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Be it resolved:
Let Christ's Light Conquer Your Darkness

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All living beings need light. With decreased daylight, trees shed their leaves. With decreased daylight, the northern hemisphere gets colder in the winter. With decreased daylight, we feel a stronger need to sleep. With darkness and coldness, we almost feel life draining from us.

Lest we lose hope, the Solemnity of the Lord's Nativity (Dec. 25) celebrates the conquest of the Light over the darkness. At the Christmas Vigil, the Prophet Isaiah announces the victory of light over darkness (Is. 69:1). At the Midnight Mass, the Prophet's words echo again: "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." In a liturgical exclamation point, the Mass during the Day proclaims the Prologue of St. John's Gospel with the following focus: "the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it...The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world" (Jn. 1:5, 9). Likewise, in the Solemnity of the Lord's Epiphany (Jan. 6), the "star" of Bethlehem guides the Magi, representing all of the ancient world, out of darkness. Like a bright beam piercing the darkness, this theme resurfaces on the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple (Feb. 2) when St. Simeon quotes St. Isaiah, "a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel" (Lk. 2:32).

When a benefactor recently told me that his family was going to stop their subscription to cable TV and to give that monthly amount to SJHF as a New Year's resolution, I rejoiced that they let Christ's Light conquer the darkness that overwhelms our imaginations when we let materialistic, consumeristic entertainment enter our lives.

Caroling at Nativity Cave

To celebrate the Solemnity of the Holy Family on Dec. 30, 2011, (from left) Brian Ward, Eli Steckler, Joel Steckler, Jeremiah Steckler, Katie Ginter, and Danielle Steckler serenade Baby Jesus, the Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph by candlelight, possibly like the first carolers who came to the cave in Bethlehem over 2000 years ago.

Nativity Cave was the last religious item that Joseph Ubelhor helped to build physically on his farm in 1996. For video of the cozy caroling in Nativity Cave, see our website.



Then, when I recently read about the father of a well-known local family being arrested for drug possession, I resolved to offer my meatless Fridays for families to let Christ's Light conquer the darkness of addictions. Let us pray and fast together so that a new springtime's Light will enter the world. God's PEACE!

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS

Winter Schedule (Central Time):

- 9:30 Registration at Welcome Center
- 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 in Welcome Center
- 10:30 – 11:15 Stations of the Cross
- 11:30 Mass in Welcome Center
- 12:00 Angelus before Pitch-in Meal in Pole Barn
- 1:15 Rosary on Trail or in Welcome Center
- 2:15 Teaching on Prayer in Pole Barn
- 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 the Welcome Center (812.357.2119).

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT GOD'S COUNTRY

Jan. 7, 9:30 a.m. – First Saturday Devotions

Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m. – 2nd Thursday Holy Hour at St. Boniface Grotto, Evansville, IN

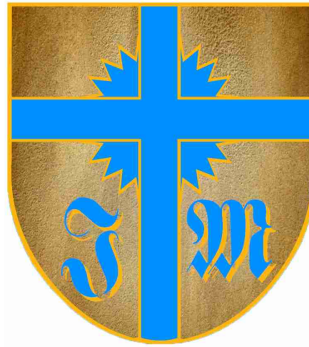
Jan. 27, 6:00 p.m. – 4th Friday Free Family Flix For Fun, *The Staircase*.

Feb. 3, 9:30 a.m. – Reparation Work Day.

Feb. 4, 9:30 a.m. – First Saturday Devotions

Feb. 9, 6:30 p.m. – 2nd Thursday Holy Hour at St. Boniface Grotto, Evansville, IN

Feb. 24, 6:00 p.m. – Soup with Substance D.R.E. Speakers' Series and Candlelight Stations of the Cross



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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Special Events

On Jan. 27, we will attempt again to show *The Staircase*. Due to unexpected difficulties, we were not able to show it on the two previously announced FFFFFFFFs. In April, FFFFFFFFs will return.

On Feb 24, as the Friday after Ash Wednesday, we begin our annual Lenten Devotion called: "Soup with Substance" and D.R.E. Speakers' Series. Local Directors of Religious Education (D.R.E.) will provide a brief reflection on some aspect of the Mystery of Redemption. For twilight Stations of the Cross, please bring flashlights.

The schedule follows:

- 6:00 p.m. *Angelus* followed by simple Pitch-in Meal of Soup and Bread (Pole Barn/Classroom/Dining Hall)
- 6:45 p.m. Reflection on the Mystery of Redemption by a D.R.E. (Pole Barn/Classroom/Dining Hall)
- 7:00 p.m. Candlelight Stations of the Cross (Outdoor Way of the Cross)

Parishes in the Tell City Deanery and their Lord's Day Mass Schedule (version 2-11-12):

St. Augustine, Leopold

Rev. Brian Esarey, Pastor
4:00 p.m. Saturday (Vigil)
10:30 a.m. Sunday

Holy Cross, St. Croix

8:30 a.m. Sunday

St. Martin of Tours, Siberia

6:00 p.m. Saturday

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)



Deacon Jeff Read
Diocese of Evansville

Your needs placed
before God's Mercy!

We invite you to send us your prayer requests. A binder sets below the only publicly available Divine Mercy stained glass window in the US in the Gardener's Hut. God's Country is 32 of America's most blessed acres. **God answers prayers here.** We want the whole world to know it and to receive the blessings from a visit.



We need you!

Send us **your testimony** to include in the *Voice of the Gardener Newsletter*. E-mail your testimony and a photo to: sjhf@psci.net.

- ▶ 3-5 gal. insulated water cooler.
- ▶ Hot water dispenser (for hot tea and hot chocolate)
- ▶ Coffee maker
- ▶ Taper candles (6 doz.) and matches
- ▶ Pop up canopy tents (10x20, 12x12, 10x10)

We need more **saint posters** to hang in the Pole Barn / Classroom / Dining Hall to create a retreat atmosphere.

2nd Thursday Holy Hour

My God, I believe, I adore, I hope, and I love you. I ask pardon of you for those who do not believe, do not adore, do not hope, and do not love you. (Prayer taught to the Fatima children by the Angel of Peace in 1916.) Please join us for the St. Joseph's Holy Family, Inc. Holy Hour every 2nd Thursday at the St. Boniface Catholic Church Grotto in Evansville.

(Adoration on May 12, 2011)



Testimony

This is a place that can truly enliven the soul by engaging the heart, mind, and body of any given person. One person may initially be attracted only to the beautiful land, waterfalls and trails; someone else may have already recognized the significance of Mary's messages given to the children in Fatima before even stepping foot on "God's Country." In one way or another, God is getting our attention.

St. Joseph's Holy family Inc., in many respects, represents the whole of our faith lived out. Here, families become strengthened and come to together, to work, pray, learn and admire God's creation. In a nutshell, this is what our life should be.

We look to Saint Joseph as an excellent example of fatherhood, for he was chosen to be the foster father of Jesus; few, if any, could have done what he did. But most of all, we recognize that "Mary is the perfect example of holiness...and the most perfect realization of the Church" (CCC 507, 2030). Because of this, Mary, like no one else, propels us into the depths of the Heart of Jesus.

These aspects of our life and faith are not only the mission of the Church as a whole but the mission of St. Joseph's Holy Family Inc., as well. That is why I am a member of the community!

May God bless you and Mary keep you.

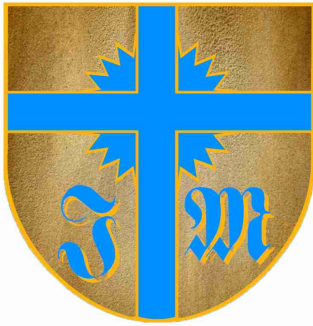
Thank You, Deacons, for embracing our Mission!

PERMANENT

Vince Bernardin (Evansville), Ken Johanning (Evansville), George Karnaze (Kansas City), Charlie Koressel (Evansville), Tom Mulvenon (Kansas City), John Wiest (Kansas City)

TRANSITIONAL

Brian Emmick (Evansville), Jacob Niemand (New Ulm), Dominic Petan (Layfayette-in-Indiana), Alejandro Puello (Little Rock), Jeff Read (Evansville)



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Due to your generous gifts, this apostolate serves families, youth, parishes, men's and women's groups, and the Particular Churches in Indiana, Kentucky, and Illinois.

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
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