

Newsletter

October November December 2009

St. Frances Cabrini Catholic Church

Every time we celebrate the Eucharist we live in faith the mystery that is fulfilled on the altar, that is, we take part in the supreme act of love that Christ accomplished with his death and Resurrection.

Pope Benedict XVI

LSSD Volunteer Award Presentations

Lauren Fung

Carrie Moscardelli, a 1st grader at Byars Dowdy Elementary School, and Ryan Fung, a 4th grader at Coles Ferry Elementary School, were chosen by their respective school administrations to present volunteer awards at the Lebanon Special School District School Board meeting on December 14, 2009.

Ryan Fung presented his volunteer award to Mary Beth Johnson, who is also a St. Frances Cabrini parishioner. Mrs. Johnson is a volunteer nurse and PTO member at Coles Ferry. She works tirelessly in the school nurse's office, as well as wherever and whenever she is needed at Coles Ferry Elementary School.

Congratulations volunteers and presenters!

Naturalization

Anne Thompson and Barbara Conner

Join us in celebrating the Naturalization of Danny Kasic. On December 10, 2009 Danny was one of 76 applicants from 27 countries to become a Citizen of the United States. At a ceremony in the Federal Building in downtown Nashville, we witnessed his swearing in as a United States Citizen.

As many of you know, Danny came to America from Croatia in January 1996 to finish his high school education here in the U.S., where he attended Friendship Christian School. After his graduation, Danny returned to Croatia, and a few weeks later, he decided that he wanted to come back to the U.S. for college.

He graduated from Cumberland University with a BS degree in Business and Finance, and then he went on for his MBA at Cumberland and some additional courses at MTSU. After completing his MBA degree, Danny began the pursuit of his CPA license and began an internship with Royce Belcher, CPA. His next step is to sit for his CPA exam.

We are very proud of Danny and his accomplishments and wanted to share this with the St. Frances Cabrini Community. Please join us in celebrating this exciting accomplishment.

A Winning Pattern For The New Year

Some anonymous wise person penned the following directions for living without bringing pain to others or oneself:

“You will never be sorry — for thinking before acting, for hearing before judging, for forgiving your enemies, for being candid and frank, for helping a fallen brother, for being honest in business, for thinking before speaking, for being loyal to God and the church, for standing by your principles, for refusing to participate in gossip, for holding your words when tempted to demean another, for not entertaining impure or hateful thoughts, for sympathizing with the afflicted, for being courteous and kind to all.”



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Advent Potluck & Children's Christmas Program

Debbie Trouy

The Advent potluck dinner was held on December 6th, as always, a delicious feast. It was well attended, and there was more than enough meat brought to share, as well as many side dishes and desserts. We enjoyed a wonderful meal with great company.

After dinner, we proceeded into the sanctuary for the children's Christmas program. The children, dressed as angels, shepherds, wise men and, of course Mary and Joseph with the infant Jesus, all sang beautiful Christmas songs. They filled the air with glorious music.

Following the children's program, the youth performed a silent Christmas skit to music, using glow-in-the-dark gloves to accent their hand movements. It was a beautiful ending to a wonderful afternoon and evening.

Our appreciation goes out to all of the volunteers who worked with the children and youth to bring us such a delightful program, and to all who helped with the set up and clean up for the potluck.

Advent Choir Program

Alexa Moscardelli

A choir program, called Lessons and Carols, was held Sunday night, December 13th. It included scripture readings and songs appropriate to the Advent Season. Advent often gets the short stick in our lives because we seem to celebrate Christmas the whole month of December.

Lessons and Carols was presented to give parishioners a chance to appreciate the wealth of spiritual growth that can be found by actually observing the Advent Season. The very few people who attended Lessons and Carols this year were blessed by the scriptures and the beautiful music, and the choir members thoroughly enjoyed preparing the program. The choir hopes that this will be an annual event and that Lessons and Carols will grow in importance in the life of St. Frances Cabrini Church.

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A Special Thank You

The family of Jennie Schade would like to thank all of our friends at St. Frances Cabrini for the prayers, cards, food, telephone calls and caring during Mom's illness and after her death on December 14th. Your support has been amazing and certainly has helped Jennie's family during this difficult time.

Brides & Grooms to Be

Don't forget to schedule your pre-marital meetings with the pastor. Remember you are required to attend an Engaged Couples Retreat (more information below). No completion certificate, no ceremony. Don't delay!

Engaged Couples Retreat

The Diocesan Engaged Couple's Retreats continue to receive wonderful responses from both participants and married couples. The cost is \$150 per couple for the retreat and will continue to be held at Scarritt-Bennett Center. 2010 Dates are: February 13th, March 13th, April 17th, June 12th, July 17th, August 14th, September 11th, October 16th, and November 13th.

For more information, call the Engaged Couples' Retreat Department: 615-383-6393 or 1-800-273-0256. or via web site: www.dioceseofnashville.com/encoupretreat.htm

Baptismal Class

On the first Saturday of each month at 3:00 P.M. a Baptismal Preparation class will be held at the church. In order to have a child baptized at St. Frances, both parents and godparents will need to attend one of these classes.

Please call the church office at 444-0524 to register for a class.

Communication Committee

Gary Kaplan

In mid-September, the Communication Committee embarked on a parish pictorial directory project that is now nearing completion. We had over 200 families sign up to get their portraits taken, so they could be a part of this directory. The photos have all been taken, the layout is complete, and it has been submitted to Lifetouch Church Directories.

A proof of the directory has been created and shipped to us for approval. After we finish checking the proof and return it to Lifetouch, they will ship the printed copies to us in about 15 business days. Therefore, it is estimated that we should have new directories in our hands by February 12th. Thank you to everyone who has participated in the church directory project. Details will follow about the distribution of the copies.

The end of 2009 marks the end of my 3-year term on the Parish Pastoral Council. My time spent serving as Ministry Leader for the Communication Committee and as Secretary for the council has been most enjoyable and rewarding. From this experience, I see that Saint Frances Cabrini Church has a bright future ahead, which will come to be through the efforts of our faithful parishioners.

The Giving Cabinet

Anita Woolard

I know I have said this many times before, but it always pleases me to be able to say it again. Our parish is AWESOME. As the year 2009 drew to a close and our economy continued to worsen, the good folks of St. Francis Cabrini reached deeper and deeper into their pockets to finance our Giving Cabinet.

It has been noticed by some that we did not have a special collection in December. With so many other things surrounding the holidays, we thought that we would just skip that month. Our Knights of Columbus were very generous and helped us to make both our Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes. That, along with the canned items that our Religious Ed classes collected, kept our pantry full. Thank you to both of those groups. Also, a special thank you to the parishioners who attend the Spanish Mass - they are contributing both money and food to us on a regular basis.

In the month of October, we assisted 25 families with 84 individuals. In November, we assisted a record breaking 31 families with 97 individuals, and in December we assisted 25 families with 93 individuals. These figures do not include the special Thanksgiving and Christmas boxes - they were extra.

Many times while we are shopping for food, people will approach us and ask what organization we are shopping for. They are always astonished when we tell them that it is an outreach program of St. Francis Cabrini Catholic Church, and that our program is not budgeted, but totally supported by contributions from our parish beyond what they put in their regular offerings.

We are well known in the Wilson County community when it comes to assisting those who need a helping hand. It speaks loudly and clearly of our faith and our teachings. Thank you once again for your continuing support and may each of you have a Happy and Blessed New Year.

Note: New Giving Cabinet Hours, Thursdays Only, 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Next Collection will be February 6th and 7th after all Masses

Religious Education

Cathy Maggart

I would like to thank all parishioners who contributed to the great success of the Annual Religious Education Thanksgiving Food Drive. The monetary collection conducted by the High School Class on November 1st after all the Masses was proof of the big-heartedness of St. Frances Cabrini - it totaled \$1,191.

Each of the classrooms, competing against one another, brought in different items to complete an entire Thanksgiving meal for a family. After four weeks of collecting, we ended up with 923 food items. The fourth grade class brought in 144 boxes of potatoes - mashed and every other kind. They won a "Breakfast of Choice" - Dunkin' Donuts and hot chocolate - during a Religious Education Class time.

Twenty-five baskets were assembled. Eighteen of the baskets went to families in the parish, the remaining were given out at the Giving Cabinet. The 8th Grade Confirmation Class put the baskets together for some of their service project time, which is required for Confirmation. The success of this project is the result of the dedication and enthusiasm of parents and teachers for the children.

We are also grateful to these community businesses in Lebanon who contributed to our Thanksgiving Baskets:

Aldi
Al's Foodland
Bay's Southern Bread
H.G. Hill Market
Kroger
Publix
Save-A-Lot
Steve Wilson, Nashville Business
Wal-Mart

Thank you all for your cooperation and support!

Young at Heart

Joann Collins

The Young At Heart Group meets once a month - the 3rd or 4th week - at a local restaurant. It is usually on a Tuesday or Thursday. At times, we are also known as the "Old Coots Club". Anyone can join us, if you like to eat and chat. We don't make reservations, so you do not have to commit. That can be a bit unnerving for the restaurant staff, but they do adjust beautifully. Check the weekly bulletin for date and time. We would love to have you join us.

Emily Gillis' College

Emily Gillis' college, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, won the Division 3 Football National Championship! They beat their long-time rival, Mount Union College Raiders. Go War Hawks!

Recycling

Newspaper

A dumpster for recycling newspaper is located in the back of the parking lot. The proceeds from this go to our Youth Group.

Aluminum Cans

Our boy scout troop collects aluminum cans to raise money and help the environment. These can be dropped off by the back porch. They are collected every Monday.

Thank you to everyone who supports our recycling programs!

Cultivating good habits

Entering a new year is a good time to inventory our habits — the bad ones as well as the good. Greek philosopher Aristotle once opined on this subject: "Moral excellence comes about as a result of habit. We become just by doing just acts. We become temperate by doing temperate acts. We become brave by doing brave acts."

Just so, we will become faithful lovers of God by seriously worshiping and faithfully following the Christian way of life. Attending corporate worship, learning more about Christianity, doing good deeds for others and participating in fellowship events are all good habits. They enhance your life and bring joy to people around you.

Boy Scout Troop 302

Dan Rule

National Honor Society of Scouting Danny Bryan was honored by the Order of the Arrow when he was bestowed the Vigil Honor in September. This honor, as the highest award given by the Order of the Arrow, is bestowed upon members who show excellence in service towards their lodge, their council, and Scouting in General. Danny was recognized at the annual banquet on December 5th.

Scott Bryan is a 2009 recipient of the Wa Hi Nasa Order of the Arrow Lodge's Flying Eagle Award. The Flying Eagle Award was created by former Lodge Adviser Ray Capp, to recognize those who provide special and unique service to the Lodge Adviser throughout the year.

The following is a list of boys and Rank Advancements that they have recently achieved:

Scout – Christopher Roach

Tenderfoot – Jesse Gray

2nd Class – Michael Butkevicius, John Butkevicius, Matthew Stier,
Jacob Gray

1st Class – Michael Butkevicius, John Butkevicius

Bronze Eagle Palm – Sam Rule

Everyone who is part of Troop 302 would like to give a huge "Thank You" to the Knights of Columbus at St. Frances Cabrini for their continued support of Troop 302 and Scouting in general.

Are You an Eagle Scout? If you are an Eagle Scout, we would like to know. Drop us a line at dprule@gapac.com, or write to us at 511 East Oakdale Drive, Lebanon, TN 37087. Tell us when you received the honor and what Troop you were with, including number, City and State.

Troop 302 has an ongoing fund raiser - we recycle aluminum cans. If you want to help us out by saving aluminum and donating it to the Troop, just contact any Leader or Scout in the Troop for more information.

On February 8th, the Boy Scouts of America will celebrate their 100th birthday. BSA was started back in 1910 by Mr. William D. Boyce, who was a publisher from Chicago. He got the inspiration while visiting London, England on business where he met a Scout, who introduced him to Lord Baden Powell, the founder of the Scouting Movement in 1907.

Troop 302 is always looking for new members - both youth and adults. The Troop meets the first and third Monday of each month at the church from 6:30-8:00 PM. We have an open invite for all boys, whether they are church members or not, that are ages 11-17. We also welcome any adult who would like to come and be part of our Troop as either a Scouting Leader or a member of the Troop Committee. Even if you do not have a youth in the Troop, you are welcome to be part of the Troop.

For more information on Troop 302, please contact our Scout Master, Scott Bryan at 453-9022 or our Troop Committee Chairman, Dan Rule at 202-6335.

A Statement Of Faith

A half century ago, Milward Simpson was the governor of Wyoming. He was a Christian who trusted God without question. He and his wife often shared this statement of faith:

The light of God surrounds us,
The love of God enfolds us,
The power of God protects us,
And the presence of God watches
over us;
Wherever we are, God is.

Governor Simpson once told of flying in an airplane that developed engine trouble. Instead of giving in to fear, he and his wife held hands and together recited the words they tried to live by. The plane landed safely.

Having a positive statement of faith can be helpful in many situations. Why not create one for yourself and your family — or use the prayerful statement the Simpsons recited.

