



Rockford's Poor Clares are inviting high school and college women to spend Aug. 20-21 with them.

### Hey girls, take a peek through the grid Spend a weekend with the Poor Clares

The Poor Clare Colettine nuns of Rockford are holding a "Come and See!" discernment retreat for a small group of young women of high school and college age.

The retreat will take place from 9 a.m. on Aug. 20 until Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 4:45 p.m., Aug. 21, at Corpus Christi Monastery, 2111 S. Main St., Rockford.

Retreatants will experience the monastery schedule from the extern quarters. Sleeping arrangements will be on cots and pull-out sofas, two or three to a room.

Times of reflection and discussion with the sisters in the parlor, times for private prayer and prayer with the sisters, and periods of work and recreation will round out the retreat.

The retreat is free and participants can gain a plenary indulgence for the Year of Consecrated Life for attending.

All meals, bedding, towels, copies of the Divine Office and chapel veils will be provided. Retreatants should bring personal toiletries, work clothes and modest clothing for church and the parlor.

Space is limited. Sign up by Aug. 15 by calling 815/963-7369. Leave your name, age and phone number and the Poor Clares will confirm your visit.

**YO CALENDAR**  
**Oct. 25, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.**

**What:** 2015 Catholic Youth Summit. Bishop David Malloy, Father Keith Romke and Paul Vogrinc with the Arise Band will be back. Keynote speaker will be Mary Bielski.

**Cost:** \$25 youth; \$15 chaperones

**Info:** Your parish or [www.rockforddiocese.org/youthsummit](http://www.rockforddiocese.org/youthsummit)

## Boylan trio earns perfect ACT scores

Three Boylan Central Catholic High School juniors have each earned a perfect composite score of 36 on the ACT exam this spring. They are Jared Krandel, son of Bruce and Debra Krandel; Austin Peterson, son of Brian and Jean Peterson; and Kyle Singletary, son of Rod and Diana Singletary.

On average, less than one-tenth of 1 percent of students taking the ACT receive a top score.



Krandel Peterson Singletary

This achievement represents a milestone not only for the students, but also for their school. While Boylan students have attained a 36 in the past, this marks the first time there have been multiple perfect ACT scores in one school year.

All three students compete on the Boylan Math Team.

Krandel is also a member of Natural Helpers, National Honor Society. He took fifth place in dynamic planet at the Rock Valley College Science Olympiad.

Peterson is a member of the soccer team and National Honor Society. He placed fifth in cell biology at the Rock Valley College Science Olympiad.

Singletary took All-Conference honors in tennis. He is also a member of the Scholastic Bowl team and Natural Helpers.

All three graduated from Rockford Catholic elementary schools — St. Rita and Holy Family.



(Photo provided)

### March on

More than 30 students, staff members and their families represented Aurora's Rosary High School, Marmion Academy and Marmion Abbey Farms in Geneva's Swedish Days Parade June 28. An estimated 45,000 people attended the parade this year.

## Sycamore St. Mary grads earn Eagle honors



(Photo provided)

Sycamore Eagle Scouts are (from left) Bradley Ruetten, Joseph Nanfria, Alex Conrad and Dominic Zibrun.

Four members of St. Mary Parish in Sycamore who are Boy Scouts from Troop 16 recently received rank of Eagle Scout, the organization's highest award.

Alex Conrad, Joe Nanfria, Bradley Ruetten, and Dominic Zibrun, who were honored, all attended St. Mary School through eighth grade, went through the scouting program as a group, and earned the Eagle rank together.

An awards ceremony arranged by the boys and their parents was held at the Federated Church in Sycamore where Troop 16 is chartered.

Each scout organized and planned his own service project. Three projects benefited St. Mary School in Sycamore — building a 16' x 30' deck for the

playground, building a retaining wall to prevent the power box at the top of the hill from sliding down into the new school addition, and building eight storage shelves for the kindergarten and first-grade classes. The fourth project involved building and donating a smoker and trailer for Feed 'Em Soup, a soup kitchen in DeKalb.

These requirements must be completed before a scout reaches his 18th birthday. Only about 5 percent of Boy Scouts achieve the Eagle rank.

The Eagle Court of Honor ceremony was led by Troop 16 Scoutmaster Tim Ruetten and Eagle Scout Jason Ruetten. It included the presentation of the Eagle Scouts and guest speakers David Juday and Illinois Rep. Robert Pritchard of (R-Sycamore).

Each of the new Eagle Scouts received a medal and badge, while their mothers received a pin; their fathers, a tie tack; and their mentors, a pin.

Jim Lyon also presented the scouts with the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War Certificate.

All of them began their trail to Eagle when they became Cub Scouts during elementary school. Their trail to Eagle continued together in their 10-year scouting careers.

Each Eagle Scout plans to remain active in scouting with Troop 16 and plans to take part in the Boundary Waters High Adventure Trip this summer and attend Philmont Scout Ranch in 2016.

# Brewing up some faith



## Geneva parish starts ministry for young adult Catholics



(Photos provided)

Earlier this summer, St. Peter Church in Geneva launched a new ministry geared toward reaching out to young adults in the area.

Called The Catholic Brew, its name comes from the definition of brew as "a mixture of events, people, or things that interact to form a more strong whole."

With that, The Catholic Brew was born!

Throughout the summer, it is hosting social events for young adults and topical nights at the parish.

Park.

Upcoming events are:

■ July 24, 7 p.m., St. Peter Parish McLoughlin Hall: "Was Jesus Ever Stressed Out?" a topical presentation with Father David Peck, pastor of St. John Neumann Parish in St. Charles. He will focus on how to cope with stress and anxiety.

■ Aug. 1, 5:30 p.m., Kane County Cougars baseball game on Country Night. Pre-registration is required. Group tickets are limited.

■ Aug. 14, 7 p.m., St. Peter Parish McLoughlin Hall. Deacon Bill Johnson of St. Patrick Parish in St. Charles will teach prayer as an action step toward having a personal relationship with Christ and others.

Info: Laurie Brown, 630/232-0124, ext. 113 or [yam@stpetergeneva.org](mailto:yam@stpetergeneva.org); St. Peter Young Adult Ministry - Geneva, IL on Facebook



Sean Norris from the John Paul II Renewal Center spoke at an early The Catholic Brew event at St. Peter Parish in Geneva. Other photos are of Brew participants.

## YO FATHER

**Q** The reading for a weekday Mass a few weeks ago was about Christ's crucifixion. At the end, it said something about the people who were crucified with Him "reviled Him." But I thought one of them was the "good thief" who went to heaven that day. Why are these stories and some other stories in the Bible different?

**A** I agree, sometimes at first glance certain things in the Bible can be a bit confusing, but with some research and a little background information things can quickly line up and make perfect sense!

As for the passage that you mentioned in your question, after referencing those who were crucified with Christ, it actually then says that it was those passing by that reviled Him, not the criminals. I've included the passage below from Matthew 27: 39-40:

"Two revolutionaries were crucified with him, one on his right and the other on his left. Those passing by reviled him, shaking their heads and saying, 'You who

would destroy the temple and rebuild it in three days, save yourself, if you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.'"

The reason why this can be confusing is because elsewhere in a different Gospel account it says that one of the criminals insulted Jesus, whereas the criminal on His right asked for forgiveness to which Jesus said "This day you will be with me in paradise."

Why is it then that different Gospel accounts record and report things a little differently then, even though the details aren't contradictory? Well, think about it this way, if you had four different people watching a football game, and then asked each of them to report what happened, they would probably give similar accounts but my guess would be that they wouldn't say the same thing.

What if the quarterback was the favorite player for two of them, whereas a wide-receiver or running back was the favorite player of the other two. They would probably highlight things differently based on this information.

Also, what if one of them was writing to a group of sports experts, whereas the other three were writing to a group of people who didn't even know what football was? That too would affect the style, the tone, and the details that would be given.

In the end you would have four reports all

correctly accounting what truly happened and yet although they are all 100 percent truthful, they may be very different in their accounts.

This is precisely what we see happening in the four Gospels. Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John each had their own backgrounds that would influence what they thought was most important, and they also were writing to different groups of people.

For example, Matthew was writing to the Jewish people, whereas Mark was writing to the Gentiles (non-Jews). As a result of this, Mark has to include more details explaining different Jewish rituals that you wouldn't find in Matthew precisely because the Jewish people wouldn't need the explanations whereas the Gentiles would need the background information.

Luke on the other hand, was himself a Gentile, unlike the other evangelists, which would give him a different perspective from which to write.

Hopefully that clears up why we might find different details recorded in the four Gospels, and at the same time I hope that it helps you to appreciate how special and unique each book of Scripture is!

This month's YO Father question is answered by Father Keith Romke. Send your questions to [youngobserver@rockforddiocese.org](mailto:youngobserver@rockforddiocese.org).

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