



Arriving Where We Started



Our Chaplain, Fr. Peter Rocca, C.S.C gave us a wonderful primer on the season of Lent. Among other things, we learned that Lent is a time of preparation - for taking Baptismal vows. Not only do the new catechumens entering the Church take them, but we too will be invited to renew them. In this way we will “arrive at the place where we started.” And this place is in the midst of God’s ardent love for each one of us. So we are all encouraged to make good use of this season by reflecting on this love, and to strive to receive it more fully this Lent.



Marjorie Bycraft, Vicki Riel, and Jane Stanely

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Fr. Peter also gave us a tour of the Church's use of scripture during the Lenten season. While analysis always risks being detached and impersonal, his instruction in the cozy environs of Corpus Christi Church gave us a sense of ownership in, and appreciation for our Tradition.



Above: John Bycraft and Frank Reilly
Right: Lamar Upshaw and Bill Mischel



Special thanks to Corpus Christi's pastor Fr. Cam Tirabassi for hosting our Day of Recollection and hearing confessions. He will be celebrating his 50th anniversary as a priest this year.



Frs Peter Rocca
and Fr. Cam Tirabassi

Snug as a bug

Many of our members actively participate in a local Malta ministry called the Christ Child Society. Our Order gave the organization a \$15,000 grant in 2008 to provide *new* winter clothing for needy children in northern Indiana. Margorie and John Bycraft were recently recognized for their years of service dating back to 1975.



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During that time they wore many hats of their own getting young people bundled up for winter. Their duties have included the complex process of negotiating, purchasing, shipping, storing, and keeping track of the inventory at the heart of its mission. However, just a few minutes watching this incredible group of volunteers in action reveals its true heart. Their motto is

“Nothing is ever too much to do for a child.”

Top right: Margie Bycraft and friends

Above: The backroom is always humming.

Right: Vicki Riel at work



UPCOMING EVENTS

(The following activities are being planned for 2009. More details will follow.)

Annual Lourdes Pilgrimage - April 29 - May 5, France.

Heart of Champions Day – June 27, South Bend, IN.

Feast of St. John the Baptist Mass - June 25, 2009, South Bend, IN.

Mass for Life- September 8, South Bend, IN.

National Conference- September 25-27, Long Island, NY.

Investiture Weekend – November, New York, NY.

Day of Recollection (Advent) – December, South Bend, IN.

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