

The Summit Hill Beacon

Immaculate Conception's Quarterly Newsletter

In the spirit and mission of the Paulist Fathers

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Youth Ministries Lead Stations of the Cross



On Friday, February 22nd the *Children's Liturgy of the Word* hosted a pizza and salad dinner prior to a very special and upbeat Stations

of the Cross geared to the young spirit in all of us. Our Middle School and High School **Youth Ministries** led the Stations. Use of contemporary and secular music selected by our teens reflected on how they relate to the Way of the Cross. **The Summit Hill Beacon** would like to extend our gratitude for an incredible job.

If you're a middle or high school student and would like to know more about our Youth Ministry take a look at the *Youth Ministries* page on our web site icknoxville.org for contact information.



A Future Brighter Than Any Past

A **must see** video about our much-loved Paulist Fathers is on our web site icknoxville.org. From our home page click on *Paulist Anniv. Events* and then click on the *A Future Brighter Than Any Past* button and enjoy a grand experience.

Solemnity of Saint Joseph

On March 15th a special Mass was celebrated to honor the Solemnity of St. Joseph. Following Mass a terrific brunch was held in the parish hall. Father



Joe's mother provided **Sfinci**, a Sicilian cream-puff and **Pignoli** cookies made with almond paste for the occasion. She got them from a pastry shop in Staten Island, NY and had them shipped by FedEx overnight priority delivery. What a special treat. Thanks Father and **The Summit Hill Beacon** would like to extend a very **super special** thank you to your mom.

Easter Vigil

The most important night of 2008 began at dusk on Holy Saturday, March 22nd. On that night, we came together to celebrate the Lord's Resurrection in the most



impressive and beautiful Liturgy of the church year. On that most holy night, we baptized the elect and welcomed into full communion those

Easter Vigil (continued)

candidates who have been praying and studying for the past year.

The Easter Vigil is not just your “ordinary” Mass. Indeed there is nothing “ordinary” about the Easter Vigil. Imagine - a church in complete darkness and then the spark of new fire. Imagine - the proclamation of our salvation history. Imagine - an evening filled with glorious music, and the sights and sounds of fire and water, and the smell of chrism. Imagine - the joy of our community as we welcomed the newly baptized and the newly confirmed to their First Eucharist. With all these thoughts in mind, the Easter Vigil is the summit of the church year.



THE ELECT who were baptized, confirmed and received First Eucharist included ***Payton Boyd, Abigail Cacace, Thao Chau, Cameron Trammell, Gunner Trammell, and Richard Vavra***. Those who professed their faith and received their First Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confirmation included ***Gregory Gass, Sarah Malak, Justin Marion, Courtney Robertson, Margaret Sharp, and Greg Stanley***. Adult Catholics who received the Sacrament of Confirmation included ***Kara Ethier, Jeanine Lorenzo, and Cortney Robertson***.

Congratulations to all of you. May God bless you and we pray you will all continue to grow in your faith and spirituality.

Paulist 150th Anniversary Celebration Mass

On Sunday, May 4th the Paulist Fathers celebrated their 150th anniversary with a very special celebration Mass at the Tennessee Amphitheater on the World's Fair Park.



The occasion started with a Musical Prelude at 11:00am followed by Mass at 11:30am. Father John Duffy, CSP the Paulist Fathers President celebrated the Mass. A brunch reception was held at The Foundry following the celebration Mass.



The Amphitheater was packed. Parishioners from both Immaculate Conception and John XXIII parishes showed their support for the Paulist Fathers by their presence at this very special celebration Mass.

The Summit Hill Beacon would like to say a very grateful **thank you** to the Paulist Fathers for all you do for Immaculate Conception and John XXIII. We are truly blessed to have you.

Operation INASMUCH

... *in as much* as ye have done it unto one of the least of those my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

On Saturday, April 19th seven inner city churches including Central United Methodist, First Baptist, First Christian, Immaculate Conception, First Presbyterian, Second Presbyterian, and St. John's Lutheran Church worked together to provide various services for the Knoxville community as a reflection of God's love for others. The day began with a brief kick-off service at Immaculate Conception at 8:30am. Immaculate Conception had the second highest number of participants of the seven churches that partook in Operation Inasmuch.



Of the 24 service projects Immaculate Conception sponsored four including minor repairs for the homebound elderly, clean up of Calvary Cemetery, throwing a party for the residents of Samaritan Place and the making of quilts for beds at the Ronald McDonald House.

Operation Inasmuch works because it's a focused one-day event; it's local; it's hands on; the methodology is already in place; the cost is affordable and it offers something for everyone. **The Summit Hill Beacon** would like to thank all of you who participated in Operation INASMUCH.



Second Annual Parish Coffee House

On Wednesday, April 30th the Second Annual Parish Coffee House was held. This event was sponsored by the Youth Ministry for the entire parish. There were several different desserts served that were all luscious. Live music by extremely talented Youth Ministry members including the teen Praise Band was provided. It was a fabulous evening made possible by the efforts of our Youth Ministry.



Bernadette Hunt

IC Women's Group Annual Plant Sale

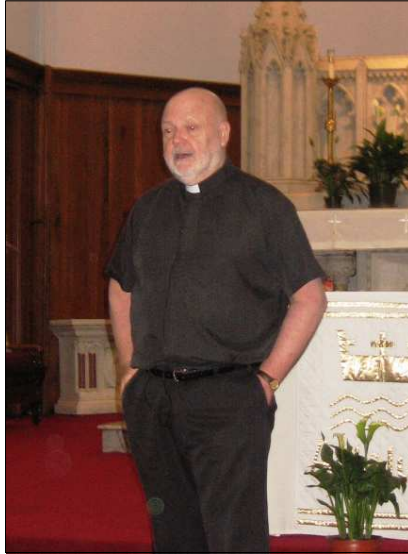
On Saturday and Sunday May 10th & 11th the IC Women's Group Annual Plant Sale was held in the parish courtyard after all Masses. Plants for Mother's Day and for springtime pleasure were available. The \$750 proceeds from the sale went to benefit the Knoxville Family Justice Center.



The aim of the Knoxville Family Justice Center is to provide victims of domestic abuse with an accessible, compassionate, confidential, comprehensive and safe single-source option for a new beginning by offering choices and opportunities. They seek to reduce the obstacles that keep families in violent situations. Family Justice Center clients find advocacy, support and easier access to resources. For additional information contact the Family Justice Center at (865) 215-6800 or (865) 521-6446 (Family Violence Helpline).

Paulist Fathers 150th Anniversary Parish Mission

On Monday, April 14th, Tuesday, April 15th and Wednesday, April 16th Father John Collins, CSP from St. Paul The Apostle Church in New York City conducted a Parish Mission at both Immaculate Conception and John XXIII.



The theme of the mission was *“Can you describe what happens in those events in your life in which you experienced the presence of God?”* Father Collins helped those in attendance to discover their own personal faith story and to learn the importance of taking that story beyond the walls of the church.

There were three marvelous thought provoking and interactive discussions of how we as Catholics experience God’s love. Father Collins Parish Mission was **very** enlightening, informative and inspirational. Thank you Father Collins for a truly magnificent Parish Mission.

Paulist Fathers 150th Anniversary Celebration Mass at the Amphitheatre is on TV

A one minute clip of the Paulist Fathers 150 Anniversary Celebration Mass at the amphitheater on the Worlds Fair Park can be seen by going to the following web site.

www.volunteertv.com/news/headlines/18571849.html

An easy way to access it is to do a Google search on **Paulist in Tennessee**. Then find **Fathers see**. the title Worlds Fair mass celebrates 150 years of Paulist Fathers. Click on the link which will take you to

We apologize but WVLTV-TV has removed the clip.

Annual Mothers & Daughters Banquet

On Wednesday, May 7th the Annual Mothers & Daughters Celebration Banquet was held in the parish hall. All women of the parish who may not all be mothers but are all daughters were invited to this wonderful evening. They enjoyed a great dinner which was followed by Bingo.



The event was hosted by the IC Women’s Group. It was a huge success and all the women who attended the celebration banquet truly enjoyed the evening.

Web Site Trivia Question

From January 1st through April 30th our web site **icknoxville.org** has had 4,298 unique visitors with a total of 6,616 visits to 32,760 pages. Here’s a fun trivia question: *What are the top five foreign countries (ranked by the number of visits) that have visited our web site?* The answer is: (1) Canada, (2) Ukraine, (3) Italy, (4) South Korea, and (5) Germany. Amazing!

Health Ministry Performs Blood Pressure Screenings

On Saturday, April 19th and Sunday April 20th the Health Ministry performed blood pressure screenings after all Masses. The role of the Parish Nurses has been defined as: (1) Health Education-



From left to right, Fay Kelly and Rosilyn Flanagan

assist in health promotion and disease prevention, (2) Coordinate and present health fairs, screenings, etc., (3) Conduct workshops, seminars and classes to meet the needs of the faith community, (4) Provide personal health counseling - to answer questions and share information on health resources for health care, (5) Coordinate Volunteers and Develop Support Groups, (6) Integrate Faith and Health, and (7) Serve as a Health Advocate.

For additional information visit our web site icknoxville.org. From our Home Page click on **Parish Staff & Groups** and then click on **Health Ministry**. While there take a couple minutes to complete and submit the Health Ministry Parish Survey.

A Warm Welcome To Newly Registered Immaculate Conception Parishioners

Eight new families and seven individuals have joined Immaculate Conception in the last quarter including: Paul & Becky Cacace and Abigail; Jackie Kosidowski & Michael Norton and Alexis & Michael; Jolie Lange; Payton Boyd; Gregg Gass and Mary; Jamie & Andrea Martin; Richard Vavra; Marcus & Cortney Robertson and Daniel; Fred & Sarah Coram; Sarah Malak; Greg Owens and Meredith, Mallorie & Emma; Willa Essie; Lisa McConnell; Richard & Barbara Alfes.

On behalf of the Paulist Fathers and all Immaculate Conception parishioners, *The Summit Hill Beacon* extends a warm welcome to all of you and we pray you will find Immaculate Conception a loving and caring Catholic community.

Quarterly Financial Report

Customarily, Immaculate Conception provides an annual financial report after the end of our fiscal year. Also, an Offertory Report is provided in our weekly bulletin. To keep you better aware of our financial well being we are including an abbreviated Quarterly Financial Report in *The Summit Hill Beacon*.

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| Income (7/1/07 - 3/31/08) | |
| YTD Total Planned Income | \$525,000.00 |
| Regular Offertory Giving | \$439,993.85 |
| Additional Income ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 65,148.51 |
| YTD Total Actual Income | \$505,142.36 |
| (Under) or Over | \$(19,857.64) |
| Expenses (7/1/07 - 3/31/08) | |
| YTD Total Actual Expenses | \$557,915.73 |
| YTD Income less Expenses | \$(52,773.37) |
| (1) Includes Holy Day & Parish Collections, Donations, Candles and Mass Stipends | |

Take a moment to become familiar with where we stand. Regrettably, as you can see we are experiencing a sizeable shortfall forcing us to use reserve funds to meet everyday expenses. This leads to the obvious question: "*What will we do when our reserves which are vital for meeting unforeseen expenses are depleted?*" **Please** do what you can to help us meet our needed collections so we won't be forced to deal with a crisis situation. **Thank you** so much for your support of Immaculate Conception. May God bless you for your generosity.

The Summit Hill Beacon contact person is parishioner Paul Schmidt at (865) 607-2111 or paul_schmidt@bellsouth.net. **All comments and suggestions are welcomed.**

Featured Group - IC Women's Group

The Immaculate Conception Women's Group (ICWG) offers an opportunity for the women of our parish to assist in parish activities. Being a woman automatically makes you a member of the women's group. While it isn't necessary to participate in every function, being actively involved with the ICWG is incredibly rewarding knowing that you are part of the team that "make things happen" at Immaculate Conception.



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"A real picture of who we are is probably what we do. We are not a social club, although we have lots of fun doing the things we do. We try not to do anything that another organization in the parish does. We try to be supportive of parish organizations in their activities but we also try to create new and different activities within our organization." says Pat Ryan, President of the ICWG.



From left to right are Linda Meier, Pat Ryan, President, Connie Healy, Vice President and Pat Wade, Treasurer

We welcome all women to join us as we pray together, work together and have fun together to make our Parish more vibrant and *parishioner friendly*.

If you think you might be interested in participating in any of our activities or if you are only interested in hearing more, contact Pat Ryan at (865) 687-0050 or mrspatryan@yahoo.com.

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