

Parish Council Election: This weekend, May 25th and 26th is the last weekend parishioners, 18 years of age and older, will have the opportunity to nominate one person to serve on the Parish Pastoral Council. As a courtesy, please ask the person you would like to nominate prior to placing their name on the ballot. Positions on the Pastoral Council involve a 3-year term; thus every year, two members rotate off and two new members rotate on. Their role as Pastoral Council Members will begin July 1, 2019.



Youth Ministry

Our Middle School and High School Youth program concluded this past Wednesday night. We had a great time playing Trivia. Our Winning team came from last place to win. This includes Guadalupe Bautista, Michelle Salas, Alondra Hernandez, Lucy Wilkins, and Esther Pepple. The final question was not an easy one but they pulled it off! They had to name 3 of the 4 following positions in our national government: the President, Vice President, Secretary of State and Secretary of the Treasury.



We wish to thank our teachers who gave of themselves each week for our young people and so we thank:
9-12th Grades: Tom Folz, Jenny Rush, Heidi Wheeler and Fr. Michael Charles
6th and 7th Grade: Libbie Rutland, Dan Gardner, Carolyn Spurr and Fr. Richard
Confirmation Preparation: Libby Downs and Chuck Spurr
Kitchen Crew: Elizabeth Allen and Christine and Bob Stites as well as Kathryn Wilkins who made cookies for us every Wednesday night. We also thank an anonymous donor who purchased food each week for our cooks to prepare meals for these young people. What a testament of love. Have a great summer!



Our next night of fun for our Youth will be **Wednesday, June 12th**. We will begin with Mass at 5:30 p.m. and continue with food and Fun. All middle and high school youth are welcome!

NCYC: The National Catholic Youth Conference will take place November 21-23, 2019 in Indianapolis at the Lucas Oil Stadium. The theme is "*Blessed, Broken, Given*". NCYC is for any youth, freshmen in high school to age 17 by November 2019. **We will be holding an information meeting for youth and parents on Sunday, June 2nd at 6:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Room.** We will be talking about paperwork, logistics, costs, fundraising, etc. Please plan on attending.

Folding of the American Flag and its meaning: There are several examples given for the meaning of the folding of the American flag. One example is as follows.



The 1st fold of our flag is a symbol of life.

The 2nd fold is a symbol of our belief in eternal life.

The 3rd fold is made in honor and remembrance of the veteran departing our ranks, and who gave a portion of his or her life for the defense of our country to attain peace throughout the world.

The 4th fold represents our weaker nature; as American citizens trusting in God, it is to Him we turn in times of peace, as well as in times of war, for His divine guidance.

The 5th fold is a tribute to our country, for in the words of Stephen Decatur, "Our country, in dealing with other countries, may she always be right, but it is still our country, right or wrong."

The 6th fold is for where our hearts lie. It is with our heart that we pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The 7th fold is a tribute to our armed forces, for it is through the armed forces that we protect our country and our flag against all enemies, whether they be found within or without the boundaries of our republic.

The 8th fold is a tribute to the one who entered into the valley of the shadow of death, that we might see the light of day, and to honor our mother, for whom it flies on Mother's Day.

The 9th fold is a tribute to womanhood, for it has been through their faith, love, loyalty and devotion that the character of the men and women who have made this country great have been molded.

The 10th fold is a tribute to father, for he, too, has given his sons and daughters for the defense of our country since he or she was first born.

The 11th fold, in the eyes of Hebrew citizens, represents the lower portion of the seal of King David and King Solomon and glorifies, in their eyes, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

The 12th fold, in the eyes of a Christian citizen, represents an emblem of eternity and glorifies, in their eyes, God the Father, the Son and Holy Ghost.

Summary: There is some evidence that the religious script in this example originated from the United States Air Force, according to the air force protocol chief, there are no acts in Congress or any federal laws that assigned meaning to the individual folds made when the American flag is folded during ceremonial occasions. There is a tradition that scripts can be requested when flags are folded at retirement ceremonies.