

A Prayer for College Students...

Dear Lord,

They move in to the dorm this weekend and will bring their bags filled with clothes and their boxes filled with books. But you see what they bring in their hearts – anticipation, adventure, love, regret, anxiety, motivation, and hope. They are a mix of excited, ready, terrified, and wide-eyed freedom.

As he looks for a fresh start, remind him of your faithfulness every morning no matter where he calls home. As she looks for community, remind her you are always with her no matter where she may go.

As he looks for adventure, remind him how you walk on water, turn water to wine, feed thousands from just a few pieces of bread. Remind him how you bring life straight up out of death, beauty straight out of ashes.

May she have the patience to believe even when she doesn't see results. May he know the greatest adventures are found in your presence, the greatest love comes from your heart, the greatest hope is that you've made his heart your home. When insecurity, comparison, disappointment and failure knock on her dorm room door, may she turn to you with her questions rather than run the other way.

Weave your wisdom into the fibers of his soul, bearing the fruit of confidence, clarity, contentment and a light heart. May he not despise his humanity, rather may he embrace it. May she not despise her body, rather may she learn to receive and respect her shape as a gift.

May he not despise his weakness, rather may he see how weakness brings a daily reminder to trust. May they not fear failure, rather may they thrive in the midst of it.

May they not be quick to judge, rather may they be patient and curious.

The Second Annual Blessed Sacrament Garage Sale Report

The 2nd annual Blessed Sacrament garage sale was held on August 10th, 11th and 12th.

The parking lots and street were filled with cars the first day and people were lined up in front of the doors. All the volunteers were at the ready. Concessions were available and chances for the quilt were ready to be sold.

On your mark, get set, go.....!

When the dust settled we had earned \$9,031.36 for the parish. That is about \$600 more than last yr.

Lily Vogt was the lucky winner of the gorgeous quilt.

So many thanks are necessary. First, thank you to Fr Tom, and the parish staff, and school staff, for their patience and cooperation.

Thank you to the truckers who tirelessly picked up and delivered household goods to the sale. And thanks to Mr. Dick Donnelly, Brian Blonigan and the good people at Warren Transport for donating the use of a semi trailer for two months! We could not have handled the volume we did without them!

So many thanks to the many volunteers who staffed the sale and preparing for it.

Thank you to Mary Nichols for handling so much of the organizing duties this year.

Thank you to the donors of a Parish Center full of items whose usefulness could be renewed simply by having a new owner!

The garage sale crew has a ball doing this and we invite you to join us next year!

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