CAJE hopes to have 1800 people in attendance as local community leaders are asked to commit to taking the actions identified to **increase the access to dental care and mental health care**. For more information regarding this CAJE event, please contact Jim or Mary Ann Wilsbacher (490-6015), Kim Kasenow 490-9990, Judy Kropfl (858-2972), or Kristi Williams (490-7723).

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/SPIRITUAL FORMATION NEWS

74 CHILDREN TO CELEBRATE FIRST COMMUNION- A total of 74 parish children (mainly 2nd graders) will celebrate the Sacrament of First Communion on April 26/27. They will receive the Eucharist at the 5 p.m. Mass on April 26 and at the 11 a.m. Mass on April 27. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare to receive Christ!



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Saturday

5:00 p.m.

Sunday

7:00 a.m., 8:45 a.m.,

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



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EASTER AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST

HOLY WEEK

Holy Thursday—April 17: Mass at 7 p.m.

Good Friday—April 18: Service at 7 p.m., plus: 12 p.m.— “But I have prayed that your own faith may not fail” (Passion of Christ) *Extended time for music, silent prayer, and readings.*

Blessing of Easter Foods—April 19: 9 a.m. in Church

Easter Vigil—April 19: Mass at 8 p.m.

Easter Sunday—April 20: Mass at 7 a.m., 8:45 a.m., 11 a.m. (no 5:30 p.m.

Mass)

SPIRITUAL OFFERINGS

Stations of the Cross: Fridays of Lent, 7 p.m., Church

Mass & Stations of the Cross: Wednesdays of Lent, 7 p.m., Church

Alms Giving Opportunities: All are invited to share in almsgiving at Masses during *Lent*. *Collections will benefit our St. John Sharing Fund, Newburgh Food Pantry and the poor of our community.*

Confession: Saturdays 4-4:30 p.m. or by appointment; Fridays of Lent: 6-6:45 p.m.

Preparing for Holy Week: April 10: 7 p.m., Church (*Prayer service presented by John Angotti*)

Chrism Mass—April 15, 2014: 5:30 p.m., St. Benedict Cathedral (*The entire diocesan community joins the Bishop, who blesses Holy Oils for the coming year: the oil of catechumens, the oil of the sick, and the oil of chrism*)

