

CTK Summer Social — June 19 & 20

By Holly Weinzapfel

It's hard to believe, but the Summer Social will be here before we know it, thanks to the dedication and hard work of our CTK volunteers. Committees are currently looking for volunteers to help with planning, entertainment, cooking, serving, etc. Please call Joanie Kelly (491-1966), Susan Oeth (401-1371) or Rose Montrastelle (437-8911) to volunteer to help.

Becky Kasha is looking for people who are willing to organize a gift basket for the Basket Raffle. Each "Basket Leader" decides on a theme and then recruits 4-6 people to donate a few items to the basket. Becky and her team can supply the baskets and decorations if the items are given to her by June 15. Please contact Becky at 774-2325 or at rkasha@kkbevansville.com if you would like to help.

Vacation Bible School — June 8 - 12

VBS is BACK and better than ever. The fun begins the week of June 8 (from 9:00 a.m. – noon) for all children K – 5 (in August). Hurry and register kids NOW for \$15 (registration is \$20 after May 15). Volunteers are also needed. Anyone interested in volunteering should call Deacon Vince Bernardin at 476-3061.



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New Parishioners' Dinner and Cook-Off

By Holly Weinzapfel

To welcome new parishioners and in celebration of Catholic Schools Week, CTK hosted the annual New Parishioners' Dinner ... this time with a twist. The main course, or should I say courses, were provided by our very own parish members. Four teams of culinary geniuses cooked up a large variety of fabulous meat entrees.



And, to make the evening even more interesting, the teams competed against one another for a very unique – highly prized trophy (designed by Angie Owen). The teams that competed in the inaugural cook-off were:



TEAM #1: Stuffed Smoked Pork
chefs Tom Nelson, Kyle Kiesel, Andrew Weinzapfel and Steve Folz

TEAM #2: Beef Brisket
chefs Stan and Lynn Flittner, Susan and Eric Mortensen

TEAM #3: Beef Tenderloin
chefs Randy Hobson, Scott Stratman

TEAM #4: Honey Teriyaki Chicken
chefs Barry Weisman, Michael Owens and Bill Oeth

The list above doesn't include the multiple variations of the meats each team prepared, so there were literally a dozen different varieties of entrees to choose from. The side dishes and desserts were catered by Bauerhaus.

Votes for the cook-off champions were cast by placing donations in collection boxes. Team #1 – who entered 4 variations of smoked pork – collected the most donations ("votes") and won the traveling trophy.

Music and dancing followed dinner thanks to the very talented Tim Wilhelmus and his band. Many parish members got into the spirit of the evening by dressing up in 50's style – including poodle skirts, leather jackets and bobbie socks.



Nadine Hawa and Robert Wright receive St. Maria Goretti Youth Award

By Vince Bernardin

Christ The King Memorial High School seniors Nadine Hawa and Robert Wright have been named as recipients of the St. Maria Goretti Youth Award this year. Nadine, daughter of Wadieh and Graziella Hawa, and Robert, son of John and Mary Katheryn Wright, were honored at a special Mass and reception on February 22 at Holy Rosary Church.

Over the years, Nadine has been active in several vacation bible schools, nursing home visitations, and Habitat for Humanity. She is a frequent cantor at the monthly Youth Mass and holds down a part-time job at Crescent Cleaners.

You have probably seen Robert frequently serving Mass or strumming on his guitar in the Youth Choir.

Robert has been active in the Boy Scouts of America. For his Eagle Scout project, he planned the planting of a section of the old Evansville State Hospital grounds with a variety of vegetables. Coordinating with the Master Gardeners organization, Robert recruited and supervised volunteers for the watering, weeding, care and harvesting of the vegetables, which were then donated to the Tri-State Food Bank.

The St. Maria Goretti Youth Distinction is awarded to a select group of diocesan youth who exhibit outstanding Catholic leadership and service in their parishes and the larger community. Robert and Nadine, we're proud of you. Congratulations!

Lenten Gifts, Collecting Gold, Silver and Platinum to Help Feed the Hungry

By Rebecca Kasha

The spirit of giving is alive at Christ The Kings in the Lenten Gifts Project. Lenten Gifts was the brain child of a clever parishioner (who wishes to remain anonymous) who was concerned about hunger in our community. She says she was thinking of a way the average person could help fight hunger, and the idea of selling her unworn jewelry just came to her. Then she thought, if we each donated a little something, the cumulative impact could be tremendous. She approached Deacon Vince Bernardin, who recruited a few other parishioners to help, and soon the Lenten Gifts Project was born.

Throughout Lent, special gold bags cards were found in the pews for parishioners' use for their donation. The hope was that we would bring a bag home, and it would remind us to put our jewelry in it and take it to the Kruckemeyer and Cohn Jewelry Store. The idea has worked as parishioners have been

seen carrying the bags home after Mass. In fact \$3000 has been raised so far.

Kruckemeyer and Cohn has been most enthusiastic about the project. Not only are they taking our donations, they are adding 30% to the value of the gift as an additional donation. The total amount of each gift is then sent to Christ The King. Christ The King will give all the money to St. Vincent DePaul and the Tri-State Food Bank to help feed the hungry in our community.

If you are interested in making a donation, remember that at the end of the year, Christ The King will include the value of the donation in your annual contribution letter so that you may take a tax deduction for the gift.

Kruckemeyer and Cohn is located at 944 N. Burkhardt Rd., Evansville. Their phone number is 474-3174. You may also call Becky Kasha for more information.



Letter from Principal..

registrations. As a parishioner, if you do not currently have your child enrolled in CTK or you have a child just entering school, please call the school office to find out more about our excellent school. We have classes for three to five year olds in our Learning Tree program, a full-day kindergarten class, after-school care available through an on-site program of the YMCA, and classes for students in grades 1-8.

Despite the fact that our students, parents, and teachers are looking with great anticipation toward summer vacation, it in no way diminishes just how thankful we are to each and every one of you for sharing your gifts of time, talent, and treasure to provide a quality education and a faith-filled future for all our students.

As the school year winds down, I find it to be an especially bittersweet time this year as I will not be returning after the fulfillment of my current contract. I have been very happy serving as your principal. I love CTK: the children, the families, the faculty and staff, and the entire parish community.

I feel Christ The King is in a better place than when I arrived 7 years ago, and I am proud of what we have accomplished together. I will treasure my memories of CTK for the rest of my life. Thank you for the opportunity to serve the families and parish of Christ The King, and most important, thank you for your commitment and belief in Catholic schools.

BAPTISMS:

Ian Wenderoth, son of
Brad and Anne Wenderoth – 4/11/09

DEATHS:

Ramona Barrett – 2/9/09
Anna McGuire – 4/4/09
Adrian Glaser – 4/4/09

NEW PARISHIONERS:

(Mr. & Mrs.) Dave Merritt & Jenny Brand
& son, Ryne
Dr. Daniel & Mrs. Kristin Johnson
& daughter, Sophia, & son, Aidan
Bolivar & Yvette Cevallos
& daughter, Raphaella, & son, Matias
Jane Blankenship
Thomas & Nicole Wolf
& daughter, Mackenzie, & son, Jack
Wayne & Jennifer Kirk
& daughter, Emma

Christ The King ... where we feel A SENSE OF BELONGING

By Rose Montrastelle

It is not uncommon for people within a big organization to feel lost or unimportant. At Christ The King, we want everyone to feel needed and have the feeling of belonging to a friendly, caring, Christian community. This is the goal of the Sense of Belonging Committee: to develop a strong sense of belonging by strengthening our parish community in joy, love and service to one another.

The objectives of this committee are to create an atmosphere where parishioners feel at home at Christ The King and convince each parishioner they have something worthwhile to contribute to the parish. Earlier this year, parishioners were asked to complete or update Stewardship Renewal of Time and Talent forms so those talents could be matched to ministries within the parish so people can begin to contribute in this manner. Also, this committee is working on a parish

directory to be completed by the end of the year.

People in this parish have a big heart and amazing talents and they are more than willing to share both with others, regardless if it is inside the parish or other community causes. The Sense of Belonging Committee links the unique talents of parishioners to the needs of the parish.

Other activities that fall under the Sense of Belonging are Bereavement Support, Blood Drive and Wellness, Funeral Dinners, New Mother's Dinners, Quilters, Hospital Visits, Health Ministry, Otters Night and Race for the Cure.

If you would like to help with any of the activities listed above or if you know a parishioner in the hospital, a new mother, etc., please contact Sense of Belonging Chairs; Janice Dillman at 477-4693 or Rose Montrastelle at 437-8911.

A Letter from the Principal

By Sandy Lasher

Catholic Schools Week is a time to remember the families who had a vision and laid the foundation for our school and parish.

As the CTK school community, we kicked off our Catholic Schools Celebrate Service Week with a pancake breakfast following the Masses on Sunday, January 25. School families and parishioners enjoyed the fellowship as well as perusing the books at the Scholastic Book Fair.

On Monday, January 26, students in grades 3-8 participated in an on-site field trip. Students built a motorized race car from scratch using advanced LEGO parts and pieces from LEGO kits. They worked in groups of two students per to build the race car and then added an electric motor to race them. This activity harnessed the motivational effects of LEGOs to teach a variety of math and science skills.

Then the ice storm came and school was canceled for the rest of the week. While many of our activities were canceled, we were still able to donate eight large boxes of non-perishable food items to St. Vincent's Food Pantry. We also held our previously planned parent lunch on Wednesday, and the students were able to wear their Celebrate Service t-shirts to school.

Although the winter weather left much to be desired, our classrooms have been busy this semester with lots of exciting learning taking place. A great deal of excitement can be attributed to the recent installation of interactive boards in five of our classrooms. You are invited to visit the school at any time to see for yourself just what an addition these electronic tools are to the learning process. The boards have been installed in grades 6-8 science, math, social studies, and language arts classes and in the fifth grade classroom. While the teachers are thrilled with being able to include the use of interactive boards as an integral part of their daily instruction, the students are just as energized with their use. Below are some comments from some of the eighth grade students.

- *The interactive boards are very innovative and the hands on learning is very helpful.* – Alex Owen
- *I take better notes.* – Joseph Wright
- *I am participating more.* – Josh Small
- *They make learning more interesting.* – Dana Ford
- *Students are more involved during class time.* – Cameron Scheller
- *They are useful because you can pull up the internet*

for everyone to see without going to the computer lab. – Clay Becker

CTK students participated March 10 in IASP's Elementary M.A.T.H. Competition. Students in grades 4-5 (6 where appropriate) were eligible to compete. The competition is made up of four rounds with three different team members competing in each round. Each round consists of seven multiple-choice questions based on The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics publication Curriculum and Evaluation Standards for School Mathematics. The standards emphasized in this year's contest included number sense, computation, algebra and functions, along with problem solving. While CTK earned second place against the other Catholic schools who competed at Mater Dei, we ranked 11 among the other 102 Division 2 schools who participated throughout the state of Indiana!

This spring CTK students joined with 300,000 children in more than 16,000 schools nationwide to take part in the Muscular Dystrophy Association's Hop-a-Thon program. Donations raised help MDA send children with neuromuscular diseases to MDA summer camps, assist with buying and repairing wheelchairs and leg braces, fund worldwide research seeking treatments and cures, provide support groups for clients and families, and more. Our CTK students in grades 1-5 collected \$1,224.25 this year, more than double what they have collected in the past.

Because Christ The King school is part of the Marian Educational Outreach/Welborn Baptist Foundation Project Outreach, CTK will be getting some national and international attention. Christ The King School's dedicated teachers and the work that they are doing with Differentiated Instruction will be described in a presentation in Anaheim, California in April 2009 and in Vladivostok, Russia in July 2009. Nine of our faculty members will be traveling to Chicago July 6-9 to attend the Midwest Conference on Differentiated Instruction along with other teachers from the Evansville diocese. They will have the opportunity to choose from over 150 presentations. Top DI presenters from across the nation will share proven strategies for the teachers to use in their classrooms.

On another note, while our enrollment is up for the 2009-2010 school year, we are still accepting

First Communion Celebrated at Christ The King

By Holly Weinzapfel



First Communion Mass was celebrated on April 26, 2009 for 15 second grade students. This year's communicant class was composed of both Christ The King students and religious education students, under the guidance of second grade teacher, Mrs. Gayla Whitney and our Pastoral Associate, Deacon Vince Bernardin. We congratulate this year's First Communion Class and hope that their love of the Eucharist will continue to grow in the years ahead. Our First Communicants are:



Savannah Boardman
Evan Bockelman
Raphaela Cevallos
Jaden Diaz

Tatiana Ferraz
Maria Makhanov
Josh Nelson
Oliver Ossenber

Preston Perkins
Molly Ramsey
Hugh Rock
Leila Stratman

Shawn Vieth
Carson Williams
Jack Wolf

Twenty Five Freshmen Confirmed

By Holly Weinzapfel

A vibrant group of 25 high school freshman participated in the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 30, 2009. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a Sacrament of Initiation, signaling a mature Christian commitment and deepening of baptismal gifts. Bishop Gettelfinger confirmed the 25 students who began their preparation in January 2008 as Eighth Graders and faithfully met together as a group each month since November of last year. Among this group, we have Master Altar Servers, Lectors, Musicians, Ushers and many others who share their time and talent with our parish community. Congratulations and welcome to each of you!



Those who were confirmed are:

Hannah Bitter
Lucas Bockelman
Brian Kelly Brown
Leah Edge
Claire Ehrensbeck
Samantha Ford
Erin Gallagher
Madison Hatfield
Marco Hawa
Claire Hawkins
Taylor Hayes
Coy Hobson
John Hubert

Lauren Alex Kasha
Robert Lamey
Sara Libbert
Alyssa Loschen
Samuel Luebbe
Anna Montrastelle
Emily Nesbitt
William Rock
Clare Roth
Claire Stover
Marley Stratman
Samuel Vogel

We thank their teachers, parents and our Pastoral Associate, Deacon Vince Bernardin, who helped to prepare these students for their special day. May they continue to grow in their faith and in the love for Our Lord.

Inductions at Memorial High School

By Rebecca Kasha

Christ The King Parish can take great pride in these alumni from CTK who were inducted into the National Honor Society at Memorial High School last week. They are: Christina Bernardin, Andrew Carlson, Ellen Dillman, Nick Golding, Andrew Kasha, A. J. Roberts, Sarah Rock, Conner Stobaugh, Eric Wolf, and Gretchen Wolking.

Last year's inductees into the National Honor Society at Memorial High School, who were also graduates of CTK, were: Maggie Coslett, Preston Edge, Annie Gallagher, Nadine Hawa, and Scott Minton.

Note: If you are aware of the accomplishments of other students from Christ The King, please share that information with the Parish by contacting the Parish Office at 476-3061.

Raffle Baskets and Auction Items for Summer Social 2009

By Rebecca Kasha

So far, with more to come:

- The ever popular "Death by Chocolate"
- Wine and More
- Kid Fun for Girls and Kid Fun for Boys
- Makeup from Mary-Kay and Arbonne
- Tickets to Holiday World
- Zoo Membership and More
- Framed Print by Joanne Massey
- Handmade Christmas Decorations
- Go Memorial!
- Budding Photographer
- Party on the Patio

Handmade Afghan
 Football signed by Tony Dungee
 Driver (guarantee to improve your game!)
 Dinner with Martha (Reitz, not Stewart!)

Summer Social Fun — Volunteer now!



What's New with Deacon Vince

By Vince Bernardin

The parish center only appears to be a quiet, peaceful place. Despite appearances, there's always a lot going on here. The last few weeks have been particularly exciting. In addition to the usual fare of meetings, email, telephone calls, homily prep, bulletin announcements, liturgy planning, etc., here are a few subjects of special interest...

Why Catholic? Lenten Season. Around 100 participants in 13 small groups participated in *Why Catholic?*, which began in February and ended right before Easter. This season the focus was on Reconciliation and the three sacraments of initiation – Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. In addition, we studied the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA), which culminated here at Christ The King at Easter Vigil Mass with the profession of faith and Confirmation of Adam Hughes. Please welcome him! Fathers Jim Endress and Jim Sauer were our Lenten speakers sharing their knowledge of Reconciliation, RCIA, and the Eucharist.

Confirmation Prep. One of the pleasant surprises of this job has been the chance to work with our freshman as they prepared for Confirmation on April 30. We have 27 engaging young people who are serious about their faith and looking forward to being fully-initiated Catholics. Among the many topics we covered are some of the relatively recent heroes of our faith who have been photographed in the past hundred years or so. They include: St. Miguel Pro (martyr during the Mexican Revolution), St. Gemma Galgani (stigmatist and mystic), Servant of God Dorothy Day (founder of the Catholic Worker Movement and social justice activist), St. "Padre" Pio (stigmatist and miracle worker), St. Maximilian Kolbe (modern communicator and martyr during Nazi imprisonment), Blessed Brother André Bessette and Venerable Solanus Casey (both humble intercessors and healers), and Blessed Teresa of Calcutta (founder of the Missionaries of Charity and servant to the poorest of the poor). We've also looked further back in time at the lives of: St. Elizabeth of Hungary (a princess, wife and mother who eventually gave away everything to serve the poor), St. Perpetua (a young wife, nursing mom and martyr) and her slave companion, St. Felicity (another young wife, pregnant mom, and martyr). Our Confirmation candidates have been very responsive and can give us all hope for the future.

Seventh Grade Field Trip to Evansville Christian Life Center. On March 5, our seventh graders made a

trip to the Evansville Christian Life Center (the former Poor Clare Monastery). From about 11 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., these great young people served up plates full of hot food, drinks, desserts and lots of seconds to a cross section of our inner city's poor. After that, they jumped right in mopping the kitchen floor and boxing canned goods for ECLC's Food Pantry. Yes, parents, it's true! Not only did they do it, but they did it with verve and enthusiasm. I was proud of them.

Lenten Gold Almsgiving Project. One of our parishioners came up with the innovative idea of organizing a parish effort to sell gold, silver, and platinum jewelry to feed the poor of Evansville. It took a while to work out all the details, but our parishioners are now taking excess jewelry to Kruckemeyer & Cohn in the hopes of raising a significant contribution to the St. Vincent de Paul Society and Tri-State Food Bank. Special thanks to Kruckemeyer & Cohn for matching the value of our gifts at the rate of 30 cents on the dollar.

Upcoming Projects. A couple of things that are in the planning stages are: Vacation Bible School and a re-activated Youth Group. We are currently having organizational meetings with moms and others who are interested in volunteering for a week this summer to bring the Word of God to our little ones. (See page 8) Regarding teens, CTK mom Amy Hughes, and CTK teacher Nicole Wolf are working together to develop some exciting ideas for a new Youth Group at Christ The King. Possible activities include a wealth of service projects, an Appalachian Mission Trip with St. John (Newburgh) Youth Group, movie & popcorn nights, "Pump It Up" and lots more. Anyone interested in either VBS or the Youth Group, please give me a call.

Extracurriculars. In addition to the above, three "trans-parish ministries" have garnered some of my attention over the past month. My wife, Mary, and I coordinated the Source + Summit Parents Retreat on Saturday, February 28. We had over 40 parents participating in what was both a highly spiritual and highly practical day. Retreatants got to hear from two friars, a monk, a nun, a mom, and a family counselor from Catholic Charities. I also gave a talk at Cursillo School of Leaders entitled "Forty Years After *Humanae Vitae*" and another talk at St. Theresa Parish on "The First 600 Years of the Christian Faith".