



Around the Parish

APRIL NEWSLETTER

2024

MODERN MIRICLES

THE "MYSTERIOUS VOICE" WHICH LED COPS TO DISCOVER CHILD WHO SURVIVED FOR 14 HOURS IN SUBMERGED CAR



Four police officers who helped rescue a baby from an overturned car in a Utah river in March 2015 claim that they heard an unexplained voice calling from the car.

The accident occurred after a car driven by Lynn Jennifer Groesbeck, 25, ran off the road and into the Spanish Fork River. Her 18-month-old, Lily, was found in her car seat upside down just above frigid river water and had been there for a least 12 hours.

First responders on the scene, including police officer Tyler Beddoes, told CBS affiliate KUTV that "someone said, 'Help me!' from inside that car."

"It wasn't just in our heads," officer Jared Warner confirmed. "To me, it was plain as day. I remember hearing a voice that didn't sound like a child, just saying, 'Help me!' Firefighters said they heard it too.

All were emphatic the voice came from the vehicle. It looked

as though no one could have survived, but the voice "prompted us to lift the car between the three officers and firemen," Police Lt. Matt Johnson said.

Johnson confirmed the voice could not have come from 25-year-old Lynn Jennifer Groesbeck, who was dead and most likely killed on impact.

The baby was in a car seat in the backseat on the passenger side. The water was so cold that the rescue crew members could only stay in for short periods of time. After a firefighter jumped into the river to cut the infant free, the first responders formed a relay and handed her from one person to the next until she was on shore and able to get care.

Authorities don't know how the girl survived hanging upside-down for 14 hours in freezing temperatures with no food or water and skimpy clothing, let alone how to explain the voice that all the rescuers heard.

Little Lily has since made a full recovery and is back with her family. "It's a miracle," Beddoes told the station's news crew. "She was needed for sure elsewhere."

THE BOY WHO FELL DOWN A MOUNTAIN AND SURVIVED WITH ONLY ICE BURNS

Jack Fox, 14, stopped to take a photo on a rocky ledge during a school ski trip to Flattach, near Salzburg, Austria, in February

2015. A group of eight children were with an Austrian ski instructor when they took their skis off so they could take pictures of the scenery. But as Jack lined up his photo, he slid over the edge and plunged down the mountain-side.

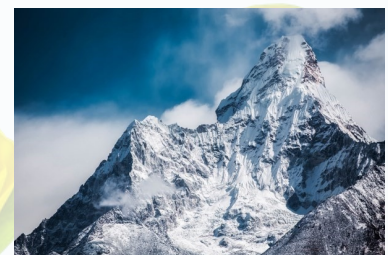
Despite falling the equivalent of two and a half Eiffel Towers, the Year 10 student survived with just ice burns to his arms.

Fox said, "I was crashing through ice and bouncing off rocks. It was terrifying. It felt like I was falling forever. I kept thinking 'How much more of this can I take?'"

"Eventually I came to a halt. I checked everywhere to make sure I hadn't broken anything and it all seemed fine."

His cries for help were heard by an extreme skier and rescuers, who quickly arrived and airlifted him off the mountain.

He was later handed the smashed ski helmet that saved his life, which had virtually disintegrated during the fall.



Excerpts by: **MICHELLE NATI**

Via: www.oddee.com

SACRED HEART SCHOOL

ANEWALT'S OUTDOOR SCHOOL



Students are taking their education into the open air with Outdoor School at Anewalt's Landscaping in Bernville. Located in a prime location

with a koi pond, trail, and surrounded by various plants and trees, Outdoor School provides students the opportunity to dig deeply into the dirt and experience a connection with the natural world.

At the first session, students began

the day with prayer and encouragement to go on 'The Serenity Walk,' a short trail of various textures, such as pine needles and smooth stones, experienced barefoot. This walk was modeled after a longer such trail the Anewalt family experienced in Switzerland. Other highlights from the day were tree and shrub identification, planting daffodils, and finding signs of animals. In future classes, students will be riding horses, climbing trees, and planting a pollinator garden at the school. The sessions started this February and will continue until May, culminating into a final project.

SACRED HEART SCHOOL SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS

SEVENTH GRADE

Third Place: Owen Velazquez - Plants Growth in Different Materials

Second Place: Asha Wolfe-Bankes - Battery Longevity

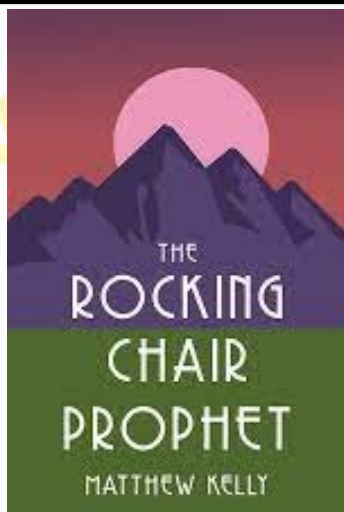
First Place: Anthony Hauser - Determining Gravity

EIGHTH GRADE

Third Place: Josiah Jarvis - Does Music Have an Impact on Basketball Skills?

Second Place Tie: Landon Hartranft- How Different Liquids Help Plants Grow and Coy Koller - Saving Our Soil.

First Place: Calista Abreu - Can Music Affect Plants?



Please join us at the
Sacred Heart Book Club!
April 18, 2024 @ 7:00 P.M.

The Book Club will meet again in May to discuss our latest book. If you are interested, you can purchase, read the book on your own, and join us in the Parish Center .

The Rocking Chair Prophet
By: Matthew Kelly



WELCOME

TO THE PARISH

Mr. Matthew Ciesielka

Mr. Jai Ortiz

Mr. & Mrs. James and Ann
Marie Preston



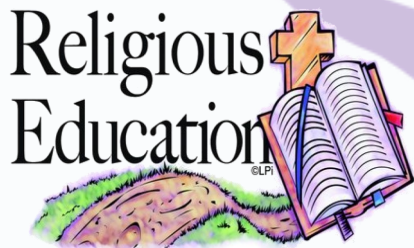
Thank you to all of our parish family for your outstanding generosity and support.

Your generosity has made the **TOILETRIES DRIVE** for St Josephs Food Pantry an enormous success!

Over **\$700** in monetary donations in addition to a car load of Paper Products. St Vincent de Paul Society.

April 2024 LECTOR SCHEDULE

April 6/7	<i>Divine Mercy</i>	April 20/21	<i>4th Sunday of Easter</i>
5:00 PM	Ann Reber	5:00 PM	Dean Reber
7:30 AM	Joe Tharp	7:30 AM	JoAnn Schmura
9:30 AM	Lori Anewalt	9:30 AM	Karen Piraino
11:15 AM	Beth Tharp	11:15 AM	Margaret Hueske
April 13/14	<i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	April 27/28	<i>5th Sunday of Easter</i>
5:00 PM	Sandie Wrable	5:00 PM	Lou Sutherland
7:30 AM	Mike Gallagher	7:30 AM	Kathy Nevel
9:30 AM	Denise Mogel	9:30 AM	Mary Ann Kase
11:15 AM	John Sylvester	11:15 AM	Karen Ann Cameron



Save the Date for VBS! Join us **June 17-21 from 9:00-Noon** as we learn how to Dive into a friendship with God with **SCUBA Vacation Bible School!** The registration form can be found in the back of the newsletter You may also call Valerie Christo, VBS Director at 610-374-5430.

Our students have been attending the Sacrament of Reconciliation and participated in the Stations of the Cross the week before Holy Week.

Our Religious Education Office is preparing our children and families for their First Holy Communion sacrament, May 4, 2024. Coming up in May we will have our FHC retreat and rehearsal.

Registration for Rel. Ed. has been sent to the families in our database. If you have any **First Graders for the year 2024-2025**, please consider registering your child with us so they can be ready in second grade to receive the training to receive their First Holy Communion!



Sacred Heart Parish is on a journey to know, love and serve Christ better and thrive! WE WANT TO HEAR FROM OUR PARISHIONERS! Complete the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey today. The survey assesses our unique strengths and opportunities. Share your perspective now to help strengthen Sacred Heart Parish and better prepare us for the future!

For the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) survey link, please visit: <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b3372b>

Mail the paper copy to: Catholic Leadership Institute
301 Lindenwood Drive, Suite 310
Malvern, PA 19355

UPCOMING EVENTS



Sacred Heart Book Club

Wachter Room

April 18th, 2024

@ 7:00 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner

Knights of Columbus

Victor Emmanuel II

May 1st, 2024

@ 4:30—7:00 p.m.

First Holy Communion

SH Religious Ed.

Sacred Heart Church

May 4th, 2024

@ 10:00 a.m.

Scuba Vacation Bible School

SH Religious Ed.

Sacred Heart Church - IHM

June 17th-21st 2024

@ 9:00-12:00 Noon





Our next scheduled event is our **Annual Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale at Victor Emmanuel II on Wednesday, May 1, 2024, from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** As in the past, this too will be a Dine-In or Take-Out event. Ticket sales will begin after Mass at both churches on the weekends of April 13/14, 20/21, and 27/28. Dinners are \$12 per meal and include Spaghetti and Meatballs, Salad, Bread & Butter. Cash bar is available for beverages. Your ticket stub will also be entered into a variety of raffles for prizes, and a 50/50 drawing is also available. We hope to see you there! Anyone willing to bake should see/contact Randy Bjorken at 610-375-6229, or just bring your baked goods to the dinner. Proceeds from this event helps to continue our Council's Mission to benefit both our parishes. Thank you.

Recitation of the Rosary is now on the weekly schedule, and we hope you can join us on Sunday mornings after the 9:30 a.m. Mass in the church and at 5:30 p.m. before Mass on Tuesday evenings. All are welcome!

Important 2024 K of C dates for your calendar:

April 4 - Officer's Meeting – IHM Room 7:00 p.m.

April 18 - Membership Meeting – IHM Room 7:00-8:30 p.m.;
Rosary at 6:30 p.m. before the meeting.

SPAGHETTI DINNER TICKET SALES:

Weekends of April 13/14, 20/21, 27/28

Spaghetti Dinner: Wednesday, May 1, 2024 - 4:30 to 7:00 p.m. –
Victor Emmanuel II, Hazel Street on Rt 10.

More Events:

Thursday, May 23, 2024 - LifeLine of Berks County Banquet,
Doubletree in Reading

SAVE THE DATE - *Annual Swing and a Prayer Golf Outing* –
Friday, August 16, 2024

The Knights of Columbus Monsignor Bornemann Council membership is open to all practicing Catholic male adults, aged eighteen and over, who wish to serve their parish and community. Meetings are the third Thursday of the month. To join, contact John Sylvester at 610-451-6980, or go to bornknights.org and fill out the Contact Form located on our website OR sign up directly using the online



OUR CONDOLENCES TO:

The Robertson Family and Friends on the passing of:

Dr. John Robertson

3-1-2024



The Kozak Family and Friends on the passing of:

John Kozak

3-4-2024



The Orwig Family and Friends on the passing of:

Richard Orwig

3-24-2024



Dear Parents:

Scuba VBS is helping kids experience God’s friendship at Sacred Heart Church this Summer!

JUNE 17th—21st , 2024 from 9:00 a.m. –12:00 Noon

Welcome to Scuba VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL – the summer event that helps kids dive into a friendship with God!



Take kids deep into an amazing undersea adventure where they’ll experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. At Scuba VBS, kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

Scuba divers all follow one unwavering rule: Dive with a buddy. That means never jumping into the water alone. It means discovering the deep blue alongside a friend. Together, we’re going to explore unfathomable faith! Scuba VBS is going to be full of Bible adventures, games, music, snacks, hugs, high-fives, and sciency-fun “wows.” But we’re doing more than simply entertaining kids. We have a powerful purpose at the heart of every single activity: Helping kids dive deeper into a friendship with God. That’s why we’re here—dive buddies on a life-changing mission. We are the hands and heart of God, showing kids what a warm friendship with God looks like.

Parents, grandparents, and friends are invited to join us for our *Fin-tastic Finale* on the last day. This is where your children will sing and dance expressing their love and friendship with God! For many kids this will be the best week of the summer, especially if they bring their best friend along. All are welcome, Catholic, and non-Catholic.

Please make check payable to: Sacred Heart Church in the amount of **\$30.00**

Detach and mail to: Sacred Heart Parish – Religious Education, P.O. Box 6217, Reading, PA 19610 or Drop it off at the Rectory.

Blessings,
Valerie Christo, VBS Director
Phone: 610-374-5430
Email: sacredheartreled17@gmail.com



Please return by:

June 3, 2024 2024 VBS Registration Form \$30.00 per child

Parent(s) Name: _____ Email: _____

Home address: _____ Cell#: _____

Childs Name: _____ Grade Completed _____ Age (5-10) _____ Allergies? _____ Boy ___ Girl ___

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Attention! If they have allergies, please write on the back, and let us know. As well as medication needed.

Office use only: Date rec’d _____ Amount Paid _____ Check #: