

# THE CHIMES

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FR. KENT KAUFMAN Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

I will be dating myself by saying this, but some of my earliest childhood memories are watching *Romper Room* with my friends and family. My best friend Mark and I liked the show so much we even crafted our own "romper stompers." We used some thin rope and a few old metal coffee cans. Do you remember metal coffee cans? This way we could imitate the children on television with our own actions at home. Yes, this show kept me occupied for at least thirty minutes a day and undoubtedly gave my mother a refreshing break!

A key character on *Romper Room* was *Mr. Do Bee* who was ready to teach us children how to make wise decisions that led to wise actions. The oversized bumblebee character was rather difficult to overlook in a room filled with pint-sized people. We all wanted to be "Do Bees" who knew how to negotiate well through the challenges and temptations of life.

In a sense, Mr. Do Bee was only continuing what Jesus and the saints taught long ago. They taught us to be "Doers of the word" and not just "Hearers of the word." Saint James reminds us that to be only a hearer of the word is like looking in a mirror and then forgetting what

you look like. No, we are called to be doers of the word who act after we have reflected on the word. (James 1:22-25)

This inspiration and encouragement to be **Doers** is perfect for us as we start the Season of Lent.

Traditionally we think of Lent as incorporating ways we can pray, fast, and give alms. This year, however, Bishop Thomas and the diocese have offered us a creative twist built on the word **DO**.

This year, let's **DO Prayer**, **DO Service**, and **DO Gratitude**. No doubt, if you are a disciple you already are doing these three things. Perhaps then, you can ask yourself if you have maxed out in your doing. Perhaps this Lent is the time you take it to the next level. Like a game or sport or exercise, you have mastered the basic level. Now you are ready for the advanced level.

Even better, maybe this Lent you can become Mr. Do Bee for someone who has not yet even heard the word, let alone decided to be a doer of the word. It might be your own children, or your neighbors, or your friends. You can even be like St. Francis and refrain from using any words. Let your actions (when you are a doer of the word) be the encouragement for them to also become doers of the word.

I have encouraged our Pastoral Ministry Team here at St. Charles to become creative this Lent as we embrace what it means to do prayer, do service and do gratitude. Whether in ways large or small, each little act of doing becomes a gift, an offering, and perhaps even a sacrifice for God and the People of God.

Recently I sat down with a widow of a few years just to reflect and get to know each other. We ended up thinking about ways we could reach out to others who are going through the loss of a spouse. In the end, we decided to offer an opportunity this Lent for wiDOws to not only do the three "Do's" but to add a fourth that I know will be popular - DO LUNCH! Even better, we selected the DO GOOD restaurant in Osgood as our destination.

Due to the size of the restaurant we will have to limit our group to the first 16 participants who register. Our date is Thursday, March 24. We will gather at 10:00 a.m. and return by 2:30 pm. Our day together will incorporate special ways to Do Prayer, Do Service, and Do Gratitude even while we also Do Lunch.

So, I invite you this Lent to get out of bed, get off the couch, get away from the computer, or get out of the house and become a doer of the word. Let the word you hear each Sunday, and the nourishment of the Eucharist you receive be the fuel. Let those graces power the engine of your life as a disciple who not only hears the word, but acts on it!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Kent

Refer to page 9 for how to register for DO LUNCH!

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St. Charles Catholic Church 2200 West Elm Street Lima, Ohio 45805 Please join us March 19th at our biggest fundraiser of the year, St. Charles and Lima Central Catholic's 7th annual Bid For Kids Auction. This year, expect the same great event plus live entertainment from Dueling Pianos!



For more information, to browse auction items and to purchase tickets visit, www.bidforkidsauction.com.

If you can't be with us in person on March 19th you can still participate in silent auction bidding! Visit our website to find out more.





## **Christian Corner Community Center**

# MAUREEN KASKEL Director of Christian Corner Community Center

Greetings from the Christian Corner Community Center on McClain Road in South Lima! Despite the chill of winter, on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, we served an average of 30 meals per day in January. This includes both dine-in and carry out. Our pantry was greatly enhanced by the green onion bag food drive as coordinated by the Stolly Family for Give-A-Christmas. Christian Corner was one of the community recipients for the donated items. Visitors to the Center were also afforded the opportunity to take food home this winter, thanks to this program and your generous donations.

Our 'regular' cook had a stroke on January 9, and has recently been discharged home for continuation of rehab and speech therapy. Fortunately, Margo, a lady with group cooking experience was available to help out during the interim.



Bengals fans & Monday volunteers Tom Weichart and Pat Black

Christian Corner Community Center christiancornercc@wcoil.com (419) 222-4425 1601 McClain Rd. Lima, OH 45804



PARISH WEBSITE
Check out the parish website at
stcharleslima.org

**DATESAVER:** Saturday, June 18, 2022 will be our first 'Fun-raiser' for Christian Corner Community Center in quite a while! Our theme is "Appreciation of Life" and the format will be a good ole' block party, based here on the grounds of the Center at 1601 McClain Road. There will be BBQ chicken and ribs dinners with all the trimmings available for purchase and activities for both adults and the little folks. Please do put this date on your calendars for a fun day of food, games, speakers and community time. This event is planned around the new National Holiday of Juneteenth, technically the 19<sup>th</sup> of June, which falls on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month this year, (Father's Day). Bring Dad on out for a real treat!

Thanks to all who adopted an individual or family for the Christmas gift program. Between St. Charles and St. Michael's in Kalida, approximately 500+ gifts were donated and processed for distribution through the Center. We are grateful to share that everyone who signed up did, in fact, receive a gift(s).

The St. Charles Maintenance Committee has given a lot of time to studying the structural issues of our "classic, historical" building, the former Greenlawn Roller Rink. We send them a huge salute of appreciation! Gene has been on site for several meetings and of course, we can always count on Denny. Thanks, Guys!

One of our 'regulars' at the CCCC was kind enough to bring his snowblower over on a Thursday to clear off the entire parking lot after the recent storms. Bob was quite a trooper to "take a pain pill beforehand" and then spend 3 ½ hours on the project. God Bless you, Bob! Or, as Bip says so often, "appreciate you."



Mary, Gary & Donna, regular patrons of the Center

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

The Chimes Staff
Cathy Huber – Marge Snow



## What a Joy to Serve

By Emily Decanio

What a joy it is to serve! The St. Charles 7th grade class (pictured here with teachers Mrs. Lauck and Mrs. Blubaugh) experienced this joy first-hand as they chose to do a service project to help those in need from our community. The students collected personal hygiene items for the families we serve through Family Promise. They brought these donations to church during a school mass, and now we will be able to distribute them to the homeless families who stay at St. Charles. Thank you so much to these caring kids who put their faith into action to serve those in need!



Our next hosting date is April 17-22. If you and/or your family would like to participate in serving a meal or staying overnight, please contact the parish office.

#### **MISSION STATEMENT**





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

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## **Outreach Ministries**

The Outreach Ministries offer parishioners the opportunity to share their faith and resources with those in need, both within the Parish and in the community. Built on the Church's strong tradition of reaching out to others, these ministries provide critical emotional and financial support.

#### Card Ministry a. Barbara Schierloh

bdschieerloh@gmail.com coordinates the making of cards. b. Joyce Day, jaday@wcoil.com sends Birthday cards to parishioners who are celebrating major birthdays.

Care and Concern Ministry reaches out to those families who have suffered the loss of a loved one. It provides beverages and snack food items for those families who are attending a visitation at a funeral home. We need volunteers who are willing to provide water, chips, or cookies for these visitations. Please contact Mary Niese at niesem@sccslima.org if you are able to help.

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@stcharleslilma.org 419-230-0013

**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

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

Habitat for Humanity puts God's love into action in our community so families can become empowered, secure and self-reliant. Volunteers for construction, the ReStore and the Leadership Team are always needed. More information at <a href="https://www.habitatlima.org">www.habitatlima.org</a> or to volunteer contact Caleb@habitatlima.org.

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

Pastoral Care Ministry is coordinated by Sister Yvonne Fischer. Volunteers minister to the Catholic residences at these Nursing Homes: Primrose Retirement, Lima Convalescent/The Greens, 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 who 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.

**"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 10 until noon. We serve any Allen County resident who meets the income guidelines. <u>Volunteers are always welcome</u>. Alice Giesken, 419-979-9638 or magiesk@wcoil.com.



## Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving

ZACH EVERETT Director of Discipleship & Evangelization

Lent every year is an opportunity for each of us to grow in our relationship with Christ and prepare our hearts for Easter. As a convert, Easter Sunday is always a reminder of entering the Catholic Church and experiencing the Sacraments for the first time. Everything was new, exciting, and filled with meaning. As the years pass by, it might be tempting for us to look at Easter as just another holiday, when it is truly the most important celebration of our faith. In these few short days we see the great love that Christ has for each of us and that He was willing to die for all of our sins and that He came back from the dead and is challenging each of us to follow Him.

The real question then becomes, how do we peel back the layers this Lent and experience it as fresh, new and exciting. Every Lent we are challenged to prepare our hearts for Easter by spending more time in Prayer, by Fasting, and through Almsgiving.

#### PRAYER

If you are looking for ways to Pray More this Lent, pick up one of the RESTORE books that will be available in the Church before Lent begins. This is a guided meditation by Sr. Miriam James that will pierce your heart and help you to love more than you thought you could. You could also start listening and studying Scripture with Fr. Mike Scmitz "Bible in a Year" Podcast. Or if you just want to keep it simple, I would challenge you to take time to read one of the Gospels from beginning to end.

#### FASTING

Fasting and Abstinence are a great way to train your body to recognize that we are not meant for this world, but for the next. It's also a great way to help root particular sins out of your life. So maybe this year you could do more than just no meat on Fridays and giving up candy. Maybe change what you are listening to or what you are watching to be good for your soul as opposed to harmful. Perhaps only listen to Christian Music or only watch things that are educational or spiritually enriching. You could watch "The Chosen" or stream content from Formed.org. The most important component to fasting is that if you give something up and then find yourself falling back into old habits is to not just slide all the way down the hill. Recognize that you have fallen short and pick up your cross and begin again.

#### **ALMSGIVING**

Almsgiving is more than just giving money; it's also the attitude of our hearts towards God and our neighbor. Maybe this lent you give up any unnecessary spending. Maybe give Amazon Prime a break for a bit. Maybe you can make it a point to call someone you care about that you have not spoken to for a while. You could reach out to neighbors and collect old coats to take to one of the shelters or make a meal for one of your elderly neighbors.

Every Lent we have an opportunity to grow in relationship with Christ; don't let this opportunity pass you by again this year. If you haven't done much to improve your relationship with God in a while, choose one thing and stick with it all through Lent. When we get to Easter, look back to see how you have grown and perhaps how you can encounter Christ this Easter with an entirely new lens.



#### What Do You Seek

JEREMY HOLLIS
Director of Youth Discipleship
and Evangelization

Life is made up of a whole bunch of different journeys and every year we enter into a 40-day journey that we call Lent. It begins with the ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday and ends with the Easter Triduum. It is a journey that gives us the opportunity to be transformed, an opportunity to stop paying attention to what the secular culture wants us to be and look to God to see what He wants us to be.

The ashes we receive on Ash Wednesday remind us that we are human and we cannot escape death. During the course of our lives we all have two hard and set in stone dates, our birth and our death. Have you ever looked between those dates though? There's a dash between them and it's the most important part of those two dates. That dash is our life. It's what we do with that dash that really matters.

Our current culture is trying to tell us who we should be. It tells us that we can "look forever young", if we use the right beauty products or do the right workouts; maybe we can "get rich quick" if we invest in the current

meme stock that's "going to the moon"; maybe its power, and being in control; or maybe we just want a life of painless ease.

Sure, we can make our lives look like we are the happiest people in the world on social media, but the reality is that our culture is offering us empty promises when it comes to being happy. Blaise Pascal said, "All men seek happiness. This is without exception. Whatever means they employ, they all tend to this end..." While these "empty promises" might bring us to a temporary "happiness" that fades away and leaves us feeling empty and then moving onto the next thing that we try and fill that God sized hole with. Temporary happiness is one thing, but what would you give to be happy forever?

Everyone knows where I'm going with this right?

Jesus' first words in the Gospel of John are, "What do you seek?" Those are the words that I am going to focus on this Lent and the words that I am going to ask all of our youth to ask themselves also, as we make the journey through Lent this year. Just look for the book "The Search" by Chris Stefanick and Paul McCusker in the church, or ask me for one. There is also a video series by the same name on Formed.org. It is free to make an account. "What do you seek?"



SUMMER AEBKER
Liturgical
Music Coordinator

# **Opportunities Abound**

Throughout the season of Lent we find ourselves making conscious efforts of reaction to our work toward reflection. Easter marks a celebration of restarting anew with the strength and vigor of baby steps that have accumulated into trustworthy strides toward becoming more deeply committed to the faith and values we hold dear. We walk on with hope and purpose.

I find that I reflect and redefine my paths fairly frequently throughout the year. There are many kinds of seasons to spark the process of change. And as they overlap in different spheres like a Venn diagram, I seem to be seeking one complete goal throughout my personal and professional life. Much of that can easily be summed up with the campaign: Do Prayer. Do Service. Do Gratitude. In prayer, I seek the path I am meant for at the time. In service, I seek to share whatever I can. In gratitude, I am amazed by the significant abundance of even the smallest seeming events.

I will spare you my personal music process, but only say that it is constantly full of revision. I do believe I

would not enjoy it as much as I do without the creative novelty of constant questioning and change.

Thinking of our music at St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church, one of the ways that our ensembles can experience growth is through the addition of new ensemble members. Ensembles require blending and balancing. They reach deeper meaning over time with the development of teamwork. Every part is important, there are leaders and supporters in each area—both are necessary. Given a baseline of our usual, we can work for more development. Given the familiarity we earn through our time spent together, we can achieve trust and faith in our greater goals. Every new member who joins an ensemble becomes an enriching ingredient to the whole.

Currently, we are down in numbers for all ensembles. This is not a surprise, despite doing our best to mitigate safely through the pandemic. But as we start to round out to our new normal, I would once again like to open the doors to all who may be interested in sharing the joy of music. We are especially in need of soprano and alto singers in choir, but all are most welcome. Practices are held at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesdays throughout the school year. We are also looking for more bell players. A basic level of musicianship is preferred, but not required. Practices are at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays throughout the school year. Children's choir is also open for those who wish to join. Our small but mighty group practices on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. throughout the school year. Please reach out to me if you have any questions, or simply show up at one of the practices. I am excited to see how the ensembles will renew this year!

Beyond music ensembles, our vibrant worship commission organizes many events throughout the year. If you have an interest in being a part of making these events happen, please reach out to me at aebkers@stcharles-

lima.org and I will provide you with more information. Here are some of the events that we provide for our parish and community:

World Day for Grandparents and Elderly: This is a picnic, games and raffle event in July. Cooks, BBQ-ers, decorators, set up and tear down, game runners, announcers, all are needed.

**Syro-malankara**: Fr. Thomas and his brother priests and perhaps bishop share their worship rite with special music and musicians from Chicago in April. Ushers and greeters are greatly appreciated. Also, we host a brunch and reception afterward. Set up and tear down appreciated

**Ministry Appreciation Day:** we have a brunch and sometimes a speaker to say thank you for our many volunteers. This is held in March, April, or May. We set up, decorate, serve and tear down.

**Concert series**: we offer four concerts during the school year that are free and open to the public. It is important that we host our neighbors with graciousness. Ushers and door greeters are greatly appreciated for this.

**Christian Unity Ecumenical Event:** we reach out to several Christian churches to have an hour of prayer and liturgy of the word together. Greeters and bakers for the light reception are appreciated! This event is in January.

This is what the worship commission has so far. As you can see, we like to keep busy! Perhaps some of these activities will interest you.

But above all, take the time to pray, do service and be grateful. I am excited to see how we all can make strides forward in whatever we are called to do.

## 2021 - 2022 Concert Series



The fourth and final concert of the Open Hearts Classical Music 2021-22 Concert Series season will feature Maestro Hector Olivera on Sunday, March 27th at 2:00 p.m.. A prodigy who began playing organ at the age of three, was appointed organist at the the Church of Immaculate Conception at age five, entered the Buenos Aires Conservatory at age six, composed his first symphonic work at age nine, and so forth, Buenos Aires born Hector Olivera's "amazing effect on audiences has made many of the most sophisticated and demanding organ aficionados claim that Maestro Hector Olivera is 'one of the greatest organists in the world today."

Truly a great master of our time, Mr. Olivera has entertained in notable venues internationally with great acclaim. Whether playing for an audience of 5000 at the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, soloing with the Cleveland Orchestra, recitaling at the prestigious Walt Disney

Concert Hall in Los Angeles, concertizing across Australia, playing in Spivey Hall for the Atlanta Olympic Games, performing a memorial concert in New York City's 'St. Paul the Apostle' and much more, he is always approachable, engaging and entertaining. This is a lifetime concert experience not to be missed.

In addition, the maestro has graciously offered to share his passion and expertise in a Master Class which will be held on Saturday, March 26th at 10:00 a.m. While the concert is free and open to the public, the Master Class will be \$10.00 per person.

Do not miss this opportunity to hear the amazing symphony of sounds that Hector Olivera can achieve from the organ. You will be amazed!

## **Online Giving**

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ANTHONY WILKERSON Director of Operations

# If you need a smile or energy . . . . .

Most days I find myself buried in my office with mountains of receipts and invoices. It feels like the tunnel gets farther and farther some days, but hey that's what comes with the job. Besides cracking water cooler jokes with the best office ladies in the world, my day is pretty straight face and to the point, stoic in nature. That stoic face can only last about thirty seconds the moment I walk into two of our church's facilities. I take two steps into the school and get hit with a rush of energy that an extra-large cup of coffee can't even produce. The energy of the children drips from the walls in the school. I know I can't be the only one who feels that special one of a kind energy. Then you walk through the school and notice everybody is moving with that electricity. Truly a beautiful spectacle. I get that same energy from the 4C (Christian Corner Community Center). The 4C is a Community Outreach, and I emphasize COMMUNITY. I don't know many people that can give more of themselves to those who don't have much, and not feel better after.

My good people of St. Charles Parish, we are stepping into a season of Sacrifice and Servitude. We have more than one facility that can fulfill this Lenten season purpose. We are always in need of volunteers at the school, church, and the 4C. Take a step in our hallways, feel that energy, let it charge you up, and pass that energy on to another so they can walk with that same confidence.

# Peek into the Past

## **Spring 2012**

In the spring of 2012 Mrs. Mahler's class learned all about eggs.

# "Egg-cellent" Learning in Kindergarten

The students had fun learning about the many kinds of animals that hatch from eggs! We learned that "Chickens Aren't the Only Ones!" The students were required to illustrate an animal inside an egg and write clues for their classmates to guess! This writing project was a lot of fun because were we able to "hatch" the animals by reading the clues to our classmates. The challenge was to write each clue in the form of a question. We later conducted experiments with real hard boiled eggs – the students had to weigh, diagram, and determine its buoyancy. I have a group of "eggs-cellent" learners!



Iva and Natalie want to find out how much their eggs weigh!

Brodie discovers that his egg sinks!





Catherine, Kaitlin, Brodie, Julianne and Carson are proud of their "Egg Riddles!"

## 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!!



# 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 handcrocheted 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





## Why Catholic Education?

## MEGAN SCHEID Principal

Now, more than ever, the world needs what Catholic schools have to offer. Catholic education is special. We hold our students to not only high academic standards but to strong moral standards as well. We reinforce the positive, compassionate energy our society needs.

Here, every student is valued. *Learning* is celebrated. *Faith* is strengthened. And for all of us teachers providing that education is far more than a job. It's a higher calling. After all, Catholic schools are founded in faith, helping students realize the full potential of their God given abilities. We teach our students Christ's message of service to others above self. We also demonstrate that Catholic schools rise to the high standards of instruction today's world demands.

St. Charles Catholic School provides a Christcentered environment and an exemplary education to each and every student within the framework of the Gospel and the traditions of the Catholic Church. The goal of our faith community is to develop future leadership for the 21st century through academic excellence, faith in action, and a firm foundation of Christian virtues.

Our students live their faith each day through daily prayer, special liturgies, and school Masses. All students, Pre-K through Grade 8, receive religious instruction on a daily basis.

Re-enrollment is in full swing and we are delighted to be working on our plans for the 2022-2023 school year. We offer core classes in Language Arts, Math, Religion, Social Studies, Science, Technology, Art, Music, and Physical Education. Be sure to secure your spot by returning your re-enrollment information. If you are interested in your child attending St. Charles for the first time please call the school office to set up a tour. We feel the best way to truly experience the spirit of our students, the dedication of our teachers, and the enthusiasm of our parents is to visit our school in person.



If your child will be attending kindergarten starting the 2022-2023 school year and will be new to St. Charles School, please call the school office at 419-222-2536 to set up an appointment for the Kindergarten Readiness Screening. Our program offers enriching experiences that will develop both the academics and the faith of your child.

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

•Technological Learning Experiences – Smartboard Lessons, Computers, Ipads, Updated Software and Apps

•Social/Personal Development— Community Building, Life Skills, Guidance

•Enrichment Opportunities - Field Trips, Workshops, Guest Speakers

•Excellent Student/Teacher Ratio

•Over 40 years of combined teaching experience

Kindergarten Screening Date:
Monday, March 25, 2022
(screening will last about an hour)
Contact the school office (419)222-2536 for an appointment.

If you would like to have more information about our Kindergarten Program or our School, you may call or e-mail Mrs. Mary Beth Krumel; <a href="mailto:mbkrum@sccslima.org">mbkrum@sccslima.org</a>

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

## 7th /8th Honor Society Banquet 2022

By Charris Miracle

Friday, January 28th, 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> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade school years.

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:

8th Grade: Andrew Baldauf, Emily Blankemeyer, Alexa Heffner, Chibuike Ibeneme, Davey Kesner, Aidan Latham, Mason Latham, Brady Malcom, Jennifer Nguyen, Jacob Raczynski, Alice Reif, Laney Scheckelhoff, J.J. Schnieders, Jenna Terrill, Courtney VanMeter, Claire Wolfcale, Josh Young

**7<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Lucy Bensinger, Kaitlyn Carroll, Oyinna Ekeh, Stella Ellis, Olivia Joseph, Sophia Joseph, Jacob Miller, Michael Quatman, Brevan Stolly, Olivia Venturella, Lincoln Woods





Eighth Grade Seventh Grade

## **Library News**

By Muriel Collins

The St. Charles Library held its 2022 Mock Caldecott Election. The fifth graders voted on what they felt was the most distinguished children's picture book published in 2021. The winner and honor books were then adorned with a St. Charles Caldecott Medal designed and chosen by the fifth graders. The results are as follows:

#### Winner:

A ROCK FELL FROM THE SKY Written and Illustrated by Jon Klassen

Medal design by Elyceeana Young (middle)

#### **Honor Books:**

WISHES Illustrated by Victor Ngai Medal design by Zoey Huber (right)

**Honor: MEL FELL** written and illustrated by Corey R.

Medal design by Declan Harter (left)



## **Second Quarter Honor Roll**

#### MARK OF EXCELLENCE

**Grade 5:** Addilynn Baldauf, Braylie Bensinger, Gracy Malcom, Corrie Schnieders

Grade 7: Lucy Bensinger

**Grade 8**: Emily Blankemeyer, Alexa Heffner, Jacob Raczynski

#### **HIGH HONORS**

Grade 5: Josie Declercq, Elijah Deibel, Carter Feison, Eli Fields, Alana Heffner, Rylen Heitmeyer, Nolan Howell, Zoe Huber, Austin McCain, Mataya Miller, Hayden Nolte, Jo Rogers, Miahlynn Sinthalaphone, Samuel Venturella, Luke Weitz, Samuel Williams, Landon Wilson, Gwen Wolfcale

**Grade 6:** Evan Brinkman, Sam Conrad, Gianna Decanio, Chayce Farrington, Ella Gronas, Brady Jacobs, Aiden McCain

Grade 7: Kaitlyn Carroll, Stella Ellis, Olivia Hinegardner, Olivia Joseph, Jacob Miller, Michael Quatman, Brevan Stolly, Vivian Ta, Olivia Venturella, Lincoln Woods Grade 8: Andrew Baldauf, Chibuike Ibeneme, Davey Kesner, Mason Latham, Jennifer Nguyen, Garrison Rotroff, Laney Scheckelhoff, J.J. Schnieders, Jenna Terrill, Courtney Van Meter, Claire Wolfcale, Joshua Young

#### **HONORS**

**Grade 5:** Erik Brock, Addie Cox, Brynn Melton, Rae Newman, Gracsen Stover, Lyla Wenger

Grade 6: Logan Buehler, Rocco Cecala-Wells, Milicent Ibeneme, Joshua Reed, Corbin Stewart, Ryder Utz Grade 7: Kevin Bowker, Josh Declercq, Vinny Depalma, Oyinna Ekeh, Caden Heitmeyer, Sophia Joseph, Liliana McCullough, Annika Niemeyer, Brady Parker Grade 8: Aidan Keating, Carolina Kill, Aidan Latham, Brady Malcom



#### The St. Charles Chess Club

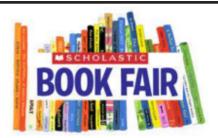
By Muriel Collins

The St. Charles Chess Club had another successful season. Our players showed compassion, resilience and competitiveness to each other during our time together!

Our championship game took place between Sam Conrad and Rylen Heitmeyer. Sam reigned victorious and we finished our time together with laughter and a pizza.



Our chess club t-shirts were sponsored by two angels among us. They have touched our hearts and we are truly thankful for their generosity!



#### The St. Charles Scholastic Book Fair

February 25th - March 4th.

All profits from our fair stay in the library to enrich our title selection for our students and staff.

### Our online fair will be available until March 11th

To shop the online fair go to scholastic.com/fair and type in *St. Charles Borromeo* 

Thank you for your continued support!



Back row -from the left — Ryder Utz, Luke Weitz, Sam Conrad, Rylen Heitmeyer, Chase Farrington and Dallas Swinehart Front row - Audrey Schumm, Kayne Brooks and Claire Pachlhofer

#### From the Art Room

By Becky MacDonald



Jude and Ryley, in the First grade, are painting snow on their winter house scene.



Third grade girls, Allie and Gretchen, show off their Winter Cardinal Project. Students learned about John James Audubon, a self-taught artist who drew and painted all the birds of North America.



Courtney and Isabella, 8th grade art students, are drawing their pop art item. Students are learning about the Pop Art Movement of the 1950's and 60's, which focused on everyday items from popular culture.

# 5th Grade News From Mrs. Henderson's Room

What a great time we are having this winter! We just held a contest over patriotism. The students wrote 250 words or less on what that word meant to them.

#### Here are just a few things each winner said.

**Corie said**, ... "The root word to the word patriotism is patriot, and a patriot is a person who loves, supports, and works for their country. The United States of America was founded by brave patriots who fought for their freedom and ours......So in summary, the word patriotism to me means being proud of your country, and most importantly, helping others."

**Sam said**, ... "One big act of patriotism is joining our military. ... Helping your community is all an act of patriotism."

**Luke said**,... "Patriotism is being a patriot. To be a patriot you must give yourself to America!"

So proud of them all!!!!



Winners were: 1st place - Corie Scnieders, 2nd place - Sam Williams, 3rd place - Luke Weitz.

## 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.

#### This Lent we are called to...

DO PRAYER
DO SERVICE
DO GRATITUDE



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A Special Invitation to our Parish Widows:

THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2022

Leaving St. Charles' parking lot at 10 AM

**Returning by 2:30 PM** 

To reserve your place, please email: <a href="mailto:dogood@stcharleslima.org">dogood@stcharleslima.org</a> or call the office at 419-228-7635.

Space is limited to 16 participants only. Lunch menus can be viewed at <a href="www.dogoodrm.com">www.dogoodrm.com</a> or visit their Facebook page "Do Good Restaurant and Ministry" to learn more of their mission. Each person is responsible for their own meal.

#### **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.

Download our app today at myparishapp.com or search your phone's app store for my parish.

### **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.

#### **AmazonSmile**

Do you shop on Amazon? AmazonSmile is a website operated by Amazon with the same products, prices, and shopping features as Amazon.com. The difference is that when you shop on AmazonSmile, the AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice. The link for St. Charles is https://smile.amazon.com/ch/34-6407479. Every time you shop on Amazon, please use this link – every penny counts.

# A Few Frequently Asked Questions about Lent and Easter

#### What does the word Lent mean?

It is from the Anglo-Saxon word lengthen, which means spring. [From Modern Catholic Dictionary by John Hardon, SJ]

## Where did the law about not eating meat on Fridays originate? When was this changed to Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent?

Already in the fourth century, there was a Church law about abstinence (not eating meat on certain days). Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays were once days of abstinence in the Western Church. By the 12th century, this was required only on Ash Wednesday and on Fridays—to remind Christians that Jesus died on this day. (Later, abstinence was added in connection with a few feasts.)

The U.S. bishops decided in 1966 to require fasting and abstinence only on Ash Wednesday, the Fridays of Lent and on Good Friday. Earlier that year, Pope Paul VI allowed conferences of bishops to select days of fast and abstinence.

#### Are chicken and fish considered meat?

Chicken yes, fish no. The Catholic Church's abstinence laws consider that meat comes only from animals such as chickens, cattle or pigs-all of which live on land. Birds are also considered meat. Fish are a different category of animal.

#### What feasts are celebrated during Lent?

Though Lenten liturgies take precedence on most weekdays, the Church celebrates the feasts of Saint Patrick on March 17 and Saint Joseph on March 19.

#### What determines the date Easter Sunday falls on or when Lent begins?

The Council of Nicaea, in 325 A.D., determined that Easter should be celebrated the first Sunday after the first full moon of spring. To determine the beginning of Lent, count back six Sundays before Easter. The Wednesday before the first of these Sundays is Ash Wednesday.

If the date when we celebrate the birth of Jesus was selected rather arbitrarily, why couldn't we select a permanent date for Easter? It would simplify things for many people!

The current "first Sunday after the first full moon of the spring equinox" system causes Easter to bounce around like a yo-yo. Who wrote this date in stone? Can it be changed?

Yes, Easter could have a permanent date. The Roman Catholic Church has indicated its openness to this if a common agreement can be reached among all Christians. Because such an agreement already exists among Catholics and Protestant denominations, any change will involve discussions with the Orthodox Churches. A bit of background may help here. In the earliest years of Christianity, Easter was celebrated on Passover (14th day of the month of Nisan, based on a lunar calendar). Eventually, most Christians came from a gentile background and began to look for a date based on the solar calendar. The dating system that Western Christians now use was confirmed at the Council of Nicaea in 325 A.D.

In the appendix to Vatican II's Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, we read: "The Sacred Council is not opposed to assigning the feast of Easter to a fixed Sunday in the Gregorian Calendar, provided those whom it may concern give their assent, especially the brethren who are not in communion with the Apostolic See."

Ecumenical dialogues have not yet led to any official decision to change the present system. The council went on to say in that same appendix that the Catholic Church does not oppose a permanent calendar in civil society, as long as it uses a seven-day week and does not introduce any days outside the week.

A Few from franciscanmedia.org
Post by Pat McCloskey, OFM





#### Catholic Schools Week 2022

We celebrated Catholic Schools Week by recognizing our community, our students, our nation, vocations and our faculty. If you're not already a part of our community, check out the Admissions tab on our website (www.lcchs.edu). There are many scholarships available to students.

#### **Shawnee Optimist Essay Participants**

The following seniors were nominated to participate in the Shawnee Optimist Essay contest and represent LCC: Nick Chambers, Olivia Garver and Carlie VanMeter. Congrats to all!







#### Mr. Stolly's Math Class

Senior Math Students in Mr. Stolly's class chose 18 stocks to put into a portfolio. They had a \$200,000 limit and diversified that portfolio based on class discussion. They will track progress each Friday and see where they are on their last day here at Lima Central Catholic.



Mrs. Thompson's Problem Solving Class Congratulations to Bridget Mulcahy, Emma Frueh, Gavin Caprella and Kaelan Howard for having "Papa Bear" choose their proposal for distributing retirement funds in Mrs. Thompson's Problem Solving Class. A special thanks to Mr. Misiakiewicz for playing the role of the friendly neighborhood Baker, Papa Bear.



### **Lima Central Catholic High School Academic News**

Submitted by Sue Janowski

#### **November and December Math Awards**

Congratulations to our Math Award winners - Way to go T-birds!



November: William Lawrence, Caitlyn Purvenas, TK Knight and Melana Badea



December: Jade Oglesbee, EJ Jones, Nick Chambers, and Colin Gamble

#### **2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Leadership by Example**

Congratulations to Jillian Terrill (9th), Sebastian Pierce (10th), Deangelo Russell (11th), and Colton Blubaugh (12th) for their excellent leadership skills. Continue to strive to do the right thing (even when no one is watching)!



#### National Honor Society Induction -**December 13th, 2021**

Congratulations to the new and returning National Honor Society students! Keeping a 3.7+ GPA is very difficult. Keep up the hard work!

Seniors: Nick Chambers, Treasurer; Gavin Caprella; Carrie Heider; Abby Koenig; Emma Mayers, Secretary; Noah Nuesmeyer; Madeline Quatman; Jaulen Roehm, President; Noah Schneider; Brayden Truex; Carlie VanMeter, Vice-President; Allison Young

Juniors: McKenna Bader, Paige Brinkman, Oli Bruno, Kristie Evans, Bridget Mulcahy, Aidan Scheckelhoff, Ben Siatokosky, Olivia Stolly

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Honor Roll – 60% on the Honor

#### Mark of Excellence 4.0

Colton Blubaugh, Gavin Caprella, Nicholas Chambers, Reed Doneghy, Carrie Heider, Emma Mayers, Noah Nuesmeyer, Madeline Quatman, Jaylen Roehm, Naphop Sawangwisarn, Noah Schneider, Kaitlyn Sherrick, Brayden Truex, Carlie VanMeter, Allison Young, McKenna Bader, Paige Brinkman, Olivier Bruno, Gabriel Cira, Justin Davisson, Kristina Evans, Bridget Mulcahy, Aidan Scheckelhoff, Benjamin Siatkosky, Olivia Stolly, Kennet Godoy Lanche, Emily Morrisey, Caitlyn Purvenas, Mya Raczynski, Melana Badea, Hayley Chambers

#### **Superior Honors 3.5**

Madeline Brunner, Delaney Dafler, Olivia Garver, Kaelan Howard, Adilena Howell, Kylie Hull, Abigail Koenig, Luppi, Gaia, Frankie McDonald, Francesco Pasolini, Evan Unruh, Kyla Badea, Zachary Campbell, Matthew Cira, Payne Cutlip, Collin Gamble, Blythe Nickles, Tyler Shipman, Samantha Stumbaugh, Alexander Arellano, William Bourk, Carson Caprella, Karsyn Cunningham, Carsyn Dafler, Emma Donley, Caterina Lucente, Samuel Mayers, Jacob Nieman, Sebastian Pierce, Jaide Schimpf, Kaitlin Seffernick, Elizabeth Simmons, Malachi Talbert, Jacob Venturella, Joshua Yahl, Angelo Collins, Austin Craig, Brady Feison, Ava Hefner, Teagan Helmig, Claire Janowski, Isaac Leppert, Nathan Niemeyer, Maria Pignataro, Cole Rinehart, Emma Skinner, Jillian Terrill, Elaila White

#### Honor Roll 3.0

Thanat Amorncheewin, Lorenzo Arrighi, Sebastian Contini, Connor Gephart, Anthony Hook, Isabella John, Tianyi Mao, Seth Mikesell, Kaden Odom, Leiahnni Smith, Kristina Zupan, Glenn Bryant, Katherine Cox, Jacob Lauck, Prosper Lecuyer, Ashlyn Lee, Kiegh Macklin, Kylee Mangini-Miller, Josie Sealts, Olivia Stewart, Michael Taflinger, Dulce Arellano Reyes, Mack Hutchins, Parker Judy, Carson Parker, Enki White, Alexa Caballero, Christopher Crnkovich, Saylor Hoge, Emma Hunley, Elijah Jones, Kenyon Kill, Michael Miller, Nyiema Mwamba, Jade Oglesbee, Victor Pierce, Matthew Quatman, Abbegail Williams

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

3/1 – State-funded ACT for Juniors @ LCC 3/7 – TPC Meeting 7pm Quatman Room 3/14 – No School (Professional Development Day for Teachers)

3/19 – St. Charles/LCC Auction

3/24 – Parent/Teacher Conferences

3/25 – Sophomore Retreat 3/30 – Penance Service

4/2 – National ACT @ LCC

4/5 – Academic Letter Ceremony @ 7:30 Old Gym

4/10 – Educational Expo & Spring Concert @ 2pm

4/15-4/19 – No School (Easter Break)

4/23 - Junior/Senior Prom

5/2-5/6 – Positive Addiction Week

5/14 - Baccalaureate Mass & Graduation @ 6pm New Gym

5/20-End of the  $4^{th}$  Quarter

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## Calendar Lent/ Easter Dates



Ash Wednesday, March 2 – Mass 8:00 a.m., 12:15 p.m., 7:00 p.m.

Fridays in Lent

Way of the Cross (Stations)

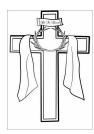
Seniors 1:00 p.m. Everyone 7:00 p.m. Confessions 7:30 p.m.

City Wide Penance service @ ST. Gerards's Sunday, April 10 @3:00 PM

Chrism Mass @ Holy Rosary Cathedral Tuesday, April 12 @11:00 AM

Mass of The Lord's Last Supper Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30- 9:00 p.m.

Celebration of the Lord's Passion Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 12:30-2:00 p.m.



Easter Vigil
Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:30 p.m.

Easter Sunday
Sunday April 16<sup>th</sup> Mass @ 8:00 a.m. and
10:30 a.m.

#### **Lenten Prayer for Spiritual Renewal**

God, heavenly Father, look upon me and hear my prayer during this holy Season of Lent. By the good works You inspire, help me to discipline my body and to be renewed in spirit. Without You I can do nothing. By Your Spirit help me to know what is right and to be eager in doing Your will. Teach me to find new life through penance. Keep me from sin, and help me live by Your commandment of love. God of love, bring me back to You. Send Your Spirit to make me strong in faith and active in good works. May my acts of penance bring me Your forgiveness, open my heart to Your love, and prepare me for the coming feast of the Resurrection of Jesus. Lord, during this Lenten Season, nourish me with Your Word of life and make me one with You in love and prayer. Fill my heart with Your love and keep me faithful to the Gospel of Christ. Give me the grace to rise above my human weakness. Give me new life by Your Sacraments, especially the Mass.

Father, our source of life,
I reach out with joy to grasp Your hand;
let me walk more readily in Your ways.
Guide me in Your gentle mercy,
for left to myself I cannot do Your Will.
Father of love, source of all blessings,
help me to pass from my old life of sin
to the new life of grace.
Prepare me for the glory of Your Kingdom.
I ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son,
Who lives and reigns with You
and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever.

Amen.

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