

St. Patrick Church Bids Farewell to Fr. LaCasse

By Deb Neuman

The noon Mass on September 26 was filled with well wishers as Fr. André-Joseph LaCasse returned one more time to St. Patrick church to celebrate his farewell Mass. Father gave a poignant homily in which he remembered many groups at St. Patrick's that had supported and helped him through the years. In particular, he recognized the Madonna Garden Club who helped a pastor, "who needs to have his hands in the dirt at least once a week," enjoy his love of gardening. He made special mention of his "beloved altar boys,"

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who loved him and feared him” at least until they’re juniors in high school, but mostly loved him. During Father’s homily, the congregation broke into applause several times and gave him a standing ovation.

Following the Mass, the Parish Council provided a beautiful reception where Father was able to greet parishioners and long-time friends. The altar boys gave Father a card filled with a Spiritual Bouquet of prayers and devotions. The day was a wonderful celebration of the many gifts that Father gave us in his time as Pastor of St. Patrick and an opportunity to wish him God’s Blessings as he begins his new assignment at St. Gertrude Church. ♥



Patrick Madrid Teams Up With St. Patrick’s Bible Study

By Gina Switzer

With humor and humility, Catholic apologist Patrick Madrid taught how to speak with ease from the Bible. Each Monday in November, Madrid focused on a few difficult subjects followed by discussion. Issues common to the Protestant/Catholic dilemma ranged from “Have you been saved?” type questions to a Scriptural understanding of the Sacraments to the original meaning of words such as *Grace* and *Justification*.

Utilizing multiple tools, including a nifty scripture cheat sheet, markers for underlining key passages and Bible tabs, Madrid encouraged the group to develop the habit of knowing their Bibles. He described the process as “drawing grooves in your brain”. Through repetition and use, an image of particular pages appears in the mind’s eye so when the need arises, one need only close one’s eyes to know where in Scripture to turn for answers.

If it sounds like work, it is...at first, just like any good habit. But, akin to a map and compass for a hiker, Madrid’s tools transform the work into a fun, exploratory quest. As the new apologist travels from one scripture passage to the next, underlining and leaving little notes on a particular topic, the lucidity and correctness of Catholic teaching is made manifest on the pages and in the mind as well as the heart.

Familiarizing ourselves with our Bibles to this degree not only makes us good apologists when friends, family and co-workers question our Faith, but it makes us much better Catholics drawing us into the life and love of the Trinity



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through the revelation of the Word. We cannot love what we do not know. Dive deep into learning about the Faith rooted in the Scripture and fall more in love with the Church. Patrick Madrid’s successful career of evangelizing with great charity demonstrates the more we love our Faith, the easier it is to share with others by loving them into the Kingdom of God. For more information check out patrickmadrid.com.

If you’re interested in continuing or beginning your exploration into the Scriptures, Fr. Blau’s Bible Study resumes Monday, Dec. 13 in St. Patrick Hall from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. It’s not too late to register. The cost is \$45.00. Call the office for more information at (614) 224-9522. ♥



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Above photo (l to r)—Fr. Michael’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Dosch, Fr. Michael and Bishop Frederick Campbell

Photo top right—Fr. Michael completing his oath as pastor

Fr. Michael is Installed as Pastor of St. Patrick Church

By Dena Hoover and Mary Meyers



Bishop Campbell concelebrated the noon mass on October 17, 2010, and formally installed Fr. Michael Dosch as the new pastor of St. Patrick Church, succeeding Fr. LaCasse, who was assigned to St. Gertrude Parish in Cincinnati. His message was, “What is the role of pastor and what is the role of the parishioners.”

Bishop Campbell reminded us all that the first responsibility of a pastor is to proclaim the Word of God and draw people more closely into the power of that Word. Deeply linked is the education of members of the parish.

The second responsibility of a pastor is the sanctification of the people, especially celebrating the Holy Mass and making the Holy Eucharist available to transform the people. The pastor is also called to encourage generosity of parishioners to keep the parish as a place where they can gather as the Body of Christ and be educated.

Bishop Campbell referred to Exodus 17:8-13 where Aaron and Hur helped Moses keep his arms raised in supplication to God during the battle of the Chosen People and Amalek. We are asked to be Aaron and Hur for our pastor, Fr. Michael, to help him accomplish his tasks and assist him with our prayers. ♥

Rosary Sunday Procession

Because of rain on the Rosary Sunday, the procession with Our Lady’s statue took place in the church.



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Christ Takes Center Stage at Credo Retreat

By James Teaford

The Credo Retreat was an amazing experience! The greatest part was having our Lord center stage the whole time in Eucharistic Adoration. Everything was for Him. All the praise and singing was for Christ. God is not a tourist attraction— He’s our King, our Life, our everlasting Light that guides us on our way to pure salvation!

The speakers were very interesting, especially Archbishop Schnurr. He was very down to earth. People put questions into a little brown box and he answered them. He even talked about his old girlfriend from when he was younger. Also, of course, our Pastor’s talk was very inspirational!

On the last night we had a beautiful candle-lit Eucharistic procession. It was so peaceful; all you could hear was the calm breeze blowing. It ended at the chapel with Jesus back up on the altar—a perfect end to a terrific retreat. ♥



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Credo Retreat

Just What I Needed

By Marie Gilmore

Being 18 years old and nearing the end of high school with my future uncertain, getting away for the Credo Retreat was just what I needed. Overall, the retreat was a beautiful and peaceful experience for me. With Jesus constantly present in the monstrance throughout the whole weekend, how could it not be great? Where I experienced God most that weekend, though, was in the small groups.

I belong to St. Patrick Parish in Columbus and the Veritas high school youth group. At the retreats that we hold or attend, we always have small groups with the people in our own youth group; and we grow in those specific relationships. At the Credo retreat, however, my small group consisted of girls my age from other parishes. In other words, I didn't know anyone.

It was so exciting to take something from that retreat into the "real world" and see how God works. God is good!

This was a new experience for me, and I was uneasy about it. I wanted to be with people that I knew and felt comfortable talking with. That was before I met the girls in my small group. All our personalities were so different that we knew we wouldn't and couldn't be judged no matter what we had to say and no matter what our story was. I was so inspired by the other girls too; they had a lot of powerful things to say about how God has worked in their life. This experience opened me up to seeing God in everyone and not just the people that belong in my youth group. I realized that if I am open to hearing what others have to say, I may be surprised and inspired even if I don't expect it. That has proven to be true this year because I have gotten into a lot of great conversations with all different kinds of people at a community college, and I have learned a lot! It was so exciting to take something from that retreat into the "real world" and see how God works.

God is good! ♥



Men's Club News

By Joan Hoy



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About sixty Catholic men attended the September Men's Club luncheon at St. Patrick where Bishop Campbell spoke about the Holy Father's recent trip to the United Kingdom. This was the first trip in over 150 years that was not only a religious affair but also a state affair. The Bishop spoke primarily on how the country reacted and how the UK has become so secular. In doing so, birth rates have fallen, marriage is not an option, and there is no regard for life at all. Basically, the UK will not exist fifty years from now because of this.

The thing that troubles the Bishop the most is how we ourselves are beginning to look more and more like the UK. We become more secular all the time and have no regard for life at the beginning or the end in many cases. Young people are not marrying; they're cohabitating, leading to no children or sometimes abortion. He asked that we pray for our country and especially our leaders and those who defend us. Following his presentation, the Bishop answered questions from the group. ♥



Youth Ministry Kick-off Concert



Photos courtesy of Dena Hoover

The youth ministry year begins with a tremendously successful concert with the Lee Roessler Band.

Making Friends and Pizzas at the Ministry Fair

By Mary Meyers

Representatives from many of the parish ministries did a “meet and greet” in Patrick Hall on Sept. 18. Also, Knights of Columbus prepared pizzas for sale.

Ministries represented were:

All Night Vigil for Vocations
 Catholic Men’s Luncheon
 CCD
 Choir
 Fraternities of St. Dominic
 Hannah’s Tears
 IGNITE—Catholic Men’s Faith Sharing Group
 Knights of Columbus
 Lectors
 Library

Madonna Garden Club
 Marriage and Family Life
 Martha-Mary Sewing Circle
 Natural Family Planning (NaPro)
 Parish Newsletter
 Pastoral Council
 Respect Life Committee
 St. Paul’s Outreach
 Ushers
 Women’s Club
 Youth Ministry



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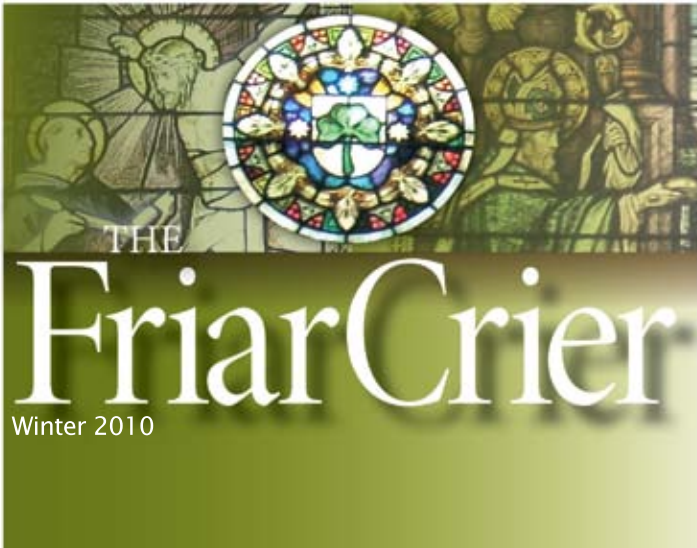
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Cocktail Party – 1920s style

St. Patrick’s Marriage and Family Life Committee organized a delightful evening of fun, food, dancing and authentic 1920s cocktails that was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone there!



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All Our Little Saints Celebrate All Saints Day

By Marian Hyden

On Sunday October 31st, Saint Patrick parish hosted its annual All Saints costume party for children of the parish, thanks to the Knights of Columbus. Every year kids dress as saints and fill Saint Patrick Hall in the hope of “stumping” Father. Stumping Father proved a tough accomplishment—and this year, it so happens, no child succeeded. Still, all went home happy since there were prizes for most authentic costume and most imaginative costume, as well as victuals provided by the Knights (pizza, cake and pop) and fun with the piñata. ♥



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