

## **FAITH FLASH!**

### ***Faith Tip of the Week: Tune into this Station!***

I have been helping with the school's living Stations of the Cross practice. Watching the 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders going through their lines and actions has been amusing at times. I watched as Pilate tried not to grin when saying his line. I observed the overly cautious guards trying not to hurt anyone when holding back the crowd. The crowd at times were not really sure where to go. The overzealous soldiers did not hold back when tossing Jesus to the ground. And yes, Jesus was Mary's son, and he was crucified, and she was sad, but I think she would have been just fine if the soldiers had laid him on the ground rather than in her arms. I think Jesus may have preferred that has well. Under the direction of our 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, Kathy Barbeau, practices continued, confidence grew, lines perfected, and quickly amusement turned to awe as these young students brought the Stations to life with all the seriousness and reverence it deserves. Our students will be leading us through Mary's Way of the Cross this Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, at 9:30 am. I can think of no better way to enter into the Triduum than walking with the Lord and listening to the words of Mary as portrayed by our very own young church. Tune into this Station. You'll be glad you did!

### **Youth Group!**

Our next Youth Group gathering is Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm. All high schoolers are invited to attend. We will meet in St. John's church basement. Use the breezeway doors of the church to enter. Hope to see you there. Bring a friend!

Dave Hollinshead, Director of Faith Formation

**FORMED AND AMEN** are streaming platforms of religious resources that are available to all of our parishioners. Information for both are on the bulletin table.

## **MAKE JESUS' PASSION OUR OWN**

**Mark 14:1-15, 47**

It's even more important to share in his suffering and great love during his Passion. St. Paul said, "We hold this treasure in earthen vessels...always carrying about in the body the dying of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our body" (2 Corinthians 4:7-10). He means that everything that happens in our lives--the good and the bad--can be part of our bond with Jesus. Every day our frustrations, our fears, our loneliness and temptations can become ways in which we share in the suffering and death of Christ. Likewise, our joys, our good health, our family and friends are all important ways to share in the joy of his Resurrection. The point is to offer everything to Christ. St. Alphonsus wrote, "We should consider not so much the sorrows Jesus suffered as the love with which he bore them." Disciples of Jesus can have the same attitude toward suffering as he did and can share in his joy of Resurrection.



## **GIBAULT CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**



**Future Hawk Events**-Join us at these fun events!

**7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Scavenger Hunt**-7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to participate in our Junior High Scavenger Hunt on April 5 from 6-8 p.m. at Gibault. Pizza and Drinks will be included. Bring your own team or sign up individually, and we can create a team.

RSVP: <https://bit.ly/gchshunt24>

**5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Future Hawk Hangout**-5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders are invited to hang out in the Gibault gym! Shoot hoops, bump volleyballs, play bags, and MORE. Drinks and Snacks included. Come HANGOUT and HAVE FUN! RSVP: <https://bit.ly/hawkhangout>

**Future Hawk Baseball Tailgate**-Cheer on the State Champion Hawks on May 1 at 4:30 p.m. More info to come!

**Spring Rummage Sale**-The Gibault Catholic Women's Club Rummage Sale is Sat. Apr. 13, 8 am-2 pm. (1/2 price and bag sale after noon.) Donations can be dropped off April 8 & 9 from 8 am-6 pm and April 10 & 11 from 8 am-8 pm.

**Summer Classic Golf Tournament**-Tee up for the students of Gibault as part of our 27<sup>th</sup> Summer Classic Golf Tournament! This year's tournament will be held on Friday, June 21, and there are lots of ways to get involved. You can sponsor our event, donate raffle prizes, or gather a team to play at the beautiful Annbriar Golf Course. For more info, email

[dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com](mailto:dfrasure@gibaulthawks.com) or visit our event website:

<https://SummerClassic.givesmart.com>

**Poker Run**-Join the Gibault Women's Club for an afternoon of fun on April 28.

## **SJB SCHOOL NEWS**

**Spring Rummage Sale**-Our Spring Rummage Sale will be: Friday, April 26<sup>th</sup> (4-9pm.; everything priced); Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> (8am-1pm.; \$5/bag; we have bags); Sunday, April 28<sup>th</sup> (8am-1pm.; \$4/bag). Cash or local check with ID only. Item Drop-Off: Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup> (8am-3pm); Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> (11am-4pm); Monday-Thursday (8am-7pm) We do not accept TVs, computers, monitors, printers, keyboards, used mattresses, non-working items, or heavily soiled items. Before dropping off large items, please call the school first 618-282-3215

## **CATHOLIC SERVICE & MINISTRY APPEAL**

Number of households that have pledged: 19

Amount Pledged to date: \$1,735

Our parish goal: \$3,692

## **EASTER EGG HUNT**

St. Patrick's Easter egg hunt will be Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> after the 8AM Mass. Kids don't forget to bring your baskets and set them up to the right of the altar.



## **ST. VINCENT DE PAUL**

### **The Cupboards Are Bare**

#### **St. Vincent De Paul Needs Your Help!**

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Belleville Council reports record numbers of people staying at its OverNite Center and 300+ people per day coming for meals at Cosgrove's Kitchen. With these increased numbers, there is an urgent need for food. We humbly ask for your prayers for SVDP and its clients and, if you are able, your donation of food (all kinds) that will be cooked and served at the soup kitchen and/or individually packaged food items (cookies, fruit cups, tuna and chicken snack packs, chips, crackers, cheese sticks, yogurt, cereal, instant oatmeal, Pop Tarts, breakfast bars, soup or pasta in a cup) to distribute at the OverNite Center. Items can be dropped off at:

**St. Vincent de Paul Council Office**-8800 West Main, Belleville (across from Blessed Sacrament Church) Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 9:00-2:30pm. or **SVDP Thrift Store/Soup Kitchen**-3718 State Street, East St. Louis. Monday-Friday 9:00-1:30 pm.; Saturday 9:00-Noon. For additional info contact Joe Hubbard or Pat Hogrebe at 618-394-0126. Thank you and God bless you for your generosity which enables St. Vincent de Paul's ministry to the poorest among us.

#### **PONTIFICAL HOLY LAND COLLECTION**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Holy Land Collection which will be held on Good Friday. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools and offer religious education to our brothers and sisters in the Holy Land. The collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines. In times of crisis, the Pontifical Holy Land Collection also provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

#### **UNITED FOR LIFE**

United for Life will begin on April 6 from 10-11 am. Please come to support ALL life from conception to natural death. Participants will gather at the gazebo near the four way stop in Red Bud, given a sign, and stand/sit as a witness in supporting all life. God bless all for gathering to protect His children!

**LET US PRAY TO END  
ABORTION AND TO RESPECT  
ALL LIFE FROM CONCEPTION  
TO NATURAL DEATH!**



## **WHAT PALM SUNDAY MEANS**

There is both great joy and terrible sorrow associated with this day, the Sunday that begins Holy Week, the Sunday that portends the crucifixion of Our Lord. It is a time of despair, perplexity and contradiction. The very people who applaud Christ's entrance into Jerusalem that morning, shouting out "Hosanna" and words of adoration will, within a week, be crying, "Crucify Him." They will go from acclaiming Him as the new King of Israel to urging His life be traded in favor of a convicted criminal; they will first praise Him and then mock Him. Even friends entering Jerusalem at His side will desert Jesus. All this discord will take place during one week beginning on what we call Palm Sunday.



#### **SPRING TRAINING FOR YOUR MARRIAGE**

Spring Training for Your Marriage, Saturday, April 13th, Holy Trinity Parish, Fairview Heights, featuring Fr. Jim Deiters. Cost is \$50 per couple. Mass at 4 p.m.; dinner at 5:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Diocese of Belleville Department of Life, Marriage, and Family. Space is limited so reserve your spot now: [www.diobelle.org](http://www.diobelle.org) or [mking@diobelle.org](mailto:mking@diobelle.org); call 618-722- 5048.