



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO
CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE CHIMES

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**FR. KENT
KAUFMAN**
Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Each time we come together to celebrate the Eucharist we remember the dying and rising of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is truly the heart of what we do for it shapes our faith that by his dying and rising we, too, can live in the hope of eternal life together with him. This is why we celebrate a funeral Mass for our beloved departed and why we remember those who have recently died in our Universal Prayer at Mass.

During November, we are called in a special way to remember “our brothers and sisters who have fallen asleep in the hope of the resurrection” (Eucharistic Prayer II). This includes All Saints Day on November 1st when we rejoice in all the men and women, blest in the eyes of the Lord, who celebrate the heavenly liturgy.

On November 2nd, we commemorate all the faithful departed with All Souls’ Day. Here at St. Charles we celebrate our morning Mass as well as a special Mass at 5:30 p.m. That Mass concluded with a period of quiet Eucharistic Exposition and then was followed by our Memorial Vespers (Evening Prayer). During this service, we recalled the names of those from St. Charles who died in the past year.

As in years past, the Memorial Service included a candle lighting as the names of our beloved departed were read and the candles lit. It’s always a beautiful sight to see the light of our faith in the resurrection surround the altar where our Lord pours out his life at each Mass in love for us.



Starting this November, we are creating a new tradition to remember. At our funerals we will incorporate a special wooden cross with the name of the decedent and the date of death. These crosses will be placed in the glass “windows” around our Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

When we arrive at the next All Souls’ Day Memorial Vespers in 2023 the wooden crosses with the personal names will be transferred to the steps surrounding the altar as we light candles to symbolize the light that comes with our faith in the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. After

the service families will be invited to take the cross home and keep it as a reminder in their own home.

There are other great ways to remember those who have before us in faith, such as a visit to the cemetery during November. Each time I visit a cemetery I recall the words from one of the prefaces from Masses for the Dead:

*In him the hope of blessed resurrection
has dawned,
that those saddened by the certainty of dying
might be consoled by the promise of
immortality to come.
Indeed for your faithful, Lord,
life is changed not ended,
and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in
heaven.*

Whether you keep in place a longstanding tradition or create a new tradition, I hope that you will find a way in this month of November to remember those in your family or circle of friends who have gone before us in faith. Let their memory inspire our generation and future generations to be faithful to the call. May their example help us to be Living Stones built on the foundation they have provided and on which we now stand!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Kent

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Holiday Mass Schedule

Thanksgiving - November 24 9:00 AM

**Immaculate Conception of the
Blessed Virgin Mary** -
Wednesday, December 7th -5:30 PM
Thursday, December 8th - 8:00 AM,
7:00 PM

Christmas Eve - Saturday, December 24 -
4:00 PM, 7:00 PM, 10:00 PM

Christmas Day - Sunday, December 25th -
10:30 AM

Solemnity of Mary - Sunday, January 1, Regu-
lar Mass Schedule (Not a holy Day because
it is on a Sunday)



Mark your calendars for the 8th annual One Day of Giving on Tuesday, November 8th! Every gift no matter the amount makes a difference in the lives of our students and faculty.

This day is about coming together as one community for LCC. There are four ways to give: send a check dated 11/8, stop in to the school or drop off window, donate online at www.lcchs.edu or call 419-222-4276.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our school and its mission. We hope you can join us on Tuesday, November 8th!



**ANTHONY
WILKERSON**
Director of Operations



MELODY KEARNS
Family Formation Coordinator

A New Program at St. Charles

These ladies began praying about how to accomplish this goal and it became clear that they were to organize the lessons in such a way as to draw families into the life and beauty of the liturgical year. This core group of parents believe God led the development of the program by sending a powerful presence of the Holy Spirit to their development meetings. The first fruit of the program was an increase in participation at Mass.

Family Formation is used in many other parishes throughout the United States and Canada. They have added *St Charles Borromeo* to their list of participating parishes and they pray for our success.

We meet two times a month. The first meeting allows the children to break into two groups and meet with Catechists. The parents meet on the same topic and get prepared for the monthly lessons, games and activities to be presented in the home packets. The second meeting is based on the liturgical season and puts our faith into some form of community action. This past Sunday was centered around The Rosary. Each child received a Rosary that was blessed by Father

Kent. After a short lesson which allowed for us to practice the prayers of the Rosary, we went up to the church and assisted our Rosary leader with the Rosary prior to Mass.

Reaching for Success

We live in an era where effort is a lost art. Being in such a results-based first to post and respond era, we often lose focus on the effort it takes to get the results. People look at the new streets being paved and say "about time" instead of being thankful for the amount of time it took to get work done. Effort can be defined as "a vigorous or determined attempt". The key word in that Merriam Webster definition is "determined." Determination is a mentality of not being stopped no matter the circumstances.

My good people of St. Charles Parish, let's not get enamored with the results we seek for our church, but instead fall in love with the process itself. We cannot snap our fingers and hope for a great offertory this fiscal year. To be honest we shouldn't focus on that, but instead focus on the effort portion of showing up each Sunday! The effort of just showing up is the hardest part. If we have max attendance for each mass, I will guarantee we will reach our Sunday offertory goals.

Each person in our church has a different perspective of life, a different perspective of their expectation from life, and also a different perspective of how to get there. As a church we have one singular perspective, one singular purpose, which is eternal life with Jesus Christ! That is what makes being part of this church team community so special!

I will leave you with this quote from Robert Collier. Collier, an intake specialist at Detroit Rescue Mission Ministries, describes being successful as "Success is the sum of small efforts, repeated day in and day out." I know that quote can hit home for all of us!

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.



Family Formation replaces the Family of Faith program from last year and the PSR program from the Pre-Covid Era.

The program is meant to bring the family together once a week to learn the Catholic Faith with joy and excitement. The church recognizes the limitations in attempting to catechize children if the parents are not involved. This program is recognized by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops as being in conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church.

Family Formation comes to us from the Church of St. Paul in Minnesota. The program was developed by parents who wanted their children's Catechism to have more of a connection to the Church and be strengthened by the family. The program focuses on the return of parents as the primary educators of their children in the Catholic Faith. The Catholic Faith is brought to life and transmitted within the family.



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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JEREMY HOLLIS
Director of Youth Discipleship
and Evangelization

Becoming Connected to Him

I am currently reading St. Augustine's, *Confessions*, and at the very beginning of the book, St. Augustine points out that, "Our hearts are restless O God, until they rest in you." The world around us has caused us to become very restless creatures. We feel the need to be constantly busy, because that is how success is measured. We tend to view people who seem to have a lot of free time on their hands as lazy or unmotivated. We also have this uncanny desire to be constantly connected. If we leave the house without our cell phone, which is probably in your back pocket right now or sitting on the arm of the chair next to you, we feel like something is mis-



sing. This restlessness is not what God wants for us. He doesn't want us to be connected to social media, He wants us to be connected to Him.

What can we do about this? The answer is simple, look to Jesus. When Jesus became stressed or anxious, he retreated, typically to the mountains to pray. Even the Apostles when they were anxious, stressed and scared, after the crucifixion, retreated into the upper room and prayed. We must take the time to retreat and reconnect to God. Jesus even tells us to do this, "Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." (Matthew 11:28)

As of the time I am writing this, about 40 of the women from our Parish have just returned from a retreat and this coming weekend a group of about 20 of the men will be going on retreat. However, at the end of September, twenty-three of our 8th Graders, along with three chaperones, attended a High Adventure Confirmation Retreat at the Damascus Retreat Center in Centerburg, OH. The weekend consisted of some high adventure activities such as a Giant Swing, a Vertical Obstacle Course, Archery Tag, and a Rock Wall. In addition, the missionaries put on skits, talks, adoration and praise and worship. It was an absolutely amazing time for the youth to step away from their extremely busy lives to rest, connect with their classmates, play, and most importantly reconnect to Christ.

When the weekend was over and we were getting ready to leave, even though I knew everyone was exhausted, the kids did not want to leave. They had the opportunity to experience Christ in a new way and they did not want that to end. Most of them expressed that they could not wait to go back.



I have already started planning next years Confirmation retreat, and I would love to be able to expand this to our 6th graders for the Faith and Science Retreat and the 7th grade Leadership retreat. The cost this year was right around \$180 per student which included their lodging, food, all the activities plus transportation to and from the retreat. Please consider donating or sponsoring a student to attend

one of the upcoming retreats. Donations can be made through the St. Charles website under "Give", via check which you can drop in the offering plate with "Youth



Retreat" marked on the outside of the envelope, or drop off at the Parish office with "Attention to Jeremy Hollis." Also, please indicate in the memo line that you would like the donation be directed towards one of the retreats mentioned.

Have You Considered Being an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister?

By Fr. Kent Kaufman

Did you know that St. Charles brings Holy Communion to 65 residents at the 10 care facilities in our parish boundaries on First Fridays and most Sundays of the month? We also reach out to a dozen or more parishioners at any given time who are homebound and have asked to receive the Eucharist. Yes, whenever someone is unable to come to church, we seek to bring the Church to that person wherever they happen to be.

The care facilities we attend to are Shawnee Manor and Burton's Ridge, Primrose, Wyngate, The Springs, Kessler Estates (formerly Elmcroft), Lima Convalescent Home and The Greens, Lochhaven, Springview Manor. With the help of the facility we do our best to keep our roster of Catholics up-to-date so that nobody is missed.

If St. Charles parishioners are in facilities beyond the area they can often find similar arrangements offered for Catholics from the parishes where the facilities are located. Of course, we want to do our best here at St. Charles to stay connected to our parishioners when they reside beyond our parish boundaries. However, we also rely upon the help of the Universal Church which is united as one in faith all throughout the world.

I want to extend a thank you to our 130 Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion here at St. Charles. Not only do they help minister the Eucharist at our Masses, but many of them have also accepted the call to bring the Lord to those who for various health reasons are unable to approach the altar here at church. I also want to recognize our parish EMHC's who have partnered with Mercy-

Health St. Rita's to attend to the Catholics who are patients at the hospital.

However, we currently have some Sundays when more help is needed if we wish to reach out to everyone. Some of the care facilities have just a few residents who are visited in their rooms. Others have more residents who gather together for a short service before receiving Holy Communion. We also have homebound parishioners waiting to connect with an EMHC as well.

If you have interest in becoming EMHC here at St Charles, or to resume this ministry if you were previously commissioned either here or at another parish, please let our office know by Tuesday, November 15. We will offer you the proper formation needed and get you added to our roster in helping a key ministry in our parish.

Retreat Yourself - - 2022 Women's Retreat

By Jeanna Stallkamp

Romans 15:13 states, "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him. Then you will overflow with confident hope through the power of the Holy Spirit." This quote truly expresses what took place at our St. Charles Parish's first "Retreat Yourself" Women's Retreat from Oct. 14th to the 16th.



Thirty-seven faith filled women gathered to praise and worship together at St. Charles, and then on the beautiful grounds of the Transfiguration Center for Spiritual Renewal. The Holy Spirit surrounded us and gave us hope and joy through Adoration, confession, a teaching mass, and an ending mass by Fr. Steve Blum. Our various testimonies and small group discussions and activities built trust and



supportive relationships between the women. We received positive feedback and high scores in the end survey, with ten women signing up to help lead next year's retreat, directed by Bert Vernon and Co-Director, Mary Anne Froelich. Here are some of the responses:

"Really enjoyed the personal testimonies and talks. I loved adoration as well!"

"I enjoyed this retreat so much. This was my first time attending one, so I wasn't sure what to expect. I loved having the free time to spend with the groups in reflection."

"People were so friendly and I felt like it was just one big family."

"I loved the Saturday night fellowship and meeting some women, and getting to know some better."

"I cannot say how grateful I am to have been on this retreat with such faith-filled women. I have no words, definitely not enough words, to express what a gift this has been!"

"All the speakers were incredible. I really absorbed it all! I can't tell you how much it meant to me. And especially meeting all these women from our Parish. Totally awesome."

So many bonds were created, and many exciting ideas to keep the fire alive and to ignite our church were shared. I can't wait to see what God has in store for us next! Thank you to our incredible leadership team, to Fr. Kent and Fr. Steve, and to those who attended, for answering God's call.



By Emily Decanio

St. Charles was able to serve Family Promise dinners for the first time at their new facility during the week of October 17-21. Pictured is Celia Cecala-Wells who happily helped her mother serve chicken pot pie to two families.

Family Promise is in need of many items which can be dropped off to them during business hours. They are located at 604 Gloria Avenue, Suite B. If anyone would like to donate items, their current needs are:

- Queen Size Air Mattresses
- Paper products (Paper towels, plates, toilet paper)



- 2-3 gallon trash bags
- Ziplock bags (Gallon and sandwich size)
- Large plastic totes
- Children's soap and lotion
- Thermometers
- Nail clippers
- Cleaning products (Clorox wipes, Multipurpose cleaner, Bleach)
- Baby bottles and sippy cups
- Infant and Children's Medicines (Tylenol, Cold & Flu)
- Adult Medicines (Allergies, Cold, Flu)

Also, please consider providing dinner one evening during our next volunteer week (December 5-9). It is about a 2-hour commitment, and you are welcome to bring a friend or your whole family to enjoy a meal there! To get on the volunteer list, please contact Emily Decanio edecanio@gmail.com or Carmen Cecala-Wells carmencecalawells@gmail.com.

Christian Corner Community Center
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Can Collection Spot



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



SUMMER AEBKER

Liturgical
Music Coordinator

It's in the Details

It's in the details. The notes line up with the rhythms and words, the harmonies shift, the texture is expressed through articulation and phrasing, dynamics paint clues to the feeling intended by the work. In putting together the New Parish Hymnal, like the music residing inside, many details had to happen to present a cohesive, thoughtful, and applicable result. Born of a concept beholden to renewability and change, the New Parish Hymnal binder is meant to grow and adapt to the parish needs as the parish grows and changes.

As with the Gather Hymnal, a music planning team accessed the selections in the Parish Hymnal and decided which pieces to keep, omit, and add.

The supplemental Parish Hymnal traditionally provides music selections not found in the Gather Hymnal, including children's music for the weekday school Masses and contemporary selections for the Lifeteen Masses. This format has been kept for the New Parish Hymnal as well.

As I write, many volunteers have been busily at work with the manual assembly of each book. Inserting page protectors, placing numbering stickers, and stuffing each hymnal takes about 50 minutes or so per book. We have been working hard to get them completed, and it is hoped that by the time you are reading this, you will see them in the pews. It's been a blessing to have these volunteers, and it's been wonderful to see God's presence manifest in an activity that has provided a faith sharing community experience. Quiet and unanticipated, the beauty of a humble community of faith slowly unveiled itself in the space surrounding this project. Some people chose to work in groups amongst friends and strangers alike, others took materials home and spent family time devoting hours toward assembling hymnals together, and some others yet spent time quietly working away while stilling their mind from the day's strife.

Like so many other moments in my 26 years at St. Charles, I will think fondly of this experience and appreciate how fitting it is that one of my final

projects here is meant for change. For change means living, and this parish with its wonderful people deserves to be vibrant and alive with fresh ideas and projects to tackle that will reflect the everchanging needs of life as the decades shift. In my own time here, I have changed through a variety of roles. When I first started, I was playing piano in tandem with Ruth Fosnaugh on organ at all of the weekend Masses. I also was the children's choir accompanist, then the children's choir director, choir accompanist, and sub for weekend and weekday Masses as needed. These past few years have kept me busy in the role of the liturgical music coordinator with many opportunities to explore and develop.

On a personal level, my friends here saw me start a family (my kids are in college now) and continue my education with a Masters and then a Doctorate in music. And maybe, if pressed, they will admit their personal contributions toward making me a better human being by their good influence. I have many wonderful memories with people who imparted wisdom and charitable patience toward me. I have sincerely loved my time at St. Charles serving the church and its people.

Thank you all.

Kindly, Summer

St. Charles Borromeo's Open Hearts Concert Series New York Polyphony, January 28th, 2:00 p.m.

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Give-A-Christmas (G-A-C) 2022

By Mark Stolly

Although we are sometime away from GAC 2022, we use the Chimes to officially kick off the upcoming event and share dates and information to everyone. This year we will be celebrating the Catholic Community GAC on Sunday, **December 11th**. Of course, Halloween and Thanksgiving come before, but since we're starting to see the holiday merchandise in our community stores, why not kick off GAC!

Another purpose of our memo here is to introduce and re-introduce to the parish members how much GAC has become entwined into the fabric of who and what we are here at St. Charles and the entire Lima Catholic Community. The name came about when several parish families got together and wanted to make Christmas more meaningful, not only for themselves, but for their children, neighbors, friends, and other St. Charles parish families some time ago, actually this dates back to the late 1960's. For those of us who remember this time in our country, it was mixed with social strife and many people were looking to make things better.



Here we are more than 50 years into it and that feeling never has left, so we continue. All four of the Lima Catholic Parishes and Lima Central Catholic now participate which has really helped especially these past few years.

The GAC process is simple. **The weekend before GAC (December 3rd)** people will pick up their stocking (50lb cabbage bag) at church, take it home and fill with non-perishable food items, bring it back the following weekend and drop off. There are plenty of young healthy kids who will help and unload of course so the process is easy!

We collect from all the churches, sort the food items, and set off delivering to many people in need and several organizations. You've probably heard of some of these:
Samaritan House – Shelter for homeless
Christian Corners – St Charles Soup Kitchen
St James Missionary Church – Southeast Lima
Crossroads Crises Center – Women's Shelter
There are more (people/organizations?) and we might be able to highlight some between the Halloween costumes and Thanksgiving turkey!

Director of Liturgical Music Ministry

St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Lima, OH (Diocese of Toledo) is seeking a full-time Director of Liturgical Music starting January 2023. St. Charles is a thriving parish of 1,400 families and a 400-student school. Established music ministries include Adult Choir, Vocal Quartet, Adult and Youth Handbell Choirs, Adult and Youth Cantors.

St. Charles has a completely restored Steinway 1915 Model A Grand Piano, a three-manual Rodgers T927 Digital Organ with midi-capability, and a five-octave set of handbells.

The successful applicant will be skilled on keyboard and vocals and proficient in conducting ensembles. Requirements include the ability to play and sing traditional and contemporary music as well as lead the assembly into full, active, and conscious participation.

Applicants will need a good working knowledge of the liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church and the ability to plan and coordinate the liturgies of the parish as well as use technology.

The ability to work well with the parish leadership team and the various liturgical ministers is an essential requirement. A Worship Commission is in place to promote love and care for the liturgy.

A practicing Catholic and registered member of the Catholic parish faith community is preferred. Cover Letter with compensation requirements and resume should be sent to Rev. Kent R. Kaufman by November 11, 2022 to search@stcharleslima.org.

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@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@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. Volunteers are always welcome. Alice Giesken, 419-979-9638 or magiesk@wcoil.com.

The Season of Advent in the Catholic Church

A time of preparation

By Scott P. Richert

ADVENT: A TIME OF PREPARATION

In the Catholic Church, Advent is a period of preparation, extending over four Sundays, before Christmas. . . . The word Advent comes from the Latin *advenio*, “to come to,” and refers to the coming of Christ. This refers, first of all, to our celebration of Christ’s birth at Christmas; but second, to the coming of Christ in our lives through grace and the Sacrament of Holy Communion; and finally, to His second coming at the end of time.

Our preparations, therefore, should have all three comings in mind. We need to prepare our souls to receive Christ worthily.

FIRST WE FAST, THEN WE FEAST

That’s why Advent has traditionally been known as a “little Lent.” As in Lent, Advent should be marked by increased prayer, fasting, and good works. While the Western Church no longer has a set requirement for fasting during Advent, the Eastern Church, both Catholic and Orthodox, continues to observe what is known as Philip’s Fast, from November 15 until Christmas.

Traditionally, all great feasts have been preceded by a time of fasting, which makes the feast itself more joyful. Sadly, Advent today has been supplanted by “the Christmas shopping season,” so that by Christmas Day, many people no longer enjoy the feast.

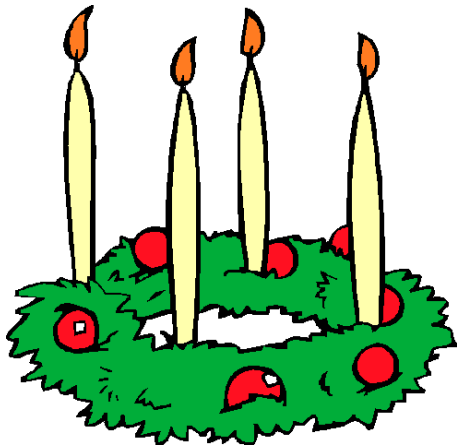
THE SYMBOLS OF ADVENT

In its symbolism, the Church continues to stress the penitential and preparatory nature of Advent. As during Lent, priests wear purple vestments, and the Gloria (“Glory to God”) is omitted during Mass. The only exception is on the Third Sunday of Advent, known as Gaudete Sunday when priests can wear rose-colored vestments.

As on Laetare Sunday during Lent, this exception is designed to encourage us to continue our prayer and fasting, because we can see that Advent is more than halfway over.

THE ADVENT WREATH

Perhaps the best-known of all Advent symbols is the Advent wreath, a custom which originated among German Lutherans but was soon adopted by Catholics. Consisting of four candles (three purple and one pink) arranged in a circle with evergreen



boughs (and often a fifth, white candle in the center), the Advent wreath corresponds to the four Sundays of Advent. The purple candles represent the penitential nature of the season, while the pink candle calls to mind the respite of Gaudete Sunday. (The white candle, when used, represents Christmas.)

CELEBRATING ADVENT

We can better enjoy Christmas—all 12 days of it, from Christmas Day to Epiphany—if we revive Advent as a period of preparation. Abstaining from meat on Fridays, or not eating at all between meals, is a good way to revive the Advent fast. (Not eating Christmas cookies or listening to Christmas music before Christmas is another.) We can incorporate such customs as the Advent wreath, the Saint Andrew Christmas Novena, and the Jesse Tree into our daily ritual, and we can set some time aside for special scripture readings for Advent, which remind us of the threefold coming of Christ.

Holding off on putting up the Christmas tree and other decorations is another way to remind ourselves that the feast is not here yet. Traditionally, such decorations were put up on Christmas Eve, but they would not be taken down until after Epiphany, in order to celebrate the Christmas season to its fullest.

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NEW PARISHIONERS

Carlos Taibo
Irish Babael
Sean & Jessica Gronas
Jeffry & Adel Buettner
Tony & Christine Rodriguez
Marion J. Fraser
Gabriele & Chiara Pacchiarotti
Derek & Nicole Davis

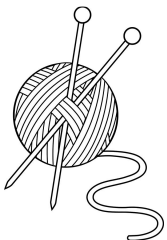
NEWLY BAPTIZED

Palmer Leidy
Savannah Odenweller
Sloan Quatman

IN MEMORIAM

Susan Selis
Mark Wannemacher
Vincent Karhoff
Michael “Von” Briley

Attention Knitter 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.

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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Peek into the Past Christmas – 2012

2012 “A Cup of Christmas Tea”

Thank you to all the ladies that attended the ‘Christmas Tea’ on December 13th. The 21 hostesses decorated their tables beautifully. The delicious food, mostly prepared by the Tea Committee, was carefully placed on plates, then placed on a decorated 3 tier stand that became the centerpiece on each table.

Fr. Steve began our evening with an Opening Prayer. During “Tea Time,” Ginnie Klenke, Sara Inglis, Ginny Raymond and Barb Dietz kept things running in the kitchen. We also had high school students as runners: Jamee Gerdeman, Natalie Patricio-Agosto and Sophia Venturella.

After “Tea Time,” the program portion began with Mary Kahle reading a poem “*Don’t Forget Jesus.*” She shared that Jesus is the true meaning of the season. Shawn Stevens played Christmas songs on the piano, sang *White Christmas*, and led the group in *Away in a Manger*. Katie Hooks sang *Blue Christmas* while Shawn played the piano. Also, Shawn and Katie entertained us with their rendition of *The Twelve Days After Christmas*. Rosalyn Liston and Mary Shak read “*Sweet Christ-*

mas—A Christmas Devotional.” This devotional is geared to using candy pieces to tell the Christmas story.



The “Rocky Road” is the journey of Joseph and Mary, “Sugar Babies” is a reminder of Sweet Baby Jesus, “Candy Cane” is a reminder of the Shepherds, “Almond Joy” is a reminder of the Angel’s Announcement,

“Dove Candy” is a reminder of Peace, “Smarties” is a reminder of the Wise Men, “Starburst” is a reminder of the Star, “Foil wrapped Coin Candy” is a reminder of the gifts from the Wise Men and “Riesen” is a reminder that Jesus is the Reason for the Season. Katie Hooks then led the group in *Silent Night*.

After the closing prayer, everyone took home a dove bookmark as a reminder that doves are the symbol of peace. Togetherness, hope, peace, refreshment and loving remembrance are a few descriptions of the spirit embracing the evening.

We could not do this without the help of so many volunteers. Thank you to the Christmas Tea Committee: Cathy Ahman, Sue Corbin, Barbara Dietz, Tiz Guagenti, Linda Hoehn, Martha Kahle, Mary Kahle, Ginny Raymond, and Mary Shak. Also, thank you to the hostesses and anyone else that helped make this evening memorable. A special thank you to Cathy Ahman who helped with the final clean-up.

The whole evening allowed us to realize how blessed we are as we prepare our hearts for this wonderful Christmas season.

Feast of Light



St. Charles celebrated the Feast of Light on Dec. 2, 2012. Several entire families from the parish joined to retell the nativity story. Taking part were adult and children’s choirs, several instrumental and vocal soloists, and a cast of over twenty-five parishioners



The Cast

Angels and Shepherds: Megan Peppard, Ryan Peppard, Emma Donley, Kailey Peppard, Julianne McKinley, Megan Latham.

Kings: Dr. Eddy Bruno, Tim DeHaven, Dr. Charles Brunelle. Mary: Meredith Bruno. Joseph: Jake Mckinley. Angel: Alessandro Sellati. Shepherds: Tim Peppard, Julie McKinley.



Katie Hooks and the choir singing *Silent Night* accompanied by Gino De Matteo on the mandolin



Shepherd Kailey Peppard and Angel Emma Donley are busy planning the arrival of Jesus



The Children’s Choir sings *Angels and Shepherds* directed by Ruth Fosnaugh and accompanied by Monica Peppard



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Principal

“In all things give thanks, for this is the will of God in Jesus Christ toward you.”
(1 Thessalonians 5:18)

November is one of my favorite months. The fall colors are in full swing and the upcoming holidays that are focused on family, gratitude, and caring are upon us. We have much to be grateful for here at St. Charles Catholic School. We have wonderful, caring staff from our custodians, our office staff, to all of our teachers. I am grateful every day for the opportunity to work with all of them and I know the St. Charles children are in good hands with them. We have a group of supportive parents and community, to which we all say thank you for all that they are doing this year to make SCCS a well-rounded community. And finally, we have incredible students, who challenge themselves every day to learn and be engaged. They are why we are all here every day!

We have been concentrating on our school Core Values of RESPECT, INTEGRITY, SERVE,

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.

Thankfulness

and EXCEL since the start of the school year. As we move deeper into the holiday season it is important to continue to refocus on these values and on being grateful and thankful for all that God has provided. In America we have the highest standard of living in history, but we often are driven for more, better and faster. We can find ourselves bored, unfocused and disillusioned. The problem is that we have lost a gift called gratitude.

The Bible urges us to maintain a spirit of thanksgiving each day. God doesn't need our thanks for this gift he has provided us. However, giving thanks to God each day realigns our hearts. Acknowledging God as the Source of all things frees us from the belief that we don't need Him.

By encouraging thankfulness each day, we can become truly dependent on God, as joy is found by giving, helping and loving one another. The more thankful we are, the closer we are to God, our family and friends.

All Creatures Great and Small



On St. Francis Day, Oct 4, a cricket decided to come to Mass, but afterwards we set him free back outside!



Gianna, Adallinn and Zoey from the First Grade enjoy painting their Vincent van Gogh sunflowers.



Third grade boys Evan and Kian are tracing their fall leaves for our autumnal project. We will be blending chalk to create beautiful fall leaves.

From the Art Room By Becky MacDonald



“We love to mix paint!”, say Second graders Vera and Alora.



Lima Central Catholic High School Academic News

Submitted by Sue Janowski

HOBY (Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership)



"For more than five decades, HOBY has inspired young people to make a difference and become catalysts for positive change in their home, school, workplace, and community." **Caitlyn Purvenas** had the opportunity to participate in this worthwhile leadership camp this summer. Thank you for representing our school!

Tennis - Gold Racquet / Silver Racquet Aware (OTCA)

Seniors **McKenna Bader** and **Paige Brinkman** have received the Gold Racquet Award for earning a 3.75 cumulative GPA or higher and at least 2 Varsity letters. Congratulations, girls, and congratulations on a wonderful season!



Junior **Mya Raczynski** has earned the Silver Racquet Award for earning a 3.75 cumulative GPA or higher and at least 1 year of Varsity tennis. Congrats, Mya!



Academic All-Ohio Golf Award (OHSGCA)

Congratulations to senior **Bridget Mulcahy** for earning the OHSGCA Academic All-Ohio Award for her performance on the greens and in the classroom! In order to qualify, she must be a Senior Letter Winner and have earned a 3.25 or higher cumulative GPA. Way to go, Bridget!



Hometown Stations - Scholar Athlete of the Week

Olivia Stolly was named Hometown Stations Scholar Athlete of the Week for her superb performance in the classroom and in all three of her sports (soccer, basketball and track). Fantastic job, Olivia!



Vicki Moening Scholarship Award

The committee voted unanimously to award the scholarship to **Billy Bourk**, a current junior, for exemplifying the spirit of Vicki in her love for LCC and his caring behavior towards all!



September Math Awards

Our first math students of the month were awarded recently. Congratulations to the September winners! **Olivia Stolly** - Mrs. Thompson
Deanna Callahan - Mr. Stolly
Alon'Nah Bagley - Mr. Horstman.
Keep up the good work, ladies!



Marching Band

Five of our Marching Thunderbirds participated in a College Band Day hosted by Heidelberg University. Congrats to them on a great performance and wonderful learning opportunity! Pictured from left to right: **Heidelberg Director of Bands; Rod Miller, Alexa Caballero, Catie Lucente, Jacob Yahl, Hayley Chambers, Maddie Yahl, and 22' Alumni; Nicholas Chambers**



Art Club

Check out the talented Thunderbirds from Art Club, where students have the opportunity to try new things, work on specific projects or to just hang out while creating! Great job T-Birds!



"Start with Hello" Week

This week was started to connect students to each other and help them feel included. With inclusion, students are less likely to feel isolated and alone. Our week ended with a Suicide Prevention Walk and Talk. Seniors were paired with freshmen and juniors were with the sophomores.



National Honor Society

Congratulations to the National Honor Society members for the 2022-2023 school year! In order to be a part of this group, a student has to earn at least a 3.7 cumulative GPA by his/her junior year. The student also must exemplify scholarship, leadership, service and character. The NHS members are: **Jake Nieman, Gabe Cira, Carson Caprella, Aidan Scheckelhoff, Matt Cira, Sam Mayers, Oli Bruno, Billy Bourk, Ben Siatkosky, Mya Raczynski, Caitlyn Parvenus, Emily Morrisey, Olivia Stolly, Paige Brinkman, McKenna Bader and Kristie Evans. (Not pictured: Bridget Mulcahy and Justin Davisson).**



Upcoming Dates:
 Senior Kairos Retreat 11/13-11/16
 December National ACT 12//10
 Semester Exams 12/16-12/19
 Semester Exam Makeup Day and
 End of 2nd quarter 12/20

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