St. Peter in Chains

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REGULAR MONTHLY MEETINGS

Pastoral Council
Third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m. *Every Month*

St. Vincent DePaul Society
First & Third Mondays, 8:15 p.m.
Every Month
For assistance, call ext. 311

MASSES
Weekend: St. Peter in Chains
Saturday: 4:30 p.m.
Sunday: 9:00, 11:00 a.m.
Please check inside of bulletin for any changes to regular Mass schedule
Holydays: St. Peter in Chains
Day: 8:00 a.m., 7:00 p.m.
Tuesday & Wednesday:
Mass at St. Peter in Chains, 8:00 a.m.
Monday:
Mass at St. Julie Billiart, 12:05 p.m.
Tuesday, Thursday & Friday:
Mass at St. Julie Billiart, 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday:
Communion Service. at St. Julie, 8:00a.m.
Thursday & Friday:
Mass at St. Joseph, 8:00 a.m.

BINGO—Friday Evening:
Preliminary ..... 7:00 p.m.
Regular ..... 7:30 p.m.

PTO General
Third Tuesday, 7:00 p.m.
Sept., Nov., Jan., March, May

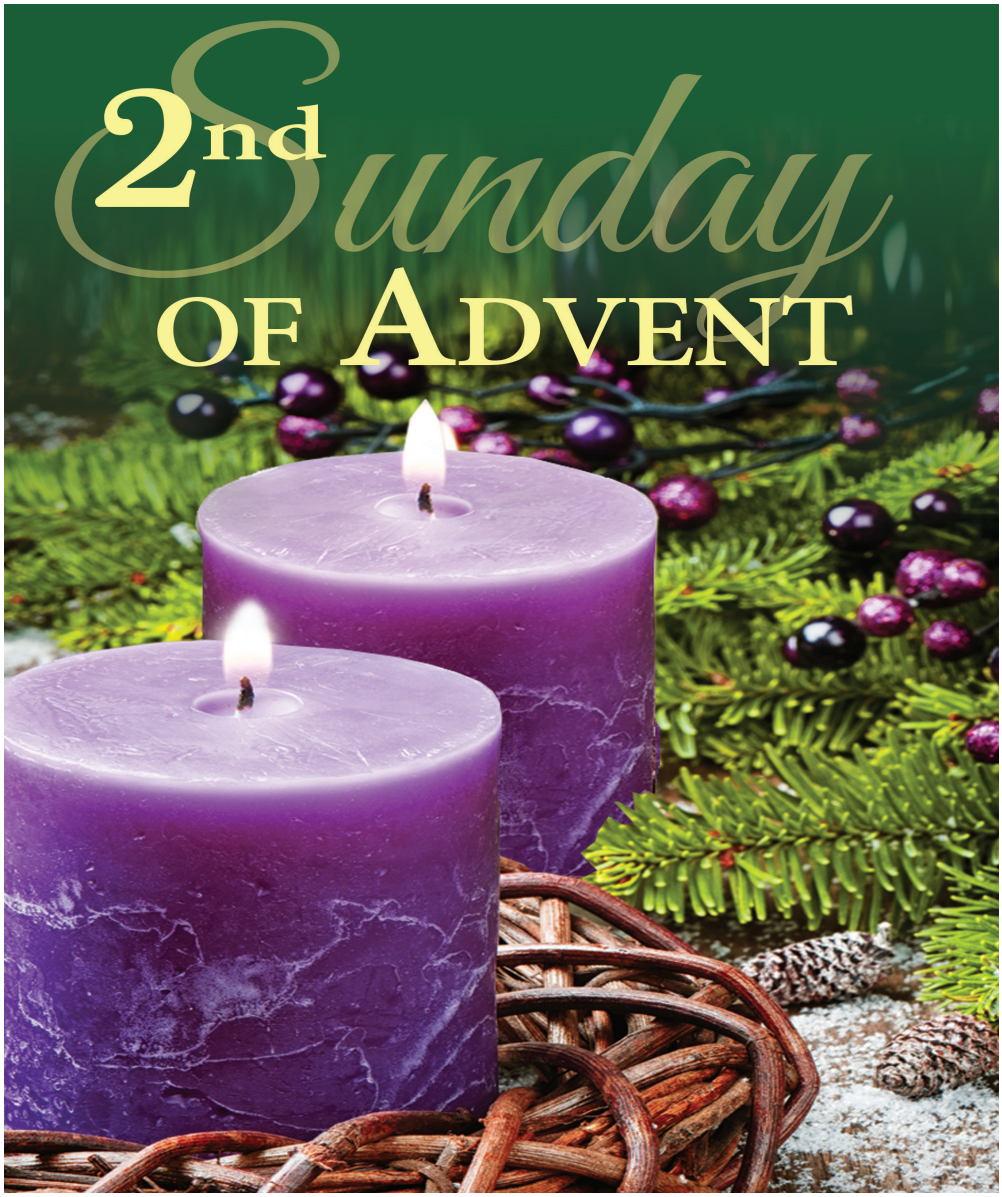
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:
Please contact the Parish office to make arrangements. For pre-baptism class, please call for an appointment.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
Saturdays: 3:30 - 4:00 p.m. Anytime on request or by appointment call 863-3938. **During Advent 3:00-4:00 p.m.**

SACRAMENT OF THE ANOINTING OF THE SICK:
A communal celebration of the Sacrament is celebrated annually in October at one of the Sunday Masses. Individuals may request the Sacrament any time by calling the church office.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:
Couples contemplating marriages should call the church office at least nine months prior to the desired date.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:
We welcome all new families and/or individuals moving into our territory. Please register at the church office as soon as possible.



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OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation activities are listed below. If you would like more information or would like to register, please call Deacon Jeff at 863-3938, ext. 302.

CLOW

For primary-aged children and held during the 11:00 Mass. The children participate in the Liturgy of the Word with age -appropriate material, then join their families for the remainder of the Mass. Have your child attend Mass with you and Father will dismiss the children after the Opening Prayer.

2015-2016 PREP Sign Up

Sign ups for our joint PREP program are now being taken. PREP is designed for public school/home school children grades K-12.

PREP takes place on Sunday mornings at the Fenmont (St. Julie's) 9:45AM - 10:45AM.

Registration Forms/Medical Waivers are on the parish website or you can contact Deacon Jeff at merrellj@stpeterinchains.org. 863-3938 Ext. 302

All forms should be turned into Deacon Jeff or Mary Pat Austing (CRE, St. Julie's)

Parish Religious Education Program

If you would like to help with our PREP program for next year, please contact Deacon Jeff or Mary Pat Austing mpausting@stjulie.net.

All High School and Jr. High Youth can participate. Normal schedule is 1st and 3rd Sundays of every month.

December Schedule

Sunday 12/20 - Decorate the Church/Pizza

Noon to 3PM

Calling all hands to help decorate the church for Christmas. We will have pizza afterwards.

Sign up online or contact Deacon Jeff

The Community Meal Center at Front street Presbyterian Church on the 3rd Friday of every month at 3:30 P.M. is St. Peter's Night. Help is always needed. A great family expression of our faith. Hope to see you there!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

"Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths." Today's Gospel reading references an ancient text from the Old Testament Book of Isaiah. There, a prophecy was made that John the Baptist would fulfill many years later; John is the "voice of one crying out in the desert." And the message that John's voice proclaimed, in preparation for the coming of the Messiah, was a message of repentance.

The passage from Isaiah gives us some clues into what this repentance is supposed to do. It is meant to change us into people who can properly welcome the Lord when he comes. Using the poetic image of a path, the text describes the kind of path that is suitable for the Lord. He shouldn't have to navigate valleys, scale mountains, wind around twists and turns on the road, or traverse rough, difficult terrain. Instead, he should be able to move easily on smooth ground. Residents preparing to welcome an honored guest ought to do what they can to make the journey pleasant. The analogy relates to our souls.

As we prepare to welcome the Lord this Advent season, we should make the "path" of our souls level, straight, and smooth. We should "fill" the valleys of laziness or despair with diligence and joy. The mountains of pride and greed should be made low with humility and generosity. The winding roads of dishonesty and manipulation "shall be made straight" with commitment to the truth. And the rough ways of our selfishness and stubbornness should be made smooth through charity and docility to the Holy Spirit. When we live our faith with sincerity and devotion, our souls are transformed. This Advent, may our souls become a pleasant path for Christ.

During Advent the Sacrament of Reconciliation will begin at 3:00 P.M. instead 3:30 P.M. on Saturday afternoons.

Mass Intentions for the Week

December 5, Saturday - Vigil

4:30 Lee M. Jung (Birthday)
(LeRoy "Digger" Henes & Family)

December 6, Sunday - Second Sunday of Advent

9:00 Carmen Suarez *(Yolanda & Family)*
11:00 *For the People of the Parish*

December 7, Monday - Saint Ambrose, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

12:00 Mass at St. Julie Billiart

December 8, Tuesday - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00 Mary Helmers *(Crank Family)* Church
7:00 Grace Ciavarella *(Andrea & Fred Marcum)* Church

December 9, Wednesday - Advent Weekday

8:00 Gene Eyl *(Mike & Marty Hamann)* Chapel

December 10, Thursday - Advent Weekday

8:00 Mass at St. Joseph

December 11, Friday - Advent Weekday

8:00 Mass at St. Joseph

December 12, Saturday - Vigil

4:30 Helene Fahner *(Phyllis & Karla)*

December 13, Sunday - Third Sunday of Advent

9:00 *For the People of the Parish*
11:00 Puma/Smith Families *(Joan Puma)*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 6, 2015

Sunday: Bar 5:1-9/Ps 126:1-6/Phil 1:4-6, 8-11/Lk 3:1-6
Monday: Is 35:1-10/ Ps 85:9-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1-4/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10/Mt 11:28-30
Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Ps 145:1, 9-13/Mt 11:11-15
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-4, 6/Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18-19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47
Next Sunday: Zep 3:14-18a/Is 12:2-6/Phil 4:4-7/Lk 3:10-18

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Monday, December 7
2:15 P.M. Archery practice
2:15 P.M. Daisies/Brownies
5:30-7:00 P.M. Basketball practice
8:15 P.M. St. Vincent de Paul
Tuesday, December 8
2:15 P.M. Archery practice
2:15 P.M. Brownies
2:15 P.M. Children's Choir practice
Wednesday, December 9
10-11:30 A.M. & 7-8:30 P.M. Bible Study
2:15 P.M. Band
5:30-8:30 P.M. Basketball practice
Thursday, December 10
2:10 P.M. Boys Scouts Den Meeting
7:00 P.M. Choir practice
5:30-8:30 P.M. Basketball practice
Friday, December 11
10-11:00 A.M. School Advent Service
7:00 P.M. Bingo
Saturday, December 12
9:30 A.M. Girl Scouts Christmas Party
10-11:30 A.M. Basketball practice
6:00 P.M. Baptism
Sunday, December 13
12:30 P.M. Baptism
6:00 P.M. Vespers & Adult Formation

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, December 12
4:30 P.M.
Lector: Richard St. John
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Jeff Merrell, Scott Day, Kim Kirsch, Lizzy Schutte, Jordan Flaig, Julie Meece, Tom Stuard, Robert Huff
Servers: Lexie Herold, Jake Myers, **Not Filled**

Sunday, December 13
9:00 A.M.
Lector: Joe Schneider
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Jeff Merrell, Don Austing, Michael McDulin, Don Meiner, Tess Barreto, Donald McDulin, Kameron Gray, Verna McDulin
Servers: Ryan Kirkendall, Tatum Palechek, **Not Filled**
11:00 A.M.
Lector: Kristin O'Brien
Eucharistic Ministers: Deacon Jeff Merrell, Andy Cochran, Dan Isgro, Sydney Rawlings, Libby Crank Herb Schmidt, Colin Crank, Andrew Noelker
Servers: Emma Fritsch, Jackson Long, Zac Siegler

Faith Formation Opportunities

New Bible Study Session
Starting in January!

Opportunity #1:

Bible Study The Acts of the Apostles

We will follow up our study of the Gospel of Luke with the second part of Luke's narrative, The Acts of the Apostles. In doing so we will ***discover the Living Word*** and its impact on our daily lives. With narrative, study questions, reflections, and prayer, and your understanding of Scripture will be deepened with the spiritual practice of *Lectio Divina.*

Choose either of two sessions which will take place on Wednesdays:

Morning: 10:00AM to 11:30 AM

Evening: 7:00PM to 8:30PM (7:30PM to 9:00PM during Lent, after Stations)

Sessions will be held in the Parish Center

Our new session will start on January 6th

This unit is 9 sessions long and runs through Wednesday, March 9th (w/no meeting on February 10th, Ash Wednesday). A new unit will start in April.

Since each participant receives a study guide **please sign up** in one of the following ways:

Email Deacon Jeff at:
merrellj@stpeterinchains.org

Or call Deacon Jeff at 863-3938

Cost for the materials is $20.00

Opportunity #2 : Sunday Evening Prayer w/ Faith Formation and Fellowship

Take the opportunity to unwind, relax and prepare for the week through prayer and focusing on our shared faith in Jesus Christ in the Catholic Church. The atmosphere will be casual. You have the option to bring food to share and even test out your latest snack and dessert recipes!! Coffee and other drinks will be provided. **No need to sign up, just show up. Next gathering - Sunday, December 13, 6PM** in the Chapel, followed by Faith Formation **to 8PM.**

PASTORAL REGION MASS TIMES
Holy Day of Obligation

St. Peter in Chains
Tuesday, December 8, at 8:00 A.M. & 7:00 P.M.

St. Joseph
Monday, December 7, at 5:15 P.M.
Tuesday, December 8, at 8:00 A.M.

St. Julie Billiart
Tuesday, December 8, at 12:00 Noon
7:00 P.M. (Spanish)

COLLECTION
November 22, 2015

Weekly

Offerings	$ 9,207.00
Offering Goal	$ 10,050.00
Over/(Under)	$ (843.00)

Year-to-Date

Offerings	$ 190,619.00
Offering Goal	$ 211,050.00
Over/(Under)	$ (20,431.00)

COLLECTION
November 29, 2015

Weekly

Offerings	$ 6,897.00
Offering Goal	$ 10,050.00
Over/(Under)	$ (3,153.00)

Year-to-Date

Offerings	$ 197,516.00
Offering Goal	$ 221,100.00
Over/(Under)	$ (23,584.00)

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS
Next Sunday—December 12/13, 2015

Support elderly religious. A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Giving Tree Tags are now available. Please wrap the gifts and place the tag securely on the front of each package. Most importantly, please remember, ***all gifts must be returned at any Mass on December 12th or 13th***.

Gifts will be picked up by the agencies on Monday, December 14th and then disbursed to the families. If you misplace your tag or have any questions call Carla Fiehrer, 863-3907. Thank you for your participation!

A PROGRAM AND SERVICE OF
THE NATIONAL CATHOLIC RISK RETENTION GROUP, INC.

VIRTUS® Online

Please remember to check the Virtus website once a month for your required reading of current bulletins. PLEASE DO NOT RELY ON EMAIL REMINDERS. Archdiocesan policy states that if you miss 3 bulletins or more you are suspended as an approved volunteer until you either do the missed bulletins or retake the whole program. PLEASE be diligent. If you have any inquiries or questions, please call Lisa Stricker, Local Safe Environment Coordinator for St. Peter in Chains, at 863-3938 or email her at: strickerL@stpeterinchains.org

Also, please be sure to call the office to check when you were last fingerprinted. If it's been 5 years you must have a background check completed through your Virtus account. Please call with any questions or concerns.

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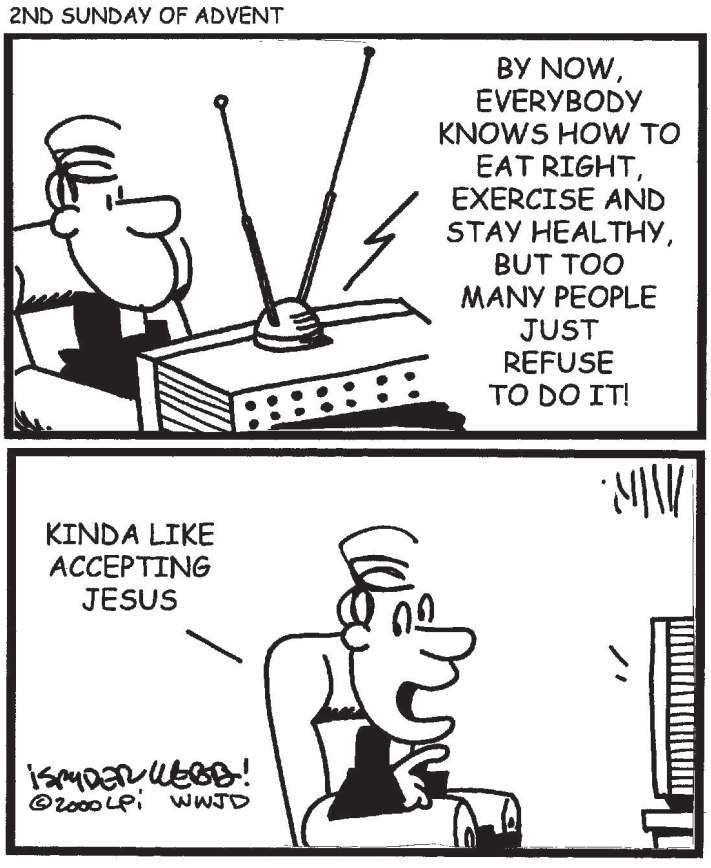

MASS INTENTION POLICY/GUIDELINES

The practice of requesting a Mass to be offered for loved ones, living or deceased, is a beautiful and wonderful part of our Catholic tradition. St. Peter in Chains Parish receives many requests for scheduling Mass intentions. At this time we celebrate two Masses each week and three Masses each weekend. One weekend Mass must be reserved for the people of the parish. As a way to allow as many parishioners and friends as possible to schedule Masses and to leave dates open for recent deaths, the following policies are put forth to help accomplish this goal.

1. Anyone may request a Mass Intention for:
   - -A person who is living,
   - -A person who is deceased,
   - -A special intention appropriate to the celebration of the Eucharist (World Peace, Vocations, Respect for Life, Souls in Purgatory, etc.)

2. Currently, the suggested offering for a Mass Intention is $ 5.00. An offering may be more than the suggested amount, with any amount over the $ 5.00 going to the parish. It may, also, be less if the person requesting the Mass Intention is not in the financial position to make the suggested offering.

3. Mass Intentions, along with the offering, will be accepted in person, through mail or by means of the collection basket. When requesting Mass Intentions, a desired date and Mass time may be included. We will try to accommodate the donor but if not possible, a date and time closest may be scheduled. To notify family and friends, we will continue to publish our Mass Intentions in the bulletin.

4. The donor requesting the Mass Intention may ask for a card to be sent to notify a person that the Intention has been requested (one card per intention).

5. When we accept a Mass Intention, we make a moral commitment to celebrate Mass for that intention within twelve months. To help us fulfill this commitment, some intentions may have to be sent to the Mission Office, along with the offering, for distribution to other priests who will be able to celebrate these Masses in a more timely manner.

6. Every effort will be made to follow the guidelines below when scheduling Masses:

   A maximum of three (3) Mass Intentions by the same donor will be scheduled per year.

   A maximum of five (5) Mass Intentions for an individual will be scheduled per year.

This policy and guidelines will go into effect January 1, 2016. Thank you for your understanding and patience. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact the Parish Office.

A REMINDER ON POLICY REGARDING DAILY MASS

In the event that school is cancelled or delayed because of weather conditions, the morning Mass for that morning will be cancelled. Any Mass Intention originally scheduled for that day, will be moved to a future date.

9 Months with Christ in the Womb

March 25 to December 25

We are now in the month that Jesus will be born! Today, he is getting acquainted with a new sensation. His mother has been riding a donkey all day, and its steady rocking motion keeps lulling him back to sleep. Then, a jolt will occasionally wake him back up. Jesus of the womb, Hear our prayers!

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

In today's Gospel John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord," and this is what Advent is all about. We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and in our community by reaching out to those in need.

Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call our parish office and ask for our St. Vincent de Paul. Together we can help the suffering and poor in our immediate neighborhoods to celebrate Christmas. God Bless you!

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE

We would like to thank everyone who has been so gracious and has made our committee so special but we are in need of a couple of people who would like to chair or co-chair this committee. Marty Hamann & Mary Jo Shannon are stepping down at the end of this month. If you would be interested or have any questions, please call Marty Hamann at 892-3829.

The Badin Connection

Linking the Badin Family with our parish families

November 2015

What's Happening at Badin...

- **HAPPY THANKSGIVING** from the Badin Family to your family! Have a great holiday season!
- Are you interested in joining the **Badin High School family of students?** Students have a great high school experience and are well prepared for college and the adventure of life beyond high school. To set up a **Shadow Day**, contact the Admissions Office at 863-3993, ext. 120, or by e-mail at Dallen@BadinHS.org The deadline for **financial aid applications** is **Tuesday, Dec. 1**. Apply on-line through the Badin web site at badinhs.org Placement Test scores, scholarship offers and financial aid awards will be mailed to prospective students on Friday, Jan. 15, 2016. **Registration Night** for the Class of 2020 is **Thursday, Feb. 4, 2016**. Come join the Badin family!
- **Last minute questions** about Badin in the Class of 2020? We will have our annual **Q&A Night** for 8th grade parents on **Wednesday, Dec. 9,** from 7-8 p.m. at Badin.
- Badin's annual **One Act plays** are scheduled for **Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 5 and 6,** with the Saturday show at 7:30 p.m. and the Sunday performance at 1 p.m. Tickets are $5 and available at the door. Come enjoy the show!
- Would you like to host an **International student?** It's a rewarding opportunity to make a positive difference in the lives of foreign students, have a valuable experience within your own family, and make an impact on the Badin community. Foreign student agencies typically pay host families a stipend of some $500 or more a month to offset the cost of housing. It's not too early to start the ball rolling for the 2016-17 school year. Contact the Badin admissions office for more information.

THINK. ACHIEVE. SERVE. LEAD.

- Congratulations to senior **Malia Berkely** (Lakota Liberty), who was named **Ms. Ohio Soccer** for the second consecutive year by the Ohio Scholastic Soccer Coaches Association. In four seasons playing varsity girls soccer for Badin, Berkely scored 66 goals and added 33 assists, playing for teams that went 62-12-10 and won the Division III state championship in 2013 and 2014. She was also named the Ohio Division III Player of the Year and first team all-Ohio by the OSSCA, again for the second year in a row. She has committed to play women's college soccer at Florida State University and is a member of the United States U-19 women's national team.
- **Dr. Mark O'Hara,** sophomore English teacher at Badin, has presented at three recent conferences — **the Popular and American Culture Conference in Cincinnati, the 16th annual Curriculum and Pedagogy Conference in Cleveland, and the Southwest Conference on Disability in Albuquerque, N.M.** O'Hara's current work investigates how films portray fictional characters, and how sometimes these portrayals result in stigma or negative feelings toward people in real life.
- Seven Badin female students were on the road on Friday, Nov. 13, for the annual Women in Information Technology Conference in Mason. Those in attendance included **Kyla Boback** (St. John Dry Ridge), **Maggie Hayes** (St. Ann), **Morgan Mills** (St. Joseph), **Sam Sander** (St. Ann), **Sidney Sanders** (St. Ann), **Karley Schlensker** (Sacred Heart), and **Jessica Tri-Rudolf** (St. Gabriel). Badin technology instructor **David Gretz** arranged the field trip, which focused on careers, opportunities and the value of IT for talented high school girls.
- Five Badin students were candidates for state office as the **DECA Marketing Education** group held its **fall state leadership conference** in Columbus Nov. 18. Those on the ballot included senior **Chris Arnold** (Corpus Christi), for the office of executive vice president of leadership development; junior **Noah Connaughton** (St. Joseph), executive vice president of marketing; senior **Lexi Updike** (St. Aloysius), parliamentarian; and senior **Ethan Combs** (Talawanda) and junior **Hannah Fritsch** (St. Peter in Chains), public relations.
- Congratulations to Badin wrestling coach and maintenance man **Dexter Carpenter** for being inducted into the Deer Park High Athletic Hall of Fame on Nov. 14. Coach Carpenter is a 1973 graduate of DPHS, and started the Badin wrestling program, now in its 10th year, from the ground up in 2006-07.
- Badin seniors **Cody Boxrucker** (Lakota Plains) and **Dominic Valentino** (St. James) were voted offensive and defensive football players of the year, respectively, in the GCL Coed Central Division. More athletic awards next month!
- Badin's **Students of the Month** for October 2015 include freshman **Grace Connaughton** (St. Joseph), sophomore **Maddie Curtner** (Edgewood Middle), junior **Danielle Pate** (St. Joseph) and senior **Kaleb Barnes** (St. Ann). Students are nominated and selected by faculty for being difference-makers at Badin.

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PASTORAL REGION NEWS

Listening Session Results – How to read the following charts/responses

In the chart for each question, the "number" listed indicates how many times that particular comment (or similar comment) was said across the small groups. At St. Julie's, there were 5 small groups, therefore, the most a comment could be said would be 5 (meaning that particular comment was said in all 5 small groups). For St. Peter's and St. Joe's, there were 2 small groups. And for the Hispanic Community, there were 3 small groups.

Ques. #4: What advice would you give the Pastoral Region Committee leading this planning process?				
Comment / Statement	St. Julie's 5 Groups	St. Peter's 2 Groups	St. Joe's 2 Groups	St. Julie's - Hispanic 3 Groups
Keep People Informed/More, Clear Communication from PRC/Transparancy/Listening *Who are PRCC members?/Website/Pastoral Region bulletin/Committee represents /When we will share pastor/How will funding work?*	4	2	2	2
Stay Positive/Don't Let Negativity Get a Foothold	2	1	1	
Entertain school configurations/Joint Education	2			
How is 1 Priest Able to do it All?/Priest Availibility	2			
Pull in More People - subcommittees	1	1		3
Recognize Target Groups & Communicate Directly	1			
Strengths & Weaknesses Analysis	1			
Make All 3 Parishes Feel Equal & Welcome/Get to Know One Another (e.g. Open Houses)	1		2	
No Commercials	1			
Good Joint Website/Social Media	1			
Consolidate Facilities, not churches, so to enhance	1			
Pray to St. Jude/Prayer/Prayer Group for Region	1	1	2	2
Efficient Paid Staff	1			
Keep Separate Identity	1			
Have Bi-Lingual Mass	1			
Finances - one parish doing better than another/ Cost Savings (How to keep costs down)	1	1		
Involve Youth in Planning	1			
Encourage Lay Minster Training	1			
Use of Common Prayer	1			
Parking	1			
Parishioner Input Prior to Final Plan		1		
Frequent Updates in Bulletin, Website		1		
Seek Out Advice (for individual ministries within our parishes & outside)		1		
Connect with Other Groups Outside Our Parish/Network		1	1	
Regional Celebration of St. Joe's 150 years (Sept. 2017)			1	
Reach Out to Orders to get More Priests			1	
Decision Maker for all in Region (collaboration, communication, delegation)			1	
Fight to Bring a Hispanic/Bi-Lingual Priest			2	
Restore (Revive?) Hispanic Festival in Region			1	
Be Organized to Attract Community to the Process			1	
Announce at Mass the Importance of Participation			1	
Give Impoprtance to Existing Ministries to Keep Them so They are Not Lost.			1	
Take into Account the Hispanic Community, within the New Structure			1	