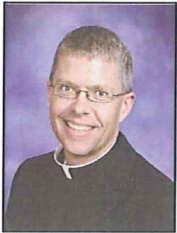


# The Chimes

St. Charles Parish

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**FR. KENT KAUFMAN**  
Pastor

## Eternal Rest Grant Unto Them.....

Dear Friends in Christ,

In our Catholic tradition, November has always been a month when we remember our faithful departed. We begin the month with All Saints Day and All Souls Day which draw our mind to eternal life. Then as the month unfolds, our readings at Mass point us to the end times. Finally, our liturgical year draws to a close with the Solemnity of Christ the King which this year falls on November 25.

Keeping this theme of eternal life, cemeteries have also taken on a special importance during November. When I was a child, I passed near or through the parish cemetery at Ottoville on a daily basis. We lived a mile and a half out of the village and St. Mary's Cemetery where so many of my relatives were buried was on the edge of town headed in the direction for home.

In the summertime, I loved to ride my bicycle through the cemetery and see if I could find the graves of my grandparents who had died before I was even born. It was the best connection I had to them. I would stop and pray before their graves and remember the shoulders upon which I was now standing.

My maternal grandmother never learned to drive a car and so I can also remember plenty of slow drives through the cemetery in Ft. Jennings where she had grown up as well as Ottoville where her husband was buried. My grandmother was always concerned about how the flowers looked at the graves of my great grandparents and my grandpa. We would check those out and of course, offer a prayer as well.

I feel so blessed that we have a beautiful Catholic cemetery here in Lima—Gethsemani—on Spencerville Road. In my nearly two and a half years at St. Charles I feel as if I have already made countless trips there and back. Difficult as each journey can be with families who are in the midst of the grieving process, there is also a certain peace that comes when we give back to God our loved ones and entrust their care to God alone.

By the time you read this, I will have been to the Holy Land and back where a visit to the Garden of Gethsemane is included on our itinerary. Some of the olive trees in this garden are reportedly over 2,000 years old and would have witnessed the passion of Jesus on the night before he gave his life so that we might have eternal life.

The next day, when the little band of believers that followed Jesus to his death requested his body for burial, they laid him in a new tomb and entrusted him to his heavenly Father. Later on, when they returned to the grave to offer more acts of love, they were amazed to discover the greatest act of love—God has raised Jesus from the dead!

In this month of November, I encourage you to visit a cemetery and renew again your faith in the power of Christ's cross and resurrection. Remember again your loved ones who have gone before you marked by the sign of faith. Entrust them ever more completely to the loving arms of God and pray for the repose of their souls.

As a side note, if you have any particular questions about making arrangements for Christian burial please feel free to speak with me or anyone on our staff. Now that cremation is an accepted practice, there are so many more options and variations on the funeral liturgy and accompanying rites that precede and follow the Mass. Most importantly, we should always remember that the funeral rites are for both the deceased as well as the surviving loved ones. We keep in mind that ultimately we are called to commend the earthly remains of our loved one back to God. The funeral rites are there to help us entrust our loved ones as they rest in God's eternal care.

On a final note, I'd like to recommend a book that I've visited often over the years, *Praying Our Goodbyes*, by Sr. Joyce Rupp. Letting go is never easy, but when we let go of our loved ones in a prayerful way we can discover the true depths of our faith. Entrusting them to the merciful care of God we ultimately recognize the power of what life truly is.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord.  
**And let perpetual light shine upon them.**  
May they rest in peace.

**Amen.**

May their souls and the souls  
of all the faithful departed rest in peace.  
**Amen.**

Sincerely in Christ,

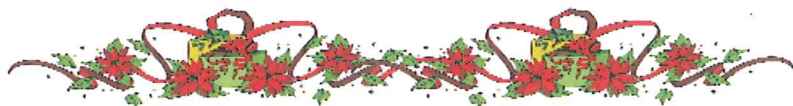
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## "2018 A Cup of Christmas Tea" in memory of Grace Stechshulte!

Ladies, mark your calendar! St. Charles will be having their Christmas Tea on Wednesday evening, December 12, 2018. We are looking for interested persons who would like to be a hostess or help with this event by decorating or preparing the food. Please contact Linda Hoehn at 419-228-7635 or email at [hoehn@stcharleslima.org](mailto:hoehn@stcharleslima.org) for more information or to help with this event.





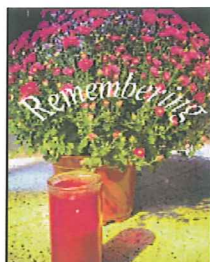


**SR. YVONNE  
FISCHER, OSF-T**  
Pastoral Care Coordinator

The months of November and December usher us into a season of change. Nature lets go of its external beauty of color, the harvest is gathered and stored, and we prepare ourselves for winter. We remember the many gifts of summer and give thanks to our God.

The Church calendar also prepares us by remembering and celebrating the feasts of All Saints and the commemoration of all the faithful departed. We are people who need people. The communion of saints are those who have fought the good fight and are made holy by God's presence. At each Eucharistic gathering we celebrate this community. We are a communion of grace-brothers and grace-sisters, and within us is the Spirit giving us the power to act as such. Pope Leo XIII said: "The Communion of Saints is simply...the mutual sharing of help, atonement, prayers and benefits among all the faithful." We remember all those who have gone before us and give thanks for the gift they have been for us in our lives.

Remembrance of deceased ancestors and loved ones is traditional among many diverse cultures. Perhaps your family has certain customs. I remember as a child gathering mums from the back yard and placing them in a glass jar. The family would then visit the cemetery and put the flowers on my Grandparent's grave. These memories are etched in my mind and remind me of why we remember, honor and celebrate those who have gone before us.



Darcie D. Sims in Touch Stones says, "Our loved ones are still and always will be a part of us. They are threads in our fabric and we cannot lose their love." Some Catholic traditions keep before us our loved one's memories. It is a custom to have a mass said for those who have died, especially on anniversaries. The person's name is then included in the prayer of the faithful. There are many ways for keeping the memory of our loved ones before us: candles, flowers, photographs, favorite beverages and food can help us celebrate their memory. One

delightful way is recalling a funny story that has happened with them. Laughter brings people together and heals broken hearts. Children especially delight in hearing stories about special people in our lives. I had one the other day when nothing seemed to go right for me. It brought memories of my father who had a great sense of humor. He had a few accidents after my mother's death. And we know accidents can happen as part of the grieving process. He would simply shrug it off by saying, "I had a little misfortune today." It put it all into perspective.

As we approach the holidays I challenge you to be creative in how you will remember and bring to mind your loved ones. Will you have a special drink and toast the good times? Will you hang a special memory or symbol on the Christmas tree? Will you set a place at the table like we do at a Seder meal for Isaiah? What-ever you choose - give thanks and remember!

## CHILES-LAMAN FUNERAL AND CREMATION SERVICES

A Family Dedicated to Service

The holiday season is normally a time of joy, but when someone you love has died, it can be a time of loneliness and pain. If you are experiencing grief, your neighbors at Chiles-Laman Funeral & Cremation Services will host their 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree of Remembrance Service on Saturday, December 8, 2018. This community event is held at our Shawnee Chapel, located at 1170 Shawnee Road, in Lima.

Guests may start to arrive at 2:00 p.m. and the Remembrance Service will begin at 3:00 p.m., being led by area clergy. Light refreshments will be served following the service at 4:00 p.m.

The 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Tree of Remembrance Service is presented as a gift to our community from the

Chiles-Laman families. Anyone is welcome to attend, regardless of which funeral home provided the services for their loved one.

There is no charge to attend, however, reservations are requested. To make a reservation, order your free personalized crystal ornament or for additional information, please do not hesitate to call 419-228-5474.

If your loved one passed away this year, your family is welcome to receive one complimentary personalized crystal ornament. Additional ornaments for loved ones who have passed away in any previous year will be \$25 each. To place your order, please call 419-228-5474 prior to November 30<sup>th</sup>.



www.ChilesLaman.com

### Sister Johnene Wellman Parish Library

Come and see the parish library located under the bells at the Elm Street entrance between the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saint Joseph sections of the church.

**PARISH WEBSITE**  
Check out the parish website at  
[stcharleslima.org](http://stcharleslima.org)

### St. Charles Catholic Church Mission

To build a community of faith  
united with Christ in the Eucharist,  
living as disciples,  
sharing God's love and grace.

Pastoral Council, June 2018



Jesus  
I Trust  
In You.

### RETREAT LUNCHEON

Monday, Nov. 5<sup>th</sup>  
11:30am-1:30pm

Includes lunch, speaker  
and entertainment.

Cost \$15 per person  
Tickets on sale until Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>

### MISSION STATEMENT



The mission of The Chimes is to foster parish unity, to promote Christian ideals and to publish newsworthy events within the Parish community.

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## Edge: An Update

Since the beginning of this calendar year, the whole parish has been hearing that a program called Edge would be coming to St. Charles. This September we *finally* kicked off this middle school youth ministry faith formation program! Every Week, 6-8 graders take part in interactive games, listen to engaging talks, share in their small groups, and pray together as a group.

When an Edge youth arrives they are personally greeted at the door by one of our adult Core Team members. They grab their name tag and are invited into the school cafeteria to talk with their friends and other core team members about their week. Once everyone has arrived, the group prays together and dinner is served. Each week a parent or parishioner provides a meal for the



youth to enjoy. This time is important in helping to build community so that the youth are open and willing to share with each other later in the night.

Following dinner, there is a gather activity, which is different each week. This semester during the gather activity so far the youth have decorated cookies, acted in skits, played Simon Says, competed in relay races, and lots of other activities.

After the opening activity, youth listen to a teaching. This semester the theme has been Existence. We began with a night on the Universe and learned about the



heard in the teaching and connect it to their life. Core Team members facilitate these discussions with questions to get the conversation started. Youth are asked questions like "Do you think Mary trusted God?" and "Why is it important for us to have faith and trust in God?" This is a time for the youth to really let the information settle into their hearts and minds.

Each Edge night ends with a time of prayer together. Youth are invited to learn about different ways of praying. So far this semester, they have had an opportunity to pray on their own with a guided reflection sheet, pray with music, learn traditional catholic prayers, and other prayer experiences. Youth leave the night with a challenge to apply what they learned and experienced in the night to their week.



greatness of God and how He desires to be known by us and desires a relationship with each of us. Throughout the semester we have delved deeper into the beginning of the Catechism of the Catholic Church focusing on the Creed. We have covered topics such as *How Can we Know God Exists?*, *We are called to have faith*, *Who is God?*, *God created the Heavens and the Earth*, *God created man in His own image*, *the Fall of Man*, and we will end our semester talking about *Why does Evil exist?*

The teaching is followed by small group time. This is an opportunity for the youth to take what they

The program has been such a success with both our St Charles PSR students and St. Charles school students participating that we are in need of more help! If you would be interested in learning more about what it means to be a Core Team member or would be willing to cook a meal for the Edge youth please contact Erin Nagy in the office at 419-228-7635 or by email [nagy@stcharleslima.org](mailto:nagy@stcharleslima.org). Please keep all the youth and our core team in your prayers as we continue this new adventure together!



## Christian Corner Community Center

Dear St.Charles,

I hope the day is having a good you! We were blessed with Mike Gieskin's skills at the center recently. He graciously shared his time and talents over the past few weeks in September. Before these shelves were in place all of our food was on pallets. This left us hardly any walking space in our storage closet. We were able to almost double our inventory with all the new space. Thank you so much Mike, I appreciate you!

We have also started taking Christmas wish lists from our guests. My hopes are that for each family we can have 'essential bags' (toilet paper, deodorant, shampoos/soaps etc). If you are interested in adopting a family for the holidays please call or email me. 419-222-4425 (center) 567-204-5166 (cell) or via email [hancem@stcharleslima.org](mailto:hancem@stcharleslima.org) / [christiancornercc@wcoil.com](mailto:christiancornercc@wcoil.com).

We are having them sign a waiver stating they understand that not everything may be purchased on their wish list, so don't feel obligated to purchase exactly from their list once you receive a copy. Thank you in advance for opening your heart during the holidays. The cut off for them to fill the application out is November 1st. So that will give us plenty of time to help all who apply in some way. Also, if you would rather just donate some of the essentials that would be greatly appreciated.

Blessings,  
Melissa Hance

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## Spotlight on:

### John and Gina Fischbach

*"We are each gifted in a unique and important way. It is our privilege and our adventure to discover our own special Advent light."*

Our featured spotlight is a family who is very active in church, school and community. Meet John and Gina Fischbach! A very fun and energetic family willing to "roll up their sleeves" and help whenever asked. John and Gina have been parishioners at St. Charles for 23 years. They are blessed with three wonderful children: Molly (18 years old) is a first year student attending Ohio State University in Columbus (pre-nursing), Kelsey (17 years old) is a junior at Shawnee High School, and Jack (11 years old) attends Shawnee Middle School.

Gina attended Lima Technical College (now Rhodes State College). She is an X-ray technician and currently works at St. Rita's Wellness. John obtained his Bachelor of Science degree (majored in accounting) at Bowling Green State University. He is a CPA.

The Fischbach family reminds me of what Advent is truly about. They love spending time together as a family, go to church as a family, spend time in prayer and they are always willing to help others. They also enjoy beach vacations, movies, playing board games and John and Gina enjoy watching their kids in the various activities in which they participate..

At St. Charles they were involved in the early years of Life Teen. They donate periodically to Family Promise. Gina is a leader for the new EDGE program and John currently serves on the St. Charles Finance Council. In the community John is involved at Shawnee schools as a member of both the Business Advisory Council and the Tax Levy Committee. He has been involved in the United Way for nearly 20 years, including serving on their board and on the finance committee. He was also a past member on the board and finance committee for Marimor Industries.

When asked what they like the most about St. Charles Gina states: "We enjoy seeing our friends and neighbors at St. Charles. St. Charles has so much to offer. We enjoy the various programs for all parishioners including Parish School of Religion, The EDGE for middle schoolers, Life Teen for teenagers, and the various

adult programs. We love the layout of the church because all four areas of the church allow you to be close to the altar to gain the full experience of the Mass." We are truly blessed to have this family at St. Charles. I have a strong feeling in the future we will definitely see Molly, Kelsey and Jack involved in a leadership role in the church and community.

2018 has zoomed by so fast. We will be approaching Advent very soon. Are you ready to WAIT? Advent is all about waiting, right? We quietly light candles on our Advent wreath and sit in hopeful expectation of our Savior's coming. But wait ~ Advent is a season of active anticipation. We've got to get ready! This WAIT is our call to **PREPARE!** And once prepared, it is a call to **SERVE!** This is a great opportunity to put our lives into **ACTION.**

It is very hard to believe in our 24/7 culture, but as a child, I remember most stores used to be closed on Sundays. How was Advent back then? Was it less frantic before you started counting shopping days until Christmas? I was not a "cradle" Catholic but I remember going to church as a family and being aware of God's love and presence all year but especially in December. Life was at a slower pace and people were not in such a hurry. I remember we had a wide open space in the woods surrounded by Oak Trees and the "coolest" tree house that we played in. After church my grandfather would bring his truck over to this spot with his barbeque grill and he would grill the best chicken in the world (which he told neighbors, friends and family, "It's my secret sauce that makes the chicken taste good.") My dad had a picnic table and my mom and grandma would make the best southern sides for our Sunday dinner.

Many relaxing Sunday afternoons were spent there with family and friends playing, enjoying meals, singing, enjoying nature, and ending up with a game of "kick ball." My grandfather would always make extra chicken and take it to folks in the community who were in

need. Those were some of the best times of my life, spending fun and restful times together. Isn't Advent like that? A season to seek out times that make special memories and "keeping the Lord's day holy" by drawing close to God, family and friends.

When I focus on 2018, I truly have to ask God to help me slow down. I do not want to miss the true meaning of the season in the hustle and bustle of shopping, baking, menu planning, parties, and getting the house ready for the holidays. I have to pray and ask God to help me remember that the only gift God desires is my heart surrendered to him.

For Advent this year I will be asking every member of my family to take a small index card and write every family member on the card. Then I will ask them to write down a "word" or "phrase" that describes a positive quality of each family member, i.e. loving, helpful, understanding etc. I would like for them to wrap the

card in Christmas paper and give to each family member as a gift. So many people live in an environment day in and day out where people are rude and their actions and words can be very hurtful. This little experiment will be fun to see what members of the family view as their family members' positive traits.

Just a gentle reminder to remember our "Giving Tree". This Christmas numerous tags will dangle for parishioners to take and return. On these tags are requests from those who are in need. This ministry provides an opportunity to share with others. In giving we experience Advent Joy.

In closing, I would love to quote Gina Fischbach, "We all need reminded periodically that we are blessed with the life God has given us. We feel it is important to give back. No matter how you give, time or treasure, you will positively impact peoples' lives." May God help us all to enter this busy time with joy and thanksgiving for the wonderful gift of God's Son..



**RUTH  
FOSNAUGH**  
Director of Liturgy

Again this year, we would like to have the Children's vocal and bell choirs for Christmas Eve 4:00 p.m. Mass.

#### Following are the rehearsal times:

The Vocal Choir for grades 2-8 will practice on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in Room 5 in the church lower level beginning Nov. 7 and/or 11:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. (after 10:30 Mass) on Sundays beginning Nov. 11.

The Bell Choir for grades 4-8 will practice Tuesdays at 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. in the church beginning on Nov. 27.

If your child is interested in being a part of either one or both choirs, please contact Ruth Fosnaugh at 419-228-7635 or [fosnaughr@stcharleslime.org](mailto:fosnaughr@stcharleslime.org)

Please consider being a part of these choirs which bring such joy to the beginning of the Christmas Season.



John and Gina Fischbach & family



FAMILY PROMISE  
OF LIMA - ALLEN COUNTY

Join us! Be a volunteer! and/or a St. Charles Family Promise Committee member.

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**ANGIE SOULES**  
Director of Discipleship &  
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## Advent

Advent is coming! On Sunday, Dec. 2, Advent will begin. Advent can sometimes be pushed aside because of the hustle and bustle of preparing our homes, buying gifts and making sure we make it to all of our holiday parties. It is important for us to reflect on the true meaning of Advent and take a special time out to prepare for His Coming. Advent gives us the vision back to the first coming of Christ at Bethlehem and it looks to the future when Christ will come again. We are to be awake and watchful. To help all of us press in to Advent a little more this year, we will be offering a book called *Rejoice!* It is a journal with daily Advent reflections. We will also be informing you of a link that you will be able to watch weekly "short" videos in order to help you prepare and grow this Advent season. The books will be located in the church towards the end of November. Listen for Mass announcements and the bulletin for updates.

## Alpha

Our Fall Alpha is underway. Folks are really enjoying this session. 65 guests are going through the program and are excited about



what is happening. We excited to report that we even have one entire Spanish Speaking table that is getting to enjoy the Alpha experience in Spanish. It is exciting to see so many people getting back to basics with their faith and meeting new people.

Our Winter Alpha will begin Wednesday, January 30 at 7:00 p.m.. You don't want to miss the experience.



## Sunrise Snacks

Please join us for Fellowship after the daily Mass on Friday Mornings. It is a great chance to enjoy a cup of coffee, homemade treats and fellowship. It is exciting to get to know new people. One person that stopped by for a cup of coffee sat next to someone that lived next door to them as a child. This is a fact they would have never known if they would not have taken the time to sit down and meet someone new.

## Prime Timers Back to the Vineyard

On September 28 our Prime Time Ministry traveled to Ottawa, Glandorf, Kalida and Columbus Grove. We had the privilege of having Fr. Kent as our Tour Guide. As we traveled down the Country Roads Father seemed to know about every farm, church, business and we learned where all of his relatives lived. We had a great day of fun, fellowship, beautiful churches and of course wine, we can't forget the wine. Please keep an eye out for future trips.



## Harvest for the Hungry/West Ohio Food Bank

Chuck Schierloh

The old song lyric goes *Love and marriage – It goes together like a horse and carriage*. For the past twenty years *The Harvest for the Hungry* and *The West Ohio Food Bank* have gone together like a horse and carriage as well.

The help provided by the West Ohio Food Bank to our community has truly been remarkable. From July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018 the WOFB has worked with 19 emergency pantries, 5 meal sites, 4 shelters, 15 supplemental agencies such as after school programs and day care sites, and 8 mobile pantry sites to provide nutritious meals to people in need.

Four noteworthy efforts of the WOFB are the Senior Box Program, the School Pantry Program, the Weekend Backpack Program, and Flood Disaster Relief.

**Senior Box Program** is intended for individuals 60 years of age and older at 130% of poverty. This past year 580 seniors were serviced in Allen County. Under this program 131,016 meals were provided to seniors.

**The School Pantry Program** provides supplemental food, through an onsite school pantry, to chronically hungry students, throughout the week, who do not have access to food at home. This program has

provided around 700 pounds of food each week to three Lima City Elementary Schools. This program provided 9,048 meals for students.

**Weekend Backpack Program** provides students in need, who have been identified by the schools, with a bag of food on Fridays to consume on the weekends.

**Flood Disaster Relief** provides help during natural disasters. Water, cleaning supplies and food items are provided to partner agencies assisting their community with disaster relief efforts.

In the 2017-2018 fiscal year the WOFB has distributed 2,894,991 pounds of food in Allen County. This comes to a total of 2,412,493 meals provided to our residents.

The WOFB has also made a contribution closer to home. As you know St. Charles has operated *The Christian Corner Community Center* for many years. The Center serves 1,000 meals a month. The director of the Christian Corner Community Center said the Center could not function without the help of the WOFB.

Linda Hamilton, the director of the WOFB, stated the case for WOFB very well. *Food insecurity is one factor in an exceedingly complex equation. A family experiencing food insecurity is often struggling to pay for rent, utilities, medical care and other essential needs—and making difficult tradeoffs that compromise their health while perpetuating a vicious cycle of instability.*

*The true face of hunger is a mother working two jobs, children struggling to learn on an empty stomach, a*

*father skipping a meal so his children can eat. Hunger is not a problem that we can easily see, perhaps because its stigma causes people to hide their need. But research shows that many hardworking individuals are increasingly relying on food banks as a part of their long-term strategies to put food on the table. Food-insecure individuals do not have regular access to enough nutritious food for a healthy, active life. These families, employees, veterans, students, children and senior citizens are the people the West Ohio Food Bank serves.*

There has been a tradition at St. Charles for many years to hold a special collection in November to support *The Harvest for the Hungry*. All the money collected goes to The West Ohio Food Bank. Last year, with a combination of business contribution and parishioner contributions, St. Charles Parish raised close to \$8,000.00 for this ministry. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could collect \$10,000.00 this year?

On the weekends of November 10 & 11 and 17 & 18 there will be a table in church showing how much food \$25.00 can buy for the WOFB. It is remarkable how much can be obtained for a relatively small amount of money. If you want your charitable giving to be impactful there is no better way to show your compassion than by giving to *The Harvest for the Hungry*. This special collection will be the weekend of November 17 - 18.

Just like love and marriage goes together like a horse and carriage *The Harvest for the Hungry* and the West Ohio Food Bank go together like compassion and love of our neighbors.





# ST. CHARLES CATHOLIC SCHOOL REDWINGS



**MEGAN SCHEID**  
Principal

The fall season is here! This is one of my favorite times of the year with its brilliant explosion of color which surrounds us. God, our Creator, really puts on a show! I enjoy watching all the changes occurring, including the academic and spiritual growth of our St. Charles students. The students have been involved in a variety of activities and events designed to enhance their overall education. So far this year we have had religious retreats, guest speakers, field trips, and lots of hands on discovery.



The fourth grade students attended the Young People's Concert.

## Fall: A Season of Transitions

As we start the month of November we have also reached the end of the first marking period. It's hard to believe we are one quarter of the way through the school year. With the marking period ending, our communication with our school families is vital. Families should have received an invitation to sign up for a parent conference and we look forward to meeting to discuss the progress we have seen so far this year.

We also continue to move forward in promoting our theme for this school year of *Kindness*. I have seen some great examples of students showing kindness toward each other. We have witnessed a number of touching moments where students have helped a classmate who was struggling, and also students giving encouragement to friends who have done a nice job. The



Homeroom 8-1 spreads the message of kindness.

more kindness and respect we and our students show, the more we will be able to focus ourselves on accomplishing great things together.

As we enter into the holiday season, I hope each of you are able to enjoy this time of year with your families, loved ones and friends. The Thanksgiving holiday and the season of Advent give us a chance to start over; to begin the new Church year with a longing for God that leads to Bethlehem, to our own renewal, and to the conversion of the world. So may God grant all of us the gift of his presence around the Thanksgiving table. And may God stay with us in the weeks ahead as we ready ourselves for the birth of His son.

## Fire Prevention Week

Laura Knarr & Tina Pignataro



Inspector Chris Jackson came to visit the third grade during Fire Prevention Week. After briefly speaking about his job, he went on to discuss fire safety at home. Third graders discussed with him the



importance of getting out of their homes safely and finding a safe meeting spot outside of the home.



Toward the end of the presentation, they met the fire department's mascot, Patches. He provided us with plenty of excitement, songs for dancing, and even some squirts of water from Patches' fire truck!

**All Are Welcome! The Feast of St. Charles**

**Come celebrate our Parish. All are welcome! Bring your family and friends!**

**It's a Potluck Dinner!**  
We'll furnish main dish and beverages. All we ask is that you bring your favorite side dish or dessert! (Pssst! We would really welcome ethnic dishes!)

November 4th  
After 10:30 Mass  
in the Church's lower level



## Sixth Grade Retreat

Kelly Gronas

The 6th grade students participated in an all day retreat back on October 11th. They participated in many activities to help them utilize the life skills of *problem-solving* and *common sense* in their everyday lives.

They also focused on how they can foster God's kingdom here on earth by focusing on What Would Jesus Do? The day created a perfect opportunity for the students to share their faith with others beyond the classroom walls.

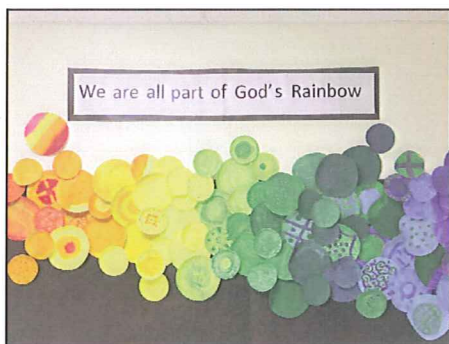


## Art Room News

Becky MacDonald



In the art room, students in the seventh grade learned how to make a cupcake out of clay. Catherine, graciously baked real cupcakes to share with her classmates. Featured in the photo are Mya, Carson, Olivia and Catherine.



Students from several classes worked together to make this colorful rainbow created out of painted paper plates.

The rainbow served as a community builder as students begin the 2018/2019 school year at Saint Charles Catholic School



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## Child Care Available During Sunday 10:30 Mass

St. Charles offers Child Care in Room 2 of the lower level each Sunday morning during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. This service to our families is designed for those rambunctious toddlers who are still learning how to sit still and only whisper when necessary. We are primarily there for children ages 1-3.



The nursery will be ready to receive your child each Sunday starting at 10:15 a.m. and will ask that you pick them up by 11:45 a.m., which even allows you time to have a donut and meet some other parishioners after Mass on those Sundays with hospitality.



## Second Grade News

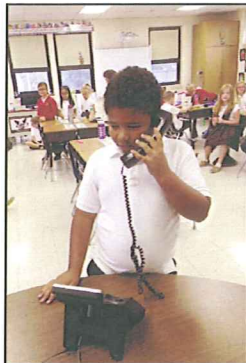
### R.A.D. Kids

Mrs. Bowersock, Mrs. Butorac, Mrs. Winner

Officer Patty Wogerman from the Lima Police Department is helping the second graders stay safe. They have learned the R.A.D. Kids stance and to yell, "STAY BACK!" This will help when they are confronted by strangers. They have also practiced calling 911 in case of an emergency! The kids will be learning many other safe practices now through December.



Officer Wogerman talks to the second grade students about safety through the RADkids program



Jo Rogers was calling 911.

### Science is Delicious

Mrs. Bowersock

The second grade has been learning about the scientific method. Scientists are people who ask questions, make hypotheses, conduct experiments, collect data, and share what they learned with others. Mrs. Bowersock's second grade science classes built solar ovens out of pizza boxes. They worked in groups and also used foil, plastic



The chocolate melted!



Lyla Wenger enjoyed her s'mores!

wrap, tape and black paper to create their ovens.

Next, they put smores in them and used solar energy to cook the smores. It was delicious!

## Fifth Grade News

Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Thompson

The fifth graders have been working very hard again this year with service projects. The first quarter is coming to an end quickly. Our first quarter service projects have been amazing!!!! As a class, however, we are making cards each month for hospice. What a rewarding and fun way to help others!

In Language Arts, we have been writing poetry. We have written cinquains, limericks, couplets, and haikus. What fun! We wanted to share some with you.

### Sun

There once was a dog named Sun.  
Who really had some fun.  
Sat on a log,  
Met a frog,  
And found a hamburger bun.

By: J. J. Schnieders

### The llama Named Sue

There once was a llama named Sue,  
With allergies, what could she do?  
She was really white,  
And dark as night.  
On that day she went, achoo!

By: Lucia Fuduric

### R.I.P.

Here lies Brady, an athlete.  
He loved to eat all white meat.  
He ate a bad chicken,  
And he took a bad kick'n.

By: Brady Malcom

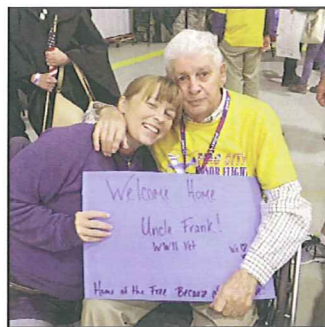
### SUN

Bright, warm, and above  
Are adjectives of the sun  
Always shining here

By: Jacob Raczynski

## Honoring a U.S. Veteran

Kelly Gronas



Frank Madonia, a St. Charles parishioner and WWII U.S. Army veteran, embarked on a trip of a lifetime. He had the opportunity to be a part of the Veterans Honor Flight Network. This is a non-profit organization dedicated to providing veterans a free trip to Washington, D.C. to visit memorials honoring their service and sacrifice. They are treated to wonderful meals and given a commemorative jacket. They also receive a surprise envelope full of letters from loved ones and friends thanking them for their bravery and sacrifice. That's exactly what the 8th graders at St. Charles School did! They took time to make cards thanking Mr. Madonia for his ultimate sacrifice for our nation. The students felt so much gratitude for his service and were excited to know he was going to be admired, honored and thanked for his valor. From all of us at St. Charles School, THANK YOU MR. MADONIA! GOD BLESS!



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## Honor Society Banquet

Chari Douglass and Jean Blubaugh

Monday, October 1, a banquet was held for students who were inducted into the St. Charles National Honor Society. This organization recognizes students who reflect outstanding accomplishments in the areas of scholarship, leadership, citizenship, service, and character. Students' secure their place on the St. Charles National Junior Honor Society by earning an overall GPA of 3.67 during their 6<sup>th</sup> or 7<sup>th</sup> grade school year.



**Eighth Grade**  
National Junior Honor Society Members

Mrs. Scheid praised the students for their diligence in their studies while they balance other extracurricular activities, in which they are involved. She also challenged the students to make good choices now to impact their future. The students received a certificate in recognition of their achievement. This year the Honor Society students will once again be initiating extra activi-

ties each month to raise money for charities. We congratulate the following students on their outstanding academic accomplishments:



**Seventh Grade**  
National Junior Honor Society Members

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade Members:** Carson Caprella, Carsyn Dafler, Emma Donley, Marina Fuduric, Olivia Fumich, Samuel Mayers, Emily Morrissey, Catherine Myers, Jacob Nieman, Mya Raczyński, Olivia Shenouda, Elizabeth Simmons

**8<sup>th</sup> Grade Members:** McKenna Bader, Paige Brinkman, Olivier Bruno, Abigail Cole, Katherine Cox, Alex Honigford, Connor Latham, Ashlyn Lee, Kiegh Macklin, Bridget Mulcahy, Aidan Scheckelhoff, Ben Siatkosky, Olivia Stolly

## 5 Ways to Build Your Friendship with Jesus

Catherine Myers

*Catherine is a seventh grader who completed this as a bonus assignment.*

**Pray** – In my opinion, the most important thing to do to get closer to Jesus is to pray. This can be hard. Some people don't know what to say and others have trouble finding time. One way I find time to pray in my busy life is when I lie in bed. I tell God what I did that day and I thank Him for being there for me no matter what.



**Read** – Another important thing to do is to read Scripture. By reading Scripture, God can speak more clearly to you. One way I find time to read Scripture is by reading a devotional at night with Scripture verses in it.

**Worship** – One other way to build your friendship with Jesus is by going to Mass. Many people think that they can worship God just as well by being in a quiet spot or being with friends and family. But we as Catholics believe that being in God's house and receiving the Eucharist is a very important to building your friendship with Jesus. By making an effort to go, you can understand Scripture better and you can understand Jesus' love more thoroughly. It is also a great way to start or end a week.

**Look** – I also think a great way to build a friendship with Jesus is by looking around to see the beauty in nature that God created. By taking just a few minutes to look around, you can see God's love all around you.

**Serve** – The last thing you can do to build your friendship is to serve in your community. Even small acts of kindness, such as opening the door for someone, can make a big difference in our community and our world.

## From the Library

Muriel Collins

Fourth graders are previewing available book titles in their fall book fair flyer.



## Online Giving

It's Safe

It's Easy

It's Convenient



And

It Helps St. Charles Save Money



## Lima Life Teen

Eric Broughton

### Calling All Teens!

Lima Life Teen is off to a great start of our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary with some fantastic Life Night programs and some wonderful guests. If you are a high school student, we want you to join us. If you are a parent, we encourage you to learn more by visiting the [limalifeteen.com](http://limalifeteen.com) website and by attending a couple Life Teen Masses with your teen. Teens will always find lots of good food, fun, and new friends. If your teen can't attend the Mass at 5:30 p.m., have them come for a meal and the Life Night Program at 6:30 p.m. in St. Charles Catholic Church basement.

### Life Teen Mass – It's Not Just for Teens

If you (or someone you know) no longer attends Sunday Mass any more, whatever the reason, let me suggest that you (or they) attend the Life Teen Mass, most every Sunday at 5:30 p.m. at St. Charles at least once to see what's it like. If you've drifted away from Jesus lately, we look forward to seeing you and He will welcome you back with open arms!

### Divine Mercy Chaplet

One of Lima Life Teen's most powerful ministries is the praying of the Divine Mercy Chaplet at the bedside/home of those who are dying. As Angie shared, "I stand in awe, each time the teens surround someone on their death bed. The teens show so much strength and compassion and give so selflessly. It is so amazing and such holy

ground every time we do this." If you have a parent, relative, or friend who has entered hospice or is gravely ill, what a wonderful gift to share this faith story with them and then have them listen (joining along if possible) to the Lima Life Teen sing the Divine Mercy chaplet in the home or room with them. Contact Angie at the Lima Life Teen office at 419-303-9745 and arrange for such spiritual comfort for your love one should it become necessary now or in the future.

### Lima Life Teen Circle of Friends

Lima Life Teen still needs your financial support in order to continue to provide life affirming programming to our teens. Life Teen is open to all teens and does not charge a fee. Your contribution to the Circle of Friends campaign will ensure the continued success of Lima Life Teen. Your generous contributions are used to pay for all Life Night meals, program materials, retreat scholarships, snacks, printing, office supplies, equipment, and a portion of Life Teen staff salaries and benefits. Please send your Circle of Friends donation to: Lima Life Teen, c/o St. Charles Catholic Church, 2200 W. Elm St., Lima, OH 45805. What better investment than the spiritual well-being of our teens!



## Thunderbird Parent Club Calendar of Events

Monday, November 12<sup>th</sup>:  
TPC Allocation/Planning Meeting  
7 p.m. Quatman Room

\* DECEMBER - No meeting or program-  
MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM TPC!

Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>  
College Roundtable  
7 p.m. Great Hall

February  
(Date and program TBD)  
7 p.m. Quatman Room

Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>  
TPC Allocation/Planning Meeting  
7 p.m. Quatman Room

\*Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>  
ACADEMIC LETTER CEREMONY

May  
(Date and Time TBD)  
TPC Wrap-Up Meeting Quatman Room

## Diocesan Schools Support Education for Students with Special Needs



*Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Matthew 19:14*

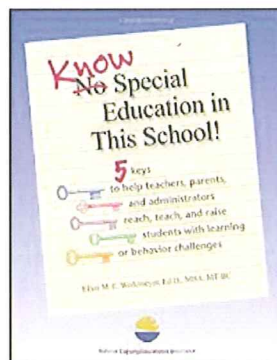
Since 2010, the Office for Persons with

Disabilities and the Department of Catholic Education have collaborated with Catholic School educators, parents and faith communities for the continuous development, promotion and support of the implementation of inclusive education in Catholic schools throughout the Diocese of Toledo. We believe inclusion improves the educational achievement of all students and strengthens the foundation of our Church's educational ministry.

On Monday, October 8, Lima Catholic Schools attended one of many more to come workshops on how to better meet the needs of our special students. Dr. Ellen Wedemeyer was our guest speaker and emphasised the importance of "keeping Jesus in our lives". She also gave us

ideas and techniques to help our specific students. We were also given a copy of her latest book- [Know No Special Education in This School!](#). Keep in mind, Our diocese offers many opportunities and support groups for our Catholic families. These are located on our diocese website:

<https://toledodiocese.org/page/inclusive-catholic-education# for parents>



Our logo: An apple for teaching; a heart for love; a cross for Christianity; embracing figures share the joy of learning!

[Coffee & Conversation](#), Support Group for Parents of children of any age with developmental disabilities. 1st Thursday of every month, Sylvania, OH

[Certified Autism Resources](#)

[Sesame Street and Autism](#)

Parenting resources for learning & attention issues: [Understood Greater Toledo Community Resources for People with Disabilities and Special Needs](#)

[IDEAs That Work](#): Preparing children and youth with disabilities for success

[Center for Parent Information and Resources](#)

[The Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities](#)

[Autism Scholarship Program from the Ohio Department of Education](#)

[Regular Lives for Families with Children with Disabilities](#)- A series of short video segments by Kathie Snow.



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is the breath, the watchword,  
the comfort, the strength,  
the honor of a Christian.

—Spurgeon



## Calendar

### All Saints - Holy Day of Obligation

Oct. 31 - Mass: 7:00 p.m.

Nov. 1 - Masses: 8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

### All Souls

Nov. 2 - Mass with candle lighting 7:00 p.m.

### Thanksgiving Day

Nov. 22 - Mass: 9:00 a.m.

### Immaculate Conception -

### Holy Day of Obligation

Dec. 7 - Mass: 5:30 p.m.

Dec. 8 - Mass: 8:00 a.m.

### City-wide Advent Penance Service

Dec. 16 - 3:00 p.m. at St. Rose

### Christmas

Dec. 24 - Masses: 4:00 p.m. Children's Mass  
7:00 p.m. w/candle lighting  
11:00 p.m. w/candle lighting

Dec. 25 - Mass: 10:30 a.m.

### Mary the Mother of God -

### Holy Day of Obligation

Dec. 31 - Mass: 5:00 p.m.

Jan. 1 - Mass: 9:00 a.m.

## A Peek Into the Past

### Thanksgiving and Christmas at St. Charles School Sixty Years Ago . . .

These 1958 Lima Citizen Newspaper photos in the St. Charles Archives depict what some of the St. Charles classes were doing to learn about Thanksgiving and Christmas.



**PILGRIMS COME TO LIFE** - Plymouth Rock Pilgrims - actually St. Charles School seventh graders - will come to life at 8 p.m. Friday when "Peace Pipe for a Pilgrim" is presented. . . . left to right, are Trudy Bishop as Elder Brewster; Suzanne Barr as Priscilla Mullins; Anne Edwards as John Alden; Gina MacDonald as Miles Standish and Becky Nutter as Barbara Standish. (Citizen Photo)



**PERFORM TONIGHT** - Primary grades of St. Charles School will present a holiday program at 8 p.m. today for members of the school's Parent-Teacher League. Seen . . . in costume are six of the first through third graders who'll be in the show. Left to right are Richard Pugh, Steven Marsh, Michael Gordon, Timothy Brandehoff, Barby Blanchard and David Fandray. (Citizen Photo)

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