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FR. KENT KAUFMAN
Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Wow! I am delighted to share with you the good news that St.Charles has surpassed our $1,260,000 goal for the **Living Christ Campaign**! Our most recent report from June 13, shows that 242 donors combined not only to meet our goal but surpass it with $1,574,460 in pledges. That puts us at 125% of the goal and an average gift was $6,506.

As the pledges are fulfilled, St. Charles will receive back 35% of the gifts up until our goal, or $441,000 of the $1,260,000 goal. Once we reach that milestone, the formula for return to our parish increases to 50%. With our $314,460 overage we will receive an additional $157,230.

With such a great response to the campaign we are in the process of now moving forward with our local initiative, a new elevator to connect the Gathering Space with the lower level of the church. Moving from our estimates to actual plans and then completing the necessary protocols and due diligence is the next step. I am grateful for the help of our maintenance and business staff as well as the Finance Council and Facilities Commission in accomplishing these next steps.

Overall, the campaign was a great success in the diocese as well. You will see in the accompanying graphic that the diocese has also surpassed its goal. Something important to note is that while it is a five-year campaign, the sooner pledges are fulfilled, the sooner we have our necessary funds to accomplish the goals both at our parish level as well as for the diocese.

As pledges are fulfilled and the local portion is remitted to our parish we will update you with the progress in our bulletin or other means of communication. We will also keep you apprised of progress for our local project here at St. Charles.

Even though we have officially concluded our active phase of the campaign, I want to welcome any additional pledges from those of you who were away this spring, or were still contemplating your gift, or perhaps have just joined our parish. Since we have already surpassed our goal, any additional gifts will have a 50% return back to our parish. If you would like to make a pledge or learn more, just contact our Parish Office or go to www.livingchristcampaign.org/donate.

Once again, I would like to thank all of you who participated in the campaign with your pledge or prayer. Additionally, I ask your help in thanking our team of parishioners who worked so generously for the first half of this year: 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.

Oh yes, already I'm being asked who will be the first to take a ride on our new elevator once it is ready. Let me know if you have a creative way to solve that very important decision!

Fr. Kent

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ANTHONY WILKERSON
Director of Operations

Watering the Seeds

Summer is here in full effect. I never can decide what I love the most about the summer. The older I get, the more landscaping and working on the lawn become my favorite summer activities. Something about the tedious daily process of watering the seeds I planted in late spring, not seeing results but knowing they are coming is the best frustration I can experience.

When it comes to my lawn and flowers, I've become way more meticulous in my daily routine. From the morning to dusk. it is the same: Water the flowers at 7:30 a.m., work, then water the same flowers at 8:00 p.m. I have been waking up every morning for the past month and a half rushing outside to check and see if any of my annuals have bloomed, ready to give up a month in. I look at this church and my faith just like this process of growing my annuals.

We, the people of the church, have an inherent obligation to continue this church, our faith, for the next generation. How do we do that? We have to "water the seeds'" even if we don't see the flowers bloom the next day. We have to continue to have faith that the donating, planned giving, Sunday offertory, Visitation Sunday, and VOLUNTEERING will not only plant but water the seeds so this amazing place we all love can continue to stand for generations to come!

Women's Fall Retreat – Save the Date

By Sarah Mayse

Women of St. Charles Parish, please save the date for our fall Women's retreat this November 3-5th. This retreat gives you a chance to meet other women from our parish and grow closer to each other as sisters in Christ. This retreat is meant to refresh your outlook, renew your spiritual life, and give you time for socializing and prayer. This retreat will include fully provided meals and snacks, individual prayer, adoration, mass, and amazing speakers from our very own parish. Take this time before the busy and hectic holiday season approaches to "retreat yourself" so that you can prepare yourself spiritually for the beautiful season of Advent. The Retreat will focus on "Listening to Christ, Despite the Noise." The amazing news is even if you attended last year, this year will be new with a different topic and new speakers. We welcome you back! Retreat fees will be $100 per participant with hotel and food costs included. (This price is for sharing a room with another participant or $150 if you want to room alone.) Scholarships will be available to those that need help to cover the retreat costs.

Please visit https://stcharleslima.org/explore to find our registration page.

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It's Convenient, and
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Sign up today by visiting stcharleslima.org and clicking on the Online Giving icon.

St. Charles Catholic Church Mission Statement

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

Pastoral Council, June 2018

PARISH WEBSITE
Check out the parish website at stcharleslima.org

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MISSION STATEMENT

THE CHIMES

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

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The Blaze Program is on Fire!

By Jeanna Stallkamp

St. Catherine of Siena said,
"Be who God meant you to be and you will set the world on fire."

On June 14th we started a New Bible Study called Discovering My Purpose this summer for girls going into 6th-8th grade. We are off to a great start with 11 participants from St. Charles, St. Gerard, and from Homeschool. The girls are participating in a stress-free environment for 6 sessions to help them discover their purpose and to have fun with new friends in the process. Through this Walking with Purpose program, which is

part of the Blaze series geared toward tweens and teens, the participants explore questions such as, "What part am I supposed to play in God's plan and God's glory in our world?"

Thank you to our team of adults that are providing decorations, food, and fun activities to build a safe, warm atmosphere. In our first session, the girls learned more about each other, the program, and how to use the Bible. They learned that the purpose that we all share is to experience God's love and to love others as He does. In order to do this, we must keep knowing Jesus and becoming more like Him as our top priority.

The participants will take a Spiritual Gifts Assessment and will learn how they can use the gifts that the Holy Spirit has given them in a beautiful way, as well as which saints share those gifts. Please pray that this will be a wonderful beginning of exploring God's plans for them.

Christian Corner Community Center (CCCC) Expands Services

By David Gratz

CCCC has been serving residents since 1993 as a soup kitchen serving meals every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. with bingo as an added activity. In recent weeks, due the efforts of Sandaly Henderson, hours have been extended from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. and a number of additional services are being provided to community members. On Thursdays and Saturdays donated clothing is available at no charge, and beginning in February, an on-site food pantry on Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m. has helped patrons obtain food for their families. The pantry is a collaboration between the CCCC and the Allen County Public Health's Creating Healthy Communities Program, Activate Allen County, the West Ohio Food Bank, the City of Lima, the Martin Luther King Neighborhood Association, and Peacemakers. Mark Dieringer, a St. Charles parishioner and volunteer sums it up best, "If one wants to live out their Christian faith they need to get out and do some good works. This is a great place to serve the poor and serve the hungry. So many of these people just want you to sit down and talk with them and pray with them, and I get more out of the experience than they ever do." If you would like to volunteer for this worthwhile ministry or for more information, please contact Sandaly Henderson at (419) 222-4425 or the church office at (419) 228-7635 or info@stcharleslima.org.

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FamilyPromise

From Katie Marsh

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer so far. I know that we are enjoying summer night baseball games, pool days and just really enjoying the outdoors on these really nice summer days so far. I just wanted to let everyone know what we have planned for Family Promise in the next few months. I signed St. Charles Parish up for a week of dinner time meals. What that entails is, we as a parish host a week of meals for the families that are residing at Family Promise. I have the Parish signed up for the dates of Monday, July 31st through Friday, August 4th. We are only doing the meals for Monday through Friday. What I am going to need is 4 to 5 volunteers per evening to serve the meals, and we are going to need volunteers to make the meals. You can make the meal at home and bring it to the facility ready to serve, or we are able to make a meal at the facility. They do have a nice kitchen we can use if needed. I know we all have busy schedules but anything you can do to help would be great, whether it's to donate a meal item, come volunteer to feed the families, or donate money towards purchasing the meal for the families. Right now, they only have 3 families at the facility, that can change though because they are capable of hosting up to six families. I receive e-mails from Family Promise about the updates on how many we will need to serve. If you are interested in helping please reach out to me through e-mail at skmarsh_08@outlook.com or you are welcome to call or text me as well at 419-230-1722. My husband (Steven Marsh) and I are going to be able to be there each evening to help out that week, and we will also donate towards food as well. I know that in the past simple meals are easiest. So what I was thinking is hosting easy meals like a taco Tuesday, spaghetti night and even just a simple pizza night. Please let me know if you are willing to help out. Thank you and hope to hear from you soon.

Funeral Luncheons to Resume

Funeral luncheons were stopped during COVID, but planning is underway to again offer this ministry in the near future. The loss of a loved one can be very difficult and stressful and a meal with family and friends can help during this time. We are in the process of contacting past volunteers to thank them for their service and ask about their continued involvement in this ministry. Some changes are planned for the resumption of this service. We will use the lower level of the church and provide setup before and cleanup after the meal. No fee will be charged for this service although donations will be accepted. Volunteers will no longer prepare the food but will serve food provided by family and friends. and when requested. provide information about local restaurants that provide catering. Our hope is to help families during this difficult time and provide an opportunity for parishioners to live out their Christian faith. For more information or to volunteer contact the church office at (419) 228-7635 or info@stcharleslima.org.

MELODY KEARNS
Family Formation Coordinator

A Time to Celebrate and Reflect

Family Formation ended its 2022-2023 year with a celebration on Wednesday, May 10th. We began the festivities with a meal of pizza, salad, and cookies from Pat's Donuts and Kreme.

The children constructed windsocks for Pentecost. Each windsock had the fruits of the Holy Spirit labeled on them. This visual will help the children easily recall the fruits to determine their use in daily situations, to assist them in making decisions, and to use them in prayer. Children were encouraged to use their windsocks throughout the summer to ask the Holy Spirit for guidance and to thank him for his assistance. The children were reminded of how Jesus sent the Holy Spirit to the apostles so they could continue to spread the Good News.

Chase Fieson with his windsock.

Kelly Fry with her windsock

A spirited game of Pictionary was played using items and concepts learned through their catechesis both in their classes and home lessons with their parents.

Rory Wilson drawing the Last Supper

Change is hard for anyone and children's catechesis is not immune from this process. While we still have work to do to perfect our program, I do believe we have all worked hard; including the children.

Nora Jones, the youngest, has them stumped.

I believe our parents have truly stepped up to their baptismal promises and taken responsibility as the first teacher of their child/children's faith using Family Formation as the vehicle to assist in getting the job done. Parents came twice a month with their children and continued coming all year long. These parents were triumphant even when they didn't yet see it for themselves.

The transition from traditional catechesis to the Family Formation model has been challenging and will continue to challenge all who participate, but Family Formation has brought many fruits to those involved thanks to the dedication of our parents. With that said, I would like to share some of the comments made by our parents who participated this past year in Family Formation and brought the home lessons into their homes.

Family Formation has brought us closer to our faith. My son enjoys coming to church on the days we have Family Formation. He enjoys the classes and activities.

All of the Family Formation activities have helped engage my kids in the faith and helped bring us closer as a Catholic Family. Even my middle school student liked to participate!

Family Formation has helped us to pray together more. I have enjoyed watching my children's faith grow and know we are growing together. I loved seeing them implement and recognize our lessons in our daily lives. As a parent and educator, this growth has been a wonderful thing to experience.

Family Formation provided dedicated time for our family to talk about scripture and faith.

Family Formation has helped us learn things as a family and I really like that.

Family Formation has helped us to talk about God and our faith more freely. My son will bring up God and Jesus regularly in everyday conversation. He may see a cloud in the sky and he will say, "I think that's God." "I love that God is becoming a common thought in his life."

Family Formation has helped the children know more about the "Why".

Family Formation has allowed us to dedicate time to talk about the Catholic faith and provides an avenue for our girls to ask questions.

Using Family Formation has helped us learn more about our faith and gain a deeper understanding of the Catholic faith.

Family Formation has helped my husband engage in the Catholic faith more because he attended frequently with our child, which was helpful.

Family Formation has helped teach our children about the Catholic faith.

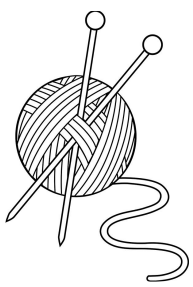
I am excited to inform you we will have three catechists this year allowing for the class sizes to be smaller. Our Catechists will be **Allie Norton, grades K-1, Michelle Fry, grades 2-3, and Virginia Kiracofe, grades 4-5.** We are fortunate to have such dedicated individuals who care about our kids and the program!

Our first class will be on **Sunday, September 17th,** from **9:15 a.m - 10:15 a.m.** Donuts and socializing will begin promptly at **9:00 a.m.** and end at **9:15 a.m.** so the children can go to their assigned classes.

Family Formation's registration for the 2023-2024 year will begin on **July 1st, 2023**. On July 1st, you can go to St. Charles Borromeo's web page at ***stcharleslima.org***. Go across to the tab **Kids & Students**. A red menu comes up and follow that down to **(K-5th Family)** There you will see a brief description of the program. Scroll down and you can copy the registration form or you can complete the form online. Both are marked so you can complete the form you are most comfortable with.

Hope you are having a wonderful summer!

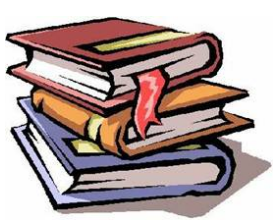
Attention Knitters and Crocheters



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 Heartbeat of Lima, 421 S. Cable Rd., Lima, Ohio, or brought to the church ofice open Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m.

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.

EMILY NIESE
Liturgical
Music Coordinator

Choir End-of-Year Hurrah!

The beginning of June marked the conclusion of the year for many of the music ministries here at St. Charles. This included our adult choir. We were blessed with a beautiful evening to hold our "End-of-Year Hurrah" at Marilyn Askins' house. In the picture, you can see all our members other than Barb and John who unfortunately couldn't make it. We even managed to get a "selfie" together.

We shared a meal, good conversation, and reflected on memories made in this past season. With regard to memories made, I must share my favorite - It was Holy Week, and our choir was rehearsing a prelude which didn't have much harmonization. In order to give the song more character, I decided to split the first and second verses between the men and the women and have all join in together for the third verse. I took a moment to decide which group I would assign to sing each verse, then decided to have the women sing verse 1, and the men sing verse 2. After hearing the decision, Jim Falk proclaimed, "Chivalry is NOT dead!...yet," and as could be expected, laughter followed. I will never forget this as the moment that I was introduced to Jim's great sense of humor (which is a trait that many choir members bring to the group!). I have thoroughly enjoyed the dynamic that we all create together and the passion we share for the music we create. I am so grateful to have gotten to know each member in these last 5 months, and look forward to continuing to minister and grow in community together when we commence after the summer. These are the moments, memories, and relationships which I cherish deeply and praise God for providing through the gift of my job.

Great Things Are Happening with our St. Charles Walking with Purpose Program!

By Jeanna Stallkamp

Walking with Purpose is a National Bible Study program for Women, young adults, and girls to deepen their relationships with Jesus Christ. The Mission is to Enable women to know Christ personally through Scripture. This was our 3rd year at St. Charles. This past year, we had forty-eight women in the program. We have 5 small groups of Bible studies going on each week, different days and times of the week. Once a month, we bring everyone together as well as invite more to attend a Connect Coffee for snacks, a video, discussion, and to support each other in our faith journeys. Our next season will start up again with a Connect Coffee on Sept.23rd at 9:00 a.m. All women are welcome!

Pictured is our last Connect Coffee of the 2022/23 season. The group picture is of many of our

incredible volunteers who help to allow our program to continue to grow! I am happy to report that next year we have eleven new registrants! If you are considering joining us, feel free to reach out to me, Jeanna Stallkamp, at 419-234-0962, or pick up a registration form at the church office, church entrances, or under Exploring Your Faith at the St. Charles Church website.

If you were not at church the weekend that I shared our incredible anonymous survey results about our local program, please take a look!

97% of our participants say their faith is stronger.
90% say their prayer life has improved.
97% say their relationship with Christ is stronger.
93% say they would recommend WWP to a friend.
90% found meaningful relationships with women in our parish through the program.

A few comments about the program include:

"Walking with Purpose has been life-changing. While I have participated in many programs and have read many books to draw me in closer to my faith, this program has made the most substantial improvement in my discipleship. I wish every woman had the chance to participate in these Bible Studies, and I wish my husband was involved in something comparable. I have grown so much closer to Jesus through these studies and can't imagine my life if I hadn't started them. Thank you so much!"

Another participant shared, "I have never experienced such an enriching program ever before… and I am 69 years old! Love how the program takes Bible passages and prompts thinking about them in a way that I never really did before. The workbook has such a great way of prompting us to take the verses and apply it to our lives in real time."

Last, another participant wrote, "Through Walking with Purpose, I feel such a love for Jesus Christ. I have met amazing women who believe in Jesus and love like Jesus. I appreciate this program so much. I have been able to share different readings with my family and friends."

We would love to have you!

Walking with Purpose®
Enabling Women to know Christ through Scripture

Rosary Walk

On June 10th, our Walking With Purpose program held their Third Annual Rosary Walk for Heartbeat of Lima, praying for the volunteers, employees, and especially those that benefit from their wonderful services. Donations were made to Heartbeat of Lima, and participants toured their building, helped to make community connections, and learned about their programs.

Please Let the Parish 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.

Sanctify Them in the Truth

JEREMY HOLLIS
Director of Youth Discipleship
and Evangelization

"I have given them your word; and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world. I do not pray that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one…Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth." (John 17: 14-15, 17)

I spent the past week at the Catholic Youth Minister's Conference in Scottsdale, Arizona. It was an awesome experience and I was able to hear some wonderful talks and have some wonderful discussions with other Youth Ministers from Ohio and across the country. During the conference, John 17 was brought up multiple times and I decided to spend some time in prayer with that chapter of John. As the week progressed, and I began to reflect on my discussions with other youth ministers, and I began to see that those conversations and the verses from John 17, you read above, were all connected.

God has given us His truth in His Word, and we as Catholics know what this truth is, but if we look at the way the world, even here in our local area, is proclaiming what the truth is, we have to wonder what is happening. These are the "truths" that our kiddos are hearing and they are being bombarded by them from every angle. So, what are we, as parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, god parents, and sponsors, doing to inforce God's Word for them?

Jesus says: "I do not pray that you should take them out of the world, but that you should keep them from the evil one." As much as some of us would probably love to just keep our kids sheltered at home, we have to let them grow up because eventually they will be out in the world on their own, but it will be the tools that we give them that will help them survive in this world. I do not mean tools as in how to balance a check book or to make sure you separate your reds from your whites, unless you want pink socks; what I mean, how are we solidifying the faith for them, so when they are confronted by the "evil one" that we know they are going to be alright and choose the right path. I know that this can seem like a daunting task, but I want to give some simple steps that all of us can take to help ground our kids in the faith.

First, encourage them to read scripture every day, just 10 minutes. You can even set time aside for the family to sit down in the morning before the day starts, or at night as everyone is winding down for bed and read together. If you want a place to start, check out the USCCB (United States Conference of Catholic Bishops) website for the daily readings and choose one or all of the daily readings.

Second, take advantage of the Sacraments, especially Confession and Sunday Mass. Research has shown that families who attend Sunday Mass regularly have children who will seek out the Sacraments once they move away from home. As a matter of fact, (Dad's pay attention here), when the father is actively involved in their faith life, kids are about 79% more likely to continue their faith journey.

Third, pray together. I'm sure we've all heard the phrase, "A family who prays together, stays together." You also do not need to over complicate this. Simply say a prayer before your meals and an Our Father and Hail Mary before bed. This simple step helps to form a habit of prayer.

Fourth, get them to a retreat. We all need a vacation from time to time, because we need to reconnect with our family and when we are away from home and our everyday routines, these are the best family times. The same thing goes for our relationship with God. This step is actually the number one place that people realize that they can actually have a relationship with Jesus. They will also get to see just how many other Catholic teens are out there living their faith. Just this last year, the 8th graders were amazed just how many other kids were at their Damascus Confirmation retreat.

The last step I will give you is to encourage them to come to our Edge (Jr. High) and Life Teen (High School) youth group nights. These are great because we get to share a meal together and have a lot of fun, all while learning about the faith.

Keep in mind, there are a lot more things you can do to help keep your kids strong in our faith and to realize that the "truth" the world is trying to sell them may not be the truth that God has set down for us. If you need help, please reach out to me. I am not only here for the kids, I am here for you parents as well. Imagine, what strong Catholic families and kids could do to change this world. I believe that we could go out and set the world on fire.

NATIONAL
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Revival

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The Parish Year

Beginning on the Feast of Corpus Christi – June 11, 2023 – we arrive at the most pivotal year of the three-year National Eucharistic Revival called for by the bishops of the United States: ***The Parish Year***.

God wants to bring revival to His Church through a rekindled relationship with Jesus in the Eucharist, and this year, that invitation reaches the pews and beyond. Our prayer and focus in the Diocese of Toledo is to "Reawaken our belief in His presence in the Eucharist and deepen our understanding of, love for and living out of this great Mystery."

Your parish will have information throughout the year to help make that happen. Consider how you can spend this year personally growing in understanding of, love for and living out the Holy Eucharist.

Diocese of Toledo

Confirmation2024

Registration for Confirmation 2024 is currently happening. If your child is baptized and will be in the 8th Grade this year, please pick up a registration form from the parish office. The deadline for registration forms is July 17th, 2023. You may also contact Jeremy Hollis at hollisj@stcharles-lima.org or call 419-228-7635, ext 3003.

Save The Date

Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries

Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral October 22, 2023, 3:00 p.m.

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2023 – 25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years – plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following mass. To register visit: www.toledoanniversarymass.org

The Redwing Reader
St. Charles Catholic School

MEGAN SCHEID
Principal

RISE

Throughout the year, our school community has been focusing on the core values of respect, integrity, serve, and excel. These values have shaped the experiences of our students, staff, and parents, fostering a nurturing and faith-filled educational environment.

Respect has been the cornerstone of our interactions and relationships within the school community. We are working hard to cultivate an atmosphere of mutual respect, where every individual is valued and treated with dignity. By teaching respect, we encourage empathy, understanding, and compassion, enabling our students to grow into responsible and caring members of society.

Integrity has been infused into the classroom culture, making it the norm throughout the school building. By emphasizing the importance of honesty, accountability, and personal responsibility, we have nurtured the development of strong character among our students.

Service has been a central aspect of our Catholic education, as we believe that to serve others is an expression of love and compassion. Through various service projects this year, our students have developed a deep understanding of their responsibility to contribute positively to their communities. By engaging in acts of service, they have witnessed firsthand the impact they can have on the lives of others.

To excel has been the driving force behind our academic and personal growth. By setting high standards and fostering a culture of continuous improvement, we have challenged our students to reach their full potential. We emphasize to our students that excellence is not just about achieving academic success but also about striving for personal growth, embracing challenges, and becoming well-rounded individuals.

At our end of the year awards ceremony we presented RISE awards to students who displayed our school core values of respect, integrity, serve, and excel each and every day. The following students were the recipients of this award: Elaine Brickner, Kevin Bruin, Chris Coulibaly, Luke Cunningham, Henry Dickman, Sawyer Eblin, Avelissa Folsom, Colin Hile, Milicent Ibeneme, Addy Lauck, Sam Newland, Vivian Quatman, Corie Schnieders, Luisa Sielschott, Hezekiah Thomas, Sam Venturella, and Carlyn Wende.

Looking back on the school year, I am inspired by the dedication and commitment of our students, staff, and parents. Together, we have created a nurturing community that values respect, integrity, service, and excellence. As we prepare for the future, I know that these core values will continue to guide us, shaping the lives of our students and preparing them to become compassionate and successful individuals in an ever-changing world.

Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

MARK OF EXCELLENCE
Grade 5: Elaine Brickner, Nicklaus Gronas, Audie Sielschott, Elliana Thompson, Cooper Wende
Grade 6: Addilynn Baldauf, Braylie Bensinger, Alana Heffner, Gracy Malcom, Corinne Schnieders
Grade 8: Lucy Bensinger, Estella Ellis, Michael Quatman, Olivia Venturella

HIGH HONORS
Grade 5: Tristan Badea, Olivia Barhorst, Anthony Hinegardner, Miya Hollis, Isbella Martello, Peighton Oliphant, Charlee Rexford, Antonino Rodriguez, Hezekiah Thomas, Katana Walter, Jack Whittaker
Grade 6: Josie Declercq, Rylen Heitmeyer, Austin McCain, Mataya Miller, Hayden Nolte, Piper Schumm, Samuel Venturella, Samuel Williams, Gwen Wolfcale
Grade 7: Evan Brinkman, Rocco Cecala-Wells, Ella Gronas, Milicent Ibeneme, Brady Jacobs, Aiden McCain, Grayson Turgon
Grade 8: Kaitlyn Carroll, Oyinna Ekeh, Ava Gephart, Olivia Hinegardner, Olivia Joseph, Jacob Miller, Annika Niemeyer, Brevan Stolly, Vivian Ta, Lincoln Woods

HONORS
Grade 5: Emily Barry, Lenna Bear, Jackson Gafford, Evelyn Iddings, Estella Ikegwuonu, Jackson Pisel, Waylon Simpson, Niko Stombaugh, Eziere White, Brady Wilson
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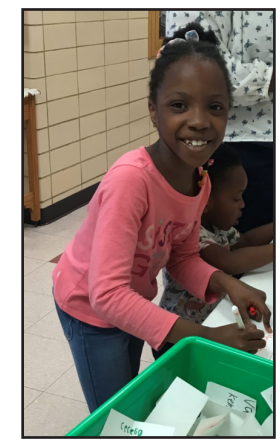
Grade 7: Jessica Blubaugh, Robert Compton, Chris Coulibaly, Chayce Farrington, Joshua Reed, Ella Warrington
Grade 8: Josh Declercq, Evelyn Ellis, Katie Kriegel, Addyson Lauck, Liliana McCullough, Lilyana Whittaker

From the Art Room

By Becky MacDonald

In the spring, on May 10th, St. Charles school hosted the Annual St. Charles Art Show. It was culmination of the best artwork produced by students during the school year. All students in grades kindergarten through sixth grade had one piece of artwork included in the show. Ribbons were awarded to seventh and eighth grade artwork that were specially selected as the were of a high caliber in design and creativity. Students worked in various media like watercolor, collage, and clay. Besides viewing the artwork, students were able to enter their name in a free raffle and also create their own little masterpiece to display in the hallway. Thank you to all the families who participated and supported the budding artists in this annual event.



Mmasichi entering her name in the raffle for the free art basket.

Kohen and his siblings stand in front of the "Gallery of Little Masterpieces".

Happy winners of the raffle were Kayden and Reed.

Should We Sit or Work?

By Mrs. Henderson

Well, the last day was a lot of fun for my fifth graders, but we didn't sit, we worked! Some students said it was their favorite day of the year! Hmmmmmm…… well, I would agree that it WAS a lot of fun! We first spoke with our penpals from Sheboygan, Wisconsin through Google Meet. Then we started our project making chairs. The day flew by so fast!

The students were given a project to make a chair but were given a few rules they had to follow. They were told to make a chair using only paper, tape, and scissors. What fun! After they constructed their chairs, the contest began. The chair that held the most books from our room library would be the winner. I couldn't believe how many books these well-constructed chairs held! The students even named their chairs: Centichair, Breaking Bed Chair, Chairy Longlegs, and Preschool Chair. What clever names! The winning chair, Breaking Bed, held 77 books!!!!!!!! I couldn't believe it! Preschool Chair held 64 books, Chairy Longlegs held 46 books, and Centichair held 44 books. I was so proud of all of them! I know we have some engineers or architects in the making!

Peace Out my now sixth graders!!!!! I'll miss you!

Preschool/Pre-K Completion Graduation Ceremony 2023

By Candace Keating

We had such an amazing year, the children worked very hard and were so excited to perform for everyone in the audience. It is hard to believe that our year is already over!! Thank you, parents, and grandparents for all your help this year.

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.

Running a Business

By Laura Knarr

The third graders turned into producers and consumers during the last few days of school. Each student created a business by selling a good or service. While deciding on a service to offer or a product to make, students talked about economic competition, supply and demand, and profit. Students prepared their business and also did some marketing by creating an advertisement and a commercial. Finally, the day arrived when the marketplace opened. Third grade students spent time being consumers while buying goods from other businesses all while determining when to have their own business open. Many business owners offered a sale and came up with additional marketing strategies to bring consumers to their business. Last year's business owners, the fourth grade, even got a chance to come over and buy a few items.

Fifth Grade Spelling Bee Champs

By Mrs. Henderson & Mrs. Bollinger

During the last week of school, we held a fifth-grade spelling bee. Coming out on top was Olivia Barhorst. Congratulations to Olivia! Second place winner was Elli Thompson, and our third place winner was Lainey Brickner. Way to go, girls! We are so proud of you!

After having the Bee, we then watched *Akeelah and the Bee,* a wonderful movie. This movie was about an 1-year-old girl living in South Los Angeles. She discovers that she has a talent for spelling and hopes it takes her to the National Spelling Bee. Akeelah never gives up on her goals. With the help of a mysterious teacher and her community, Akeelah lives out her dream.

As Akeelah lives out her dream, our hope to our fifth now sixth graders is that they, too, live out their dreams!

End of the Year Fun

By Shannon Jackson

The Kindergarten students ended the school year with a Field Trip to Teddy Bear Park to learn about living and non-living things. They spent the day getting up close and personal with nature as they explored animals, ponds and trees.

Lima Central Catholic High School Academic News

Submitted by Sue Janowski

Graduation - Congratulations to the Class of 2023!
We celebrated our most recent graduating class on May 13th! May God continue to guide you into your next step in life.

April Math Awards
Congratulations to **Mikey Cooper** and **Josh Young** for earning April Math Awards! Way to go, boys!

Donation – Autism Life Center
Addi Fay presented a check for over $400 to the Autism Life Center after having a special jeans day to raise money for this cause that is near and dear to her heart. Thanks so much, Addi!

Victoria Anne Moening Memorial Scholarship
The "Victoria Anne Moening Memorial Scholarship" recipient was selected by four members of Lima Central Catholic High School staff members. She was chosen on criteria determined by Vicki's husband, Dan Moening '74, and her three children, Megan (Moening)Isenbarger '01, Monica (Moening) Donley '05, and Daniel Moening '10.

This year's recipient of the scholarship was Emma Hunley. Emma met and exceeded the requirements to receive this award. Her faith is important to her, and she does not shy away from showing that. It is evident every day that Emma cares about all of the students and staff at Lima Central Catholic. She is a student who puts others first and ensures that people are cared for. We want to sincerely congratulate Emma and thank her for sharing her gifts with the school community, just like Vicki did!

Dedicated to Service
Our LCC students made a significant impact, donating countless hours over the school year.

National Honor Society Fundraiser
The NHS book drive was a success. We collected and dropped off six big boxes of books for the students at St. Rose, St. Charles, and St. Gerard's to enjoy. This is recycling at its best!!!

Positive Addiction Day
At the end of every school year, we join the entire Catholic school community for Positive Addiction Day. We started with a mass, continued with a 5K, and ended the day at LCC with our Talent Show, where we saw amazing talents from students and faculty!
After the Talent Show, Mrs. Gronas organized a group of students and teachers who donated their hair to "Children with Hair Loss." What an awesome way to give back!

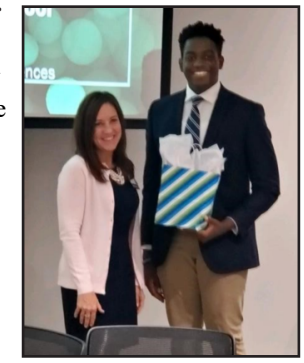
Equestrian Therapy Service
Mrs. Gronas accompanied a group of students for service hours to the Equestrian Therapy Program. Thanks for helping out!

ROX – Ruling Our Experiences
Freshman girls participated in ROX day, complete with a career speaker from Health Partners and learning physical self-defense. Great job, ladies! If you want to learn more about our ROX program, please visit https://rulingour-experiences.com/.

John Philip Sousa Award
The Lima Kiwanis Club recognized musically talented students at the annual John Philip Sousa Award Ceremony. **Amelia Carter** earned this distinction for LCC. Congrats to Amelia for all of her hard work, and good luck in the future as you work towards a Music Education degree at ONU!

Shawnee Optimist Awards
Congratulations to **Oli Bruno** and **Aidan Scheckelhoff** for being recognized by the Shawnee Optimist Club! Oli Bruno earned 2nd place for his essay about his dad as his optimistic hero for the Shawnee Optimist Essay Contest. Aidan Scheckelhoff was awarded a scholarship for his entrance into the Shawnee Optimist Scholarship Competition. Impressive, gentlemen!

St. Rita's Scholarship Winner
Congratulations to **Oli Bruno** for earning the St. Rita's Mercy Health Scholarship! He was one of 12 students out of 150 applicants who won this distinction. We're so proud of you, Oli!



BSN WoW Senior Award Winner
Congrats to 2023 BSN SPORTS WoW Senior Award Winner - **Bridget Mulcahy**! Bridget won by encompassing what it means to be a Women of Will Student Athlete: Will to Win, Excellent Athletic Performance, Superior Academics, Positive Sportsmanship, Strong Leadership & Impactful Community Service.

Diocese of Toledo's Eucharistic Revival Youth Contest
Congrats to **Emma Hunley** and **Zac Campbell** for being finalists in the Diocese of Toledo's Eucharistic Revival Youth Contest. They were two of the top three finalists out of 500 plus students who participated in the contest by writing an essay on "What does the Eucharist mean to me?" **Special congratulations to Zac on winning the contest overall!**

Save the Dates:
August 9th Blackbaud Open Lab for Parents
August 13th Meet the Fall Teams
August 14th 8:30am-11:30am
Freshmen Orientation (New Gym)
August 14th Schedule Pick-up Day
August 14th 6:30pm-8:00pm
Freshmen and Parent Mandatory Meeting
August 25th Freshman Retreat
August 29th 6:30pm-8:30pm
Back to School Open House
and Mandatory Senior Parent Meeting

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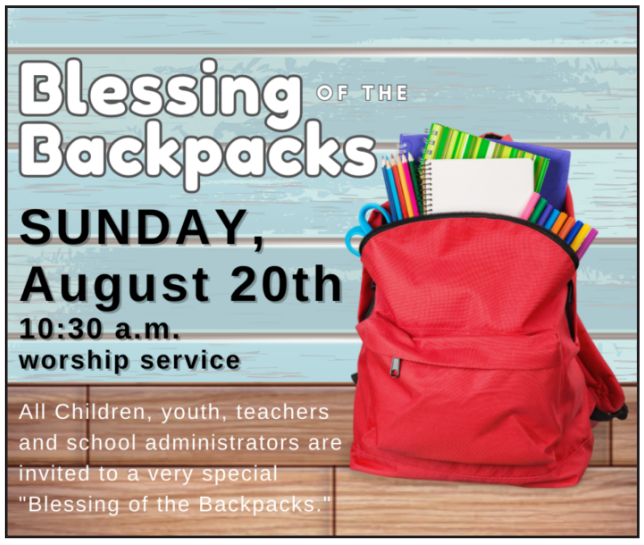

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An updated list of flower fund donations will be posted in the September-October issue of The Chimes.

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4th quarter honor roll - 56% of our students are on the Honor Roll

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Care and Concern Ministry reaches out to those families who have suffered the loss of a loved one. It provides beverages and snack food items for those families who are attending a visitation at a funeral home. We need volunteers who are willing to provide water, chips, or cookies for these visitations. Please contact Mary Niese at niesem@sccslima.org if you are able to help.
Christian Corner Community Center is located at 1601 McClain Rd in South Lima. A mid-day meal is served every Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:30 a. m. to 12:00 noon. Sandaly Henderson is the Director of Christian Corner Community Center. You can contact her at hendersons@stcharleslima.org

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