



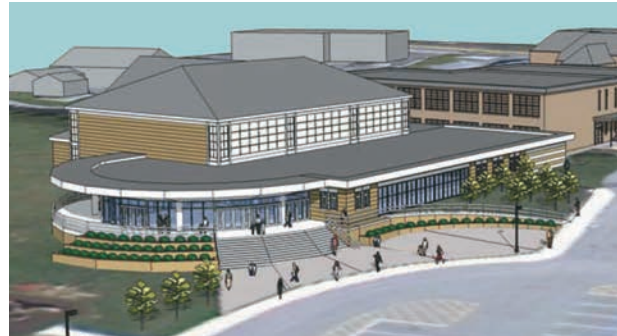
EMBRACING OUR MISSION

Shaping Our Future

Nears \$5 Million...Breaks Ground

Saint Louis Parish is a loving and vibrant parish engaged in many ministries and activities that help us live as Jesus calls us to the Gospel. With this enthusiasm for spreading the Gospel message, comes the recognition that our parish is often challenged in accommodating all of our ministries and activities on our campus. Our parish is like none other, and we continue to grow as many new families join our parish each month at the New Parishioner Welcome Sessions. To meet the current and future needs of our parish, we are now completing the last phase of our campus master plan that has been 17 years in the making. This summer, we will begin construction of the Parish Activity Center.

For the past two years, we have been raising funds for the Parish Activity Center and the archdiocesan capital campaign through the *Embracing Our Mission – Shaping Our Future* Capital Campaign. As of this writing, we are very close to achieving the \$5,000,000 mark. The future success of raising the remaining \$4,000,000 to complete the project will rely on sacrificial pledges from the remaining parish families who have not made a gift or pledge yet.



Save the Date! – Sat., June 1, 2013

Ground breaking of the Parish Activity Center will be held after the 5:30 pm Mass on June 1. The Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop William E. Lori, Archbishop of Baltimore.

The ground breaking ceremony will be on the site of the Parish Activity Center. All are welcome to a reception immediately following in the Pastoral Center Social Hall.

The Parish Activity Center is scheduled to break ground in June, 2013. It is our hope that the center will be open in the Fall of 2014.

Saint Louis Catholic Church
Clarksville, Maryland

February 2013
www.stlouisparish.org

Be part of the Blue & White Society – Make a Gift that Will Last

Over 120 individuals and families have made a gift or pledge at the **Blue & White Society** level of the *Embracing Our Mission – Shaping Our Future Capital Campaign*. Each gift or pledge in the range of \$5,000 to \$9,999 will enable the donor to have a personally inscribed brick placed on the walkway on the grounds of the Parish Activity Center. It is our goal to have 500 bricks placed on the walkway by the time the Parish Activity Center opens in 2014.

Inscribing a brick is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a family member, loved one or friend. If you are interested in a brick naming opportunity, please fill out the pledge form located in the center of this newsletter and return it to the Capital Campaign Office.

All \$5,000 pledges will be awarded a Memorial Brick. Each Brick can have up to 3 lines of text which includes 45 characters including the spaces between words.

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Our Parish Participates in Annual Appeal

Each spring the Archdiocese asks for support from its parishes for the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. The 2013 theme is "*Love Rejoices in the Truth*". A gift to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal gives us the opportunity to touch lives through our generosity. It supports the Archdiocese's many ministry programs and helps fund Catholic education. It also supports evangelization efforts geared toward adults and assists our less fortunate brothers and sisters in Christ. This year, the beneficiaries of our share of the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are:

- Saint Louis Needy Family Fund
- Saint Louis School Tuition Assistance Fund
- Little Sisters of the Poor

ARCHBISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL
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Each parish family will receive a mailing this month. Please be generous to the 2013 Archbishop's Annual Appeal.

A Lenten Reflection

By Marianne Faulstich, Saint Louis Pastoral Associate

Perspective is everything. Have you ever compared childhood memories with siblings to discover that they had a completely different take on the same event? Or that the "Dad stories" they recount open up a whole new dimension of the man? It's easy to get complacent with what's comfortable and predictable. How unsettling it is when something happens to challenge that view! Our spiritual life is no different.

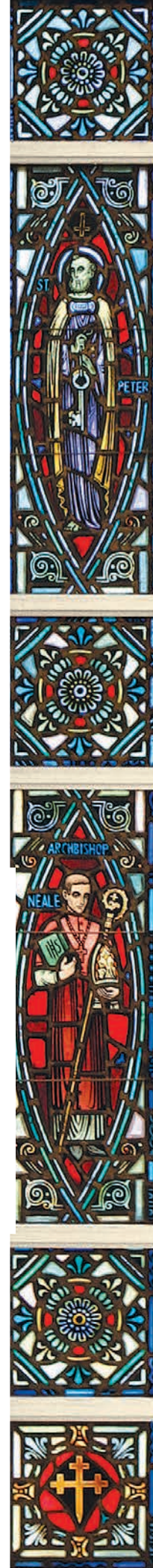
Sometimes it takes a change of perspective to appreciate what we take for granted. This sketch by St. John of the Cross offers a different view of Jesus from the one we are used to: call it a "God's-eye view." Imagine seeing the world through God's eyes!

Lent is an opportunity to alter the perspective of our lives a bit. This holy season, consider stretching beyond the predictable and customary. Perhaps you've hardly ever celebrated Mass during the week. Maybe never or hardly ever, stopped by the Chapel on a Sunday afternoon or evening for some quiet time before the Blessed Sacrament. Been a while since you've been to Confession? St. Louis offers a variety of ways to shift the perspective in your prayer life during Lent. Many opportunities are listed in this issue of *The Spirit of Saint Louis*. More activities are listed on our parish website at www.stlouisparrish.org



*See, I am doing
something new... Do
you not perceive it?*

Isaiah 43:19





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Every effort has been made to ensure accuracy of this list. Please accept our apologies for any errors or omissions. Please contact the Capital Campaign Office at 410-531-6040, x229 to report any changes.





Lenten Activities at Saint

Sacrament of Reconciliation at Saint Louis Church

Each Wednesday of Lent
February 20 & 27
March 6, 13, 20 & 27
7:00 pm – 8:00 pm
Every Saturday: 3:00-3:55 pm & 5:00-5:25 pm
& Appointment

Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Shrine of Saint Anthony

Monday through Saturday – 11:30 am to 11:55 am
Wednesday – 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Each Friday of Lent
February 15 & 22
March 1, 8, 15 & 22
7:00 pm

Good Friday – March 29

Tableau Stations of the Cross and Veneration
of the Cross in the Church
7:30 pm

Catch a Fish at the Knights of Columbus Sponsored Fish Dinners

Friday, February 15
Friday, March 1 and Friday, March 15
5:00 pm – 7:00 pm
in the Pastoral Center Social Hall
*Tickets available at the door: \$7 for adults, \$4 for
children 4 - 12 years old, and children under 4 are free)*

Enjoy a Simple Meal of Soup and a Sandwich with the Catholic Daughters

Friday, February 22
Friday, March 8 & Friday, March 22
5:30 pm in the Pastoral Center Social Hall
Enjoy homemade soup, sandwiches and fellowship
with the Catholic Daughters No charge – free will
offerings will be accepted

Spend Some Time in Reflection Women's ACTS Retreat

Thursday, March 14 – Sunday, March 17
Reservations required and space is limited.
Contact Luisa Palting at LPalting@luisadesigns.com or
Melanie Jangro at Melanie.jangro@verizon.net

Regional Communal Penance Service

Monday, March 11 – 7:00 pm
Saint Francis Church, Fulton, Maryland

Monday, March 18 – 7:00 pm
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,
Ellicott City, Maryland

Mass Schedules

Ash Wednesday – February 13

Mass with distribution of ashes – 7:00 am, 9:30 am
(with St. Louis School)
Liturgy of the Word and Communion Service
with distribution of ashes – Noon
Mass with distribution of ashes – 5:00 pm and 7:00 pm

Lenten Series with Father Marc Lanoue

Join your fellow parishioners on Thursdays during
Lent at 7 pm with engaging talks by Saint Louis
Associate Pastor, Father Marc Lanoue. The February
14 - **Marriage and Celibacy**, talk will take place
in the Howard Bishop Rooms in the school. The

remaining talks will be in the Pastoral Center Social
Hall. Topics include **Comfort with Oneself, Jesus
and the Samaritan Woman, Separating from the
Group Ego with Michael Phelps, and Discomfort
with One's Inadequacies.**

Louis Parish

Weekday Mass during Lent

Saint Louis and Area Parishes

St. Louis Church – 7:00 am Monday through Friday;
8:00 am Saturday

St. Francis of Assisi, Fulton – 9:00 am Monday through
Friday

Church of the Resurrection, Ellicott City – 6:30 am
Monday through Wednesday and Friday; 9:00 am
Monday through Saturday; 7:00 pm Thursday

St. John the Evangelist, Wilde Lake Interfaith Center,
Columbia – Noon Monday through Friday -

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Ellicott City – 8:15 am
Monday through Saturday; 9:30 am Thursday

St. Anthony Shrine, Ellicott City – Noon Monday
through Saturday

Palm Sunday – March 24

Palms will be blessed and distributed at all of the
regularly-scheduled weekend Masses

One Does Not Live By Bread Alone Rules on Fasting and Abstinence

Catholics, age 14 and over, are to **abstain from meat** on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all Fridays during the season of Lent. Adult Catholics, ages 18 through 59, are to **fast** on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting is observed by eating only one full meal and two lighter meals that day and by refraining from eating between meals. Individuals who are pregnant, nursing or ill are excused from these guidelines.

Fasting is the voluntary offering up of food, drink and other material things as a physical way of expressing our desire to restore balance to our relationships with God, self, and others. In fasting, we exercise the gift of our freedom to say “no” to certain things (which are not necessarily bad in themselves) in order to allow us to say “yes” to JESUS and to others. Fasting can be a painful admission that we are not as free as we want to be, that we can become enslaved to certain material things such as food, drink, television, computers and cellphones.

— THE TRIDUUM —

Holy Thursday – March 28

(No morning Mass is celebrated this day)

8:00 am – Morning Prayer in the Chapel

7:30 pm – **Mass of the Lord’s Supper**,
followed by Adoration of the Blessed
Sacrament in the chapel until midnight

Good Friday – March 29

(No Mass is celebrated this day)

8:00 am – Morning Prayer in the Chapel

3:00 pm – **Liturgy of the Lord’s Passion**,
Veneration of the Cross,
and Holy Communion

7:30 pm – Stations of the Cross in Tableau
Form, followed by Veneration of the Cross

Holy Saturday – March 30

*(No 8:00 am, 4:00 pm, or 5:30 pm Masses &
no afternoon confessions)*

8:00 am – Morning Prayer in the Chapel
with RCIA

1:00 pm – Blessing of Easter Foods
in the Church

7:30 pm – **The Easter Vigil**

Easter Sunday – March 31

(No Eucharistic Adoration)

6:30 am

8:00 am

9:30 am

11:15 am

Additional Mass at 11:15 am in the
Auditorium (Children’s Mass)

12:45 pm Church

Come One Come All, Join in the Fun...

C On the last Saturday in June, thousands of people will descend on the grounds of Saint Louis Parish and School throughout the day to attend the 135th Annual Clarksville Picnic. They

will come together to enjoy delicious home-made fried chicken, other kinds of yummy food, play games, ride rides, play bingo and find treasures at the huge White Elephant Sale held on the grounds

outside the school and in the school gym.

There will be games and activities for children of all ages – from the Duck Pond to Bingo, from face painting to the Big Six Wheel. The “Made in Clarksville” stand will have many beautiful crafts made by Saint Louis parishioners. There are so many things to do – you need to come early and plan to stay late.

The picnic is the parish’s biggest fundraiser and it would not be possible without the enthusiasm and commitment of the entire parish community. The committee needs a few hundred volunteers to lend their talents to make it a success. There are plenty of volunteer opportunities available. If you would like to participate, please fill out the volunteer signup form in this issue and drop it off or mail it to the Parish Office.

**135th Annual
Clarksville
Picnic**

June 29th 2013 ★ Noon – 9pm
Fun, Food, Fellowship

FEATURING

- ★ Live Music
- ★ Magician
- ★ Face Painting
- ★ Dunking Booth
- ★ Children's Games
- ★ Hay Rides & Pony Rides
- ★ White Elephant Sale
- ★ Used Book Sale
- ★ Silent Auction
- ★ Plant Sale
- ★ Crafts
- ★ Bingo

**Famous Family Style
Chicken & Ham Dinner**

- ★ Noon to 6:30 pm ★
- ★ \$13 – Adults (11 & over)
- ★ \$6 – Child (5-10)
- ★ Free – Child Under 5
- ★ Carry-out Dinners Available

Volunteer at the Clarksville Picnic!

There are SO MANY opportunities to help at the Clarksville Picnic! Below is a list of the stands and activities where volunteer assistance is needed. It takes hundreds of volunteers to make

the PICNIC a success. Please sign up to volunteer for a few hours that day- you will make new friends, see old ones and be part of a tradition that has lasted for 135 years!

Name _____ Phone # _____

Children's Games & Activities

- ☐ Duck Pond/Grab Bag
- ☐ Birthday ball
- ☐ Face Painting
- ☐ Golf Course
- ☐ Lollipop Garden
- ☐ Moon Bounce
- ☐ Pan Game
- ☐ Basketball
- ☐ Pony Rides
- ☐ Swan Ride
- ☐ Zoo Dip
- ☐ Dunking Booth

Games of Chance

- ☐ BINGO
- ☐ Odds Wheels (Age 21+)

Food Stands

- ☐ Bake Stand
- ☐ Make Calls for Baked Goods
- ☐ Cotton Candy/Popcorn
- ☐ Funnel Cake
- ☐ Hot Dogs/Hamburgers
- ☐ Ice Cream
- ☐ Soft Drink/Water
- ☐ Pizza
- ☐ Snowballs

Silent Auction

- ☐ Planning Committee (age 18+)
- ☐ Work on Picnic Day

Other Stands & Activities

- ☐ Books
- ☐ Hay Ride
- ☐ Fast Food & Games Ticket Sales (ages 21+)
- ☐ White Elephant

Made in Clarksville

- ☐ Make or Provide Craft Item
- ☐ Help at Stand

Chicken/Ham Dinner Serving

- ☐ Dinner Tent
- ☐ Working as a Family (___ # of workers)
- ☐ Carry-out Dinners
- ☐ Dinner Ticket Sales
- ☐ Dinner Service Counter
- ☐ Fill drink pitchers, platters & bowls for waiters who are serving guests

Food Preparation – Friday

- ☐ Applesauce & Beets

Food Preparation – Saturday

- ☐ Chicken Frying
- ☐ Succotash
- ☐ After Dinner Clean up

Specialty Skills

- ☐ Parking
- ☐ Groundskeeping
- ☐ Set Up & Take Down Stands
- ☐ Electricians
- ☐ Security
- ☐ 9:00 PM Clean-Up

Sponsored Stands

- ☐ Dunking Booth – CYM
- ☐ Garden and Plant Booth – Garden Club
- ☐ Quilt – Quilter's Group
- ☐ Big Six – Knights of Columbus
- ☐ Fishing Game – Cub Scouts

Anywhere

- ☐ I can work just about anywhere – Surprise Me!

Check-off and Drop this form off at the parish office



St. Louis CYM

Give a hand up, not a hand out

Which organization built the only homes that survived a devastating hurricane in Florida? Whose slogan is "a hand up, not a hand out?" What non-profit has chapters in all countries in the world and US presidents volunteering to help?

If you answered Habitat for Humanity to any of these questions, you would be correct! It is no surprise that our faith community here (specifically the CYM), believing in the 'getting hands dirty' aspect of the Gospel, has sponsored workdays and week long work camps with over 7 different chapters of Habitat for Humanity in 18 years of service! Read some faith filled quotes from active youth:

- ... I feel that I have been so fortunate to always have a home and I want to help another family have a home as well...*
- ... dedicating myself to a week of service will benefit others but also benefit my growth...*
- ... I want to be able to follow in Jesus' footsteps by serving others...*
- ... To be Christ's light to the world, young Catholics need to be prepared to lead by example. Doing the Lord's work with joy is one of these ways...*
- ... Last year was the best of both worlds: Serving those in need and growing in faith at the same time.*
- ... What struck me from my first workcamp experiences was the fact that the average teenager living in the St. Louis area has no sense of the poverty that plagues so many people. The workcamp is a humbling and enlightening experience as well as an amazing retreat for service...*
- ... My faith has definitely affected my decision to participate because I know that God created each of us to be companions and helpers for one another.*
- ... We must walk in the footsteps of Jesus and think about what He would do. I truly believe Jesus would help anyone in need...*
- ... As Catholics, we are called to love and serve each other. I want to do that.*



1st Habitat Service Day, Brooklyn, Maryland January 2013



Sussex County Habitat Staff Member Tyler speaking with St. Louis Workcamp Crew July 2012



Summer Workcamp 2012 with Sussex County Habitat



Preparing and delivering Lunches for the Homeless Outreach August, 2012



Lunches To The Homeless

Imagine braving freezing temperatures, extreme hunger and the dangerous streets of night time Baltimore City. Imagine not knowing where your next meal is coming from or if you will get any shower this week. Imagine moving from place to place, sometimes encountering anger, sometimes apathy, sometimes mental or physical

illness, but always lack of the basic needs in life. Such is the life of people who are homeless, thousands upon thousands just on the sidewalks and in the alleys of Baltimore. St. Louis CYM makes it a priority to bring the healing presence of Jesus to people in need, many times being surprised by the face of Jesus in those we serve.

32nd Italian Dinner

Blessed Mother Teresa once said, "In each of our lives Jesus comes as the Bread of Life – to be eaten, to be consumed by us. This is how He loves us. Then Jesus comes in our human life as the hungry one, the other, hoping to be fed with the Bread of our life, our hearts by loving, and our hands by serving. In loving and serving, we prove that we have been created in the likeness of God, for God is Love and when we love we are like God.

On the second Sunday in March, the Italian Dinner feeds the family of faith! Not only is it a good chance to gather with family and friends (and the greater family of the St. Louis community), but it is always awesome to see the young church in action, to witness their gifts, and to experience the face, hands, and heart of Jesus in them. But there is another reason too...As Catholics, we are an eating people!

I'm not saying that a good homemade Italian meal from the loving and serving hands of the young church is exactly what Blessed Mother Teresa was talking about...but it might be! This year, we celebrate our 32nd Annual Dinner! I have personally seen Jesus in this event and the people of St. Louis (those who taste and those who serve the food) so I have very high expectations for this weekend! Join us! Mangia!

St. Louis **CYM Italian Dinner** March 10th
1:00 - 6:00 PM

St. Louis Catholic Church
Youth Ministry Presents

The 32nd Annual Italian Dinner
Sunday, March 10, 2013 from 1:00-6:00pm
in the St. Louis School Auditorium

Spaghetti with Homemade Meatballs & Sauce
and or Lasagna will be served.
All meals include soda/coffee/tea, salad,
garlic bread, and homemade desserts.

Dinner Tickets: \$10/adult, \$5/children (10 & under),
\$12/Lasagna, \$15/Combo Spaghetti & Lasagna

*Spaghetti & Meatball Dinner for an
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TRY TO AVOID THE DINNER RUSH, EAT BEFORE 5PM!

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Call (410) 531-6668 for more info!
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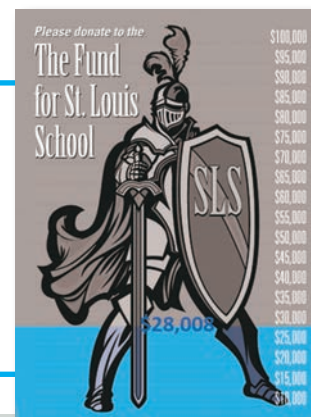
Turning the page to another

2013 may sound unlucky, but as we turn the page on a new year, we look forward to the groundbreaking of our New Parish Activity Center and our 90th year anniversary of providing Catholic education to the youth of Howard County – both wonderful blessings! The holidays were filled with celebrations and special traditions and the New Year gives us an opportunity to look ahead with hopeful anticipation.



We ended the month of January with Catholic Schools Week, the national celebration of Catholic education, and packed the week with service projects, appreciation events and fun activities. The theme for our week was: “If you have faith the size of a mustard seed . . . nothing will be impossible to you,” and we focused on the core of our identity as a Catholic school community – growing in and living our faith.

Thank you to our Annual Fund Donors! We have received over \$30,000.00 in donations to our Annual Fund thus far, and we are extremely grateful for your support. The Annual Fund provides critical support to our operating budget each year and is essential to our efforts to keep tuition increases at a minimum. Donations will be taken through June 30, 2013. Thank you for your generous support!



As a part of our Catholic Schools Week activities, we invited “The Reptile Man” for a visit – to the squeals and giggles of our students – and teachers, too! We also hosted our first Family STEM night, featuring presentations by Eric Energy, domino-toppling expert and school parent, Scott Suko, and Marbles the Brain Store. Our families had so much fun while learning a few things along the way! (Take a look at stem@stlouisparish.org for more.) We rounded out the week with an Open House and pizza lunch for our parents, a “Purple Friday” to support the Ravens, and our 7th vs. 8th grade basketball game – a great annual tradition! It was a great week!

great year. . .



Our Its Academic Team brought home their third straight championship of the year with their 1st place finish in the annual DeMatha Its Academic Challenge. Competing against teams from 14 other schools throughout the Archdiocese of Baltimore and Washington, our St. Louis teams emerged in 1st and 2nd place! Congratulations to our entire team for their dedication, hard work, and good sportsmanship!



GO RAVENS! 1st graders proudly show their Purple Pride in support of the Baltimore Ravens' quest for the Superbowl trophy! We sure hope it worked!

We are so excited to announce that our Pre-K program has been named a Healthy Childcare by Howard County. Modeled after the national Let's Move! Childcare initiative, the Howard County Healthy Childcare program is a voluntary program that encourages licensed childcare and early childhood programs in Howard County to take steps to improve the health and wellness of the children in their care. At St. Louis, we continue to strive to keep all of our students healthy and active, and are so grateful to our Preschool staff for taking the steps necessary to achieve this special designation!



Coming Events!

Now Accepting Applications for the 2013-2014 school year! Contact the school office and set up a tour! (410) 531-6664

February 19th – Chick-fil-a Restaurant night in Maplelawn – Eat more Chik-in! 5-9 p.m.

February 24 – Family B-I-N-G-O! The best game in town! Bring your family for a fun-filled night!

April 12 – Career Day! Would you like to share your career experiences with our students? We would love your participation! Contact the school office for more details.

April 17th – Restaurant night at Red Robin in Columbia – No cooking tonight! 5-9 p.m.

May 20th – 21st Annual St. Louis Golf Classic at Cattail Creek Country Club! Save the Date!

**St. Louis
Golf Classic
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Kids Give Back and *"Share their Shirts"!*

On a fall morning while watching their kids play soccer, it occurred to SLS parents Julie Sisk and Becca Salkeld, that they would have six extra soccer uniforms taking up space in the drawers as soccer season came to an end. Thinking that many other parents were in the same position, they began to talk with her kids and their friends about coordinating an effort to collect donations of soccer shirts, shorts and socks at the end of the Western Howard County soccer season and redistributing them to children in need. There has been a tremendous response to their "Share a Shirt" effort and they have washed and sorted hundreds of items. In coordination with our Haiti Committee, a group from our parish will carry six large suitcases of the shirts to Haiti in early April and will distribute them to the student's of our sister school, St. John the Evangelist, Haiti.



The Sisk and Salkeld children ranging in age from pre-K -7th grade, encourage others to "Share a Shirt" on the closing day of the Western Howard county soccer season.



In December, St. Louis School hosted its 4th annual Holiday Hoops basketball tournament at St. Vincent Pallotti High School. The tournament, dedicated to the memory of SLS alumni, John Evans, hosts middle-school boys and girls teams from the region to showcase their talents and encourage some good-natured competition. Staffed by a loyal group of alumni students and parents who take turns at greeting, officiating, coaching, and cheering, the tournament awards one player from both the girls and boys brackets the John Evans "Unsung Hero Award" to the player who best exemplifies the same qualities of determination, leadership and persistence that John lived with every day. Congratulations to SLS 8th grader, Kat Seitz for receiving the award for the girls division. John continues to touch our lives and we will always carry with us the wonderful memories of this passionate and loving young man.





Poster Contest

Congratulations to SLS students Molly Penn, Danielle Ghine, and Troy Conroy, for submitting the winning entries in the 2012 Keep Christ in Christmas youth Poster Contest, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus! A total of 277 posters were received, a 40% increase in participation and the most ever since the inception of the contest in the parish. Molly's well-crafted Manger scene, Danielle's drawing of the Holy Family, and Trey's highly original clip-board Christmas list caught the eye of the judges as representative of the true meaning of Christmas. Congratulations to all!



**American
Red Cross**

Announcement for March Blood Drive

Knight of Columbus Blood Drive
Tuesday, March 19, 2013
Noon to 7:00 pm
 Pastoral Center Social Hall.
 The Knights will be signing up potential donors after all Masses the weekend of March 2 and 3. Remember that you must have abstained from donating blood for 56 days prior to the March 19 Blood Drive date.

Eagle Scout

SLS alumni (Class of 2012), Frederick Joseph Boos, III (Freddy), a freshman at Mount St. Joseph high school, was recently named an Eagle Scout by the Eagle Board of Review of the Baltimore District Chapter of the Boy Scouts of America. Freddy's ambitious Eagle Scout Service Project was to build a ground level deck on the back of My Brother's Keeper – a faith-based ministry, and community service provider and soup kitchen serving those in need in the Irvington community of Baltimore City.

Please join us in congratulating Freddy for this outstanding achievement, as only 1% of all U.S. Boy Scouts advance to the Eagle Rank. Not only that, but most Eagle Scouts are 18 years old when they achieve the rank of Eagle – and Fred is only 15! We are very proud of Freddy for his hard work and determination!



Above, is before deck installation. Below Freddy being Thanked for his work.





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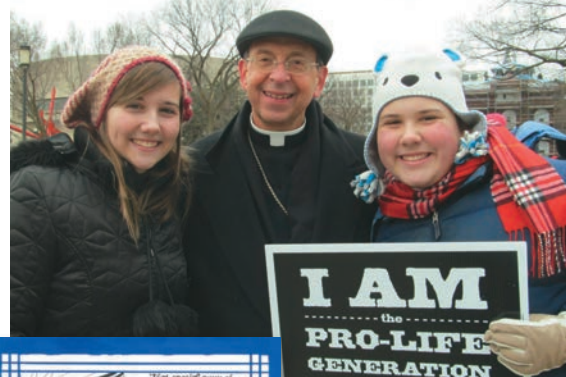
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Rebecca Huber (on left),
and her sister, Rachel,
join Archbishop Lori
at the March for Life
in Wash. DC.

Walking the Walk

St. Louis parishioner Rebecca Huber, knows how to put her pro-life convictions into action. A Junior at Mount de Sales Academy, Rebecca entered the March For Life Education Poster Contest, answering the question "What Does it Take to Be a Pro Life Leader?" Her entry, above, won first place in the high school division! Rebecca was invited to Washington DC for the Right to Life march where she received recognition at the Rose dinner, and even had the opportunity to meet Archbishop Lori. Congratulations, Rebecca!