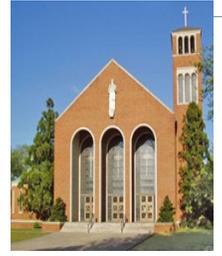




St. Francis de Sales Parish 2015 ASP TEAM



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Upcoming Meetings and Events

Mass/Meeting

1/17/15 @ 5:30pm

St. Francis de Sales

Fundraiser

Fish Fry Dinner

2/27/15

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Mass/Meeting

2/21/15 @ 5:30pm

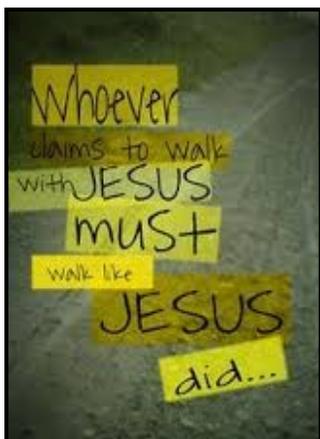
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Service Project

Wheel Chair Ramp Build

3/7/15

Time and Location TBD



2015 Theme—1 John 2:6

My “God Moment” by Alicen Siegmund

A story about my experience last year on ASP:

Throughout the beginning of the week, people were telling us to look for our “God moment” while in Appalachia. Now I didn’t really know what that meant but was told not to worry because you would understand when it happened. Just keep your eyes open. I went about my business not paying much attention to my “God moment”. I was too busy with the construction job we had to do.

The house my team was working on belonged to Ms. Denise who lived there with her son and her uncle. Her uncle was very sick and wheelchair bound to one room in the house. Ms. Denise’s full time job was caring for her uncle. This was her main focus. I could relate to this!

In January of that same year my dad passed away after being ill and in the hospital for two years. My



mom, sisters and I spent every free moment we could caring for him. My dad’s care was our family’s main focus and priority. I understood how hard it was for Ms. Denise.

After my dad passed away, I had a real hard time coping. I couldn’t understand why God would allow this to happen. I kept looking for some way that it could possibly make sense. Then I went on ASP and met Ms. Denise. I’ve always wanted to under-

stand and help people on a higher level than I was. With the experience I had with my father’s illness, I now could really understand what Ms. Denise was going through and help her more than if I didn’t share the same type of experience.

ASP helped me to realize that even if you feel like there can’t possibly be a reason for what you are going through, God has a handle on things. He has a bigger plan than what you can immediately see. In my case, it was now being able to use my experiences to better understand and help others through difficult times. My “God moment” became crystal clear.

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St. Francis ASP Teams Up with Holy Family

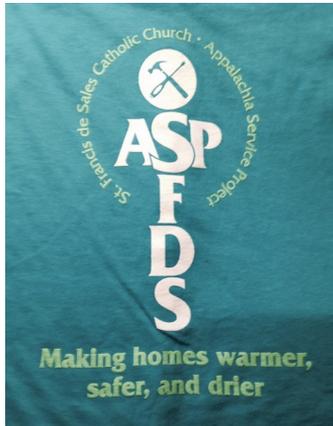
On June 20th our team will make it’s first stop at Holy Family Catholic Church in Pearisburg, VA where we will stay overnight. We will have dinner with Holy Family parishioners followed by our team meetings. The entire team will attend mass on Sunday morning before departing for our mission location in WV. We thank Holy Family for their hospitality.



Look For Us Around the Parish

If you see these shirts, ask us about ASP. We are happy to tell you all the things we are doing.

We are scheduled to attend Mass as a group on the third weekend of every month.



St. Francis de Sales Community Yard Sale

The St. Francis de Sales Community Yard sale held in November was an overwhelming success. The funds raised will be utilized by both the scouts and ASP to support their missions. The ASP team would like to thank our parishioners for their support of this event.



2015 ST. FRANCIS DE SALES ASP TEAM MEMBERS

BRENT BLACK, HANNAH BLACK, JOEY CINDERELLA, STAR DEREPENTIGNY, PETE DEREPENTIGNY, DAN DIFRANCISCO, CASEY FLANAGAN, JOE FLANAGAN, MACIE GREENE, CLAUDIA GUERRA, PETER GUTOSKEY, JILL JEFFERY, LAUREN JEFFERY, THOMAS JEFFERY, JILL JENNINGS, HUNTER MASSEY, TYLER MASSEY, WILL MASSEY, CHRIS MESSICK, MICHELE MESSICK, SARAH MESSICK, ANNE MORRIS, AUDREY NASH, HALEY NASH, ERIC PIPPEN, RYANE PORTER, ABBY REILLY, JOHN REILLY, NICK SELSER, ALICEN SIEGMUND, HAILEY SOUTHERN, AARON STIEGLER, STEFAN SWIERKOSZ, BRAD TEMPLE, SHAWN TEMPLE, MARGARITA TREUTH, PEYTON UNDERWOOD, MICHAEL VOGEL, LIZ WILLIAMS

MAKING HOMES WARMER, SAFER, AND DRIER....

Every year, more than 15,000 youth from around the country come to rural Central Appalachia to help Appalachia Service Project (ASP) repair homes for low-income families. They bring boundless energy and spread tons of hope. This summer, for the first time, a group of 37 youth and adults from St. Francis Parish, will be joining them!

Our group began to prepare in September 2014 and will meet at least once a month, participate in parish functions and build two wheelchair ramps locally for those in need. In June of 2015 the team will depart on a week long mission



trip to central Appalachia.

ASP's goal is to make homes warmer, safer, and drier for families in need. We'll install insulation. Repair porches. Reinforce foundations. But ASP is more than

just a building program—forging friendships is as important as swinging hammers. We'll get to know the families we're serving, and will come home closer as a church family.

Yes, Salisbury and Appalachia's poorest families urgently need our help, but they will change our lives too. Because when we put our faith into action, God acts in our hearts. And when we change the lives of others, they have a way of changing us.

How can you help? Pray for us. Please lift up our ASP team, the families we serve, and this ministry as a whole.



If you would like to donate to this mission, please make checks payable to St Francis ASP. All donations are tax deductible.

Thank You! Your 2015 St. Francis de Sales ASP Team