

THE SHINING SON

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December 2014

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By: Deacon Vince Slomian



We are in the Advent season. We are invited to the greatest birthday party of all time. What are we going to give to Jesus? What can we give to Jesus who needs nothing?

Scripture tells us that there is more joy in Heaven over one lost Sheep finding their way home than there is over the 99 who never left home. Pope Francis tells us to recall our baptism, to go out to all the world and tell them the Good News. It is our responsibility to ask those who are not practicing their faith to join us in the Christmas celebration of Jesus birth. Some of us have relatives in our own families that are waiting for an invitation. We may have friends that are hesitant in going to church on Christmas because it has been a long time since they have attended. Call them, invite them. share with them the happiness and joy of being at the greatest birthday party of all time, the birthday party of Jesus, the King of Glory.

I am very proud of those who signed up the large number of girls to attend TEC #192. It has been some time since we have had so many participants. These people shared their faith and the love of God that they have in their hearts. I'm sure that all the people involved with TEC #192 now have a greater love for Jesus and will celebrate the Christmas season with more enthusiasm and greater joy than ever before. We still have two more weekend encounters before the school season is over, so it will be a good time to start recruiting and signing up the boys for TEC #193 and the girls for TEC #194.

May you all have a blessed and joyful Christmas with Jesus as the center of your celebration.

“Jesus is the reason for the season.”

Happy 4th Day,
Deacon Vince

Lead Me Lord!

By: Robin Santman, Lay Director

What is your favorite Christmas song? I'll bet it has changed through the years. When you were a child, you probably liked "Jingle Bells", "Rudolf the Red Nosed Reindeer", "Up on the Housetop", "Away in a Manger" or maybe "Silent Night". I have always preferred the religious Christmas songs, probably because I started singing in my small town church choir when I was in third grade. At that time I liked "Joy to the World" and "Angels We Have Heard on High (Gloria in Excelsius Deo)". I also liked "Do You Hear What I Hear".

When I was in high school concert choir, we sang "Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's Messiah" at Christmas time – that was pretty fun with all the harmony. The past few years I have enjoyed the song "Mary Did You Know". If you have not heard it, please Google it or look it up on YouTube. I prefer the Pentatonix version although other vocalists have recorded it over the past years. I hope that song touches your heart this season as much as it has touched mine!

May you all have a very Merry Christmas and Blessings in the New Year!


Lead Us, Lord!

Welcome New TECites Team #192

Kaylee Althaus
Bailey Beetz
Madison Fittanto
Rebecca Frank
Riley Heise
Kailey Ingles
Allyson Kim
Kassidy Kobilsek

Darby Leonard
Kiara Leonard
Shelby Leonard
Olivia Linstrom
Mia Lyons
Elizabeth May
Taryn McKenna
Teagan McKenna
Laurn Zinke

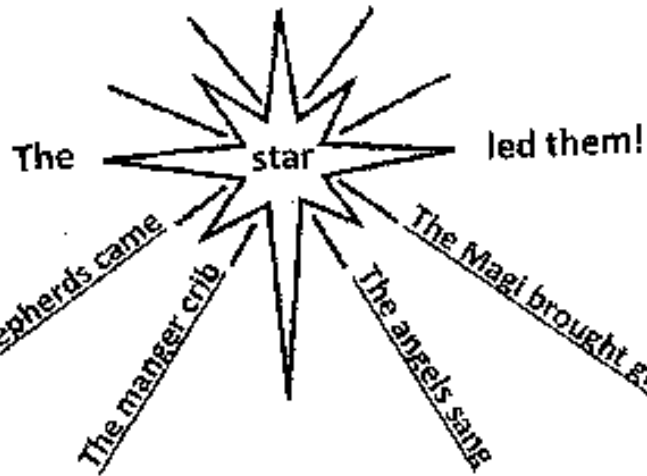
PRAYERS For The Peterstown TEC #193

The word "THANKS" is written in a large, purple, bubbly font. A hand is shown holding a heart, with green motion lines behind it, positioned over the letter 'A'.

Thanks to Brooke Beetz for providing music at our last Hoot. Brooke does a wonderful job every TEC weekend providing music and letting us use her sound system! I also forgot to thank your Hoot co-chairmen Rachel Bezely and Brett Becker for keeping the Hoot running smoothly! I am sorry for not thanking you for all your “wheat”. Thank you and all the volunteers that help at each TEC!

We had one person from TEC team #191 come at 4:30 to help clean up after TEC #192. Cody – thank you for all the extra wheat! Brett, thank you for stopping by to help after the Holy Day Mass at Peterstown. A big thank you goes to Tracy Knapp for helping with the cleanup and for everything you do for Peterstown TEC!

TEC Reboost



Jan 4
2015

1 to 4
pm

Bring
snacks to
share

Surprises

Fun



at the Presentation House
(home of Sr Anne Germaine)
620 E Thompson St
Princeton IL 61356

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The Advent Wreath, a venerable European tradition, can be a way to involve even very little children in learning about Christian preparation - not only for celebrating Our Lord's birth, but to make our hearts truly ready to receive Him.

The wreath's symbolism of the advent (coming) of Light into the world is clear. The gradual lighting of the four candles, one on each Sunday of the Advent season, combined with the liturgical colors of the candles (purple is the penitential color used during Advent and Lent; rose is a liturgical color used only on Gaudete Sunday in Advent and Laetare Sunday in Lent) help to symbolize not only our expectation and hope in Our Savior's first coming into the world, but also in his Second Coming as Judge at the end of the world.

The wreath itself is also symbolic. The circle of evergreen in which the candles are placed represents everlasting life. The seedpods, nuts and cones used to decorate the wreath are symbolic of resurrection, and fruits represent the nourishing fruitfulness of the Christian life.

Gathering materials for the wreath-perhaps on an outing in the park or woods, or even in the backyard- and assembling it at home is an interesting family project in which even the youngest children can participate.

On the first Sunday of Advent, you may sprinkle the wreath with holy water and bless it before the first purple candle is lit. The appropriate Advent collect can be said as the candle[s] are lit each day of the week, followed by the blessing before meals, if you use the wreath at mealtime. The second Sunday two purple candles are lit; the third Sunday, two purple and one rose; and all candles are lit on the fourth Sunday.

Children who are old enough can take turns lighting the candles. (The littlest ones can blow them out at the end of the meal.) If you use the wreath at mealtime, it is helpful to place it on a tray or platter so it can be moved, and to protect the table from candle wax.

On Christmas Day, all the greens and decorations are replaced with fresh ones, and four new white candles, symbolizing Christ, replace the colored ones and are burned throughout the Christmas season. The Advent season is a good time to pray the Angelus at family meals.

Fourth Day Bio

Rhonda Bezely
Executive Secretary

Hi, my name is Rhonda Bezely and I live in Ladd with my husband of 24 years, Joe and my daughter Rachel (Hoot Co-Chairman). My son Collin is in college at the University of North Georgia in Dahlonega, Georgia.

My 1st TEC was TEC 165 in September 2009. It was an amazing experience. I cherished the way I felt about God and the love I had for my team mates and the teenagers on that weekend. It has been a wonderful journey getting to know myself and God over the past 5 years.

Recently I became the Executive Secretary for TEC. I receive candidate applications and send out all paperwork required for the weekend. I also make sure all data bases and forms are updated and ready for the TEC weekends. I work on the Saturday of TEC when the candidates arrive to notarize any necessary forms and also to assist Robin, our Lay Director, with any other forms needed for the weekend. After the weekend is over I complete and mail Welcome Letters to our new TECites.

I like my new position and feel it is a detail oriented job so that all documents are accurate and complete. If anyone who speaks Spanish is interested in helping me with some duties, feel free to email me. I can fill you in. Of course if anyone has questions or comments – I'd love to hear them. Executive_Secretary@Peterstowntec.com

ALWAYS let your light shine!!
Remember YOU may be the only BIBLE some people EVER read!!

Peace,
Rhonda Bezely

TALENT SEARCH

If you want to do extra wheat and share your talent at an upcoming Hoot, contact:

Rachel Bezely – (815)303-9299

Brett Becker – (815)303-6656



TEC is going **GREEN**. We are asking for your assistance with this transition by keeping TEC updated with contact information, especially e-mails. New TECites receiving the newsletter in the mail will need to notify TEC if they want to remain on the mailing

CLIP AND SAVE IMPORTANT TEC DATES



Please make sure to mark your calendar so that you don't miss out on all the fun we have at the TEC Hilton, spreading the Good News of Jesus Christ.

- * TEC Reboost-
January 4, 1-4 p.m.
Presentation House 620 E. Thompson St.
Princeton, IL. Look for star on the house. Bring a snack to share.
- * 1st Team Meeting for TEC #193 –
January 28, 6:30 pm.
- * TEC Council Meeting –
February 18, 6pm
- * Boys' TEC #193 Weekend –
February 28 – March 2
- * Follow-up –
March 8, 5:30 pm
- * Girls' TEC #194 Weekend –
March 28 – 30

Peterstown TEC Program
1307 Henry St.
Peru, Il 61354

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KEEP PRAYING: CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

Pray for the team of TEC#193 as they prepare for the girl's TEC weekend to be held .

Pray for all TECites and their families who are suffering from illness, loss of jobs, and other stressors of life. May God grace them with His healing and give their caregivers strength and faith.

Remember all prayer requests may also be submitted on the Peterstown TEC website at <https://www.peterstowntec.com>.

