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KAUFMAN**

Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

A Two Candle Easter? If you are attuned to the fine points of the liturgy you know that the Paschal Candle (or Easter Candle) is a central element for the Easter Season. It symbolizes Christ and the Light of Christ. Yet, just as we have only one Christ, there should be just one Paschal candle, right?

Well, of course. In fact, each year, a new candle is fashioned for the Easter Vigil. Then at the Easter Vigil—which may begin only after nightfall on the eve of Easter—the new candle is brought outdoors near the new fire which is blessed to start the vigil service.

Before the new Paschal Candle is lit from the new fire, it is first marked for Christ with special prayers and rituals. To begin, the celebrant priest makes a vertical line while saying **Christ yesterday and today**. Then he cuts a horizontal line while saying **the Beginning and the End**. Next, he cuts the letter Alpha while saying **the Alpha** and cuts the letter Omega while saying **the Omega**. Finally, he cuts the four numerals for the current year while saying **All time belongs to him and all the ages. To him be glory and power through every age and forever. Amen.**

When the cutting of the cross and of the other signs has been completed, the priest may insert five grains of incense into the candle in the form of a cross. This is typically accomplished using nails with colorful wax on the head of the nail which holds the incense.

The five grains are positioned on the cross where the five wounds of Christ would be—the head, the side, the feet, and then the right hand, and finally his left hand. As each wound is marked the priest says **By his holy and glorious wounds, may Christ the Lord guard us and protect us. Amen.**

After the candle is marked for Christ it is lit from the new fire. Then it leads the procession into the darkened church. Upon entrance into the church, it is lifted high and the priest sings **The Light of Christ** and the people respond **Thanks be to God**. This happens three times as it slowly moves to the center of the church. Additionally, all the baptized light small candles until the church is filled with candlelight.

Finally, the Paschal Candle is placed in its holder near the ambo and the **Exsultet** is chanted. This beautiful Easter Proclamation is a song of joy that recounts the saving acts of God. Our heavenly Father is asked to accept our candle, a solemn offering as a gift from our holy Church.

The Exsultet showers beautiful imagery upon the candle: such as “a precious torch”, or “the work of bees and servants’ hands,” or “evening sacrifice of praise.” The song concludes the first part of the vigil known as the “Liturgy of the Light.”

The Paschal Candle remains at the ambo for the entire fifty days of the Easter Season. Once the season is complete, it will move near the baptismal font since it is used for each Baptism when the newly baptized receive the light of Christ. Finally, before the next Triduum begins on Holy Thursday, it is removed from church. Its service for the year is now complete.

As in past years, we have ordered our candle from Marklin Candle Company in New Hampshire. All of their candles are handcrafted and beautiful to behold. For some reason, I was very late in ordering our candle this year, but they were confident they could still fulfill our order and ship it in time for Easter.

When we got to Wednesday of Holy Week and there was still no candle, I became worried. I called the company and they told me that it was in process and would ship on Thursday with expedited shipping to arrive on Friday. They would give me the tracking information once it shipped. I breathed a sigh of relief.

My sigh of relief lasted until Saturday afternoon and then the panic set in. My tracking information said the candle had shipped and was in the Lima facility, but then it got confusing. One notice said it was delivered at 10:30 a.m. Another said it would be delivered by the end of the day on Saturday. I tried to call the Lima facility to see if we could pick up the candle ourselves, but it was closed.

So, at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday I went into the basement of church and pulled out our 2020 candle that

was still 43 inches long and a worthy looking candle. I took a paring knife and chipped out the portions of the last zero that were not needed for a “2.” Then I went to Walmart and bought a fifty cent bottle of paint that matched the blue of the wax. With just a brush stroke or two, I made that former zero into a two which now gave us 2022.

And so, the candle this Easter was really a “recommissioned” candle sent into service for a second year! I dare say, nobody even realized. Only when I pointed out the final digit did people suddenly see the imperfections. Indeed, the vigil was beautiful and our prayer sincere.

Then on Monday morning, our new Paschal Candle arrived. When I questioned the kind delivery man about the fact that the “overnight” delivery sent on

April 14th did not arrive until April 18th, he said that we should not have to pay any shipping cost. I called the candle company and they assured me that they would be attending to the matter.

Later that morning, I brought the new candle into church and together with Kenny Koester I marked the candle in prayer as we would have had at the vigil. Then we lit it and placed it in the holder near the ambo. It will be our Paschal Candle for the remainder of the year.

Indeed the 2020 candle was fortunate to serve 51 days of Easter while this beautiful 2022 candle will only serve 49 days of the Easter Season. Nonetheless, I hope that you will take the time to look closely at the beauty of this candle which is called **Laudato Si**. Those words are Latin for “Praised be to you, my Lord.”

The unique 360 design was created in 2017 to honor Pope Francis since the design depicts the “Canticle of Creation” of Saint Francis of Assisi, the namesake of Pope Francis. The canticle begins with the words, “Laudato, Si.” Now our paschal candle, the canticle, and also the eight large windows of our cupola (dome) all tell the story of creation. Even better, the first reading of the vigil is Genesis 1 or the first creation story.

The design of the candle also lifts up the 2015 encyclical of Pope Francis which is about Care for our Common Home, the earth and our environment. If you look closely at the candle and then our windows you will find matching artwork - like stars, fish, sun, and moon.

One final note, as Kenny and I completed the marking prayers for the second candle, I could not help but to share afterwards that my mind turned to the people of Ukraine as we placed the nails with grains of incense. Those final words, “May the Lord guard us and protect us” cut to my heart. I tried my best to put myself into the shoes of those in Ukraine who also celebrated the Easter Vigil on the most holy and solemn of nights this Easter 2022.

Fr. Kent



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Transitioning to a New Model

By Emily Decanio

St. Charles Parish hosted two families from Family Promise the week of April 17-22. Both families were very appreciative of the special attention and friendly hospitality from our volunteers.

Since the families arrived on Easter Sunday, we greeted them with Easter gifts. We gave small toys and backpacks to the children. Pictured are two sweet children playing with some of their new toys. We also had an egg hunt thanks to a fellow parishioner who filled and donated them. To the adults, we gave baskets of little gifts, sweet treats, and hygiene items donated by St. Charles seventh graders. The children and their parents were all smiles! Later that evening, Chelsea Sunderland and her two sons (pictured) served a delicious Easter dinner and enjoyed sharing fellowship with the families.



Since Family Promise is transitioning to a new model with a static site, this was the final week of hosting families in our church basement. Though having families at our church has been a rewarding experience, it will be great to watch the program grow at their new location.

As a parish, we will still be involved by providing meals and supplies for families, but it will look a little different since we will bring meals to the new center and serve there instead of in our own church. This new model will allow Family Promise to serve up to seven families at a time (currently limited to three), and the space will be perfect for the ministry. It has rooms in which the families can sleep with privacy, a full gym for recreation, a large kitchen, and full-time staff members in house.



Please continue to support Family Promise by volunteering! It is exciting to see it flourish and to see God's hand in the success of this ministry.

A New Look for



Recent changes have affected the way in which St. Charles will be working with the Family Promise local affiliate. Below is an excerpt of Father Kent Kaufman's letter which appeared in the April 10, 2022, St. Charles Sunday Bulletin.

Family Promise [has been based] on the model that began here in Lima in 2008. That model was known as the "rotational model" which meant that each week, the homeless families would pack up their things and move on to the next church. St. Charles would normally host four times a year. We sought overnight hosts and dinner hosts and all-day Saturday hosts.

After our final week of hosting here at St. Charles, Lima's Family Promise will move to the other model known as the "static model." This means that they will have a large enough space to accommodate families on an overnight basis, and they will no longer have to move from church to church each week. The location is near to us on Gloria Avenue (just south of the Dairy King). Westside United Methodist Church is leasing much of their facility to Family Promise in order to make this possible. This new model will allow many more churches of other service groups to help care for the families in their time of need.

I want to thank Carmen Cecala-Wells and Emily Decanio who have been our St. Charles Family Promise coordinators these past few years as well as the dozens if not hundreds of volunteers from our parish who have helped out over these past 14 years. They have been so dedicated to helping the families we serve, families who often have nowhere else to go. If you have an interest in taking part in this rewarding ministry, please let us know. We will have many new opportunities and ways of serving with the new model that will be in place in May.

Eucharistic Ministry

By Mary and David Shak

We have been Eucharistic Ministers for over 25 years. Along with distributing communion at Mass, we have taken the Eucharist to shut-ins and nursing homes over the years. Recently Sr. Yvonne asked if we could bring the Eucharist to a couple at Otterbein. It happened that the couple was Janet and Jim Wade. We have known Janet and Jim for many years through St. Charles. We have been taking Communion to them for a couple of months now. We really look forward to our visits and re-connecting with them. Janet and Jim said, "We are very appreciative for this ministry since we are unable to attend Mass."



Standing: Mary Shak, Jim Wade, David Shak
Seated: Janet Wade

Being able to take the Eucharist to others who are unable to come to Mass is truly rewarding. If you are looking to serve in a Ministry that is both rewarding and needed for our Parish, consider becoming a Eucharistic Minister to have this opportunity to bring the Eucharist to shut-ins. If you currently are a Eucharistic Minister, consider volunteering to take the Eucharist to those unable to attend Mass.

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

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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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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 bdschierloh@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@scsclima.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@stcharleslima.org 419-230-0013

Family Promise is a faith-based agency providing a safe haven for families. 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 www.habitatlima.org 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@stcharles-lima.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. Volunteers are always welcome. Alice Giesken, 419-979-9638 or magiesk@wcoil.com.

Christian Corner Community Center



MAUREEN KASKEL

Director of Christian Corner Community Center

Greetings from the Outreach Ministry, Christian Corner Community Center on McClain Road! We are very excited to announce that we will be having a 'Fun-Raiser' on Saturday, June 18 starting at 12:00 noon entitled "Celebration of Life". The date is selected as a recognition of Juneteenth, our country's new Federal Holiday. There will be a barbecue chicken dinner with all the trimmings prepared by Junior Manley and Company, games, music, dancing and some very special speakers and performances!

For the first time, there will be a large outdoor tent in the backyard of the Center, so we will be easy to spot. June 18 is the actual Holiday as well as Father's Day, so bring Dad on out for a fine meal and some fun.

Juneteenth is an annual holiday observing the end of slavery in the U.S. and marks the day (June 19, 1865) when news of emancipation reached people in the deepest parts of the former Confederacy in Galveston, Texas. This date was more than two years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation on January 1, 1863.

In 2021, it became the first new federal holiday created by Congress in nearly four decades.

"Juneteenth symbolizes the promise of freedom by any means necessary," according to Emanuel H. Brown. "The constant reminder that Black people freed ourselves well before slavery ended through the ways we found healing, joy and love in the harshest conditions." "Juneteenth symbolizes the promise of freedom by any means necessary." — Emanuel H. Brown,

We are also pleased to announce that the structural work on the foundation of the building of the CCCC has been completed. The old wood, destroyed by moisture and time was removed after new joists were

installed. A vapor barrier was put down and insulation is now on the wall of the crawl space. Drainage of water away from the building was also addressed.

Like so many others, CCCC has had personnel shortages due to illness. Our dishwasher had to stop working due to lingering fatigue after being infected with Covid. Prior to that our cook fell at home while recuperating from a stroke and sustained a bad fracture of the lower leg. Prayers for both of them.

We were blessed by a Lenten Sacrifice of two sisters from St Charles Church and School. The girls did extra chores at home, earning money that they used to buy personal hygiene items for our patrons. This is important because people who live at the poverty level or below and are eligible for a food card, aka 'SNAP card' are not permitted to buy shampoo, paper products, body wash, toothpaste, laundry detergent or dish soap with the benefit card. The sisters had a surprise given them on the day of drop-off for the personal care items - Mom was taking them to get new Easter dresses!

Finally, we had a 'first' here at the Center the second week of April in that an entire family of six volunteered for the better part of a day, taking on the huge job of cleaning, sorting and organizing the toy area. It has never looked so great or been so kid and user-friendly! The youngsters were lively entertainment as they assisted our regular Bingo caller in announcement of the letters and numbers. Thanks ever so much for the sacrifice of your time, talent and treasure. The family is not being identified at their request. What a wonderful act of service and humility! We continue to pray for your family to find that special new house.

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ANTHONY WILKERSON

Director of Operations

Season of Growth

Growth can be defined as a continuous process of making gains without stagnation. My dear people, we are leaving a season of sacrificing what we are for what we want to become and transitioning to a period of growth from the ashes we sacrificed. In the past, I talked about the phoenix analogy. "From the ashes we are reborn".

I know, I know, I am the money man for the church so the growth conversation can go through one ear and out the other. The thing is we only correlate growth

with a church as growth meaning offering/revenue, which is the backwards mentality to have. Caught up in the daily highs and lows of life we find ourselves forgetting about the growth of ourselves. Growth is not only in your pockets but within your heart. We spent months reading/hearing the good word of the Lord telling us about investment/sacrifice of time and the benefits that come from it. **2 Peter 3:18** tells us to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever".

So my dear people, as the flowers bloom may we as people bloom. I pray as a church we bloom to be what we all desire, a devoted house of the Lord. Spend these next few months searching inside yourself, and find whatever motivates you to grow with the Lord. We have various groups and missions that are here to help you do just that. Please contact the parish office if you are curious about the different ministries. Wanting to be better is the natural desire of a Christian. Everyday we should strive to be one step closer to God and Jesus.



JEREMY HOLLIS
Director of Youth Discipleship
and Evangelization

Rite of Christian Initiation

Dylan is a young man that I have had the pleasure to really get to know over the last year. He went with us to the Steubenville Youth Conference last June as he began his journey more fully into the Catholic faith.

Over the course of the past year or so, I have gotten to know and hear each of these young people's stories. Just like all of our stories, they are vastly different, and that is what makes up the Catholic church. We all bring something special into this family because God has given each of us unique gifts in order to serve Him. Please join me in welcoming our new members and get to know them. They are really amazing young adults and I cannot wait to see what God has in store for them.

Lent is an important season for Catholics. It's a time of sacrifice, a time of prayer, fasting, almsgiving, but it's also a time of preparation. While most of us prepare to celebrate the Resurrection at Easter; it is also a time of preparation, for some, to receive the sacraments for the first time. This Lent was no different.

Here at St. Charles we prepare those who are seeking the sacraments in several ways. Our 2nd graders are prepared through our Family of Faith Formation to receive the Eucharist for the first time. Our 8th graders are prepared for Confirmation, where they receive the fullness of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit they received at Baptism and begin their lifelong journey as Catholics, and we also prepare those who were not Catholic to become Catholic and to receive the Sacraments through our RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) and RCIA-Y (for youth) programs.

This year, we Confirmed 31 of our 8th graders and 3 high school students to become full members at our Easter Vigil. First, I want to say congratulations to all of the youth who have become full members of our family this year. We have some amazing young people with a variety of talents and I can not wait to see where God takes them. A couple of them are also considering the religious life, which I think is amazing.



RCIA Confirmation Class of 2022

I would like to introduce all of you to the three high school students that were brought into the Church this Easter Vigil, Kavari, Charley, & Dylan.

Kavari is one of the two exchange students living with Tim and Suzanne Hamilton. Kavari is from India, pretty close to where Father Thomas is from. Her Catholic journey started when she learned that her parents had converted while she was away. She will be going home towards the end of June, so please say "Hi" and introduce yourself to her when you see her.

Charley is a senior at Bath and will be attending The Ohio State University first here in Lima and is then looking at transferring to Columbus, with a major in Music Education. Charley has had a very interesting journey to the Catholic Church, which I hope everyone will ask him about. Charley said that he was glad he chose to come to St. Charles because everyone has been very welcoming and friendly.

Welcome to the Church! RCIA Class of 2022



Flanked by Fr. Thomas Varghese and Fr. Kent Kaufman are: Back: Scott Stinson, Charlie Cheeseman, Dylan Martino, and Jessica Harter Front: Courtney Roeder, Kaveri Nellipudi, and Samantha Harter

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Needs You

Would you like to meet fellow parishioners while enjoying casual volunteer work at St. Vincent DePaul 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!!



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



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

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

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The Redwing Reader

St. Charles Catholic School



Third Quarter Honor Roll



MARK OF EXCELLENCE

Grade 5: Addilynn Baldauf, Braylie Bensinger, Alana Heffner, Gracy Malcom, Corie Schnieders

Grade 6: Sam Conrad, Aiden McCain

Grade 7: Lucy Bensinger, Olivia Venturella

Grade 8: Andrew Baldauf, Emily Blankemeyer, Alexa Heffner, Jacob Raczynski, Claire Wolfcale

HIGH HONORS

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

Grade 6: Gianna Decanio, Chayce Farrington, Ella Gronas, Milicent Ibeneme

Grade 7: Josh Declercq, Oyinna Ekeh, Stella Ellis, Olivia Hinegardner, Sophia Joseph, Jacob Miller, Annika Niemeyer, Michael Quatman, Brevan Stolly, Lincoln Woods

Grade 8: Davey Kesner, Carolina Kill, Aidan Latham, Mason Latham, Garrison Rotroff, Laney Scheckelhoff, J.J. Schnieders, Jenna Terrill, Courtney Van Meter

HONORS

Grade 5: Luke Bear, Eli Burris, Addalynn Cox, Eli Fields, Nolan Howell, Rae Newman, Gracsen Stover, Lyla Wenger

Grade 6: Evan Brinkman, Rocco Cecala-Wells, Alyssa Donley, Brady Jacobs, Joshua Reed

Grade 7: Kevin Bowker, Kaitlyn Carroll, Vinny Depalma, Ava Gephart, Caden Heitmeyer, Olivia Joseph, Lily McCullough, Brady Parker, Annie Reif, Vivian Ta

Grade 8: Kirsten Compton, Aidan Keating, Brady Malcom, William Mears, Jennifer Nguyen, Josh Young

Fifth Graders Travel to the



On April 8th, the school library hosted a field trip to the Mazza Museum for our St. Charles fifth graders. The Mazza Museum, located at Findlay University, is the first and largest teaching gallery specializing in original art found in children's literature.

Docents lead small groups of students through the gallery discussing the thought process



Library News

By Muriel Collins



of various illustrators from dummy books to the published works.

The students were educated on the collaborative (and sometimes not so collaborative) process between publishers, authors and illustrators.

We all had an opportunity to enjoy a fun-filled bus ride, tour the museum, eat our lunch in the common area and finish in the Mazza's new STEM room taking part in a fun art activity involving clay painting.

Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Henderson, Mrs. Bollinger and I were happy to have this opportunity with our fifth graders and we were very proud of the way they represented our St. Charles School community.



From the Art Room

By Becky MacDonald



Kindergarten students, Logen and Liberty show off their Big Egg collage. Happy Easter!



Claude Monet, impressionist painter, has been the subject of artwork in second grade. Miles and Thienne painted Monet's pond and Japanese foot-bridge.



Lyla and Corie are adding color to the hand drawn Dr. Seuss characters from his beloved children's books. We are studying artwork from Children's books in conjunction with the field trip to the Mazza Museum on the University of Findlay's campus.



Lima Central Catholic High School Academic News

Submitted by Sue Janowski



Lima Noon Optimist Youth Appreciation Award – Reed Doneghy

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



Shawnee Optimist Essay Contest – Olivia Garver and Nicholas Chambers

The Shawnee Optimist Club held the Optimist International Essay Contest. Senior, **Olivia Garver**, won FIRST PLACE and senior, **Nicholas Chambers**, won THIRD PLACE! Both students will receive cash prizes and Olivia's essay will move on to the Ohio State District Level contest.



Lima Exchange Club ACE Award – Preston Smith

Senior **Preston Smith** received the ACE Award for LCC from Lima Exchange Club. The certificate and check were presented to Preston in recognition for "Accepting the Challenge of Excellence" through every challenge



Lima Lima Exchange Club Student of the Year Award – Carrie Heider The Lima Exchange Club's "Youth of the Year" program provides our local Exchange Clubs with the opportunity to honor outstanding students in the community who have exhibited excellence in academics and leadership. Congratulations to senior **Carrie Heider** who was recognized for this award!

National Honor Society Fundraiser

NHS had a very successful fundraiser before Christmas. They raised well over \$400 to buy food and toys for animals in need. Their chosen charities were Deb's dogs and The Allen County Humane Society. Way to go Thunderbirds!! Very generous!



Art Department News – Elizabeth Luersman

Kewpee Art Show - There were several students who represented LCC at this year's Kewpee Art Show. Those students were: **Kristie Evans, Adi Howell, Alexis McDonald, Madeline Brunner, Alexis McDonald, Isabella John, Karlee Helmig and Aidan Scheckelhoff**. We are very fortunate that they have had such great tutelage under Ms. Luersman.

Spring Musical – "Footloose"

Several of our students (grades 9-12) were able to perform to the musical "Footloose" to a large crowd at the Civic Center on March 11th and 12th. We are very blessed that so many alumni also helped to make this show so spectacular!

EdExpo

Thanks to all who made it out for our Educational Expo on Sunday, April 3rd. The students completed some amazing projects and shared their musical and artistic talents. Thanks also to Ms. Luersman for organizing such a fun event!

Math Department News – Trudy Thompson

Congrats to the following students for exemplary work in their math classes!

Mr. Thompson – **Aviaire Sorrels** (January) **Abbe Williams** (February) **Amaleigh Monaghan** (March)
Mr. Horstman – **Victor Pierce** (January)
Kenyon Kill (February) **Isaac Leppert** (March)
Mr. Stolly – **Aaron Hutchins** (January) **Emma Donley** (February) **Josh Yahl** (March)
Mrs. Thompson – **Bridget Mulcahy** (January) **Carlie VanMeter** (February) **Emily Morrissey** (March)

Mu Alpha Theta Members and Officers - Carlie VanMeter (President), Emma Mayers (Vice President) and Noah Nuesmeyer. Thanks for your dedication and hard work.



AMC Math Contest Winners – Matt Cira and Emily Morrissey Congratulations to **Matt Cira** for placing first at LCC on this year's AMC 12 math contest and to **Emily Morrissey** for placing first in the AMC 10! Way to go Thunderbirds!

Catholic Math League Winners - Brayden Truex, Jaylen Roehm, Nick Chambers and Olivia Stolly, Allison Young and Nick Chambers

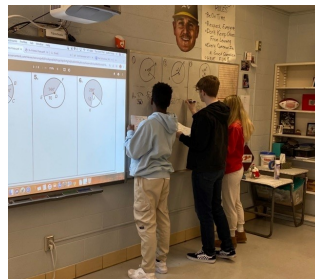
Ohio Math League Winners – Nick Chambers, Matt Cira, Emma Mayers, Jaylen Roehm, Ben Siatkosky, and Brayden Truex, Alex Arellano, Nick Chambers and Olivia Stolly, Allison Young and Nick Chambers

Problem Solving Class

Problem Solvers had fun while determining best strategies of offense and defense playing Blockus, which reinforces the idea of transformations in geometry. They also have been working diligently on perfecting their Rube Goldberg machines. Surely we will have a couple of engineers out of this group in the future.

Geometry with Mr. Stolly

Mr. Stolly's Geometry students **Aaron Hutchins, Braden Lybarger and Kaitlyn Seffernick** completed problems about finding areas of sectors and demonstrated their solutions to the class.



Science Department – Deb Huber

College Prep Biology - CP Biology classes and the Anatomy/Physiology class were given a presentation about cancer by Dr. J.J. Sreenan '83. They were able to look at various types of cancer by examining tissue samples with Dr. Sreenan's guidance.

AP Biology students planted cucumbers, broccoli, lettuce and carrots from seeds and are transplanting their young plants to take home. They will be monitoring growth, experimenting with growth factors and completing other work as their final project for the year.

Computer Science Class

Computer Science I students were using their computer skills to dissect the computers and then label and reassemble them.

Spanish Department News – Regina Reynolds

Spanish I students painted replicas from famous Hispanic artists. Mrs. Thompson helped Spanish IV students make a traditional Mexican dish, Chilaquiles. Mrs. Reynolds even stopped by to enjoy the meal!

Academic Letter Ceremony

In order to earn an Academic Letter, a student must earn a 3.6 cumulative GPA by the second semester of the current year. This is open to sophomores, juniors and seniors. This year we had forty students earn this honor.

1st Year Awards

Alexander Arellano, William Bourk, Carson Caprella, Carsyn Dafler, Samuel Mayers, Emily Morrissey, Jacob Nieman, Caitlyn Purvenas, Mya Raczynski, Jaide Schimpf, Kyla Badea, Colton Blubaugh, Kaitlyn Sherrick

2nd Year Awards

McKenna Bader, Paige Brinkman, Olivier Bruno, Gabriel Cira, Matthew Cira, Justin Davisson, Kristina Evans, Bridget Mulcahy, Aidan Scheckelhoff, Tyler Shipman, Benjamin Siatkosky, Olivia Stolly, Gavin Caprella, Delaney Dafler, Abigail Koenig



3rd Year Awards

Nicholas Chambers, Reed Doneghy, Carrie Heider, Emma Mayers*, Frankie McDonald, Jr., Noah Nuesmeyer, Madeline Quatman*, Jaylen Roehm, Noah Schneider, Brayden Truex, Carlie VanMeter, Allison Young

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