



FR. KENT KAUFMAN
Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

I am happy to share with you in this issue of The Chimes the “fruit” of a survey that we invited you to complete in February 2021. Our five commissions and Pastoral Council have poured over that data and created a new Priority Plan for our parish.

If you recall, our former priority plan was coming to a close in 2021. Unfortunately, covid-19 upended most of our goals, or at least how we were measuring them. But in February we were beginning to see a little light at the end of the tunnel and a hope that things would be more normal in the near future.

As you know, things are still not normal, but we live in the hope that we can still be the Body of Christ and that our parish can be a spiritual house for God’s People. Our new priority plan embraces the Scripture passage 1 Peter 2:1-10 which describes us as “living stones” that are fashioned into a spiritual house.

Our plan looks out to the year 2024 and shapes where we want to strengthen ourselves as a parish. There are three main priorities and under each are three goals. What I am sharing with you today are the “broad strokes” of the plan, but the commissions and council have the finer details in place or “action steps” in order to achieve each goal in these next couple of years.

We have also used the plan to give us a new focus each year. In this first year we are focusing on *Living stones built into a spiritual house*. Especially after these past two years which have isolated us in many ways, we are seeing the importance of building community once again.

PRIORITY 1 - BUILD COMMUNITY
Living stones built into a spiritual house
(1 Peter 2:5)

GOAL 1 - Welcoming - Implement a plan to recognize and engage parishioners, visitors, and newly registered by June 2024.

GOAL 2 - Volunteers - Increase a roster of engaged households (at least one member actively serving a least one linked ministry) by 25 (new or newly returned households) each year by June 2024.

GOAL 3 - Marketing - Increase parish revenue 5% annually by June 2024.

PRIORITY 2 - FOLLOW JESUS
Grow up to salvation (1 Peter 2:2)

GOAL 1 - Foster Authentic Friendship - Implement a schedule of monthly opportunities that will allow parishioners to foster authentic friendship by June 2024.

GOAL 2 - Path to Discipleship - Have 36 parishioners on the Pathway to Missionary Discipleship by June 2024.

GOAL 3 - Liturgical Catechesis - Develop and implement a Liturgical Catechesis Plan that offers three annual and ongoing opportunities by June 2024.

PRIORITY 3 - WITNESS
TO THE WORLD

Declare the wonderful deeds (1 Peter 2:9)

GOAL 1 - CCCC - Provide 25 weekly acts of service (persons served) at CCCC by June 2024.

GOAL 2 - Ecumenism - Offer three new interdenominational/interreligious opportunities by June 2024.

GOAL 3 - Service - Provide basic cleaning and maintenance services to 12 parish/community members by June 2024.

At our last Pastoral Council meeting in November, Kathy Burkholder shared a beautiful prayer that she wrote based upon 1 Peter 2:1-10. Our council unanimously adopted her prayer as our parish prayer for these next few years. It will help us live into our plan and become all that God has created us to be. I hope that you will join me in praying this prayer.

Father in Heaven,
You are the Master Builder,
building your Church with living stones.
You have made Jesus the cornerstone
on which the whole building depends.
I want to be a living stone.
Cleanse me of all that defiles your Church,
then use me where you see the best fit.
If I am in the foundation...
or the back wall ...
or the steeple for all to see,
shape me and use me where you will.
Let me not yearn to be in a different place.
Let me not be swayed by others
to be something I am not meant to be.
Thank you for choosing me
and making me precious in your sight.
Continue to build this Church with many living stones,
each one shaped and laid according to your design,
so that we may shine for the whole world to see.
Help us each to remember
how we depend on each other,
and that each stone is needed.
We praise you and give you all the glory!
Amen.

Fr. Kent

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PEACE.
COURAGE.

MERCY.
DREAM.
FAITH.
SERVICE.
JUSTICE.
CONVICTION.
STRENGTH.
CHARACTER.

MASS OF THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
With the presentation of the Drum Major Awards Recalling the Legacy of Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King, Jr.

Sunday, January 16, 2022, 10:30 a.m.

St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church
2200 West Elm St., Lima, OH 45805

Celebrant and Homilist:
Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo



For more information, please contact
Intercultural Ministries at 419-214-4887



**SR. YVONNE
FISCHER,
OSF-T**

Pastoral Care Coordinator

Outreach Ministries

St. Vincent dePaul Food Pantry is located at 928 S. Main St. Lima Ohio, 419-224-3570. We are open as often as needed and appointments to pick up food can be made by calling on Tuesday from until noon. We serve any Allen County resident who meets the income guidelines. Volunteers are always welcome. Alice Giesken, 419-979-9638 or magiesk@wcoil.com.

Christian Corner Community Center is located at 1601 McClain Rd in South Lima. A mid-day meal is served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 a. m. to 12:00 noon. Maureen Kaskel is the Director of Christian Corner Community Center, kaskelm@stcharleslima.org 419-230-0013

Pastoral Care Ministry is coordinated by Sister Yvonne Fischer. Volunteers minister to the Catholic residences at these Nursing Homes: Primrose Retirement, Lima Convalescent/Green Houses, Lochhaven, Burton Ridge, Shawnee Manor, The Springs, Springview Manor, Wyngate, and Kessler Estates. We also visit parishioners at other Nursing Homes in the area and take Communion to the homebound. fischery@stcharleslima.org

Prayer Request Ministry is made up of people that are emailed when a prayer request is received. These people agree to pray daily for the request prayers. If you would like to be a part of this ministry email burgesse@stcharleslima.org. Please use the same email if you have a prayer request.

Family Promise is a faith-based agency providing a safe haven for families. St. Charles provides a week long housing about 4 times a year. Volunteers are always needed: Emily Decanio, edecanio@gmail.com

Card Ministry a. Barbara Schierloh bdschierloh@gmail.com coordinates the making of cards. b. Joyce Day, jaday@wcoil.com sends Birthday cards to parishioners who are celebrating major birth days.

Care & Concern Ministry reaches out to those families who have suffered the loss of a loved one. The ministry provides refreshments for those families who are attending a visitation at a funeral home. We are in need of volunteers who are willing to provide water, chips, or cookies for these visitations. Please contact Mary Niese at www.sccslima.org if you are able to help on occasion. Email your name and number, *including those who have volunteered in the past*, so we are able to create an up to date list of volunteers. Your willingness to help is very much appreciated.

Heartbeat/ProLife provides services for pregnant women in need. heartbeatoflima@yahoo.com website: josh2415.net/heartbeat

Give-A-Christmas assist families in need during the holiday season. Volunteers always needed. mark.stolly@stolly.com

Give-A-Christmas – Interview with Mark Stolly

By Nancy Bronder

Give-A-Christmas was established in 1968 when three couples: Dick and Jo Stolly (Mark's parents), Margaret and Bob Stolly (Mark's aunt and uncle), and Bob and Carol McNamara (Stolly family friends) gathered and thought up an idea to help the Lima community. The idea was to not only give to others but to build community while working together on a giving project. They wanted to "Give-A-Christmas" to others who were less fortunate.



When asked about his most memorable Give-A-Christmas, Mark had a hard time thinking of his favorite one. There have been some years where the donations were so large that they had 13,000 fifty-pound bags! And then there was last year when COVID impacted the ministry, and they had to switch gears. As Mark thought further, he recalled when he was eleven or twelve years old, and he was allowed to help deliver the bags to apartments and homes. It helped him to see (with his own eyes) how others lived, and how they didn't have as much as he did. This is when he realized the difference the Give-A-Christmas ministry had on the families that they served.

He said it has been important to keep the generations understanding this philosophy. They now have the third generation working on this important service! They have tried different things to make the bag redistribution



special. One year, they had Doug Daley's group sing Christmas carols during the time when the volunteers were redistributing the bags. All in all, it's about everyone getting "together on a giving project" which was the intent from the beginning with Mark's parents, aunt and uncle and family friends.

It is important for us to understand that there are many people that don't have much, and they live right here in our own Lima community. Remembering others who have less, especially in the Christmas Season of Giving, is what we are called to do.

If you weren't able to help out this past year, put it on your calendar for next year. It's a great way to help out our community and do a worthwhile service project with your whole family!

Contact Mark Stolly at 419-231-6959.

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

PARISH WEBSITE
Check out the parish website at
stcharleslima.org

The Chimes Staff
Cathy Huber – Marge Snow

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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and Evangelization

Online Offertory

If you haven't already noticed the subtle hints and reminders in the bulletin, or around the church I have another one for you. **ONLINE OFFERTORY ROCKS!!!** Many of us have already made the adjustment to routinely giving online while others are skeptical of the whole process. Nothing to fear, your parish staff is here to the Rescue.

A few parishioners in the development commission possessed the question: "Why is offering online beneficial to us the parishioner?" First thing I would tell a parishioner is that an online offertory is **convenient** for you. Anytime, anywhere you have access to give online. A big myth about online offertory is the safety risk involved. I'm here to tell you that our online offertory is **secure and confidential**. It adheres to banking and security standards. With parishioners schedules forever changing, **flexibility** becomes a demand. The ability to start, stop and change your contribution anytime gives you the parishioner full control of when and how much money leaves your account. Finally we preach the simplicity of the program in excess. There is no need to contact your bank. Contributions can come from using direct withdrawal (ACH) or Credit cards.

We, the parish staff, appreciate any type of giving to our great church. We just believe in the comfort and ease of using online offertory, and would feel inept if we didn't inform you about all the good that can come from it. If you are having any type of trouble call the parish office so we can walk you through the first time.

Online Giving

**It's safe,
It's Easy,
It's Convenient, and
It helps St. Charles Save Money**



**Sign up today by visiting
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and clicking on the
Online Giving icon.**

Have You Ever Been on a Retreat?

Have you ever been on a retreat? So often in our lives we allow everything to fill up our time and thoughts and can be tempted into not leaving much time for God. If we look at the example of Jesus, we see that throughout his earthly life, he was continuously getting-away from the world and its business to reconnect with His Father. As we approach Lent this year, I want to encourage you to take some time and reconnect with God. There are a variety of ways that you can do this, sometimes it can be as simple as taking a few extra minutes in the morning to read and pray with a scripture verse. I personally find it very helpful to pray the Liturgy of the Hours in the morning. There are books, and on your own retreats that you can do, but one of the best ways that I know how to re-connect with God is to get away and spend time working on my relationship with Him. Just like you need to work on your relationship with your spouse, and even having good friends, the key thing that we have to give up when it comes to relationships is **TIME**. I encourage you to find a little or in some cases a lot of time to give to God this year. Don't let this year pass you by and allow nothing to change. One way to jump start your relationship with God is attending a retreat. This year St. Charles will be hosting a Men's and Women's retreat. These Friday through Sunday Retreats will focus on you and your relationship with God. Giving time to God so that you can focus on a few small ways to improve your relationship with Him, or perhaps reconnect with God if you feel far from Him. Stay tuned to the bulletin for more information on the Men's and Women's **ENCOUNTER** Retreats or contact the parish office for more information.



If you or anyone you know is interested in becoming Catholic, please contact Zach Everett in the parish office 419-228-7635 for more information.



LifeTeen Summer Camp

LifeTeen is going to summer camp! LifeTeen runs a summer camp called Covecrest, in Tiger, GA. Covecrest is located in the North Georgia mountains and includes many fun summer camp activities including a high and low ropes challenge course, rock wall, cargo net, a static koala course that ends in a zip line through the trees and many other activities.

The camp is rooted in the Sacraments and provides a multitude of ways to experience God. The teens will attend daily Mass, be offered confessions and Eucharistic Adoration. The teens will also experience some of the best Catholic speakers and musicians with powerful talks and prayerful, engaging praise and worship music.

The total cost for the week will be \$700 and includes a whitewater rafting trip. Fund raising and financial aid will be available. Please contact Jeremy Hollis in the Parish Office for questions.

Save the Date

Retiree Recognition Day at St. Charles on Sunday, February 27, 2022.

Please plan on attending the 10:30 Mass and we will have a lunch to follow.

Further details to follow regarding the location of the lunch.

We want to recognize any parishioner who has recently retired or plans on retiring in the near future. The parish would like to recognize you and support you in this important new phase of your life. More information will be forthcoming in the next few weeks.



SUMMER AEBKER

Liturgical
Music Coordinator

At the end of our Mass after the priest gives his final blessing, we have a recessional hymn. As with the other hymns in the Mass, there's a nomenclature associated with the placement of each hymn. The opening hymn is commonly referred to as the *processional* or *entrance* hymn. The next congregational hymn occurs during the preparation of the Eucharist and is aptly called *presentation and preparation of gifts*. Next, we have the chant, or song, that accompanies the distribution of the Eucharist. This is called the *communion* hymn. Following that is the last hymn, these days commonly referred to as the *song of praise or sending forth*. The Mass is officially over after the final blessing. Therefore, I like to think of this last hymn of praise as a bonus hymn. But one that has significant purpose which serves to send us forth into the world as a continuation of devotion. It connects our inner prayer life to our outer actions.

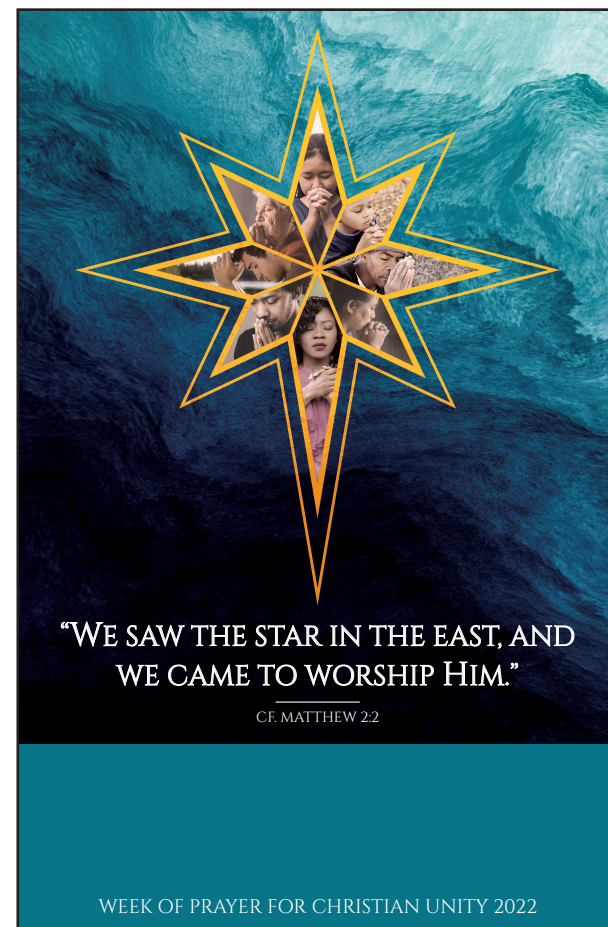
Regarding musicians, I notice that the beat easily carries on to other activities, or maybe it works the other way around. But certainly, there is a thread of music that weaves itself inside the church as well as outside the church. Whether it be family sing-alongs over the holidays, karaoke at the neighborhood hang-out, cantoring at funerals, weddings, other Masses around town, sharing music entertainment at the hospital, or entertaining nursing home and assisted living residents, there are many in our parish who continue to share the *song of sending forth* in their everyday lives. For those who were lucky enough to hear the Lima Symphony and Symphony chorus at the last Bells, Brass and Bows concert, you would have enjoyed the *Ballad of the Brown King* by Margaret Bonds among other wonderful selections. Our parish representation in the Lima Symphony Chorus is of notable significance by numbers alone. These wonderful people contribute their time and musical gifts to the community so that great music masterworks can be enjoyed in live performances by all. As one friend said recently, sometimes music lifts the soul like nothing else can. And with scripture-based text, we approach ethereal revelations sometimes best with ethereal music. Music is powerful! There's a whole field of music therapy with degreed prac-

tioners making healing contributions to those in need. And casual music listeners can find anything from solace in their music experience to inspiring energy for a challenging workout, or perhaps a mood-boosting meditative accompaniment to adoration and devotions.

Whether you are a music maker or a music appreciator, music is everywhere and in everything. Avante-garde composer, John Cage, famously experimented with sound in his piano work, "4'33", the piece that lasts four minutes and thirty-three seconds—in total silence. He was inspired to hear environmental noise as music. Put a person in a vacuum, and that person will be acutely aware of hearing their own heartbeat pulse within them. That heartbeat is a rhythm. Rhythm is music. We all carry music in us every day, everywhere we go, and in everything we do. We just have to listen. Let the next *song of sending forth* inspire you to continue uplifting praise and thankfulness to God for life and love of music, for community connection, and for the common thread of beating hearts. Go forth and do good for the world as prescribed in our scripture teachings. Be the music. Share your music. Share your heart with others.



St. Charles Lima Symphony Chorus Parishioners
Front row: Natalie Buckholdt, Angie Herzog, Linda Gephardt
Back row: Mike Herzog, David Gratz, Kevin Kidd, Father Kent Kaufman, Doug Daley, Anthony Taylor



Aebker and Ryan perform in *The Messiah* at Bluffton University

Summer Aebker, St. Charles Liturgical Music Coordinator, and Fred Ryan, St. Charles Choir Member, had the honor of performing at Bluffton University's Yoder Performance Hall on December 12, 2021 as part of Bluffton's annual presentation of *The Messiah*.



The third concert in our Open Hearts Concert Series is on Saturday, January 15th, at 7:30 p.m. We are excited to bring you the Bloomington Ensemble Connect piano quintet. (If you think a piano quintet consists of five pianos, you are mistaken, but not alone.) A piano quintet is a string quartet with piano. String quartets and pianos are iconic in the movies, but have you ever heard a live performance with this musical combination? This program goes beyond background music. It is filled with exciting repertoire that will amaze your senses. Don't miss this opportunity! The concert is free and open to the public. Live stream is available. Free-will offerings and online donations are accepted and appreciated.





Family Promise was a success once again when we hosted one family the last week of November. The family enjoyed sharing fellowship with our awesome volunteers and their families. One volunteer meal host, Erin Sarven and family, even brought little Christmas gifts for the children, which they were delighted to receive! The meals were nutritious and delicious, and much appreciated!



Gianna and Tommy Decanio are playing with two of the children from Family Promise.

We are in the process of working with Family Promise to set dates for 2022, our first hosting week probably being February 20-27 and another one in April, beginning Easter Sunday. We would love to include any new volunteers from the parish who would be willing to serve as a meal host or overnight host. Please contact the parish office if you would be willing to stay one night at the church when we host.

Please keep these families and our ministry in your prayers. Some exciting news is that plans are being made to purchase a static site to host families sometime during summer 2022 and beyond, with volunteers from area churches bringing meals to that site instead of hosting in the churches themselves.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Needs You

Would you like to meet fellow parishioners while enjoying casual volunteer work at St. Vincent De-Paul Thrift Store? They are in need of men & women to support operations of the Thrift Shop by sorting donations, bagging, stocking racks and shelves, or operating the cash register, with fellow volunteers.

Qualifications: A friendly willingness to come in once a week in increments of a half day, every other week, or fill in as needed. This supports our community, and monies help provide emergency help to people in need. Bring along a friend!

Call Linda at 419-339-1594
or
Velma at 419-738-4918. Many thanks!!

Peek into the Past

Here's a look at a few of the St. Charles music groups in 2012. Some of the participants are still at it!



Nancy Bronder, Angie Herzog, Mark Thompson, and Mike Herzog



Kathy Burkholder, Dorothy Miner, Mary Clement, Mary Niese, and Barb Schmiedebusch



Kathy Burkholder, Dorothy Miner, Bambi Markham, Mary Clement, Suzanne Marques, Angie Herzog, and Barb Schmiedebusch



Italy and Medjugorje with Fr. David Kidd

July 17 - 29, 2022

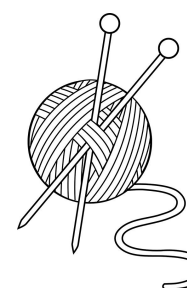
CatholicFaithJourneys.com/Kidd2022

Join son-of-the-parish Fr. Kidd for a pilgrimage of FAITH to Italy and Medjugorje! Behold the most stunning spiritual and temporal treasures of our universal Church in Rome, walk in the footsteps of Saint Francis and Clare in Assisi, and deepen your devotion to the Blessed Mother in Medjugorje. Fr. Kidd will offer the sacrifice of the Holy Mass daily. **Can't go?! Would you like to help sponsor a high school student to attend this pilgrimage?** For more info or to sponsor a student, contact Maggie at 419-290-8782 or maggie@cath-

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.



The Redwing Reader St. Charles Catholic School



MEGAN SCHEID
Principal

New Year Blessings!

Peace to you in Jesus' name. Happy New Year! We are excited to light up the new year as we begin the year 2022!! We count our blessings each day that we have been able to have so many days, weeks, and months of wonderful learning opportunities and look forward to finishing out this school year strong. I am also grateful for

an awesome Christmas Program by our K-4 graders this past December 15th! KUDOS to Miss Vorst who put together her first Christmas Program, all of the homeroom teachers who practiced tirelessly with their students (Mrs. Ketchum even taught her 4th graders how to sing Jingle Bells in French!), and for the staff for all of the flexibility they exercised while we prepared for this wonderful program! Although we were still limited in allowing guests in the building, we were so grateful to be able to have an in-person program this year. In these

unprecedented and difficult times, St. Charles teachers and parents have rallied around our students to grow "unprecedented people"; children growing day by day in grace, wisdom, character, and a deep sense of the Lord's personal love for each of them. I am so proud of each of them, and cannot express to you enough of my gratitude to our wonderful teachers and for you parents who sacrifice to send your children to us; it is a privilege and a joy to serve as your principal.

Author, Debbie Clement, Visits St. Charles School

By Muriel Collin



On October 20th, St. Charles hosted a visit with author/performer, Debbie Clement. Clement has written three books to date: *You're Wonderful*, *Tall Giraffe* and *Red, White and Blue*. (Her latest creation, *Mighty Wings*, will be published in the near future.) Each book contains a song and interactive movements keeping readers engaged in the multi-platformed experience.

Clement arrived at St. Charles enveloped in color was full of energy and ready to engage with our teachers and students. In her words this is "an opportunity for direct interaction with the children, while simultaneously inspiring and demonstrating for both teachers and parents exactly how the ARTS can be a source of excitement — as well as a bridge to reading."

The day started with a full presentation for grades K - 3, followed by two breakout sessions with smaller groups of students. Lunch with the author was attended by four students from our second and third grades.

This was a wonderful day full of fun, song, movement and memories. We are grateful to the two angels who sponsored this event!



Aspiring authors from our second and third grader classes shared an entertaining lunch with Debbie Clement.



Our teachers got in on the fun as well!

St. Charles School Mission and Philosophy

Mission Statement

St. Charles Catholic School, in partnership with our parish, will provide a faith-filled environment which challenges students to become upstanding citizens, stewards and scholars through instruction and example.

Belief Statements

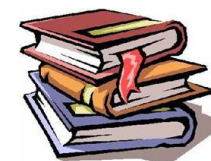
We believe... St. Charles Catholic School provides an atmosphere that is permeated by Christian values which recognizes self-discipline, personal responsibility and a call to serve others.

We believe... instruction should be student centered which recognizes the dignity and uniqueness of the person so the gifts of each are recognized, developed and celebrated.

We believe... our faith community — teachers, staff, students, parents and parishioners — share the responsibility for the support and obtainment of the school's mission.

We believe... service to others is important to the growth and development of each child as a whole person. Service to others should be purposeful and generated by both faculty and students as a means to develop a child's awareness for the social concerns of others.

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.

Be the Light

By Mary Niese

May those who love the Lord be like the sun when it rises in all its brightness. Judges 5:31

St. Charles sixth grade students have been collecting items for the Samaritan House during the Advent season. It is through this service that students hope to bring the light of Christ to those in need.



First Quarter Honor Roll

MARK OF EXCELLENCE

- Grade 5:** Addilynn Baldauf, Braylie Bensinger, Gracy Malcom, Corie Schnieders
- Grade 6:** Sam Conrad, Aiden McCain
- Grade 7:** Lucy Bensinger, Stella Ellis, Michael Quatman
- Grade 8:** Andrew Baldauf, Emily Blankemeyer, Alexa Heffner, Jacob Raczynski

HIGH HONORS

- Grade 5:** Josie Declercq, Eli Deibel, Carter Feison, Alana Heffner, Rylen Heitmeyer, Austin McCain, Mataya Miller, Hayden Nolte, Piper Schumm, Miahlynn Sinthalaphone, Sam Venturella, Luke Weitz, Sam Williams, Landon Wilson, Gwen Wolfcale
- Grade 6:** Evan Brinkman, Gianna Decanio, Chayce Farrington, Ella Gronas, Milicent Ibeneme, Brady Jacobs, Corbin Stewart
- Grade 7:** Kaitlyn Carroll, Josh Declercq, Oyinna Ekeh, Olivia Hinegardner, Olivia Joseph, Jacob Miller, Brevan Stolly, Olivia Venturella, Lincoln Woods

Grade 8: Chibuike Ibeneme, Davey Kesner, Aidan Latham, Mason Latham, Jennifer Nguyen, Alice Reif, Laney Scheckelhoff, J.J. Schnieders, Jenna Terrill, Dante Turney, Courtney Van Meter, Claire Wolfcale

HONORS

- Grade 5:** Erik Brock, Eli Burris, Addalynn Cox, Eli Fields, Nolan Howell, Brynn Melton, Rae Newman, Jo Rogers, Gracsen Stover, Lyla Wenger, Elyceana Young
- Grade 6:** Rocco Cecala-Wells, Brady Garlock, Kacy Kesner, Miah Nuesmeyer, Zaida Oliphant, Josh Reed, Eddie White
- Grade 7:** Kevin Bowker, Vinny Depalma, Caden Heitmeyer, Sophia Joseph, Katie Kriegel, Lily McCullough, Annika Niemeyer, Brady Parker, Annie Reif, Vivian Ta
- Grade 8:** Kirsten Compton, Dakota Gerdemann, Aidian Keating, Carolina Kill, Brady Malcom, William Mears, Sophie Miller, Garrison Rotroff, Vanessa Ta, Josh Young

SLIME is FUN! And Important!

By Lisa Mahler



Slime is fun when you get to make and experiment with it! It is also an important substance for us as well as other animals! Yes, YOU (we) make slime! Why do we need or make slime? Think about this:

- What does slime help a snail do? (It helps a snail climb a leaf. Slime helps it stick and not fall.)
- What animal makes poison slime in its mouth? (a Komodo dragon)
- What is the slime in your nose called? (mucus)
- What are some words that describe slime? (sticky, stretchy, thick, etc.)

FUN FACTS TO SHARE!

A fish called a hagfish makes slime. If a shark tries to bite the hagfish, the slime chokes the shark. Then the shark can't bite!

When a parrotfish gets sleepy, it burps out a slime sleeping bag. This keeps pesky critters away.

Frog eggs are covered in slime. It keeps them from drying out.



From the Art Room

By Becky MacDonald

The mixed-up chameleon project is a favorite of art students in first grade. It is based on the beloved children’s book “The Mixed-Up Chameleon” by author and illustrator Eric Carle. Pictured below are Evalynn and Jude.



Mason and Peyton, St Charles first graders, are creating a polka dot background for their Chameleon project.

The annual six grade turkey contest has been a tradition for many years. Six grade students and their families come up with a theme and decorate a unique turkey. Turkeys are voted on and awards are given. Congratulations to the winners of 2021!--



Six grade turkey awards fourth period Art. Corbin 1st place, Evan 2nd place, De’Vonte 3rd place, Drayvon Teacher’s Choice award, and Bobby Most creative award (not pictured).



Six grade contest winners fifth. Art Gabe, 1st place, Brady, 2nd place, Jessica 3rd place, Ella Teachers choice award, and Chayce Most creative award. (not pictured)

Fifth Grade Poetry Corner

By Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Bollinger

Fifth grade is fabulous! We just finished our poetry unit and even entered a poetry contest. We can’t wait to find out if any of us can truly call ourselves a poet now!!!! So exciting! We wanted to share a few of our poems with you. Enjoy them!

Rotting Dog

By Corie Schnieders
There once was a dog from Missouri.
He was extremely soft and furry.
But he got very hot,
And he began to rot.
Lots of people began to worry.

Grandpa

By Zoe Huber
Great Grandpa Gene
Loving, Funny
Joking, Laughing, Sleeping
His love, never ending
Heaven’s Angel

My Dog

By Landon Wilson
Dog
Soft, Snuggly
Barking, Playing, Loving
She is very playful
Lemon

Kate’s Date Disaster

By Braylie Bensinger
There was once a girl named Kate.
She learned things at a fast rate.
One day she tried to sing,
She lost her wedding ring,
And it didn’t go well on her date.

Chicken Patty

By Gracy Malcom
There once was a girl named Mattie.
She was eating a chicken pattie.
It made her sing a song,
And made her play ping pong.
Then she rolled in her big art caddy.

R.I.P.

By: Piper Schumm

Here lies a girl named Piper,
She was bitten by a vicious viper.

Her family called him very bad,
It made the vicious viper sad.

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.

That One Hippo

By Addilynn Baldauf
There once was a big blue hippo.
Her favorite word was ditto.
She fell in a pond,
Got hit with a wand,
Then got a ride in a limo.

Three Trees

By Lyla Wenger
Two big, tall, round trees
Another tiny tree sprouts
Now there are three trees

Christmas

By Rae Newman
Not about the gifts,
But it is about Jesus,
And his birthday, “Yay!”

POEMS - from page 8

A Holiday Poem*By Kaedrick Hurley**Halloween**Black cats running down the street**Fresh apple cider**Kids running and screaming**Fresh pumpkin pie**The candy wrappers crinkle**Halloween***Hidler Had a Fiddler***By Eli Fields*

Hidler had a fiddler,

He also had a dog named Biddler.

Hidler played day and night,

When he got the right tune, he would say "That's right!".

His dog however, did not really enjoy,

When Hidler would start, he would say "Oh boy".

So one night he took the fiddler, saying "It's the right thing to do!",

When Hidler woke up, he went "Boo, hoo!".

Alliteration*By Sam Venturella**Dedicated dogs doing division in Dover, Delaware.**Dyslexic Dylan drank diet Dr. Pepper while dishing out the dog's dinner.**Austin acquired Albert's atlas and Ali's amazing apple art.***Alliteration***By Alana Heffner*

The dancing dog dug down deep to Delaware in December.

Christmas Program 2021

Grades K-4 put on a great performance for the audience!

**Grades Kindergarten and One****Grades Two and Three****Grade Four****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.

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.

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Lima Central Catholic High School Academic News

Submitted by Sue Janowski

BISHOP THOMAS VISIT

Bishop Thomas visited our school in October and had a Q&A session with our juniors and seniors. Thanks, Bishop Thomas, for taking the time to visit us at LCC!

KAIROS #11

Our seniors and future junior Kairos leaders had a wonderful retreat in November. They bonded and deepened their faith over the four days at Kairos! Continue to Live the Fourth!

ACADEMIC ALL-OHIO (GOLF)

Seniors **Olivia Garver**, **Emma Mayers** and **Carlie Van Meter** have earned an Academic All-Ohio recognition for their impressive academic and athletic accomplishments this golf season. Congratulations on your academics and wonderful high-school golf careers!



Olivia
Garver



Emma
Mayers



Carlie
Van Meter

SCHOLAR ATHLETE OF THE WEEK 10/18/2021

Congratulations to **Brayden Truex** for being named the McDonald's Scholar Athlete of the Week for October 18th, 2021!

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION GOOD CITIZEN ESSAY

Senior, **Nicholas Chambers**, was chosen to be the LCC representative for the DAR essay contest. He was chosen for writing skills, academics, community service, and patriotism. His prompt was: "How do the qualities of a good citizen (dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism) help support our nation?" Way to represent, Nick!



ALLEN LIMA LEADERSHIP (ALL) YOUTH PROGRAM

ALL is a youth leadership program for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Community sponsoring organizations and business leaders provide opportunities throughout the year for area youth to be actively involved, educated and challenged to reach their potential as leaders.



Ben Siatkosky, Mya Raczynski, Emily Morrissey, Carson Caprella, Quintel Peoples, Billy Bourk and Sebastian Pierce

WESTERN OHIO SOCCER LEAGUE SCHOLAR ATHLETES

Congratulations to our girls and boys' soccer players who earned an academic award for their work in the classroom and on the field.

GIRLS DIVISION: LIMA CENTRAL CATHOLIC - Madalena Knotts, Kiegh Macklin, Emily Morrissey, Madeline Quatman, Jaylen Roehm, Kaitlyn Sherrick, Olivia Stolly, Annika Wilker, Allison Young, Kristina Zupan

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER MATH AWARDS



September: Malachi Talbert, Bryce Williams, Kristie Evans, Teagan Helmig



October: Hayley Chambers, Makenna Bader, E.J. Jones, Devin Houston

1ST QUARTER LEADERSHIP BY EXAMPLE

Congratulations to our 1st Quarter Leadership by Example winners: **Keiron Bailey, Emma Hunley, Sami Stumbaugh** and **Mya Raczynski**. Continue to lead by your excellent example!



QUIZ BOWL

The LCC Quiz Bowl Team was the varsity second runner-up at this year's Allen County Quiz Bowl Tournament on Monday, December 6th. Team members are **Austin Craig, Nick Chambers, Brayden Truex, Oli Bruno, Ben Siatkosky, Aidan Scheckelhoff, AJ Hook, and Andrew Sawyer**.



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. 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.

2021 Mu Alpha Theta Members: Alex Arellano, McKenna Bader, Oli Bruno, Gavin Caprella, Nick Chambers, Gabe Cira, Matt Cira, Carrie Heider, Kae-Hoare, Joe Le, Emma Mayers, Emily Morrissey, Bridget Mulcahy, Noah Nuesmeyer, Madi Quatman, Jaylen Roehm, Mya Raczynski, Aidan Scheckelhoff, Ben Siatkosky, Olivia Stolly, Brayden Truex, Carlie Van Meter, Allison Young

Upcoming Dates:

1/17 – No School – MLK Day
1/24 – College Roundtable Great Hall @ 7pm
1/29 and 2/5 – High School Placement Test for 8th Graders
8:30-12:30 in the Computer Labs
1/31-2/4 – Catholic Schools Week
2/21 – No School – Presidents' Day
2/26 – Sadies Dance

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How the Thunderbirds Are Ending 2021

The Lima Catholic Community Give-a-Christmas Program was a huge success this year! We were able to provide 1,000 food boxes to the Salvation Army Toys for Tots Program. An additional 237 fifty-pound food bags were given to the Samaritan House, Christian Corner Community Center, Dominion Building Residents, Mizpah Community Center, Crossroads Crisis Center, St. James Missionary and Pilgrim Place. We also donated five truckloads of bulk food to Christian Corner Community Center and Mizpah Community Center.

What a wonderful way for all four Lima Parishes and LCC to provide holiday meals for those in need in our community. The community would like to thank all of you for your very generous donations of food, money and time. We are so grateful for all the volunteers helping on Saturday and Sunday.

In addition, Coach Bob Seggerson was honored with the dedication of Bob Seggerson Court. Thunderbird students embraced the night and “matched” Seggerson!

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Please join us in the biggest fundraiser of the year, St. Charles and Lima Central Catholic's 7th annual auction! Join us March 19th at the UNOH Event Center for an evening of dueling pianos, hors d'oeuvres, silent and live auctions and our famous mystery boxes.

There will be more great deals, amazing silent auction items and one of a kind student projects. Please support our schools and don't miss out on these one of a kind experiences! Details on tickets and schedule of the event will be following.

If you are interested in becoming a sponsor contact Lauren Jennings, ljennings@apps.lchcs.edu.