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#### Upcoming Events

Oct 26th - 1st Reconciliation Parent meeting at 3:00pm in the school cafeteria

Oct. 29th - High school youth soup supper and hayrack ride - 6:30pm in school cafeteria

Nov. 5th - All high school youth meet in school cafeteria at 7:00pm

Nov. 12th - 1st Reconciliation for 2nd grade CCD students at 7:00 pm; 1st Reconciliation SPPS 2nd Grade 10:30 am

Nov. 19th - Confession for High school youth at 7:00pm

Nov. 26th - No Religious Education classes - Happy Thanksgiving

Dec. 3rd - Last class before Christmas - Merry Christmas

Jan. 7th - K-12th Religious education classes resume

# Religious Education

## Newsletter for Sts. Peter & Paul Parish

### Catholic Heart Workcamp

By Julie Sperflage

What were you doing July 12-18? Can you remember back to then? I can assure you that kids and sponsors from the area can remember very well. This was the week of their summer that they had been preparing for during the previous months.

They were heading to Anderson, Indiana for Catholic Heart Workcamp. They left late Saturday, July 12 and returned the evening of Friday, July 18th.

Many different activities were performed during the week for various community members including working at a Boy's & Girl's club, doing lawn work, painting houses, making a wheel chair ramp, cleaning and organizing rooms, babysitting, and much more.

The youth that attended this trip were Julie Sperflage, Shayla Winkler, Sam Boeding, Kaitlin Heinen, Michelle Heinen, Philip Lierz, Lindsey Lierz, Elizabeth Haverkamp,

Amanda Haverkamp, Nikki Henry, Kelly Runnebaum, Erin Hermesch, Lindsey Gress, Veronica Rottinghaus, Blake Niehues, Gessica Renyer, Jacob Nagley, Rachel Baumgartner, Matthew Nordus, Amy Stallbaumer, and Mark Stallbaumer. The sponsors that attended were John Kohake, Christina Lierz, and Connie Winkler.

This was a trip that will be with them for the rest of their lives. The memories made and the experience was indescribable.

### Respect Life Breakfast

October is Respect Life month and in honor of this our high school youth held a biscuits and gravy breakfast on Sunday October 12th. We raised \$1260.00 with the proceeds being given to Birthright of Topeka.

A big thank you to all the youth, parents, Religious Education teachers who worked at this breakfast and made it a great success. Thank you to all who came and supported this event and to Brenda (Gary) Niehues, Julie Suther, and Donna Elder for organizing it. Also a special thank you to United and Community National Banks for donating cups and napkins.



## Totus Tuus

Totus Tuus was held July 13th - 18th with 71 children and youth attending the grade school and high school programs. The week was directed by 4 college students who so graciously give up their summers to teach children and youth how to deepen their relationship with God. The theme this year was Thinking Out Loud and each day the children focused on one of the Glorious Mysteries.

Some of the activities during the week included skits, songs, daily Mass, confessions, and a family potluck on Wednesday evening. On Friday the children had a cookout at lunchtime and then enjoyed an afternoon filled with making a human sundae and a water

fight that included our local firemen coming and spraying the children with the fire hoses.

Many thanks to everyone that made this week possible by donating food,

volunteering time, hosting the team for meals and to the firemen for coming and spraying the children. May God bless you all for your generosity.



## Teacher Spotlight

### Mrs. Cathy Enneking

By Julie Sperflage

It is Wednesday evening at 7:00, while many parents are dropping their kids off for CCD and looking forward to an hour for themselves, Mrs. Cathy Enneking is preparing for her 7th grade CCD class. She has taught Religious Education classes for 9 years.

Mrs. Enneking does work outside of the class to prepare for the next CCD class. Her classes consist of readings from the book and different activities to reinforce the ideas being taught.

Since Confirmation is every other year, the year is usually centered around getting ready for Confirmation.

She sees the largest difference between teaching in the

high school and teaching CCD as the kids' different attitudes. Since grades can not be given at Religious Ed. classes, the kids have a totally different approach to the class.

Mrs. Enneking says her mother taught Religious Education classes so she felt it was her responsibility as a parent to keep the Religious Education program going.

She commented how she enjoys learning more about her religion while sharing her faith with the kids. Though she finds enjoyment in being a CCD teacher, it does become stressful, especially when every night of the week is busy and time must be found to balance your work and family.

We really appreciate all the hours of dedication given by the Religious Education teachers.

### Camp Tekakwitha

Camp Tekakwitha was once again a popular camp to attend among our children and youth in the parish this summer. This camp provides a great opportunity for kids to participate in many wonderful outdoor and spiritual activities. Some of these activities include horseback riding,

swimming, bonfires, bible studies, adoration, and Mass. This is a great way for the kids to make new friends and have fun growing in their relationship with Jesus.

The children that attended include: Abe Elder, Colin Lierz, Kristofer Pokrandt,

Makayla Peterson, Hannah Stallbaumer, Randee Bontrager, Joshua Haverkamp, Shaylyn Stallbaumer, Makalya Stallbaumer, Lindsay Peterson, Abby Enneking, Austin Enneking, Matthew Haverkamp, and Creighton Brinker.

*“Camp was so much fun. We had to do an obstacle course that was in the air. It was really hard!”*

*Abby Enneking*

### All-Faiths Community Vacation Bible School

Over 200 children preschool to 6th grade participated in the All-Faiths Community Vacation Bible School held June 9th - 13th at Sts. Peter and Paul Church in Seneca. The theme was SONWORLD ADVENTURE PARK- enjoying the ride of your life with Jesus!

The children learned about obedience and service to

God through games, stories, bible verses, crafts, and activities. Over seventy adults and youth volunteered to help these children learn about their faith!

The mission collection brought in \$861.59 and we sent \$1000.00 to Saint Ann’s parish in Effingham that was destroyed by fire last spring. At the end of the week a program and

picnic was held for family members and the children.

We want to thank all of the teachers, parent and youth helpers, and everyone else that volunteered their time to make Vacation Bible school a huge success at Sts. Peter and Paul parish in Seneca. A special thanks to “Dusty Chaps” (aka - Jerry Rottinghaus) for visiting and helping out with the memory verse each day.

*“One of my favorite activities was when we had to jump off a box and try to reach up and grab a bar. This was a challenge!”*

*Lindsey Peterson*



## Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) is a religious formation program for children. It provides an environment for children to draw closer to God with materials based on scripture and liturgy. SPP has been offering the TCGS since 2002.

This year Mrs. Ida Schiffbauer is offering this program to her MWF

preschoolers. Mrs. Tarese Hammes is the catechist for the SPP Kindergarteners on Tuesday afternoons. Her assistant will be Mrs. Jean Tangeman. Sr. Delores' First Graders will be offered this program on Wednesday afternoons, their catechist will be Mrs. Angie Hammes. Mrs. Cindy Hemman will be offering the CGS

on Friday evenings in two separate sessions, with the younger children from 6-7pm and the older children from 7-8:30pm. Her assistant will be her eldest daughter, Julia Hemman.

Persons interested in this program may contact any of the above instructors or by calling 336-6205.

## Kelly Youth Rally

The 11th annual Kelly Youth Rally was held on Sat. August 16th. We had 91 youth attend from Sts. Peter and Paul parish. The theme was Soldiers for Christ - Called to Active Duty. The afternoon began with a welcome in St. Bede's church followed by a hayrack ride to the Winkler pond. There the activities began with opening words from Vocations Director Fr. Mitch Zimmerman. Brad Brown then took the stage and entertained the youth magic performances. He uses magic tricks to present the gospel of Jesus Christ. The youth then enjoyed a great BBQ supper. The main speaker for the evening was Stephanie

Wood. She spoke to the youth about living radical lives for Jesus Christ in the modern world. At 8:30 pm the outdoor Mass was held and Fr. Mitchell Zimmerman was the main celebrant. The weather was



great and the rally was enjoyed by all. A big thanks to the St. Bede's parish for their continued success of this great event!

