



Jammin' with Jesus Journal

The Youth Group for Teenagers at Our Lady of Hungary

As usual, JWJ is busy! Our fundraising campaign to get us to Madrid, Spain for World Youth Day in 2011 began in late August when we held our most profitable bake sale to date. Two weeks after that, on a sunny and comfortably warm day, we broke out the soap and hoses to sponsor a very successful car wash.

Later in September, we had a great time wrapping up summer in our city at the Rum Village Fall Family Fun Fest, a wonderful celebration that attracted over 4,000 people. We helped set up the event, and distributed apples, pumpkins, coffee, and lemonade. JWJ member **Cassidy Richard**, sporting her Jammin' with Jesus T-shirt, even made the evening news from the festival-- skillfully juggling apples while standing atop a picnic table.

As October breezed by, we held our first Nelson's Port-a-Pit Chicken Fundraiser on the 25th. We completely sold out of chickens by 2:00pm! A special thanks to **Steve Domonkos** who placed signs around town to advertise the event, and to **Tom Richard**, who braved the cold weather, helped us set up, and patiently taught us the ropes of "Port-Pitting." And a big THANK YOU to **Mary Schaar** who quite possibly saved the day by bringing us a bag full of blankets and quilts to shield us from that windy, cloudy, *very* cold Saturday.

And we wish you all could have been there when JWJ member **Julian Shock**, 14 years old as of this week, gamely did the "Chicken Dance" for 45 minutes non-stop at the busy corner of

Ireland and 31 while bundled up from head to toe in one of Mary Schaar's dainty yellow quilts. When a teenage guy is willing to subject himself to possible taunts from traffic to draw attention to his youth group's fundraiser, you know you're working with a great kid!

The cold weather that day didn't get us down...it toughened us up and made us realize that when people join together for a great cause, so much can be accomplished.

As this year winds down, JWJ is happy to report that we've never been stronger and more energized about the future. We have many exciting events planned for the coming months to benefit our church, school, the youth group, and the larger community. Stay tuned for more information.

Thanks for your continued support!

Heather and Ida

This edition of the JWJ Journal is dedicated to:

**The OLH
Holy Name
Society**

You guys are GREAT!

JWJ Sells "Real Estate"

Christmas Party for Parishioners

In our on-going quest to get to Madrid for the 2011 World Youth Day, JWJ is selling "land in Spain."

Actually, we're selling pieces of a map. Here's how it works: in the front entrance to the church, there is a big outline of a map of Spain. The outline is divided into sections, and each section has a price listed on it.

When you purchase a section of Spain, we write your name on that map piece and place it on the outline. Our goal is to fill up the outline with the pieces so that, when finished, we have a complete map of Spain featuring a montage of people's names that helped us get to Madrid.

We usually sell map sections before and after weekend Masses (with the exception of the 8:00am Saturday morning Mass). Be sure to stop by and see the map. It's a creative, long-term fundraiser that we are very excited about!

Our Mission Statement

We, the Jammin' with Jesus Youth Group of Our Lady of Hungary, wish to bring kindness and friendship to our community through the strength of the Holy Spirit.

Make me love not only my friends but my enemies as well in imitation of Jesus Christ who through you offered Himself on the Cross for all human beings.

JWJ invites all parishioners to a Christmas Party/Open House in JWJ Headquarters (OLH Church Basement, Bruce St. entrance) on Saturday, December 20 after 5:00pm Mass. We'll watch "The Nativity Story" on DVD, have some snacks and non-alcohol drinks, and enjoy each other's company.



"The Nativity Story" was out in theaters in 2006. Here's the synopsis from the movie's official website:

"In Nazareth, a town oppressed by the devastating taxation practices of King Herod, a teenage girl, Mary, is told by her parents that they have arranged for her to marry Joseph. Distraught by the idea of marrying a man she hardly knows, Mary takes refuge in a grove to collect her thoughts. There, she is visited by an angel, who tells her that she has been chosen by God to bear his son. Despite the public scorn from an unwed pregnancy, together, Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem for a census mandated by the King. It is here, with a great celestial event revealing his prophecy, in a history-defining event, that Jesus is born."

(<http://www.thenativitystory.com>):

It's an inspiring, uplifting movie (about two hours long) that beautifully illustrates the true meaning of Christmas. We hope you'll come experience it with us.

This party is also a great opportunity for everyone to get a glimpse of the youth group room and meet some of the kids who call the OLH church basement their second home. So, don't be shy—drop in for a few minutes or stay for a few hours. We'll be glad to have you!



Köszönöm!



The only people with whom you should try to "get even" are those who have helped you.

~John E. Southard

to **Michael and Marcia Sullivan** for providing the first—and very generous—donation to our Madrid 2011 Fund.

to **Betty Grzadziela** for her financial contribution and for donating a beautiful Bible and rosary.

to **Donna and Tony Magyar** and the **OLH St. Anne's Society** for their monetary donations.

to **Theresa Hedges** for the very groovy lava lamp!

to **Pampered Paws** pet grooming in Mishawaka for their financial contribution. (Ida's poodle Maggie is one of their best looking clients)!

to **Steve Domonkos, Tom Richard, and Ray Sommer** for all their help with the Port-a-Pit.

to **Mary Schaar** for bringing a bag full of blankets and quilts to the Port-a-Pit to shield us from cold winds!

to the **OLH Alumni Association** for inviting us to work the Hungarian Dinner and for their financial contribution.

"We must view young people not as empty bottles to be filled, but as candles to be lit."

~Robert H. Shaffer



JWJ Meeting Times

JWJ is open to any teenager (13 to 19 years of age). You don't have to go to OLH School, and you don't even have to be Catholic.

However, we do require that you have a desire to deepen your relationship with God and that you respect the rules of the group. We meet every Tuesday from 6:00pm to 8:00pm in the OLH Church Basement (Bruce Street entrance). Faith, service, friendship, and fun are our specialties! If you have questions, feel free to give Heather a call at (574) 855.0898 or email her at JamminWithJesus@yahoo.com

Names Worth Noting

On Saturday, November 15, the OLH Alumni Association hosted a Hungarian Dinner at the school. The JWJ kids we selected to work the event had a great time learning the ropes of professional serving from the caterer for the evening. They looked very well put together in professional attire, complete with aprons and name tags decorated with red, green and white ribbons (in honor of the Hungarian flag), the latter made by Cassidy's mom, **Kristi Richard**.

We got nothing but compliments about this competent serving crew who represented our parish so very well:

Keith Davis

Richard Carter * Arnold Livermore*

Cody Long * Christopher Ferguson *

Abby Kowalski * Kristina Boo*

Brandon Laskowski * Tina

Laskowski * Julian Shock *

Teresa Rodela

Luke Pryke * Danni Schweiss*

Cassidy Richard



Jammin' with Jesus'

2nd Annual Christmas Gift Drive



Thanks to all of you, last year's gift drive was a great success. This year, we hope to help lighten the load for some more people. Like last year, there will be a Christmas tree in the front of the church decorated with gift tags. If you'd like to get a gift for the adoptive family, you may select a tag from the tree and buy that particular gift (this helps prevent duplicate gifts). We realize that these are tough economic times and so many people and places are in need of help. While JWJ assumes primary responsibility for getting gifts for this family, your help would nonetheless be greatly appreciated. It's a wonderful, fun way for JWJ and parishioners to come together and practice stewardship.

This year's family is a mom and dad, Jose and Emily, both in their 40s, and their two sons, nine year old Felipe, and six year old Esteban. Jose is on disability due to multiple sclerosis. Emily has advanced degenerative disc disease and cannot find work because of severe back pain and limited mobility. They are a loving, wonderful family who have unfortunately fallen on hard times, particularly due to Jose's MS.

Their Christmas lists includes:

For Felipe, age nine

T-Shirts (any color except pink), size 14-16 in kids

Underwear, men's size 34

Tennis shoes and winter boots, size 6 ½ in kids

Socks

Skateboard

Jeans, 32-34 in the waist

Dress pants (black, brown, or blue), 32-34 in the waist

Bedding for a twin bed (he'd love something with motorcycles on it)

Likes the Chicago Bears, motorcycles, and helicopters

For Jose and Emily

a hair dryer

a handmixer

new inexpensive telephone

For Esteban, age six

Underwear, size 14 in kids

Tennis shoes and winter boots, 3 ½ in kids

Socks

Jeans, 12-14 in kids

Dress pants, 12-14 in kids

Skateboard

Twin bedding

Likes the Chicago Bears and Transformers action figures

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Heather at
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