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CATHOLIC CHURCH

THE CHIMES

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**FR. KENT
KAUFMAN**
Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope that 2023 is off to a great start for you and your family. This year at St. Charles, we have more than a calendar year number to transition as we enter 2023! We are also transitioning in our liturgical music leadership.

As was shared with you at the end of last year, our longtime musician, Summer Aebker, is relocating to Chicago. With the exception of a few school personnel, Summer is our longest serving employee in the parish. She has been our choir accompanist for more than a quarter century! Over the years she has also directed our children's choir and added her vocals to enrich our liturgies. Since July 2019, when Ruth Fosnaugh retired, Summer has directed all of our liturgical ministries at the parish.

In these past three and a half years, Summer has accomplished much! Even more remarkably, much of the time has been during the added difficulties of covid-19 that made so many of the musical ministries extra challenging.

I will always cherish how Summer and the Worship Commission planned and executed the restoration of our Steinway piano, studied and implemented our lyric screens at Mass, upgraded our

Transitioning into 2023

microphones and sound system to a digital format, updated both our hardback and parish hymnals, implemented a concert series, and developed new special liturgies or events such as the Prayer for Christian Unity and Grandparents' Day.

Of course, even with all the new initiatives, Summer was also developing our choirs, cantors, and other ensembles for their primary ministry to be of service at our regular liturgies. During the lockdown in Spring 2020, she kept the music playing and then when possible began the "great restoration" to reassemble again our choirs and musical ensembles.

I know that I am speaking for so many when I offer our thanks to Summer for lifting our hearts and voices musically unto the Lord. There have been so many weddings, funerals, and special liturgies where we have praised the Lord by making a joyful sound in song under Summer's guidance. As she moves forward to a new beginning, we send our thanks and prayers.

At the same time, please help me in welcoming Emily Niese to St. Charles. She will receive "the baton" from Summer starting January 2. You can learn more about Emily in the accompanying article. I am grateful to all who helped in the search and selection so that we could have a seamless transition. In particular, I am grateful that Summer will be available yet in January to assist Emily in learning all of the "moving pieces" for our music here at St. Charles.

In fact, I hope that you have marked your calendars for two of our biggest musical offerings of the year. On the weekend of January 21/22 composer and musician Sarah Hart will be at all of our weekend Masses to lead us in song. Then on Sunday evening, January 22, she invites us back for an evening concert at 6:00 pm. Please bring your friends and family members to this special event. Sarah is also partnering with our Women's Walking with Purpose to provide a retreat on Saturday morning, January 21.

The following Saturday, January 28, we are pleased to welcome New York Polyphony to our church for the next Open Hearts Concert. New York Polyphony focuses on the Renaissance and Medieval era of music that is without accompaniment. Four male voices will sing in rich harmonies that will fill our church with beautiful soundscape. The concert is free and we hope that you will invite your friends and family for this special concert.

On a final note, for the time being we are discontinuing our "LifeTeen" Mass on Sunday evenings at 5:30 pm. We will, however, continue to offer our Life Nights and EDGE nights for youth in grades 6-12 on Sunday evenings as scheduled.

Fr. Kent

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Hello! My name is Emily Niese, and I am excited to begin leading music ministries for St. Charles! I grew up on a farm in Miller City (Putnam County) and my home parish is St. Nicholas. I got my start in music on the piano which I started learning in kindergarten and haven't stopped since! In 8th grade I began as an accompanist at St. Nicholas and then as a junior in high school I began coordinating the liturgical music for Sacred Heart Parish in New Bavaria. Before accepting this position, I was the choir accompanist and assistant liturgical music minister for St. Anthony of Padua parish in Columbus Grove. I also play for weddings at many different parishes in the area. I enjoy arranging and composing music on the side. I wrote a faith-based song for those who lost a loved one, and after sharing it with a woman who lost her brother she told me, "God has blessed you with the talent to help his people heal." This was one of the most moving moments for me in discerning and answering my call to be a liturgical music minister. I hope and pray that God will use me as a vessel in music ministries to lead us deeper into healing, growing in faith, and growing closer to Christ. A fun fact about me is that I have a twin sister who is a FOCUS missionary! I look forward to getting to know you all!

Musical January

Sarah Hart in Concert
Sunday
January 22
6:00 p.m.

New York Polyphony
Saturday
January 28
2:00 p.m.

See page 5 for details



By Emily Decanio

St. Charles provided meals for Family Promise during the week of December 5-9, 2022. On one evening that week, the Moms' Group gathered there and served a delicious meal of homemade foods including pasta and meatballs, cheesy herb bread, salad, and an assortment of desserts and drinks. We served four families, which included 6 adults and 4 children.



Alan Mayse serves dinner with a smile while Sophia and Celia happily fill their plates.

St. Charles children also helped prepare and serve the meal. Afterwards, they enjoyed playing basketball, baseball, cars, and dolls with the other children in the gym.

Several families from St. Charles also put together Christmas gifts for each of the family members, which added a lot of excitement to the evening, especially for the little children who were delighted to receive a toy and some essentials.



Olivia and Kaitlyn Barhorst enjoy dinner, seated with the families.

One little boy received a PJ Masks car and exclaimed, "I can't believe it!" Another little girl was so thrilled to receive a Barbie doll that she carried it around the rest of the evening. The adults also appreciated their gifts of hygiene items, blankets and more. Each family also received a nativity set.

In addition, we donated boxes of gifts (labeled with gender and age) to Family Promise for future families' birthdays, special occasions,

etc.

Family Promise has been very busy meeting the needs of our community's homeless families, and they need our support. If you feel called to help, they could use volunteers for serving meals, odds and ends repairs, donations, and more. Donations can be dropped off during business hours at 604 Gloria Ave., Suite B (behind the Sharon Dairy King). If you want to serve in another way, please call them to get started! Their number is (419) 879-4600.



St. Charles children gather together before passing out Christmas gifts to the families: (Left to Right) Olivia Barhorst, Gianna Decanio, Kaitlyn Barhorst, Celia Cecala-Wells, Sophia Decanio, Sammy, Evan, Tyler and Nolan Mayse.

Current needs for donations are:

- Paper products like paper towels, plates, napkins, and toilet paper.
- Plastic silverware
- Large totes
- Cleaning supplies and bleach
- Diapers of all sizes
- Shampoo and Conditioner for Adults and Children
- Infant/ Children's Medicines
- Adult Cold/ Flu/ Allergy Medicines
- Toys
- Gift bags

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.

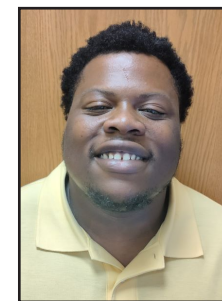
Pastoral Council, June 2018

PARISH WEBSITE

Check out the parish website at stcharleslima.org

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ANTHONY WILKERSON
Director of Operations

Manifesting

The beauty of working at a parish school is hearing the day to day slang/lingo of our students. I recently walked past eighth graders and they were talking about "speaking things into existence" Their conversation resolved around speaking "passing" a test into existence.

Just eavesdropping into the conversation offered a sense of inspiration for my mindset of the church. See, these 13 and 14-year-olds already grasp the power of prayer and manifestation. They just call it by a different expression, "speaking it into existence". I often question myself with this. A lot of times I will say "if that happens" or "it could happen" instead of being definite and saying "it will happen" or "when it happens". The power of prayer and words are understood at the teenage level. Let's apply that to an adult mindset and create it as our mentality.

How can we manifest as a church, as a people? To me the answer is simple. We no longer need to settle for anything! No longer should we accept "I'm trying to show up" from ourselves. No longer should we accept the "maybe next week" from ourselves. It's time we stand on the now and let the future fall into place as it may. Manifesting is saying what you are going to do and doing it. Prayer is manifesting, prayer is the staple of Christianity. Thus, manifesting is true to us at our core.

My dear people, I will leave you with this. Dr. Denis Waitley once said "When you visualize, then you materialize. If you've been there in the mind, you'll go there in the body." If we want our parish to grow we have to visualize where we want to be, then we will materialize where we want to be, then we will be where we want it to be.

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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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.



JEREMY HOLLIS
Director of Youth Discipleship
and Evangelization

Over the course of the last couple of weeks, Father Kent and I have been talking to different classes here at St. Charles in order to prepare them for the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Advent season. During my time with them, I learned that almost every single student feels like they do not have enough time to just relax and play. They go from a full day at school, to some sort of after school activity, then dinner, if they have time and probably while they are doing homework, and finally straight to bed. Then it's rinse and repeat the next day.

As parents, we have to recognize how they are feeling, because I am pretty sure we are feeling the exact same way.

Our culture wants us to believe that this is the path to success. It wants us to think that if we are not constantly busy that there is no way we can be viewed as being successful. We worry that we might be labeled as lazy or unmotivated, or worse yet, that our kids will be labeled as such. This is a problem. I heard it said at a conference, if we are busy, that is just another way of Being Under Satan's Yoke. If we do not push the pause button on our

Being Under Satan's Yoke

hectic lives, and those of our kids, we could be pushing ourselves towards mental, emotional, physical and spiritual problems.

Now, I am not saying that you should slack in your particular vocation; what I am saying is that God knows we are busy and He wants us to take time to replenish ourselves. We need only to look at God's example, He even took a day of rest: "And on the seventh day God finished his work which he had done, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had done. So God blessed the seventh day and hallowed it, because on it God rested from all his work which he had done in creation." (Gen 2:2-3)

As a matter of fact, the Church recognizes this need for rest. Grab your Catechism and look at paragraph 2042; you will find that this is the first precept: "You shall attend Mass on Sundays and on holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor." Then jump to CCC 2184-2188 and you see that as Catholics we are called to have a day of grace and rest from work. These days help everyone to enjoy the proper amount of rest and leisure and promote family, social, and religious lives.

We need to find the balance between work and rest, not only for ourselves, but also for our children. We need to stop Being Under Satan's Yoke. Now, as we enter into this new year, I invite you to look at how you and your family are living your life. See if you can find that bal-

ance because in that balance we can have a healthier mental, emotional, physical and spiritual life.

I will leave you with a prayer for a busy life from St. Teresa of Avila.

"I know that you are constantly beside me, yet I am usually so busy that I ignore you. If you want me to remain so busy, please force me to think about and love you even in the midst of such hectic activity. If you do now want me so busy, please release me from it, showing others how they can take over my responsibilities."



On Tuesday, December 13, St. Charles hosted our 9th Christmas Tea in memory of Grace Stechschulte. Over 120 women from the Parish and the Lima Community came together for an evening of friendship and togetherness. Fr. Kent Kaufman opened the evening with prayer and welcome. We enjoyed a four course (finger foods) meal that was prepared by ladies from our wonderful tea committee while listening to the beautiful music of Elesha Wey on piano. We enjoyed Fr. Kent leading us in "O Christmas Tea" (modified version of the classic "O Christmas Tree") as everyone sang along. Entertainment was provided by Mark Dieringer and Kevin Kidd with a "12 Days of Christmas" skit as everyone sang



2022 Christmas Tea

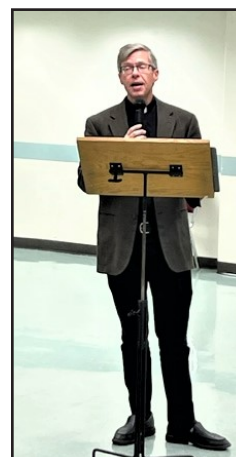
By Mary Shak

along. We also chose 10 contestants to participate in "St. Charles Family Feud" hosted by Sarah Malcom and assisted by Megan Scheid and Mary Niese. Fr. Kent also sang 2 beautiful Christmas songs accompanied by Elesha on Piano.






The Christmas Tea was such a beautiful and inspiring event that prepared our hearts for the Christmas season.

A special thank you to the 2022 Christmas Tea Committee of Erin Burgess, Mary Gronas, Martha Kahle, Mary Niese, Teresa Quinones, Ginny Raymond, Mary Shak and Bert Vernon. Also, thank you to Jeremy Hollis who kept things running in the kitchen during the tea and the students from LCC for their service and anyone that helped in some way to make the Tea a success. This would not be possible without their hard work and dedication.



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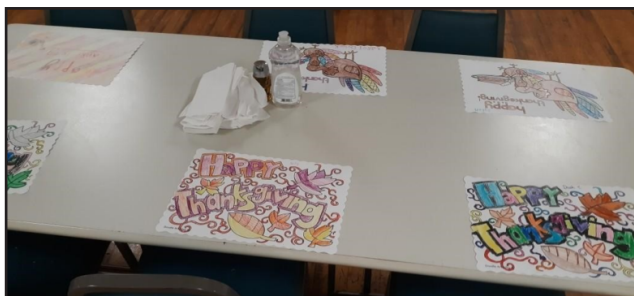
MELODY KEARNS
Family Formation Coordinator



In November, right before Thanksgiving, the families who are participating in Family Formation put their Faith into Action. We met on the morning of Sunday, November 20th. Our focus was to use our skills to help make the Thanksgiving Dinner at the Christian Corner Community Center, CCCC, a very homey, festive, and delicious dinner indeed.

We began by getting a list of items from the center's director, Sandaly Henderson. Everyone was provided a list of the needed supplies for their Thanksgiving Celebration. Our families brought in the requested food items. They really went above and beyond the call. When I delivered the items to Christian Corners everyone was surprised by the amount of food we were able to bring in. We also brought in six dozen cut out sugar cookies from Sara's Sweets so our children could decorate them for the dinner as a dessert.

In an effort to make the tables more festive and homier the Children used their artistic talents to color placemats with Thanksgiving pictures on them. Some made their own illustrations related to the season and colored them as well. The staff and clientele were thrilled with the placemats. We really do have some talented artists. Sandaly made a request for the children to make



Faith into Action

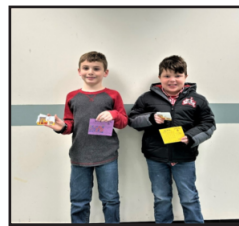
Christmas themed placemats and they have eagerly accepted this challenge.

After studying St. Martin of Tours and his desire to care for others in need, we also collected some men's clothing and coats for women and children.

At the Thanksgiving Dinner on November 25th about 82 meals were served in house and about 24 meals were sent out of the center. What a success for everyone involved! The families and children were glad to play a small part in this Thanksgiving for others in our community.



Our children who completed their W.O.G. Logs for an entire month were put in a drawing for a chance to win a \$5.00 McDonald's gift card. We drew winners for the months of October and November. The logs had to be



Third Graders
Dylan
and Chase



Norah, Grade K and
Caleb, Grade 2

dated and checked by parents and were marked complete when the child read scripture, listened when someone else read scripture, followed along in their Bible as the Scriptures were read at Mass, or reads from a bible storybook. Our hope is to develop a lifelong habit of reading scripture.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Matthew Bruskotter
Nicholas & Gloria Gerschutz
Samuel Guagenti
Catherine Mejia
Katrina Sorima

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Cecilia Annmarie Norton
Oscar Louis Kreider
Jameson David Rex
Palmer Marc Leidy
Savannah Odenweller
Sloan Minnigan Quatman

IN MEMORIAM

Walter Altenburger
Sharon Caprilla
Beatrice Zuppardo
Joseph A. Venturella
Joanne Conrad
Tom Frueh
Thomas Feltz
M. Anne Smith
Teresa Clement

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: 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 a group of volunteers who minister to the Catholic residences at these Nursing Homes: Primrose Retirement, Lima Convalescent/The Greens, Lochhaven, Bur-

ton 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. Contact the parish office, 419-228-7635, for more information.

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. We are open every Wednesday from 10 a.m. until noon. Families may receive food once per month. We serve any Allen County resident who meet the income guidelines. To pick up food each resident must provide a picture ID and provide identification with birthdates for all family members. Volunteers are always welcome. Alice Giesken, 419-979-9638 or alice.giesken@gmail.com.

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO

RETREAT & CONCERT WITH SARAH HART



SATURDAY, JANUARY 21ST
10:00AM

“DAUGHTERS OF GOD”
WOMEN’S RETREAT

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22ND

6:00PM
CONCERT



ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO
CATHOLIC CHURCH

2200 W. Elm Street, Lima, OH 45805
For more information, contact Summer Aebker
(419) 228-7635 or aebkers@stcharleslima.org

ABOUT DAUGHTERS OF GOD:

In this retreat for women, Sarah will guide participants in taking an in-depth look at the lives of eight women of scripture, four from the Old Testament and four from the New Testament. We see the experiences of women from thousands of years ago meet our own modern-day journey.

ABOUT THE CONCERT:

Join Grammy-nominated composer and musician, Sarah Hart, for a night of music and storytelling. Sarah uses her dynamic energy, sense of humor, and deep faith in sharing messages of hope and God’s unwavering love.



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



“Their voices blend into a rich, natural sound that’s larger and more complex than the sum of its parts.” (NPR)

“...four male singers of superb musicianship and vocal allure.” (The New Yorker)

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1st Quarter Honor Roll

61% of our students are on the Honor Roll Mark of Excellence 4.0

McKenna Bader, Paige Brinkman, Olivier Bruno, Gabriel Cira, Matthew Cira, Katherine Cox, Justin Davisson, Kristina Evans, Collin Gamble, Kiegh Macklin, Bridget Mulcahy, Aidan Scheckelhoff, Tyler Shipman, Benjamin Siatkosky, Olivia Stolly, Alexander Arellano, William Bourc, Carson Caprella, Carsyn Daffler, Samuel Mayers, Emily Morrissey, Jacob Nieman, Caitlyn Purvenas, Mya Raczynski, Elizabeth Simmons, Melana Badea, Hayley Chambers, Emma Skinner, Jillian Terrill, Emily Blankemeyer, Alexa Heffner, Jacob Raczynski, Laney Scheckelhoff

Superior Honors 3.5

Kyla Badea, Justin Bauman, Zachary Campbell, Amelia Carter, Payne Cutlip, Angelica Fornero, Ethan Frankhouser, Cheyenne Hershberger, Jacob Lauck, Ashlyn Lee, Kylee Mangini-Miller, James Patton, Josie Sealts, Olivia Stewart, Samantha Stumbaugh, Anna Wannemacher, Emma Donley, Kennet Godoy Lanche, Siah Millimono, Carson Parker, Sebastian Pierce, Malachi Talbert, Jacob Venturella, Enki White, Angelo Collins, Austin Craig, Christopher Crnkovich, Aubrey Frankhouser, Carson Heffner, Ava Hefner, Teagan Helmig, Claire Janowski, Isaac Leppert, Michael Miller, Nyiema Mwamba, Nathan Niemeyer, Victor

Pierce, Maria Pignataro, Cole Rinehart, Elaila White, Noah Wilson, Andrew Baldauf, Chayse Helmig, Aidan Keating, Jacob Schnieders, Jenna Terrill, Courtney VanMeter, Claire Wolf-calle

Honor Roll 3.0

Colten Gross, Salvatore Guagenti, Christian Marks, Camrin Stewart Barcus, Michael Taflinger, Karsyn Cunningham, Mack Hutchins, Parker Judy, Caterina Lucente, Braedon Lybarger-Singhaus, Jaide Schimpf, Kaitlin Seffernick, Anna Shultz, Alexa Caballero, Mylon Cowens, Brady Feison, Ava Gafford, Saylor Hoge, Elijah Jones, Kenyon Kill, Gianni McKee, Amaleigh Monaghan, Keonte’ Newell, Jade Oglesbee, Matthew Quatman, Aviaire Sorrels, Alcien Beck, Deanna Callahan, Addison Fay, Chibuike Ibeneme, Carolina Kill, Tatum Miller, Jennifer Nguyen, Alice Reif, Cali Risner, Michael Sherrick, Connor Truex, Dante Turney

Upcoming Dates:

- 1/16 – No School – MLK Day
- 1/23 – College Roundtable Great Hall @ 7pm
- 1/28 and 2/4 – High School Placement Test for 8th Graders
- 8:30-11:00 in the Great Hall
- 1/30-2/3 – Catholic Schools Week
- 2/20 – No School – Presidents’ Day
- 2/26 – Sadies Dance

ST. CHARLES BORROMEEO CATHOLIC CHURCH
St. Charles Borromeo Presents
OPEN HEARTS
2022-2023 Concert Series
ASTRALIS CHAMBER ENSEMBLE
FLUTE, TRUMPET, PIANO
SEPTEMBER 24TH, SAT. 7:30 P.M.
NEW YORK POLYPHONY
JANUARY 28TH, SAT. 2:00 P.M.
THE DUOMA PERCUSSION DUO
APRIL 29TH, SAT. 7:30 P.M.
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The Redwing Reader

St. Charles Catholic School



MEGAN SCHEID

Principal

I would like to extend a warm welcome back and Happy New Year to all families. May this year bring you, and your family, great joy, peace and harmony, good health, and prosperity. On behalf of the faculty and staff of St. Charles School we thank you for your caring support and partnership in working together with your children.

I love resolutions. Whether it's an attempt at small monthly goals or the blank slate of a new year, I have always been motivated by setting goals and making plans. I have found in my own life to always have a resolution to pray more. This resolution works as a stand alone and in conjunction with my other resolutions. It's a New Year's resolution that won't let you down and is renewable every year. The New Year is a wonderful time for families to discuss their own family values and how to make a difference in the lives of others. Discussions

Ring in the New Year

surrounding your family resolutions will set the tone for effective communication throughout the New Year.

As always, January will be busy at St. Charles! We will see our 5-8 grade participants compete in our school Spelling Bee on January 13th. Our Parent-Task Force group will be holding their monthly meeting on January 17th at 5:30 in the school library. I am very excited about this new group as we have already been able to have several successful collaborations to enhance student experience here at the school. We invite any of our school families to get involved in this group! Catholic Schools Week will be celebrated from January 29-February 4. Please mark your calendars for our Kick-off Liturgy at 10:30 on Sunday, January 29th. During Catholic Schools Week, the students, school families, and faculty will enjoy various activities that celebrate our pride in Catholic education and the mission of St. Charles Catholic School. Stay tuned to our newsletters and website for more information about our events as we get closer to CSW.

Once again, Happy New Year and best wishes for a successful and healthy year ahead!



Challenger Field Trip: Mission to Mars

By Charris Miracle

St. Charles 7th grade students spent six weeks preparing for this field trip by performing team building skills, completing labs, and obtaining the knowledge and skill set needed to perform the Voyage to Mars mission. The Challenger Learning Center is a mockup of NASA's Mission Control, International Space Stations, and the space shuttle.

In Earth years, it is 2076 and a now routine Voyage to Mars has brought the latest human crew into Martian orbit. Both the relief crew and the planet based crew will be under tight deadlines to gather and analyze important data and communicate information to the teams in the Spacecraft and in Mars Mission Control.



This is your task if you choose to accept the *Voyage to Mars Mission*.

On Tuesday, December 13, 2022 the seventh grade classes were blessed with this amazing opportunity to visit the Challenger Learning Center, in Toledo. They successfully completed the Voyage to Mars mission. The Challenger Learning Center is a wonderful hands-on field trip. We feel very fortunate for this opportunity.



Spelling Bee News

From Theresa Lauck

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to the following students who will be participating in the 2023 St. Charles School Spelling Bee. This year's spelling bee will take place on January 13, 2023, at 1 p.m. in the school gymnasium. The winner of our school spelling bee will go on to represent St. Charles in the Regional Spelling Bee - date and time TBA.

5th Grade:

Olivia Barhorst, Nick Gronas, Anthony Hinegardner, Jackson Pisel, Charlee Rexford, Nino Rodriguez, Hezekiah Thomas, Cooper Wende, Ezeire White, Brady Wilson

6th Grade:

Lasyn Barnes, Erik Brock, Jehoshaphat Eghan, Eli Fields, Rylen Heitmeyer, Zoe Huber, Gracie Malcom, Corrie Schnieders, Landon Wilson, D'Vonte Wright-Lawrence, Gwen Wolfcale,

7th Grade:

Trey Black, Brady Garlock, Grayson Turgon, Ryder Utz, Eddie White

8th Grade:

Lucy Bensinger, Kaitlyn Carroll, Oyinna Ekeh, Evelyn Ellis, Stella Ellis, Sophia Joseph, Kristin Pachlhofer, Olivia Venturella

Congratulations and Good Luck to our contestants.



Wow! Learning about our country has been so much fun! In Mrs. Henderson's fifth grade class, we have been doing the Great Mail Race. It has

been a cross curricular project that began in computer class. We first had to find out some great facts about our own great state of Ohio. Then in Language Arts, we wrote our friendly letters, and finally in Social Studies, we

get to learn about all 50 states in the U.S. We have written to all 50 states and informed them more about our great state of Ohio. Our hopes are that they will write to us back and tell us about their state. The responses we have been receiving have been awesome! We have received 25 out of the 50 already!!!! We have set our goal high, and we expect to receive all of them back by the end of the year! (Mrs. Henderson said the most she has received back has been 43 so we want to beat that!) We have learned so much and have received some goodies along the way. All students received a Chapstick one day from the state of Virginia where it was made. We have received many maps, postcards, stickers, and even a proclamation from a mayor. Our penpals this year are helping us learn more about the state of Wisconsin, too. It

has been fun writing to them in Sheboygan. Boy do we have a wonderful country! It has been so much fun learning about it!



Learning About the Needs of Animals

By Sally Garver

The First Graders spent some time in Science class exploring the basic needs of animals. As part of our studies, we had Beth Theisan from the Johnny Appleseed Park district come in. She did an awesome presentation about animals and their habitats. She brought along some special visitors, as well! The students got to observe and learn about two kinds of turtles, a tortoise and a corn snake! It was a wonderful, active and hands-on experience that the students enjoyed and gained a lot of information from!



Veterans Prayer Service Day 2022

By Lisa M. Mahler

The staff and students of Saint Charles Catholic School had honored guests visit our campus on November 11, 2022. Four Marines from Lima made time to visit us on Veterans Day. The Marines spoke to a few of the kids in middle school as well as teaching us about the relevance of each fold of the flag. To show our gratitude for their service,

the Kindergarten, Fourth and Fifth grade students provided them with some patriotic entertainment. They were singing patriotic songs with great gusto and were enjoyed by all!

God-bless our country and ALL the veterans who have served our country in the past and are now serving. The military, of course, has its own set of codes and values; however, we did realize that SCCS core values are very similar to those of the military: respect, integrity, service and excelling in your God given talents to make the world live in a better place.



From the Art Room

By Becky Macdonald

"Kindness Rocks" is a project undertaken by the fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth grade Art Club. Students painted positive words or images painted rocks. These were then placed on the school grounds for students to spontaneously find and enjoy.



Thomas, Zoey, and Logen are enjoying making a background with the paint dotters. They will be using this as part of their 3rd grade "Mixed Up Chameleon" project based on a children's book by Eric Carle.



Ava and Reilly, 2nd grade students, are creating designs and patterns on their Abstract Circle project with pastels.

Preschool/Pre-K Halloween Party

By Candace Keating

This year we decided to try a different approach where both morning and afternoon classes could come together and celebrate Halloween with their whole family instead of the traditional classroom party. Our event took place in the evening on October 18th, 2022, with a night full of games, snacks, crafts, stories, and even a science experiment. We also had a fun and festive photo station thanks to Mrs. Larese and her creative talents. Thanks to everyone who participated, and helped to make this night so much fun!



Life Skill Retreat

By Laura Knarr



The third-grade students spent a morning learning about the life skills of Friendship and Caring. They wrote kind things to their classmates and added them to a Christmas tree for each person. The Fruits of the Holy Spirit were a focus of friendship. The students now know when they have any difficulties with their friends, they can look at the fruits and pray to help them resolve their differences. After reading the Parable of the Good Samaritan, the third grade completed an escape room. They learned not only should we care for others, but also that we need to show respect while working with others. A final activity of making cards for new moms visiting Heartbeat brought this year's retreat to an end.

Cultural Presentation: Ghana

By Kelly Gronas



The 6th grade Social Studies classes had just recently completed a unit on culture. Students learned about the various traits that define a culture such as language, history, religion, traditions/customs, music, clothing, food, the arts, etc...

language, customs and traditions. The classes even got to learn some popular and trendy dance moves that originate from Ghana! The 6th graders had a blast and genuinely enjoyed this opportunity to learn about another culture and the diverse community around them.



They examined how traits transfer from one culture to another by means of cultural diffusion. They were able to explain the positive effects cultural diffusion can have on other societies with different cultures. A new family to St. Charles school, the Eghan family, was gracious enough to come and talk with all of the 6th graders about their Ghanaian culture. 6th grader Jehoshaphat ("Nana") Eghan and his father Edward Eghan put on a presentation about the west African country of Ghana. The presentation introduced their history, climate,



Advent, Christmas, and STEAM

From Kathy Daley

The Gift of Giving

This year as our Advent Service Project, the students of St. Charles School honor the birth of Jesus by supporting Heartbeat of Lima. The students have been collecting supplies such as diapers, formulas, blankets and onesies. Heartbeat serves the Lima area by helping mothers and babies up to age three with services and supplies. What a better way to honor the birth of Jesus then by helping babies in our community!



Mrs. Sunderland thanking the students for their contributions.

Sharing Christmas Stories



Stella shares the Christmas story she created with Ava and Colin.



Lincoln and Jayden share the Christmas story they created with Warren.



The STEAM elective group meets once a week. They have been exploring and inventing, using an electronics kits as well as working on some coding activities.

Chayce, Gabe and Parker are creating a car with their electronics kit.

Brady is working on his invention in his STEAM elective class.



Merry Christmas Program

By Renee Vorst

Congratulations to all the kindergarten through fourth grade students and fifth through eighth grade band members on such wonderful performances! I would like to thank all the parents, family members, and friends of our students who came out to show their love and support of these talented young people. A huge thank you also goes out to all the SCCS teachers and staff members who helped make the program a success in any way, big or small! I am truly grateful for the constant support of the staff and families throughout this process and for the kindness and flexibility they have during this busy holiday season!"



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.



Lima Central Catholic High School Academic News

Submitted by Sue Janowski

Kairos #12

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

Thanks to our K12 Leaders – Gabe Cira, Oli Bruno, Ben Siatkosky, Sal Guagenti, Olivia Stolly, McKenna Bader, Paige Brinkman, Ashlyn Lee and Blythe Nickles



Daughter of the American Revolution Good Citizen Essay

Senior, **Kristie Evans**, was chosen to be the LCC representative for the DAR essay contest. She was chosen for her writing skills, academics, community service, and patriotism. Her prompt was: “How will the essential actions of a good citizen (dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism) meet the challenges that America faces in this decade? Way to represent, Kristie!

National Honor Society Induction

Congratulations to the newest members of the Thunderbird chapter of the National Honors Society. Officers for the school year are: President is Olivia Stolly, Vice President is McKenna Bader, Secretary is Bridget Mulcahy and Treasurer is Oli Bruno. Congratulations T-birds!!



Allen Lima Leadership (ALL) Youth Program

ALL is a youth leadership program for high school sophomores, juniors, and seniors. Community sponsoring organizations and business leaders provide opportunities throughout the year for area youth to be actively involved, educated and challenged to reach their potential as leaders. This year’s participants were Maria Pignataro, Hayley Chambers, Austin Craig, Claire Janowski and Melana Badea.

Western Ohio Soccer League Scholar Athletes

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

Girls Division:

Lima Central Catholic – Paige Brinkman, Katie Cox, Aubrey Frankhouser, Kiegh Macklin, Emily Morrissey, Olivia Stolly and Anna Wannemacher

Boys Division:

Lima Central Catholic – Alex Arellano, Justin Bauman, Oliver Bruno, Chayse Helmig, Michael Miller, Sebastian Pierce, Victor Pierce, Cole Rhinehart, Aidan Schekelhoff, Jacob Venturella, Noah Wilson

Northwest District Senior Academic Soccer Award

Congratulations again to our Lady T-bird senior soccer players for another academic honor! A 3.7 GPA or higher is needed for this award. Recipients are **Olivia Stolly, Paige Brinkman, and Katie Cox.**

October/November Math Awards

Congratulations to our October and November Math Students of the Month: **Kirsten Compton, Courtney VanMeter, Jacob Nieman, Isaac Leppert and Jacob Raczynski.**

1st Quarter Leadership by Example

1st Quarter Lead by Example: **Alexa Heffner (9), Melana Badea (10), Sam Mayers (11) and Aidan Schekelhoff (12.)** Congrats T-Birds! Continue to lead by your excellent example!

LCC Quiz Bowl Team:

Coach Bonnie Brunelle, Hayley Chambers, Angelica Fornero, Austin Craig, Chayse Helmig, Ben Siatkosky, Coach Nancy Siatkosky, Aidan Schekelhoff, and Oli Bruno. Great season and many thanks to Coach Nancy who has coached most of this group since 5th grade!



Mu Alpha Theta

Advisor: Mrs. Trudy Thompson

This is a national mathematics honors club designed for students who really want to enrich their understanding of mathematics. To maintain membership, all members are required to earn a certain number of points each semester (for attending meetings and contests) and to keep a minimum 3.0 GPA in all math courses.

2022-2023 Mu Alpha Theta Members

Alex Arellano 2024, Melana Badea 2025, McKenna Bader 2023, Oli Bruno 2023, Carson Caprella 2024, Gabe Cira 2023, Matt Cira 2023, Austin Craig 2025, Justin Davisson 2023, Alexa Heffner 2026, Cheyenne Hershberger 2023, Sam Mayers 2024, Emily Morrissey 2024, Bridget Mulcahy 2023, Caitlyn Purvenas 2024, Jacob Raczynski 2026, Mya Raczynski 2024, Aidan Schekelhoff 2023, Ben Siatkosky 2023, Libby Simmons 2024, Olivia Stolly 2023, Sami Stumbaugh 2023

Girl Scout Award

Emma Hunley worked at the DARE graduation at St. Mary’s Middle School working towards her Girl Scout Gold Award (equivalent to the Boy Scout Eagle Scout Award).

Photography Class

Ms. Luersman worked with her photography class on some beautiful light painting pictures!

Spanish Class

Spanish students worked in pairs and made paper mâché skulls for the Day of the Dead and created the Day of the Dead altar



Yoga Class

A huge shout out to Romi Wisser for being a guest yoga instructor for Mrs. Thompson’s yoga class!

English Class

CP English 11 students had a Poetry Picnic reading their favorite Walt Whitman and Emily Dickinson poems and discussing what the poems meant to them.

Thanks also to these wonderful volunteers at the **St. Charles Christmas Tea.**



H2O Service Group

Thanks so much to our H2O (Help 2 Others) Service Group for cleaning up our Uniform Room!

Band and Choral Christmas Concert

On December 7th, our LCC Band and Choral Ensemble performed a beautiful Christmas concert. There is quite impressive talent with these young men and women. Thanks, Mr. Friess for showcasing this talent!

All Catholic School Mass – 12/8/22

We were able to come together as a Catholic community and celebrate the Immaculate Conception Feast Day. It was great to have all four schools come together as one.

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