

#### St. Charles Parish



FR. KENT KAUFMAN Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Have you ever attended a national workshop from your own home? I just did! In March 2020, I was prepared to travel to Houston for the National Workshop on Christian Unity when suddenly like so much of our lives, it was cancelled.

The organizers immediately began planning for the annual workshop to take place in Anaheim, California in April 2021. Then as the date grew closer, the plan shifted to a virtual conference. I don't need to explain why.

The National Workshop on Christian Unity began in 1963 in the wake of the Second Vatican Council. One of the sixteen documents that emerged from that council (1962-65) was the *Decree on Ecumenism*. This document painted a new way forward for the manner in which we interact with Christians of other denominations.

For the past ten years or so, I have been our diocesan *Ecumenical and Interfaith Relations Coordinator.* Bishop Blair asked me to take up this work when I was still pastor at All Saints in Rossford.

A highlight of the position each year is the opportunity to participate in the national workshop which moves to a different part of the country each year.



#### *May-June 2021*

Primary organizers are Catholics, Lutherans, Methodists and Episcopalians although all Christians are welcomed. In recent years Evangelical and Orthodox Christians have also taken part.

One speaker that I especially appreciated this year was Rev. William Skudlarek, a Benendictine monk from St. John's Abbey in Minnesota. In addition to being a monk, he is a teacher and theologian. Recently, Pope Francis appointed Fr. Skudlarek to a second term as an advisor to the Pontifical Council on Interreligious Dialogue.

At the conference, Fr. Skudlarek reflected on the importance of **hospitality**. While this has always been a hallmark of Christianity (and Judaism as well), our current climate of civil and political unrest seems to highlight all the more how much we need to recover the virtue of hospitality in our neighborhoods, communities, nation, and world.

While I cannot possibly relate all that Fr. Skudlarek imparted in his three talks in this brief article, I do want to highlight a few key points. First, Fr. Skudlarek noted that our general understanding of hospitality is not the same as the biblical understanding.

We typically think of hospitality as generously receiving those with whom we are already in relationship — such as family or friends. We immediately think of providing food and lodging. In the larger sense we have even labelled it as a business endeavor called the "Hospitality Industry."

Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. — Hebrews 13:2

Yet, Fr. Skudlarek gave key examples from both the Old and New Testament that help us realize that in the

biblical sense, hospitality is actually welcoming people we don't know. In fact, this might even include people we don't understand or even agree with on certain matters. Turning to passages



like Matthew 25:35 and Hebrews 13:2 we see the word "stranger" employed as the one we are especially to welcome and love.

The Greek word for stranger, *xenos*, has even entered our English language through the word, *xenophobia*, or "fear of strangers." Fr. Skudlarek pointed out that oddly, we don't speak of *xenophilia*, or "love of strangers," which is actually what the Bible calls us to do.

Fr. Skudlarek is a monk and he also lifted up the longstanding practice of monasteries to always welcome visitors as if they are welcoming Christ himself. This is not always easy to do. He even gave personal examples of how it can even be disruptive to our personal desires, yet it is what God has called us to do. Volume 20 Issue No 5

Fr. Skudlarek pointed out that with Covid-19 visitors have basically vanished from the monastery where he lives. It was in their absence that he truly recognized how vital they are to the whole of the community. We are not complete as the Body of Christ unless we are able to welcome and love the stranger into our midst.

I challenge each of us when we gather as the Body of Christ to welcome and love the stranger into our midst. The more we do this, the more we will truly make Christ visible in our world today. I challenge us to take the initiative and greet our guests, introduce ourselves to those around us, and help visitors to feel appreciated and at home whenever they come to St. Charles. Even something as simple as moving to the center of the pew when someone is searching for a place to sit can be a loving and welcoming gesture!

I challenge us to do this as well in our homes, neighborhoods, and communities. We know that our faith

carries us beyond Sunday morning into the other 167 hours of the week.

Later this month, on Saturday, May 15, we are planning to welcome Bishop Philipose Mar Stephanos from New York to our parish. He is bishop of the Syro-Malankara Eparchy (diocese) in the USA and Canada. This diocese was first established by Pope



**Bishop Stephanos** 

Benedict in 2010 and has grown to about 11,500 members in 16 parishes and a few missions. The closest parishes to us are in Detroit and Chicago.

Bishop Stephanos is from India and moved to the United States when he was appointed as a bishop by Pope Francis in 2017. Fr. Thomas knows him from his seminary days when he was the rector of the seminary where Fr. Thomas attended in India. Today, there are 18 priests in the Syro-Malankara eparchy in the USA as well as another 16 priests working in Latin Catholic dioceses such as Fr. Thomas and a few others priests here in our diocese.

I hope that you can join Bishop Stephanos for the *Holy Qurbono*. This is an ancient Syriac word that means "offering." We can interchange our word *Mass* or say *Divine Liturgy* to mean the same thing. The Syro-Malankara Rite is one of 23 various rites in which the Eucharist can be offered in the Catholic Church.

Fr. Thomas is arranging for several parishioners from the Chicago parish to bring special liturgical items as well as the music to make the bishop's celebration authentic. They will offer it in the English language and help us to follow along with what is happening.

In preparation for this special visit, I invite you to check our website. Fr. Thomas and Christopher Powell have prepared some short videos to help you learn about the *Holy Qurbono* so that it can take on even greater meaning when the bishop is here to celebrate it!

Sincerely in Christ,

delivered the food to the hotel for the fam-

paper products. Unfortunately, we missed

ilies to enjoy safely in their rooms. We

involved when hosting families, but we

were happy to provide a warm meal each

also provided disposable utensils and

the personal interactions normally

evening, and we stayed in contact

with Family Promise staff in case any



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

## A Hand Up – **Discipleship in Action**

The Outreach Commission builds on the Church's strong tradition of reaching out to others and provides parishioners the opportunity to share their faith and resources with those in need, both within the Parish and in the community. One of our Outreach Ministries is partnering with Habitat-Lima to address the need for affordable housing in the Lima Area.



This Outreach Ministry has been a partner with Habitat-Lima for many years seeking to put God's love into action by building homes for people without adequate housing. Founded in 1991 Habitat-Lima has completed 55 homes and provides the opportunity for St. Charles parishioners to demonstrate the love of Jesus Christ in our community.

The local Habitat affiliate was founded in 1991 and in 2008 the affiliate took a significant step in leasing a building and opening a ReStore on E. Wayne Street in downtown Lima. In 2012 Habitat-Lima moved both the ReStore and Habitat offices to 550 W. Elm Street.

The ReStore accepts donations of household items and building materials and resells them to the public. The ReStore's operation serves as a constant fund raiser for the Affiliate's mission with all profits going directly to Habitat-Lima for building houses. The ReStore is open to the public and all are welcome to donate to, volunteer with, and shop at the ReStore. For additional information contact Jim Lewis at jim@restorelima.org.

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> > PARISH WEBSITE Check out the parish website at stcharleslima.org

The most recent home build is the Pastor David Howell Memorial Build in Delphos! Pastor Dave was very instrumental in the beginnings of Habitat in the Delphos community and often worked behind the scenes to help Habitat secure funding for our builds.

ship and dedication in helping families achieve a safe haven.

We are excited that this build will provide strength, stability, and selfreliance to our partner family, Sarah Hurles and her three children aged 6-15. Sarah grew up in Delphos and graduated from Delphos Jefferson High School where her children all currently attend. You can get involved by volunteering to work alongside Sarah as we build her home together, you can make a financial contribution, or there are a few dates left to provide a meal for the volunteers.

Habitat-Lima is deeply grateful for the untold numbers of persons who have supported its housing ministry-construction and ReStore volunteers, donors, board and committee members and many others who have offered encouragement,



counsel and prayers.

Please remember this ministry in your prayers. If you are interested in learning more about volunteer opportunities or making a donation, please contact the Volunteer Manager, Caleb@habitatlima.org or visit the website: www.habitatlima.org. Thank you for caring.

## Housing in the Community

**Outreach Commission focusing on ...** 

The Outreach Commission is focusing this month on the importance of having a place called "Home".

Charles parish partners with the community through "Family Promise". We thank them for their leader-

David Gratz shares how St. Charles partners with "Habitat-Lima" and Emily Decanio shares how St.

Since 2008, Family Promise of Lima-Allen County has assisted homeless and at-risk families with children in order to help them to gain housing and to develop more stable lifestyle.

Along with thirteen community churches, including St. Charles, Family Promise provides these families with emergency services, case management, and transportation. They ensure the families' basic needs are met while also helping them gain employment, learn budgeting and planning, seek housing and furnishings, and secure childcare.

#### Over the years,

volunteers from St. Charles have provided fellowship, meals, overnight lodging in the church basement, and other necessities like personal hygiene items, cleaning supplies, groceries and diapers.

In 2020 and in January 2021, St. Charles parishioners' volunteer work within Family Promise looked a little different. Instead of St. Charles accomodating families in the church for four weeks of the year, as usual, families were able to stay at the Wingate Hotel downtown where safe distancing could be possible. Our volunteers cooked dinners each evening and packaged them into separate containers for each family. Then, they



other needs arose.

Now in 2021, we are finally able to welcome Family Promise back into our church. The next host week will be May 30- June 5. Please consider volunteering to provide supplies, prepare a meal, or stay overnight in the church during that week. We always welcome more help, and it is joyful, rewarding work.

St. Charles will again host families during the weeks of August 8-14 and November 28-December 4.

To volunteer, please contact our volunteer coordinators: Emily Decanio (edecanio@gmail.com) and Carmen Cecala-Wells

(carmencecalawells@gmail.com).

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

St. Charles Catholic Church

**Mission Statement** 

Pastoral Council, June 2018

The Chimes Staff Cathy Huber - Marge Snow



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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#### May-June 2021



Summer Aebker Liturgical Music Coordinator

The lyrics on our screens are run by volunteers on a computer program similar to a slideshow. They are essentially, page turners.

There's an art to page-turning. Between one page and another, a world of choices are measured out. Those choices beget consequences that would seem insignificant to those observing. But the page turner knows otherwise. The page-turner carefully weighs each choice of timing down to fractions of a second. The page-turner is immersed in the cadence of the words and the rhythm of the music. The pageturner is discreet. When they are flawless, they are unnoticed completely.

The trick of it is this: though one could practice this theoretically by imagining the world of details which would include lyrics matched perfectly to music and congregational response, to be *very* good at turning pages, the actual process needs to be honed by doing it in the physical moment and gaining real-life experience. Coordination between mind, eyes and ears line up to make a calculated choice. It's easy. But then not really...

And what about the audio technicians? What do they do for you? They are minding the microphones. They are watching the priests, deacons, readers and cantors. Who is speaking into which microphone? They are listening to each person and making adjustments when necessary. Is there too much reverberation? Which microphones are currently not in use that could be turned off for the moment? And then back on when needed? How is the volume of this individual or that one? Is there balance? Is the livestream audio turned on?

The producers run the cameras for our online streaming. Which angle captures the moment best? How many different shots would benefit the at-home viewer for various parts of the Mass? Do the shots add interest or do they distract the viewer? Should this moment be a close-up? Should it be a static view? Would panning from one view to another be beneficial?

## A/V: an Art Form Learning from Experience

Our lyric screen runners, our audio technicians, and our camera producers also contend with computers and programs that jam up, restart unexpectedly, and a whole congregation of people who they know will never be pleased all at once. As the adage goes, "you can please some of the people all of the time, and all of the people some of the time, but not all of the people all of the time." Please consider this and practice some charity for those who sit solo behind the Audio/Visual desk. They deserve our admiration for bearing such a responsibility, applause for their bravery, and our patience for their efforts. The screen runners and audio technicians range in age from middle school student to retiree. They are volunteers who give their time and efforts to serve You. In time, they will become expert partners to your desired patterns of preferences, anticipating and delivering so deftly that you will forget they exist. (At least to most of the people most of the time, and yes, the closer we maintain almost all of the people all of the time, the better.)

As I write this article for the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to the May/June Chimes, I know that the A/V ministry will be more polished a month down the road, and even more so a couple months from now. The pay off of practicing with focused intention will be evident. And perhaps many in the congregation will forget the bumps that occurred along the way. Some may even forget that we have a living person, a brave solo volunteer, sitting behind the A/V desk making sure that You are pleased and that they are entirely unnoticed. Ironic, isn't it...

Due to copywrite, I could not reprint these poems with permission in time for this edition. But I can share the links. Please give them a listen and view: "The Page-turner", by Michael Laskey found at <u>The Page-turner - Poetry Archive</u> or https://poetryarchive.org/poem/page-turner/.

"The Page turner", by Lee Nash found at <u>www.poet-rynook.com/poem/member/page-turner</u>, and "Page Turner", by Eriko Tsugawa-Madden is found at <u>Page Turner by Eriko Tsugawa-Madden | Poetry Ireland</u> or https://www.poetryireland.ie/publications/poetry-ire-land-review/online-archive/view/page-turner.

Each one shares a thought about the significance of the seemingly insignificant. Each one nods toward compassion for our humaness. Enjoy!





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.

## VOLUNTEERS FOR A/V WANTED!

We are always looking for more volunteers for streaming/camera, audio, and lyrics. The A/V desk welcomes "walk-ins" who want to explore the equipment before, during or after each Mass. Curious?

Come by and check it out! Questions? Contact Summer Aebker for audio and lyrics;

<u>aebkers@stcharleslima.org</u>, and Zach Everett for streaming/camera; <u>everettz@stcharleslima.org</u>.



ZACH EVERETT Director of Discipleship & Evangelization

## Word of Life

Some good friends of mine are part of a lay movement called the Focolare or The Hearth movement. They have many defining principles including an emphasis on community, outreach, and more. I just want to focus for now on their practice of living a particular gospel each month. Each month the worldwide movement focuses on putting into action a particular gospel passage or phrase in their daily lives. For the current month, the Word of Life as they call it is "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep." (Jn 10:11)

Perhaps when we read scripture or live our vocation we forget that we are called to be Christ to others. It is quite possible that the only Christ a person may encounter is through your words, actions and witness. This month's Word of Life reflects:

#### "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."

When we experience, even for a bit, this silent but powerful presence in our lives, we begin to ardently want to share this experience and grow in our capacity to care and welcome others. Following Jesus' example, we can try to know and better understand our family members, colleagues, and neighbors, allowing their needs to "disturb" our peaceful lives.

Love can give us great imagination, as we find ways of involving others in what we do and vice versa. In our own small way, we can contribute to building fraternal and open communities, capable of patiently and courageously accompanying many others on their journey through life. (FOCOLARE, Word of Life, Letizia Magri April, 2021)

Perhaps you and I can begin to take notice of this call to make the gospel "living and active" in our daily lives. I know for myself I need the reminders, the challenges to do more or be a better Christian. Perhaps especially in times like these, we can find opportunities to be disturbed. Because Christ is disturbed even by the one sheep who is lost and is willing to give his whole life for that one sheep. How can you and I welcome others? Is it as simple as introducing yourself to those whom you sit around at Mass? Perhaps you could bring a meal to an elderly neighbor? If a coworker of yours is struggling could you offer help or support? Maybe you could mow the neighbor's yard or pull the weeds from their flower beds?

If we at St. Charles desire to be a welcoming community it means that yes we need to welcome people on Sundays, but it also means that we need to find ways to welcome people outside of Sunday worship. We know this because every Sunday we are dismissed at the end of Mass and challenged to "Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord." This dismissal is a weekly reminder of our call to be disturbed by those around us. So this week what are the ways that you can live this Word of Life?

#### The Chimes



JULIE FISCHBACH Youth Faith Formation Coordinator

## The Sacramentals: Adding Some Flavor

What kind of title is that? If you have been following these short additions to the Chimes, you will no doubt be wondering what flavor and sacramentals have in common. When I first got the idea to touch on sacramentals, a friend of mine suggested that I should talk about blessed salt. I had just recently even heard of such a thing, thinking it was just something I heard talk about in regards to superstition. I wasn't exactly misinformed in that regard, it has been part of superstition, the old throw salt over your shoulder for whatever reason. This should not be too surprising since salt is part of our daily life and has been since probably forever. So here you go, Judy!

Salt is such a basic and necessary part of our

lives and history, we need it for preserving food, flavoring food, it symbolizes friendship and hospitality, it can be used for cleaning and sterilizing, and people used to even be paid in salt (where the word, salary, comes from). It has been mentioned several times throughout the Old and New Testaments. St. Remigius of Auxerre says, "It should be known, that in the Old Testament no sacrifice was offered to God unless it were first sprinkled with salt, for none can present an acceptable sacrifice to God without the flavour of heavenly wisdom."

What is amazing about salt is that its value to us in flavoring our food is that we never eat it on its own, it's goodness can only be found for the sake of something else. When we



think of this, it really puts a new perspective on the passage, "Let your speech be always in grace seasoned with salt: that you may know how you ought to answer every man."- Colossians 4:6. So if you are the salt of the earth, you add flavor to the world around you, nobody grabs the low sodium stuff at the store because they prefer it.

Knowing these things and lining them up helps us to see that salt as a sacramental is not such a stretch for us to understand. The first instance we see salt represented in the Bible as a sacramental is when Elisha purifies the well in the second book of Kings. In our American culture here, the practice has fallen away and is

I especially would like to thank the Life Teen Band for the time, talent, and all the love they put into creating an atmosphere worthy of praising our King.

The teens also let us know how near and dear to their hearts the Steubenville Youth Conference has been and how sad they were that the 2020 Conferences were cancelled for in-person. I am excited to share that we are planning to attend Steubenville in-person from June 18-20, 2021! We have chosen to attend Main Campus 2 Conference at Franciscan University of Steubenville in Steubenville Ohio. This is an exciting 3-day retreat experience with lots of great music and inspirational speakers with motivational messages. Please keep the teens in your prayers that the Holy Spirit moves them!

I also want to thank the teens, parents, relatives, and parishioners who supported Life Teen and helped us to thrive this year. It has been a joy to get to know and walk with the teens in Life Teen this school year. Although the Life Teen program will be continuing at St. Charles, I will be transitioning into the campus minister position at LCC. I look forward to continuing to work



The Life Teen Band at our Last Worship Noght on 4/14

now less known. Blessed salt in your home might be something you would like to return to once you see the uses that it can have for your home. The main function of blessed salt is to protect against evil, especially if you believe that you are in spiritual warfare. And when you don't believe you are in spiritual warfare since the devil is a sneaky creature, putting it politely, and you may not even recognize what is happening.

If you have some blessed salt, you can sprinkle in under beds to protect from evil at night or in the corners of your home to protect your home. Often it is placed over thresholds of homes to protect the entrances. Keep a small vial in your car for spiritual protection traveling or on overnight stays. You can ask Father to help you make some exorcised Holy Water (call in advance for this), and it can even be consumed in your cooking. It's important not to be superstitious about this, but, rather, in due deference, to make use of your blessed salt without becoming paranoid about it. That being said, if we admit that we are in spiritual warfare, why wouldn't we want to make use of the tools and prayers of the Church which would better equip us to protect ourselves? So, there is a healthy, balanced approach you must take with the use of blessed salt, as with any other sacramental. Avoid scrupulosity and obsessive worry over these things, remain in a state of grace, stay close to the Sacraments and to Our Lady. These basics must always take precedence in your heart, your mind, and your prayer life, above and before your use of Sacramentals.

with St. Charles and the teens in this new role. I will look forward to seeing many of you at Mass, in the halls of LCC, and at Steubenville this summer!

Stay tuned for updates about Life Teen and our summer activities! <u>https://stcharleslima.org/youth/lifeteen/</u> Follow us on Facebook or Instagram @stcharleslifeteen

## **Congratulations Seniors!**

We also want to say congratulations and thank you to our seniors in Life Teen: Nat Bruno, Emma DeLong, and Ryan Utendorf.

Nat Bruno has been involved in the Life Teen band and has also been a server and Eucharistic Minister at the Life Teen Mass. Emma DeLong has been involved with the Life Teen band and has also served as a sacristan for the Life Teen Mass. Ryan Utendorf has served as a lector and an usher for the Life Teen Mass. Their talent, faith and willingness to serve are inspiring and they are great role models of what it means to be a disciple. May God bless you as you begin this new chapter and we look forward to seeing what plans He has in store for you!





LINDSEY KRILE Life Teen Director

## Happy Summer!

The school year is ending and Life Teen is winding down. This year began slow due to COVID but we were blessed to be able to meet in-person for 9 Life Nights during the 2020-21 school year. Our Life Teen group is small but mighty as they have come together to explore popular questions and objections to our faith as part of the "Question Everything" series.

At our first Life Night, the teens let us know that Adoration, praise and worship, singing and dancing were high on their list of what they would like to see happen this year. With this in mind we started our Worship Nights featuring a testimony, praise and worship music, and most importantly Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. We had four Worship Nights throughout the school year and I would like to thank all those who attended for joining us in spending time adoring and praising Jesus.

#### May/June 2021



Courtney Neumeier Director of Operations

As a kid, when a parent would ask, "what is your favorite class at school?" the most popular response was always "RECESS!" We would always laugh thinking we had the best jokes not even understanding then how important recess and playgrounds are to our development. Obviously, the physical aspects of a playground are important to children's health. The ability to run, jump, climb, slide and move around give children the chance to exercise in a fun manner. Socially, children interact with each other, learn to take turns, and build friendships on a playground. Imaginations grow and blossom when inventing fun new games to play. Confidence and self-esteem is built when they can finally cross the monkey bars and conquer the piece of equipment.

"Outdoor play is an important part of childhood! So many of our children are spending less time outside. As a teacher, I know how important outdoor play is to a child's development and learning. Studies have shown that children can learn a lot from playing outdoors: social interactions, physical strength, balance, and other physical skills are important for growth and coordination. The movement of the body helps the child to develop academically as well!" – Lisa Mahler, Kindergarten Teacher

## The Importance of a Playground

"Moving and playing are very important to a child's health and development. A safe and creative place to play is key to making that happen." - Sally Garver and Laura Meredith, First Grade Teachers

Our current playground was installed in 1995 and 1996. Typically, they say, you should replace or update your equipment every 8-10 years with most equipment lasting 15-20. Our current playground is 26 years old! (We have staff members who are younger than our playground!) And, unfortunately, our equipment is starting to show signs of its age.



claimed a platform from one of our larger play pieces and is starting to affect the stairs on our largest play piece.

Rust has

(Safety measures have been put into place to ensure the safety of our students.) We want to continue to provide the best experience for our students and families by replacing our outdated equipment. Currently, we have \$18,000 raised of the roughly \$180,000 needed to complete this project. We have launched a new online merchandise shop where all of the



proceeds will benefit our playground project; you can visit our online shop here: https://stcharlescatholicborromeo21.itemorder.com/ if you would individually donate to this project you can donate online: https://www.osvhub.com/stcharles-lima/funds/playground-fund or by visiting the school or parish office. If you know an individual or business who would like to sponsor this project, please call Courtney at the Parish Office: 419-228-7635 ext: 3007



## Changes Regarding Volunteer Maintenance Day

I would like to thank those of you who have volunteered for our May Maintenance Day in the past. After careful consideration and discussion, we have decided to alter our maintenance procedure to better fit an on-going program. Instead of having a large number of volunteers one day a year doing many projects, we felt it would be more productive to use smaller numbers of volunteers, on specific projects throughout the year. We would like to build a list of volunteers to be called upon as needed. As on May Maintenance Day, these projects will have many different aspects of keeping the grounds and buildings clean in appearance, and in workable condition.

More importantly, using the results from our recent survey, there is a hunger for local, community based service. We will be extending our volunteer maintenance to parish and community members. This will be for small things such as basic cleaning and/or maintenance services for those in need. If you would like to volunteer OR are in need of assistance with basic cleaning and/or maintenance, please go to our website (stcharleslima.org) click on "Volunteer" and find "Volunteer Maintenance." Here you can fill out a few short questions and a volunteer from St. Charles will help coordinate the rest.

> Rick Pugh Co Chair FacilitiesCommission

## Parish Policy for Bequests

In 2020 St. Charles started a new policy for when unrestricted bequests are received. This policy allows us to quickly determine where the unrestricted funds are to go. Included in the policy was a charitable contribution. Recently St. Charles received a bequest and our Outreach Commission determined that some of the funds were to go to Heartbeat of Lima and Habitat for Humanity to help individuals in our area while the rest of the funds went to Father Thomas's Diocese of Puttur. There they are building the Sarvodaya Special School for differently abled children. Currently, they have 50 children ranging from age 6 - 23 and running classes with experienced teachers out of a rented facility. Most of the students belong to families with poor economic background who might not be able to afford an education. Here these students receive therapeutic services (physiotherapy, occupational therapy, and speech therapy) counseling,



and long and short term vocational train ing, to make these individuals fully independent. They will be constructing a 6,450 sqft school consisting of four classrooms, vocational training room, and occupational therapy.

## **Adopt a Flower Bed!**

Do you love gardening? Consider adopting a St. Charles Flower Bed! Commitments are for one "growing" season. We still need volunteers for areas: A, D & H. You don't need to handle one area alone either! We have two people covering area B who would like additional help as well. If you are interested in helping please contact Courtney at the Parish Office. 419-228-7635



## Download Our Parish App!

Our St. Charles Borromeo app is available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter.

Also enjoy a bunch of additional features like prayers, daily readings, helpful reminders to silence your phone before Mass or Confession, and much more.

Help foster a stronger parish life at St. Charles Borromeo and better engage the New Evangelization.

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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



## This FALL at St. Charles Parish Walking with Purpose

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Would you like to connect with other women in our parish community? Are you searching for something more in your life? We invite you to consider joining Walking With Purpose, a women's Catholic Bible study, this fall at St Charles. Our first session of the whole community will be

<u>Saturday September 11</u><sup>th</sup> <u>at 9am</u> in St. Charles basement. Weekly group sessions are starting the week immediately following. *Opening Your Heart*, our foundational study, is designed for a woman new to WWP with or without any Bible study experience; come as you are to learn how the Scriptures apply to our everyday lives.

Our second study, *Keeping in Balance*, takes us on a journey throughout Scripture as we discover the relevance of Old and New Testament wisdom to our daily challenges. In this 22-lesson study, we'll explore Biblical ideas for managing life's pace and pressure while living with calm and steadiness. Your lifestyle of health and holiness awaits.

Our mission is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible studies. Interested in learning more? Please join us on at one of community or group meetings to find out what Walking With Purpose is all about! Bring a friend to meet us at St. Charles, basement at 9am September 11<sup>th</sup>. Contact Elizabeth Lynch at 419-303-6149 or <u>waelynch@wcoil.com</u> for more information or visit Walking With Purpose <u>www.walkingwithpurpose.com</u> to learn more. We hope to see you!





Visit at least 5 of the 12 churches dedicated to St. Joseph in our diocese to receive a commemorative magnet!



# The Redwing Reader St. Charles Catholic School



#### MEGAN SCHEID Principal

The school year is on the last leg of the race and the students, staff and parents are looking behind at the great successes we have accomplished and ahead to the warm sunny days of spring and summer. The students have an opportunity to acknowledge the successes of their peers and teachers throughout the month of May. We will begin with Positive Addiction Week beginning on Monday, May 3rd. Throughout this week the students learn of their many gifts and talents from God and how they can use them to serve others and become a better person. The entire Lima Catholic School Community will gather on May 7 for our 5k race, although this year we will run a new route at Faurot Park due to COVID restrictions.

St. Charles Parish will share in theFirst Communion Celebration of our second graders over the first two weekends of May. What a beautiful witness of these children accepting Jesus in their lives. We will have an All School Liturgy celebrating the May Crowning on Thursday, May 13 where we will honor the Mother of Jesus. The Pre-Kindergarten will enjoy a special recognition day with songs and celebrations on Thursday, May 27. The final week of school is May 24through 28 and many of our grade levels will complete the year with a class celebration. We know that many new friendships and communities have been established and we cherish the opportunity to recognize them.

Our eighth graders will graduate at the 6:30 p.m. Mass on Wednesday May 26. This is always a beautiful ceremony that acknowledges the many accomplishments of our graduating class and honors them with scholarships and certificates. The Guagenti Scholarship to LCC is awarded to an eighth grader who has demonstrated commitment to their family, school and education.

The August Pleva Scholarship will also be awarded to an eighth grader who will be attending LCC

## **A Successful Year**

and is based on academic achievement and eshibiting Christian character.

Our final day of class is Friday, May 28. This will be our biggest day of celebration and recognition. Each classroom will be represented by two students who have shown lifeskills throughout the year to receive the annual award. We will also be presenting the Daniel Doepker scholarship to a fifth through seventh grade boy acknowledging improvement this academic school year.

The students in grade 5 will also have an opportunity to receive the Izzy Kenny Scholarship recognizing academic improvement, involvement in the arts and the school and parish. These scholarships are awarded through an application essay.

We also will be awarding the scholarships to honor Diane Dorley, our former cafeteria manager. This award allows for three students in grades K - 7 to receive a scholarship that will cover the cost of their lunch for the 2021-2022 school year. These students will be selected by the staff and the criteria is based on showing perseverance and good manners.

We have many teachers and staff members that will be honored for their years of service to St. Charles School and will be recognized the last day of school. Mrs. Butorac and Miss Luersman have taught here for 5 years. Mrs. Lauck, Mrs. Mahler, and Mrs. Scheid have been serving for 20 years. Our 30 year award winners are Mrs. Collins and Mrs. Knarr. What a tribute to our school community to have teachers with so much dedication to St. Charles Catholic School.

We will also be honoring Laura Meredith, who will be retiring at the end of this school year. In closing, summer time is associated with resting and relaxation with families and friends. I am so proud of the way the students, staff, and families have persevered through this school year given the situation that we were faced with.

We will be encouraging all our students to enjoy the summer but also to review for the next school year. Practicing our Faith and using the gifts and talents from God is so important to keep united with our community and our loving God.

## *St. Charles Honor Society Banquet* By Mrs. Miracle and Mrs. Blubaugh

Monday, February 22nd, 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.

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. We congratulate the following students on their outstanding academic accomplishments:



7th Grade Members: Andrew Baldauf, Emily Blankemeyer, Lucia Fuduric, Alexa Heffner, Davey Kesner, Aidan Latham, Mason Latham, Jacob Raczynski, Alice Reif, Laney Scheckelhoff, Jacob Schnieders, Jenna Terrill, Courtney VanMeter, Claire Wolfcale





**8th Grade Members:** Melana Badea, Hannah Brecht, Austin Craig, Brady Feison, Andrew Hutjens, Claire Janowski, Nathan Niemeyer, Maria Pignataro, Cole Rinehart, Evan Rinesmith, Emma Skinner, Jillian Terrill, Elaila White



In third grade we studied the Mona Lisa by Leonardo da Vinci. Students added a twist to this iconic Renaissance painting by incorporating a modern day item in her hand making her "The Modern Day Mona Lisa".



Brady and Rocco, 5th grade art students are using proper clay hand building techniques to create an Owl.



Austin and Ava are completing their paintings of Claude Monet's Garden. Second grade students are encouraged to mix colors to create variations in the pond water with lily pads and flowers.



Addi and Jack used tissue paper and black marker to recreate this Easter art project in Fourth grade art class.

## Yes, we DO still teach cursive at St. Charles! By Laura Knarr



Yes, we DO still teach cursive at St. Charles! Here are some reasons why. Cursive handwriting stimulates the brain in ways that typing cannot. It allows for the left and right sides of the brain to talk to each other building neural connections. It increases writing speed and improves fine motor skills. Taking notes by hand increases retention of the subject matter. These are only some of the reasons! Technology allows us to practice cursive handwriting in a way that is more interesting than using pencil and paper all of the time.

## **Positive Addiction Week**

By Mary Beth Krumel

It's time for Positive Addiction and this is our 38th year! For those of you who may be new, Positive Addiction was originated at St. Charles School by former retired teachers, Mary Brinkman and Diana Ireland. The theme for the program is drawn from psychiatrist William Glasser's theory of Positive Addiction. Dr. Glasser promoted the idea that wholesome addictions taught at a young age, would make a lasting impression on school children. Did you know this program was rec-



ognized in 1988 at The White House by former first lady, Nancy Reagan!

Students are taught about the dangers of drug and alcohol; as well as, the benefits of exercise and staying fit. In the fourth quarter of school, students begin training for a 5K. One lucky student from one of the three Catholic schools designs the runner's logo, which is rotated every year. The logo is replicated on our t-shirts and is proudly sponsored by OIO and the Orthodontist Associates. Congratulations to Melana Badea, St. Charles eighth grade student, on her awe-some design!

This year due to Covid, our 5K will be in Faurot Park instead of the neighborhood surrounding the school. Race Day is scheduled for Friday, May 7<sup>th</sup>. Students from St. Gerard, St. Rose and LCC will also be running. Please join us and cheer on our runners!

Friday morning, (weather permitting), the hot air balloon will lift off in the school back lot between 7:30 and 7:50. Runners will be traveling a little before 10 a.m. to Faurot Park, after hearing our Keynote Speaker and receiving an encouraging send-off by the students in the younger grades. The race will begin around 10:30 a.m., with the starting line close to North Shore Blvd.

After the big race, all the school children will be treated to a special lunch by Scott Shutt and Kewpee. It makes our hearts go flippity, flop! Special thanks to all our sponsors for making this the best school day ever!



Third Quarter Honor Roll

Mark of Excellence: Grade 5: Aiden McCain

Grade 6: Lucy Bensinger

Grade 7: Andrew Baldauf, Emily Blankemeyer, Lucia Fuduric, Alexa Heffner, Jacob Raczynski

Grade 8: Melana Badea, Evan Rinesmith

#### **High Honors:**

**Grade 5:** Evan Brinkman, Logan Buehler, Sam Conrad, Gianna Decanio, Chayce Farrington, Ella Gronas, Milicent Ibeneme, Brady Jacobs, Joshua Reed, Corbin Stewart, Grayson Turgon, Eddie White

**Grade 6:** Kaitlyn Carroll, Oyinna Ekeh, Stella Ellis, Olivia Hinegardner, Olivia Joseph, Sophia Joseph, Jacob Miller, Michael Quatman, Vivian Ta, Olivia Venturella, Lincoln Woods

**Grade 7:** Davey Kesner, Aidan Latham, Mason Latham, Jennifer Nguyen, Laney Scheckelhoff, J.J. Schnieders, Jenna Terrill, Courtney Van Meter, Claire Wolfcale, Joshua Young

**Grade 8:** Hanna Brecht, Ava Hefner, Claire Janowski, Michael Miller, Victor Pierce, Maria Pignataro, Cole Rinehart, Emma Skinner, Jillian Terrill, Elaila White

#### Honors:

**Grade 5:** Jessica Blubaugh, Rocco Cecala-Wells, Ayden Cox, Alyssa Donley, Brayden Garlock, Kacy Kesner, Miah Nuesmeyer, Zaida Oliphant, Seth Rachlin, Drayvin Saus, Gabe Sealts, Ryder Utz, Ella Warrington, Arabella Wilson

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**Grade 8:** Sydney Burris, Austin Craig, Brady Feison, Ava Gafford, Teagan Helmig, Andrew Hutjens, Jade Oglesbee, Noah Wilson



For more information contact the Extended Day Director Kathy Fleischman at: Fleischmank@sccslima.org or visit the St. Charles website at: https://www.sccslima.org/extended-day--2

## 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.



## Kindergarten News By Lisa Mahler



This week, my students planted wheat grass and learned about the plant's life cycle. We made these cute hats to show others what we are learning!

## Fun at Pre - Kindergarten



PreK student, Conor Monaghan, forms his letters in shaving cream during Mrs. Keating's class

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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

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# Lima Central Catholic High School Academic News Submitted by Sue Janowski

Leadership by Example – 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter

Math Students of the Month - February

Congratulations to the following students who have

Junior – Gavin Caprella, Senior – Isabella Joseph,

Freshmen – Carson Caprella, Sophomore – Justin

Congrats to the following students for exemplary work

shown (by example) how to lead their classmates!

#### Lima Noon Optimist Youth Appreciation Award -**Anna Delamotte**



The Lima Noon Optimist Club recognizes young people in the community who have shown outstanding leadership skills and have been good role models in their schools. This year our representative is Anna Delamotte. Congratulations, Anna, and thanks for all you do for your classmates and your school!

#### Shawnee Optimist Essay Contest -**Taylor Wisser**

Taylor Wisser represented LCC in the Shawnee Optimist Essay Contest. Taylor came in 3<sup>rd</sup>. Great job, Taylor!





#### Michelle Obama Award - Zoey Foster

Zoey Foster earned a perfect score on one of the sections of the ACT and earned a composite score that placed her in the top 1% of ACT test takers nationally. This was a special recognition for her success on the PSAT/NMSQT. What a great accomplishment, Zoey!

#### Golden Racquet Award - Hayden **Bader**

Hayden Bader received the Gold Racquet Award for playing two years of varsity tennis and earning at least 3.75 GPA. Way to go, Hayden!



## Lima Exchange Club Essay – Lauren

Lauren Chaney participated in the Lima Exchange Club Scholarship Essay Contest as the LCC representative. Good luck, Lauren!

Chaney

#### Lima Exchange Club ACE Award – Qui'Ana Hoyle

Senior Qui'Ana Hoyle received the ACE Award for LCC from Lima Exchange Club member, Stephanie Moos. The

certificate and check were presented to Qui'Ana in recognition for "Accepting the Challenge of Excellence" through every challenge during high school to achieve her diploma. Thank you to the Lima Exchange Club for this recognition and supporting our students!



**Catholic Math** League Total Winners – 2<sup>nd</sup> place Zoey Foster, 1st place Nicole Patricio-Agosto and Emma Mayers. Congratulations, ladies!



Highest Ohio Math League Total – Nathan Stolly. Nice iob. Nate!

Most Mu Alpha Theta Points for the 2020-2021 School Year - Taylor Wisser, Morgan Chaney, Bridget Mulcahy, and Emma Mayers. Very impressive!

Quiz Bowl\_The JV took first place with 9 wins and one loss! 278 points and the Varsity took 5th with 278 points.

Nice season! Ben Siatkosky. Nathaniel Bruno, Nathan Stolly, Kitt Siatkosky, Anna Delamotte and Olivier Bruno. Not pictured: Aidan Scheckelhoff and Zach Campbell



## **Third Quarter Honor Roll** 62% on the Honor Roll

Hayden Bader, Alice Braglia, Lauren Chaney, Morgan Chaney, William Cira, Mary Dee, Anna Delamotte, Emma DeLong, Zoey Foster, Olivia Garlock, Christian Guagenti, Isabella Joseph, Casey Koenig, Gavin Laird, Sophia Luchini, Jacob Mangette, Erin Mulcahy, Mary Mulcahy, Allyson Oravitz, Ross Otto, Nicole Patricio-Agosto, Zachary Patterson, Enrico Pittalis, Joseph Rinehart, Gavin Schimpf, Katherine Siatkosky, Nathan Stolly, Quishaun Thomas, Abigail Watkins, Madisen Williams, Alexander Wisser, Taylor Wisser, Gavin Caprella, Nicholas Chambers, Carrie Heider, Kelly Koenig, Emma Mayers, Noah Nuesmeyer, Madeline Quatman, Jaylen Roehm, Brayden Truex, Carlie VanMeter, Allison Young, Matthew Cira, Justin Davisson, Bridget Mulcahy, Benjamin Siatkosky, Olivia Stolly, William

#### Superior Honors 3.5

Kharis Allen, Jerriah Benton, Nathaniel Bruno, Nathan Davisson, Justin Hawkins, Jillian Lieurance, Seth Mahlmeister, Gavin Makley, Lam Nguyen, Emily Scarberry, Dylan Wilson, Sebastian Contini, Delaney Dafler, Reed Doneghy, Connor Gephart, Kaelan Howard, Isabella John, Abigail Koenig, Seth Mikesell, Noah Schneider, Kaitlyn Sherrick, Evan Unruh, Kristina Zupan, Kyla Badea, McKenna Bader, Paige Brinkman, Olivier Bruno, Glenn Bryant IV, Zachary Campbell, Gabriel Cira, Payne Cutlip, Kristina Evans, Jacob Lauck, Blythe Nickles, Ines Pineau, Aidan Scheckelhoff, Tyler Shipman, Samantha Stumbaugh, Alexander Arellano, Carsyn Dafler, Samuel Mayers, Jacob Nieman, Sebastian Pierce, Caitlyn Purvenas, Jaide Schimpf, Elizabeth Simmons, Jacob Venturella

#### Honor Roll 3.0

Jesse Bollinger, Zachary Burris, Jacqueline Cutlip, Avarie Gross, Shylin Jones, Brady Koenig, Ziyrrah Martinez, Samuel Masters, Kennedy Parker, Madeline Brunner, Olivia Garver, Karlee Helmig, Adilena Howell, Grace Hutjens, Madalena Knotts, Frankie McDonald Jr, August Satterfield, Naphop Sawangwisarn, Annika Wilker, Justin Bauman, Daniel Cox, Katherine Cox, Ethan Frankhouser, Collin Gamble, Cheyenne Hershberger, Julia Kaiser, Ashlyn Lee, Kiegh Macklin, Kylee Mangini-Miller, James Patton Jr, Olivia Stewart, Michael Taflinger, Anna Wannemacher, Karsyn Cunningham, Emma Donley, Kennet Godoy Lanche, Caterina Lucente, Braedon Lybarger-Singhaus, Kaitlin Seffernick, Malachi Talbert, Joshua Yahl

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President), Morgan Chaney (President) and Kitt Siatkosky (Secretary). Thanks for dedication and hard work!

Davisson

intheir math classes!

Mu Alpha Theta

**Members and Officers** 

Taylor Wisser (Vice

Thompson – Jaylen Roehm

#### Pi Day – March 14<sup>th</sup>

Carrie Heider made a beautiful and very yummy



Raspberry Unit Circle Pi to demonstrate her new knowledge in trigonometry. Mu Alpha Theta had another successful year selling pies to celebrate Pi day. We made well over \$100 which will help pay for the contests we take next school year! Thanks to all the parents who donated pies to make this event a suc-

#### **Problem Solving Class**

Casey Koenig and Nathan Stolly are building STEM projects in problem solving class this year thanks to a generous grant from AEP.

cess!

#### **AMC Math Contest Winners**

Congratulations to Nicole Patricio-Agosto for placing first in their year's AMC 12 math contest and to Oli Bruno for placing first in the AMC 10 contest. Great job !!





Mark of Excellence 4.0

Bourk, Carson Caprella, Emily Morrisey, Mya Raczynski



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