



PETERSTOWN TEC

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“Be joyful always, pray at all times, be thankful in all circumstances. This is what God wants from you in your life in union with Christ Jesus” 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

As we get closer to Thanksgiving, we tend to think more about being thankful. Sometimes we might quickly run through the list of all those blessings that we're thankful for – family, friends, health, material things – without really thinking about it. A friend one time said to me, what if everything that you didn't thank God for today was gone tomorrow, would that change what you were truly thankful for?" Think of something that you can't remember ever doing without: maybe it's something as basic as breathing or your dog's happiness to see you. It can be the simple fact that you've always had clean clothes to wear or a hot meal on the table. Give thanks to God for this something-that-has-always-been.

Are there events in your past that have made dramatic changes in your life, blessing you now with things you didn't think possible at the time? Those blessings might not have been part of your plan, but they were part of God's plan for you. Sometimes there are blessings hidden within moments of our past that sure didn't seem like blessings at the time. I'm reminded of the song "Blessings" by Laura Story, maybe you heard it sung at a Hoot last year. The refrain goes "What if your blessings come through raindrops, What if Your healing comes through tears, What if a thousand sleepless nights are what it takes to know You're near, What if trials of this life are Your mercies in disguise". We can be thankful for those difficult things in life that ended up bringing us closer to God.

We can be thankful for things in the future as well. I often start my day thanking God for another day of being alive. That might seem a little strange since I don't know if it's going to be a good day or a bad one. But I do know that God has a plan for me and I can be thankful for the gift of another day that I have yet to open and experience.

It is fitting to take a few moments each day to be thankful, and it is fitting to set aside a day each year to count our blessings with our friends and families. However, our lives are filled with joy that glorifies God when thankfulness happens on a regular basis and not just on a holiday.

May your meals be merry and may the source of your joy be known to those around you.

Kim Santman
Assistant Spiritual Director

LEAD ME LORD

ROBIN SANTMAN

We are all looking forward to the Girls TEC #212 Weekend which is scheduled for Dec. 1st-3rd, 2018 at Peterstown. Megan Cain, the Lay leader, and God have put together a great team! There are a couple new team members (Brian and Rachel Sherman) who live in La Salle and are speaking about Christian Living. Fr. Michael Schaab will be giving the Metanoia meditation and Sr. Anne Germaine Picard will speak to the candidates and team members about Signs. Please keep them as well as other team members and especially the prospective candidates in your daily prayers.

Peterstown TEC is a Community and we need the entire Community to help us promote and bring candidates to a TEC weekend. We are in a busy time of year with Thanksgiving and Advent quickly approaching. What a perfect time of year to help grow some girl's faith in Christ by asking them to this TEC weekend!

If you don't know of a young lady aged 16-23 that you can ask, then come and help in the kitchen. Jill Ross will get you involved in meal preparation, serving, and cleanup in a fun way! Contact her at 815-866-6889 or email at rossranch92@gmail.com Bake cookies and bring them to the TEC kitchen on Friday night or Saturday of the TEC weekend. Maybe you can make a dessert or a snack for the team and candidates on the weekend? Contact Jill once again. Write a general WHEAT letter to the team and candidates for Die, Rise, or Go Forth Day. Bring them to the TEC office or email to laydirector@peterstowntec.com by 7:00 a.m. of the day you would like it read. Attend the Hoot Mass (5:30 p.m., Hoot 7:00 followed by the Candlelight) on Sunday Dec. 2nd.

We will not have a TEC weekend unless we have at least 8 candidates with applications turned into Rhonda Bezely or know of definite candidates coming by the 4th team meeting of the current TEC Team. If the application is not filled out and sent online by that team meeting, then take a picture of the completed application (both sides) and message Rhonda the pictures so she knows to look for the hard copy of a particular candidate in her snail mail (Ladd address at top of hard copy application form). We would love to have a full house (24-27) candidates for this coming weekend so let's do the extra WHEAT and sign up a candidate today!

Lead Us Lord

TEC #212 TEAM

The TEC #212 Team Members have been meeting, previewing talks, and praying the past couple of Wednesday evenings and will be meeting on Monday of the week of Thanksgiving rather than Wednesday. Their last team meeting/potluck is scheduled for the Wednesday (Nov. 28th) prior to the TEC weekend. Write them a WHEAT letter letting them know what ACT OF WHEAT you are doing for their team as they prepare for the candidates. Team TEC #212 includes:

Lay Leader- Megan Cain

Assistant Leaders- Meg Kinsella, Emily Santman

Assistant Spiritual Directors- Carol McLachlan, Jim Hoscheid, Kim Santman

Spiritual Leader- Fr. Michael Schaab

Other team members- Sister Anne Germaine Picard, Carly Burke, Cindi Loebach, Haley Lunn, Marissa Martin, Bailey Mekley, Abby Motter, Maria Orozco, Regina Scarpaci, Brian Sherman, Rachel Sherman, Libby Wittenauer

WHAT'S NEW

Peterstown TEC has a new Co-Chairperson for the Public Relations position on TEC Council. Rachel Bezely will be helping Angie Heiser by helping give the PR power point and tours on the TEC weekend.

She may also help Angie cover some of the other duties if needed. Thank you, Rachel, for stepping up to help Peterstown TEC!

Also new to Peterstown TEC is a new AV screen for the PR PowerPoint given after the Hoot Mass as well as any other visual programs given within the Peterstown TEC Program. This donation of the screen was made by Aubrie Wall, Carol McLachlan, and Don McLachlan. Thank you so much for the much-needed new AV screen for the Peterstown TEC Program!

CELEBRATE WITH THE DAUGHTERS OF DIVINE LOVE

Every TEC weekend has a Priest on the team, but those teams that have a Sister are extra blessed. Sister Victoria Oleka recently joined our TEC family and helped ignite candidate lights on some of our last girl weekends. She approached me to see if I would be willing, as a TEC representative, to join the planning committee for their upcoming fundraiser. I couldn't pass up the opportunity to help and to "reboost" through outreach.

You will find a flyer included in this newsletter with the details of this event to be held on Sunday, December 9th. An RSVP is appreciated by December 2nd to ensure there is enough food. This date happens to fall on the same afternoon as our scheduled Follow Up after our December girls weekend, but our TEC family is large, and I sure hope many will be called to support Sister Victoria in her order's missionary efforts. I ask that you help pass the word since we were unable to initially announce the event sooner due to the cancellation of our November weekend.

I know Sister Victoria and the Daughters of Divine Love would appreciate your prayers too!

Brenda Barnickel



Celebrate with the Daughters of Divine Love

Advent/Christmas Dinner

Sunday, December 9th, 2018

4-6 pm

St. Marys Center
West Brooklyn, IL



Freewill donations
will support relief
efforts in Haiti
and Africa

African Dance ★ American/African Cuisine ★ Entertainment

RSVP by Dec. 2nd, to Mary 815-539-6028, Judy 815-762-0912
or Convent 815-497-2192

KITCHEN NEWS

Dear Friends, I wish to share with you my prayer of the day.

Dear God,

There is so much to be done in this world; so many who need You. I am reminded that we are called to be your hands and feet, and so I humbly ask that You send me to be just that. I may not know exactly what I should do, but I have faith in You to show me the way. Lead me to the path and purpose You have created for me. Use me to be a beacon of light - to share your joy, hope, love, and healing with others. Here I am Lord, send me! Amen!

Cancelling TEC #211 broke my heart. TEC has been a very important part of my life for 42 years. Never before have we had to cancel a TEC. It was never even a consideration, unless it was a snow storm. Even then, we never even thought of cancelling a weekend. Now, I know that things are different now. But more than ever, I see our youth needing a faith relationship. I see youth that are lost and lonely. TEC can offer friendship and faith to those who accept the offer. Please look around you everywhere you go. Extend an invitation to someone who looks like they would benefit from experiencing Christ through a TEC weekend. Believe me, they are there. They just need to be asked. Show them your love of Christ. Be a believer. Be bold. Be strong. Have faith.

Let your lights shine,
Jill Ross
Kitchen Chairperson

HOOT ACTS OF WHEAT

Our Hoot Co-Chairpeople (Anthony Schneider and Dariyn Fergus) are needing some TECites to come forth and volunteer to do some "ACT OF WHEAT" for the upcoming TEC #212 Hoot. The Hoot Mass starts at 5:30 p.m. in Sts. Peter and Paul Church followed by the Hoot at 7:00 in the gym and the Candlelight.

If you would like to share your talent and do some extra WHEAT for TEC #212, please contact Dariyn Fergus (815)830-1380 or Anthony Schneider (815)303-8233 as soon as possible.

IMPORTANT DATES

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.

Monday, November 19th-

TEC Council Meeting 6:00 p.m.

TEC #212 Team Meeting 7:00 p.m.

TEC CANDIDATE COMPLETED APPLICATIONS DUE to RHONDA in some form (ONLINE, PICTURE BY TEXT MESSAGE, SCAN AND EMAIL, or SNAIL MAIL

Thursday, November 22nd-

THANKSGIVING

Wednesday, November 28th-

TEC #212 team meeting/potluck 6:30 p.m.

December 1-3-

GIRLS TEC #212 WEEKEND

Saturday, December 8th-

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Sunday, Dec. 9th-

Follow-Up in Lounge 5:30 p.m.

Tuesday, December 25th-

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

SPIRITUAL REBOOST

The Peterstown Spiritual Core Team was blessed with a presentation in September by Consecrated Virgin, Jeri Gerding, who works at St Margaret's in Spring Valley.

Jeri based her presentation on spiritual growth and how to strive for that through LOVE, GRACE, PEACE, MINDFULNESS, EXAMEN PRAYER, DISCERNMENT OF SPIRITS, and HUMILITY. She led us through many useful tools to use daily and to enrich our "encounters".

Love grows naturally out of time in prayer. Growth depends completely on grace, but our efforts are necessary to open the door. Peace enables us to think clearly and to make better choices, and works together with mindfulness, the practice of paying attention and being aware in the present moment. Examen prayer is a tool for daily examination of conscience and discovering what moves us toward or away from God. Discernment of Spirits deals with consolations and desolations and identifying those evil spirits, a skill that gets better with time, practice and experience. Humility is truth about ourselves in relation to God - apart from Me, you can do nothing.

We are grateful for the time Jeri spent with us in giving a "Spiritual Reboost"!



Jeri is pictured with Kim Santman, our Lay Spiritual Director

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KEEP PRAYING: CHRIST IS COUNTING ON YOU

Pray for the team of TEC#212 as they prepare for the girls TEC weekend to be held December 1-3.

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**

