



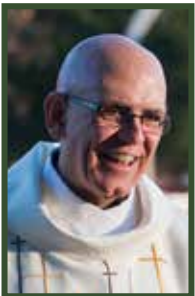
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A NEWSLETTER OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC CHURCH

## ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST CATHOLIC COMMUNITY HAS NO VOLUNTEERS!



Father Tom

American Heritage Dictionary defines a volunteer as “one who performs a service of one’s free will”. I don’t think that anyone would deny that the local communities - Warrick/Vanderburgh - and our country depend on volunteers, for their time, energy and resources to accomplish projects, and that

volunteerism strengthens the fabric of our society and accomplishes things few communities or organizations could afford!

What if StJB volunteers decided to boycott our weekend liturgies? No choir, altar servers, sacristans, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, greeters, ushers, deacons, gift bearers, catechists for children’s liturgy of the word, child care? Who would clean all our altar clothes/linens? What if our Mother Teresa Treasure’s volunteers decided to boycott for one week? What if our Summerfest volunteers took vacations? What if our parish gardeners decided not to care for our gardens? What if our bereavement dinner teams decided not to show up for the meal? If we look upon people who give their time, talent, and energy to StJB as volunteers, as worthy as this may sound, are we reducing the church to an institution,

a business? And the value of their gifts to how much money we save? Are volunteers commodities - that are useful and save our parish money? I don’t believe ‘volunteer’ describes the richness, the depth and root of those who give of their time, energy, talent and resources to StJB. We are part of a community, we are in communion with one another (1 Cor 12:12-27) we are conspirators (root word: to breathe together)! We are not volunteers but disciples (conspirators) who breathe together the words and spirit of Jesus. Each of us has an important role and function within the life of the community of StJB!

One of our many ministries/missions is Mother Teresa Treasures! We have 104 disciples who give of their time and talent to work at MTT! Mother Teresa Treasures offers a variety of household items for families including shoes, clothes, books and toys. If you are thinking about being a disciple at MTT please call the parish office and ask for Paul, Jay or Fr Tom at 490-1000. I am deeply grateful for our disciples who give of their time at Mother Teresa Treasures! And for our disciples who minister each weekend at our liturgies! And for our disciples who foster our StJB mission to “be heart of Jesus by sharing His mercy and love~be the hands of Jesus by serving one another~be the feet of Jesus by walking in others’ shoes”!

Conspirators, together we breathe the breath of Jesus, inflamed with the fire of the Holy Spirit - as we move from ashes to embers! Come Holy Spirit



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## ENHANCEMENTS MADE TO CHURCH ENVIRONMENT

Many parishioners began noticing some subtle and not-so-subtle changes to the church environment beginning this past Fall. It started with a statue of St. Francis of Assisi placed outside the church entrance and surrounded by flowers and bird seed (signifying his connection to animals) near his October Feast Day. Then a statue of Mary draped with cloth and flowers appeared for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (December 8). Advent ushered in a number of changes including different banners, cloths and candles and - at Christmastime – our church decorations were enhanced even more with new touches such as the baptismal font “Advent wreath.”



*Karen Hanley (left) and Karla Dehner with bolts of cloth to decorate the church.*

These changes are the mastermind of St. John the Baptist Environmental Committee members Karla Dehner and Karen Hanley. Karen said she and Karla are able to enhance the church environment by planning for upcoming Feast Days and

liturgical celebrations. They work ahead to plan a design for the church, Narthex and surroundings, and are able to put these changes in place through teamwork and the help of volunteers who hang and help carry and move items. Karla and Karen work with a tight budget, which is supplemented by fundraisers such as the Easter Flower Memorial. This Memorial brought in \$3,400 this year,

which was used for flowers, fabric and more.

“Parishioners were very generous this year and we were able to do a lot with the money raised and decorate the church beautifully,” Karen said.



*Easter cross display in the Narthex*

One of the more stunning features this Lent was the cross display in the Narthex. A plain wooden cross was surrounded by stones and draped in a purple cloth during Advent. The display was transformed for Easter – complete with a white draped cloth and an abundance of flowers and live plants.

In addition to purchasing some new items (many of which we can re-use), Karla and Karen familiarized themselves with every nook and cranny in the various closets and storage rooms throughout our facility. Many of these items, purchased years ago, are in great condition and can be used at some point during the year. For the Feast of the Divine Mercy, the two located a Divine Mercy picture in storage and made it part of the Narthex display. They also have plans in place for “Ordinary Time,” which they promise will not be ordinary.



*The baptismal font at Easter*

“Our vision is for people to walk in to the church and be excited about what is coming next, whether it be a Feast Day, Lent, Advent or another celebration,” Karen said. “Our environment should reflect what is happening in the church.”

## DELVING DEEPER AND NURTURING SEEDS TO MEET ACADEMIC NEEDS



*Kindergarten students Sam Hardesty, Lily Eyer and Thomas Pope*

St. John the Baptist School has been blessed with a phenomenal opportunity that is profoundly changing the way its students' individual academic needs are successfully fulfilled. In 2013, an anonymous funding source made a generous contribution enabling SJB to enhance and greatly expand its

resource programs tailored to meet the needs of high ability students and students benefitting from special education. Made possible wholly by this charitable donation are two programs that are transforming academics at SJB for current students and future generations alike—the DEEP (Diocese of Evansville Enrichment Program) and SEEDS (Special Education for Evansville Diocesan Students) programs.

The overwhelming success of these programs lies in the concept of “differentiated education,” or identifying each student’s unique learning style and placing them into an academic environment where they’ll develop and thrive. All students, even those not directly served, benefit from the SEEDS and DEEP programs. The outside support from the specialized teachers allows more time for the classroom teacher to focus on the other learners. Anytime a school is better equipped to meet the students’ individual learning necessities, it is a huge blessing to our families, school and parish. The DEEP program serves high ability (gifted and talented) learners who show cognitive characteristics such as less need for repetition, heightened ability to problem solve, in-depth interests, curiosity, and high capacity memory. SJB students are periodically and systematically evaluated to determine if they need high ability services in language arts or math. Classroom curriculum and instruction is then adjusted to include two main components of high ability education—enrichment (delving deeper into content) and acceleration (moving at a quicker, yet fitting, pace).

“Although the DEEP program began at SJB without any prior knowledge of the needs of the school, this could not be a better environment to build a high ability program,” says Mrs. Maria Janney, SJB’s DEEP teacher licensed in preschool through twelfth grade high ability education. “First, we have a tremendous number of students who qualify for these

services even with the uppermost standard of identification measures. Secondly, we have a forward-thinking principal who is enthusiastic about building this program and really meeting the student needs that we have uncovered. Finally, this is an open-minded and energetic staff of teachers who have embraced the idea of high ability education and continue to enhance their methods. “High ability education is not elitism or favoritism,” explains Mrs. Janney. “In reality, it is a necessary form of special education. It is about taking those students who do not fit the typical classroom profile and providing them with fitting instruction and curriculum. By doing so, we maximize their chances to reach their full academic potential which is our goal for every child at our school.” Studies have shown that high ability students, if not challenged and academically stimulated, are at risk of disengagement, under-achievement, identity issues, loneliness, poor study skills, and poor work ethic. This is a risk that SJB is simply not willing to take.

The number of students benefitting from DEEP has grown steadily since its inception in 2013. SJB is proud and pleased to add another high ability math teacher to its faculty beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. This will help meet the needs of DEEP math students, some of whom are currently taking math a year above grade level. It opens up new possibilities for collaboration and advanced courses. “I’m passionate about high ability education because I believe that every child has the right to be appropriately challenged and fully engaged in his or her learning,” Mrs. Janney concludes.

The goal of the SEEDS program is to assist students in finding as much success as possible in the general classroom with the support of the special education team. Classroom teachers have welcomed the added resource of SEEDS, which provides extra support to students identified with a disability as well as others experiencing difficulty academically or socially. As students struggle with various concepts in the classroom, teachers have the ability to collaborate with the SEEDS teachers to find an appropriate plan to meet their needs. The SEEDS team is able to form and meet with small groups of students who are similarly challenged or, when necessary, provide more individualized services.



*Teacher Maria Janney works with 5th grade student Bridget Janney on the iPad.*

sensory reading approach reaching students reading at two grade levels below their peers.”

“Our special education program now has two full-time certified teachers as well as a full-time teaching assistant in the resource room. This has allowed the SEEDS staff the opportunity to research and implement multi-sensory strategies in the resource room as well as incorporate these strategies in the general grade level classrooms,” says Mrs. Christan Shockley, licensed special education teacher. “More specifically, we have begun using the Wilson Reading System, which is a multi-





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## Baptisms

Jax Joseph Blankenship	Son of Daniel & Meredith Blankership	Dec. 6
Blake Michael Schnur	Son of Nathan & Katlynn Schnur	Dec. 7
Lyla Ann Dahmer	Daughter of Joshua & Kristin Dahmer	Dec. 13
Aiden Wyatt McBride	Son of Bryan & Aimee McBride	Dec. 20
Sophia Jenkins	Daughter of Brian & Kari Jenkins	Dec. 21
Olivia Jenkins	Daughter of Brian & Kari Jenkins	Dec. 21
Dustin Jenkins	Daughter of Brian & Kari Jenkins	Dec. 21
Camdyn Michael Snyder	Son of Andrew & Savannah Snyder	Dec. 27
Auston Michael Brandenstein	Son of Cody & Mary Ann Brandenstein	Dec. 28
Brynn Elise Keller	Daughter of Russell & Julie Keller	Dec. 28
Jaxon Oliver Pina	Son of Alex & Kate Pina	Dec. 28
Estelle Louise Flamion	Daughter of Ryan & Sarah Flamion	Dec. 28
Molly Katheryn Obenchain	Daughter of Stephen & Erin Obenchain	Jan. 17
Leza Mae Niehaus	Daughter of Michael & Ashley Lee Niehaus	Jan. 23
Mia Grace Mosby	Daughter of Michael & Nikki Mosby	Feb. 1
Ayden Schyler Appell	Son of Tiffney Appell	Feb. 7
Case Aaron Wildeman	Son of Kurt and Erin Wildeman	Feb. 22
Stella Sue Wildeman	Daughter of Kelly Lynn Wildeman	Feb. 22
Madalynn Joe Stanley	Daughter of Seth and Amber Stanley	Feb. 28
Haydon Neal Stanley	Son of Seth and Amber Stanley	Feb. 28
Scarlette Rose Grief	Daughter of John and Samantha Grief	March 1
Aidan John O'Daniel	Son of Flynn and Melanie O'Daniel	March 15
Cooper Lee West	Son of Joshua and Ashley West	March 15
Javon Eugene Stern	Son of Lukas and Victoria Stern	March 15
Mary Kate Hartings	Daughter of Ross and Andrea Hartings	April 5
Rex Sherman Bennett	Son of William and Lindsey Bennett	April 12
Iban Gabriel Thomason	Son of John and Marjory Thomason	April 12
Brycen Gregory Folz	Son of Gregory and Erin Folz	April 19
Sadie May McDaniel	Daughter of Jacob and Kristy McDaniel	April 26

## Welcome New Families

Connie Brassard • Arrick, Molly, Oliver and Graham Briles • Chad, Tara, Benjamin, Isabella and Elizabeth Briley  
 Bryce Bullock • Bill and Phyllis Bussing • Michelle and Caleb Childers • Fr. Gabriel, Emanuela and Vlad-Timotei  
 Didita • Kiran, Aloma, Jakob and Serah D'Silva • Brenda Driggs • Nick, Keri, Aiden, Adelyn and Graham Folz  
 Greg, Erin, Emery and Brycen Folz • Jim and Sue Freson • Virginia Friedrichsen • Adam, Shauna and Annabelle  
 Funderburk • Andy, Carrie, Mason and Madison Gist • Adam and Laura Greemore • Sara Hedinger • Joshua,  
 Sherry, Evan, Owen and Taylor Heldt • Joshua and Nicholas Hillenbrand • Kyle Kulzmanski and Erin Hollinden  
 Anthony and Jennifer Huffman • Bryan, Aimee and Aiden McBride • Nicholas, Rebecca, Cash, Brodie and Ella  
 McCaffery • Jason, Lenaig, Emily and Sophie Naef • Matthias, Jennifer, Madeleine, Jack, Elizabeth, Natalie, Sarah  
 Onderak • Matthew, Tara, Emily and John Poteraj • David, Amy, Jake, Mary and Abby Price • Adam, Molly, Gwen  
 and Leo Ralph • Kimberly Shimer • Lukas, Victoria and Jaxon Stern • Clint, Courtney, Blake and Brooklyn  
 TenBarge • Justin, Jamie, Charles and Graham Wayne • Joseph, Andrea, Addison and Owen White • Jesse and  
 Mary Williams • Eric, Jennifer, Kayle, and Layla Wyant

# JOIN US AT THE SUMMERFEST JUNE 18-20!

Prepare to have a great time at the St. John Newburgh Summerfest June 18-20, featuring many exciting games and activities. Summerfest hours are 5-10 p.m. Thursday and 5-11 p.m. Friday and Saturday. As in the past, we will have rides, games, food and raffles. We will also again feature the Beer Garden, live bands, and more. Here is a preview of what to expect:



**Rides-** There will be carnival rides for kids and teens provided by a new vendor, Wabash Valley. Advance ride tickets are available in the parish office for \$1.25 a piece. They will cost \$2 at the social. Watch the bulletin for more news. **Games-** This year, we will have Ping Pong Toss, Doll Spin, Plinko/Mini Golf, Darts, Royal Flush, Kiddie Games, Face Painting and Ducky Downs, as well as additional games in the Beer Garden area. Game tickets will be sold at the raffle booth for \$1 a piece or 15 tickets for \$10. These tickets are good for all three nights. **Entertainment-** There will be family entertainment Thursday night, and live bands on Friday/Saturday. "Birdland" (70s, 80s) will play Friday from 7-10

p.m. and John Angotti will play Saturday from 7-10 p.m. There will also be a Beer Garden open Friday and Saturday from 5:30-11 p.m. Plan on a lot of fun games and activities in the Beer Garden area! **Food-** There will be nightly dinners from 4:30-7:30 p.m. in the air-conditioned Center, featuring smoked pork chop dinner Thursday and fried chicken and dumplings dinner Friday/Saturday. The dinners with sides, cake and drink will be \$9 for adults & \$4 for children. In addition, on the Summerfest grounds we will have: Food Booth—Burgers, Fish, Grilled Chicken Breast, Brats, Fries, Onion Rings, Fried Chicken Livers/Gizzards; Snack Booth—Nachos, Pretzels, Cotton Candy, Funnel Cakes; Ice Cream Booth—Sundaes, Floats, Ice Cream (and Frozen Slushies in the Pepsi Booth).

**Raffle & Baskets-** We will have a cash raffle, featuring a \$2,500 Grand Prize! 2nd prize is \$1,500; 3rd is \$1,000; and 4th and 5th is \$500. There will also be additional prizes valued at over \$4,000. Watch the bulletin for more information on this! In addition, there will be a basket booth featuring many themed baskets. Buy a ticket for a chance at winning one of these wonderful baskets! How can you help? By volunteering to work, donating items (2 liters, stuffed animals, candy, household treasures and knick knacks, themed baskets or basket items), and attending the Summerfest! For information, to volunteer, or to purchase raffle tickets call 490-1000.



## Around The Parish...

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION UNDERWAY

Registration is now underway for this year's Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held June 22-26 from 8:15-11:45 a.m. in the School. The theme is "Mt. Everest" and there will be plenty of formation and fun for children ages. Details are included on the registration form.

Many volunteers are needed as well! For more information or questions, contact Jay at 490-1000 or [jwvanhoosier@evdio.org](mailto:jwvanhoosier@evdio.org).





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## AROUND THE PARISH

### PASTORAL COUNSELING & SPIRITUAL DIRECTION OFFERED

Fr. Henry Kuykendall has joined the staff at St. John the Baptist part time to help celebrate Masses on weekends and provide pastoral counseling services. Fr. Henry has a masters in counseling psychology from Fordham University, a masters in philosophy and theology, and has provided personal, group, marriage counseling and spiritual direction for over 40 years.

He has been a priest in the Evansville Diocese for 29 years. Fr. Henry will be available on Tuesdays from 1-7 p.m. and Thursdays from 1 -5 p.m. Please call Linda or Margaret at 812-490-1000 to schedule an appointment. Pastoral counseling and spiritual direction offers an opportunity to discuss issues of importance for one's spiritual life.

### SCHOOL ANNOUNCES 1:1 TECHNOLOGY PROGRAM

The SJB School Board, along with the Technology Committee, has dedicated much time and effort over the last three years preparing for and developing a 1:1 technology program for our school. This plan has come to fruition because of a very generous gift made

by an anonymous donor that has covered the initial start-up expenses to allow us to move forward without adding additional costs to our school families. We are happy to announce that next year we will begin our 1:1 technology program at SJB by providing an iPad



*SJB students jump up and cheer as it is announced that they will all receive iPads next year as part of the 1:1 Technology program.*

device for every student in sixth through eighth grade that he or she will be able to utilize throughout the school day and take home with them each day! We intend to capitalize on digital opportunities while still providing the face-to-face relational support between students, teachers, and parents.

In conjunction with the 1:1 program for our middle school students, we will be adding an additional 80 new devices to our K-5 program. Technology will no longer be a tool added to our curriculum at SJB, but a core piece of the academic foundation to support our students' engagement and learning.

The faculty and staff look forward to the opportunity to make innovative strides into the "deep water" of education and take our curriculum to the next level!



*Maren Logan gives a "thumbs up" for her new iPad*

# FIRST COMMUNION/CONFIRMATION CELEBRATED

Congratulation to all who celebrated their First Eucharist on April 25/26. May they continue to experience the real presence of Jesus in their lives!

Noah Adamson	Rachel Amaya	Andrew Barfield	Kaleb Beatty
Warrick Bingham	Nicholas Boes	Bo Bonnell	Tristan Briones
Cole Browning	Bryant Carr	Anna Castilla	Cooper Cockrum
William Coleman	Carson Cook	Marilyn Cox	Riley Davis
Luke DeLancey	Tempestt Delano	Brayden Dill	Jacob Eble
Lukas Ellison	Quinn Falconer	Adam Feller	Megan Ficklin
Matthew Fisher	Noah Floyd	Mollee Gerth	Alyvia Gibbs
Julia Gonzalez	Vivienne Greenlee	Cooper Hamby	Elijah Hardesty
Christopher Hocking	Jaclyn Hohne	Shea Hohne	Zachary Hughes
Margaret Janney	Kari Johnson	Megan Keller	Samuel Kieffner
Elle King	Kierstyn Lake	Jillian List	Katherine Long
Luke Lutz	Allison Melms	Sarah Milewicz	Amanda Moats
Alexander Niehaus	Makenzie Orange	Abby Price	Lily Regan
Ruie Robinson	Christopher Rudolph	Jacob Scheessele	McKenzie Stephens
Olivia Stephens	Lilah Strauser	Nickolas Terry	Isaac Tieman
Matthew Titzer	Elijah Tretter	Mikael Tuano	Mikayla Tuano
Mia Wagner	Emma Watson	Zachary Weber	Lyla Wischer

Congratulations also to those who celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation on May 16.

Ballard, Haley	Coudret, Freddie	Dunlap, Kylie	Durcholz, Nolan
Eckman, Samantha	Eckman, Lindsey	Finn, Molly	Fonseca, Austin
Francis, Michael	Grady, Lauren	Griffin, Ryan	Harpenau, Kiley
Hayden, Joseph	Hayhurst, Neal	Holmes, Maria	Howard, Bailey
Jillson, Molly	Johnson, Nicholas	Kalna, Madelyn	Keown, Haley
Kolleck, Kelly	Kozlecar, Connor	Long, Allison	Masnado-Smith, Cayman
May, Ryan	McNutt, Clayton	Mesker, Alex	Mijares, Jed
Nance, Connor	Niehaus, Craig	Norman, Brennan	Parker, Emma
Phelps, Ryan	Porter, Jessica	Raibley, Lucas	Regan, Emma
Reitz, Sarah	Reyes, Nathan	Rice, Hunter	Rohrscheib, Zachary
Rose, Jaden	Rudisill, Jarod	Schulte, Matthew	Simmons, Marissa
Theiring, Noah	Thompson, David	Titzer, Will	Ulrich, Benjamin
Vessels, Zachary	York, Alex		







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# SUMMERFEST

# June 18, 19, 20

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