



FR. KENT KAUFMAN
Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

By now you have surely heard about the **Living Christ Campaign** taking place in our diocese and parish. This 65-million-dollar campaign began with a pilot phase of four parishes back in the fall of 2021. The rest of our 122 parishes were broken into three phases of just over 40 parishes. Waves One and Two took place in the Spring and Fall of 2022 respectively. St. Charles was part of Wave Three which began in early 2023.

I am most grateful for a team of parish volunteers who have generously given of their time to meet and work for the success of the campaign. They have also made phone calls, sent emails, and made personal visits to many of you parishioners. They have helped me get the word out about the importance of the campaign, how the funds are allotted, as well as answer questions. Most importantly, they have also helped me invite you all to make a pledge for the next five years toward the campaign.

Every parish in the diocese has taken part in the campaign and receives immediately back 35% of what is

raised from their respective parish as the pledges are fulfilled. Once a parish reaches its goal (for St Charles that is \$1,260,000) then the formula shifts to 50% back.

St. Charles will receive back \$441,000 if our entire goal is fulfilled. With the recommendation from our Finance Council, we will be using our local share to



Living Christ

Diocese of Toledo

finance a new and upgraded elevator for the church that will connect from the Gathering Space down to the main room (Parish Hall) of the church basement. Our current “elevator” is technically a chairlift. It is more than 30 years old and is located in a makeshift space that was never intended to be used as an elevator shaft. Parts are difficult to find and soon we may not be able to keep it in operation.

Although our Commitment Sunday for the campaign concluded the weekend of April 29/30, it is not too late to still make a pledge to the campaign. If you received a pledge card or mailing, just complete it and bring it to the office. You can also put it in an envelope labeled Living Christ Campaign and drop it into the

Sunday offertory. If you never received a pledge card or mailing or have misplaced it, just come to the office where we have such materials available or let us know and we can mail one to you. Finally, you can even pledge online. Go to www.livingchristcampaign.org. Be certain to include that you are from St. Charles Parish, Lima when completing your pledge online.

Our goal is to have each registered family in our St. Charles Parish make a pledge. In fact, we suspended our Visitation Sunday last November and this May with the expectation that families will be making a pledge to the campaign. Any overage above our goal will be a great help to raise all the needed funds for the elevator. Leftover funds beyond that will go into our Visitation Fund which is used for other capital projects on our parish and school campus.

On a final note, I wish to thank our team of volunteers. Please join me in offering thanks to Carl and Val Berger, Linda Dorely, Gene and Linda Heitmeyer, Jerry Kesner, Jaye McCain, Dr. Francis and Rose Oruma, Bob and Marilyn Schmerge, Lou and Jean Varrato, and Tom Wiechart. Additionally, we had some team members who were actively lifting us up in prayer to achieve our goal.

As always, please let me know if you have questions about the campaign or otherwise. Overall the campaign has been a great success in the diocese and is going well here at St Charles. With everyone’s support we can exceed our goal!

Fr. Kent

Welcome Back Deacon Fred Wuebker!



Although many of you already know me and my family, there are some who don’t. My name is Deacon Fred Wuebker and I have recently transferred back to Lima from Perrysburg. My wife Kelly and our two kids, Katie and Josh, were members of St. Charles from 2003-2020. During that time, I entered the Deacon Formation Program and was ordained in 2017. In December 2020, I accepted a job transfer to Toledo. At that time, I was assigned to All Saints Catholic Church in Rossford. Although I enjoyed my time in Toledo and at All Saints, when the opportunity for a transfer from my work back to Lima arose, I gladly accepted. Since Kelly and I are both originally from St. Henry, we are very excited to be back closer to our relatives and are ready to serve our family here at St. Charles.

Blessings, Deacon Fred

Welcome Deacon Jon Barfield!



I have been married to my wife Tama for 34 years. We have two daughters Kelsey and Amber. Kelsey is married and has two daughters, Stella and Ayla. I was ordained at St. Mary’s Seminary in Houston and recently celebrated my 10th Anniversary. Tama, Amber and I moved to Lima in 2022 from Houston, TX. I work at the Mars Petcare Leipsic plant where I am an HSE/ Engineering Manager. In Houston I worked in the petrochemical industry and served at St. Martha parish in Kingwood as well as an Archdiocesan Master of Ceremonies. We are excited to be in Lima and especially at St Charles and look forward to meeting everyone.

Jon Barfield



**ANTHONY
WILKERSON**
Director of Operations

Creating Our Reality

Before I dive into the true message of this article, I want to give some context to what is going on around me. I am writing this on Holy Thursday, preparing my mind for a truly gratifying Easter weekend. I enter this weekend with a truly amazing opportunity to stand as a sponsor to two amazing students we have at St. Charles. This weekend, they begin to create their reality amongst the church. They will be washed from original sin and be reborn again! That rabbit hole of reflection led to me reflecting on the importance of having faith in God's plan. God's plan sometimes can be hard to decipher, but yet through time it shows itself! The time in between deciphering God's plan, and God's plan revealing itself, you can begin to have questions and even doubt.

I wrote their baptismal care letter before writing this, and the words "Faith" kept getting repeated. Faith, Faith, Faith, seeing these words so much it sent me in a mental reflection. That rabbit hole of reflection leads me to questioning why I have so much confidence in myself and those around me. Faith that God has me gives me the most confidence in the world.

How does faith apply into creating our reality? As a church we enter an amazing opportunity to create our reality. So much news of the Living Christ Campaign, Annual Catholic Appeal, Sunday offertory, all having us feeling mentally drained. I look at all of these as opportunities to create our reality. I have the utmost FAITH in God, in our church that we will maximize these opportunities!

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*Improving the lives of families in our communities
so that they can become empowered, secure and self-reliant*

By David Gratz

Habitat staff and volunteers are excited to begin the 2023 building season. **Build Day is scheduled for May 13th**. The new home will be built at 222 E 10th Street in Delphos. Just 2 ½ blocks from the previous house, it is also directly across the street from another Habitat house built in 2013.

Please mark your calendars for that date. If you would like to volunteer that or any other day, please contact Caleb at caleb@HabitatLima.org. There are many projects that do not require using tools or climbing on roofs.

It will be a day of excitement as we raise the walls and install the roof while welcoming our newest family to the Habitat Lima Family, Matt and Samantha Honingford. Matt and Sam have two daughters and are excited to be part of this journey. Matt works at Unverferth in Delphos and is ready to be a part of building their new home. Samantha will be helping when she can at the Habitat Center as she tends to their two young daughters.

In addition to home construction, Habitat has begun helping Seniors to "Age in Place" with our Repairs program. In the past year, the program has installed showers, new roofs, and are continuing on very much needed repairs of a 1920's home. If you know a family

who is living in substandard housing or is a Senior dealing with the cost of needed repairs, contact Christy at Christy@HabitatLima.org.

You can also help further the mission of Habitat in Lima and Allen County by dropping off donations at the ReStore at 550 W. Elm Street in Lima or if you have a larger donation call (419) 222-4257 to arrange for Habitat to pick it up. Your donation helps increase the quality inventory that is available to customers of the ReStore. You can also visit the ReStore which hosts events on Saturday mornings for shoppers as well as kids. Additional ReStore information can be found at the website: HabitatRestore.org.

If you haven't done so in a while, stop by the Habitat Lima website, HabitatLima.org and make a financial donation that supports home construction and home repairs. An additional project at the Habitat Center this spring is the much needed repair of our retaining wall. Plans for a new parking lot are also being developed with new office space scheduled for later this year.

For information about volunteer opportunities contact Caleb at (419) 222-4937 or email Caleb@HabitatLima.org.



St. Charles Catholic Church Mission Statement

**To build a community of faith
united with Christ in the Eucharist,
living as disciples,
sharing God's love and grace.**

Pastoral Council, June 2018

PARISH WEBSITE

**Check out the parish website at
stcharleslima.org**

The Chimes Staff

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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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MELODY KEARNS
Family Formation Coordinator

I would like to begin by congratulating two of our Family Formation children for entering the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. Skylar Heggins, 4th grade, and Maya Heggins, 5th grade, in front row. Their grandfather and sponsor, John Riley, behind the girls.

In February our topic was Evangelization. We reviewed how at our baptism we are made disciples of Christ and encouraged to share the saving message to all. We determined that one does not have to have a pulpit to be effective. Others are drawn to people who



Family Formation Had a Busy Two Months

are happy and appear content with their lives. Most hunger for this kind of peace and do not know how to obtain it.

Many people search for things they think will lead them to happiness and contentment. Usually, people are looking in the wrong places and are not aware Christ is the answer to their search.

We also touched on the point that evangelization is not a simple task, and we might not ever know if we have made an impact. Most importantly when evangelizing others, you cannot give what you do not have. If we do not know Jesus, pray daily, and live virtuously, then we cannot spread the Gospel effectively.

We then discussed the six strategies that really work with Catholic Evangelization. The six strategies are:

Pray - Remember that God is the one who allows conversion to happen. We thought back to how long St. Monica prayed for her son to have a conversion of heart.

Ask questions and listen - Everyone wants to be heard. You could be that person for someone. We used possible sample conversations.

The Great Invitation - Invite them to a Mass, a lecture, or an event, etc.

Live the Faith Joyfully - Let others know you

are a Christian without saying a word. Be Joyful, make others want what you have.

Share your personal testimony - “Why are you Catholic?” Your answer should have something to do with Jesus and your relationship with him and how He has impacted your life positively.

Know the faith - You cannot possibly know everything about Catholicism, but have a good basic understanding.

Our last thought was: **Are you prepared to go out to proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ using words and actions?**

In March the children made St. Joseph shrines and paper plate Easter Lilies. The children included a prayer to St. Joseph on one side of the shrine and the words “Good Saint Joseph Pray for Us” on the other side. The lilies were the most challenging of the two projects, but the children were determined not to give up. These were used as decorations for the dining tables at the St. Joseph dinner here at St. Charles. The tables looked amazing! Many compliments were received so the children’s hard work was another success for them. The lilies symbolize integrity and three lilies are used to represent the Blessed Trinity.

The children also had information to take home about St. Joseph. This told how he was a very good, patient man and although he never spoke in the bible, St. Joseph was a man of action. He followed God’s will even when he didn’t understand. The children were encouraged to pray to Saint Joseph to help them trust in God just as St. Joseph did. The legend says that Saint Joseph, spouse of Mary, was so chosen from among other men by the blossoming of his staff like a lily. Likewise, the biblical passage, “The just man shall blossom like the lily” is applied to St. Joseph in the liturgy of the Roman Catholic Church for his feast day, March 19th.

Faith in action for March was to attend the Way of the Cross, here at St. Charles on Friday evening. Our children experienced this traditional devotion in person to honor the life, death and resurrection of Jesus.

W.O.G. Log winners: Congratulations Leah Kaufman, 5th grade and Kelly Fry, 1st grade.



By Katie Marsh

Happy spring! With spring we have Daylight Savings Time and that brings us longer days of light. The longer days give us an opportunity to show others our light, and with that I would like to introduce myself to you all. I am Katie Marsh, and I am going to be the new Family Promise Coordinator for St. Charles Parish. My husband is Steve Marsh, a Maintenance Planner at INEOS and I am a hairdresser at KLS Hair studio. We have three kids Miles (age 9), Brooks (age 7), and Fiona (age 1). I recently had the opportunity to team up with Family Promise for the Spring Give Back campaign at St. Charles School. What an amazing program it is. I am so happy to be able to include St. Charles Parish in giving back to this program as well.

I would like to tell you a little bit about the new model that Family Promise is operating under now. They are housed at a permanent location at 604 Gloria Avenue at Westside United Methodist Church. They can assist up to six families at a time instead of two! So far, Family Promise of Lima has served 27+ families at the new facility, which includes 41 adults and 43 children. It is so nice now that they can stay at one spot while these families start their new beginning towards their own future success. They used to have to move from hosting organizations and now they have the one host, and it is what they can call home until they have gone through the process and get their own forever home. At the new facility they have an amazing kitchen to serve meals to the families. This is one thing that I would like to do from our parish.



Steve and Katie Marsh

What I would like to do is be able to host a weeks’ worth of meals every quarter to the families, and that is where I would need help from you guys on making meals and volunteering your time to serve the families. We do not have to do a week at a time. Family Promise has a meal train and we are able to sign up for any missing days that have not been fulfilled by other organizations. This is just one way that we as a Parish can give to the program.

There are other ways we can help as well. Every month I receive a newsletter from their organization on items that they need. The March newsletter stated that they need medium size totes with lids, gas cards, cleaning supplies (bleach/ pine sol), girls’ and boys’ underwear (all sizes), heavy duty plastic silverware, disposable drinking cups, and laundry baskets. My family and I normally attend the 10:30 Mass at St. Charles and we do come over to the gathering space for doughnuts and coffee. I would love if you would like to help in any way with our giveback to Family Promise. Please do not hesitate to come up and introduce yourself and tell me how you would like to help. Feel free to contact me at skmarsh_08@outlook.com and let me know how you would like to help. I hope to hear from some of you so that I can look to do a week of meals in June or July. Thank you and I look forward to working with you all in giving back to a great program.

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

Confirmation 2023

As a matter of fact, it is a reminder of the interconnect-
edness of all the faithful of the Catholic Church.

Each one of these young men and women made the decision to accept Christ into their lives and to be a disciple for Him. They are a part of our community. Not a small part, but a large one. They are the proof that young people today desire something more than just what society tells them they should be desiring. They are the proof that there is a desire, in our younger generations, for God.

I have had the privilege to spend quite a bit of time

with them this year, at school, at youth group, and even on retreat. I have gotten to know each of them in a different way, and I can say that each and everyone of them has the desire in their heart for something more, something bigger, something beyond themselves. Welcome them more fully into our community here at St. Charles. They have a lot to offer.

Congratulations to the Confirmation
class of 2023

Around this time every year, we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is when our baptized 8th graders affirm their faith and are strengthened by the Holy Spirit to fully live out the Christian life. This year, on April 15th we celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation in Toledo at the Cathedral with Bishop Thomas.



Confirmation is an important step in a Catholic's spiritual journey, as it marks a deeper commitment to the Catholic faith and a willingness to live as a witness to the love of Christ. In addition to its spiritual significance, Confirmation is also a celebration of community. It's a time when not only friends and family gather to celebrate with the young person, but also the entirety of the Church.

In the Works!

A parish bus tour this summer to Rosary Cathedral and the Toledo Museum of Art is in the making.

Visit the place where Fr. Hanley was ordained a priest in 1931—the year the cathedral opened. Let the magnificent artwork not only inspire you but teach you more about our faith and the history of our Church. See why visitors from all around the country have remarked about the beauty and significance of our diocesan cathedral.



Then move on down the street to the Toledo Museum of Art for lunch and a chance to see why the museum has earned a global reputation for the quality and expanse of its collections. Enjoy also its architecturally significant campus that includes a modern glass pavilion, medieval cloister, peristyle theater, Roman atrium, and an outdoor sculpture garden.

Stay tuned for full details!

Fr. Kent

Congratulations!

To Arianna "Chiara" Pacchiarotti. She is pictured with her sponsor, her grandmother who travelled all the way from Rome, Italy.



Congratulations!

To our youth RCIA on your First Holy Communion: Valerio Pacchiarotti, Estella Ikegwuonu, Dash Torres, and Henry Miller.



Welcome!

Newly Baptized & Received into the Church Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) Richard Rupert Jones, Dylan Keith, Jacob Hill, Doneta Smith, Maya Riley Heggins, Skylar Anne Heggins, Peighton Louise Oliphant, Zaida Marie Oliphant





EMILY NIESE
Liturgical
Music Coordinator

The Integral Dimension of Music in the Liturgy

With tremendous joy, I wish you all a Happy Easter Season! It is my hope and prayer that you all experienced Christ in a new and deeper way throughout the Holy Week and Easter Day liturgies. We are blessed that our Catholic faith provides such rich liturgies by which to live out our faith. Music holds such an important role in supporting these liturgies and assisting our worship. Paragraph 24 of the liturgical document, *Music in Catholic Worship* (1972, 1982), explains this so well: "In addition to expressing texts, music can also unveil a dimension of meaning and feeling, a communication of ideas and intuitions which words alone cannot yield. This dimension is integral to the human personality and to growth in faith. It cannot be ignored if the signs of worship are to speak to the whole person." As your director of liturgical music, fostering music in the liturgy which unveils this extra dimension of meaning, and speaking to the whole person is my goal and privilege. It was such a gift to see that goal come to life throughout Holy Week, culminating with the Easter Vigil and Easter Day. The Catechism of the Catholic Church paragraph 1169 states, "Therefore *Easter* is not simply one feast among others, but the "Feast of feasts," the "Solemnity of solemnities," just as the Eucharist is the "Sacrament of sacraments." What a joy it was to provide music fitting for such a celebration!

This is all thanks to the musicians of this parish. The Church recognizes our musicians in paragraph 63 of the liturgical document, *Liturgical Music Today* (1982), in which it states, "The entire worshipping assembly exercises a ministry of music. Some members of the community, however, are recognized for the special gifts they exhibit in leading the musical praise and thanksgiving of Christian assemblies. These are the pastoral musicians, whose ministry is especially cherished by the Church." May we all cherish the gift of music and our musicians, just as the Church does. I encourage everyone to thank them when you see them next. Their hard work, dedication, and collaboration is such a gift to our parish. I am blessed to work with them, and look forward to what we will continue to do.

I will close with the reminder that, "Easter should not be allowed to end in a day, but rather, the fifty days of its celebration should be planned as a unified experience," (*Liturgical Music Today*, para. 48). So, don't forget to keep the celebration of Christ's resurrection alive in your hearts and actions. I look forward to my part in reflecting this in our liturgical music. Thank you all for warmly receiving me into my first Easter Triduum with St. Charles. I cherish it, and found great reward in encountering Christ through it.



Celebrating St. Joseph



On Sunday, March 19, St. Charles Parish celebrated the feast of St. Joseph with a "feast" representing the four corners of the world. Parishioners made many delicious dishes representing their many heritages. A good time and much good food were enjoyed by those who attended.



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MEMORIAL DAY MASS
MONDAY, MAY 29TH @ 11:30 AM.

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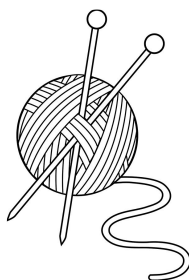
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Lima Chapter of Magnificat Breakfast

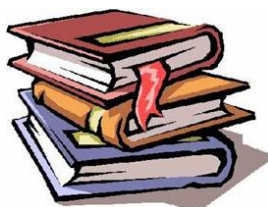
The Lima Chapter of Magnificat, a ministry for Catholic Women, will be on May 6, 2023, in the St. Charles Church basement, 2200 W. Elm St., Lima. Our speaker will be Mary Ciminillo with a presentation on "Blessings, Mary Moments, Miracles, and Strong Women of Faith." For more information contact: Marianne Farley, Treasurer, at 419-234-6286. Cost is \$15.00. Registration starts at 9:30 a.m. Breakfast at 10:00

Attention Knitters and Crocheters



Parishioners of St. Charles who knit or crochet have a wonderful way to share their talents. The Blanket Ministry is accepting hand-knit or hand-crocheted baby-sized blankets to be given to Heartbeat or others in need.

Completed baby blankets can be dropped off at the Welcome Desk in the Gathering Space after any of the masses or brought to the church office during office hours.



Sister Johnene Wellman Parish Library

Come and see the parish library located under the bells at the Elm Street entrance between the Blessed Virgin Mary and the Saint Joseph sections of the church.



Welcome Jesus into your Heart and Home

The Lord, in His mercy and love, seeks to liberate each one of us from chains that bind us in our day-to-day lives, and indeed it is only the Lord who can truly liberate us from whatever keeps us down in this life. Home Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a beautiful way to unleash new graces into your life. Enthronement to the Sacred Heart can impact your life and set your heart on fire for the love of God through developing a more enriched prayer life. —FROM WELCOMEHISHEART.COM

Catholic Devotions

“Devotions are meaningful ways we can engage in prayer to Jesus, Mary, and the saints—beyond how we honor God with our words and actions throughout our busy days.” (Bean 2019) Devotions extend the liturgy—the work of the people; the community coming together to celebrate the presence of God among us—into our daily lives.

Devotion is an external practice of piety, an instinctive affection for God that makes us desire to render worship to Him, by which the devotion of the faithful finds life and expression. Honoring and giving reverence to God.

“Devotions should help us relate emotionally—with the heart and not just the intellect—to the central mysteries of our faith. Devotions should increase our yearning for liturgical prayer and help us pray the Mass deeply and reverently. The ultimate aim should be the same as that of the liturgy: to say with St. Paul, “I live now, not I, but Christ lives in me” (Galatians 2:20)” (Bean 2019)

“When we practice devotions, we steep our days in prayer, keeping God at the forefront of our minds, even as we go about our work and play. Devotions are practical, daily ways that we grow closer to our Creator as we make our way toward heaven. They do not distract us from God; they lead us toward him.” (Bean 2019)

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

FROM WELCOMEHISHEART.COM

The Blessed Mother and St. John ■ The devotion began with Jesus’ mother and St. John the Evangelist. Both heard the heartbeat of Jesus and were at the foot of the cross where the heart, full of unfathomable love, was pierced with a sword. His heart cleanses us from our sins and baptizes us into a new life of love.

St. Gertrude the Great ■ In the 1200s, St. Gertrude received visions in which she placed her head on Jesus’ chest. She spoke about the divine beauty and power of Jesus’ heart that yearns to love us.

St. Margaret Mary Alacoque ■ The practice of the devotion to the Sacred Heart came from a series of visions to St. Margaret Mary from 1673 to 1675. During these visions, Christ asked that this devotion spread, and He gave 12 promises to those who expose and honor the Sacred Heart image.

Fr. Mateo Crawley-Boevey ■ In the early 1900s, Fr. Mateo spread the practice of placing Jesus on the throne of authority in homes.

The heart is, above all, the emblem of love, and, by this characteristic, the devotion to the Sacred Heart is naturally defined. Love, the motive of all that Christ did and suffered. The first ex-

tension of the devotion is from the loving Heart to the intimate knowledge of Jesus, His sentiments and virtues, His whole emotional and moral life; from the loving heart to all the manifestations of its love. —FROM [Devotion to the Heart of Jesus | Catholic Answers](#)



FLAMES ■ Jesus’ burning love for us is brighter than the sun.

CROSS ■ It was part of His heart from the beginning and shows Jesus’ desire to die for us in order to bring us to His father.

CROWN OF THORNS ■ Our sins hurt His heart even more than they hurt His Head.

PIERCED HEART ■ His whole body, including His Blood and water, flows out to us to wash us clean and nourish us.

—FROM WELCOMEHISHEART.COM

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT:
The Enthronement Process
The Meaning of the Sacred Heart
The 12 Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Secrets of the Sacred Heart

St. Charles Parish Speaker &
 Dinner Event
June 24th, 2023

Learn the twelve ways to claim Jesus’ promises in your life, by speaker, Emily Jaminet
 Sacred Heart Enthronement Network

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Devotion of love for Jesus is by a reciprocation of love; its aim is to love Jesus who has so loved us, to return love for love. The love which is its soul embraces, making Jesus live in us and for bringing him who lives by it to love God, in union with Jesus, with all his heart, all his soul, and all his strength. —FROM [Devotion to the Heart of Jesus | Catholic Answers](#)

But St. John goes even further when he affirms that “God is Love”. God’s very being is love. By sending his only Son and the Spirit of Love in the fullness of time, God has revealed his innermost secret. God himself is an eternal exchange of love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and he has destined us to share in that exchange. (The Catechism of the Catholic Church, Second Edition, 221)

“If a man loves me, he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.” John 14:23 [The promise of the Holy Spirit]

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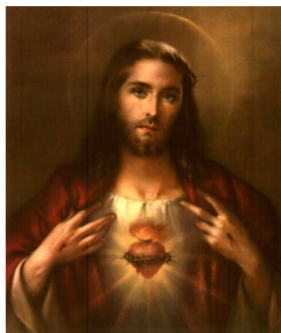
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Sacred Heart Prayer – Oh Most Holy Heart of Jesus

O most holy Heart of Jesus, fountain of every blessing, I adore You, I love You, and with a lively sorrow for my sins, I offer You this poor heart of mine. Make me humble, patient, pure, and wholly obedient to Your will. Grant, good Jesus, that I may live in You and for You. Protect me in the midst of danger; comfort me in my afflictions. Give me health of body, assistance in my temporal needs, Your blessing on all that I do, and the grace of a holy death. Amen.



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@scclima.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. Sandaly Henderson is the Director of Christian Corner Community Center. You can contact her at hendersons@stcharleslima.org.

Family Promise is a faith-based agency providing a safe haven for families. Volunteers are always needed

Give-A-Christmas assists families in need during the holiday season. Volunteers always needed.
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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, 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. Contact the parish office, 419-228-7635, for more information.

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The Redwing Reader St. Charles Catholic School



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Principal

The school year is on the last leg of the race and the students, staff and parents are looking behind at the great successes we have accomplished and ahead to the warm sunny days of spring and summer. The students have an opportunity to acknowledge the successes of their peers and teachers throughout the month of May. We will begin with Positive Addiction Week beginning on Monday, May 1st. Throughout this week the students learn of their many gifts and talents from God and how they can use them to serve others and become a better person. The entire Lima Catholic School Community will gather on May 5th for our 5k race in our school neighborhood. St. Charles Parish will share in the 1st Communion Celebration of our 2nd graders on Sunday, May 7th at 1:00. What a beautiful witness of these children accepting Jesus in their lives. We will have an All School Liturgy celebrating the May Crowning on Tuesday, May 9th during the 8:00 All School Mass in which students are chosen to represent the school community when we honor the Mother of Jesus.

The Pre-Kindergarten will enjoy a special recognition day with songs and celebrations on Tuesday, May 23rd. The final week of school is May 22 – 24th and many of our grade levels will complete the year with a class celebration. We know that many new friendships

A Successful Year

and communities have been established and we cherish the opportunity to recognize these new relationships. Our 8th graders will graduate at the 6:30p.m. Mass on Tuesday May 23rd. This is always a beautiful ceremony that acknowledges many accomplishments of our graduating class and honors them with scholarships and certificates. Our final day of classes for grades K-7 are on Wednesday, May 24th. This will be our biggest day of celebration and recognition. Each classroom will be represented by two students that have shown lifeskills throughout the year to receive the annual award. The students in grade 5 will have an opportunity to receive the Izzy Kenny Scholarship recognizing academic improvement, involvement in the arts and the school and parish. This scholarship is awarded through an application essay.

We will also be recognizing some of our faculty that have hit some milestones in their service to St. Charles. Mr. Webb is wrapping up his 5th year at St. Charles. Mrs. Bowersock and Mrs. Hahn have taught here for 20 years. Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. VanMeter have been serving for 30 years. Our 35 year award winners are Mrs. Daley and Miss Niese. What a tribute to our school community to have teachers with so much dedication to St. Charles Catholic School.

In closing, summer time is associated with resting and relaxation with families and friends. We will be encouraging all our students to enjoy the summer but also to review for the next school year. Practicing our Faith and using the gifts and talents from God is so important to keep united with our community and our loving God.

From the Art Room

By Becky MacDonald



First grade students are doing a lot of painting on their "Swimmy" collages. Students studied the literary and artistic work of Leo Lionni. Featured are Owen, Austin, Roman and Adallinn.



Middle school art club painted on canvas using acrylic paint. Their subject matter was of their own choosing. We have Declan, Savannah, Bella and Jo.



Painting is fun in second grade! Alayna, Avelissa and Eva are creating clouds and blue sky.



Third Quarter Honor Roll

Mark of Excellence

Grade 5: Elaine Brickner, Nicklaus Gronas, Elliana Thompson, Cooper Wende

Grade 6: Addilynn Baldauf, Braylie Bensinger, Corie Schnieders, Gwen Wolfcale

Grade 8: Lucy Bensinger, Michael Quatman, Olivia Venturella

High Honors

Grade 5: Tristan Badea, Olivia Barhorst, Anthony Hinegardner, Miya Hollis, Evelyn Iddings, Isabella Martello, Peighton Oliphant, Jackson Pisel, Charlee Rexford, Antonino Rodriguez, Audie Sielschott, Hezekiah Thomas, Jack Whittaker, Brady Wilson

Grade 6: Josie Declercq, Alana Heffner, Gracy Malcom, Austin McCain, Mataya Miller, Hayden Nolte, Sam Venturella, Samuel Williams

Grade 7: Evan Brinkman, Ella Gronas, Milicent Ibeneme, Aiden McCain, Joshua Reed

Grade 8: Kaitlyn Carroll, Josh Declercq, Oyinna Ekeh, Stella Ellis, Evelyn Ellis, Olivia Hinegardner, Olivia Joseph, Jacob Miller, Annika Niemeyer, Brevan Stolly, Lincoln Woods

Honors

Grade 5: Lenna Bear, Jackson Gafford, Estella Ikegwuonu, Weston Kennedy, Niko Stombaugh, Katana Walter, Eziera White

Grade 6: Eli Burris, Eli Fields, Rylen Heitmeyer, Nolan Howell, Jo Rogers, Piper Schumm, Miahlynn Sinthalaphone, Luke Weitz, Lyla Wenger, Landon Wilson

Grade 7: Jessica Blubaugh, Rocco Cecala-Wells, Robert Compton, Chris Coulibaly, Chayce Farrington, Brady Jacobs, Grayson Turgon, Ryder Utz

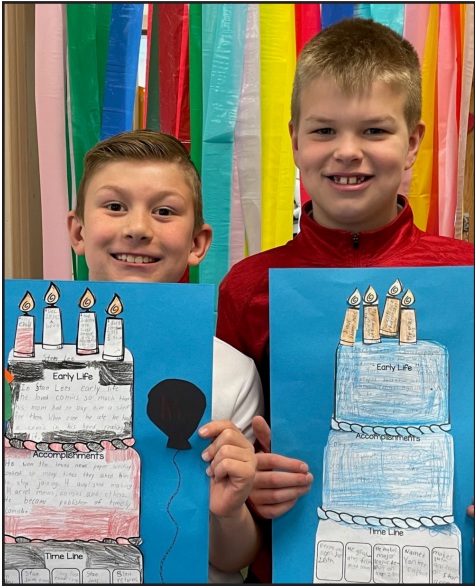
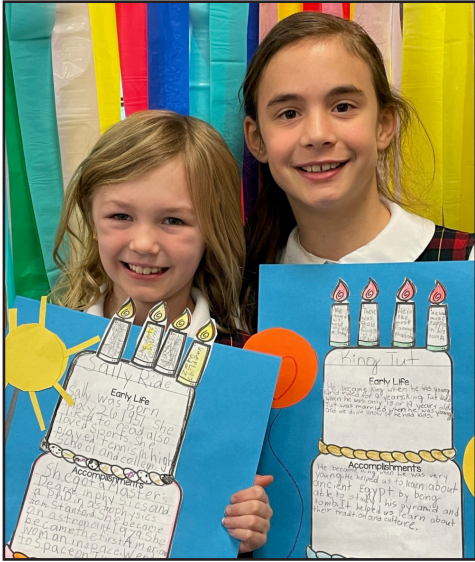
Grade 8: Kevin Bowker, Ava Gephart, Caden Heitmeyer, Katie Kriegel, Vivian Ta

Third Grade News

By Laura Knarr

Happy Birthday!

Third graders sure do love to celebrate birthdays even when the celebration is not for them. Every third-grade student read a biography as a book report. As part of the report, students were asked to infer, or use their new understanding of the person with their existing knowledge, and bring a “gift” to the birthday party. After we listened to the students read their projects, students were also asked to describe the gift they thought would be a great birthday present for the person in their biography book. The third grade had a great time celebrating these birthdays. After singing Happy Birthday, the students, of course, had some birthday cake!



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.

Fifth Graders Travel to the



By Mrs. Thompson

On Friday, April 14th, 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 of various illustrators from dummy books to published works. The students were educated on the collaborative (and sometimes not so collaborative) process between publishers, authors and illustrators. They also got to check out the paper engineering (also known as Pop-up books!) room.

We all had an opportunity to enjoy a fun-filled bus ride, create some art in the Mazza's new STEAM room(taking part in a fun art activity involving clay painting!), eat our lunch in the common area, and finally tour the museum!

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.



Kindergarten News

By Lisa Mahler



Mrs. Mahler's kindergarten LOVES the Great Spring Weather!



Charlie is a dentist! We had a lot of fun leaning about dental health!

These third-grade science students studied inherited traits. They made two parents and created offspring which inherited half its traits from the parents.



Preschool/Pre-K News

By Candace Keating

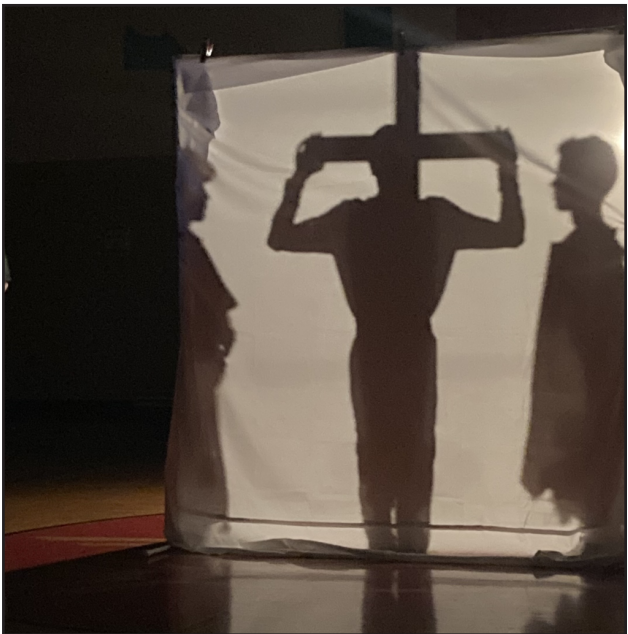
We have been busy these past few months! First, we experimented with colors, and learned that we only need red, yellow, and blue to make the other colors of the rainbow! Then right before Easter, we had a few special visitors! One of our preschool families hatched baby chicks!! And wouldn't you know it; we were exploring the life cycle of chickens, what a great learning opportunity! The children had so much fun holding, and petting the baby chicks!



Shadow Stations of the Cross

By Kathy Daley

In preparation for Easter on Holy Thursday the students participated in grade level retreats. All students gathered together for Shadow Stations of the cross. This was put on by our 7th and 8th grade Honor Society members.





Lima Central Catholic High School Academic News

Submitted by Sue Janowski

Lima Exchange Club Student of the Year Award – Ben Siatkosky

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, **Ben Siatkosky**, who was recognized for this award!



Leadership by Example – 3rd quarter

Congratulations to the following students who have shown (by example) how to lead their classmates! Freshman – **Chayse Helmig**, Sophomore – **Dallas Martin**, Junior – **Alex Arrellano**, Senior – **Katie Cox**

Lima Exchange Club ACE Award – Amelia Carter

Senior **Amelia Carter** received the ACE Award for LCC from Lima Exchange Club. The certificate and check were presented to Amelia in recognition for "Accepting the Challenge of Excellence" through challenge during high school to achieve the diploma. Thank you to the Lima Exchange Club for this recognition and supporting our students!



Shawnee Optimist Students of Honor and Achievement

Shawnee Optimist Club honored some of our LCC students for their outstanding achievements and community involvement: **Oli Bruno, Bridget Mulcahy, Olivia Stolly, Gabe Cira and Justin Davisson**. Congratulations to these five on all of their accomplishments!

STEM Steps @ OSU Lima

Ten sophomore girls experienced an enriching and exciting day filled with hands-on activities in various STEM fields to encourage and stimulate an interest in science. The event empowers young women to achieve success in STEM fields by instilling self-confidence and a can-do attitude. Those students were: **Maria Pignataro, Elaila White, Aubrey Frankhouser, Ava Gafford, Ava Hefner, Emma Skinner, Teagan Helmig, Melana Badea, Jillian Terrill and Alexa Caballero**

STEM Club Egg Drop Competition

STEM club constructed landers for their egg mascots last week. They dropped them from the press box and only one did not survive!



Chemistry Class – Deb Huber

Chemistry classes utilized the loop activity to study for their upcoming test! They had 20 questions and answers that take them on a journey until they end up where they started. It's a fun and effective way to review the material and reinforce their understanding.

AMC Math Competition Winners

Congratulations to **Olivia Stolly** and **Jacob Raczyński** for placing first in the American Mathematics! **February/March Math Student of the Month** Congratulations to the February Math Students of the Month: **Claire Janowski, Dallas Martin and Saylor Hoge!** And March Students of the Month: **Alexa Heffner, Carolina Kill and Belle Barrett**. Keep up the great work!

Advanced Geometry Class

Mrs. Thompson's Advanced Geometry students had to create a 20-minute lesson for their classmates to go over the important properties of their special quadrilateral. The students came up with some great games including Pin the tail on the Parallelogram, Square Bingo, Connect 4 for Kites, and Family Feud trapezoid style. Congratulations to **Jennifer Nguyen, Alexa Heffner and Jenna Terrill** for the best presentation!

Mu Alpha Theta

Mu Alpha Theta was able to buy 20 dozen cookies to give to the Lima Police Department to say THANKS for all they do to help keep our community safe!

Spanish Department News – Regina Reynolds

Spanish I students did a research project on Hispanic Artists and even painted their own replicas.

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, Olivia Stolly, Ben Siatkosky, Alexis McDonald, Michael Miller, Ava Hefner, Melana Badea, Libby Simmons, Kyla Badea, and Emily Morrissey**. We are very fortunate that they have had such great guidance under Ms. Luersman.

EdExpo

Thanks to all who made it out for our Educational Expo on Thursday, March 23rd. The students completed some amazing projects and shared their musical and artistic talents. Thanks also to Ms. Luersman for organizing such a fun event! Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Education Expo's Art Show. Pictured is 1st place **Hayley Chambers**. In 2nd place was **Kristie Evans**, and 3rd place **Ava Hefner**.



Spring Musical – "Seussical the Musical"

Several of our students (grades 9-12) were able to perform to the musical "Seussical the Musical" to a large crowd at the Civic Center on March 10th - 12th. We are very blessed that so many alumni also helped to make this show so spectacular!

Hy Ho Club Recognition

Congratulations to **Elijah Jones** who was recognized by Hy Ho Club.

International Club Game Night

The International Club hosted a Game Night where they played several different group games. A fun night was had by all



Academic Letter Ceremony

Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors were honored recently for earning a cumulative 3.6 GPA and higher with an Academic Letter, silver or gold pin. There were treated to a talk by our alumni: Kendall Burnett and Khloe Kaskocsak and delicious desserts sponsored by the Thunderbird Parent Club.

1st year: **Claire Janowski, Ava Hefner, Hayley Chambers, Melana Badea, Emma Skinner, Cole Rinehart, Maria Pignataro, Nate Niemeyer, Libby Simmons, Kennet Godoy Lanche, Jillian Terrill, Angelo Collins**

2nd year: **Emily Morrissey, Carson Caprella, Billy Bourk, Alex Arellano, Mya Raczyński, Caitlyn Purvenas, Jake Nieman, Kiegh Macklin and Kyla Badea Carsyn Dafler, Sam Mayers and Jaide Schimpf**

3rd year: **Gabe Cira, Oli Bruno, Paige Brinkman, McKenna Bader, Bridget Mulcahy, Kristie Evans, Justin Davisson, and Matt Cira, Olivia Stolly, Ben Siatkosky, Tyler Shipman and Aidan Scheckelhoff**

Save the Date:

5/1-5/5 – Positive Addiction Week
5/9-5/10 Senior Exams
5/12 – Baccalaureate Mass & Breakfast
@ St. John's Catholic Church (Lima)
5/13 - Graduation @ 7p.m. New Gym
5/15-5/18 – Final Exams
5/19 – End of the 4th Quarter

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