



FR. KENT KAUFMAN
Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently I shared with Fr. Thomas an adage that we have here in Ohio - "I love our four seasons!" In other words, we are accustomed to change in our lives—whether it's the type of clothing we need or the types of sports and activities we enjoy. In fact, we even appreciate the changing of the seasons. They help us progress through the year and into the next year.

Certainly, our Church is no different. Seasons play a vital role in our spiritual life and our liturgical life. Perhaps the most loved season of all is Lent. This is the time of the year that calls us back to the center of our spiritual life. We remember again most profoundly what it means to have been baptized. And for those still preparing for baptism, this season is all about being purified and enlightened as they make ready to be initiated at Easter.

Sometimes we also speak about the seasons of life - as we progress from the various stages of childhood to those of adulthood and beyond. The pattern of what we physically can do changes over time. The types and quantities of food we eat must be adjusted. The amount

New Seasons - Staff Changes

of sleep and rest required for my physical and emotional wellbeing shifts. The skills and abilities that I possess fluctuate.

Elsewhere in this issue of *The Chimes* you will see that we have recently encountered some changes in our Pastoral Ministry Team (staff). I want to take this moment to officially welcome Fr. Thomas Varghese to St. Charles Parish. His journey here was a long one, but with God at the center it will bear fruit.

**"There is season for everything,
a time for every purpose under
the heavens."**

Eccl 3:1

You will also see that Angie Soules, who for nearly 21 years has served as our Youth Minister and most recently Director of Discipleship and Evangelization is moving to an exciting new undertaking that not only takes her back to her roots but also applies the ministerial skills she has developed these past two decades at St. Charles. If you have not already, I hope that you will take the opportunity to say "thank you" to Angie for the

countless ways she has touched our hearts and changed our lives for the better.

Some of you have asked who will be stepping into Angie's shoes. As you might expect, Angie has developed some really great teams within our parish and she has prepared them to continue their work in this season of Lent and throughout Eastertide. Alpha, RCIA, PrimeTime, Bible Studies, and Life Teen will not disappear. Our youth will travel to the summer youth conference as we have done for decades. Fruitful seasons of spiritual growth this spring are still expected.

At the same time, a search is underway for a new Director of Discipleship and Evangelization and also a new Director of LifeTeen. Our hope is to have these filled by July 1. You can find the postings on our parish website. Please keep this search in your prayer and also share the posting with anyone you believe might be a qualified candidate and a good fit for our parish.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Kent

St. Charles Welcomes Fr. Thomas

Jim Krumel

This interview of Fr. Thomas by Jim Krumel took place at St. Charles on February 12, 2020

The request for assistance came from the bishop of Toledo to a small diocese in India: Can you send us a priest?

Not long after that, Father Thomas found himself boarding a plane, and 25 hours and several layovers later, the 45-year-old Catholic priest found himself in America. Destination: St. Charles Borromeo Parish, Lima, Ohio.

In the next few days, he would watch his first Super Bowl, listen to the Lima Symphony, and one of the biggest things — see his first snowfall.

Through it all, Father Thomas smiled. In fact, you could call him the smiling priest. It seems ever present.

"This is the duty of a priest ... to spread the goodness," he said. Father Thomas grew up on a small farm in southeastern India. His family worked hard to make ends meet, and by his own account,

"my family is a very, very, very poor family." But he will tell you, "I am a lucky person because God was always with us."

The youngest of three children, Father Thomas was blessed with good health as his sister and brother have physical disabilities.

As a boy growing up, his mornings before school saw him tending to the cows, cleaning their pens and feeding them. After school, there would be more chores — they cleaned their clothes by hand — and then came his studies. At 7:30 p.m., his family — including grandparents, aunts and uncles and nieces and nephews — would all meet for evening prayer. "If someone knocked on our door, we never opened it. It was prayer time." Father Thomas' calling to become a priest came during a Mass after he had completed the tenth grade.



Fr. Thomas Varghese

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**SR. YVONNE
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Pastoral Care Coordinator

Compassion moves the heart

In the past year when the news was focusing on the Immigrant: the separation of children from their parents, people being put in cages, and the lack of humanitarian care. I prayed and wondered, "What could I do to make a difference?" Then a grant was given to our sisters to pay for our travels so we could minister to the people at the border. I applied for the grant and was accepted along with three other sisters.

Sister Marge made all the arrangements with the Humanitarian Center in McAllen, Texas. It is run by Catholic Charities in the Diocese of the Rio Grande Valley. We arrived at the Center on January 28 and said our good-bye's on February 5.

We met and helped the immigrants in two places. The first place was at the Humanitarian Center in McAllen, Texas and the second place was at Matamoros, MX.

The Immigrants at the Center in McAllen were smaller in number at this time. To my surprise they were from a variety of countries. Their stay at the Respite Center varied, some just for a few hours and others for a couple of days. Here they were able to take a shower, receive clothing, shoes and a hot meal. They were always given a bag with bottles of water and some food for their continual journey. Children played, colored and watched TV.

One young man I met was sixteen and from the Congo. Since I guessed his age we started to communicate as best we could. He knew five languages. His family had been traveling for over a year. I explained that I was a Religious sister and he shared that he was Catholic. This young man hopes to study medicine and become a doctor.

At the Center we helped in a variety of ways: handing out clothes, putting supplies in order, conversing if we could with the Immigrants, playing with the children, serving meals, making sandwiches, packing food to be taken to Tent City in Matamoros and cleaning the various areas.

We sisters were among the various volunteers who came in each day to help at the Center. It was delightful to work and interact with the volunteers. Many came from Northern States to enjoy the warmth of Southern Texas while they volunteered.

One particular man I will not forget was, Doc. He was a ninety two year old doctor and each day he helped make sandwiches, served meals and packed food. He always reminded me to drink enough water. The volunteers were people of Faith and from various Religious backgrounds. We wore blue tee shirts identifying Catholic Charities RGV Humanitarian Respite Center, Restoring Human Dignity, and that we were Volunteers.

The second place we ministered to the Immigrants was at Matamoros, MX. Here Immigrants are living in tents waiting to be called to have their papers processed. We volunteers packed the vans almost daily with food and provisions and then drove to Brownsville. After parking we transferred all the supplies into wagons and then walked across the bridge into Matamoros. Matamoros has over 2500 people living in tents. It moves the heart!

Some of the provisions we took were: sandwiches that were gone in 2 seconds, pots and pans for cooking and needed tents. We also took: rice, pinto and black beans, flour, sugar, salt, oatmeal, oil, into family size, along with baby formula, diapers, wipes and milk for children.

One of our highlights was meeting Sister Norma Pimentel, MJ a Missionary of Jesus who is the head of Catholic Charities of Rio Grande. One day she arrived at the Center with a family she was helping and needed to get out of Tent City. Several people had given me dona-



Sisters Yvonne, Carol, Marge, Norma, and Jackie

I was very proud to see what Catholic Charities was doing to help the Immigrants.

This was a ministry I will never forget.

It highlights:

-immigrants are good people who want to have a better life;
-our Immigration system is very broken and has to be challenged;
-compassion and hope are virtues we must keep alive;
-all people want to be treated with human dignity,
-people of Faith want to make a difference and will continue to volunteer and give donations.



As a result of the Parish Assessment Renewal process and in an effort to keep our parishioners better informed we have developed a Facebook page and a Twitter account.

The various activities and ministries of the parish will be posted to these social media sites.

Like us on Facebook: St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church-Lima



Follow us on Twitter:
St. Charles-Lima

PARISH WEBSITE
Check out the parish website at
stcharleslima.org

The Chimes Staff
Cathy Huber - Marge Snow

St. Charles Catholic Church Mission Statement

**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

MISSION STATEMENT



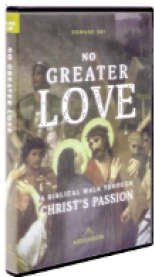
THE CHIMES

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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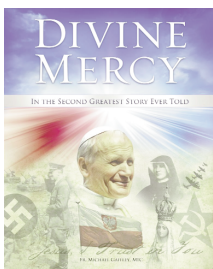
Lenten Opportunities

We will have four remarkable Lenten study opportunities this year!



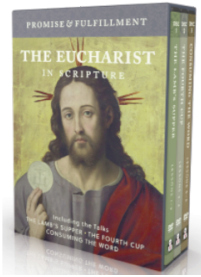
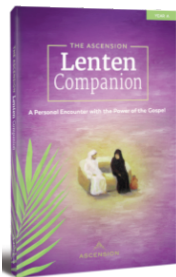
In **No Greater Love** by Edward Sri, you will experience the Unconditional Love Christ has for you. We often hear about Jesus’ passion and death, but imagine experiencing them for the very first time. We are going to walk step-by-step with Jesus on his journey from his agony in the garden to his crucifixion on Calvary. Along the way, we will unpack the biblical background to these events, the prophecies, and most especially, the ways Jesus is inviting us to walk more closely with him today. **Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the gathering space starting March 2**

The Second Greatest Story Ever Told. Experience 8 weeks of impactful visual presentations of Divine Mercy; all the history, prophetic importance and relevance to our lives. This is the time of mercy. All are invited to come and pray, watch 10 amazing videos, participate in discussion and sample the Divine Mercy Chaplet. No cost, no homework, handouts provided listing main points and notetaking space for this fast paced program **February 16, 2020 to April 2, 2020 3 pm to 4:30 pm in the Gathering Space. coffee, water, light snack provided. Call 419 303 6149 for more information**



Lenten Companion by Fr. Mark Toups, an experienced spiritual director, leads readers inward to invite the Lord to heal those areas where they need it most. He follows the same format as his popular journals *Rejoice! Advent Meditations* with *Mary and Rejoice! Advent Meditations with Joseph*. Readers will receive daily guidance as well as supplemental videos, to help enter more deeply into Lent and remain focused throughout the season. **Thursdays 9:00 a.m. in Gathering Space, beginning February 27th. and Sundays starting March 1 at 9:15 a.m.—10:15 a.m. in room 9/10**

Last but not least, **The Eucharist in Scripture**, by Dr. Scott Hahn. Discover God’s plan as it is expressed through the Bible and the Mass. This six-lesson study will unlock the meaning of covenant, sacrifice, and sacrament as understood in the Bible, from Genesis through Revelation. **Tuesdays starting Feb. 25th at 9:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.— 8:30 p.m. in Room 9/10.**



Thank You

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone at St. Charles for the honor and privilege of being a part of each of your lives for the past 21 years. It truly has been amazing to hold your hands, pray with and serve those who have just been born to those that are dying. It has been like standing on holy ground to spend so much time with countless teens and listen to their hearts and watch them grow. I will be forever changed by my experiences with each of you.

On March 2, I will be begin my own non-profit venture with Old Barn Out Back. This program will give second chances to those who need it.

My prayer for all of us is to always remember He loves you, He loves you, He loves you. As you participate in Mass know that this is God’s love letter to you – His Grace and Mercy that He desires to share with you each and every moment of your life. Always know that His love for you is real.

I love you all and I will always be praying for you. Please pray for me as I begin this new chapter in my life.

Finally, Fr. loves you, the band loves you, I love you, and the Catholic Church loves you, but most importantly Jesus loves you and you are AWESOME.

Angie

Times and Dates for Lenten Services



Traditional Way of the Crosss at 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 28
Friday, March 13
Friday, March 27

A Way of the Cross for Seniors at 1:00 p.m.

Friday, March 6
Friday, March 20
Friday, April 3

The Way of the Cross: Praying the Psalms with Jesus at 1:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 8
Sunday, March 22

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4 -- 4:30 p.m.
Mondays at 6:00--6:45 p.m. (following Monday evening Mass at 5:30p.m. and during Exposition

NEW - Fridays before Way of the Cross at 6:30--7:00 p.m. (- Feb 28, March 13, and March 27)

Citywide Penance Service

Sunday, April 5
St. Gerard at 3 pm

Holy Week Services

Mass of the Lord’s Supper
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.
Celebration of the Lord’s Passion
Friday, 12:30 p.m.
Holy Saturday Easter Vigil with Baptisms
Saturday, 8:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday Masses with Renewal of Baptismal Promises
8:00 a.m and 10:30 a.m.
No Life Teen Mass that evening

Lent Information

Ash Wednesday: February 26
Fasting and Abstinence
Ash Wednesday Mass Times:
8:00 a.m. 12:15 p.m.(new time) 7:00 p.m.
All Fridays in Lent: Abstinence
Palm Sunday: April 5
Good Friday, April 10
Fasting and Abstinence
Easter Sunday, April 12

Rules of Abstinence for Lent:

Every person 14 years or older must abstain from meat (and items made from meat) on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.

Rules for Fasting during Lent:

Fasting is obligatory from age 18 until age 59 on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal, as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal.



KATHLEEN KIDD
Parish Leadership Coordinator

New Parishioner Welcome

Our St. Charles Parish Three-Year Priority Plan focuses on: Serving with Christ, Believing with Faith and Welcoming with Love. On Sunday, Feb 16, Fr. Kent, along with the Discipleship Commission Members extended a “Welcoming with Love” lunch following the 10:30 Mass to our parishioners that have registered with our parish in the last year or so.

New parishioners met long standing members and got to know one another, learning names, family members, job and home communities, hobbies, interests, etc.. Each offered a perspective maybe the other wasn't aware of, giving everyone an opportunity to grow. Some parishioners have relocated here due to work or family. Others have been in the area and have just decided to “take the leap” and become part of our parish.

Whatever the occasion, it is really Christ that is drawing us together in love for one another. We plan to offer our “New Parishioner Welcome” a couple times a year and invite other parishioners who have the gift of hospitality to join in. Wonderful opportunities to get to know one another often happen over sharing food and drink. Yes, kind of like in Jesus' day when He shared meals with others.



Fr Kent led an engaging pasta making demonstration inviting folks of all ages to give it a try. Together with the tomato sauce Fr Kent prepared, this Italian dish was enjoyed by all. Fr. Thomas crafted a tasty Indian soup where he advertised only takes five minutes to make. Rachel Ray watch out!



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

Contact co-chairs:

Emily Decanio 419-303-9661
Carmen Cecala-Wells 419-296-2407

YMCA Family Event Scheduled for March 21

Please mark your calendars for an upcoming family event, hosted by St. Charles's Discipleship Commission, scheduled on March 21 from 6-10 pm.

There is no charge to attend this fun evening. Come share fellowship with other parishioners and enjoy some delicious pizza, beverages, and desserts. There will be a basket for optional donations to cover some of the cost of the YMCA rental.

Feel free to bring your swimsuit to enjoy swimming, or round up a few others for some friendly competition on the basketball and racquet ball courts. Raise your heart rate by racing a friend around the track or bring some cards and play at a table.

Any way you look at it, you will have a great time, so please join in the fun. See you at the YMCA!

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.

Please Let Us Know!

If you have a family member or loved one in a nursing home or assisted living facility, please notify the church office, 419-228-7635, in order that the parish may minister to him or her.

Father Kent or one of the Communion distributors will be happy to visit at any time.

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Can Collection Spot



Please continue to collect your cans for Heartbeat, but please drop them off at the dumpsters by the school in the church parking lot. Either the door or the gates will be unlocked for you to set your collected cans inside. Thank you for continuing to support this worthy cause.

FR. THOMAS - from page 1

“Something came in my mind. You can go for this, it is your way. Then I told my parents.”

He knew it would be difficult for them because he was needed on the farm.

“At first they say no, but then my father says, ‘God is with us, why should we worry.’”

In 2004, Father Thomas was ordained a priest. He since has received three callings.

“My first call was to work with the poor people,” something he said he thoroughly enjoyed for seven years. “The second call was to work on the school level with the youth. The third call, it is here. Here I am. Lima.”

He is not sure what God has in store for him at St. Charles, but says, “Together. We will journey together.” He wants to learn more about the American culture and people and master his English better, though he speaks it well (he also speaks six languages).

He was surprised when he was asked to go to America. He had been to the U.S. once before, that being a one-month visit to New York City. This stay will be much longer, but he never balked at going.

“Obedience is very important. Without obedience there is no life,” he said.

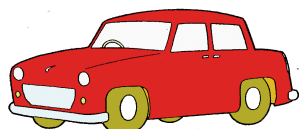
He admits to some homesickness, though. He worries about his father and mother, who are up in age. And he misses not being able to see his sister’s baby, which was born several days after he left India. With a proud smile, though, he will grab his cell phone and show you a photograph of the beautiful infant.

“I am a lucky person because God is always with us, my father and mother, brother and sister and nieces and nephews. I miss them but this is why I am also so happy.”



Father Thomas enjoying brunch with Bill Snow and hosts Mary Beth and Jim Krumel

Father Thomas is in need of a good quality vehicle to drive while here in Lima. If you know of someone who is willing to donate or loan a car for his use, please call the parish office at 419-222-7835.



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Music Changes Lives

The National Association for Music Education has declared March as music in our schools month, with this year’s slogan being “Music Changes Lives.” My next statements should list the improved test scores, happier lives and more rhetoric for those who participate in music. But I like science, and right now, this explanation of the data is not as clear as many would persuade.

There is a culture of misinterpretation concerning brain scans, collection of data and testing scores that has accumulated into a canon of neuromyths which need more clarity and analysis before such pro-music education statements can be supported unquestionably.¹ However, researchers are beginning to look at these questions with more scientific analytic rigor. For example, there’s a promising study from a team in Germany dealing with pre-school children which suggests that it’s not so much the access to music that improves long-term cognitive excellence, but the way music is implemented and thought about...²

Think about your accomplishments. Of those that you cherish the most, were they easily achieved feats? Or did you feel like you earned them through concentrated effort and countless hours? I’m guessing you found greater satisfaction in achievements that required more personal investment. I think this newer study about the way we interact with and implement music speaks to that inherent humanness that we all have—to be curious, to have purpose, to grow through trial and error, to achieve and feel whole. Music happens to be an ideal and safe nurturing ground for this necessary human experience.

Speaking anecdotally, I can attest to the benefits of music for myself, and for my students. There is a clear correlation between effort and satisfaction for those who invest the most in their studies. Additionally, for those who not only spend time but also brain-power thinking about how they effectively implement their time practicing, the achievement level and satisfaction raise exponentially.

This idea is not limited to music. But I’ve framed it within music because that’s my home of knowledge. I see greater life implications with this type of critical thinking in our day to day behaviors and habits. During this season of Lent and beyond, as we

reflect on our failings and our endless pursuit of perfection which cannot humanly exist, I want to remind everyone that there is peace and satisfaction in honest and deeply thoughtful efforts toward honorable goals. Know what you aim for, call it out by name, be specific, and set your heart and mind toward achievement by patiently practicing with intention. Be present in each moment, stay on track with mindfulness. Get creative about the various actions you can take to achieve your goals—there are many paths. Seek support among encouraging people who set the standard high and gently help guide as needed. Find forgiveness within yourself when you fall short and need to try, try again... The satisfaction will be enough of a reward, and likely you will have developed a higher standard of excellence in habits that will mark your growth toward betterment by another notch or two.

¹ Pitt, Jessica. “Communicating through Musical Play: Combining Speech and Language Therapy Practices with Those of Early Childhood Music Education – the SALTMusic Approach.” *Music Education Research*, vol. 22, no. 1, 2019, pp.68-86., <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/cited-by/10.1080/14613808.2018.1484438?scroll=top&needAccess=true>, (accessed Feb. 13, 2020).

² Reutlinger, Marold, Ballmann, Anke Elisabeth, Pfeiffer, Wolfgang, Vialle, Wilma & Ziegler, Albert. “Early music experiences and IQ: Identification of a “Gifted Learning Pathway.” *Psychological Test and Assessment Modeling*, vol. 61, Iss. 3, 2019, pp. 285-300., https://www.psychologie-aktuell.com/fileadmin/Redaktion/Journale/ptam-2019-3/02_Ziegler.pdf, (accessed Feb. 13, 2020).

Did you know?

St. Charles School and Parish collectively contributes over 100 music ministers!

There are 12 in-house music groups, plus a committee, and a few extra groups who periodically make guest appearances.

Our youngest volunteers are in 4th grade, and our oldest volunteers are well into retirement.

St. Charles enjoys a diverse range of musical styles, from chant to contemporary.

Our newest addition is the children’s choir.

If you have questions, comments or interest in joining any of our music ministries, please contact Summer Aebker, DM, liturgical music coordinator, at aebkers@stcharleslima.org, or call the church office at 419 228-7635.

Attention Knitters and Crocheters



Parishioners of St. Charles who knit or crochet have a wonderful way to share their talents. The Blanket Ministry is accepting hand-knit or hand-crocheted baby-sized blankets to be given to Heartbeat or others in need.

Completed baby blankets can be dropped off at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space after any of the masses or brought to the church office during office hours.

ALL MEN AND WOMEN ARE INVITED TO

Prime Time Game Day

Game days will be held:

Feb. 19 Mar. 25
Jan. 22 April 22
Mar. 25



**Fourth Wednesday of the month
11:00am-1:00pm in the Gathering Space**

Game days will cancel if St. Charles School is cancelled.
It will move to room 9/10 if there is a funeral.



The Redwing Reader

St. Charles Catholic School



**MEGAN
SCHEID Principal**

Bid for Our Kids Auction 2020

How you choose to invest your earnings is a question that many people don't care to publicize. When our local newspaper reports how our tax dollars are utilized we are often surprised to see what we pay our local leaders, first responders, the public school systems and others.

This brings me back to the question of how we choose to make investments with our earnings? A very dedicated parent told me that the decision to send their child to St. Charles was a hard and highly deliberated decision. When the young parents were laboring over the pros and cons of choosing a school for their child, the final decision was based on a lifelong investment. They decided that St. Charles School would provide the faith filled environment, including the teaching of Jesus in all subjects, which was exactly the investment that they wanted for their child.

This discussion made it very clear to me why we need to work so hard make sure that we continue to provide a

Catholic Education to anyone that wants this life investment for their children. Through our tuition assistant program we try to find a way for every family that desires Catholic Education to have this opportunity.

Our final fund raiser of the year will take place on Saturday March 28th at the UNOH Event Center. The "Around the World" Bid For Our Kids Auction is open to the public to come and have some fun diverse food, enjoy the fellowship with St. Charles and LCC families, and have an opportunity to bid on some amazing items. Proceeds from the auction will help both schools invest in security upgrades, technology equipment and upgrades, and building maintenance.

Some of our big feature items include:

Ft. Myers, Florida Condo week vacation
Custom Audio outdoor package
Orthodontics Associates Braces package
MIH personal trainer experience
Dinner Party with Fr. Kent
Kalahari Trip

There are many more great deals, amazing silent auction items, and one of a kind student projects. Please come and support our schools and have a great time "Around the World." Tickets can be purchased online through either schools' website. If you are not able to attend but would like to place a bid on a silent auction item, you can still register to bid through auction link.

St. Charles Honor Roll



Second Quarter

MARK OF EXCELLENCE:

GRADE 5-Lucy Bensinger, Michael Quatman, Olivia Venturella
 GRADE 6-Emily Blankemeyer, Lucia Fuduric, David Kenser, Jacob Raczyński, Laney Schelkelhoff
 GRADE 7-Melana Badea
 GRADE 8- Catherine Myers, Jacob Nieman, Mya Raczyński

HIGH HONORS:

GRADE 5-Kevin Bowker, Kaitlyn Carroll, Joshua Declercq, Oyinne Ekeh, Estella Ellis, Caden Heitmeyer, Olivia Hinegardner, Olivia Joseph, Sophia Joseph, Aiden King, Katie Kriegel, Lilliana McCullough, Jacob Miller, Nicholas Nieman, Annika Niemeyer, Brady Parker, Lydia Plaughter, Anna Reif, Brevan Stolly, Vivian Ta, Lily Ehittaker, Jayden Williams, Lincoln Woods
 GRADE 6- Andrew Baldauf, Alexa Heffner, Aidan Latham, Mason Latham, Alice Reif, J.J. Schnieders, Jenna Terrill, Ava Triplehorn, Courtney Van Meter, Claire Wolfcale
 GRADE 7-Hannah Brecht, Austin Craig, Brady Feison, Andrew Hutjens, Claire Janowski, Michael Miller, Nathan Niemeyer, Maria Pignataro, Cole Rinehart, Evan Rinesmith, Lincoln Shulaw, Emma Skinner, Jillian Terrill
 GRADE 8-Carson Caprella, Carsyn Dafler, Olivia Fumich, Kennet Godoy-Lanche, Caterina Lucente, Braedon Lybarger-Singhaus, Samuel Mayers, Emily Morrissey, Caitlyn Purvenas, Olivia Shenouda, Jacob Venturella

HONORS:

GRADE 5-Evelyn Ellis, Ava Gephart, Addyson Lauck, Caiden Meister
 GRADE 6-Kirsten Compton, Troy Conrad, Chuibike Ibeneme, Aidan Keating, Brady Malcom, Jennifer Nguyen, Audrey Schumm, Joshua Young
 GRADE 7-Christopher Crnkovich, Nick Fumich, Ava Hefner, Teagan Helmig, Kenyon Kill, Thomas Offenbacher, Victor Pierce, Matthew Quatman, Noah Wilson
 GRADE 8-Karsyn Cunningham, Emma Donley, Aaton Hutchins, Alexis McDonald, Kaitlin Seffernick

Join us on a Journey



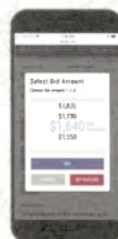
ST. CHARLES & LCC AUCTION

MARCH 28 Single Ticket - \$40
UNOH Event Center Event Sponsorship Available
Doors Open at 5:30 Please See Website, Donations Tab

Food Stations - cuisine catered by Lock Sixteen
Baby Sitting Available - no fee, kids must be potty trained

**GET TICKETS ON EITHER SCHOOL'S WEBSITE,
SEE DETAILS ON BACK**

Online Bidding



To Order Tickets:

- Go to either school's website: www.sccslima.org or www.lcchs.edu click on the auction 2020 link
- Click on Ticket Registration link
- Select the amount of tickets you would like to purchase
- Fill in appropriate fields with information for each guest
- Click Next
- Fill in appropriate fields with credit card information
- Click submit for processing
- You will receive a receipt via email
- If you would like to make a donation or become an event sponsor please click the donation link to see options

Catholic Schools Week

By Mary Beth Krumel



Catholic Schools Week is always an exciting week for the students and one they look forward to each school year. This is a great week to recognize the value and importance of a Catholic education. We started the week off with mass on Sunday, January 27, 2020. Each day of the week had a special theme including celebrating our community, students, nation and vocations.

Students enjoyed a friendly game of Family Feud and a volleyball match where the eighth graders took on the faculty and staff. (We'll not disclose the winner, just ask your child!)

The highlight of the week was Wednesday, when we celebrated our nation with an assembly in the gym. Mayor Berger presented a proclamation to Father Kent and Mrs. Scheid honoring St. Charles Catholic School for its years of service to our dedicated students and families. The proclamation noted the school's consistently high rank for state and national testing.

We also honored two veterans who joined us and taught the students the proper way to fold the American flag. Later in their classrooms, students wrote appreciation letters or cards to those in the military.



It was a great week to call attention to our faculty and staff for their dedication to Lima's youth by helping them achieve their life goals through faith, academics and service.



Healthy Hearts Start Very Young

February is American Heart month and no matter what your age, it is advantageous to have a healthy heart. Lima Memorial Hospital was on hand to speak to students in grades 1 to 4 about the benefits of a strong heart. Heart disease is the leading cause of death for men and women in the United States. The good news is heart disease can often be prevented when people make healthy choices.

Nurses were on-hand to explain the benefits of staying physically active, eating properly and even the basics of CPR. Students were given a healthy heart shirt sponsored by Lima Memorial. Jessica Cunningham, RN Clinical Manager Cardiac Catheterization Lab and CIU for Memorial, stated, "Every 40 seconds someone suffers from a heart attack."



School nurse, Mrs. Marilyn Bryant, noted the hands-on learning the students were able to take advantage of during the assembly was fabulous. It is never too early to raise awareness and to learn to be smart about your heart. Thanks Lima Memorial for an awesome heart experience!

Eighth Grade News

Mary Niese

Eighth grade students were able to raise over a \$1000 from their cookie walk & candy/nut sale this past December. They were able to reach out to our community with the profits.

Playing bingo with residents of Primrose Retirement Community - blankets and cash prizes were given.

Blankets were given to the shut-ins of our parish for Valentine's Day.

Activity toys and electric toothbrushes will be distributed to the pediatric centers of the local hospitals.

Angels will be distributed to parish families who have lost a loved one.



Wacky Science

We are in need of some rather hard to find items for science projects at the school. If you have these items at your business, home or in the garage and would be willing to part with them, please call Mary Beth Krumel at 419.222.2536 Ext. 1007. Just think of the minds you will be expanding and as always, we would greatly appreciate your help!

20 bricks

100 black buttons
100 white buttons

50 nuts with bolts

10 wood boards 2.5 meters long
5 skateboards
40 aluminum pie plates
10 boards 2.5 x 30 x 120 cm

marbles, 3 different sizes, 25 each
200 clear plastic cups

50 retractable pens that come apart

Thinking Outside the Box

Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Bollinger

The fifth grade students have been hard at work looking for new ways to reuse old material. As a science/language arts project, the students were asked to make an animal/ creature/person Valentine's Day box out of recycled or reused items. We saw some very creative materials used this year. The students are also working on using their Valentine creation as the main character in a story. We are very proud of the students for all of the time and effort they put into making their boxes and thinking outside of the box! They even got to share valentines with one another, too. Happy recycling!!!



Teacher's choice awards

1st place: Lincoln Woods with the Lion

2nd place: Olivia Hinegardner with the dog

3rd place: Nick Nieman with the alligator



Best use of color voted on by the teachers: Vinny DePalma with the fish

Student Choice award: Trent Mull with Mr. Peanut

The incorrect name identifying the photo was in the Jan./Feb. issue. The corrected name and article appear below.

D.A.R.E. Graduation & Essay Contest

Mrs. Bollinger and Mrs. Henderson

The fifth grade has completed their 10 week D.A.R.E. program. They graduated on December 17, in a ceremony held in their classrooms. As a final assignment, they had to write an essay about what they had learned during the program. Officer Wogerman chose the top 9 essays. They belonged to the following students, in no particular order; Lincoln W., Stella E., Jacob M., Kaitlyn C., Caden H., Annie R., Lucy B., Brady P., and Nick N.

She also chose an overall winner from that group of 9 essays. The winner of the D.A.R.E. essay contest was Caden H. from homeroom 5-2. Caden was rewarded with a luncheon at The Old Barn Out Back, on December 10, with other overall essay winners from local schools in the area. Officer Wogerman, as well as other officers, were present for the luncheon.



Caden H.

Congratulations Caden, as well as all the other fifth graders who participated and learned many important lessons about making good decisions and staying safe!

Gift To Heartbeat of Lima

To celebrate Valentine's Day, St. Charles students purchased raffle tickets for a giant Hershey bar. All profits will be donated to Heartbeat of Lima.



Thank you students for the generous way that you have shared your love with our community!

Congratulations to the 2020 St. Charles Spelling Bee Winners!

Theresa Lauck

On January 10, 2020 thirty-four students from grades 5-8 participated in our 17th annual school spelling bee. After twelve rounds, we found our top three spellers. Eighth grader Catherine Myers came in first place, sixth grader Chibuike Ibeneme came in second place, and eighth grader Carson Caprella came in third place.

Congratulations to Catherine, Chibuike, Carson, and all of the spelling bee participants! It took a lot of hard work and courage to participate in the spelling bee.

Please keep Catherine Myers in your thoughts and prayers as she goes on to represent St. Charles at the 2020 Lima News Regional Bee on March 21st at the Lima Masonic Center.

Good Luck, Catherine!



Chibuike Ibeneme, Catherine Myers, Carson Caprella, and Kathy Seitz



St. Charles' Spring Book Fair

February 28th - March 6th

Open House

Sunday, March 1st

11:30 - 1:00

All are welcome!

Chess Club

Muriel Collins



The St. Charles just concluded its third year of Chess Club activities. This year our group included students grades 5 - 8. Intellectually, the game of chess helps students to concentrate and think logically while developing self-discipline, patience and focus.



My experience has me seeing students show growth in all of the above, but I have also seen a sense of connectedness, comradery and expansion of friendships. The bantering back and forth during a game, watching seasoned students helping a rookie or just settling disputes, it is all part of the fun we call Chess Club.

Thank you, once again, to our supportive angels who provided our Chess Club members with shirts, timers and books this year. We never underestimate and always recognize how blessed we are to have you in our lives. Thank You!



Chess Club members this year include: Michael Miller, Hannah Brecht, Brendon Turner, Keonte Newell, Victor Pierce, Sebastian Pierce, Evan Rinesmith, Brady Feison, Audrey Schumm, Lincoln Woods, Caden Heitmeter and Lucy Bensinger. Aiden Keating was also gracious enough to fill in as a sub this year.

Art Room News

Becky MacDonald



Third grade students Addie and Corie display their interpretation of Katsushika Hokusai's "The Great Wave off Kanazawa". The original is a Japanese wood block print from the 1800s. The students drew and painted their own "Great Wave".



Jacob and Stella fifth grade art students enjoyed creating the Notre Dame Cathedral. Students employed the watercolor technique called "Wet on Wet" creating a dazzling colorful pattern. Students used markers to draw the Cathedral. Some of these projects will be featured at the student art gallery at the Mazza Museum in Findlay, Ohio this spring.

St. Charles Kindergarten



If your child will be attending kindergarten starting the 2020-2021 school year and will be new to St. Charles School, please call the school office at 419-222-2536 to set up an appointment for the Kindergarten Readiness Screening. Our program offers enriching experiences that will develop both the academic and the faith of your child.

Course of Study- Religion, Reading/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Health, PE, Music, Art

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Friday, March 6, 2020

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If you would like to have more information about our Kindergarten Program, you may call or e-mail Mrs. Megan Scheid; scheidm@scsclima.org

Third Grade News

Laura Knarr



The third grade students are hard at work on their new Chromebooks. The Ephesus Grant allowed us the funds to purchase the Chromebooks and carts. With the Chromebooks, students can work collaboratively or on their own with the ability to move around the classroom without any cords.



Lima Central Catholic High School Academic News

Submitted by Mary Sreenan



Dyer, Garofalo, Mann & Schultz/Hometown Stations Calendar Contest

Sophomore **Carlie Van Meter** has been selected as one of the winners of the Dyer, Garofalo, Mann & Schultz/Hometown Stations Calendar Contest. She has been awarded \$250 and earned a \$1000 donation to the LCC art program. Congratulations Carlie!



Poetry Out Loud Competition

LCC Students **Avery Dunlap, Aujalia Bruce, Carlie Van Meter, Emma DeLong, Delaney Dafler, and Brayden Truex** competed in the Poetry Out Loud contest at the Meeting Place in downtown Lima. Contest was organized by the LCC English Department. Thank you to the judges, Jacob King and Fred Arzola from Rhodes State College, Holly Norton from UNOH, and Mrs. Schmerge from LCC. Congratulations to the winner Junior **Emma DeLong**! Emma will advance to the



regional competition. Well Done T-Birds!

Mu Alpha Theta

Advisor: Mrs. Trudy Thompson

This is a national mathematics honors club designed for students who really want to enrich their understanding of mathematics. Mrs. Thompson is the sponsor of the club. We strive for understanding, perseverance, and excellence. To maintain membership, all members are required to earn a certain number of points each semester (for attending meetings and contests) and to keep a minimum 3.0 GPA in all math courses. We hold weekly meetings every Tuesday after school. During some meetings we are practicing for math contests, and during others we are competing in math contests.

The different contests we take throughout the school year include: Ohio Math League, Catholic Math League, Log 1, Rocket City Math League, AMC 10/12, and Purple Comet. Finally, we compete in the Bluffton University math contest and the OCTM contest held on two Saturdays during the year. Besides taking math contests,

our members tutor students in math and also introduce the school to Pi Day on March 14th each year by selling all sorts of pie during the lunch period. The club typically makes enough money on Pi Day to pay for all of our math contests for the following year.

Catholic Math League Contest

This contest consists of a series of 4 challenging tests taken throughout the school year. Each test includes 25 multiple-choice problems that must be completed in 30 minutes without the use of a calculator.

Top November Scorers : **Henry Du 21, Anna Kahle 14, Megan Sealts 13, Amy Yao 13**

Top December Scorers: **Jenny Nguyen 21, John Sreenan 19, Anna Kahle 18**

Top February Scorers: **John Sreenan 13, Anna Kahle 12, Victoria Lauck 10**

Ohio Math League Contest

This contest is a 6-test series-one each month beginning in October. For each test, students have 30 minutes to complete 6 challenging math problems. These extremely difficult multi-step problems range from algebra through pre-calculus.

Top October Scorers: **Jack Zerante 4, Nathaniel Bruno, Lauren Chaney, Henry Du, Max Nguyen & Kitt Siatkosky 3**

Top November Scorer: **Henry Du 3**

Top December Scorers: **Henry Du 5, Anna Kahle 3**

Top January Scorers: **Henry Du 5, Rosie Williams 3**

Log 1 Math Contest

This competition consists of 15 problems worth various points to be completed in 30 minutes without the aid of a calculator.

Test #1 Top Scorer: **Henry Du 54, Max Nguyen 42, Taylor Wisser 38, Morgan Chaney & Zoey Foster 33**

Test #2 Top Scorers: **Henry Du 57 *Highest score in LCC's history!, Jenny Nguyen 32**

Test #3 Top Scorers: **Henry Du 41, Max Nguyen 24**

CONGRATULATIONS T-BIRDS! OUTSTANDING JOB MATHLETES!

Course #448 College Statistics (Ohio Northern University)

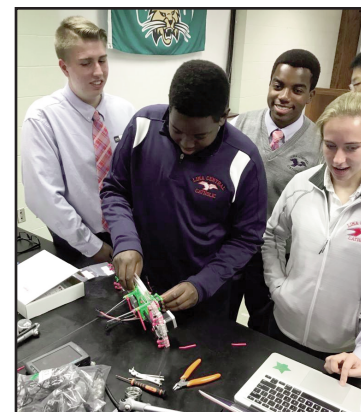
Teacher: Mrs. Trudy Thompson

Statistic students doing what they do best—creating data, calculating empirical probabilities then comparing these stats to theoretical ones!



STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Club:

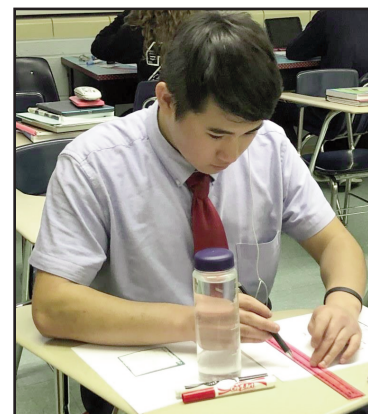
Mr. Thompson and Mrs. Thompson started the STEM club to get students to see more math and science outside of the classroom. Many careers now need these fields, and these LCC teachers are hoping to expose students to many more options than what time allows in the regular curriculum. The Thompsons have also enlisted the help of parents and professionals in the community to give students exposure to more scientific fields. Students are assembling a 3D printer.



Course #144: Problem Solving

Teacher: Mrs. Trudy Thompson

Problem solvers were hard at work this week. They worked on some classic conundrums, Rebus puzzles, picture puzzles, and mindtrap mysteries. Today these students were challenged to defend one of their answers with some sort of drawing or manipulative. They did an excellent job!



LCC Thunderbird Parent Club Calendar of Events

2019-2020

Monday, March 16th: TPC Allocation / Planning Meeting: 7 p.m. Quatman Room

Tuesday, April 7th: ACADEMIC LETTER CEREMONY 7:30 p.m. in the LCC old gym

Thursday, May 21st: TPC Wrap-Up Meeting 7 p.m. Quatman Room

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May the road rise to meet you.
May the wind always be at our back.
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
and rains fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again, may God hold
you in the palm of His hand.

Prayer

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

—Spurgeon

25 Great Things You Can Do For Lent

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent, the 40 days of preparation for the Easter season when Christians are called to deepen their spiritual lives through the practices of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. The belief is that our consistent participation in these practices — like exercise we do for our physical health — improves our spiritual well-being by stripping away all that is unnecessary and becoming more mindful of how God is working in our lives. Challenge yourself this year, and go beyond the usual practice of “giving up” something. Now is a great time to take stock of your spiritual life and to grow in it. Not sure where to start? Check out these 25 ideas:

1. Make a commitment to read the Sunday scriptures *before* you go to Mass. In the same way that reading up on football players, opposing teams, and coaching strategies will help you experience a game more fully, familiarizing yourself with the readings ahead of time will help you experience them in a deeper way on Sunday.

2. Use Busted Halo’s Lent Calendar, filled with Lenten-themed Daily Jolts and MicroChallenges to find new ways to practice the disciplines of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Each day of Lent, we’ll offer an inspirational quote paired with a practical, challenging task that you can do that day to help keep your spiritual life on point. You can also find these challenges on our website, or when you follow us on Facebook or Twitter.

3. Try a new spiritual practice. Sign up for an hour of Eucharistic Adoration. Attend Mass at a parish that’s made up of people from a different racial/ethnic group. Sign up for a silent retreat or spend at least one hour in silent meditation each weekend.

4. Think about what you usually spend your money on. Do you buy too many clothes? Spend too much on dinner out? Pick one type of expenditure that you’ll “fast” from during Lent, and then give the money you would usually spend to a local charity.

5. Take something on — 40 days of letter writing, 40 acts of kindness, 40 phone calls to the important people in your life.

6. When you first sit down in front of your computer at work, or at the very end of your workday, try a 10-minute guided prayer from Sacred Space based on the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius.

7. Go to a weekday Mass one day during the week. Many parishes offer them early in the morning, at noon, or after work. Daily Masses are often more intimate and shorter than Sunday Mass.

8. If you don’t have a cross in your apartment or house, buy a simple one and put it in your bedroom.

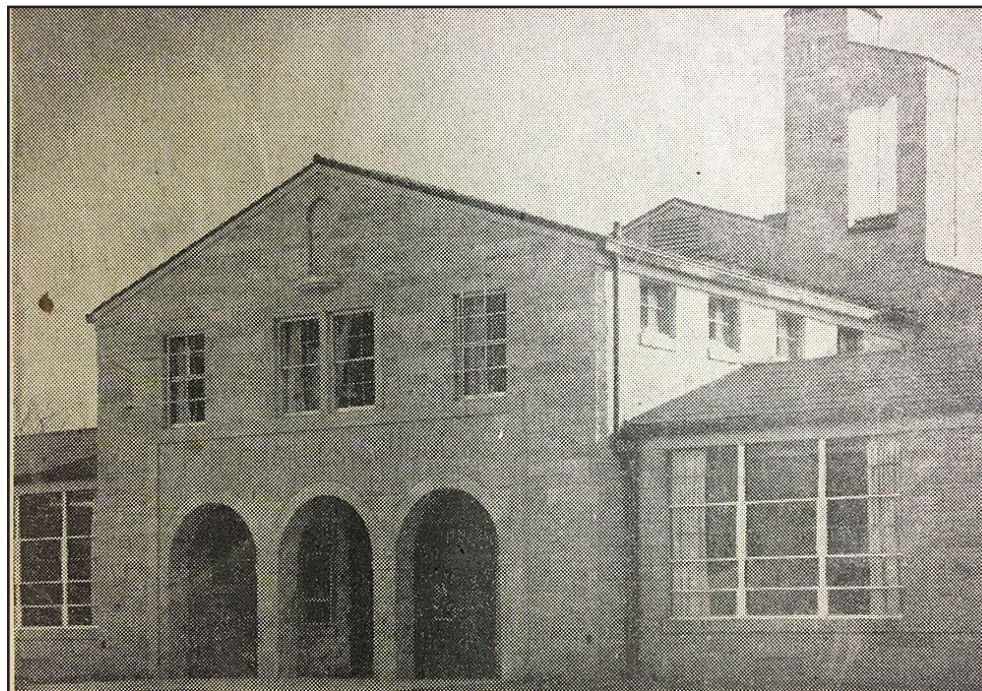
9. Use Busted Halo’s InstaLent Photo Challenge for daily, creative doses of Lenten spirituality. Post a photo each day and encounter the themes of Lent on a visual, personal level.

10. Instead of turning on a streaming service for your next binge-watching session, read the chase during Lent, and there are some good ones available online. Try the Magnificat or a book by Edward Hays.

The rest of this article is at Bustedhalo.com

A Peek Into the Past

HouseWarming -- December 30, 1955



Housewarming for Lima Convent -- More than 100 nuns were guests last week of the Sisters of Charity who teach in the new St. Charles School, Lima. The visitors, who toured the 10 room convent quarters above the main entrance, included Sisters from the three other Lima Parishes, as well as nuns from Sidney, Kenton, Marion, Dayton, Springfield and Findlay. This “housewarming” ceremony is a custom of the Sisters of Charity when a new convent is opened. Sister Ann Hermine, assistant mother of the community, and Sister Rose Rita attended from Mount St. Joseph-on-the-Ohio, the motherhouse. A buffet luncheon was served at noon by the parish Altar and rosary Society. The new St. Charles building also includes eight classrooms and a multi-purpose room for Sunday Mass. It was blessed in November by Bishop George J. Rehring.

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