

# Diocesan Summer Camp 2008

## Report for Diocesan Convention

Respectfully Submitted by Kim and Tim Gray, Camp Directors, Cathedral of St. James

**Summer Camp continues to be successful in large part because of the people who volunteer throughout the diocese and beyond. Thank you for the many ways you support your campers financially and prayerfully!**

### **Adam and Eve's Excellent Adventure!**

"I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Light." John 14:6

This year's theme was designed to teach campers about the excellent adventure of salvation, using Jesus as the guide to the original pair of goofs who made the biggest blunder in biblical history! Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life of any adventure, especially the adventure of our lives!

**Be Excellent to One Another, and Party On, Dudes!**

This year we centered camp around a sense of *Community*...Adam and Eve's heinous mistake took them out of community with God, and this adventure brings them back into community with God. (*EXCELLENT!*) Daily Themes for the week were:

**Community Blessing and Promise**

**Loyalty, Acceptance, and Belonging in a Community**

**Jesus Calls the Imperfect to Join His Community**

**Reluctance of Carrying God's Message to the Community and Beyond**

**Repentance and Baptism...Welcome into the Community!**

#### **NUMBERS:**

<u>Staff</u>	<u>Campers</u>	<u>Little Kid Campers</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<b>56</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>154</b>

(**2006:** 51 Staff, 118 Campers, 169 Total; **2007:** 53 Staff, 115 Campers, 168 Total)

#### Staff Kids w/ Free Registration

16

#### Scholarships

2 Campers received Diocesan Assistance

32 Campers received some sort of Parish Assistance

#### **Special thanks to the following:**

- Snacks: St. Paul's- Mishawaka: Pop and Popcorn Night  
St. Anne's- Warsaw: Ice Cream Sundae Night  
St. John's- Elkhart: Snacks (two nights) and treats
- Publications: Dawn Tyler
- T-Shirts: Mike Skiver- Glassique Art
- Music Leader: Brittany Kusserow
- Photographer: CJ Eggbeer
- Camp Clergy: Pastor Susan Haynes, Bishop Frank Gray, Fr. Larry Biller,  
Dean Brian Grantz, Fr. Dan Layden
- Camp Alexander Mack (Church of the Brethren): For being great hosts and offering amazing, Christ-centered facilities and staff!

## Recommendations for Action 2008

We are very thankful that Tamisyn Grantz, of the Cathedral of St. James, South Bend, has agreed to take on the role of Camp Director for the summer of 2009.

### Successful 2008 Recruiting activities that we recommend for 2009:

- Parish visits
- Parish publications and Camp Liaison speaking at each church
- Downloadable forms and brochures on the diocesan website
- DVD presentation

## Camp Numbers By Parish

	<u>Staff</u>	<u>Campers</u>
All Saints - Syracuse	1	0
Cathedral, St. James – South Bend	13	16
Christ the King - Huntington	1	7
Gethsemane - Marion	0	2
Grace Church - Fort Wayne	1	0
St. Alban's – Fort Wayne	3	13
St. Andrew - Kokomo	6	7
St. Andrew's - Valparaiso	2	3
St. Anne's - Warsaw	9	14
St. Augustine's - Gary	1	0
St. Barnabas-in-the-Dunes - Gary	0	1
St. Christopher's - Crown Point	0	4
St. David's - Elkhart	0	1
St. John the Evangelist – Elkhart	5	3
St. Michael and All Angels – So. Bend	1	3
St. Paul's - Munster	4	5
St. Paul's - LaPorte	0	2
St. Paul's - Mishawaka	2	0
St. Peter's - Rensselaer	1	0
St. Timothy's - Griffith	1	0
Trinity - Logansport	2	1
Trinity - Michigan City	2	6
Other:	1	10
<b>Diocesan Parishes Participating:</b>	<b>22</b>	<i>(2007: 20 Parishes)</i>

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**June 14<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup>**