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January 1, 2014

Solemnity of Mary Holy
Day of Obligation
Mass 9:00 a.m.

January 5, 2014

Parish Ministry Fair and
Epiphany Brunch,
10:00 a.m.

January 18, 2014

Euchre & Pinochle card
party, 6:30 p.m.

January 18, 2014

First Reconciliation,
9:00 a.m.

February 1, 2014

Formal Dining
Experience, 6:15 p.m.

February 2, 2014

Rite of Enrollment for
First Holy Communion,
9:00 a.m.

February 15, 2014

Euchre & Pinochle Card
Party, 6:30 p.m.

March 1, 2014

Formal Dining Experience
6:15 p.m.

March 5, 2014

Ash Wednesday Masses
8:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.

March 7, 2014

Parish Fish Fry, 3:45 p.m.

March 15, 2014

Euchre & Pinochle Card
party 6:30 p.m.

Healing Past Hurts

by Fr. Eric Underwood

Not a week goes by where I don't cross paths with someone I am convinced I have met before. The challenge is, that I can't figure out where I met them or who they are. Sometimes they remind me of someone from my hometown. Other times, they do something that is the exact same way a former parishioner would do it. Once in a while, I have actually met the person before and they just happened to be visiting the place I was. It is rather interesting how people trigger that feeling of the familiar.

Unfortunately, in our lives there are situations and people who don't trigger the positive feelings of the familiar. Instead, they trigger memories (even subconscious) of past hurts. And, it is almost like the wound is inflicted once again. Wounds from your parents' divorce, the unexpected death of a loved one, a crisis generated by a drunk driver, physical and emotional harm caused by an abuser, betrayal of confidence by a close friend, and the daily impatience accompanied by foul language that many people encounter from others. These memories are often dredged up by the appearance of someone who looks familiar or does something familiar.

For those who have been hurt by another person, these memories can be like carrying a cross too big to bear. And the wounds run deep – so deep that it may take a lifetime to heal them.

Sister Elaine Dillhunt, O.S.B., highlights some of the important steps that we must work through in order to heal these wounds.

1. **“Admit that you hurt.”** Often times, we struggle to identify the wounds that we have. We might know that we don't want to be around a particular person because they hurt us. But, it is not easy to see how this connects to other relationships. Our hurts show up in our impatience, anger, gossip, holding grudges, and dangerous habits. Step one is to be honest.
2. **“Know you are loved.”** We must recall what it truly means to be loved, even if someone did not show us love in the past. Keep at the front of your mind those people who truly love you (especially Jesus) – and thank God for them.
3. **“Don't automatically blame yourself for the things you suffer.”** Often times people who are wounded blame themselves or make excuses for the other person. Rationalizing only allows the hurt to continue.
4. **“Share your story of hurt.”** Talking with others helps us to process our feelings. When we are able to put things in perspective, we open ourselves up to Jesus' healing power. And, we may help another person to confront their hurts as well.
5. **“Turn to Jesus for healing.”** The Divine Healer can fix our wounds through His grace... if only we allow Him.
6. **“Be patient and persistent.”** As I mentioned before, healing can take some time. Don't give up!
7. **“Discover the healing power of prayer.”** Prayer, regular communication with God, is like being plugged in to a constant supply of antibiotics. It is also the place where we give thanks to God for His gift of grace and healing.

If you are suffering from past hurts and need some help, please feel free to call the parish office... we are here to help!



Ministry Reports

National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)



Aly & Jacob after a couple days of trading

Back in November, two of our teens traveled to Indianapolis to participate in the NCYC. Jacob Minns and Aly Braden spent three days meeting new people, engaging in workshops, learning about their faith, and witnessing the scope and power of the Catholic church.

A high school bible study is beginning on Thursday nights this year. Each week we'll go over the upcoming readings and explore them before we get to hear them on Sunday. This will be a great opportunity to grow in your faith, or just get out of doing some homework on Thursday night.

YOUTH BIBLE STUDY



The High School Lock-In

I stood behind the counter in the kitchen calmly snacking on some candy I had left out. The gym was calm, with some adults chatting in the corner of the gym. Suddenly, two teenagers came screaming into the gym; one held a volleyball and the other was in hot pursuit firing at the first with a Nerf gun. The volleyball was dropped to the floor as the victim was gunned down. Another pair, both unarmed, then entered from the opposite door. When they noticed the armed assailant in front of them, they panicked and scrambled back into the hallway. Amidst this, several others ran about the kitchen brandishing plastic spoons trying to assault one-another's knees. Such was the night of the lock in.

I look forward to next year's lock-in!!

Luke Hoefler



Matt Maher was a headline performer, and put on a spectacular performance for the 23,000 people in attendance.

Summer Mission Trips

Several mission trips are being planned to McKee, Kentucky, Bethlehem Farm in West Virginia, and Jerusalem Farm in Kansas City. They will all take place during June and July. If you are interested in traveling over the summer, getting to serve others, and building fellowship among friends and strangers alike, these trips are for you.



CATHOLICS COME HOME!

RAISED CATHOLIC? BEEN AWAY?

Jan. 15 • 7pm • St. Charles School

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We welcomed Lucy Josephine Higgins, Laurel Louise Darland and Owen Christopher Jamison through the waters of baptism. We welcomed new Parishioners Richard & Amy Darland, their daughter Laurel, Mary Elizabeth Lyons, Jane Balog, Stephanie Breaton, Kory Breaton and Aurora Miller.



CONGRATULATIONS!!

The Spirit was definitely moving on October 20, 2013 when Bishop Doherty confirmed several adults from parishes throughout the Diocese of Lafayette. From our own parish, Lida Han and Amy Darland were confirmed. Be sure to congratulate them when you see them!

Advent has been a busy time for Faith Formation. All classes attended an Advent Service at the beginning of class in the front hallway. St. Nicholas visited and shared a little about who he is and then left treats in everyone's shoes. And many classes made Advent projects to help them learn about and understand the season a little better. The first grade made little Advent Wreaths. Pictured are Penelope Hagan and Shay Schoettmer.



"The Spirit Comes to Enlighten the mind first of the one who receives Him, and then, through Him, the minds of others as well." St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Doctor of Catechesis.

F.I.R.E Courses are available at 6:30 p.m. in the school building room 11 on the following dates: **January 23**—Liturgy of Hours
March 12—Prayer
March 19—Overview of Word of God
March 26—Stages of Faith
April 2—Catechetical Process
April 9—The Creed

The Book Club is presently reading the book *Introduction to Mary: The Heart of Marian Doctrine and Devotion* by Mark Miravalle. If you've ever had any questions about Church doctrine on Mary, or had non-Catholics question about our beliefs, this is an awesome read! Come join us on Monday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in school, room 9.

SAINTS CORNER



ST. JOHN OF DAMASCUS

St. John of Damascus was brilliant; he studied languages, math, he saw himself "a lowly and useless servant, who would do better to confess his sins to God than to become involved in theological and political matters."

However, he did become involved in theological and political matters and to the holiness of the Church. St. John (an Eastern Catholic) followed the Pope's teaching on the importance and the rightness of statues and holy pictures. He defended them saying that statues and images are beautiful and a good creature of God; they make us think of our Lord, our Blessed Mother, and the Saints. St. John was not a favorite of the Emperor since he stood up for the Catholic teachings. St. John gave up his position as governor and sold his earthly goods and became a monk, seeking the humility of our Lord and humbly teaching the truths of our great Faith.

St. John of Damascus's feast day is December 4th.



The annual Parish Fish Fry is Friday, March 7th from 4 to 7:30 p.m. in the school gym. We are asking parishioners to **donate a dessert** for the fish fry: cakes, pies, cupcakes, brownies, cookies, etc. Carry-out dinners will also be available by entering the school parking lot doors and following the signs. Dinner tickets will be mailed to you so you can sell them to friends and family or buy some for yourself. More tickets are available in our Parish Office, or you may also purchase dinner tickets at the door. All proceeds will go to the building fund.

Volunteers are also needed to assist with this dinner. If you would like to take a shift serving food for dine-in or carry-out, please contact Kimberly Hawkins at the Parish Office, 473-5543. Thank you!

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Trunk or Treat was a huge success again this year despite the pouring rain that threatened to cancel it. About 600-700 trick-or-treaters made their way through the gym in pursuit of goodies from parishioners who manned tables rather than trunks to share their treats. Many were also dressed in costume, including those in the pictures above. On the left is the Higgins family: P.J. as Scarecrow, Rachel as the Wicked Witch of the West, Lucyas Toto, P. J. III as Tin Man, Eleanor as Glenda the Good Witch, and Augustus as the Cowardly Lion. On the right are parishioners Pat Draving, Maria Western, Jacob Minns, Barb Sutero, Wendy Langer, Andrea Langer, Bob Sutero, and Roselyn Hagan.