



# Voice of the Gardener

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## Christ is born! Glorify Him!



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What an amazing celebration is upon us! We rejoice with all of creation, with the angels, with the shepherds, with Mary and Joseph that God has come to us as a baby. God has come to us through a family, in a family to join us to Himself as a family by adopting us as His children through Baptism in water and the Holy Spirit so that we can cry out, "Abba, Father!"

Today's Solemnity of the Mother of God is particularly rich in meaning for us at St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc (SJHF). As it so happens, this year this Solemnity falls on a First Saturday. It is a double blessing to have a Solemnity honoring the Blessed Virgin on the day that she has requested a special devotion. Since 2001, we only observed Our Lady of Fatima's request for First Saturdays from May through October. However, since these devotions are our "anchor" family-oriented retreat, we began in November to hold them all year long because we have a new, warm, and dry Welcome Center. So, Jan. 1 will be our first First Saturday Devotion in the month of January and in the year 2011.

Also, this day marks the first issue of the *Voice of the Gardener*. The Gardener is the Risen Lord Jesus Christ. As Man, He is the New Adam preparing a new paradise for all of his heirs. As God, He, the Creator of the whole earth, has breathed His Holy Spirit upon creation to redeem it from sin and to make it a new creation. Presently, the Gardener's Hut stands at the pinnacle of all of the other grottos and trails on God's Country. So, this newsletter aims to make the Voice of the Gardener of the world resound wherever the Spirit carries it. For my part, by God's grace, may I be mistaken someday as the Gardener's servant.

## St. Henry Confirmation Retreat

On Nov. 20, the Confirmation Class of St. Henry Parish, St. Henry, IN, inaugurated the official beginning of retreats sponsored by SJHF other than the First Saturday Devotions. Eleven candidates, their sponsors and three adult catechists energetically participated in the prayers, hiking, commissioning, and skit of a day focused upon growing "From Discipleship to Apostleship."

Dr. Mark was assisted by his daughter, Katie, in directing the retreat. Katie is Youth Minister at St. John the Baptist Parish in Newburgh, IN.



### FIRST SATURAY DEVOTIONS (Central Time):

9:30 Registration at St. Michael Statue

10:00 The Message of Fatima at Our Lady of Grace Grotto

10:15 Examination of Conscience at Ten Commandments

10:30 – 11:15 Confessions at Gardener's Hut

10:30 – 11:15 Stations of the Cross

11:30 Mass at Sacred Heart Chapel

12:00 Angelus/Regina Caeli before Pitch-in Meal

1:15 Rosary on Trail or in the Chapel

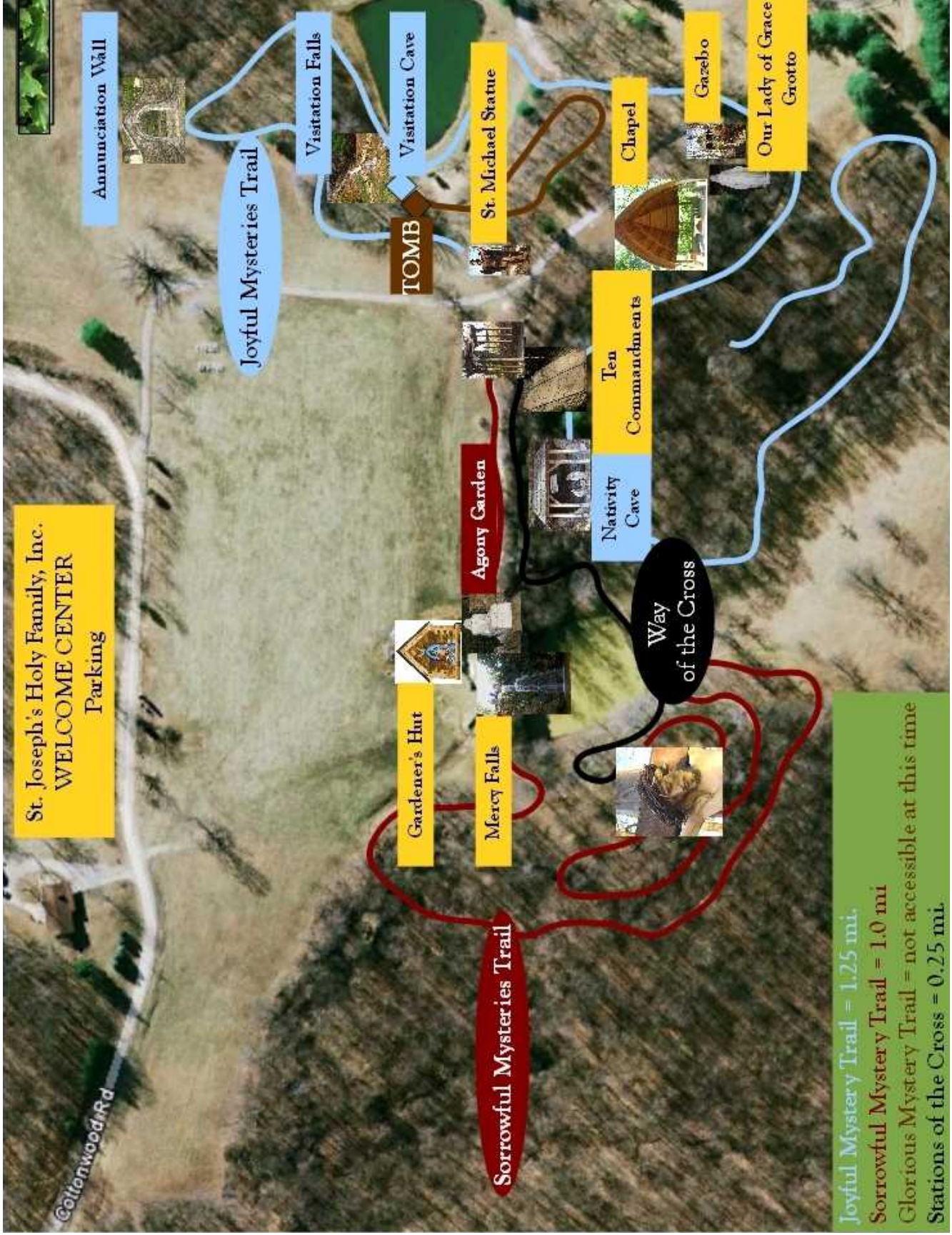
2:15 Teaching on Prayer in Amphitheater or Chapel

3:00 Divine Mercy Chaplet at Gardener's Hut

Afterwards, families are welcome to play and to cook out.

To arrange a visit or to request a group retreat,  
contact Dr. Mark Ginter (812.631.2377).

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**WELCOME CENTER**  
 Parking

Annunciation Wall

Joyful Mysteries Trail

Visitation Falls

Visitation Cave

TOMB

St. Michael Statue

Chapel

Gazebo

Our Lady of Grace Grotto

Ten Commandments

Nativity Cave

Way of the Cross

Agony Garden

Gardener's Hut

Mercy Falls

Sorrowful Mysteries Trail

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Joyful Mystery Trail = 1.25 mi.  
 Sorrowful Mystery Trail = 1.0 mi.  
 Glorious Mystery Trail = not accessible at this time  
 Stations of the Cross = 0.25 mi.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AT GOD'S COUNTRY

**Jan. 1, 9:30 a.m.** – First Saturday Devotions and Blessing of Repainted Nativity Set

**Feb. 5, 9:30 a.m.** – First Saturday Devotions

**March 4, 9:30 a.m.** - First Friday Reparation Work Day. Bring Your Own Bag Lunch (B.Y.O.B.L.) & gloves

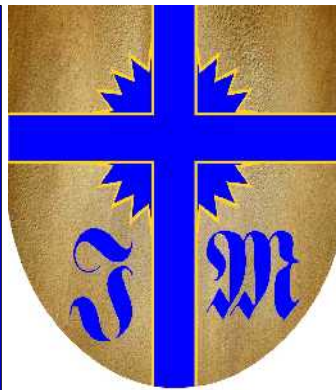
**March 5, 9:30 a.m.** – First Saturday Devotions

**March 11, 6:00 p.m.** – Soup with Substance D.R.E. Speakers' Series and Candlelight Stations of the Cross

**March 18, 6:00 p.m.** – Soup with Substance D.R.E. Speakers' Series and Candlelight Stations of the Cross

**March 19, 9:30 a.m.** – Solemnity of St. Joseph with Mass, Rosary, and Pitch-in Meal

**March 25, 6:00 p.m.** – Solemnity of the Annunciation with Mass, Pitch-in Meal and Candlelight Rosary Procession



St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc.

The Mission of St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc., is the renewal of Catholic family life through the inspired and natural beauty of God's Country for those already pursuing a vocation as a domestic church, for youth discerning their vocation to service in communion, and for all of Christ's disciples who have a common vocation to holiness and to the mission of evangelizing the world.

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### Testimony

For Laura and I, receiving the brochure about St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc., when we first arrived in Southwestern Indiana gave us an opportunity to keep our family spiritually grounded. We decided to make our trip to God's Country a monthly retreat. When we arrived at the farm, after a 90 minute drive from Vincennes, we found a place where simplicity, prayer, and peace reigned, and all this because Jesus and Mary reign in God's Country. We could tell that it was going to be a place focused on the essential message of Catholicism and the things that actually make families into holy Catholic Families: the Mass, Confession, the Holy Rosary, and fellowship with those who are living the Church's teaching on life, marriage, and family. Basically, as a newly-forming Catholic family seeking the authentic face of the Catholic Church, we have found a home away from home in God's Country.

Laura and Max  
Benedict  
Pawlowski



### Parishes in the Tell City Deanery and their Lord's Day Mass Schedule (version 7-27-10):

#### St. Augustine, Leopold

Rev. Aaron J. Pfaff, Administrator  
4:00 p.m. Saturday (Vigil)  
10:30 a.m. Sunday

#### Holy Cross, St. Croix

9:00 a.m. Sunday

#### St. Martin of Tours, Siberia

7:30 a.m. Sunday

#### St. Joseph, Crawford County

Rev. John L. Fink, Administrator  
9:15 a.m. Sunday

#### St. Paul, Tell City

Very Rev. Dennis Duvelius, V.F., Pastor  
5:30 p.m. Saturday (Vigil)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday  
11:30 a.m. Sunday

#### St. Mark, Perry County

5:30 p.m. Saturday (Vigil)  
8:00 a.m. Sunday

#### St. Michael, Cannelton

Rev. Barnabas Gillespie, OSB, Pastor  
8:00 a.m. Sunday

#### St. Pius V, Troy

10:30 a.m. Sunday

#### St. Isidore the Farmer, Perry County

Rev. Dr. Guy Mansini, OSB, Pastor  
6:00 p.m. Saturday (Vigil)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday

#### St. Meinrad, St. Meinrad

Rev. Anthony M. Vinson, OSB, Pastor  
8:00 a.m. Sunday

#### St. Boniface, Fulda

5:00 p.m. Saturday (Vigil)