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PETERSTOWN TEC

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March 4-6 we had our first Boy's weekend in three years. TEC #223 was led by Joe Migliorini. We had nine candidates for this TEC weekend and everything went well. The candidates did an awesome job absorbing the Holy Spirit all weekend.

I want to thank Fr. Jeff Windy for being our Priest for this TEC weekend. Fr. Jeff offered mass many times, heard confessions, and did many other wonderful spiritual things for this weekend.

The Girls TEC #224 is scheduled for April 15-17 and Rachael Sherman is our leader. She has started her team meetings and we have some candidates for this weekend already. Please encourage any girls you know of that would like to make a TEC weekend.

And if you can help in the kitchen or in any other way, we would really appreciate your support for the Peterstown TEC program.

God Bless,
Deacon Dan O'Connor

"Unless there is a Good Friday in your life,
there can be no Easter Sunday."
-Ven. Fulton Sheen

LEAD US LORD

Have you ever had an idea or a plan about how something will happen, and then it ends up being even better than you thought possible? TEC #223 was like that for me. We had many challenges to overcome to be able to have a boys' TEC weekend for the first time in three years. With so many teens leaving the area after graduating high school, it would be difficult to find enough to fill the team. Having enough candidates would also be a challenge. Most people decide to make a TEC weekend because someone personally invites them. With a three-year lull, there aren't many TECites left in high school to invite their friends. I know many people were praying for a successful weekend, and our prayers were answered. The team formed, thanks to many who were going to be on the team a year ago before it was canceled for lack of enough candidates. They were creative; some were away at college and could only attend team meetings by zoom. Others were filling more than one role to cover some vacancies. The wheat team also had some initial challenges, and were creative as well. When it was too difficult to find people to commit to the entire weekend, they opened it up to anyone who could just come and help for a part of the weekend. Instead of the usual 4 to 8 people on a team, there were over 20 that came and helped! A few were there for almost the whole weekend, but others just came when they could. We will probably have the same approach for TEC #224. If you've never been on a presenting team, or maybe you've never had an entire weekend you could devote to TEC, now is your chance to help the TEC program. Check out the picture later in this newsletter to see some of the wonderful help we had!

And then there was my biggest worry – not having enough candidates. We started out slow, with only 3 at first. By the time the weekend started, we had nine. They came from many towns: Dalzell, Granville, LaSalle, Mendota, Peru, and Spring Valley. Grandparents were inviting grandsons; priests were inviting parishioners. So many friends and family came out Sunday night to show support for those nine candidates. It was truly a blessing to see and experience! God is good, all the time, and all the time, God is good!

Yours in Christ,
Kim Santman

WELCOME NEW TECITES 223

Peterstown TEC welcomes 9 new TECites who came for the TEC #223 Boys Weekend that took place March 4-6, 2023. Welcome to the TEC Community Eric Errisuris, Grady Gillan, Jonathan Harmon, Jack Maus, Izaiah Nanez, Matt Pozzi, Juan Ramirez, Casey Shearer, and Jonah Sherman, along with a new adult member of the TEC community, Jacob Magee. We pray that you keep the JOY and love of the Lord alive in your heart that you received on your TEC Encounter with Christ and pass the JOY onto others as you go “forth” on your faith journey!



THANK YOU WHEATIES



The Wheaties were extra creative for TEC #223. Rather than a traditional team of 4 to 8 committing to the weekend, individuals could come and help whenever they had the time. Those involved were: Brenda Barnickel, Madison Brown, Carly Burke, Colleen and Steve Harmon, Mary Ann Hocking, Lori Janko Wilke, Mary and Steve Kunkel, Julie and Duane Krzyzek, Don McLachlan, Christine Migliorini, Joanie Morse, Anne Newhalfen, Robin Santman, Aaron Schmidt, Joan and John Schmidt, Rachael Sherman, Pat Sondgeroth, and "honorary wheatie" future TECite Geo Migliorini.

THANK YOU CLEAN UP HELPERS

Thank you to all of the TECites who came out to Peterstown to help clean-up after the last TEC on March 6! Thank you to Denise Bauer, Lilly Leifheit, Ella Martin, Don & Carol McLachlan, and Kim & Robin Santman. We all spread out and got the Peterstown Hilton in shape for the next TEC weekend!

WHEAT, WHEAT, WE LOVE WHEAT

Hey Tecites! We have been working hard to rebuild the Peterstown TEC program, which includes the WHEAT portion. We can't do it without helping and serving hands. Do you remember how you felt when WHEAT was done for you on your weekend? Let's pass on that feeling of knowing others are helping someone to encounter JESUS!!

So until we get our lists and applications built to create strong WHEAT teams we are asking you to consider something a bit different. Could you spare enough time to spend it at the TEC Center for just part of a day? Are you creative and would love to design a gym poster or a Rise Day bulletin board? Are you good at wrapping gifts? Would you like to organize wheat letters and take home packets? Would you like to help with the Stations of the Cross? Would you like to help pass out candles at the Hoot? Would you like to organize some entertainment for the Variety Show? Would you like to help serve meals or escort for the candlelight dinner? Would you like to sign up to pray in the chapel for a certain reflection speaker? There are plenty of other jobs as well. You can even spend the entire weekend if you are called to do so. Come on, let us get you on the list so we can assign jobs based on a morning, afternoon, or evening shift, or maybe just a specific time.

We can't let the WHEAT team portion of our program die out! The only dying that should happen is on Die Day of the TEC weekend as part of the Paschal Mystery!!! There is no program without YOU!

The TEC 224 girls weekend will be Apr 15-17 but we'll also be doing some WHEAT on Friday night to get things started. I'm sure you can spare a small amount of time compared to an entire weekend. WHEAT needs a REBOOST!

Anyone can participate..... previous candidates or team members!

Come put some smiles on faces and in hearts!
Remember JOY stands for Jesus - Others - Yourself!
Christ is counting on you!!
It will re-ignite your light to SHINE bright!!
You'll receive more than you give when you
'Keep Coming Back'!

Can't help in April? Fill out a Wheat Team application for the future!!
You need to let us know that you are interested!!

Please contact Wheat Chairman, Brenda Barnickel soon
at bbarnickel6@gmail.com or 815-973-6606

KITCHEN NEWS

"What God has planned for people who love him is more than eyes have seen or ears have heard. It has never even entered our minds." 1 Corinthians 2:9.

So what does God have planned for you? Come join us and find out! TEC #224 will be opening doors for all of us to share our time and talents to make the weekend special for the young women called to find spiritual inspiration. We need kitchen help. No experience needed. Please contact me to sign up.

Many thanks to all who helped with #223. With the rising costs of groceries, we are asking you all to consider donating gifts cards to Sullivan's, Walmart or Hy-Vee. Some items we need are paper products; toilet paper, paper towels, napkins, paper plates. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

Special thanks to:

The Water Store - Water
Van Kuelen Family- Eggs.

Mendota Knights of Columbus-Pork Chops
Secret Pals - Cash donations

Blessed to be Blessed!

Jill Ross

Kitchen Chair

PETERSTOWN TEC FUNDRAISER

Peterstown TEC is having a fundraiser on Sunday, May 7. Tickets are available for carry-out chicken dinners at Sip-n-Snack, located at 10 N 4250th Road in Mendota.

If you are craving some great chicken and would like some tickets, contact Dria Kuntz at 815-830-7825. Tickets are also available at the First State Bank LaMoille and Plaza (Mendota) branches.

Sip n' Snack Chicken Dinner

Peterstown TEC Fundraiser

Sunday, May 7th | 3:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Sip n' Snack, Mendota

50/50 and Bake Sale at the door

Ticket \$12

Includes: 1/4 Light or 1/4 Dark Chicken or Chicken Strip Dinner

CARRY-OUT ONLY - MUST CALL AHEAD FOR PICKUP (815-539-7525)



TEC TEAM 224

The team for TEC #224 is complete, with the first team meeting on March 15. The Lay Leader is Rachael Sherman, and her two assistants are Madison Brown and Dria Kuntz.

The Spiritual Director is Deacon Dan O'Connor, and the weekend's Spiritual Advisor is Father Paul Carlson. The Assistant Spiritual Directors are Phil Grant and Jyll Pozzi.

Other team members include Lena Barr, Izzy Brown, Sophie Brown, Carly Burke, Lisa Grisham, Sharia Grisham, St. Clare Key, Ella Martin, Bailey Mekley, Jaidin Trone, and first-time team members Randy and Toni Edgcomb.

Please keep the team in your prayers as they prepare their reflections and hold their team meetings in the next few weeks.

DATES TO REMEMBER

CLIP AND SAVE IMPORTANT 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.

April 15th - 17th –

Girls TEC #224 Weekend

April 23rd –

Follow-up, 5:30

May 7th –

Sip-n-Snack Chicken Dinner fundraiser

June 23rd - 25th –

TEC Conference Young Adult Workshop in Chicago

July 14th - 16th –

TEC Encounter in DeWitt, Michigan, home of TEC's co-founder, Fr. Matt Fedewa

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KEEP PRAYING: CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

Pray for the team of TEC#224 as they prepare for the girl's TEC weekend to be held April 15-17.

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 touch 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>.

**PRAYER
REQUESTS**

