



Growing in Faith

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As it starts to get warmer and the plants begin to grow (and shower us with pollen!), we are blessed to see many efforts begin to blossom and bear fruit in our parish.

I am very grateful to God for all he is doing in each of you, and in our parish family!

Father Andrew



Sharing the Faith

Mass in the Local Care Facilities

There are now eight care facilities in our area. With the help of our homebound coordinator, Emily Hulsey, Father Christopher was able to start a monthly Mass at each location. Father Luis has continued this beautiful outreach.

At most of the facilities, the Mass is attended by a nice gathering of residents, including some non-Catholics! They are often joined by some of the Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who serve in this ministry.

The Masses are every Tuesday and Thursday in a different location. We will begin including the time and place in the list of Masses found in the bulletin; you are welcome to come and join in!



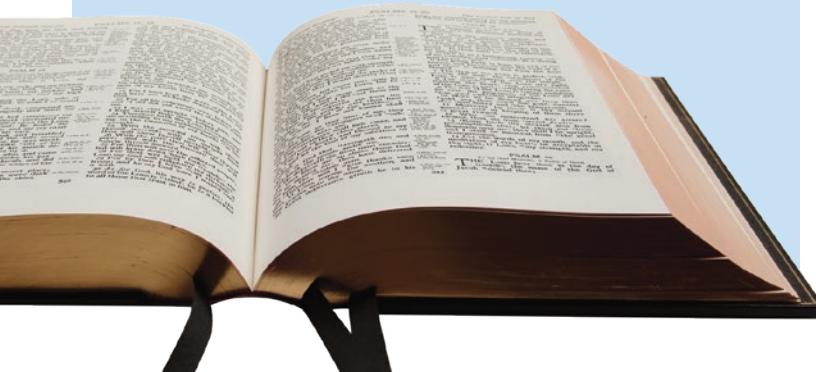
Discipleship

After months of preparation through Evangelical Catholic, our first home groups launched this Lent!

We have multiple groups, each hosted by a member of our Evangelical Catholic training group. These members have opened their homes and invited friends and neighbors to join. Practicing Catholics, as well as those with little faith backgrounds or who have fallen away from the faith, were invited as well.

Each week, the groups have been meeting to discuss the upcoming Sunday Scripture readings and how to grow in our daily walk with Christ. Many group members stay in touch with each other throughout the course of the week. Each group has become its own small faith community with a personality all its own.

Even though the photos are missing some of our participants, you can see what a great mix of people are participating!



NEW TRAINING GROUP

A new training group is currently forming. If you would like to hear more about this movement in our parish, please contact Nancy Compton at our church office.



Meet Our



Facilitator: Bob Thiesen and Dan D'Orazio



Facilitator: Chris Pangle



Facilitator: Veronica Anderson

First Home Groups



Facilitator: Erika Johnson



Facilitator: Dan Mackin



Facilitator: Rosemary Gardner



Facilitator: Matthew and Rachel Hurt



Facilitator: Vivian Bikulege

The Church which “goes forth” is a community of missionary disciples who take the first step, who are involved and supportive, who bear fruit and rejoice. An evangelizing community knows that the Lord has taken the initiative, he has loved us first (1 Jn 4:19), and therefore we can move forward, boldly take the initiative, go out to others, seek those who have fallen away, stand at the crossroads and welcome the outcast. Such a community has an endless desire to show mercy, the fruit of its own experience of the power of the Father’s infinite mercy.

*-Pope Francis, *Evangelli Gaudium*, 24*



Service

Partnering on the Faith Build

Volunteer members of St. Peter's Church and several other local churches are jointly building a Habitat for Humanity home on Mossy Oaks Road in Port Royal. They provide the hands to raise walls, attach roofs, assemble doors and windows, heating and air conditioning, and the myriad jobs needed to build a home. After gathering at St. Peter's in July for volunteer information and orientation, volunteers worked for hours on weekends to bring about the "Faith Build".

A \$3,000 tithe gift from the parish has gone toward the expense of building the home. A low-income family, who qualified by working on previous Habitat builds and meeting other requirements, will assume the affordable mortgage for their new home!

Improving Facilities

Sanctuary Doors and New Ramp

As part of our efforts to improve security, we modified our wooden doors to have special glass and push-bars. We also created a new ramp so that the side door can be used as an entrance for those with accessibility needs.

Our facilities manager, Rob Widenhouse, did most of the work himself, allowing us to accomplish both projects for a very reasonable cost. He did an amazing job! The ramp has been very useful for many people, and the glass doors have greatly brightened up the entrance to the church and enhancing the beautiful entry into our sanctuary.



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