

## Parish Children Receive Sacraments

by Lucille Guzzone

This year seventy-seven parish children received a sacrament for the first time. Last February thirty-four middle schoolers experienced the Gifts of the Holy Spirit through the reception of Confirmation conferred on them by Bishop Estevez. Early this spring forty-three seven- and eight-year-olds confessed their sins in the confessional for the first time. This was followed by six weeks of study and preparation for the celebration of the sacrament of First Holy Eucharist which was held in May.

Each group consisted of students from Christ the King School and the Religious Education for Children program. It was an approximately equal number from each of the two large classes. Both sections of children participated in shared activities such as various projects, lessons, and retreats.

In the fall, the Confirmandi marched in the Rosary Procession. They were given the honor of carrying the statue and portrait of Our Lady through the streets and into the church. The little children then marched in the May procession carrying the large Rosary Beads and having a place of honor close to the statue in the procession line.



The reception of the sacraments is not a mere one-year process. It takes many months, and in some cases, years to prepare these children for such an exciting and spiritual time in their young lives. With the cooperation and example of parents, teachers, clergy and church community, as a whole, these youngsters are on their way to an understanding and love for Our Lord and His Church through the gifts which come with the graces and blessings of the sacraments.



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# Father Boddie's Message

## Christ the King Pastoral Plan

Bishop Estevez has completed a five-year plan for the Diocese of Saint Augustine for the current and future needs of the diocese. Now our bishop is requiring each parish in the diocese to submit to the diocese its own individual Pastoral Plan by November. This parish Pastoral Plan will look at Christ the King parish as it is now and how we want it to be five years from now.

The Pastoral Plan will cover all areas of parish life and will ask you, the parishioners, to look closely at the parish and to work together to vision for the future needs of Christ the King. Therefore, during the last several months, we have been conducting a parish survey gathering input from parishioners on parish life and asking families and individuals of the parish to renew their registration with the parish. This survey will help to define the base for our efforts. Over the years the needs at Christ the King have changed and new ones have emerged. To better respond to these challenges a new Pastoral Plan is needed. We have recognized the rich Catholic traditions of Christ the King and studied how the founding families addressed and met their needs.

We are truly blessed with Christ the King Child Care Center, Christ the King Parish School and its after-school program, and the many ministries and organizations active within the parish community. Our committed and active youth constitute the base for the future development of our parish, as well as forming leadership for our Church and our nation. The parish Pastoral Plan will be a living and active document to assist and challenge us to minister to the needs of the parish. We will consistently review the plan to track our progress and make needed adjustments.

The next step in the development of the Parish Pastoral Plan will be meeting in focus groups. The responsibility of the focus groups will be to review input from the parishioners, to establish the objectives and goals and a time line to achieve those objectives and goals over the next five years. The Christ the King Parish Pastoral Plan will cover all areas of parish life and involves all members of the parish from the very young to teenagers and young adults, high school and college students, families, seniors, the homebound as well as founding members of the parish. I am

inviting everyone in the parish to be involved.

In addition, as you know, Bishop Estevez has called us all to a New Evangelization. This will involve reaching out to Catholics who have been away from the Catholic Community and to bring them back. Christ the King Parish has been selected, along with seven other parishes in the diocese to begin a 12-month training and formation model for this New Evangelization.

I, as your pastor, call on all parishioners to be involved in the formation and execution of the new Parish Pastoral Plan as well as with the New Evangelization plan. I will in upcoming months, invite members of the parish to form the team for the New Evangelization—for training and formation to prepare to reach out to inactive Catholics in our faith community and the larger community surrounding Christ the King.

Now is the time for all of us at Christ the King to put into action the Disciples' Prayer that we pray every Mass.



Rev. James R. Boddie, Jr., Pastor

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As the official publication of our parish family, *Christ the King Courier* sees the reading from St. Paul's Letter to the Colossians as exemplifying the content and character of this publication.

*"As the chosen of God, then, the holy people whom He loves, you are to be clothed in heartfelt compassion, in generosity and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other if one of you has a complaint against another. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, put on love, the perfect bond. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together in one body." Colossians 3:12-15.*

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# Meet Father David

by Yolanda Cerqueira

Christ the King has been blessed with two new priests this year, one being our new pastor, Father James Boddie, and then in very late March we had the arrival of our new parochial vicar, Father Mangalam David. He wishes to be called Father David.

Father David is from a place called Vettavalam which is in southern India. He was raised there with his two brothers and three sisters, all of whom still live in India. Father comes from a family that takes their faith very seriously and is still very involved in the church. He is very proud of his mother, Sagaya Mary, who is committed to their parish. At the present time she is the ministry head of the Legion of Mary, member of the Parish Council and sings in the choir, besides taking care of her family. Father said that his father also is a regular churchgoer. It might interest you to know that only three percent of the people are Christians in India out of a total population of 1.27 billion people. Father stated that his family have been Catholics for several generations and they are all strong in the faith.

Father avowed that by the age of twelve or thirteen he had only one intention in mind and that was to be a priest. His grandfather was a great influence on him in that he was very spiritual and took him to church every day. Father became an altar server around the age of ten or eleven and as he grew older he did the first and second readings at many of the Masses. In India there is a catechetical exam system that all students in Catholic schools in the diocese are tested in every year and Father always came in first all the way through college! He did his primary schooling in Vettavalam and received his secondary education at St. Joseph School in Pathiavaram, India, which was also like a minor seminary. He was thirteen years old when he was accepted into it.

Father earned his Master’s Degree and Doctorate in Moral Theology from the academy of Alfonsiana in Rome. He was ordained a priest by his bishop on May 26, 1999, in the diocese of Vellore in India.

Father obviously must have made a great impression on the bishop in his diocese, as his first job as a priest was to be his secretary. He did this work from the time of his ordination until June of 2001. At that time he was called back to the major seminary to be a professor of Moral Theology and in charge of formation for the seminarians. It might interest you to know that all the classes were taught in English. There are so many different languages spoken there; it was decided that English would be the common denominator. Besides English, Father David is also fluent in Italian as he spent five years in Rome while getting his Masters and Ph.D. While there he had the experience of saying Mass in many of the parishes and would give the homily naturally in Italian. He also spent one of those five years as a parochial vicar, so we have the privilege of having an intelligent, multi-lingual, and caring priest.

Father is very pleasant to be around as he has an easy manner. While interviewing Father David, one of his former seminarians, a Father Kiran, was visiting with him. Father Kiran thinks a great deal of his former teacher saying that not only was he a “great professor” but “he also was like a brother to us.” Father Kiran is the pastor of St. Agnes Parish in Elton, Florida, and Father David jokingly remarked, “Do you see that my former student is now over me as I am only a parochial vicar?” There was a lot of kidding going back and forth.

Father is not only a very learned priest but he is also quite proficient in the kitchen; he really enjoys cooking. Wouldn’t it be great to work in the rectory while the aroma of Indian spices and curry dishes wafted down the hall as you typed away!

Another interest of Father David is reading and especially books on moral theology. Of course, we are the beneficiaries of his special interest in that his love of theology is put into preaching and teaching the Good News.

In regard to how the people of India are different from the people here he thought for a moment and then said that the cultures may be different but people are the same in their hearts.

My final question to Father was to ask him what area of the priesthood is the most satisfying for him. Without hesitation, Father responded that he had spent 14 years preparing seminarians for the priesthood and believes that he helped prime at least 500 of them for priesthood. He hopes that he will someday be able to do that again. In the meantime his bishop has other plans for him and one of them is to obtain more experience as a priest in a diocese serving the people of the parish. Father’s wish is to do the will of God here at Christ the King. Without a doubt we know, Father David, you will serve us well. Welcome, we are so fortunate to have you in our midst.



## Editor’s Corner

by Carol-Ann Black

Summer is officially in session. Our young parishioners have received their First Communion and Confirmation. The joy of the Resurrection has been celebrated.

And new Catholics have been received into the Church through the RCIA program. Next on the calendar are Memorial Day and Vacation Bible School. All of these activities are reported or discussed or advertised in this issue.

Personal experiences make up some of the most interesting reading in our paper, I think. And several of our parishioners have been generous enough to share with us. In two separate articles, “Seeing St. Anne’s” and “A Renewal of Faith,” Barbara Hanuscin and Denise Stiles Yount described their travels together to the island of Dominica to check out the changes wrought in a parish Barbara knew from a previous trip. In “The Saint and I” Paula Dinh tells us of her meeting a real live saint. Finally, in our Memorial Day article, Paul Ghiotto goes back to his family history and relates some of their WWI experiences in battle and at home. Had you considered the fact that 2014 marks the 100th anniversary of the beginning of this Great War?


I referred to our writers as sharing their experiences. The article “Holy Cross and L’Arche Harbor House” is an example of sharing at two distinct levels. The six students from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, shared their precious spring break with the residents of Harbor House and then willingly shared with the Courier a narrative of their activities during that week. They don’t come any nicer or more generous than these six young people.

My shared adventure of this issue seems really mundane when compared with Caribbean islands and trips to Rome. However, do consider a trip to Orlando to visit the Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe. (Really? A Superhero? Are you kidding? — my initial reaction to this title.) Consider — who, besides Jesus, is more of a Superhero than His Blessed Mother? Just over two hours away. No baggage fees. No TSA. No flight connections to make.

Finally, be sure to read about our new pastor and our new parochial assistant in the articles “Getting to Know Father Boddie” and “Meet Father David.” Christ the King is truly blessed to welcome into our midst two such interesting, accomplished and caring priests.

As always, I want you to know that Christ the King Courier welcomes the input of our readers. A quick email to [ckcourier@gmail.com](mailto:ckcourier@gmail.com) will put you in contact. Enjoy!!!





Be ready for the new Parish Directory. The Shirley David Hall will be our studio. Individual and group picture appointments will be available on the following dates:

October 7-11  
October 14 – 18  
October 21 – 26

Details on setting your appointment will be in the next issue of *Courier* and in the bulletin as we get closer to October. But plan now so that you have pictures at the ready for family and friends and your holiday greetings.

### Courier Guidelines Notice

Readers, you may notice in this and other issues of the Courier certain inconsistencies in rules for capitalization regarding God, the Bible, gospel quotes. The reason for this is that, when we use direct quotes from other sources, we cannot make any changes. Therefore, if His, He, Him referring to Jesus, God, or the Holy Spirit are not capitalized in the original, we do not “correct” them.



# RCIA Class Of 2014 Comments

submitted by Darlene O’Neal

*Each year members of the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) class are asked to submit a few words about their experiences while on their faith journey leading up to the Easter Vigil. The following remarks were submitted for sharing with our fellow parishioners. May God continue to bless Christ the King’s newest members.*

**Dana and Chris Martin**



The RCIA group has been an amazing experience for me. I didn’t know what to expect when we began but I quickly realized this was the perfect place for us. Not only has this time strengthened my relationship with God, but also with my husband as well. We are truly grateful to have been a part of this class. Although I feel like I learned a lot, I know I will be learning about God for many years to come and there is no better place to do that than Christ the King. We are very blessed to have been involved in RCIA.

**Kimberly Goldsmith**



I started the RCIA program in December of 2012, not as a class member but just out of curiosity. My friend and co-worker Tammy Foxworth completed the program three years earlier along with her husband, Gary. I first-hand witnessed the change it brought to their lives. I wanted that missing piece in my life. After that first session I knew without a doubt I would return. I have made friendships in the RCIA class that will last a lifetime. I have grown not only in my religion but as a person. I will always cherish the RCIA program. I know as it comes to an end it’s a beginning of a whole new chapter in my life. I’m so excited to be baptized Catholic and become a member of Christ the King. And now my journey begins.

**Gloria Pierce**

I became interested in becoming Catholic when my son joined Christ the King last year. I had no idea what is involved to become a Catholic, and made the decision on the last day to sign up for RCIA classes and didn’t want to wait another year for enrollment. The RCIA class has given me a better understanding of the Bible. I am truly blessed I have found a religion that I feel content with myself and feel closer to God then ever before. I have had no doubts through this whole journey in my choice. Joe Birch has done an excellent job in his teaching, and the members at Christ the King are very warm and welcoming. So with this, I’m being confirmed and so excited!!



**Arash Hague**



The RCIA class at Christ the King has been the most enlightening journey of my life. My morality, spirituality, and values have been tested against temptations, hardship, and disappointment, yet I felt God’s love and forgiveness more than ever because of the Christ the King community. I am so proud and happy to become a part of this wonderful community of God upon my confirmation.

**Mike Duncan**

My name is Mike Duncan. I have been a catechumen in the RCIA program since August. It has been a real life changing experience for me. I have learned that God loves me no matter what I have done as long as I come to Him. I thought I knew a lot about God’s word and the Bible, but there is so much more to know, I am very glad to have gone through the RCIA program. It has helped to open my eyes to God’s plan and to know the direction I should be taking in my life. The people have been so supporting and helpful and kind.



I would recommend that if you were thinking about looking at the Catholic faith, start the RCIA classes to just see if it is for you. I did! In the beginning I really started to see just what it was about, nothing more. I found it was where I needed to be. That something pulled me there for a reason. It has really opened my eyes to my God’s love and kindness towards mankind. I just want to thank all of the RCIA team for helping me through this learning and growing time in my life.

**Charles (Dan) Hingson**



RCIA has taught me that even in my darkest hour God is with me. God is here to comfort me through the rough times. I’m learning that God wants me to pray for His help and it’s ok to lean on Him. I have learned that I have many brothers and sisters in Christ and I look forward to meeting them. I would like to thank RCIA Director Joe Birch and my sponsor, Theo Naessens.

**Danai Nole** (photo unavailable)

I remember how nervous I was my first day. I made sure my outfit was perfect, went to Family Dollar and got a notebook so I could be prepared. As we arrived I was very overwhelmed. It was nerve wracking because I didn’t know if I was going to be judged. I had never been to a church class. When I walked in everyone was so open and accepting. I enjoyed introducing myself to the others, everyone was so sweet. I learned that church is more than a place you go to receive the love of the Lord, but it is a family, a true, honest and amazing family atmosphere. Time definitely passed by. I learned a lot and made amazing connections with people. I have shed a lot of tears, happy tears though. Just want to give a huge thank you to Joe Birch, Kimber Goldsmith, Dawn, Mary and most importantly Norma, my sponsor. You guys have been unbelievable to me and I can’t be anything but grateful. Thank you for making me a better person.

## RCIA Class Of 2014 Comments

### Sadaf Hague



My journey into Catholicism was a journey into mysticism. I initially wanted to become Catholic for a reason that was hidden to me. I embarked on this journey to find a place but what I found was completely beyond my imagination.

In this journey, I learned about forgiveness on a soul-level. I saw and felt God with every atom in my body. I even offered all of my sufferings to God to save another soul from the flames of fire. A soul that was trying to destroy me and God helped me to offer my own sufferings to save this soul that was trying to destroy me from the fires of hell. I did not succeed because this soul rejected God’s mercy and love but through the RCIA process, I learned the meaning of forgiveness. That’s when I learned the meaning of forgiveness in its true essence. That’s when I met my guardian angel and that’s when I realized why God is everything that I ever want to be with.

I know I have a new challenging journey ahead but I am on this journey to be with God forever and ever. I ask my guardian angel to guide me to meet my Father one day beyond the tribulations of this world.

### Dawn Wisner

When we first started our RCIA journey we were nothing more than a group of strangers with a common agenda, but as we traveled down that road together, special bonds were formed. In time we were more like a family than the group of strangers we once were. As we take time to reflect on these moments we are reminded why we are here, of the people who loved and supported us along the way, and the laughter we shared.

I know for me the 45 minute journey from my home in Georgia to Christ the King on Sundays and Wednesdays has always felt right. I have had amazing guides along the way. Times I will never forget, like Father Pawel’s Mass that caused the



hair on the back of my neck to stand up, or Father Thanh supporting me and praying for me to quit smoking, or Father Amar blessing a rosary in the hands of my granddaughter after Mass. These may sound like small things to some but I cherish them now that all three priests are gone.

I spent two years in the RCIA program and had Deacon James for some, George for some, Joe for some, and four priests as well, to teach me the things I needed to know. Each one of these men has their own way of getting the message across and we all love and appreciate them for the time they dedicated to educating us. They are a wonderful group of men.

This has been a long journey for me. Over the years I’ve been faced with many obstacles, but I never lost my faith. I never knew why I had to go through so many things, and sometimes found myself asking God what I did to deserve to hurt so badly but He always found a way to reassure me that for reasons I may never understand, I had to go through these things and my faith had to be tested over and over again to make me the person He wants me to be. For as much as I’ve been challenged I’ve also been blessed many times too.

Next year I look forward to assisting with the new RCIA group. May God bless you and keep you safe.

### Cecil Ross

Hello, my name is Cecil Ross. My experience with RCIA here at Christ the King was remarkable. I was a little hesitant and nervous when I first joined the class. I did not know what to expect at first. Joe Birch and everyone in the class welcomed me with open arms without any hesitation at all. What was special to me is the fact that everyone was learning new things about themselves and their relationship with Christ. This is not just a class, it is a family.

The priests were very helpful along the way, from Father Thanh and Father Amar, to our new awesome priest, Father Boddie and Father David. They each played a very important role in our spiritual journey into Catholicism. I would like to thank everyone involved in the RCIA program and the entire Christ the King community for the prayers and all of your support throughout this amazing journey.



## The Easter Vigil - RCIA Class of 2014

by Darlene O’Neal

The Easter Vigil began with the Service of Light as the RCIA class, their sponsors, and other parishioners gathered near the outdoor fire pit. This was the night that the neophytes had anticipated since the inquiry sessions began last August.

Because of the uncertain weather, there was a plan A and plan B. Thankfully, the rain held off for the lighting of the Paschal Candle. This Paschal Candle symbolizes the triumph of Jesus and the Light against death and darkness. Excitement began to mount as everyone processed into a darkened church lit only by candles held by other parishioners.

The Mass began with the Easter Proclamation, the Exultet. This ancient hymn of praise of the risen Christ has been part of the Roman tradition since the ninth century. From the Liturgy of the Word, we heard about the story of creation, reflecting on God’s interventions in time, and concluding with the resurrection of Christ. Some of the readings reflect on Baptism, the sacrament in which those who lived in darkness and death are buried, and are baptized in Christ, filled with the light and life.

The Easter Vigil, since ancient times, has been the time for adults to be baptized and enter into the Church. This year, children were also baptized at the Vigil. It was truly a joyous and happy night. As Father Boddie remarked later, there were giggles as well as tears; it was a great night!

The newly baptized are: Michael Duncan, Kimberly Goldsmith and her daughter Lilly, Dana Martin, Danai Nole, Myli Nguyen, Malick Toure, Khalil Toure, Ethan Sapp, Torin Sapp, Michelle Kargbo and her daughter Riley, Christine Hague, daughter of “Ari” and “Sadi” Hague, and Khoa Hoang. Dan Hingson received conditional Baptism prior to the Easter Vigil.

Dawn Wisner, Dan Hingson, Chris Martin, Jr., Gloria Pierce, Cecil Ross, Arash Hague, Sadaf Hague, and the newly baptized adults were confirmed and received the Body and Blood of Christ in the Eucharist.

The church was beautifully decorated and the choir was outstanding. This night will be remembered as a very special night for a lot of people, each for different reasons. This night was made special thanks to many individuals. A very special thank you is extended to Joe Birch, new this year as the RCIA Director. Joe went that extra mile many times whenever someone had doubts or questions.

Thank you to all the priests who shared their spirituality and time, Father Thanh, Father Pawel, Father Amar, Father Boddie, and Father David. Thanks to Deacon James, George Barletta and the RCIA team. And especially, thank you to all the sponsors, Staci, Tammy, Theo, Joan, Nigel, Mary, Tammy, Chris, Michelle, Mark, Norma, Pat, John, and Mary Jo, who faithfully gave of their time.

A reception was held immediately following the Mass in the parish hall. There was a beautiful cake with names of all the class on it and lots and lots of cookies. Although the time was late, it was a nice ending to a joyful night. Team members Norma, Louie, Darlene and Mary Jo met that morning to set up and decorate for the evening.



# Where Faith Abounds

by Yolanda Cerqueira

Wow! Did you ever attend an event that exceeded your expectations? Well, it happened recently while at the opening night of the Eucharistic Congress held at the end of March. A perfect 10 would not be too high a rating for inspiration and spirituality. Much of this can be attributed to the men and women from the Cenacolo Community in St. Augustine who acted out the Stations of the Cross in such a manner that one was drawn instantly into the passionate drama of the Crucifixion. There must have been at least 5,000 people in the auditorium singing, praying, responding deeply to each individual station. Multiple screens allowed us to follow as if one were personally walking along with Jesus. That night those Stations of the Cross brought us together as one community of faith. Words would not do justice to this extraordinary exercise of faith; however, the heart has its own language.

That was just the start of what was to come. The schedule had said the Stations would be followed by Mass and then Communal Prayers of Healing and Hope led by Sister Briege McKenna. This really excited me as I had heard about Sister Briege for many years. And then, surprise of surprises, who should appear on the stage altar before Mass but Sister Briege herself!

Sister Briege was a very young nun in Ireland when she was diagnosed with rheumatoid arthritis. By the age of 24 the doctors told her she would be in a wheelchair for life. But Sister Briege had a deep faith and she prayed for a healing. One day at daily Mass, when it came time for the Eucharist, she was miraculously healed. A few weeks later she received the gift of healing at which time God told her to use this gift to help others. Since then Sister has used her healing powers to bring many people to Jesus. She is the first to say that it is not she who does the healing but God himself. Sister truly believes with faith anything is possible. Sister does not always travel alone but with Father Kevin Scalon who preaches the Gospel message, celebrates Mass and presents the Monstrance to the faithful. He was the celebrant that evening for our Mass.

Sister reminded us of the story of the blind beggar, Bartimaeus from Jericho. He would sit by the side of the road and beg for alms. On this particular day a crowd had gathered as they heard that Jesus was going to pass their way. When Bartimaeus heard this he began shouting, "Son of David, Jesus, have pity on me." He kept calling out for Jesus, so the crowd told him to be quiet and close his mouth; however, Bartimaeus would not be discouraged. Jesus heard him and called him over. He asked him,

"What do you want me to do for you?" He answered, "Rabbuni, I want to see again." Jesus said to him, "Go, your faith has saved you."

Sister Briege said that there is never a wrong time to ask Jesus for anything. God can do miracles at any time. We must believe that there is no limit for those who have faith. Here is one of those faith stories.

This one takes place in the Philippines in a remote village high up in the mountains. The local priest had asked Sister Briege and Father Kevin to visit this isolated place as many of the villagers had turned to worshiping witches and going to fortune-tellers. This was a great concern to him. Once there, they found out that going by road would take them seventeen hours to reach the village. Fortunately, someone secured a military helicopter. Sister said the plane was so old it must have been from the Korean War; she prayed extra hard the whole time they were in the air.

The helicopter landed safely in the local school yard and most of the villagers were there to greet them as this was a special occasion. The local priest was planning to have a Mass in the church; the villagers would be expected to attend out of respect for the visitors. At the end of the Mass Father Kevin was holding up the Monstrance and walking through the church when one of the teachers from the local school came running in the church, carrying a child who had been critically injured in an accident. The teacher held the nearly lifeless child up to the Monstrance; the people in the church who up to this moment had been less than enthusiastic began praying aloud. All of a sudden the child sat up when he spied his grandmother. This gravely injured child jumped out of the teacher's arms and ran to her. His injuries were totally gone. The villagers had seen a miracle right before their eyes. The local priest had the faith that God could do the impossible; not only was the boy completely healed, but his straying flock returned to the faith.

One thought stands out in this little story and that is despite all the obstacles this priest faced he was not going to give up his hope of turning the hearts of the villagers back to the Lord. Amazing how God works in our lives; the visit of Sister Briege and Father Kevin, and a critically injured boy all went into creating this miracle of faith. It truly was a night when faith abounded.

"Healer of every ill -  
Light in a despairing world -  
Give us peace beyond our fear -  
and hope beyond our sorrow."

## Look ... Who was at the Eucharistic Congress?





# Cursillo Appearance at the Eucharistic Congress Success !!!



by Tony Marinucci

The appearance of the Cursillo information booth at the Eucharistic Congress on March 28-29 attracted many Catholics from the parishes within St. Augustine Diocese as well as visitors from other parts of the state that created an “aura” of Evangelization.

For those not familiar with the Cursillo movement, let us start from its beginning.

The Cursillo Movement is an apostolic movement of the Roman Catholic Church for both men and women. The Movement began in 1944 in Spain, for the purpose of developing a technique to train Christian Lay Leaders.

In 1957, the movement spread to the United States and the first Cursillo was inaugurated in Waco, Texas.

The movement arrived in the Diocese of St. Augustine in 1974. The first men’s Cursillo weekend was held in May of that year. The first women’s Cursillo weekend was held in November 1975. Since that time, its active presence is evidenced in more than 30 parishes within the Diocese.

As part of its apostolic movement, the mission of Cursillo is to create:

1. An opportunity to grow in faith and spirituality in order to deepen a person’s relationship with Christ.
2. A deeper understanding of the teaching of Jesus Christ and how we can best serve him.
3. An experience of living and sharing with others in a loving and caring Christian community environment which includes the home, work, neighborhood, city, state and country.

Cursillo is centered around and begins with its Three Day Weekend Retreat.

The Retreat consists of time spent away from one’s normal life for the purpose of: a) self examination, b) developing a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ, c) group and private prayer and d) private meditation in order to better understand that each one has been called to share God’s love with others.

The experience is designed to awaken the moral consciences of the participants beginning with an analysis of their own lives and causing them to desire an encounter with God.

The program begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday evening and is conducted by a team of religious and lay persons who present a series of topics including, but not limited to:

- ◆The role of the lay person within the Church.
- ◆Grace and the Sacraments and their meaning.
- ◆The value of prayer and the study of God’s word and teaching.
- ◆Develop leaders to bring Christ to others in the communities in which we live: (home, church, work, neighborhood, city, state and country).

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Retreat Schedule  
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# Queen of the Universe



by Carol-Ann Black

I visited the Orlando area this past weekend to celebrate the conversion to Catholicism of a childhood friend. It was truly a joyous celebration with many friends and relations. The added bonus to this driving adventure (oooh, such traffic and such drivers!) was a visit to the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Queen of the Universe.

This beautiful shrine was established with an eye to the increasing tourism of the Orlando area, and thus the need to minister to the millions of visiting Catholics. Hotel Masses were held all over the area, but could not keep up with the numbers of worshipers. On December 8, 1984, the feast of the Immaculate Conception, ground was broken for the first phase of construction. Various facilities were completed over time and in 1993 the main church was dedicated. The main church houses the Day Chapel, or Universe Chapel, which has a stained glass depiction of the midnight sky. It forms the wall behind the altar and is truly breathtaking. Next you pass into the Basilica Church, with its Magnificat Windows and Stations of the Cross. Behind the main altar is the Adoration Chapel.

Outside of the main church is the Evangelization Center which houses various facilities for visitors and the gift shop, which is the most complete religious gift store I have ever seen. There is an outdoor Mother and Child Chapel and a Rosary Garden. There is no describing all of it. Better would be to make your own visit, perhaps at Christmas time, when they take apart the Universe Chapel and install a nativity scene that sometimes includes live animals. You won’t regret the effort.

Visitor information: 8300 Vineland Avenue, Orlando, 32821.  
[www.maryqueenoftheuniverse.org](http://www.maryqueenoftheuniverse.org).

## The Knots of Prayer Author Unknown

Dear God:

Please unite the knots  
that are in my mind,  
my heart and my life.

Remove the nots,  
the can nots and the do nots  
that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots,  
may nots, might nots  
that may find  
a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots,  
would nots  
and should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all,  
Dear God,

I ask that you remove from my mind,  
my heart and my life all the 'am nots'  
that I have allowed to hold me back,  
especially the thought  
that I am not good enough.

Amen

# A COMMUNITY OF THE EUCHARIST

.....as two are gathered in his name, in the circle of the Light of Christ

by Dennis J. McLaughlin

Early church practice never had a liturgical form to shape large assemblies, only the small rooms of the “house church” in homes of the early Christians. They were never allowed to assemble in large spaces. When the Roman world accepted Christ as the Savior, church leaders accepted the architecture and formats of the pagan Roman customs to practice the new liturgies. Their Eucharistic assemblies were based on parallel lines of people facing forward, facing the Reredos wall (the stone or wood ornamental screen behind the altar) against which the altar resides, without having freedom to adjust the long narrow floor plans of the Roman Basilica. We have remained fixed to this pagan model 17 centuries since the Edict of Constantine accepted Christianity in 312. Time to change.

The traditional “plan parti” for a Christian church is the one-directional movement toward God; the secular toward the sacred. The believing assembly forms in rows of pews separated by a central aisle and flanked by side aisles. Probably this configuration was forced on the Roman Christians by the Roman Basilica buildings built by the Romans and was converted by Christians freed from oppression. Their journey was toward the celebration at the altar which was attached to the Reredos wall. A chapel or choir was located beyond the altar wall. Further development included plans that represented the body of Christ. The altar wall symbolized the head and flanking wings, the arms. As congregations grew, rows were added in back adding to the distance to the altar. It became obvious that to acknowledge the actions and facial expressions of the celebrant something needed to be done. The nave (central part of a church running lengthwise) became wider and two more aisles were



added. The new side rows were slightly turned to face the Table to reduce the shift in site line, creating the width of a circle whose center focus was the Table.

The new guidelines from Vatican II, brought the table out toward the assembly, and turned the celebrant around to face the congregation. This was a slight improvement. However, the structure of parallel seating groups (marching Christian soldiers) on axis with the table, then suggest the control of linear alignment, or military obedience, and the line of sight remains offset for all positions and fails to unify the community by centering their view to a common point at the table. A circular plan of the assembly directly related to the center at the table is the best unifier.

We are experiencing a renewal of a veneration of divine creation as the Cosmic Christ himself. Christian thought and spirituality has uncovered new acknowledgements of ways to express what Christ means to us—spiritual qualities which can depict new dimensions within creation itself, that define our worship of God and His son’s role on earth. We, human beings have become central in God’s plan for the future. It is time to change.

Science has taught us that all of God’s creation; all elements of the universe, are continuously being positioned into a circular relationship with each other and together form a circle. The act of gathering is a universal penchant or desire in all creation. A magnetic force compels an object into itself. Earth’s gravity allures its surface materials and its moon into a spherical shape. Planets in the universe are pulled and pushed by the pull of gravity created by the mass of larger bodies. The circle and sphere determine the radiant geometry of energy in space. God created it that way. The shape of natural expressions behave; sound radiates out from a single source in all directions. Light and heat radiates from a single source in all directions. Light illuminates all objects in its path through space then casts a shadow to a surface beyond, providing knowledge and

definition for the eye and depth and dimension to everything it lands on. It’s exciting to watch and contemplate these everyday events.

The path of the sun’s light through space becomes a significant symbol of its centrality in space, becoming a source of unity to all it lands upon. When the community gathers to celebrate the Eucharist, they gather in spirit focusing on the gift that has been prepared for them to share in the Body and Blood of Christ. The Light of Christ, His single point attraction at the table, invites the community to “gather in His Name” from all directions.

We are the People of God, having been drawn together around the altar, the center of our attention, as if to a larger community by the gravity of its magnetism, facing one another in circular array. It is in this joyful face-to-face relationship that we project the Light of Christ to each other....joined in community.

## THE ASSEMBLY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

Before a line by an architect is drawn to begin the design of the space where Christian worship will take place, seating for the assembly must be planned on the basis of preliminary discussions and approvals have been obtained from the parish planning body. This is the “mother of the worshipping plan”; the coming together of God’s people, from all directions. Determination of the relationship of the assembly to the Eucharistic table is the important first step in the planning of a church.

A building should never be built, merely for the purpose of providing space. Buildings should be built for human habitation, acknowledging their emotional as well as functional needs. Basically, it must be “user-friendly,” the user, being a creature of many powers of the heart and mind. Ignoring these needs is sinful...yes there are architectural sins!

A circle plan provides the community-building feature of face-to-face relationships of the members of the assembly; a common purpose of most congregations. Yet, in my many conversations with planning committees I have rendered this logic to them and it is resisted without exception. Unfortunately, an important encouragement toward a sense of community amongst the assembly is lost.

We need to awaken to radically natural and meaningful spatial arrangements to celebrate the liturgy of Christ’s life and death and the sacrament of their celebration.

### What Makes A DAD

God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,

The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagles flight,

The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,

Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad

Author Unknown



# St. Vincent de Paul Reports to You

by Yolanda Cerqueira

As soon as we stepped out of the car our client came running up to us and in an excited voice proclaimed, “God is good, praise God. He takes such good care of me.” This lovely chatter continued as we were bringing groceries for her and for her school-age niece. She had recently moved to a new apartment complex from one she described as small (it was), noisy (ditto), and people on drugs, (they were). “If you just have faith in the Lord, He will take care of you. Look how God is caring for me! You got to have faith and know that God wants the best for you!”

“Just look at my entertainment center and tell me that God ain’t good. I left my TV stand at my old place and when I got here someone gave me this one. Can you believe it? And then someone gave me another smaller one and now I have a place to put my dishes. You remember I had to keep them on the table before.”

**“If love of God is a fire, zeal is its flame; if love is a sun, zeal is its ray.”**

*St. Vincent de Paul*

The point is that as Vincentians we are to bring Jesus to the people we visit but many times it’s the people who bring Jesus to us. We here at St. Vincent de Paul are so blessed by the many opportunities to serve the needy in our midst; yet even though we are able to help with their physical needs, the spiritual part of our Society must take precedence over everything. Not all the clients we call on have Jesus in their lives. We are looking for people like you who are reading this article to come and help us.

But before you decide here is some more information. We are parishioners just like you and the people we visit in the Arlington area are also people like us who have the same feelings and desires that we have. They usually need help with their JEA bill, rent, or food. Some have recently lost their job and many, many have had their hours cut back, which

drastically cuts their income. A majority of the people are not Catholic; sometimes we run into lapsed Catholics and of course we invite them to attend Mass. We generally carry a bulletin with us so that the clients may learn a little more about our parish.

We recently had a Day of Reflection that brought together all the St. Vincent de Paul Conferences in the St. Augustine area. Bishop Estevez celebrated the Mass for us and as always gave us an encouraging message that sent us forth with renewed passion for the poor. It was like a re-fueling day where we were plugged into the spiritual aspects of our lives. This year it was held right here at Christ the King. One of the most precious things we did was the Stations of the Cross outside on a very chilly Saturday morning. The Stations were particularly geared to Vincentian spirituality where one really had to look at oneself and how we measured up as a Vincentian. For instance, as a Society we must have rules but there are times when the rule might not apply and we turn to the Holy Spirit for guidance. “Jesus wants us to weep—not for Him—but for Him in the suffering poor.” We as Vincentians work very hard not to judge but always to be prudent when dealing with the money and food you so generously give us. We are the arms and legs of Jesus and you help us exceedingly to do the things that help to alleviate some difficult problems.

So after reading this we hope some of you will be encouraged to come and find out more about us. We really need you as the poor are always with us and these days there seem to be more and more.

“Lord, give me the eyes of faith to see that You are always with me. I have nothing to fear, for You will never let go of me.”



## The Saint and I

by Paula Dinh

In the fall of 1988, I relocated from Saigon, Viet Nam, to Des Moines, Iowa, as an immigrant, through the Orderly Departure Program (ODP). Our family was back together after nine long years apart.



As I was learning English, practicing my listening, understanding, and speaking skills, CNN became my favorite TV station. Every chance I got to watch TV, CNN would be first. I would be watching, listening to whatever news program was on, to see what was going on in the world and to try and understand as much of the spoken English as possible.

That first Christmas in the United States, CNN was showing Christmas Mass at the Vatican, and there was the Pope—Pope John Paul II. I sat there, watched intently, as if I were there

attending the Mass. How I wished I would someday, somehow, meet Pope John Paul II, in person.

Since then, every Easter, every Christmas, or anytime I saw Pope John Paul II on the news, I would call to God with the same request every time “God, please give me a chance to meet the Pope.” I asked continuously, faithfully, expectantly.



Then, in the summer of 1996, my wish was granted. An audience, with Pope John Paul II, in person; I was so thrilled, so amazed, words cannot truly express how blessed I felt in that greatest moment.

And thank God for giving me even more than I deserved! I found myself in Pope John Paul II’s presence, not just once, but four

times! So much more than I could have ever imagined or asked for in this lifetime.

These moments, although short, carried with them the kind of inspiration that is everlasting and limitless. They have strengthened me in my faith, they have helped me to stay strong through all the challenges life brought before me.

This Pope is now Saint John Paul II. How is it possible that I once held the hand of this Saint?! It is only possible by the grace of God. I have learned that with God all things are possible. I believe that when we ask God, God listens, and our prayers are answered.

“Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9



## *Garden of the Paschal Mystery*



by Carol-Ann Black

In March of this year we passed the anniversary of the dedication of the Garden of the Paschal Mystery. On this Palm Sunday we were able to celebrate the blessing of the palms and the commemoration of Christ's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. The stunning bronze crucifix was the starting place for our procession. By Easter Sunday the debris of a cold and unkind winter season had been cleared away and new plantings were installed. Everything was made new and ready for the Resurrection.

A brief history of the garden and the crucifix is in order here. The original Crucifixion Fountain was installed in 1992 when Monsignor Danaher wanted a spiritual landmark on our parish campus. Sadly, the wooden crucifix succumbed to the elements and another was carved for us and installed. When this one also deteriorated, it became obvious that a new approach was necessary.

The dramatic 8-foot sculpture of Jesus Christ, when mounted on the cross, is a total of 18 feet tall. The sculpture is the work of Carl G. Fougousse. Professor Fougousse is the founder of Red Fern Stained Glass and Fine Arts Studio in Savannah. He is currently teaching at the Telfair Museum of Art and Armstrong Atlantic State University. His training and study of art history has largely led him to concentrate his work on religious subjects, with an eye towards inspiring devotion and meditation in viewers of his sculptural and stained glass presentations. Fougousse has strikingly presented Christ's deep, deep suffering in the final moments of His life.

The Garden of the Paschal Mystery was dedicated by Bishop Felipe Estevez on March 17, 2013, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass. The Garden is "dedicated to the Clergy, Religious, Staff, Students and the Parishioners of Christ the King – past, present, and future – and to all who will come to the feet of Jesus." And they have indeed come, especially after the crucifix was the cover picture of the March/April issue of the St. Augustine Catholic magazine.

Eventually, when we are able to proceed to the final phases of the Paschal Garden, the element of water, symbolic of our Baptism, will connect the Seven Sacraments which will be featured in the garden setting. The firepit is the point where we light our Paschal candle and begin our Easter procession.

Over the past nine years Christ the King has seen the major renovation of our church, creation of the Mortimer Danaher Celebration Garden, the building of our Five Star Child Care Center, creation of the statuary entrance to our campus and the building of the Vietnamese Cultural Center. The Garden of the Paschal Mystery is one more element in this multi-year period of renovation of our parish campus and facilities.

The photographs included in this article were done by parishioners Bill Coppedge and Kevin Wolfe.

# Emergency Pregnancy Services Status Report

by Frank Becht

Below is the First Quarterly Report for the months of January through March 2014.

- ♦Total Client Visits: 648
  - 354 in Riverside
  - 211 in Arlington
  - 83 in Orange Park
- ♦Total Pregnancy Tests: 401
- ♦Positive Tests: 290
- ♦Negative Tests: 111
- ♦Ultrasounds Performed: 38
- ♦Abortion Minded Clients: 29
- ♦Changed Minds/Lives Saved: 17
- ♦% of Changed Minds: 59%
- ♦Material Visits: 155



Charity feel that God has called them to fill a role somewhere else, where there is a greater need. The Daughters of Charity have been a part of EPS from the very beginning—almost 40 years—and they will be greatly missed. The EPS Board of Directors has been blessed to have Sister Cora Ann Signaigo as a board member and during her time with EPS she has brought invaluable insight to our organization. Although we will miss the physical presence of the Daughters of Charity, we are pleased to announce that Sister Cora Ann has agreed to remain a member of our Board after her departure from St. Vincent’s and will continue to provide loving guidance to EPS from wherever she may be assigned.

We will all be keeping the Daughters of Charity in our prayers as they continue to do God’s work and we know that they will continue to pray for us as we work to save the lives of the unborn.

We feel this is an example of a hardworking small group of seven women covering three areas of Jacksonville with great results.

EPS needs your support in volunteering your time in an office near you. In addition, they are in need of baby diapers, strollers, car seats (less than 5 years old), formula, cribs, and clothes for infants and children. Call your local office for more information!!!!

## Additional News

By Cathleen McCarroll, Executive Director E.P.S.

It is with mixed emotion that I confirm that after 98 years of service to St. Vincent’s Hospital, the Daughters of Charity are leaving St. Vincent’s. We will of course miss them greatly but the Daughters of

# Journeys...

by Matt Daniel



As I write this, I am coming up on my one year anniversary here at Christ the King. It is hard to believe that a year has already passed since I became a part of your community. Time really does fly when you’re having fun, I suppose. I give thanks to God for putting me here and I am grateful to have the opportunity to walk this journey of faith with you right now.

In my first article I wrote for the *Courier* last summer, I talked about my journey of life that led me here to Christ the King. So I find it fitting nearly a year later to write about the journey that I have had with you over the last

year. This will serve as a recap of the highlights of our Music Ministry in the past year, but will also be a sneak peek of what is to come and an invitation to come and journey with us.

When I first arrived here last June, I immediately started working towards the fall. First things first, though: I had to meet the people whom I would be spending so much time with. The King’s Choir embraced me with loving arms and from that first rehearsal last May until now, they have been a true anchor, and an invaluable source of comfort and support. Coming to a new community isn’t always easy; a great amount of learning and adjusting is involved, but the dedicated members of the choir helped pilot me through the transition effortlessly. They still continue to work tirelessly with me to this day. After we got to know each other, we started learning some new repertoire. In the past year, we have sung everything from Bach to modern-day compositions and everything in between. They have risen to the occasion with style; and they continue to be an integral part of our weekend Masses. I am very grateful for them every single day.

While I was taking a walk around the church one day, I walked into what used to be an old confessional in the chapel. I stumbled on an old set of hand bells and hand chimes. I immediately focused on getting the bell ringers back in action. We are the only parish in the diocese with an active hand bell choir. We should be very proud of them. Throughout the history of the church, bells have added a ceremonial richness to the many celebrations of the year. Our dedicated ringers enhance our celebrations with their joyful music each week. If you haven’t heard them yet, you’re missing out.

I spent about three semesters in college dealing specifically with teaching music to young children. So naturally when I arrived here at CTK, my first question was, “Where are the children?” The children aren’t just the church of the future. They are the church of right now, so I wanted to find a way to get them plugged into the liturgy and have them take some ownership of it. From that, the St. Cecilia Choir was born. Kids love to learn, and we can also learn quite a bit from them. To build excitement for the upcoming year of choir, I gathered 30 of them together over the summer for a week long music camp. Through games, lessons, talks, and other activities, our young children got to experience the joy of music first hand for an entire week. They even had the chance to go on a trip and see and play the largest pipe organ in Jacksonville! The kids didn’t just learn about music; but they learned about our Catholic faith and why it is so wonderful to be a part of the Catholic Church. Since that week in August, we have journeyed through many centuries of music and church history and I am proud to say that Christ the King is home to one of the most developed and comprehensive music programs for children in the region.

I also find it very important to include the wider parish community in this constant journey of music. To promote this, we have had a variety of concerts. In order for you all to meet me, I presented a recital last fall. We celebrated Christmas with a beautiful service of Lessons and Carols, and most recently, we welcomed the world renowned French Boys Choir into our community for a beautiful night of music. These programs were just the beginning of a much larger concert series I am kicking off here at Christ the King in the fall. I encourage all of you to come out and support these concerts. Music is a universal language that speaks to our entire community. It is a way to bring us all together. Let us embrace it and promote the Gospel message through our inspirational music.

Now for the invitation: I’ve enjoyed my journey with you all the past year. The choirs are engaged and energized. In speaking to many of the parishioners, you also are engaged and energized with the focus of the Music Ministry moving forward. However, the Parish Music Ministry does not consist of just the choirs on Sunday mornings. When the organ triumphantly introduces a hymn at our Sunday Masses, the music ministry extends out to each and every one of you. When we sing the timeless hymns and canticles of our faith, YOU become the choir. I encourage you during the summer months when the choirs go on break to lift up your voice in triumphant song. You are the choir. Let your voice be heard!

I also invite any of you who have thought about the choir to come and give us a try starting in the fall. I’ve got an exciting season of music planned that you won’t want to miss. If you’ve never sung before, that’s okay! Simply come with a positive attitude and a desire to learn and grow with friends. We especially need more MEN in the King’s Choir. We are also looking for a few folks with some music reading skills to be a part of the bell choir. It’s easier than it looks and you’re among friends. So if you’re afraid to sing, why not ring? The choristers are ever growing too. If you have a young singer interested in joining us, give me a call (724-0080). Come and join us. There’s a place for everyone!



# Thoughts of the Little Ones

by Dennis McLaughlin

In my consideration of what Jesus cared for during his short life, I found 41 personal stories of Jesus, records of the acts of kindness and compassion that He extended to poor and oppressed friends and neighbors who lived in Israel in a society not unlike ours in many ways. The list is longer than can be included here, but surely is summed up in the prophecies in the Beatitudes:

Blessed are the poor, because yours is the kingdom of God.

Blessed are you who are hungry now, because you shall be satisfied.

Blessed are you who weep now, because you shall laugh. LK 6:20-21

Jesus Christ was born into the middle class in Israel, followed the religious practices of the Hebrew society faithfully and supported himself as a carpenter. He gave up His middle class status with His growing association with the poor, because He “sat around with crowds” and dined with tax collectors. He participated in the flow and pulse of life in Israel, and came to be treated as an outcast. This was the life Jesus lived, with the injustice suffered by the poor and oppressed...in person... there on the streets. There was little comfort or redemption for sinners, prostitutes, tax collectors...all the outcasts, whose conditions brought tears to Jesus.

The Sadducees and the Pharisees were the religious rule-makers of Israeli society. Pharisees, with the powerful secular Sadducees, presided over justice under the loose control of the Roman occupation. Punishment was guaranteed for misbehavior. Crucifixion was frequent.

I submit that many are suffering the same conditions in this country today; the illnesses and injustices have different names. Some new, some identical, all draw the same sympathy and understanding from Jesus. And from the all-powerful

Pharisees and Sadducees they receive the similar disregard and disdain of Jesus’ time. Corporate interest’s influence bends the legislative flow of money their way. The privilege of “class” favors itself; a condition that existed in Jesus’ Israel repeats itself today under the banner of democracy.

Originally, the Democratic Party in this country was established to support the worker class that was abused by the wealthy entrepreneurs of the 19th century and was successful in establishing the labor movement whose concern was for those at the margins of society. Now, however, this original concern has become concern only for their own political power, no longer the needs of the marginalized. And sadly, our Catholic Church, that once brought fresh air to the message of Jesus in the second Vatican Council, has become ambivalent to its original advocacy for the poor and suffering. Generally, moral behavior and social sin bears the most attention of the bishops of the church at this time in history. The spiritless legalisms of Church doctrine have drawn attention away from the suffering conditions of the poor and the sick and oppressed. Jesus’ efforts to care for the poor demonstrate where Jesus’ heart was and where we must place ours.

I ask the question; is not the society in which Jesus lived, repeating itself in modern history? Is not today’s economy the same regressive society Jesus was born into and set the scene for His revolution?

As Jesus has prophesized , unless the prophet “servant leaders” of society rise up in justice, the streets will soon fill with the poor and oppressed...unless the gentle and loving admonitions of Jesus are made manifest in the hearts of the poor and oppressed, catastrophe is inevitable. Blessedly, Pope Francis throughout his religious career, has paid attention to Jesus’ teachings about care for the poor. Are we able to expand our views and open our hearts to respond to these challenges of Jesus Himself?



*Heavenly Father,  
welcome into your embrace  
our friends overseas whose  
names we do not know,  
but whose terrible plight we  
rush to remedy.*

*Bless the suffering people  
who struggle and sacrifice  
on behalf of their families.  
Grant them sustenance,  
shelter and opportunity.  
For this, we give you thanks.  
Amen.*

## Town Hall Meeting



# St. Vincent de Paul

by Ellin Iselin

Charity and Justice. Those are the key words of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and to the members of the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul, the tie that binds the other two is “LOVE.”

According to DePaul University, an institute for higher learning in Chicago that is named for St. Vincent de Paul, “As followers of 17th century French priest Saint Vincent de Paul, the Vincentians valued philanthropy and access for everyone.”

The values of the Vincentians started with their founder St. Vincent de Paul, who came from humble beginnings and would become one of the most well-known saints in history.

A shepherd of sheep before men, Vincent de Paul was born in Pouy, France in the late sixteenth century. (Sources give a range of dates between 1576 and 1581.) Vincent was the son of a peasant. Jean de Paul and Bertrande de Moras had six children—four sons and two daughters. A bright boy who seemed destined for academics, young Vincent nonetheless toiled on his father’s farm. Finally, he was allowed access to a Franciscan school. While in school, his scholastic gifts were soon recognized. A local lawyer hired Vincent to tutor his children. Thus with gainful employment, Vincent was able to provide for his own collegiate education at the University of Zaragoza in Spain. He later returned to France for study at the University of Toulouse.

What followed was a quick career rise in the Catholic Church. The bishop of Perigueux ordained Vincent de Paul as priest when the young man was 24 years old, and Vincent stayed in Toulouse four additional years and ultimately graduated with a Doctor of Theology.

What happened next was life-changing. Vincent was traveling home when the ship he was on was captured by North African pirates. Vincent was wounded in the attack, put in chains and sold as a slave several times. Because he was living in an Islamic area, Vincent feared his strong Christian faith would falter, so he prayed to the Blessed Mother and asked her to intercede on his behalf. Fittingly, Vincent’s final master was a Christian convert to Islam. Vincent de Paul convinced the man to confess and return to Christianity. He did, and both Vincent and his former master escaped Africa and sailed across the Mediterranean, landing near Marseilles in June of 1607.

A quarter century later, the Vincentians were founded. Pope Urban VIII approved its constitution in 1632. The house congregants were called Lazarists, but the more common name is Vincentians—priests and laymen who take vows of poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability. According to the article, “Saint Vincent de Paul, Founder of the Vincentians”:

They live from a common fund and devote themselves to sanctifying their own spirits and to converting sinners. They are employed in missions, especially to country people, teaching the Catechism, preaching, reconciling differences, and performing charitable deeds. Some of them conduct seminars. Their institutions now flourish in all parts of the world. Vincent lived to see twenty-five more communities founded in France, northern Italy, Poland, and elsewhere.

Vincent de Paul died in 1660. His last words were “‘Confido’—‘I trust’” (Forbes).

His burial was in the church of St. Lazare, Paris. Benedict XIII beatified Vincent de Paul in 1729; Canonization occurred close to a decade later in 1737 by Clement XII. Vincent de Paul is the patron saint of all charitable societies. His Feast Day is July 19.

St. Vincent de Paul has several connections to the First Coast: St. Vincent’s Hospital, St. Vincent’s HealthCare and of course the St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Although closing after nearly a century of service in Jacksonville, the Daughters of Charity (DC), who began the hospital they called St. Vincent’s, will have their mission continue through St. Vincent’s HealthCare.

As stated in the “How the Society Started” section of the website for the National Council of the United States Society of St. Vincent de Paul, “St. Vincent de Paul (1581-1660) was founder of the Congregation of the Mission, Daughters of Charity, Confraternities of Charity, and Ladies of Charity. A man of deep faith, keen intellect, and enormous creativity, he has become known as the ‘The Apostle of Charity’ and ‘Father of the Poor.’ His contributions to the training of priests and organizing parish missions and other services for the poor shaped our Church’s role in the modern world.”

Vincent de Paul, the boy from France who was born to peasants and enslaved by Moors, would become a leader in the Vincentians, the Catholic Church and humanity with four simple vows: poverty, chastity, obedience, and stability.



The following translated letter from Vincent de Paul to Pope Alexander VII gives a sense of his character and devotion to the Church a year before his death.

June 6, 1659

Most Holy Father:

I know that the whole of France and many other nations are urgently beseeching Your Holiness to deign to inscribe on the calendar of saints the name of the Most Illustrious and Most Reverend Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva. I am also aware that Your Holiness, filled with admiration for the rare virtues that shone in him, and the

books of lofty devotion which he composed, holds his memory in profound veneration, and, consequently, that Your Holiness seems inclined to carry out this design, without there being any need of petitions from others and, especially, from such a wretched and unknown individual as myself. Nevertheless, Most Holy Father, as I was on rather familiar terms with this servant of God, who often deigned to hold converse with me, either about the Institute of the Religious of the Visitation of Holy Mary, which he established and founded, or on other pious matters, I have admired so many, and so great, virtues in him, that it is hard for me now to keep silence; I cannot be the only person who says nothing.

Faith, Hope, Charity, and the other cardinal and moral Christian virtues seemed almost innate in him and, taken together, formed in him, at least to my way of thinking, such a fund of goodness that, during an illness which occurred to me shortly after a conversation with him, I turned over in my mind his sweetness and exquisite meekness, and often repeated to myself: ‘Oh! how good must God be, since the Bishop of Geneva is so kind.’

If I were alone, Most Holy Father, in thus thinking about him, I might believe I was deceiving myself but, as the whole world shares these sentiments, what else is needed, Most Holy Father, but a word from Your Holiness to consummate such a holy enterprise, by resolving to inscribe his name in the catalogue of the saints, and setting him up for the veneration of the whole world! All the priests of our Congregation and myself prostrate at the feet of Your Holiness, now most humbly beg you to do so. May God Almighty deign to grant you many long years for the welfare of His Church!

Source:

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The Rosary







*Procession*



# Memorial Day Has a Special Meaning for Many



by Paul Ghiotto

One hundred years ago this August, the beginning of a “war” that had initially been known as “the World War” (and years later, World War I) began in Europe. The United States tried in vain to keep out of it. While politicians and statesmen, both here and abroad, got everything wound up in a tighter and tighter mess, innocent young men such as those in the Losco and Danese families in Duval County, my antecedents, found themselves sucked into a maelstrom beyond their means – and anyone’s - to control.

From a letter written by Alexander Danese, a resident of Loretto, FL, to his sister in Jacksonville, Eusabia Danese Haut, dated January 1, 1918:

“We hope that you too had a good and merry Christmas and wish you, from the bottom of our hearts, a very, very happy New Year...The other day, the last Sunday of the year, we had the Bishop here in Loretto, who gave confirmation to about thirty children, among which we had two; Basilio had one and Dometilla, two. It was really a pretty as well as an edifying ceremony...but besides this, it was a very remarkable day for Florida, it being the first time we walked to church on snow, and lots of it...the wind was blowing a gale...we lost everything we had growing in the field...10,000 head of cabbage on which we were counting for a good crop...Relio (Basilio’s son) has enlisted...and is now at Camp Meeker near Macon. Mario (Losco) is still home but expects a call most any day. Our own boys, so far are still free and, God knows I hope this war will end soon.”

Lawrence Danese, Alexander’s oldest son, and Marion (Mario) Losco, known to his younger nephews and nieces as “Uncle May,” would both report for duty at Camp (later Fort) Jackson in the early spring of 1918. None of the boys, all raised on farms and single, had ever even been outside of the county.

Lawrence and cousin Relio would be mustered out following the Armistice in November, 1918, and would live until 1942 and 1965, respectively. Mario, 25, a Private in the 47<sup>th</sup> Infantry, 4<sup>th</sup> Division, and only three months out of boot camp, would be killed on or about July 31, 1918.

Mario was first reported missing on July 23, but a later report in his military jacket, signed by a wounded comrade named Duffy Harris, had this to say about Mario: “It was at Chateau-Thierry. I come right up by him after he had been killed. He was on the front line and he was dead when I came back over.”

Mario’s remains were given a quick battle site burial in a French village named Seringas-Aisne. On April 21, 1921, the remains of Private Losco were disinterred from the site of his original burial. A report of the original burial site stated: ...“5-foot earthen grave, burlap and U.S. uniform disintegrated, unrecognizable, with partially corroded identification tag...scapula on body. Tag on body partly corroded reads ‘Marion...1858164’.” The remains were then reinterred in a temporary casket in the same cemetery.

Finally, on February 24, 1928, the body was disinterred again by the Army and placed in “regular type metal casket” in the newly established American cemetery and memorial known as Oise-Aisne. Among the 6,012 American dead laid to rest here with Pvt. Losco is the poet Joyce Kilmer (“Trees”, “Rouge Bouquet”), 31, a Sergeant, 165<sup>th</sup> Infantry (New York) who died on July 30.

On March 2, 1929, Congress passed a law allowing next of kin a fully-paid pilgrimage to the overseas cemeteries but Mario’s mother refused to go. Dometilla Danese Losco had emigrated from Italy when a teenage girl and she wasn’t going back! She died in 1944 and is buried, along with many Danese and Losco relatives, next to her husband, Frank, in St. Joseph’s cemetery in Loretto.

Next time one visits Memorial Park in Riverside take time to note the striking sculpture near the river. Known as “Winged Victory of Youth,” it was dedicated in 1924 to all the young men from Florida who died fighting in The World War. Every one left hearth and home to go on the experience of a lifetime, never to return alive to their loved ones.

## Rouge Bouquet

In a wood they call the Rouge Bouquet  
There is a new-made grave to-day,  
Built by never a spade nor pick  
Yet covered with earth ten metres thick.  
There lie many fighting men,  
Dead in their youthful prime,  
Never to laugh nor love again  
Nor taste the Summertime.  
For Death came flying through the air  
And stopped his flight at the dugout stair,  
Touched his prey and left them there,  
Clay to clay.  
He hid their bodies stealthily  
In the soil of the land they fought to free  
And fled away.  
Now over the grave abrupt and clear  
Three volleys ring;  
And perhaps their brave young spirits hear  
The bugle sing:  
“Go to sleep!  
Go to sleep!  
Slumber well where the shell screamed and fell.  
Let your rifles rest on the muddy floor,  
You will not need them anymore.  
Danger’s past;  
Now at last,  
Go to sleep!”

There is on earth no worthier grave  
To hold the bodies of the brave  
Than this place of pain and pride  
Where they nobly fought and nobly died.  
Never fear but in the skies  
Saints and angels stand  
Smiling with their holy eyes  
On this new-come band.  
St. Michael’s sword darts through the air  
And touches the aureole on his hair  
As he sees them stand saluting there,  
His stalwart sons;  
And Patrick, Brigid, Columkill  
Rejoice that in veins of warriors still  
The Gael’s blood runs.  
And up to Heaven’s doorway floats,  
From the wood called Rouge Bouquet,  
A delicate cloud of bugle notes  
That softly say:  
“Farewell!  
Farewell!”

Comrades true, born anew, peace to you!  
Your souls shall be where the heroes are  
And your memory shine like the morning-star.  
Brave and dear,  
Shield us here.  
Farewell!”

*(written by Kilmer in March 1918 as a tribute to 16 men from his division who were buried alive by flying debris when a large artillery shell burst nearby)*



# Tim Talks

As our new pastor, Father Jim Boddie settles in and gets to work, the parish community is presented with a golden opportunity to assist him in charting our direction for the next several years. Christ the King is in the midst of the listening phase of the pastoral planning process that has been mandated by Bishop Felipe Estevez. This project is a major community building effort, and must be concluded by November, 2014.

The pastoral planning process allows the community as a whole to have input into what the goals and objectives will be for our parish for the next five years. Most of us have opinions or ideas we feel would make things better for our community as a whole, but many of us never feel comfortable expressing them, or do not know with whom they can share them. This is where the pastoral planning efforts will benefit you.

Over the next few months, we will be announcing several opportunities for parishioners to offer input into the development of our strategic action plan. This plan will lay out the journey we will all take as a parish family, and because of this, the more input we receive from the community, the better the plan will be.

Whether you opt to share your views in the anonymous surveys associated with the parish census currently underway, or you attend one of the planned town hall style meetings we will be conducting, it is imperative that we hear from as many parishioners as possible. Your feedback does matter.

If you have not already done so, it is not too late to fill out the survey. It consists of three basic questions related to where we are currently as a parish, what can be improved, and what you would like to see at Christ the King that is not currently offered. Everyone has ideas about how we can do things better; and this is the most effective way to offer them for consideration.

All aspects of parish life are being evaluated during this listening phase of the planning process, so feedback on anything from ministry offerings to the paint on the buildings to landscaping to housekeeping is fair game. Please take some time to think about areas where you feel we can do better, and fill out the survey.

2014 will be an active year for Christ the King. With a new pastor arriving, change is inevitable. By participating in the pastoral planning process, you will be able to help Father Boddie and our parish leadership to determine what our community will look like moving forward.

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Young Americans just like them have done the same in all of our country’s wars. Let us not on this upcoming Memorial Day forget their sacrifice and the sacrifice of their families back home.  
God love and keep them all!

**In Flanders Field**  
by Lt.-Col John McCrae, MD  
Canadian Army

In Flanders fields the poppies blow  
Between the crosses, row on row,  
That mark our place; and in the sky  
The larks, still bravely singing, fly  
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago  
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,  
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie  
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:  
To you from failing hands we throw  
The torch; be yours to hold it high.  
If ye break faith with us who die  
We shall not sleep, though poppies  
grow  
In Flanders fields.

(Note: information about my great uncle, Marion Joseph Losco, my father’s namesake, was taken from the “The Danese Book”, written and published initially in 1981 by Alexander Danese’s fifth oldest son, Emanuel Danese. Dometilla Danese Losco was my paternal great grandmother. Eusabia Danese Haut was the grandmother of Monsignor Vincent Haut, second cousin of Emanuel Danese and my father. Emanuel’s mother was Evangelista Ghiotto, my paternal grandfather Ghiotto’s sister! Thank God, cousin Emanuel wrote the book!)



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## Congratulations Catherine



Catherine Marie Yip, a recent graduate of Episcopal School of Jacksonville, will soon be heading north. The busy student and active parishioner has received her appointment to attend U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Catherine has been an altar server for 5:00 p.m. Saturday Masses and has played the violin on a number of occasions in the parish. She is the daughter of Terry and Dan Yip. We wish her well on her new adventure. Also pictured is Jean Sell.



# “That Man Is You!”

## First year completed with many kudos

By Tony Marinucci

“That Man Is You!” Program comes off a “high octane” year with March appearances at “A Day For Men” and “Eucharistic Congress” with high marks and compliments that resulted in advancing an interest in the program by other parishes in the Diocese.

What was virtually a not so well known program in our area a year ago, “That Man” is now preparing to make its voice be heard in at least 3 additional parishes within our Diocese. And most of that credit belongs to the men attending the Christ the King “That Man” program who spread the word of the personal and spiritual benefits derived from their experience with the program.

Christ the King “That Man” program began in September 2013 and completed its two 13-week sessions on Thursday, May 8, with 41 men completing the program.

Each semester consists of 13 weeks and each session begins at 6:00 a.m. and ends at 7:30 a.m. From 6:00 a.m. to 6:25 a.m., the men gather, exchange greetings and some chatter, enjoy a light breakfast of coffee, Danish, bagels, fruit and other morning tidbits.

A short introduction and prayer follows and at 6:30 a.m. the men take their seats to view a

30-minute video of the topic of the day. It is designed to help men understand their leadership roles while applying the principles and teachings of the Catholic faith that lead to the development of authentic Christian leaders capable of transforming themselves, their homes



(families) and society toward the common good as called for by the Catholic Church.

The video ends and at 7:00 a.m. the men gather at separate tables in groups of 5 – 6 men to discuss the principles and teachings just presented to them in order to address the pressures and temptations each man faces in our modern culture and society.

The group discussions are terminated at approximately 7:25 a.m. allowing the remaining 5 minutes for recap, final prayer and dismissal.

At 7:30 a.m., all men leave for their work place. Total time consumed: one hour and thirty minutes.

In essence it becomes a one-hour-and-thirty-minute spiritual workout that leaves each man feeling spiritually refreshed and enthusiastically yearning to carry the Cross of Christ to his environment.

That Man Is You! Core Team will shortly announce the date for the next Christ the King semester of sessions that will begin this coming September.

Come and participate in the once-in-a-lifetime experience that will help each man understand the leadership role entrusted by God to man.

The invitation is extended to every man in and outside the parish to come, see, learn and enjoy the camaraderie with other Brothers in

Christ while absorbing and applying the teachings of Christ and His Church needed by all men to become Christian leaders in the family, workplace and society that God, through Christ, has intended men to be.

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## The Country Store

by Frank Becht

On the weekend of April 4, the Country Store had a very successful sale with a profit of \$4039.80, which will be used for the purchase of a new science lab for the Christ the King School. The sale was a success and they sold all the furniture and large appliances. They did well in all departments, and were happy to see a lot of repeat customers who asked when the next Country Store would take place.

Charm Saults wanted to thank all the volunteers who worked so hard on Wednesdays and Saturdays to prepare for the sale. She was especially appreciative of the work and effort of the teachers, parents and students who helped set up and work the sale.

The next Country Store is scheduled to take place on November 7, 8 and 9. They will start receiving donations on July 26 and each Saturday from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. Everyone should start collecting and saving items to donate. Items needed are: household items, linens, appliances large and small, furniture, tools, cell phones, etc. Also needed are cleaning supplies, scotch tape, masking tape, batteries (AAA and AA), and plastic sandwich bags. Children’s clothes are highly desired. **No old monitors, TV’s, fax machines, copiers, used paints, medicines or adult clothing.**

The Country Store was started in October 2010 by Charm Saults to assist Christ the King School with its many financial needs. Projects for the school include a gym roof and floor, playground renovation, iPads for the teachers, iPads for students and in November renovation of the gym. Below is a list of the profits for each sale:

November 2010	\$6027.60
April 2011	\$6000.00
October 2011	\$5000.00
April 2012	\$4222.79
October 2012	\$5743.90
April 2013	\$4548.39
November 2013	\$5737.60
April 2014	\$4039.80
<b>Total Sales</b>	<b>\$41,320.08</b>

This total profit of almost \$45,000 is no small amount which can be attributed to the efforts of many, but without the leadership of Charm Saults it would not have happened. Thank you Charm!!!!!!!

## Queens and Kings



by Annie Sabatino

A Queens and Kings meeting was held on March 9. The tables were decorated in green for a St. Patrick’s Day theme. Bingo games to win prizes and the usual 50/50 were played. Members brought in green food to enjoy, such as green vegetables, cucumber sandwiches, spinach dip, pistachio pie, cake, green punch etc.

Barbara Hanuscin gave a brief talk on her recent trip to the Island of Dominica.

Queens and Kings meet on the second Sunday at 1:00 p.m. each month except during the summer months. Yearly dues are \$5. Anyone over 50 years old is welcome.

# Holy Cross and L'Arche Harbor House

*A letter to the (L'Arche Harbor House) community from the Holy Cross students:*

Coming from the College of the Holy Cross in Worcester, Massachusetts, we have been fortunate to spend our spring break living and learning with the L'Arche family of Jacksonville. For the past three years, Holy Cross has sent a team of students to L'Arche Harbor House through a program called



Spring Break Immersion, which was started at Holy Cross in 1977 and has since grown and flourished. The Spring Break Immersion Program provides us with the opportunity to participate in various service projects across the country and integrate ourselves in different communities. There are



over 25 locations where Holy Cross students visit, including 5 L'Arche sites.

We like to emphasize the immersion part of this experience because, as Holy Cross students, we are living out the Jesuit mission of men and women for and with others. It is just as important for us to be with the people as it is for us to serve the people. We also came here on a spiritual journey of our own: we were able to share in the celebration of Ash Wednesday and begin the Lenten season in community. Living with the core members has taught us all so much about the meaning of love and acceptance. We helped out with projects at Harbor House which included

planting a garden at Peace House, painting Michael's room at Sunflower House, assisting with preparation for the 24th Annual Golf Tournament and attending the Rainbow Workshop with core members. We were so graciously accepted this week, and our work was met with warm appreciation. It has been our pleasure to work with and get to know everyone this week.

We would like to thank the L'Arche Harbor House, our homes, hosts, and, of course, the core members for making our stay very special. You have all taught us a lot about being patient, being kind, being open, and being able to love unconditionally. L'Arche will forever hold a place in our hearts. The



strength of the community and the sense of belonging it instills within all who enter is incredible – it has truly been a transformative experience. Thank you for welcoming us with open arms, helping us to open our hearts and for giving us the gift of this week.

As we head back to the snowy hills of Holy Cross, we bring a renewed sense of guidance and love that you have shared with us.

Much Love,

Betsy Glynn, class of 2016  
Sean Pacheco, class of 2017  
Alec Gubics, class of 2016  
Emily Sawicki, class of 2015  
Chris Won, class of 2014  
Marielle McKenna, class of 2014

# The Age of Imagination

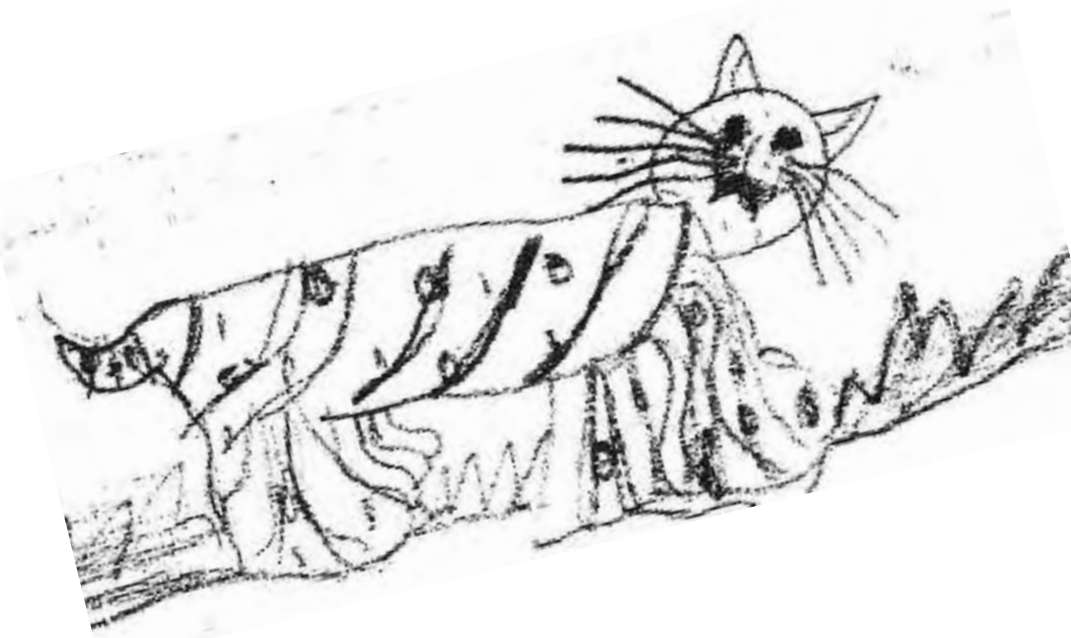
by Lucille Guzzone

Our parish second graders recently received the Holy Eucharist for the first time. It never ceases to amaze how devout and innocent they are on that special day. Their minds are on God and His wondrous graces and blessings which they are truly feeling throughout their entire beings. This experience is an extremely important event in their young lives, but it is also a fact that an awareness of their secular world exists in their reflections, as well. It is a time when their imaginations are robust

and inexhaustible. Anything can happen in their worlds of thought.

One of the little First Communion candidates in our religious education class shared a paper with me which she wrote for her regular class at school. I thought that it would be something that our young *Courier* readers could enjoy, and, perhaps, encourage them to want to compose their own stories for others, big people as well as small people, to enjoy in the future.

Here is an example of a second grade mind.



Roxy 2-25-14  
Foxy cat  
Have you seen a Foxy cat?  
It is cute, and fluffy so fluffy  
and cool to look at. It can see  
far away. Foxy cat has 8  
feet. Also he is small and  
his face is small too.  
Foxy cat has sharp teeth  
with 10 whiskers 5 on each  
side of his face. It has  
a tail like a fox and a head like  
a cat. Also red stripes and dots  
like my cat but it is not  
my cat. He has purple eyes  
too.  
Well I think I've seen  
him in the mud by the river  
Also in the grassy mud. I saw  
him while I was kiaking.  
He eats fish and seaweed.  
I think he eats grass, leaves and  
he also drinks a lot of salt water.  
I was almost bit by its  
sharp teeth. So don't get  
near him. Also the sharp teeth is  
similar to a cat. That's why  
they call him Foxy cat. Stay safe!

# Knightly News

by Frank Becht, PGK and Nick Klepac

**Coffee and Donuts** - are served on the first Sunday of each month at Christ the King. John Lewis is the chairman for this popular after Mass activity.

**First Friday Mass** - First Friday Mass on March 7 was celebrated by Father James Boddie, our new Pastor for Christ the King.

**Resurrection Field Day** - The Knights were asked to cook for the Resurrection School and Track event which took place on March 13.

**Brotherly Care** - On March 15, after the 8:00 a.m. Mass at Christ the King, John Porter, the newly reinstalled chairman of Brotherly Care, directed Knights and wives to visit several Knights and families at their homes and care facilities. This is a monthly visitation program to visit the sick and homebound.

**Cook for Resurrection** - Kathy Park, a secretary for Resurrection, was retiring after 20 years or more of service to Resurrection. A party was held on March 16 in her honor. The Knights of Columbus were asked to do the cooking.

**Country Store** - Christ the King Country Store, under the supervision of Charm Saults, had a weekend sale beginning Friday, April 4, to support Christ the King School. Council 4727 served sandwiches, snacks, and drinks outside the Kingdome to support the event.

**Annual Golf Tournament** - The Annual Charity Golf Tournament, now known as the Jim Bonnie Invitational Open, was held on Sunday, May 4, at 1:00 p.m. at Deerfield Lakes Golf Club. Multiple prizes and raffle were offered, followed by dinner at the Council Hall at 6:30 p.m. Proceeds go to benefit local charities, such as the Inn Ministry, L'Arche Harbor House, Emergency Pregnancy Services and DOSA Camps.

**PBJ's for Soup Kitchen** - Making PBJs was scheduled for 4:00 p.m. on Friday, March 28; this a longtime program dating back to the Doc Broome days to assist the St. Francis Soup Kitchen in the preparation of meals for the poor and homeless on Saturdays. Chancellor Nick Klepac and wife Bernie took over this ministry. It turned out that only three people showed up at the Council Hall to make 600 sandwiches. Oops! The **Eucharistic Congress** was held that same evening at the Prime Osborn in downtown Jacksonville.

**Eucharistic Congress** - was held at the Prime Osborne Center in downtown Jacksonville at 6:30 p.m. on March 28 with the Stations of the Cross followed by Mass at 8:00 p.m. celebrated by Father Kevin Scallon. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament followed until early morning. Thousands of people were in attendance from all around the Diocese of St. Augustine. Various other services were held through the closing service at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday.

**K'Cees Garage Sale** - The annual garage sale was held on May 17 from 8:00 a.m. to noon time at the Council Hall on the Arlington Expressway. Donations of a wide variety were made by Council members and K'Cees.

**Inter-Council Family Picnic** - An effort is being made to expand the Family Picnic to include other local councils to join us for food and fellowship, fun and some good competition. The event is scheduled to take place on June 22 on the grounds of Resurrection Parish and is being spearheaded by PGK Mike Yarborough.

**EPS Workday** - A workday was held on May 10 at 10:00 a.m. to provide needed repairs and maintenance for the Emergency Pregnancy Office on Merrill Road in Arlington. Several Knights have volunteered their time and effort to provided needed updates at this location.



**Corporate Communion - Parish Breakfast** - On Sunday, April 6, after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Christ the King, PGK John Klinkenberg directed a very successful program of informing the congregation of the purpose and need for the Knights of Columbus in today's world. This involved the serving of a free breakfast to all, speaking at each Mass, and film presented during breakfast. All young men were encouraged to consider becoming a Knight. The turnout was great. Thank you, John and brother Knights.



**Family Dinner Night – Special Olympics** - The Knights held their monthly family dinner night on February 25. The local Special Olympics (Carrie Ray , athletes Lizzie Cain and Victoria Amoroso provided a very informative presentation of their program.



# Knightly News



**St. Patrick's Day Dinner** - St. Patrick's Day dinner was served at the Council Hall at 6:30 p.m, March 15. The Knights also showed videos to honor their Founder, Father Michael J. McGivney.



**Christ the King Honor Roll Breakfast** – The Knights served a hearty breakfast for the Honor Roll students of Christ the King on March 25 to honor their achievement.

**Holy Rosary Procession** - The Holy Rosary Procession was held at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 3, at Christ the King, followed by Mass in the Church. After Mass and services, a reception was held in the hall for all attendees. As usual, there was a tremendous turnout to this event.



**Easter Egg Hunt** - The annual Easter Egg hunt took place at Christ the King Park and picnic area on Saturday, April 19, from 11:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. John Lewis and family hosted the event of delicious food and a fabulous egg hunt with prizes. All children of Christ the King and Resurrection were invited to attend this joyful occasion.



**Squires Spaghetti Dinner** - The Squires had a very successful spaghetti dinner on Saturday, March 1, at the Council Hall. It was a family dinner with all invited.



**Squires Hold Fundraiser at Key Buick** – The Squire Circle 2121 held a cookout fundraiser at Key Buick on April 14, providing lunch to employees and customers.



# Seeing St. Anne's Windows - at Last

by Barbara Hanuscin

For those of you who aren't familiar with St. Anne's Windows, they are in a very small church built in 1739 in Coulibistrie, Dominica, in the West Indies. The church never had windows 'til we did the stained glass windows in 2004. An article about how the windows came about can be found in the Courier archives in the May 2005 issue. The windows were a project I was able to see completed. However, I had never gotten to see the windows actually in place 'til this February 2014. I suggest you read the archived article first to get a sense of the history. My sister, my niece and I worked on the stained glass windows in the churchyard, beneath a mango tree, with a mango hanging precariously above us nearly 10 years ago.



St. Anne's is a church in Coulibistrie, which is a very small village on the eco-island, Dominica (not to be confused with Dominican Republic). Dominica lies below Cuba in that chain of small islands such as Trinidad, Tobago, etc. How the windows came to be is referred to as the "miracle of the windows" by several of the women and others at St. Anne's Church.

I had a longing to see the windows installed in the church since the renovation in 2004. Time has a way of getting away from us and before I knew it, almost 10 years had passed. I was in Preston Pharmacy, talking with pharmacist Denise Stiles-Yount and happened to mention Dominica. Denise remarked that she had a brief ride around the island when she had taken a cruise and it was enough to whet her appetite to see more of Dominica....Well, the rest is history. We boarded a plane after work on February 20, 2014, and arrived in Dominica on Friday, February 21, 2014.

We were met at the airport by two very special people. My dear friend Olivia Douglas met us with flowers and a lime cake and Jamaican coffee. Olivia is from Jamaica and lives in Dominica. In January 2014 she was chosen one of the most distinguished women of the Caribbean for dedicating her

life to the service of others. She does just that. She exudes the love of Christ. She is a nurse and former nursing instructor at Princess Margaret Hospital and for the past 10 years has been the Director of C.A.L.L.S. (the Center for Adolescents Learning Love and Service). There have been articles about the C.A.L.L.S. students in past articles of the Courier as well. The other person who met us was my dear friend Father Elveau Augustine. He had collaborated with me on the windows project. He now has five parishes in the Carib Territory, which is where the Carib Indians live, in Dominica. He literally exhausts himself physically in this ministry. He gave us hand-woven baskets from the Carib Indians and sugar cane. He was glad to receive Communion wafers from Christ the King, especially with the Lenten season beginning.

Father Elveau took us to Salisbury, where we stayed with a very, very special lady, with whom I had stayed four other times. My dear friend, Mameh Alexis, opened her home and heart to both Denise and me. I was so touched by the fact that she opened a drawer and in it were the towels I had used to wrap the stained glass. Also my snorkel gear, swim shoes and Teeva sandals were tucked in the big trunk in my room. She said, "My dear, I never gave up that you would return." (She had saved all that for ten years for me!) Her home is not far from St. Teresa's Church. We attended Mass there and then traveled to Coulibistrie to St. Anne's. It was so nice seeing many of my old friends, all telling me "Welcome Home Barbs." When I saw the windows, I knew I had come "home." One of the ladies, Mameh's friend Lucy, told us that the ladies of the parish wanted me to go up and tell them about "the Miracle of the Windows" as they felt it was not mere coincidence how it all came about. Father John Mark, the Nigerian priest who ministers to both parishes, really didn't have much choice as the ladies seemed to be handling all. I did the brief talk. (You will have to check the Courier archives to know the history.) Outside the church, Dominicans who had been living abroad from before the windows, and recently returned to see the remodeled church, thanked me for helping to make the church so beautiful.

For the most part, we stayed with Mameh, in Salisbury. She joined us in outings to the capital city, Roseau. We visited Scotts Head, where the Atlantic Ocean is separated from the Caribbean Sea by a very narrow stretch of land. We hiked up to Trafalgar Twin Falls, lunched at Papilote Wilderness Retreat, bathed in hot

sulfur springs and more. We visited St. Mark's Church where the Cardinal stays and the Cathedral in Roseau, which was being renovated. We visited the city of Portsmouth and stopped in to see Olivia, Sisters Becky and Jean who are from Canada, and the C.A.L.L.S. students. We brought various supplies for the students. Sister Becky thought the bracelets would make nice graduation gifts for the girls. I also made a donation in honor of my dear friend William T. "Bill" Campbell. Bill had become a yearly donor to C.A.L.L.S. over the years and enjoyed Olivia's personal correspondence. We went to Cabrits National Park and hiked up to Fort Shirley, which had been rebuilt since my visit nearly ten years ago. We stopped at the Purple Turtle Beach Club and I delivered Mr. Lloyd O'Brien's green traveling hat for Desmond, who kept the beach clean and neat all these years. Lloyd and Desmond had known each other for many years and it would have special meaning for Desmond. We delighted in having Mameh join us for her first ride down the Indian River, where Pirates of the Caribbean had been filmed. Our guide was James Henry, who had been nicknamed by the actor Johnny Depp as "James Bond 007." He knew the river like the back of his hand and his love for the river was evident.

Denise and I snorkeled at the black sand beach near St. Teresa's. Mameh gave Denise cooking lessons on how to make coconut candies—truly from scratch! They cracked and scraped the meat from the coconut and pounded the ginger root with a rock. Denise has promised to submit the recipe to the Courier. They were yummy! We had a rainbow, just over the village ridge. We watched the sun set from the porch of my old friend and fellow Vincentian, James Royer. Years ago I had accompanied him on some of his St. Vincent de Paul home visitations to the elderly in the village. We enjoyed seeing the Caribbean Sea in the distance, viewed from Mameh's porch. I had written a poem about her porch years ago and to my surprise, I found it framed and on the wall in her hallway.

Soon it was time to leave Mameh and go to the Atlantic side of the island and spend some time in the Carib Territory with Father Elveau. It was sad saying goodbye to this dear lady. The time went too fast! We were eager to spend some time with father, though. A gentleman named Motley took us across the island, through the rain forest, past fields of dasheen (the main staple food), bananas, coconut trees, and beautiful views. We were as high as the clouds. Soon we arrived in Castle Bruce.

The last time I had been there was over 12 years ago when I went on a pilgrimage with women from St. Anne's and St. Teresa's and we prayed for Charlene Montague to get a new kidney. Within two weeks after my return home, Charlene got her first kidney. The church is called Our Lady of Good



Health. They had lost a bell tower in an earthquake and it had not been replaced due to lack of funds. We stayed at the rectory. Father had a Life in the Spirit Seminar up in one of the villages so Denise and I took a stroll to the beach. Upon return the table had been set for two and there were several delicious dishes just waiting for us to enjoy. We had a very simple but nice room on the second floor and I even saw a rainbow from the second floor porch on one afternoon.

Since Father Elveau has five churches, not every church has a priest to say Mass each Sunday. They have to rotate. The Sunday we were there, we went to Atkinson to St. Dominic's where we witnessed a beautiful Carib Indian baby, Diana Martina Paris, receive her baptism. Then we went on to



Salybia, to St. Mary of the Carib. The church had been damaged by an earthquake several years ago as was the neighboring school. The school was abandoned by the government, so the church services were held in what remained of the school hall. While the altar boy was processing in with the crucifix, the arms fell off the Christ figure. Just an example of a very simple need and no funds for repairs.

Several weekday mornings we would walk to church in the early hours of darkness and the roosters would be crowing to tell all to wake up. (I am talking earlier than 6:00 a.m.—pitch black, no street lights, just a flashlight or Denise's cell phone light.) There were several nights we were kept awake much of the night hearing sounds of Karnival revelers. We even saw several groups in the villages in

# Renewal of Faith

By Denise Stiles-Yount

In the past year, I have had a profound renewal of my faith. Being born and raised Catholic, your faith is always with you; sometimes it persists and other times it is more evident. However, for me, it usually persists as a background light, similar to a night light. It is always present, but I do not really notice it until I need it. I am not saying that is good, but that is the way it was for me. This changed when I was fortunate to have two experiences within the past year that have had such a positive impact on me and my faith.

The first was my pilgrimage to Rome and Assisi with Father Thanh. I wrote about this in a previous Courier article. This trip taught me the history and splendor of our faith and touched me deeply.

The second was a trip to the West Indian Island of Dominica with Barbara Hanuscin. You hear people talk about living your faith, and I have known many that do, but not like these people. There are 63,000 people who live on this small volcanic island. Eighty percent, yes eighty are Catholic. There is a Catholic church approximately every 10 miles in populated areas. This is so the most you would walk one way is about 5 miles and take note that the walk was over heavily mountainous terrain. Father Elveau, who hosted us for the end of our stay, has a pick-up truck. As we would be driving to Mass at one of his 5 parishes, he would see parishioners walking the mountainous terrain by foot and pull over. By the time we got to church, the back of his truck would be full of people.

What struck me is how they incorporate their Catholicism into their daily life. This is a country of extremes. The land is beautiful and often stark. The blue and serene Caribbean with black sand beaches is on one side of the island and the rougher, green, pounding Atlantic Ocean is on the other. There are mountains that come straight down to the rocky shore. The tourist areas are of great wealth, while extreme poverty is just miles away. Most children go off the island for higher education to places such as Great Britain, China and the United States, at the government's expense. The island was British until the late 1970s so those on the island primarily speak English, although you hear a good bit of Patois being spoken, also. The Chinese have built the infrastructure of the roads bisecting the island and they have donated a sports complex in Roseau, the capitol. The French buy sand that they dredge from their rivers to make concrete.

Their health system is antiquated. There are few homes for the aging. Many children leave Dominica to pursue different opportunities and get an education. While we were there, we spent time visiting with the Dominican people and delivering much needed supplies. We visited their hospital which is very small with no air-conditioning. Patients must bring their own linens and gowns and have family members pick them up to launder. I was told that a company had donated a dialysis machine; however, no one is qualified to use it so it just sits.

That is the bleak part of the island. Then that same day we caught a bus. The driver started singing "Holy, Holy, Holy." Within a minute, the entire 15 passengers were singing along. It still gives me a chill to think

## Seeing St. Anne's Windows at Last

their costumes trekking down the road with their drums and horns, preparing to "jump up" for Karnival, preceding Ash Wednesday.

At all the Masses, in all the churches, St. Anne's, St. Teresa's, St. Dominic's, Our Lady of Good Health, and St. Mary of the Carib the parishioners stretched out their arms and sang the anointing song for the Holy Spirit to fall on Denise and me and bless us and they followed with their "We Love You" song. On Sundays each church invited anyone with a birthday to stand, and the congregation would sing Happy Birthday. It was just a little touch that helped reinforce that the church is your family.

I even spotted a gentleman at St. Teresa's who was wearing a Jacksonville Jaguar's jacket. I told

him "go Jaguars" and he didn't have the slightest idea of what I was saying. I explained it was our hometown football team whose jacket he was wearing. He said, "We must talk about this later." I understand that when there are NFL items left at the end of the season, often they are donated to poorer countries.

Denise and I had mixed feelings at departure. We were sad to leave our friends, but anxious to get home to our families. And we dreaded our pileup of work at our jobs.

I first thank God for giving me the chance to return to this special land. My friends and I thank Denise for being such a wonderful travel companion. Now you will have to look for Denise's article and that coconut candy recipe!



about it. Could you imagine any 15 strangers spontaneously doing that here in the US? Doubtful.

The Mass experience was very different, as well. There are few song books on missals, so the Dominican people sing songs everyone knows so everyone participates. They have a very lively demeanor and are very passionate people. They have uplifting, wonderful music and they sing with a full voice. Accompanying jubilant voices are the sounds of guitars, drums, bongos, cymbals, and enthusiastic parishioners. Visitors are sung to after Mass and warmly welcomed by most parishioners. Masses are long; Mass lasting two or two and a half hours is not uncommon. Mass is full of singing, praying, and messages for life. I still chuckle to remember how after Mass one Sunday, Father came out and brought a chair in front of the altar and sat down and likened it to the pope's chair and lectured the congregation about gossiping and having false gods. This particular parish was all native Indians who, 200 years ago, practiced cannibalism and "other religions." People were also in arms because women were nursing babies in church. They received quite the stern lecture about being unChristian and how babies are always welcome and sometimes need to eat!

These two diverse experiences in one year had a profound impact on me. One showed me the history and wonder of our faith and one taught me to live it every day and be proud to be Catholic. What wonderful experiences to share with my mother, Margie Stiles (pilgrimage to Italy) and my friend, Barbara Hanuscin (trip to Dominica). I pray for the Dominican people that they never lose their enthusiasm and deep belief, and I pray for American Catholics that we may regain some enthusiasm for our faith and not be afraid to share it.

Below is a Recipe:

The following recipe for "Mameh's Coconut Cookies" is very special to me. During an entire afternoon in Dominica, I helped our hostess, Mameh, make these delicious cookies from scratch which proved to be quite the process. We actually used coconuts, limes, and cinnamon sticks from her property. We cracked the coconuts with a machete, smashed ginger with a rock, and had a wonderful time talking about our children and grandchildren. No matter where you are or who you are with, women will always find family as a commonality to unite them in conversation. I was going to convert the original ingredients used to common ingredients found more commercially in the US, but I decided to keep the recipe authentic and true to the original recipe I had the pleasure of making that one afternoon with Mameh in Dominica. I would like to dedicate this to my friend, Mameh.

## Mameh's Coconut Cookies

### Ingredients:

- 4 coconuts
- Water
- ½ bulb of ginger root
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- 2 pounds of sugar (may use all brown sugar, like we did in Dominica, or may substitute half white sugar or cut down to taste)
- Zest of ½ lime or lemon

Begin by breaking open 4 coconuts and scrape out the flesh (do not peel). Blend with a small amount of water to make milk. Strain the milk and then use water to blend the rest (prepare in batches until smooth).

In the meantime, prepare the following ingredients and bring them to a simmer in a medium saucepan:

- 1 cup of water
- ½ bulb of ginger root, peeled and smashed
- 2 cinnamon sticks

Once you have brought these ingredients to a simmer, add 2 pounds of brown sugar, the zest (or peel) of ½ of a lime or lemon (no juice), and the coconut milk mixture with the cinnamon and other ingredients as prepared above to the sauce pan. Stir frequently and keep it at a low boil (if the heat is on too high, it will overflow). Be patient. This process takes a long time. The liquid must evaporate, which may take an hour or more. When the liquid has completely evaporated, take the sauce pan off the heat and spoon patties or balls on cookie sheets to cool.

Recipe makes about 36 large or 48 small cookies. Enjoy!



# VPK is a No-Brainer at CTK

By Chris Hildreth

The CTK community is blessed to offer two top tier VPK programs for early learning with the CTK Childcare Center and CTK School. If you are unfamiliar with VPK, it is the Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten program offered by the State of Florida. If you have a child that turns 4 before September 1 that child is eligible to attend a four-year-old preschool program. You must apply with the Early Learning Coalition either via website or in person to obtain a voucher to participate in the VPK program with eligible schools for free. So the real question for a parent should not be whether or not to send their child to a VPK program, rather to which one.

CTK as a community is in a very unique and advantageous position where we have two excellent programs that complement each other very well. If a parent is looking for all day childcare in conjunction with the VPK, then the CTK Childcare Center directed by Theresa Little is the place to be. The CTK Childcare Center has earned the coveted 5-star rating from the Duval County Guiding Star program which rates childcare centers in Jacksonville. This is an accomplishment not easily attained. In addition, the Childcare Center has a dual accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools as well as the Florida Catholic Conference.

The CTK Childcare Center is operational twelve months out of the year taking care of infants all the way to VPK4. All of their

excellent instructors are certified and very experienced. Currently the Childcare Center is using the Links to Literacy and Nemours Bright Start Curriculum. If you are looking for an all-day care solution, CTK Childcare Center is a great choice. You can learn more online at [www.ctkcatholic.com/childcare](http://www.ctkcatholic.com/childcare) or call 724-7239.

On the other hand, if you are a parent that is looking for VPK only, then CTK School is the place for you. Under the leadership of Stephanie Chinault, CTK School earned the coveted National Blue Ribbon Award for Excellence where only 50 private schools in the nation receive this award annually. The award put CTK School in the top 1% in the nation's schools. CTK School consistently ranks in the top 10% in the nation in standardized test scores, which is attributed to the dedication of the teachers and the solid curriculum being offered at CTK School.

Enrollment is open for PK3 through grade 8, and there is plenty of room for PK3 and VPK specifically. The VPK program and CTK School is a quality program that feeds nicely into kindergarten. The CTK School VPK program offers a classroom community where children can make friends and learn social problem-solving skills. The experienced teachers design learning centers that offer opportunities for children to explore, discover, and learn. Centers provide a setting for children to learn academic content and apply skills. Additionally, the teachers motivate children by guiding, learning and observing/assessing each



child's progress. They value the family's role in a child's education and work to build a partnership with you. Finally, not to be overlooked are the regular field trips (almost monthly) throughout the year to places like the Zoo, Jacksonville Library, and MOSH.

Parents are welcome to tour the school and classrooms by visiting online at [www.ctkcatholic.com/school](http://www.ctkcatholic.com/school) or by calling 724-2954.

The CTK community is truly blessed that it has two top quality options for educating your VPK children. How to choose really depends on your needs for the rest of the day. The school is best for families with some flexibility in their schedule, while the child care center is best for families that have two full-time occupations. Remember that the question is not should you send your child to VPK, rather it should be which to choose. Either way, the smart choice is to choose CTK.

## CTK Child Care – Taking Steps

By Theresa Little, Director

Christ the King Child Care is participating in a National Collaborative program, "Taking Steps to Healthy Success."

An Early Care and Education Learning Collaborative to Promote Healthy Practices part of the national, "Let's Move! Campaign," initiated by First Lady Michelle Obama, is focused on early childhood settings to solve the problem of obesity within a generation. We have a team of teachers who are working with me to assist in a component of Learning Collaborative and facilitate the corresponding homework session with the staff. I have an infant/toddler teacher, a preschool teacher and the cook who are all working with me to establish changes to help improve the quality of care that we provide to young children with respect to physical activity, screen time, nutrition, and breastfeeding support.

Some of the exciting changes we have made include: Increased gross motor activities and healthy snack options. We have a Jazzercise instructor who comes in twice a week to provide Jazzercise instruction to our 3- and 4-year olds, and of course our teachers and parents are welcome to participate.



Spiritual for you.  
Very special to me.  
Very holiness to me.  
It is happiness to me.  
Realistic to me.  
It means the whole universe to me.  
Fascinating to me, heaven to earth.

By: Ava

**WELL, IT MEANS A LOT TO ME. IT REMINDS ME OF JESUS AND THE SACRIFICE HE MADE FOR ME. I'M RECEIVING JESUS AND THAT MEANS SO MUCH TO ME, IT IS VERY SPECIAL. IT ALSO REMINDS ME OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND HOW MUCH HE LOVES ME. GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US.**

BY:  
ALEXIS

Holy Communion means everything to me because I will have Holy Communion in May and I've been practicing at home.

By: Pado

Remember that God is always with us and remembering Jesus Christ sacrificed for the whole world, and it is very special and spiritual. And for holiness.  
And receiving Jesus and God.

By:  
Jacob

God's sacrifice. God gave up his life to make us live and when it was his last supper he gave us the body and blood to remember Him.

By:  
Marco

It means so much to me and I am so happy to receive this First Communion. It is very special to do this and that's how I feel to receive this. I am very, very, very happy!

By: Keeley

Now I clear my mind of other thoughts and think about how special it is to receive communion and I feel the warmth of God's love in my heart.

by  
Charm

# Time to Remember

by Charm I. Saults

This is a good time to think back and remember that special day when you made your First Communion. I asked the First Communion class to answer the question, "What does Holy Communion mean to me?" Here are some of their answers.

**REMEMBERING JESUS' SACRIFICE HE MADE FOR US. REMEMBER THAT GOD IS ALWAYS WITH US. JESUS FORGIVES EVERYONE IN THE WHOLE, WHOLE, WORLD! NO ONE IS PERFECT BUT GOD.**

BY: EZIEMEFE

Receiving Holy Communion means a lot to me because it is like the most important thing you or I do in your or my life. Holy Communion is also very special and it is also in memory of Jesus.

By:  
Louisa

**WHEN I RECEIVE JESUS I RECEIVE HIS BLOOD AND BODY RECEIVING JESUS' LOVE AND FORGIVENESS FOR MY SINS AND SACRIFICE FOR ME AND HIS HOLINESS RECEIVING COMMUNION.**

BY: MALIAH

Save the date!  
Vacation Bible School at Christ the King  
on July 14-18 from 9:00 to noon



# Scout News

by Hank Jinks

On February 23, 2014, the 76th annual Catholic Boy Scout of the Year breakfast ceremony was held at St. Catherine of Siena Catholic Church in Orange Park. Each year an award is presented by the Knights of Columbus of the Diocese of St. Augustine to a Scout nominated by Catholic Troop and Crew units.

This year’s award was presented to Devin Gardner of Crew 5 and Adam Resch of Troop 5 from Christ the King Catholic Church.



Devin is the current President of Crew 5 and has served as Vice President. She is a senior at Frank H. Peterson High School and plans to attend the University of North Florida next year. Devin was instrumental in planning and implementing the Crew’s 17-day trip to Europe last summer. The trip included visits to London, Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin and Poland.

Adam is a Life Scout and the current Senior Patrol Leader of Troop 5. He has served as an Assistant Senior Patrol Leader and as Patrol Leader. He is currently working on his Eagle project. The project is a memorial to honor Police Officers who have served this community. Adam is a junior at Sandalwood High School and is a member of the band.



## Being Proud



by Charm I. Saults

Nicholas Johnson graduated from Christ the King School as a B student. After that he made a conscious decision to excel in high school. Nicholas attended Bishop Kenny High School and graduated as an honor student, fulfilling his dream to excel and succeed. At Bishop Kenny High School Nicholas participated in sports; pole vaulting and track during his freshman and sophomore years; he added football and weightlifting in his junior and senior year. In his senior year he was captain of the weightlifting team. Nicholas was nominated for Florida Academic All

American, and although he did not win, it was a great honor since only one girl and one boy was picked from each area in Florida. Nicholas received a football scholarship to Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio.

Nicholas is using his time wisely being a part of the Heidelberg community:

Heidelberg Leadership Experience (HLE) – Students improve their understanding of important leadership concepts, develop valuable leadership skills, and gain direct leadership experience by participating in workshops, discussions, retreats, service projects, presentations, and conferences.

Berg Events Council (BEC) – Student-led programming board that provides entertaining, educational, and diverse events to the Heidelberg University community. BEC aims to create leadership opportunities within the organization, and to promote out-of-classroom educational experiences for Heidelberg students.

Catholic Newman Club – Service-oriented organization to explore faith and Catholicism.

FCA – Education on how Christian values correlate with sports and how I can use my gifts to benefit others.

Campus Fellowship – Christian worship and bible study.

“Siggy’s Student Challenge” Winner – Award and scholarship goes to most involved student on campus.

Nicholas won a \$1,000.00 scholarship for the Siggy Student Challenge in the fall semester. He has a 4.0 average, is on the dean’s list and carrying 20 credit hours this semester.

Nicholas has applied for an internship at JEA for the summer which would include work in their Water Management program. Nicholas plans to study abroad in Italy in the spring of 2015.

This is truly a young man to be proud of. I am. He is my grandson.



## List of Scout Pinewood Derby Winners

### Scout

Gabe Satkoff, Wolf  
Ben Ross, Tiger  
Zeke Charron, Bear  
Carlton Payne, Bear  
Manny Ross, Wolf  
Phil Reess, Adult  
Matthew Hildreth, Webelos1  
Noah Mulder, Tiger  
William Petty, Wolf  
Steven Lutheran, Bear  
Logan Esposito, Bear  
Chris Hildreth, Adult  
Brandon Sullivan, Tiger  
Jim Sullivan, Adult  
Kyler Sullivan, Bear  
Scott Lutheran, Adult  
Jonas Mark, Bear  
Ethan Sapp, Webelos2  
Bryant Kubisiak, Wolf  
Mike Kubisiak, Adult  
Torin Sapp, Bear  
Andrew McClellan, Webelos1  
Nick Wagner, Wolf  
Devin Rhow, Bear  
Croix Shearn, Bear  
Michael Orf, Adult  
Thomas Orf, Tiger  
Silvia Leon-Orf, Adult  
Terry Rhow, Adult  
Sean Flanagan, Tiger  
Brian Flanagan, Webelos1

### Award

Most Futuristic  
Best Superhero Car  
Super Gold Car  
Super Sports Car  
Super Blue Car  
Super Duper Car  
Best School Car  
Holy Spirit Award  
Super Red Car  
Cub Scout Award  
Best Detailed Car  
Best Superhero Car  
Best Animal Car  
Finest Car  
Sportiest Car  
Third Place Adult  
Super Black Car  
Most Marvelous Car  
Cub Master Award  
Most Unique Car  
Coolest Car  
Best Food Car  
Cub Scout Spirit  
Most Colorful  
Best Construction  
Second Place Adult  
Cub Scout Spirit  
Greatest Car  
First Place Adult  
Best Craftsmanship  
Hottest Hot Rod



# Another Successful Year for Girl Scouts

by Deidre Hicks

The Brownies recently completed their Philanthropy Badge with a very enlightening talk by Chris Bodin, the head of the St. Vincent de Paul Society at Christ the King. The girls helped to bring the donated food items from the church baskets to the food pantry. In the pantry Mr. Bodin educated all of us about who the Society helps and how. He showed the girls how a typical food donation gets collected for the house call he was making later that day. The girls were also very proud to present to Mr. Bodin 40 boxes of donated Girl Scout cookies. They may not provide the best nutrition, but everyone loves a yummy treat. A huge thank you to Mr. Bodin for sharing his time and talent with us.

Speaking of Girl Scout cookies—thanks to all who helped make our sale a success. We raised the most money to date. That money will be used for future projects and an end-of-the-year trip and other philanthropic endeavors.

We also took part in World Thinking Day. It was a fun and educational event attended by many different troops. World Thinking Day sheds light on the educational needs of girls around the world. Our troop learned about Bangladesh and brought traditional food and drink to share at the event. We also raised money to donate school supplies to Haiti.



Our first-year Brownies attended the inspirational Religious Medal ceremony at the Cathedral Basilica in St. Augustine. They worked hard to earn their medals focusing on our faith.

Several girls and moms will be going on the Service Unit Camping trip in Middleburg at the new North Fork Leadership Center. It will be adventurous and bonding.

As we wrap up our 2013/2014 year, we will be focusing on “Living the Law,” paying special mind to how these relate more importantly to God’s Law. It has been another educational, fun and bonding year for Girl Scouts at Christ the King.



# American Heritage Girls

by Kelli Moneyhan

The American Heritage Girls (AHG) Troop 1125 has just completed a wonderful second year of fun, faith-filled scouting! Under the special patronage of Our Lady of Guadalupe, patroness of the Americas, the troop has grown to include 40 members, ranging from Kindergarten to 12th grade. All have been able to demonstrate their faith in action by participating in a variety of church and community activities. These included a campus clean-up of Christ the King, service projects for L’Arche Harbor House, joining in the Holy Mass and Procession on the Feast of Christ the King, earning medals at the Religious Emblem Ceremony with Bishop Estevez, honoring our military in the Veterans Day Parade, participating in the Eucharistic Congress, and publicly witnessing to the sanctity of life with the 40 Days for Life Campaign. Many of the girls earned the “Respect Life” badge by participating in 40 Days for Life and collecting baby supplies and money for the Women’s Help Center.



Please help support our girls during the “Enjoy the City” coupon book sales. Not only will you enable the girls to participate in camping and other activities, but 25% of the profits will go to Emergency Pregnancy Services in Arlington.

In addition to earning several skills badges at the meetings, the troop has had a full schedule of outings. We’ve gone rock climbing and bowling, had a field trip to the Cummer Art Museum, enjoyed troop movie night, and camped out at Camp Echowottee and Hanna Park. We even hosted a Mother-Daughter Tea in the Shirley David Hall, to honor our Heavenly Mother as well as our earthly mothers. Our troop was especially blessed to have members of CTK’s Girl Scout Troop join in our celebration!

In keeping with the mission of AHG, everything we do is aimed at guiding our members to become virtuous Christian women. We ask for the prayers of our parish community that the young ladies and leaders of the American Heritage Girls continue to grow in the love of Jesus and in faithful obedience to His Holy Catholic Church.

# Getting To Know Father Boddie

by Frank Becht

Our new Pastor, Father James Boddie, was born to James Boddie, Sr. and Mattie B. Steele in Jacksonville on September 6, 1950. His father was born in Birmingham, Alabama and came to Jacksonville with the Army to Camp Blanding. After release from the Army, he worked for the Seaboard Railroad. Later he became a delivery man for the



James Boddie, Sr.



Mattie Boddie

florist Richard’s Flower Fashions and finally for Kuhn Florist. His mother, Mattie, was born in Jacksonville, Florida. After her marriage she was a housewife for several years, and later was the

housekeeper and cook for the Assumption Convent. Father Boddie is the eldest of four children. His sister Annette Boddie, single, is a laboratory technician at the University of Florida Hospital (Shands) in Jacksonville. Cynthia, single, worked for Family Services, but is retired for health reasons. His brother, Frederick Anthony Boddie, is married and living in St. Paul, Minnesota where he is the Senior Coordinator for the Minnesota Convention Center. He has two boys, Jason and Herbert and a daughter, Pam Olivia. Father Boddie and family attended St. Pius Church and School in their younger years. Later Father Boddie attended and graduated from Bishop Kenny High School. While in Bishop Kenny his goal was to make the football team. He practiced one whole season, played one game, and was declared asthmatic. Thus ended that hope and desire. At the time Father Boddie was in high school, Monsignor Danaher was the president of Bishop Kenny. It was there that he began thinking of the priesthood. He was declared Vice President of the Home Room and a “Good Student.” Upon graduation from Bishop Kenny, he attended St. John Vianney College, Miami, Florida, then attended St. Vincent De Paul Seminary in Boynton Beach, Florida where he received his Bachelor of Arts, Master of Divinity and Master of Theology Degrees. On May 28, 1978, Father Boddie was ordained at St. Pius, his home parish, the first African-American priest in the history of the Diocese of St. Augustine and the state of Florida. After ordination, Father Boddie was assigned to several parishes for short periods of time. In all probability, this was an effort on

the part of the bishop to introduce our first African-American priest to the various parish communities as soon as possible: 1978-1979-he was assigned to St Paul’s Jacksonville and served as a teacher at Bishop Kenny High School. 1979-1980-he became associate pastor at Christ the King Church and School in Arlington. 1980-1982-he became associate pastor of St. Catherine of Sienna in Orange Park, FL. 1982-1994-he was appointed Pastor of Sacred Heart Catholic Church and School in Green Cove Springs. 1994-2002-he was appointed Pastor of St. Pius, the parish where he grew up. 2002-2014-he was appointed Pastor of St. Catherine’s in Orange Park where he had served previously. February 1, 2014, Father Boddie returned to Christ the King as our pastor. In the early 80s Christ the King was the largest parish in the Diocese. Today we are a smaller, much more diverse parish in east Jacksonville. Our pastor has served many parishes in the Diocese of St. Augustine and held many positions. Currently, he is the Coordinator of Priests Personnel; Diocesan Chaplain for the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts in the Diocese; and Moderator for the black Catholic Commission of the Diocese. He is a member of the Guardian of Catholic Schools Board of Trustees; a member of the Board of the Warren Power Foundation; was



a member of the Board of Directors of the Inter-Church Coalition for Action: Reconciliation and Empowerment (ICARE), and also a member of the Mayor’s Victim Assistance Council City of Jacksonville.



Father Boddie has been a man of action, who produces positive results. We look forward to having him show us a “better way.” He is a man of great ability and we welcome him as our leader!!!!

# New Rainbow Workshop

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L’Arche Harbor House

We are in the process of building a new L’Arche Rainbow Workshop across the street from Harbor House. The new home, we hope, will come in 18 months – two years. Here is some information: Fully funded by the Warren & Joanne Powers Charitable Fund, the new Rainbow Workshop will replace the current L’Arche Rainbow Workshop on Jack Road. When completed in the fall of 2014, it will be approximately 4500 sq. ft. and have a relaxation room, pottery room, painting room, great room and therapy room. L’Arche Harbor House is raising funds to build a new six-bedroom home to be located behind the new L’Arche Rainbow Workshop. This home will be designed and equipped for the most physically challenged core members who call L’Arche Harbor House home and will include a mechanical lift.

