

Publications

- “Imitating Jesus: A Service Journal for a Catholic Student.” NCEA Elementary Schools Department. ISBN: 1-55833-412-2. 44 pages. This journal makes the Catholic student aware of the needs of others, and service to others a part of everyday life.
- “To Serve as Jesus Did:” A Catholic Student’s Service Journal, Teacher’s Guide.” NCEA. ISBN: 1-55833-215-4. 11 pages. A step-by-step approach for involving children in service. Guide for previously listed student journal.
- Erin Brigham, *See, Judge, Act: Catholic Social Teaching and Service-Learning* (Anselm Academic, 2013).

Web-Based Resources

- Interfaith Leadership curriculum, for college-age youth to adults. Short video clips, learning objectives, suggested readings, and activities. This online curriculum introduces learners to the emerging field of interfaith leadership, a new way of understanding the importance of ecumenism and interreligious dialogue. Developed in collaboration with Dominican University, the curriculum culminates in a learner-chosen service project. <https://www.ifyc.org/interfaithleadership>

Speakers

Think Tank members (*contact for more details about the resources and ideas listed*)

- Mark Topp, coordinator
- Rev. Christopher M. Stanish
- Deacon Tom Gryzbek, Senior VP/COO Post-Acute/Compliance, Franciscan Alliance. Contact: tom.gryzbek@franciscanalliance.org; 219-662-3742.
- Stacia Bolakowski, Campus Minister, Bishop Noll Institute. Director of Religious Education, Sacred Heart, Wanatah. Retreat director with 25+ years experience throughout the Diocese for teens and adults; guest speaker on a variety of topics; has lived in the worlds of parish religious education/administration and Catholic school education/administration for 23+ years. sbolakowski@bishopnoll.org. (219) 363-8216.
- Adela Bonta,
- Joan Crist, Associate Professor of Theology, Calumet College of St. Joseph, jcrist@ccsj.edu .
- Joyce Malecki, Director of Religious Education at St. Martin of Tours in LaCrosse, IN Contact: jmalecki@scentral.k12.in.us 219-754-2522.

- Doris Stanish

Faculty Members at Calumet College of St. Joseph (Full bios available at <https://www.ccsj.edu/Theology/#undefined3>):

- Joan Crist, Ph.D.
 - doctrine of the Trinity; classical philosophy & theology; Ecumenical and Interreligious Dialogue; Catholic Social Teaching and Service-Learning; Latin. jcrist@ccsj.edu
- Kevin Considine, Ph.D.
 - Service-based learning; social justice; racial justice; intercultural theology and communication. kconsidine@ccsj.edu

Service Opportunities

Youth, post-Confirmation: Involve young people in Religious Education programs in the parish, first as Catechetical aides in the classroom and eventually as Catechists.

Description:

--Taking on a different role, many will love to “help” in teaching younger students but they are also learning when hearing the lessons in the classroom (as an aide) and when preparing lesson plans or participating in on-going formation for catechists.

--Doing this is kind of a “back-door” in, to reaching them. They might not want to participate in a high school or adult course as a student but are willing to help out in teaching and don’t realize that they are learning too.

--Catechetical aides are in the classroom with the catechist and help the catechist. As they become more experienced, they can participate in preparing and teaching a lesson, subbing when the catechist cannot be there and eventually taking on a classroom of their own (over the course of several years’ time).

- Food Bank of Northwest Indiana: Provides food assistance to those in need in the Region. 2248 35th Ave., Gary, (219) 980-1777.
- Catholic Charities: a number of programs offer assistance to those in need. 6919 Indianapolis Blvd. Hammond. (219) 844-4883.
- Sojourner Truth House: assists homeless women and children, always in need of donations of toiletries and other items. Sister Peg Spindler, CSA, 885-2282.
- Savior of the World, Inc.: 7723 West State Road 2, LaPorte, IN, 46350. Provides resources to an orphanage in Sierra Leone, Africa. Roseanne Kouris, director, (219) 765-1396. sotw@savioroftheworld.org

- Alive in You: Catholic Conference and Service Camp. A national program of service. website: aliveinyou.com. email: aliveinyou@mac.com or (479) 249-7278.
- Catholic Mission Trips, Inc. Catholic youth and young adults across the United States changing the world one mission trip at a time. website: catholicmissiontrips.net
- FAITH Farms: A working urban farm in the Emerson Neighborhood of Gary, an interfaith initiative including Sts. Monica and Luke parish; often able to welcome visitors, customers, and volunteers especially on Mondays. CYX youth have helped the organization with neighborhood clean-ups.
- Children to Adults: the Native Garden. Work in the native plant gardens at Calumet College of St. Joseph. Learn about native plants and stewardship of God's Creation. Depending on the time of year, take home young plants or seeds for your own garden. Contact Joan Crist at CCSJ.
- St. Joseph Soup Kitchen, Hammond. Serves about 200 meals each weekday. Volunteers can help out from the morning until 1:00 pm and after. 931-7682.
- Humane Indiana, Helps and cares for local animal population and offers adoptions, 421 45th St. Munster, IN 46321, (219) 922-3811
- Youth to Adult: the "Toxic Tour." Up to 12 participants can travel to sites in the Region which suffer from toxic pollution and environmental injustice, with narration by Region environmental activist Thomas Frank. Contact Kevin Considine or Joan Crist at Calumet College of St Joseph. Related to Catholic Social Teaching on Stewardship of Creation.
- Prison Ministry.
- See also the homes, hospitals, and ministries entries in the Diocese of Gary Directory.