

# THE Friar Crier

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## Sisters Share Their Message at Mother-Daughter Brunch

By Robert McGonigle

The Feast of The Immaculate Heart of Mary was celebrated June 12 and was a fitting occasion for the parish's fourth annual Mother-Daughter Brunch. The day began with a Mass celebrated by Fr. LaCasse for Dominican Sisters Mary Emily, Makena, and Augusta of The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia of Nashville, TN and the many mothers and daughters who were also in attendance. The annual event is an effort by the parish to promote vocations to the religious and consecrated life. The brunch, prepared (as in past years) by Kay McGovern, Eileen Sims and Shirley Harlow, was served in Patrick Hall immediately following Mass.

Julie Fernandez, Jennifer Williams, and Barbara Magree and their daughters were among the more than 60 mothers and daughters who attended the Mass and brunch. When asked why they were attending, they each expressed their desire that their daughters have real life exposures to religious sisters. Often,

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they said, their daughters' only encounter with nuns were through pictures in books or their daughters' chance encounter at nursing homes. Thanks to this event, their daughters were able to see "real life sisters."

During brunch, Sr. Mary Emily, Vocation Director for the congregation and a native of northern Ohio, spoke on the history of the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia (yes, music and the fine arts are an important part of their apostolate). The congregation was founded many years ago by Dominican Sisters sent from the Cincinnati area in response to the call of the bishop of Nashville. He desired that the sisters teach in the Catholic schools of Nashville and that the fine arts and music be among the subjects they would teach. Starting with the bishop's call to the Dominican Sisters and ending with the Sisters' response of "yes" to the call, the aptly named Congregation of The Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia, Nashville became a reality.

During World Youth Day of 2008 held in Sydney, Australia, Dominican Sisters were once again called by local bishops to aid in the teaching of youth. This time the call was to Australia and once again the Dominican Sisters answered, "Yes" to God's calling. Today, the sisters continue the apostolate of St. Dominic through their teaching ministry in schools located in over 34 countries including Australia.

Sr. Mary Emily also spoke of the importance of each listening to God's voice. "Listening to the voice of God is important for each of us in discerning God's call no matter the life He is calling us to." God calls us from every



background and walk of life to follow the vocation He wants us to pursue, but we must have a relationship with Jesus in order to hear the voice of God. When Sister was asked if she saw a common thread in the vocations of the sisters and novices of the Congregation, Sister quickly responded, "Without a doubt the common thread is that each of the sisters and novices has had a personal encounter with the living and risen Jesus Christ."

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# Welcome Fr. Michael!

By Dena Hoover

The Friar Crier newsletter committee is happy to welcome Fr. Michael as our new advisor. We feel very fortunate that he has graciously accepted this responsibility on top of his new obligations to St. Patrick's parish.

Fr. Michael writes, "I have always thoroughly enjoyed writing, and...I'm very pleased that St. Patrick's has such a well-done quarterly newsletter. I am going to enjoy this!"

The newsletter committee is looking forward to working with Fr. Michael.



# Welcome Fr. Gregory!

On June 1, Fr. Gregory was assigned to St. Patrick's parish as a second Parochial Vicar. Shortly after arriving here, he was also made Promoter of the Holy Rosary (Director of the Rosary Confraternity) for the Province of St. Joseph, a Dominican provincial assignment. Fr. Gregory will also serve as the Chaplain for the Altar Boys and the Library Committee, as well as helping to teach RCIA, along with the Fr. Michael and Fr. Thomas.

Fr. Gregory was ordained in May 2009 and spent the past year in Washington, D.C., completing his S.T.L. degree. Father says, "I am very glad to be here and excited about spending time here as a new associate." Fr. Gregory was here last summer and added, "I had a great experience and am very pleased to be a part of such a wonderful, active parish."

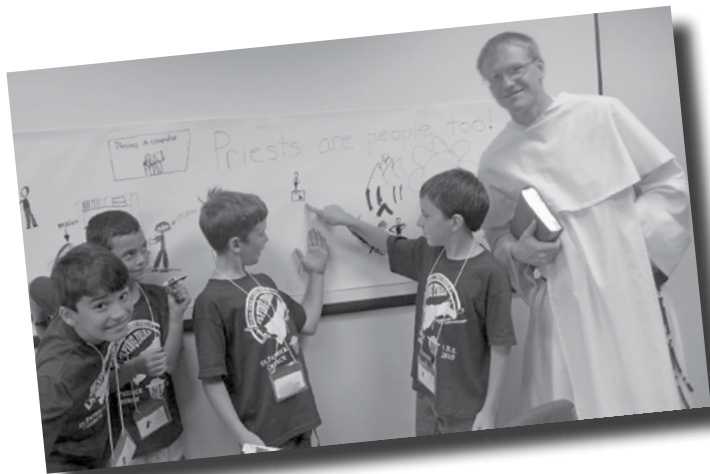
## Women's Club Luncheon at TAT restaurant



The St. Patrick Women's Club hosted their second luncheon for the year on Tuesday, June 8, at TAT Restaurant. The Women's Club sponsors two luncheons a year, one in December and the other in June. These luncheons are social events and all women of the parish are invited to join us as well as all of our Dominican Friars. Also, it is at these luncheons that we present the fruits of our labor from our bake sales, grocery fundraisers, and Honey Baked Ham fundraiser to our pastor.

### More Corpus Christi pictures





Pictures from

# Vacation Bible School

*The theme this year was "Our Father's Circus: Parade around the Our Father with St. Joseph of Cupertino".*





Vacation Bible School pictures  
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## Catholic Youth Summer Camp



### CYSC 2010

By Anna Higgins

“Let it rain, let it rain, open the floodgates of Heaven.” These were the words I heard beautifully flowing out of every person surrounding me as my soul was being filled with God’s love and mercy Thursday evening at Catholic Youth Summer Camp. It was the last night at CYSC; and before we got to praise and worship, I had been having a rough day. I had about eight blisters on each foot, I had a headache and I was so ready to go to bed; but like always, the Lord had a better plan for me. Silently, He was whispering “fall into my arms instead of falling into bed tonight,” and later I would hear Him. So I began singing like normal, but tonight something was off. I wasn’t quite in the mood to sing so I just went through the motions. I was too focused on my bad day. The Lord was just going to have to come second to my mood—that was how I saw it.

It wasn’t until I looked around, saw the looks on the faces of my friends and everybody else and said this simple prayer to let Jesus in, that my life was changed. That prayer was “Come Lord Jesus, I trust in You.” No matter how many times I truly feel God’s love and mercy working in my life, I will always fall; but if I let Him in, Jesus will continue to pick me up and dust me off just like this year at CYSC. Many other things offered at CYSC made camp awesome, like mountain boarding and playing paintball, but overall, praise and worship is what made CYSC 2010 unforgettable for me.





Photos courtesy of Deb Newman, Marian Hyden, and Thomas Deliduka

## Fun Times at Parish Picnic

By Deb Newman

On July 11, both young and not-so-young came together at Camp Mary Orton to enjoy the weather and each other's company at the annual St Patrick's Parish Picnic. Families could be seen getting a break from the heat in the large pool. Others enjoyed playing sand volleyball and a game of football was observed out in a field. Yet others could be found catching up with their fellow parishioners. Fr. LaCasse was able to join us before he left for his new assignment, and Fr. Jordan, Fr. Corbett, and the Dominican Brothers were there as well. All in all, it was a beautiful summer day filled with food, fellowship and fun!





## Eucharistic Miracles

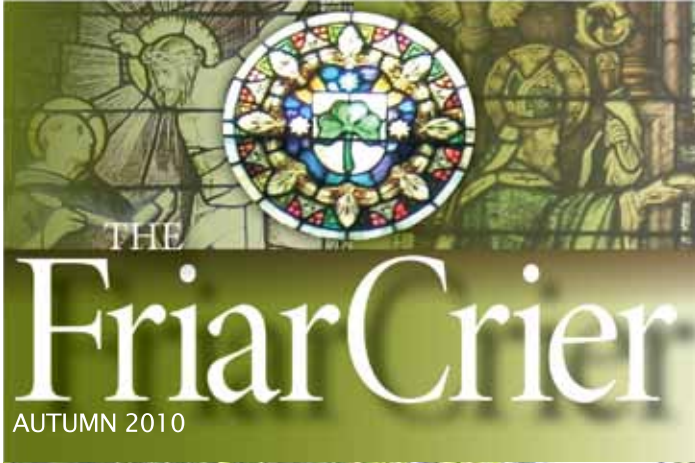
By Judy Leddy

Parishioners had the opportunity to “virtually” visit places from around the world where Eucharistic miracles have taken place. The exhibit has already traveled to over 1000 parishes in Italy and other countries as well as being translated into different languages. Through the efforts of Tim McAndrew and Nancy Madrid, the exhibit came to our parish.

The display has 126 panels depicting Eucharistic miracles with photos and historical information from around the world. All of the miracles have Vatican approval. It was first displayed in the Columbus Diocese last fall.

This display provides an opportunity for reflection on God’s mercy and grace. Nancy Madrid said that, “It is pretty amazing. I never knew there were that many. Some of them are really cool. It has helped deepen my faith with the True Presence.” The display is shown in conjunction with the Divine Mercy presentation. It is available to any parish wishing to display it. For more information visit [www.therealpresence.org](http://www.therealpresence.org).

To view the Eucharistic Miracles display online, visit:  
[http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/engl\\_mir.htm](http://www.therealpresence.org/eucharst/mir/engl_mir.htm)



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## Fr. LaCasse with Graduating Altar Boys

The graduating seniors served their last Mass as altar boys on Sunday, June 27. Thank you for your many years of faithful service to St. Patrick's.

From left: Justin Hayes, Will Parker, Matthew Taylor, Fr. LaCasse, Nathaniel Dowdell, Peter Fernandez.

Missing from the photo was James Conway and Kyle Green.

