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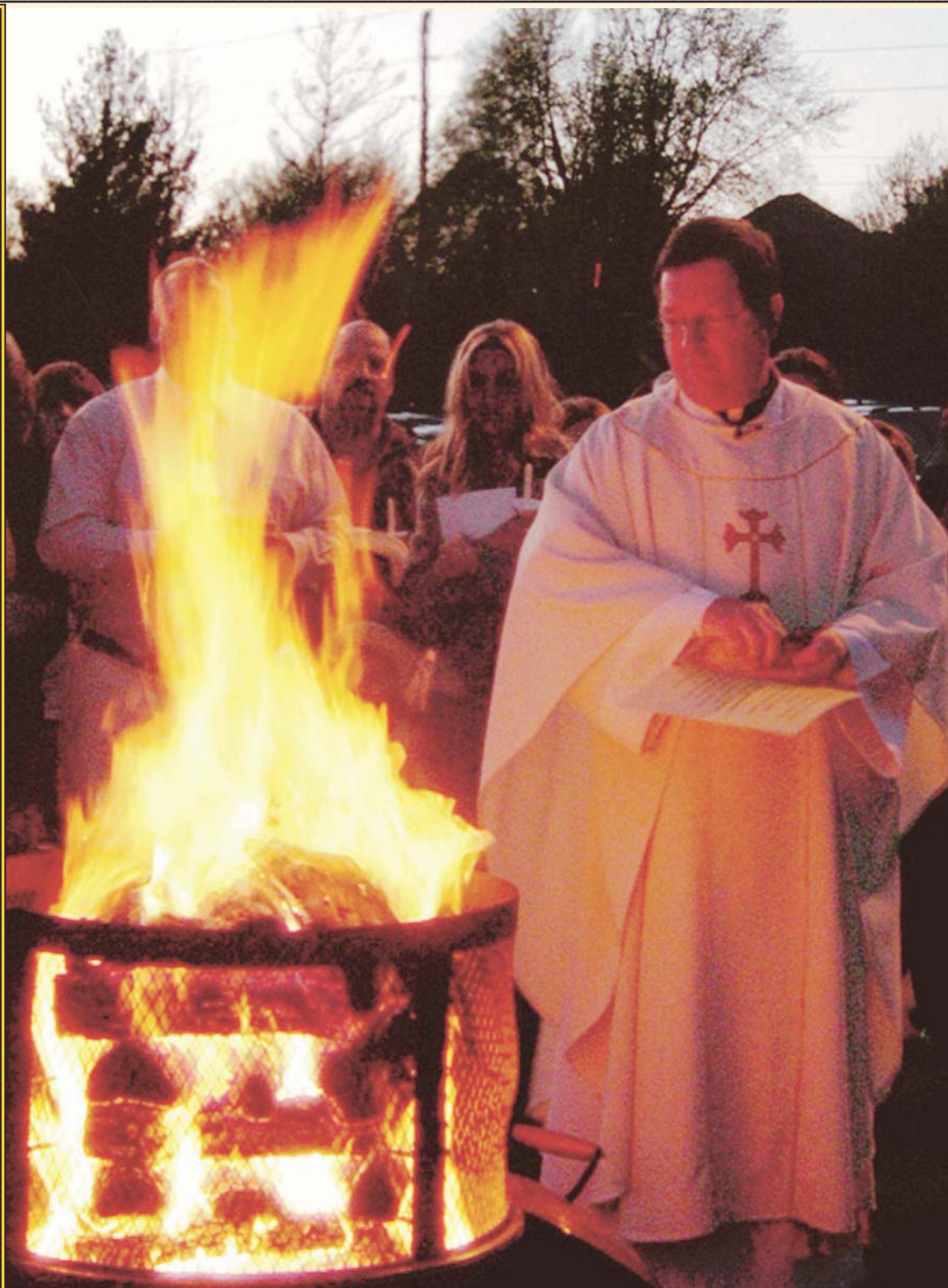
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OUR KIDS HAVE COLLECTED OVER 15,000 COINS

The Holy Family children have now contributed over 15,000 coins and nearly \$2,300 in currency to our Join the Journey jar!



*Way to go kids!
We appreciate your contributions!*

Coin Jar Report

May 15, 2005- April 30, 2007

15,134 coins	\$ 1,406.07
Currency	\$ <u>2,293.00</u>
Total	\$ 3,699.07



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NORTHLAND STUDY COMPLETE

The Steering Committee for the Northland Study met on April 18, 2007, to finalize the report. The completed report was sent on to Bishop Finn for his consideration.

Bishop Finn's final approval is expected before the end of May. More information will be made available to all parishioners at that time.

Fr. Matthew and Parish Manager Megan Burdolski would like to thank our lay consultants, Sandy Griesel and Rozanne Prather, for their work on our behalf during the Northland planning process!

SUCCESSFUL FISH FRIES

The Holy Family Men's Club considers this year's fish fries "very successful" based on the number of people it served, approximately 700, according to president Scott Kasper.

The fish fries allow the Men's Club to financially assist the parish and ministries which do not have fund-raising capabilities. The club has already received a financial request from one such ministry.

STATEMENT OF PARISH DEBT

April 30, 2007

Loan Balance - May 15, 2005	\$ 2,096,872.08
Debt Repayment May 15, 2005 - April 30, 2007	(\$1,616,864.00)
Loan Balance - April 30, 2007	\$ 480,008.08

FAITH ON THE WEB

By Suzanne Hill

A blessing? A curse?

We all have heard horror stories about the Internet drawing people into sin. I, however, have found it a great blessing. When used with discernment, the Internet helps Catholics learn more about faith and improve their prayer life.

Monday through Friday I receive daily readings and reflections from St. Monica's Parish in Indianapolis in my inbox. When I check my e-mail, I remember that I need to check in with God, too.

Daily Mass readings are linked to the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Web site. The bishops use the New American Bible for daily readings.

If the Bible intimidates you, this is a literal Godsend. Once the user clicks on the links, he or she has the First Reading, Responsorial Psalm and Gospel reading for the day. Simple.

This site offers users the ability to link to readings within the Biblical context, including footnotes explaining individual verses in their original context.

After reading the daily Bible verses, revert to St. Monica's reflections in your e-mail message. Members of St. Monica's staff, including its pastor, write the reflections. I enjoy the mix of impressions from lay people, male and female, as well as from the pastor. These people connect the Bible readings of the past to our lives.

Check the Web site out at <http://www.stmonicaparishindy.org/> to subscribe to the daily reflections.



Impossible? Think again. . .

In the spring of 1983, Margaret Patrick arrived at the Southeast Senior Center for Independent Living to begin her physical therapy.

As Millie McHugh, a long-time staff member, introduced Margaret to people at the center, she noticed the look of pain in Margaret's eyes as she gazed at the piano.

"Is anything wrong?" asked Millie.

"No," Margaret said softly. "It's just that seeing a piano brings back memories. Before my stroke, music was everything to me."

Millie glanced at Margaret's useless right hand as the woman quietly told some of the highlights of her musical career.

Suddenly Millie said, "Wait right here. I'll be back in a minute."

She returned moments later, followed closely by a small, white-haired woman in thick glasses.

"Margaret Patrick," said Millie, "meet Ruth Eisenberg."

Then she smiled. "She, too, played the piano, but like you, she's not been able to play since her stroke. Mrs. Eisenberg has a good right hand, and you have a good left hand, and I have a feeling that together you two can do something wonderful."

"Do you know Chopin's Waltz in D flat?" Ruth asked. Margaret nodded.

Side by side, the two sat on the piano bench. Two healthy hands moved rhythmically across the keys.

Since that day (or so the story goes), they have sat together over the keyboard hundreds of times – Ruth's good hand playing the melody and Margaret's good hand playing the accompaniment.

Sometimes when we face things on our own, they look downright impossible to do. But with the help of others, the impossible becomes possible. . . .

When we were carrying a \$2.1 million debt two years ago, it seemed like an impossibility to get it paid off. Even our consultants at the Church Development Foundation told us that few organizations ever have a successful "debt reduction" campaign.

But now, two years later, our debt is less than ½ million dollars! **With the help of others, the impossible becomes possible.**

Another recent example of positive thinking is the Vocation Cross prayer project we kicked off on the weekend of 28/29 April.

When I first brought the idea to the Stewardship Committee about possibly providing every parish family a cross to get them to focus on prayer for vocations – I think they thought I was out of my mind. But instead of just shooting the idea dead in the water, we began to work together to make it happen.

We ended up with close to 900 crosses to present to the families of our parish! **With the help of others, the impossible becomes possible.**

I'm sure John Winkels would tell a similar story about the "organ donation" project. Heather Neds would probably say the same thing about the recent Taco Dinner for the benefit of NCYC. And how about the guys who showed up to tackle the job of cleaning off the dam on the parish clean up day April 21? **With the help of others, the impossible becomes possible.**

Soon the Northland Study will become a public document, possibly the weekend of May 19/20. As a member of the steering committee who approved the final draft sent to Bishop Finn, I can say that the document gives rousing support for the plans we have been working toward for sometime.

It guides us toward moving to our new location, to build a new church and meeting spaces, and challenges us to look very seriously at also building a school. Through this planning process we know both the diocese and the other parishes of the Northland support our goals.

Thanks to Megan Burdolski, Rozanne Prather and Sandy Griesel for the time you gave to this project over the last several months.

When I think of the work ahead toward achieving these goals -- it makes me want to stay in bed and pull the covers over my head!

But then I remember where I am at -- Holy Family -- a parish where we know that together we can do something wonderful. **Where so many times we show that with the help of others, the impossible becomes possible.**

Please start thinking about what gifts and talents you have to offer as we "continue the journey" on our march to 106th Street. Soon we will need the help of many others to help make the impossible, possible.

I want to thank Mary Hughes for all her wonderful work over the years here at Holy Family. Soon Mary and her family will be moving to Omaha. We all wish you well in this transition and hope that you find a good faith community to nurture you on your life's journey.

We will miss your competent leadership, your witness of a vibrant faith, your guidance and support -- and the footsteps of John rumbling through the halls! May God continue to bless you, Mary and David, Erin, Jessica, Meredith and John.

Come see us as often as you can.

Gospel Values

Social Justice Issues Reflect Christ's Teaching

Consider the dandelion. When its flowers are spent, it grows furry with seed, wind scattering them in all directions. New plants arise in places far from the original.

Blowing dandelion seeds are one image of the spreading Gospel. Catholic social justice teaching is derived from the Gospels. One person shares the news, scattering it among people in all directions. New people will be compelled to act as it takes root.

During Lent, facilitators from the service outreach committee presented five Sunday night programs on Catholic social justice teaching. Those who attended received an in-depth view of church teaching and learned how Catholics can participate in and support the church's social justice mission.

They explored seven key principles associated with Catholic social teaching:

Human dignity; rights and responsibilities; call to family, community and participation; the option for and with the poor and vulnerable; the dignity of work and workers' rights; solidarity; and care for God's creation.

At the first session, facilitator Frank Boos presented the quiz: "How Do You See the World?" (*This quiz is on page five. Answers are on the back cover.*)

Participants found the quiz enlightening. American Catholics view the world differently from other people. Our views on race, religion, wealth, education are formed by American perceptions.

Each session included song, prayer, a first topic, exercise or guest speaker, a short break and a second topic, exercise or guest speaker. Frank summarized each session with a story and closed with prayer and song.

Lezlie Allman, a Holy Family parishioner of Mexican descent, was the first guest speaker. She spent two weeks last summer helping at a Vacation Bible School in Juarez, Mexico. Holy Family's sister parish, St. James in Midtown, presents the VBS program there.

She lived and worked in a simple building. While it had electricity, it had no air conditioning and no hot water. She went to market daily for food because there was no refrigeration. She slept on the floor and washed her clothes in cold water. She walked everywhere. While the people had next to nothing, they were still happy. She enjoyed the serenity and quiet. She had left behind the sounds of our busy society.

Brad Grabs spoke at the third session. He formerly taught social justice issues at Rockhurst High School. Students challenged him to lead the life he taught. He quit teaching and gave away his possessions.

Brad is director of Shalom Catholic Worker House in Kansas City, Kan., receiving only food and board for his work. He has no television and no radio. He purchases his clothing at a thrift store, using money from his part-time job at an after-school program.

Jesus once told a rich man to give up his possessions. "Here's a guy that actually did that," Frank said.

Brad challenged them to think differently. He encouraged them to invest only in companies that do the "right thing" from a justice perspective. He suggested when the parish has its next capital campaign

that it designate a portion to go elsewhere, such as a hospital, school or housing in a poor country.

He taught about fair trade, in which wholesalers, retailers and producers provide fair wages and employment to the economically disadvantaged. He encouraged them to purchase fair trade products even if they cost more.

Ross Beaudoin, a deacon at St. James Parish, spoke about addressing needs of a diverse parish. While St. James is a mixed parish including blacks, whites and Hispanics, it also includes immigrants of 27 different nationalities. Parishioners have differing backgrounds, social upbringing and cultures.

While Holy Family is much less diverse, Ross challenged participants to be aware of its diversity. Parishioners are young and old, married and



Social justice programs held during Lent began and ended with appropriate prayer and song. Facilitator Frank Boos leads the group before ending the final program.

Suzanne Hill Photo.

single, poor and rich. Different people have different needs.

A community shows its strength in how well the least among it are cared for, he explained.

At the last session, participants reviewed and discussed what they learned. They first discussed what had most surprised them.

Mike O'Toole learned that the number of aborted babies each year would populate a city the size of Dallas, Texas.

Megan Burdolski found out how little she knew about the world outside of the United States.

Frank thought of himself as being middle class prior to the sessions. Compared to the rest of the world, a middle-class American is in the five percent of the world's wealthiest people.

"It made me understand how blessed I am and that I could be more generous," he noted.

The group discussed how materialism has taken over in the United States.

Jim McConnell, another facilitator, noted that we think we have to have many possessions to be happy. We could learn to do without cell phones, cable television, iPods or video games. Even those considered poor in America have more possessions than the poor in other countries.

Brad told them that illegal immigrants are usually "economic immigrants." They work to send money home to their families.

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How Do You See the World?

**Based on the "State of the Village Report"*

Suppose the Earth's population was exactly that of a village with 100 people. With all existing human ratios staying the same, guess what the following would be. (All answers to questions 1-5 should equal 100.) Answers are on the back cover.

1. The number of people who would be: Asian _____, European _____, African _____, from the Western Hemisphere _____.
2. The number of people who would be: Male _____, Female _____.
3. The number of people who would be: White _____, Non-White _____.
4. The number of people who would be: Christian _____, Non-Christian _____.
5. The number of people who would be: Heterosexual _____, Homosexual _____.

Of these 100 people:

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| _____ would possess 59 percent of the world's wealth. | _____ would be near birth. |
| _____ would live in substandard housing. | _____ would own a computer. |
| _____ would be unable to read or write. | _____ would have a college education. |
| _____ would suffer from malnutrition. | _____ would be from the United States. |
| _____ would be near death. | |

**Donella H. Meadows published the original version of the "State of the Village Report" in 1990 as "Who Lives in the Global Village?" It was updated in 2005. The initial report was based on a village of 1,000. Research for many of the facts for this 2005 update was done by Meadows' think tank: The Sustainability Institute. Catholic author Matthew Kelly used information from this report in his book, "The Rhythm of Life."*

Learn More About Social Justice on the Web

During the course of the five social justice sessions, participants received the following Web links to help them learn more about organizations involved in social justice ministries.

The Fair Trade Federation is an association of fair trade wholesalers, retailers and producers whose members are committed to providing fair wages and good employment opportunities.

www.fairtradefederation.org

Heifer International works to provide opportunities for people to end hunger and produce an income through agriculture.

www.heifer.org

Ave Maria Funds provides morally responsible investors the means to invest in companies that do not violate Catholic Church teachings.

www.avemariafund.com

Catholic Relief Service assists the poor and disadvantaged using Jesus Christ's teachings to provide emergency relief and long-term

development activities in over 94 countries.

www.crs.org

The Catholic Campaign for Human Development is the U.S. Bishops' anti-poverty, social justice campaign in the United States.

www.usccb.org/cchd

Pax Christi USA explores, articulates and witnesses to the call of Christian nonviolence. It rejects war, war preparations and all violence and domination.

www.paxchristiusa.org

Catholic Worker communities are committed to nonviolence, voluntary poverty, prayer and hospitality for the homeless, exiled, hungry and forsaken. Holy Family Parish assists the Holy Family Catholic Worker House in Kansas City, Mo., with meal preparation on the first Sunday of each month. (Despite the similar name, there is no affiliation between the parish and the Catholic Worker House.)

www.catholicworker.org

Gospel Values . . . from page five

Participants were impressed with Brad's ability to give everything up to work for justice.

"Not everyone can do it, but you can do something else," Jim said.

Don Collette added, "Each of us has talents. We should use them."

Bev Collette wasn't aware of fair trade issues prior to these sessions. Her husband added that Brad suggested that people buy as much as possible that is grown and made locally to save transportation resources.

Capitalism is so engrained in us that we think only of buying items at the best price without thought of the person who grew or made the product getting very little of the money from it, McConnell said.

Margo Cabillonar found it "interesting to learn the difference between charity and justice."

Justice addresses the causes of social problems by providing indirect assistance to meet long-term needs. Indirect assistance includes education, jobs paying a living wage and respect of others' rights.

Charity, is direct assistance that meets people's needs, such as food, shelter, clothing and cash.

What Can Holy Family Do?

Megan, who is also parish manager, said the parish has recently added social justice as an outgrowth of the three and a half-year-old service outreach committee. "It's a new avenue. We have a lot of education to

do."

The group considered ways to involve more people in the education process, perhaps personally inviting others when future sessions are held.

What Did They Think?

Margo enjoyed the programs. "They exceeded my expectations. Nicely planned and presented. I'm happy they kept to their time limit."

Karyn O'Toole thought the experienced guest speakers helped them "tune in" to social justice issues. Because the sessions included a variety of activities, it was "enjoyable to come." She and others also liked beginning the programs with prayer and song. "It brought us closer together," she said.

Their eyes and ears have been opened. Now that the seeds of knowledge have been planted, they hope they will spring to action.

Mike O'Toole noted when Jesse Manibusan presented the parish mission in January, he mentioned that Catholic Worker House needed help. It prompted him to volunteer. Social justice programs could do the same for other people.

Bev Collette said she is more aware of places that need help. Jim suggested reading the Catholic Key for information about groups involved with social justice issues. This edition of Join the Journey includes a list of social justice Web sites above.

The parish will offer more social justice programs in the future, but organizers are unsure about what shape that will take. Watch your Sunday bulletin or future editions of Join the Journey for details.

New Members 'Join the Journey'

Holy Family's Easter Vigil centered on remembrance and Baptism. Seven Old Testament readings alternating with responsorial psalms reminded us of salvation history, of those people who came before Christ and us.

St. Paul told us in Romans that "We were baptized, so that we would live a new life, as Christ was raised to life by the glory of God the Father."

Everyone celebrated by renewing the Baptismal Promises, whether they had been Christian for years or whether they had just entered into the faith.

Six members of the elect were baptized into the Catholic faith and eight of the chosen were received into full communion with the church that night.

In addition, **Gregory Meyers** received the Sacrament of Confirmation. His father Gary Meyers was his sponsor.

After leaving the U.S. Air Force, Gregory decided he wanted to be confirmed. "It was the right time in my life to do it," he said.

He attended RCIA classes to refresh his memory and learn more about his faith.

Gregory is a student at DeVry University, studying computer information systems.

Melissa and Devin Jones

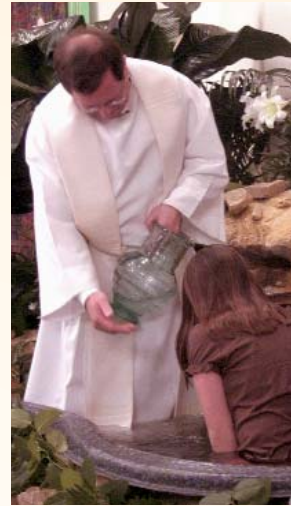
Emma and Caden

Together with daughter Emma, 9½, and son Caden, 5½, Melissa and Devin Jones made the RCIA journey as a family. Melissa's sponsor was Julie Worden. Devin's sponsor was Rusty Johnson. Emma and Caden's godparents were Mark and Denise Mauer, family friends.

Caden, Emma and Melissa were baptized as members of the elect. Devin entered into full communion as one of the chosen. He is a firefighter in Independence and Melissa



Caden Jones



Emma Jones



Melissa Jones

teaches English at Liberty High School.

They decided to join Holy Family after the recent death of Melissa's parents.

"We had wanted to join a church for many years, but there always seemed to be an excuse to put it off. We have felt very welcome at Holy Family and have learned so much through the RCIA process. We have met so many wonderful people which ensures us we have made the right decision."

Melissa enjoys reading and Devin loves to play golf, but most of their time revolves around Emma and Caden's school activities. Emma enjoys dancing and playing basketball and softball. Caden plays basketball, soccer and t-ball.

Henry Joseph Kaminski III

Eleven-year-old Hank is the son of Hank Jr. and Wendy Kaminski and was one of the elect. He has one brother, Mitchell, 19, and two sisters, Mindy, 18, and Mandy, 17. His godfather was an uncle, Mike Kaminski.

Hank's participation in the PSR program

for a couple of years influenced his decision to become a Catholic. His classmates received Holy Communion and he wanted to participate in the Eucharist. After being baptized on Holy Saturday, he finally realized his dream of receiving communion.

His main interests are playing basketball and soccer.

Justin Francis

Justin is a senior at the University of Missouri-Kansas City and will graduate in May with a degree in business administration. He is engaged to Kelly O'Donnell.

"I want to join a Christian community that holds my same beliefs, and provides guidance and support in strengthening my relationship with the Lord," he said. His sponsor was Marcy Johnson.

Justin enjoys playing golf and tennis.

Roberta Strode

Roberta is a surgical technologist at the University of Kansas Medical Center and was one of the elect. She is the daughter of Fredda Corte, also in the RCIA program. Her godfather in Baptism was her stepfather, Joe Corte, and her godmother was her sponsor, Diane Lasco.

"I've been wanting to do this for quite some time. I always wanted to express my faith and love for God with the community. I could not be happier with my newfound faith and with Holy Family."

Fredda Corte

Fredda has been attending Holy Family the past three years along with her new husband, Joe Corte, who was already a parish member. Her sponsor is Marla Mangogna, "a true and



Henry Kaminski III



Roberta Strode



Justin Francis

New Members

inspirational friend.”

“I enjoy the traditions and rituals of Holy Family and that influenced me to convert to the Catholic faith.”

Fredda enjoys her job as a respiratory therapist at North Kansas City Hospital. She also enjoys traveling and spending time with her three daughters, Andrea, Roberta and Caitlin, along with her extended family.

Ann Bradley

Ann Bradley has considered herself Catholic for several years, but never officially professed the faith.

“I grew up Baptist. I got married in the Catholic church 27 years ago. I’ve been going to the Catholic church for years, but I was never formally initiated and I thought it was time. That’s how comfortable I am at Holy Family. I never felt that way at other churches. Now, I’m ready,” she said.

A big part of that decision came after she attended the Women of Grace study and the Catholic Approach to the Bible, two adult education programs that have been offered at Holy Family. She found both to be great learning experiences. Prior to that, she was uncertain about entering the RCIA program. The classes made her comfortable with the decision.

Ann is married to Tom Bradley and they have one daughter, Stephanie. Her sponsor was Julie Copenhaver. Ann formerly worked in architectural drafting. Now she is a stay-at-home mother. She enjoys gardening and sewing.

Judy Eldridge

Judy is a registered veterinary technician at the Veterinary Specialty and Emergency Center in Overland Park, Kan. Her sponsor was Trisha Raines.

She was baptized a Catholic, but did not practice her faith on a regular basis because her family fell away from the church. After graduating from high school, Judy wanted to be confirmed and practice her faith. She had been unable to do this until she found Holy Family.

“I fell in love with the church and the



Eight members of the chosen were received into full communion at the Easter Vigil. From left are: Jamie Walker, Ann Bradley, Laurie Frawley, Whitney Murie, Judy Eldridge, Father Matthew, Brian Hudnall, Fredda Corte and Devin Jones.
Suzanne Hill Photo.

togetherness you feel when you arrive on Sundays. So, now I am here and am able to finish what I always wanted to do. I am learning about my faith and am very grateful to everyone who has helped me along the way,” she explained.

Judy enjoys reading, exercising, watching movies and spending quality time with her boyfriend, Mike Tichenor.

Laurie Frawley

Laurie and her husband Rick are the parents of four children: Harrison, 6, Grant, 4, Reagan, 2, and Madison, 8 months.

She grew up in the Episcopalian faith, but a few years ago decided to pursue another faith community.

“After two years of prayer and research, I realized that the Catholic Church was indeed the place I had been looking for. I thank my husband and family for the support they gave throughout this process.”

She is looking forward to becoming more involved with Holy Family. Her sponsor was Kelly O’Donnell.

As a stay-at-home mom, Laurie’s life revolves around her family. She loves to read historical fiction and the classics. When time permits, she also enjoys antique shopping and needlework. Her family loves to camp and travel.

Whitney Murie

Whitney works at Sun Fresh and will complete a bachelor’s degree in nursing at the University of St. Mary in another year. Her sponsor was Jennifer O’Connor. She has a younger brother and two sisters.

Her interest in the Catholic faith was sparked after attending Mass while in college.

“I found that I really enjoyed the structure of the Mass and that has led me to where I am today.”

Her hobbies are playing soccer, watching movies, singing along to songs in the car and at work and playing with her puppy.

Brian Hudnall and Jamie Walker Hudnall

Brian and Jamie’s RCIA experience stemmed from their love for each other. They married April 21 after entering the church.

“The thing that has influenced me to get back in the Catholic faith is my fiancé, Jamie Walker,” Brian said before their wedding. “We both believe that it is very important for ourselves, but we have also agreed to raise our children in the Catholic faith.”

Brian owns his own consulting firm. His sponsor was Dana Whelchel. Born and raised in Kansas City and baptized a Catholic, Brian became separated from the Catholic faith as he grew up.

Brian’s main interests are career-oriented, but he also enjoys playing and watching sports.

Jamie was born in Iowa, but was raised in Higginsville, Mo. The youngest of seven girls, she was baptized in the Methodist Church and raised in a religious family where going to church every Sunday was a weekly routine.

Brian influenced Jamie to pursue the Catholic faith. Her sponsor was Jane Meyers.

Jamie’s main interest is her job as a social worker. She also enjoys playing and watching sports, as well as spending time with family and friends.

(Bob Meyer did most of the reporting for this article. Suzanne Hill collaborated.)

Teens Prepare to Attend National Conference



Some Holy Family teens are looking to “Discover the Way” when they attend the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC). It will be held from November 8-11 in Columbus, Ohio.

NCYC is an “experience of prayer, community and empowerment for Catholic teenagers and their adult chaperones. The schedule includes keynote addresses, concurrent and workshop sessions addressing a wide variety of topics. There are also opportunities for liturgy, reconciliation, prayer and worship, recreation and special activities such as concerts, exhibits and an interactive thematic park,” according to the National Federation for Catholic Youth Ministry (NFCYM) Web site. The federation sponsors NCYC.

While the main theme is “Discover the Way,” each general session has its own subtheme, including “Discover the Way” on Friday morning, “Discover the Truth” on Friday evening and “Discover the Life” on Saturday morning.

Why do teens attend the conference? To:

- Gather with others on a national level
- Learn more about themselves and their relationship to the Catholic Church
- Celebrate their faith
- Meet thousands of other Catholic youth (They expect as many as 18,000.)
- Dialogue with bishops and other Church leaders
- Share beliefs and experiences
- Recognize their role in the larger Catholic Church

“Port Discovery” is this year’s thematic park. It’s an interactive area offering a number of activities including: College Corner, Vocations Corner, arts and crafts activities, service projects, sports, games, music, and exhibits from Catholic and secular companies, organizations, and

colleges.

Funding the Way

What’s this talk about Holy Family high school students selling shares of stock? Did I hear that right?

Yes, you did. They are selling shares of stock in themselves to raise funds to attend NCYC.

Cost to attend the conference is about \$600 for registration, hotel rooms and transportation, according to youth coordinator Heather Neds.

The teens held a taco dinner and silent auction on Saturday, April 21, but that was just the start. They have been meeting monthly to plan the trip and fund-raisers.

Here’s how the stock purchase works. Each share is \$10. Purchasers write tax deductible checks to Holy Family. They receive a certificate, one quarterly report, a progress report and a copy of the NCYC schedule. They will sell stock shares until October. For more information, contact at 436-9200 ext. 35.

A stockholders reception will be held Sunday, December 2 at 2 p.m. They will view a video presentation of the trip. The teens will share stories and sing songs they learned while there to say “thank you” to those who helped fund the trip. They will tell parishioners how the conference inspired them and helped them become excited about their faith.

In the past, attendees came back and became involved in the parish as lectors, extraordinary ministers, choir members and aides to adult leaders.

Teens hope that parishioners and relatives will understand that buying stock will help them grow in their faith. Some teens with jobs will invest in themselves as they are able.

Holy Family Teens’ Sign of Faith

When we think of a sign of our faith, we usually think of the Sign of the Cross. Holy Family teens are adding a new one—sign language.

Holy Family’s **Kelly McCrary** will attend the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) this year with other parish teens. Kelly is deaf. She enjoys being active in the parish and was recently confirmed, according to youth coordinator Heather Neds.

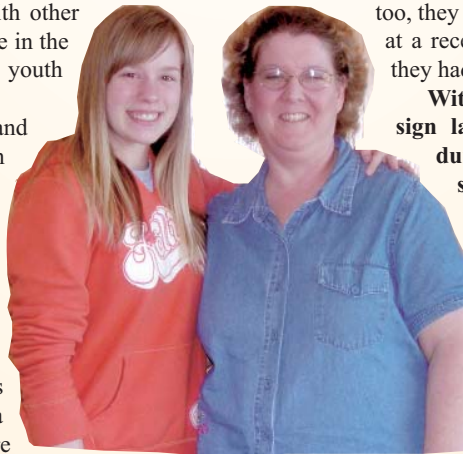
Kelly is a student at Winnetonka High School and attended Ravenwood and Maple Park schools in the North Kansas City School District because they offered programs for deaf students.

Maryann Barlett, whom Kelly describes as an “amazing woman,” interprets for her at church events. Maryann is director of the hand choir at St. James Church in Liberty.

Kelly is active in youth programs at Holy Family because “I’ve always known that God is always watching over me, so I believe that it’s a really positive thing to serve at church. Also, there are so many nice people serving the Lord.”

When Kelly attended the Kansas City Youth Conference, the diocese had never had anyone deaf attend. Heather worked to see that the conference had an interpreter for Kelly.

“Heather has done this big work for me. She has been trying to get me involved as much as she can. She told me it was a lot of work, but it was worth her time for it. I thank God so much for Heather,” Kelly explained.



But that is not a problem at the NCYC. It has interpreters. Usually two to 12 teens need the service.

When other teens going to NCYC learned she was coming, too, they asked if they could learn sign language. She helped at a recent burrito breakfast, but the others felt as though they hadn’t included her as much as they would have liked.

With Maryann’s help, the teens will learn specific sign language concepts to communicate with Kelly during the conference. They will participate in sessions that will also help them get to know Kelly and her interpreter better.

“I am very excited,” Heather said. “It’s new ground.”

Kelly is pleased that the teens want to learn to sign.

“It’s amazing, because they want me to be involved and I feel like fitting in more easily. I really like when kids do that because I want to make friends with them and communicate with them smoothly.”

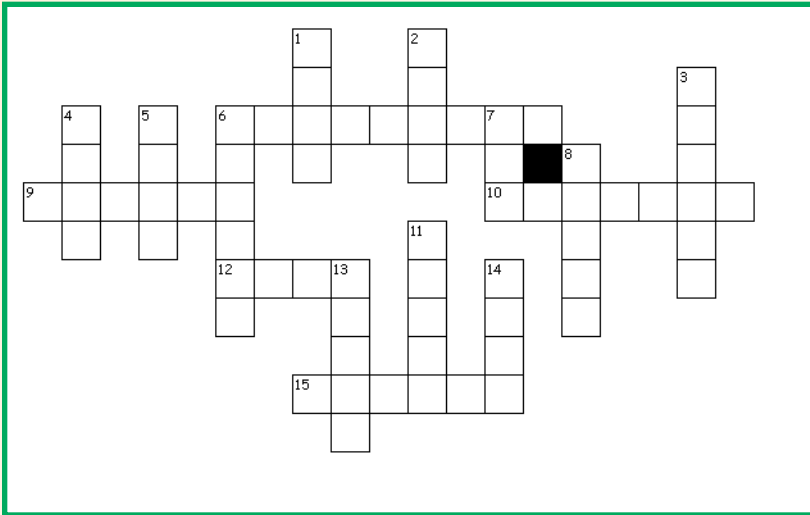
She is looking forward to the national conference to “Praise God, make a lot of friends and to have a lot of fun.”

Heather noted that Kelly is very active and independent. Her parents, Brian and April McCrary, are supportive.

“She experiences life. These experiences to her are priceless,” Heather said.

Faith Can Be Fun

It's in The Bible



Across

- 6. Mary and Joseph lost Jesus here
- 9. Where Baby Jesus slept
- 10. Rode a fiery chariot
- 12. Blamed it on his wife
- 15. Where people prayed

Down

- 1. Jesus' mother
- 2. Built an animal boat
- 3. Wore a pretty coat
- 4. Showed the way to Jesus
- 5. Three wise guys
- 6. Where John baptized Jesus
- 7. First woman
- 8. Apostle and fisherman
- 11. What shepherds cared for
- 13. Came down the mountain with ten of these
- 14. What Jesus did on Easter

2007 Vacation Bible School

Join the Gang at the Avalanche Ranch

Hey, kids!

“Get ready for a wild ride through God’s word at the Avalanche Ranch.”

That’s this year’s theme for Holy Family’s Vacation Bible School. VBS will be held July 16-20 from 9 a.m. to noon for pre-kindergarten children through fifth grade, according to Ember Riley, director of religious education.

Pre-K and kindergarteners will be in a separate program called **“Prairie Dog.”**

Registration opened May 5 and 6 for parishioners and will open June 10 for non-parishioners. Enrollment closes June 30. The registration fee of \$15 includes a t-shirt and snacks.

Adult crew leaders and teen assistant crew leaders will be needed to assist with crafts, snacks and games. “The more the better,” Ember said. Contact her at 436-9200 if interested in helping.

Avalanche Ranch uses a cast of Western



animal characters to make the children aware of God’s word. Each day features a different character and a different Bible point.

Buc is a horse who explains that “God is Real” through the story of Rahab, the woman who protects the Israelite spies in the Book of Joshua.

Shadow, a border collie, uses the story of the Israelites crossing the Jordan River to explain that “God is With Us.”

Ranger, a buffalo, rounds up the kids with the story about the walls of Jericho crashing down. Like Ranger, “God is Strong.”

Skye is an eagle who explains that “God is Awesome” through the story of Christ’s death and resurrection.

Boss, a long-horned bull, uses the story of Namaan’s healing in 2 Kings to stress that “God is in Charge.”



RANGER



SKYE



SHADOW



BOSS

At Prayer and at Play



Veronica (Andrea Denton) wipes Jesus' (John Pittola) face at the Stations of the Cross.

Karen Merkel Photo.



These young people presented the Stations of the Cross during Lent. In back: John Pittala, from left: Ashley Johnson, Andrea Denton, Ian Riley, Bristol Riley, Lauren Johnson, Peyton Campbell and Anna Merkel.

Karen Merkel Photo.



Joe Goss prepares to enjoy his Lenten fish dinner.

Karen Merkel Photo.

The Light Weigh group prays before starting its meeting.



Kim Kaminski helps daughter Katie at the Easter Fun Day.

Karen Merkel Photo.



Rusty and Sherri Johnson enjoy a Men's Club fish fry with their daughters, Lauren, left, and Ashley, right.

Karen Merkel Photo.



Guess who?



Holy Family parishioners pray together at a Saturday night Mass during Lent.

Suzanne Hill Photo.



Victoria and Ciara White show off their finds at the Easter Fun Day.

Karen Merkel Photo.

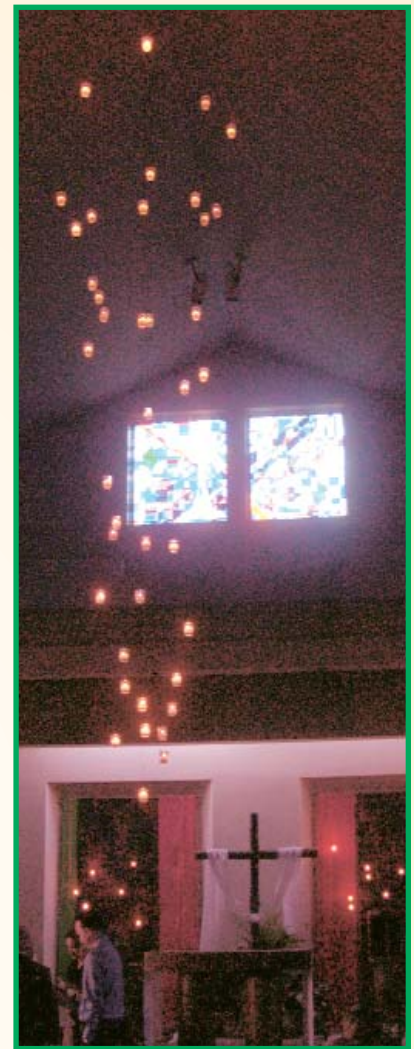
The Triduum 2007



Veneration of the Cross



Mass of the Lord's Supper



Let there be light.



Musical Celebration of The Lord's Supper



*"...you ought to wash one another's feet."
John 13:14*



*"Remain here and keep watch with me."
Matthew 26:38*



Easter Vigil Procession into Church

*Sign of the
Cross with the
waters of
Baptism*



Bell Choir on Holy Thursday

First Communion

April 28-29, 2007



Terry Wilson Photo.

*Saul Armendariz
Erica Beck
Claire Bednar
Ashley Beffa
Eli Brizendine
Noah Brizendine
Peyton Jo Campbell
Nick Cieczak
Mary Cook
Kyle Dansby
Dawson Engel
Annika Fuller
Marissa Gibson
Emily Groce
Anthony Gurera
Jessica Hughes
Jessica Hurtado
Brock Longley
Mackenzie Lukenbill
Anna Merkel
Joanne Moretina*

*Madison Neds
Diego Orfin
Rafael Orfin
Katie Parrott
Sam Parrott
Sarah Parrott
Jake Schmidt
Travis Sedlock
Joshua Seifert
Jacob Sellhorst
Carollena Silvio
Chance Sportsman
Austin Stark
Gabrielle Stegemoller
Brandon Streich
Zachary Suchanick
Rachel Sutlief
Avery Taylor
Coleton Toczek
Jacob Wilson
Amanda Worden*

What can I do over the summer?

Parish Offers Youth Activities

Woo-hoo! Summer's almost here!

Students looking forward to breaking away from the books might find watching TV and playing video games relaxing at first. But that gets boring.

Holy Family offers several youth programs throughout the summer to break the boredom. Some are fun. Some help students develop leadership skills. Some help them deepen their faith. Some do all of that.

Junior High Summer Fun Days

Once each summer month, a day of activities allows youth to meet with church friends to have fun.

"There's no other way to describe it," youth coordinator Heather Neds said. "It's a nice break for summer."

Fun Days are open to incoming sixth, seventh and eighth graders. High school students organize and lead games with adult supervision to earn confirmation service hours.

This year's Fun Days are June 13, July 11 and August 8—all Wednesdays. Each month has a different theme: Sports, American Idol and Wet and Wild.

Outdoor activities are held in the mornings when it's cooler outside. This year, they will break prior to noon Mass to worship before lunch. In the afternoons, they will participate in indoor activities, such as board games, the idol contest or "sardines."

Heather described sardines as reverse hide and seek. Once someone finds "It," he or she hides with "It." The students enjoy this game, played inside the church building, except in worship areas.

Fun Days are "unique to Holy Family," but youth from other parishes can join in, too. In past years, young people from Good Shepherd in Smithville, St. Charles, St. Gabriel and St. Therese have attended.

Cost is \$10 a day for each participant.

TNT

Teens 'n Training or TNT is a diocesan leadership camp for high school students June 18-22 at Benedictine College in Atchison, Kan.

TNT empowers teens "to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in the world" by teaching them more about their faith and encouraging them to become active in their parishes.

Some already participate as Extraordinary Ministers or work with junior high students and they want to go to the next level, Heather explained.

Mornings they will receive leadership training in "Follow Me: To Lead is to Serve."

Afternoons they will attend one of two different theme programs. They attend the same theme program all week.

Teens learn how to put God's love into their relations with people in "**He Loved Us First: Bringing God's Love into Our Relationships.**" They will explore how they can love other people,

even though it's not possible for them to love others as deeply as Jesus loves us.

"Walk Humbly, Live Justly: Building the Kingdom of God" explores social justice issues within the context of the salvation story. They will examine

injustices in the Old Testament, learning that people faced the same problems we do today and see how they solved them.

Deadline is May 17. If space is available after that date, the parish may be able to take more teens.

The Kitchen Mission

Holy Family youth will return to The Kitchen mission in Springfield, Mo., operated by the Little Portion Franciscan sisters. They will assist the sisters from June 24-28, working in a donation drop-off center, a food pantry, a garden or a thrift store.

The Kitchen helps disadvantaged people in many different ways, with a goal of self-sufficiency. To learn more about The Kitchen, go to www.thekitcheninc.org.

The youth will stay at the sisters' retreat center near Republic, Mo. Cost is \$75 per person, including meals, gas and lodging. This is the fourth year the group has made The Kitchen its summer mission.

Summer JAM

JAM is short for "Jesus and Me," a Vacation Bible School for junior high school

students. It runs July 17, 18 and 19 at Holy Family from 6:30 to 8 p.m. Cost is \$15.

The theme is "It's a Wild Ride," using Western images, music and food to educate them about the Bible in a deeper way. They will participate in praise and worship, as well as skits, games and journaling. It helps them stay connected with their Holy Family friends.

High school teens may earn service hours for confirmation while assisting adult leaders at Summer JAM.

Canoe Trip

For the sixth year, Holy Family teens and families will return to the River Ranch Resort at Noel, Mo., on the Elk River for a canoe trip. The trip is open to families with younger children. It will be held from July 23-25. Cost is \$115 per person.

In addition to an eight-mile canoe trip, activities include: a visit to a cave, raft float, miniature golf, paddle boats, volleyball, basketball and swimming. Cabins are air conditioned.

For more information, check out the resort's Web site at www.riverranchresort.com.

Water Project

Throughout Lent, junior high youth prayed, fasted and collected alms to benefit a village in Bolivia needing a \$2,500 water purification system. This is a Northland project which has included several fund-raising events.

Holy Family youth saved money in water bottles. When Lent ended, they poured their change into a water jug. Amounts raised include installation. At press time, Holy Family youth had raised over \$1,300.

Paula McCrea, former youth minister at St. Gabriel's parish, stirred interest in this project. She served as a missionary to Bolivia after leaving St. Gabriel's. Returning to the United States, she involved Kansas City area teens to raise funds for water filtration systems there.

The Northwest Missouri Missions Team, the Salesian Sisters of Okinawa Bolivia, and Living Waters for the World are involved in the project. Team members work with villagers to install the system to teach them how it operates so they can do future maintenance.



Quiz Results

1. The number of people who would be: Asian 57, European 21, African 8, from the Western Hemisphere 14.

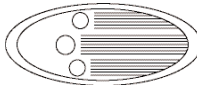
2. The number of people who would be: Male 48, Female 52.

3. The number of people who would be: White 30, Non-White 70.

4. The number of people who would be: Christian 30, Non-Christian 70.

5. The number of people who would be: Heterosexual 89, Homosexual 11.

Of these 100 people:
 6 would possess 59 percent of the world's wealth. Of these, 6 would be from the U.S.
 80 would live in substandard housing.
 70 would be unable to read or write.
 50 would suffer from malnutrition.
 1 would be near death.
 1 would be near birth.
 1 would have a college education.
 1 would own a computer.



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Thursday, May 24**--Matthew Kelly six-week series begins, 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, June 13**--Junior High Fun Day, 9 a.m.
- Sunday, June 24**--Mission trip to The Kitchen at Springfield, Mo., begins. Return Thursday, June 28.
- Wednesday, July 11**--Junior High Fun Day, 9 a.m
- July 16-20**--Vacation Bible School, 9 a.m. daily.
- July 17--19**--Summer JAM for Junior High Students, 6:30 p.m. daily
- July 23-25**--Canoe trip at River Ranch Resort.

Organ Project

A Resounding Success

Holy Family Now Owns the Rodgers Digital Organ

With the help of the anonymous matching donor and your contributions, the parish raised \$17,300 to pay for the organ. The project was so successful that there is a surplus which will be used to begin a fund to purchase a quality sound system for the new church. Thanks to all who helped!



♪ An organ dedication concert will be held Sunday, June 10, at 1 p.m. Come hear what your new organ can do!

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To register, contact Peggy at 436-9200 or e-mail her at peggy@holyfamily.com.