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The monthly Sacred Heart Youth Ministry Newsletter

AUGUST



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1	Jordan	Kirsch
5	Lexi	Tierney
7	Samuel	Abresch
8	Jen	Coates
11	Leah	Larson
16	Haiden	Gruper
16	Katherine	Heidingsfelder
17	Mr. Bill	Nettekoven
23	Jasmine	Sato
24	Madalynn	Burnside
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LIFE ² stands for Living in Faith Everyday & Everyway	



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This year's mission trip to Ripley, MS (July 9 - 15) was again a huge success. We had an average of 52 kids per day attend our Vacation Bible Camp and we had an average of 15 helpers each day.

This year we made the trip to visit St. Francis of Assisi parish in New Albany and as always were overfed with delicious and very plentiful home cooking.

NOTRE DAME VISION

June 20 - 24 was the first time Sacred Heart had youth from our parish attend ND Vision. ND Vision is offered each summer on the campus of the University of Notre Dame. Besides staying in dorms and eating at North Dining Hall there is a lot more going on! Learn more about it by reading about the experiences of the youth who attended this year...see their reports later in the newsletter and check out a few of the amazing pictures from the week.





**Summer Youth Group
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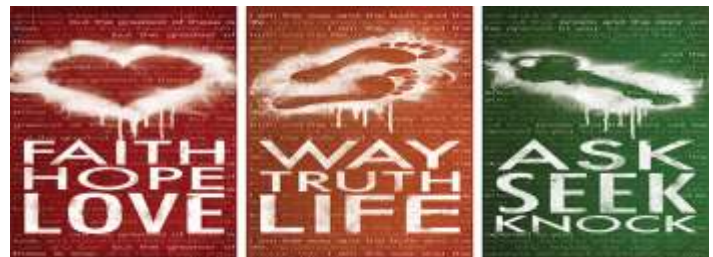


Join others from Sacred Heart for a FUN night out at the Timber Rattlers. Wednesday, August 24 Game time is 7:05 pm (Wednesday's are Bang for your Buck night...\$1.00 soda & hot dogs) \$8.00 reserved seating. Registration deadline August 8th See Bill Nettekoven in parish office for more information or to register.



Our final bus trip as always is to Noah's Ark in Wisconsin Dells. Tuesday, August 9 7:45 am - 8:30 pm

Reminder that all bus trip leave from and return to St. Bernadette's.



Good Evening...My name is Hannah Jensen and I was part of the Sacred Heart team that attended ND Vision in June.

It's the year of mercy as Pope Francis declared, so Notre Dame Vision dedicated the whole week to learning about how to receive mercy and how to give corporal and spiritual acts of mercy to others. Through a ton of incredible speakers who told their stories, we were able to see mercy in the simplest of things.

We were taught the steps of receiving mercy which starts with us accepting that we need it. Next is how to be a merciful person, it's as simple as feeding the hungry. Then we were taught that when you are as popular as the Pope you can make up words, like mercying.

After the inspiring stories we would go into a small group where the leaders asked thought provoking questions about what the speaker had talked about. These discussions turned into conversation where we shared more about ourselves and became a small family within a week. I met people from all over the country who shared the common goal of putting Christ first. Together we grew closer to God through attending daily Mass, prayer service in the Grotto, receiving reconciliation, and participating in an Emmaus walk.

During reconciliation, I experienced something I never felt before. Sitting among 350 people I just met two days earlier, I could feel God sitting with me and I could feel how special I was to Him.

I can't thank everyone enough for providing me with this experience. I especially want to thank the stockholders who helped fund the trip, everyone who was praying for us, and the parish as a whole for letting me grow up in a loving Christian environment that offered me a chance to attend Notre Dame Vision.

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Good Evening...My name is Abby Jensen and I was also a part of the Sacred Heart team that attended ND Vision in June.

Wow I don't know what to say now, Hannah took all my ideas. Although our experiences were similar, they were very different. On the first full day at Vision I told someone from my small group he could sit by us at breakfast because he came alone. I didn't think anything of it because to me that's just the right thing to do. Later in the week he told me that it made his experience there that much more special.

Going into the week I didn't really know what to expect because I was going to be celebrating God with a bunch of strangers. Throughout the week I had met some people that I will consider to be lifelong friends. It was weird for me to be in a room full of people who were as excited as me to be celebrating all that we have from God.

In our everyday lives we are taught to keep God to ourselves but here I was taught how to proclaim God's mercy in everything we did. Whether it was during the songs we sang before our speakers or when 350 strangers held hands during the Our Father or just simply walking to our next destination. During our Emmaus walk I was amazed at how many people were sharing their personal stories to people they had just met. I had realized how lucky I truly am with all the people who love and support me unconditionally and how I haven't had to go through some of the struggles my new friends have had to face.

I promise this trip will change your life. At the end of the week you are so consumed by Jesus' love that you can't help but take Him with you through life. I encourage every high school student to go on this trip at least once because you really learn how to live a life dedicated to Jesus and to want to share that experience with others because trust me my sister would never have gotten up here to talk to the parish before this trip. I would also like to thank everyone who helped us to get there.

I would like to thank Mr. Bill for inviting us and driving and Fr. Don for letting us speak to all of you today.

Next year's trip is June 19th - 23rd and I strongly recommend anyone who is interested to go on this trip. If you have any questions we will be having a small reception in the Sacred Heart Room after Mass and both Hannah and I we will be available to talk more or to answer questions. Thank you.

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Good morning!

My name is Zach Walbrun,

I along with Abby & Hannah Jensen and Katie Heidingsfelder attended a one week session of Notre Dame Vision in June. What is ND Vision? It's a Catholic youth conference for high school students. Although, I wouldn't really call it that. Its way more amazing than a conference. The speakers have amazing stories and everyone is so friendly and welcoming.

The theme for this year was God's mercy. God's mercy works in special ways. At Notre Dame they said, "Mercy requires you to see yourself as a thread in the fabric of Christ's love for this world-not the centerpiece." In God's eyes, we are all equal, we shouldn't be viewing ourselves as better. We all are needed to make the world function. Whether you are a bagger at the local grocery store, a person working in a mill or a secretary for a company, we all make the world function. If we lose one of these, the whole fabric wouldn't be right.

Mercy also asks for "more than we are comfortable with and more than we are used to." Essentially, God's mercy says that we should go out of our comfort zone. God wants us to take the extra step- to see what we will become.

Along with this message about mercy, there were many wonderful stories that kept things interesting and showed what an impact God makes in other people's lives.

What made Notre Dame so special and worthwhile? Each of the four weeks of ND Vision there are roughly 350 high school students from around the country as excited in their faith as you are. It's such a sight to see. The energy and the passion in the room was amazing. (pause)

In the modern world, lots of us are probably just thinking about what level is next on Candy Crush or what time we are meeting up with friends. We don't take the time to see what's around us. To enjoy God's gift. To take in God's mercy. Just take a break. Pray. Look up into the sky, take in the view around you. Notre Dame was exactly that. Katie and I took in the wonderful view around us and embraced God's mercy in everything that we did. We got to know people throughout the country and made friends for life. Next time you're sitting in the livingroom reading the newspaper, think about this. Take in the beautiful view around you.

This all leads up to a major point that was made. The first speaker at Notre Dame got everyone's attention. He just started walking into the audience looking around. Then he started to shout, "I have three words that I want you to remember! Ready? BE HERE NOW." Yes, that's right. BE HERE NOW. That doesn't just mean the fact that you are

actually physically present. That means that I have your attention. Your eye contact. Your involvement. All of that. BE HERE NOW. Enjoy the view around you and be here now.

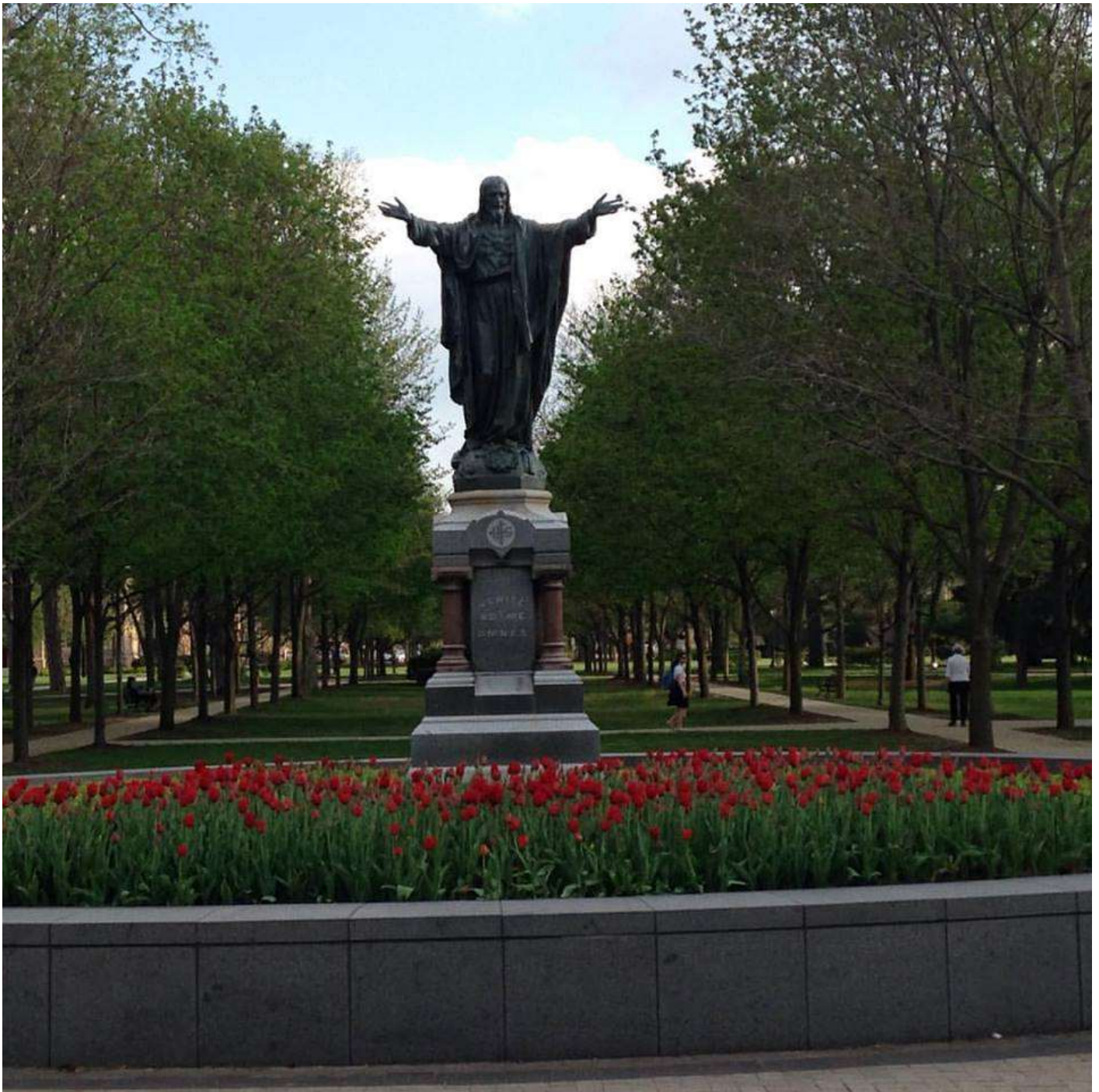
For the closing statement, I'd like for you all to think about this. "Have you ever been in a church where everyone sings?" It's absolutely amazing. Think about it. Everywhere you turn, people singing songs of praise. How cool is that? It doesn't matter if your voice is good or bad. God doesn't care how you sound, just the fact that you are singing makes him happy.

Have you ever been in a basilica that is beautiful beyond belief? The marble pillars and walls, the organ and the altar were amazing. Plus, you're on Notre Dame's campus. It doesn't get any better than that.

The Notre Dame trip was a blast and I would definitely recommend it to any high school student! It's a ton of fun! They keep you involved, you get to know amazing people throughout the country and the food is amazing. So, please, don't miss this wonderful opportunity. BE HERE NOW. Thank you everyone for letting me speak today.

Notre Dame next year will be June 19th to June 23rd. There will be a reception in the Sacred Heart Room after Mass, Katie and I will be available to talk or to answer any questions. Thank you again! God bless!

Note: (From Mr. Bill)...please enjoy a few images from ND Vision on the following pages.



The Sacred Heart grotto



The youth at ND Vision – Week 1



Sacred Heart's four youth at the end of the week.



The Campus & Youth Ministers (Adults) at ND Vision week 1