



**CROSSROADS** participants who are walking for life from San Francisco to Washington, D.C., are, back row, left to right, John Kurzweil (CA), Caleb Longgear (OH), Yale Gerber (MO), Laura Shurtliff (NV), Kathlene Gorman (AL), Ellie Kling (SD), Bridget Shurtliff (NV), and Alyssa Lasseter (AL), and, front row, left to right, Sophia Macik (OH), Cassie Ouellette (ME), Jason Hancock (CA), Christina Coffman (AZ), Brother Pio (MN), Gemma Trask (SD), Chad Aubert (LA). The young people came through Fallon in early June. Other *Pro-Life Walks Across America* are being conducted simultaneously from Seattle and Los Angeles to the nation's capital where all will meet for a concluding rally Aug. 10. Photo by Monica Shurtliff

## CROSSROADS: Walking To Save Lives & Change Hearts

Fifteen young adults, between the ages of 18 and 30 and from various parts of the United States, came this spring to the City of Fallon—just one of their stops on their cross-country trek for *Crossroads: Pro-Life Walks Across America*.

Among them are 21 year old **Bridget Shurtliff and her older sister, Laura, 23**, who are also members of St. Patrick Catholic Church. Their parents, **Jim and Monica Shurtliff**, generously opened their home to the group while it walked through Fallon May 27-28 and then returned to the area to make presentations after all the Masses at St. Patrick's during the June 1-2 weekend.

"Laura and I have wanted to do this since Crossroads first passed through Fallon quite a while ago," said Bridget who is participating in her first walk while Laura marks her third effort with *Crossroads* this year.

The **Shurtliff's son Alex** walked

with the group when it was here in late May.

According to the organization's brochure, the mission of *Crossroads*, established in 1995, is "to follow the late Blessed Pope John Paul II's call to the youth of the world to imitate the original apostles and help build a *Culture of Life*." Year after year young people devote their summer witnessing to the dignity and sanctity of every human life—from the beginning of life in the womb until natural death.

Participants pray the Rosary many times during the day, attend daily Mass when they can, and recite the Divine Office as they walk over 10,000 miles and pass through 40 states and thousands of towns and cities in the course of three months. Safety vehicles and RVs accompany the volunteers to provide aid and rest as needed.

In their presentations at churches along their route the young people ask

congregations for three things:

- prayers as they face physical and spiritual challenges of the journey;
- donations since they rely on the kindness and generosity of others to continue walking and for daily needs;
- willingness to answer Blessed John Paul II's call to build the *Culture of Life* by praying and by witnessing to others (for example, praying outside an abortion clinic, becoming involved in the parish Pro Life ministry, saying one Hail Mary every day for an end to abortion, etc.)

Although donations were collected at the end of the June 1-2 Masses, contributions can still be made at the *Crossroads* website online at [www.crossroadswalk.org](http://www.crossroadswalk.org) or calling 1-800-353-8817 or mailing to Crossroads, P.O. Box 2219, Columbia, MD 21045. All are tax deductible to the fullest extent allowed by law. If 18-30 of age and interested in walking with *Crossroads* in the future, apply online.

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## St. Pat's Website Source Of Parish Information

After many years of not being maintained, the website for St. Patrick Catholic Church has come back to life at [www.stpatricksparish.org](http://www.stpatricksparish.org).

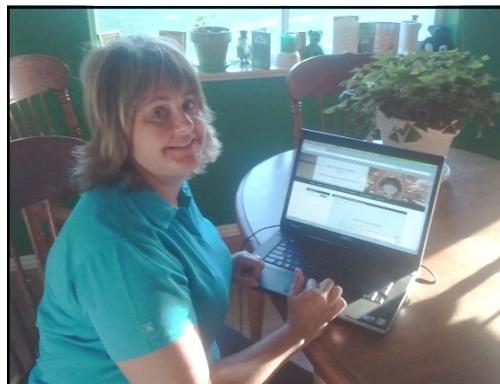
It all began about one year ago when parishioner Brenda Boone offered to help restore St. Pat's website to a functioning source of information for the congregation. In December of 2012, Ron Flores, at that time president of the parish council, contacted Brenda about a Catholic web design company she could utilize to get a church website "up and running." By the first of the new year she had it ready for Father Tony's and the parish council's review.

The purpose of the St. Patrick Church website is to keep parishioners informed about what is happening in the parish and also to help Catholic travelers identify church services they can attend while in the Fallon area.

Brenda is currently employed as a Teacher On Special Assignment (TOSA), and as an instructional coach for elementary math, Science and STEM education, with the Churchill County School District. Her previous computer experience includes setting up her own teacher web page. "I guess I am kind of a computer nerd," she said.

Parish organizations or individual parishioners who would like to submit announcements, photos, or other materials for inclusion on St. Pat's website should contact the parish office at 423-7096 or via email at [st.patricksfallon@yahoo.com](mailto:st.patricksfallon@yahoo.com). All submissions are subject to the approval of Father Tony and/or office staff. Brenda said she can normally have the information posted on the website within a day or two of its receipt "unless I am out of town and away from a computer or the internet."

*Thanks ♥ , Brenda, for volunteering to take on this task on behalf of St. Patrick's Catholic Church and its parishioners!*



Brenda Boone at work at home on the St. Pat's website. Photo by Keith Boone

## Brother Pio's Personal Story



Brother Pio is one of the *Crossroads* participants pictured in the photo on the 1st page of the newsletter. His personal story is an interesting one.

Born in Romania 25 years ago, Michael (his given name) is an abortion survivor who was confined to a crib for three years until an American family from Minnesota adopted him and brought him to the U.S. to raise him.

Brother Pio is now "in formation" with the San Damiano Franciscan Community of Third Order Penitents. In three years he hopes to be ready to take his final vows.

Brother Pio has spoken nationally to various groups including those located in California, Florida, Maryland, South Dakota, Texas, and Wisconsin.



## RE Director Needed

Applications are being taken for the position of Director of Religious Education at St. Patrick's Church. If interested please send your résumé to the St. Patrick's Office, 850 W. 4th St., Fallon, NV 89406. Applications will be accepted until July 15, 2013.

We are very grateful ♥ to Mike and Pam Golding for their many years of devoted service to the youth of the parish as RE Directors.

## Events Coming Up...

- Sun.—June 16—Happy Father's Day
- Mon.—June 17—Health Screenings—Moiola Hall—Appointment necessary—Call 1-800-770-0240
- Sat.—June 29—Blood Drive—9 a.m.-2 p.m.—Moiola Hall—Knights of Columbus—Walk-ins welcome
- Sun.—June 30—After 8 a.m. and 11 a.m. Masses—Hispanic Food Sale—Moiola Hall—Eat in or take home—Proceeds benefit parish building fund
- Thurs.—July 4—Fourth of July—Parish office closed for holiday

## Follow the Crossroads Walkers

You can follow the walkers as they journey at <http://crossroadsprolife.wordpress.com/>  
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/centralwalk/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/crossroadsprolife/>