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**FR. KENT
KAUFMAN**
Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

When you hear **Kolbe** you might first think that Fr. Kent better check his spelling. It's **Kobe** as in Kobe Bryant, the superstar basketball player for the Los Angeles Lakers who tragically died in a helicopter crash in 2020 at age 41. Better, if you're a "foodie," you might have thought about the famous Kobe Wagyu beef from Japan that only began to be exported our way back in 2012.

Perhaps then, it's important for you to know that when I say "Kolbe" it's short for the production that is coming to Lima about **St. Maximilian Kolbe**. Mark your calendars for Monday, April 22, when St. Luke Productions out of Seattle will bring us the remarkable story of this saint's life. The production will take place at LCC at 7:00 p.m. and is open to the public. A second presentation will be given to students in Grades 6-12 from St. Charles, LCC, St. Gerard, St. Rose, and Delphos St. John.

St. Luke's were last in Lima in November, 2022, to present Tolton – the story of Fr. August



Tolton, the first black priest in the United States who is now on the way to canonization.

Maximilian: The Saint of Auschwitz tells the gripping story of how he was arrested by the Gestapo and sent to the infamous Auschwitz concentration camp. He is a Polish Franciscan priest who comes forward to take the place of a fellow prisoner condemned to die in the starvation bunker.

Saint Maximilian Kolbe's riveting true story comes to life in this powerful live performance. The dramatic struggle between good and evil is poignantly accentuated as actor Leonardo Defilippis switches effortlessly between portraying Maximilian and his Nazi persecutors. Through it all we witness his trust in Mary, the Mother of God, permeating his every action.

With its message of standing firm in the face of persecution, Maximilian has special significance for our time. I suggest that you consider inviting a group of friends or family members to join you for this special presentation. The compelling drama is appropriate for ages ten and up and there is no entrance fee.

The Holocaust and its lingering effects are a dark part of our human history that we must never forget. In this Lenten Season we ask the Lord's help in shining the Light of Christ wherever we encounter darkness yet today. In fact, you might have remembered hearing about the Ulma family last fall.

The Ulma family was killed in 1944 for hiding eight Jews in their home. They were beatified on September 10, 2023 – the first time an entire family was beatified together, including the child carried in her mother's womb at the time of her death.

Keep your eye out for more details about Kolbe after Easter. It's an inspirational story of a saint's love that you won't want to miss!

Fr. Kent

FELLOWSHIP, AUCTION, FUN

Rock the Night

ST. CHARLES BENEFIT + BASH
APRIL 20, 2024 | 6:30 PM

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- Create an after-school enrichment program!
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SEEKING: Donations & Sponsors!

We are in need of FINANCIAL SPONSORS to fund our goals, as well as **UNDERWRITERS** for various event costs.

The more support we receive, the more money goes directly to St. Charles School!

Please reach out to:

Katie Sielachott (410) 230-3442 or
Diana Schoenover (707) 299-8942

if you are able to donate to our cause,
OR visit the website to easily make a donation!

Mystery Box

We are looking for more items for our super-popular Mystery Box Fundraiser that happens during the Benefit Bash!

Here are just a few ideas:

- International items or unique home goods
- Souvenirs
- Tickets to live events
- Home goods
- Handwritten type gifts
- Designer items
- Kitchen and bath decor or tools
- Gift cards
- Jewelry/bracelets/necklaces
- Beauty products
- Antiques

Contact Katie Marsh via text at 410-230-1722 or email kmarsh3392@outlook.com to arrange Mystery Box. Donation pick up or drop off before April 9th. You may also drop off any items at the St. Charles School office. A letter that serves as a receipt for tax purposes is available upon request.

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**LAURIEANN
CAMPBELL**
Director of Operations

With spring upon us, and Easter soon to arrive, we are reminded of the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ. This has got me reflecting that we as a parish are entering an exciting time of renewal

here at St. Charles as well! Soon we will begin some of the capital improvements planned as part of the Living Christ Campaign. A new elevator to our lower level will allow more accessible and safer access to our Parish Hall. A fresh coat of paint will also be sure to revitalize our meeting spaces. And some much-needed repairs to our copula windows around the altar will also proceed. It may become a challenge during the repair process to worship in our space, but soon the dust and noise will be a memory, and we will finally be able to worship without worrying about the rain making an appearance, or getting stuck in the old lift elevator!

We have begun the initial planning and budgeting stages of our elevator project. It was a

long time preparing and campaigning for the funds to make this all possible, so be on the lookout for news and updates as to exactly when the project will be able to begin. There have been some “stones” thrown in our way, things like Covid and staffing changes, but along the way we have persevered to rise and begin anew! We can’t wait to see these changes, and we hope that you are patient as we transition into an updated space for all to enjoy.

Thanks to everyone who already contributed to the Living Christ Campaign through the Toledo Diocese. If you wish, you may still contribute by going to our website under the give tab, and click on Living Christ Campaign. There you will find a link to the secure site for online contributions or payments to the Campaign. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at campbell@stcharleslima.org, or call the parish office at (419) 228-7635. My thanks and gratitude,



**Living
Christ**

Diocese of Toledo

Parish Summary Disbursement Report

Our Parish goal:	\$ 1,260,000.00
Our Parish Pledge Total from start of Campaign:	1,550,695.00
Total Collections from start of Campaign	510,855.95
Total Cash due to Parish from Start of Campaign	178,799.58
*(35% of collections up to goal, 50% thereafter, plus collections from lead gifts)	
Less: Prior cash disbursements	(138,684.11)
Less: Future disbursement – Unreconciled cash	(24,662.86)
Current Disbursement – Reconciled cash	\$ 15,452.61

*Due to rounding, payments received may be off by up to \$1.00
As of 12/31/2023

Please Let the Parish Know

If you have a family member or loved one in an 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.

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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 INFORMATION

The various activities and mainistries of the parish will be posted to our parish website at stcharleslima.org and to social media. Our FaceBook page is St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church-Lima

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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JEREMY HOLLIS
Director of Youth Discipleship
and Evangelization

“The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want; he makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.” (Psalm 23: 1-3) I am sure everyone is familiar with Psalm 23, but I think that we sometimes forget that Jesus is indeed the Good Shepherd and that He comes looking for us, even when we stray away from the flock.

Sometimes, ok, most days, I feel like the flock has been scattered. Across the world, church attendance is down and the number of people who identify as “nones” (no religious affiliation) is up. I chalk this up, in part, to the fact that we live in a

A Good Shepherd

world with constant distractions, and every single one of these distractions wants our undivided attention. We have to deal with computer algorithms that keep our eyes scrolling on our cell phones or tablets that tell us what to listen to, what to wear, watch to watch and even who we are supposed to be. We don’t hear Jesus’ voice anymore, and it isn’t because He isn’t there, it’s because we aren’t listening and we are focused on the distractions telling us that we are the center of our own story and we can be who we want to be.


It can be hard to hear just one voice with all the distractions, unless it’s a voice you are very familiar with. The good news is that we can hear Jesus’ voice if we start to tune out all the distractions and just listen. Mary Magdalene, a woman who was close to Jesus, was so distracted by the fact that Jesus’ body was no longer at the tomb that when she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, she thought he was the gardener. It wasn’t until Jesus said her name that she recognized him. Jesus knows our name because he tells us, “Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you...” (Jeremiah 1:5) All we need to do is learn to hear and recognize Jesus’ voice. This is what our middle school retreat on April 6th is all about.

“Awakening” is meant to inspire middle school (6th – 8th grade) youth to shift from attempting to be the center of their own story to allowing Jesus to be their leader and guide. We need the Good Shepherd to guide us as our lives take different twists and turns. This retreat will not only allow youth to embrace Jesus as their shepherd, but also their local Church community, and recognize the

value of belonging to God’s flock. The day will begin at 7:30 a.m. with check-in and end at about 7:00 p.m. with dinner after the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Parents and siblings are invited to join us for dinner. You can register for the retreat by scanning the QR code on the flyer, or by picking up a paper registration in the Gathering Space or at the parish office. Registration is \$35 and scholarships are available if needed.

AWAKENING

A Middle School Retreat on Jesus the Good Shepherd



SCAN ME

REGISTER NOW

April 6, 2024
7:30 AM - 7 pm
St. Charles Borromeo
Catholic Church
Registration Cost \$35

REAL PRESENCE

EDGE



Holy Week / Easter Schedule

Sunday, March 24

8:00 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass
10:30 a.m. Palm Sunday Mass
3:00 p.m. Citywide Reconciliation Service
(at St. Gerard’s)

Tuesday, March 26

11:00 a.m. Chrism Mass
(at Rosary Cathedral in Toledo)

Wednesday, March 27

8:00 a.m. Mass

Thursday, March 28

6:00 p.m. Server Rehearsal
7:30 p.m. Holy Thursday Mass
9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration

Friday, March 29

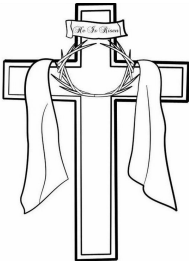
11:00 a.m. Server Rehearsal
12:30 p.m. Good Friday Service

Saturday, March 30

9:00 a.m. Server Vigil Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. RCIA Rehearsal
8:30 p.m. Holy Saturday Mass

Sunday, March 31

8:00 a.m. Easter Sunday
Mass
10:30 a.m. Easter Sunday
Mass



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MELODY KEARNS
Family Formation Coordinator

A Baby Shower for Mary and A New Christmas Tradition

December and January seemed to fly by, but we tried to get as much accomplished as we could. The children's lessons the past two months have been on the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Vocations and Holy Orders, and Anointing of the Sick.

Instead of a Christmas Party, we celebrated the Holy Family and the Baby Jesus by throwing a baby shower for Mary. The families and children brought in a wonderful supply of gifts for *Heartbeat of Lima*. The needs of Heartbeat fit in so well with our shower theme and was a great way to help the families and babies in our area. Heartbeat was very grateful and surprised by the amount of supplies we were able to donate and sent us two notes of thanks.

Before the shower, we began with a reading from Matthew 2:9-11 which told of the Men from the East who followed a star to find the Baby Jesus. They presented him with Frankincense, Myrrh, and Gold. The children discovered Frankincense and Myrrh came from trees in their land and were often used in oils and burned for their smell. The children were able to touch and smell all three of the gifts presented to the baby Jesus after our reading. Next, inside a gift package the children either wrote down or drew a picture of something they would give to the Baby Jesus. Each gift was placed in our make shift manger for Jesus' eyes only.

Families were then introduced to the Polish tradition of *Oplatki* which means "Angel Bread". The tradition is over 1,000 years old and represents the unity and foundation on Christ's Eucharistic love. The hope is to unite the family with the bonds of Christian charity. St. John Paul II, St. Maximilian Kolbe, and St. Faustina deeply loved this tradition. Resting in a bowl of hay were the small envelopes of the *Oplatki* wafers placed on each table. Placement of the envelopes on hay symbolized the simplistic way Jesus came to us. Lights were dimmed and the families stood in a circle with a lit star held up high. The head of each family began by breaking off a piece of the wafer, turning to the person to their right and greeting them with a kiss. The head of each family could say a short prayer for their family member or simply say aloud what they liked about this family member. The same procedure was followed until something was said to and by each member of the family. Families really enjoyed the experience. *Oplatki* is not expensive and provides a meaningful Christmas tradition which draws us nearer to each other. Afterwards, some families even go outside together to look for the special star. The process can be modified by the family and hopefully this will become a new Christmas tradition in some of our families.

Finally, we played pin the baby Jesus in the manger. This was a hit as families cheered for their family members to place their baby Jesus in the

manger. All children left the party with a small baby bottle filled with skittles adorned with a blue bow, since the baby was a boy, and a manger scene they could put together by placing the stickers in their proper place.



Benjamin Froehlich, grade 2, tries to beat his age group at being closest to putting baby Jesus in the manger.

Heartbeat of Lima is always in need of Formula, as it is so expensive, and other baby supplies just in case you are looking for a wonderful place to provide support. Their phone number is 419-222-7945. *Heartbeat of Lima's Mission is to create an atmosphere where every human heart feels cherished. We do this by offering hope, education, and resources to families who are pregnant or parenting children up to the age of three.*

In the January session, we reviewed the children's lesson on Samuel and his ability to hear the voice of the Lord. We asked the children if they were listening for God and if they could tell us what kind of things kept them from listening and praying. We discussed the sacrament of Holy Orders and talked about how discerning was an important part of everyone knowing or discovering what to do when they grow up or become adults. We talked about how prayer brings us closer to God and through the quiet times we could listen for God to speak to us. We read and acted out together "*Listening for God: Silence Practice for Little Ones*" by Katie Warner. Parents and children then practiced preparing for silence and being silent with only thoughts of God. We did less than a minute, however all participants did a wonderful job.

Children then colored and decorated a poster that said, *Speak Lord, Your Servant is Listening*. Children were encouraged to put the poster in their rooms or at the family prayer station.

Parents and children were then allowed to choose a Seminarian or Consecrated Life kit. Chil-

dren and parents were encouraged to pray for the person they chose. Children were encouraged to tell about themselves, ask questions, send pictures, and maybe even ask how they heard God call them.

**February W.O.G. Log
Winners: Theo Wilson,
grade 5 and Aubrey
Doseck, grade 2**



Summer Aebker to Perform with Lima Symphony Orchestra

Summer Aebker is *returning* to Lima and will be the soprano soloist for the Lima Symphony Orchestra's March 9 concert Joyful, Joyful! In addition, Lima Symphony Chorus members from our parish who will also be singing that evening include Natalie Buckholdt, Marianne Schmenk, Angie Herzog, Mike Herzog, David Gratz, Doug Daley, and Fr. Kent. Terri Rivetti, the sister of Laurieann Campbell, our Director of Operations, is the Principal Oboe with the Lima Symphony Orchestra.

Beethoven's iconic Ninth Symphony will conclude the evening. The melody from Beethoven's Ninth is so well known that we even sing it at church! We know it from our hymnals as *Sing with All the Saints* and also *Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee*.

This year, 2024, marks the bicentennial of the symphony's premiere in Vienna in 1824. Reportedly, Beethoven was completely deaf when he conducted the symphony for its premier. The symphony was considered revolutionary since it was the first to incorporate vocal soloists and a chorus.

Schiller's poem, *Ode to Joy*, which provides the original German text for the final, vocal movement of the symphony, is a call for peace and harmony in the world.

In the past two centuries, this symphony has been performed at major world events including a commemoration marking the fall of the Berlin Wall in November 1989. Leonard Bernstein conducted this historic concert which also signaled the end of the repressive Soviet Union and the Iron Curtain. Germany was now free to reunite and become the one nation that it is today.

What: Joyful, Joyful!
When: March 9, 2023, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Veterans Memorial Civic & Convention Center



**January W.O.G. Log
Winners: Caleb Myers,
Grade, 3 and Brekken Pohl-**

**EMILY NIESE**

Director of Liturgical Music Ministries



As of Valentine's Day, we find ourselves embarking on yet another Lenten Season. Liturgically, there are many elements which help us to focus on the penitential spirit of Lent. You may notice the barren altar, lack of flowers and other decorations around the church,

less embellished music, violet Lenten vestments, etc. These elements remind us to unite ourselves to Christ himself, and his experience of fasting and prayer for 40 days in the desert, helping to strip ourselves of distractions in order to focus more deeply on our relationship with Christ. The catechism tells us, "The seasons and days of penance in the course of the liturgical year (Lent and each Friday in memory of the death of the Lord) are intense moments of the Church's penitential practice" (1438) and "By the solemn forty days of Lent the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert" (540).

One noticeable musical element in the liturgy is the change in our Gospel Acclamation. Notably, the usual sung "Alleluia" is a different proclamation of praise for Lent. At St. Charles, we are singing, "Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory." The Gospel Acclamation is an

incredible part of the liturgy in which we prepare ourselves to receive Christ in the Word. Just as in the Liturgy of the Eucharist we receive him in the bread, in the Liturgy of the Word we receive him in the Gospel. The Roman Missal (62) tells us, "An acclamation of this kind constitutes a rite or act in itself, by which the gathering of the faithful welcomes and greets the Lord who is about to speak to them in the Gospel." This tells us that the Gospel Acclamation is an *action* rather than an *accompaniment*. This is very significant! Much of the music of the Mass is meant to accompany an action. For example, the communion hymn accompanies the act of receiving communion, where the act is of utmost importance. Alternatively, the Gospel Acclamation *is* the act, not the accompaniment. The carrying of the Gospel book is what actually accompanies the act of proclaiming the Gospel Acclamation. In church history, soloists singing the "Alleluia" would end it by ornamenting the final syllable with a grand musical extension, something St. Augustine called "joy without words," but formally titled the *jubilus**. I encourage you to a transformation of heart when singing this significant proclamation, the next time you are at Mass - remember this is the act by which we are *greeting* our Lord and *welcoming* him into the space!

Finally, I'm sure you have noticed the debut of our new Worship Now hymnals, purchased with the Liturgical Grant received last fall. These songs accent the liturgy with a beautiful emphasis on the person of Jesus and delving deeper into a personal

relationship with him. There are several songs in this hymnal categorized as Lenten hymns. I have put together a Spotify playlist of these songs if you would like to give them a listen as you go about your day or desire music that is Lent-oriented. You can use the following link to access the playlist: https://open.spotify.com/playlist/4VtG9U8OmojMtYZKt32lmf?si=o4VOFVCTxe1eW6rVLvRnA&pi=uprWGmHn_QKGd

Each song from the Worship Now Hymnal has one or more scripture references which I have listed here to compliment your Lenten listening and guide you to delve deeper into scripture alongside the music should you so wish!

At the Cross (Love Ran Red) Romans 5:8 | **Blessed Be Your Name** Genesis 14:20, Psalm 9:1-2 | **Desert Song** Isaiah 54:17, 1 Corinthians 15:57 | **From The Inside Out** Isaiah 60:19 | **God of Calvary** Isaiah 53:4-5, Romans 5:8 | **Here I Bow** Philippians 2:10 | **Jesus Son of God** Psalm 8 | **Lord I Need You** Hebrews 4:16 | **None But Jesus** Psalm 37:4, Galatians 2:20 | **Our God** Romans 8:31, Psalm 135:5 | **You Alone Can Rescue** Galatians 1:4 | **Your Great Name** 1 Kings 8:42, Isaiah 52:13-15, Isaiah 57:15-17, Lamentations 2:3-5, Hosea 14:3, Revelation 5:11-14 | **How Deep The Father's Love for Us** Isaiah 53:12, Ephesians

*Johnson, Lawrence J. "Alleluia/Gospel Acclamation; Sequence." *The Mystery of Faith*, Federation of Diocesan Liturgical Commissions, Washington D.C., Washington D.C., 2003, pp. 38.

2024



"KITCHEN KREW, BAKERS & DESSERT-MAKERS"



We have had a wonderful response of parishioners who would like to share their talent for baking or their time to help out! Please do not feel, however, we do not have room for one more! Again, we are gathering names to be added to our "Kitchen Krew" list, in case the need arises. We will call those on the list to help out fellow parishioners who wish to use our basement kitchen facilities. Some may be dealing with death and grief and need a place to gather for comfort, while others are wanting to host a gathering where food serves to bring everyone together in fellowship.

With the help of our new Multimedia Specialist, Brynna Schroeder, we have information/instruction forms to help each team on the day of that particular event. No need to worry about names, details or special requests. It will all be there for you.

For those in the planning stage, the Pastoral Council has updated the list of local restaurants who cater, with contact name and numbers.

This may be the perfect ministry for you to join. Not too much time is needed, if even called during the year, and yet you know you will be putting Jesus' words into action by helping others should the need arise. Again, there will be no cooking-knowledge required! There will only be a set-up and clean-up crew. Depending on the family's requests, we may need some homemade baked goods and will have a sign-up list for that. For those that love to bake but do not have the means to drop it off, drivers will be needed, as well.

Many of us have been in a position where one thing can lighten the load in a time of need. Let

us put our faith into action by adding your name to a list of volunteers to help when called as others are needing that one-time help.

Do not deceive yourselves by just listening to His Word, instead, put it into practice.
James 1:22

Please contact the office at: 419-228-7635 or info@stcharleslima.org to add your name!

Thank you for your consideration and blessings to you and your family!

Bert Vernon
Pastoral Council Member



The Redwing Reader St. Charles Catholic School



Happy Spring!

MEGAN SCHEID

Principal

Happy Spring! As spring brings hope, promise, and renewal, so does the season of Lent. During this season of Lent, we will be asking students and staff to slow down and reflect upon our values, faith, and sins for which we seek forgiveness and renewal. We are especially focusing on how we can grow in our faith and how emphasizing nature and new life during the Lenten season can be a beautiful and spiritually enriching way to do that. We appreciate every opportunity that families take to expand our children's experiences and truths as they grow in their personal relationship with God.

Speaking of growth, our re-enrollment process is in full swing and we are delighted to be working on our plans for the 2024-2025 school year. We are still very excited about the work we have done as a school community with our core values of Respect, Integrity, Serve, and Excel. We continue to build on those values and our root beliefs to fulfill the mission of our school. Be sure to secure your spot by returning your re-enrollment information. If you are interested in your child attending St. Charles for the first time please call the school office to set up a tour.



If your child will be attending kindergarten starting the 2024-2025 school year and will be new to St. Charles School, please call the school office at 419-222-2536 to set up an appointment for the Kindergarten Readiness Screening. Our program offers enriching experiences that will develop both the academic and the faith of your child.

Course of Study- Religion, Reading/Language Arts, Math, Science, Social Studies, Health, PE, Music, Art

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Social/Personal Development – Community Building, Life Skills, Guidance, Social Emotional skills

Enrichment Opportunities – Field Trips, Workshops, Guest Speakers

Excellent Student/Teacher Ratio

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Kindergarten Screening Date:

Monday, March 25, 2024

(screening will last about an hour)

Contact the school office (419)222-2536 for an appointment.

If you would like to have more information about our Kindergarten Program or our School, you may call the school office to set up an appointment.

Upcoming Events

<i>March 6 or March 9</i>	8th Grade Confirmation Parent/Student Session 2
<i>March 13</i>	No School - Staff Professional Development Day
<i>March 15</i>	End of 3rd quarter
<i>March 19</i>	All School Liturgy
<i>March 22-24</i>	8th Grade Damascus Confirmation Retreat
<i>March 29-April 2</i>	No School - Easter Break
<i>April 8</i>	Remote Learning Day - Solar Eclipse
<i>April 12</i>	5th Grade Mazza Field Trip
<i>April 17</i>	All School Liturgy
<i>April 20</i>	St. Charles School Benefit + Bash Event
<i>April 21</i>	8th Grade Confirmation
<i>April 23</i>	Spring Band Concert
<i>April 24</i>	1st Grade Hermon Woodlands Field Trip

Library News!

By Jennifer Thompson

Our 5th graders collaborated, presented, created, and used their critical thinking skills during their **2024 Mock Caldecott Election** this January. The Caldecott Medal is awarded annually by our 5th graders to the most distinguished picture book for children up to age 14 and published during the preceding year. This year, the 4th graders got to choose the winning medals that were designed by our 5th graders.

The winning book titles were:

Winner: The Tree and the River by Aaron Becker; Honor: BIG by Vashti Harrison; Honor: Jesus in Space by Cecilia Cicone

Medals for the winning books were designed by:

Winning medal: Allie Ambroza; Honor Medal: Allie Ambroza; Honor Medal: Harper Fields



Where Does Milk Come From?

By Mrs. Knarr

Third graders have been looking past the grocery store to see the process of bringing milk to their cereal bowls. The third-grade classrooms have each adopted a calf from a dairy farm in eastern Ohio. The calves are named Oreo and Jolene. The third grade has learned about the care of calves and why they are sep-



arated from their mothers after a day. We have monitored the growth of the calves and have received some great photos of our calves. In December, we met through a Zoo Meeting with Farmer Mackenzie who is the farmer taking care of our calves. Recently, the third-grade students made butter while learning more about their calves. This spring a field trip to the MVP Dairy Farm in Celina is being planned. While there, students will be educated on many aspects of farming and bringing that milk to their homes so they can have their cereal.



Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

By Mrs. Bollinger and Mrs. Henderson

What a fun project! We held our contest for our reduce, reuse, and recycle Valentine boxes. And the winners are...
1st - Jaxen Wilson, 2nd - Alec Thines, 3rd - Maycie Brock, Best use of color - Calvin Adcock, Student Choice - Charlotte Wolford

This was a science/language arts project/contest. Their box had to be an animal, creature, or a person (real or make believe). Whatever they created will become a main character in their adventure story. Now that Valentine's Day is over, and the winners of the contest have been announced, we can get started with our stories! Enjoy the photos of some of the fabulous creations by our wonderful 5th graders!



St. Charles 2024 Spelling Bee

By Theresa Lauck

Congratulations to Zoe Huber, the first-place winner, Miya Holis, securing second place, and Sophia Mack, claiming third place in the 21st annual St. Charles Spelling Bee. The intense competition spanned 18 rounds with Zoe earning the opportunity to represent St. Charles at the Allen County Bee on February 24th and the Lima News Regional Bee on March 12th—best wishes to Zoe in the upcoming competitions.



Winners left to right: Miya Hollis, Zoe Huber, and Sophia Mack



Some of the Spelling Bee participants awaiting their turns.

Staying Busy in 5-1

By Mrs. Henderson

What a third quarter so far! We have been so busy in our fifth-grade classroom. We are learning about the parts of the mass, working with fractions, and learning about the American Revolution. We are also becoming better writers by writing back and forth to our pen pals in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. D.A.R.E. class has been so much fun too with the Lima Police Officer. Wow! That is just a small portion of what we are doing. We have also received the results of the poetry contest we entered. I am proud to announce that I have thirteen new poets in my class. They are: Allie Ambroza, Gretchen Barhorst, Reed Bell, Claire Bowers, Maycie Brock, Gaby Bryan-Lanche, Sam Curtis, Jacob Duncan, Jay Krieg, Charley Miller, Kaya St. Clair, Grant Williams, and Jaxen Wilson. I can't wait to see their hard work published. Our most recent projects we have done have been the Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle Valentine boxes and our American Revolution Songs. What fun! We have had so much going on, but we are having a lot of fun learning and doing it all! We are looking forward to a wonderful spring!!!! Fingers crossed, the groundhog had it correct and spring is around the corner!

100 Days Smarter!

By Mrs. Jackson

We had a great time celebrating the 100th Day of School. We counted, did physical activities such as jumping for 100 seconds, danced to the 100th day of school songs and made a necklace using 100 beads. Each child received a certificate and a pair of 100th day glasses to celebrate this special occasion.



Second Quarter Honor Roll

MARK of EXCELLENCE

Grade 5: Gaby Bryan-Lanche, Henry Dickman, Kendyl Liening, Kaya St. Clair, Grant Williams
Grade 6: Olivia Barhorst, Elaine Brickner, Nicklaus Gronas
Grade 7: Addilynn Baldauf, Braylie Bensinger, Alana Heffner, Gracy Malcom, Corie Schnieders, Gwen Wolfcale
Grade 8: Brady Jacobs

HIGH HONORS

Grade 5: Allison Ambroza, Gretchen Barhorst, Reed Bell, Leon Blake, Aidan Carter, Ryen Cunningham, Sam Curtis, Jacob Duncan, Harper Fields, Cedric Flower, Samantha Harter, Jay Krieg, Sophia Mack, Ava Miroglio, Alec Thines, Raylan Tierney, Emma Venturella, Gracie Warrington, Jaxen Wilson

Grade 6: Tristan Badea, William Badgett, Anthony Hinegardner, Miya Hollis, Evelyn Iddings, Isbella Martello, Charlee Rexford, Nino Rodriguez, Audie Sielschott, Elliana Thompson, Katana Walter, Cooper Wende
Grade 7: Josie Declercq, Carter Feison, Austin McCain, Reese Merschman, Mataya Miller, Sam Venturella, Luke Weitz, Sam Williams
Grade 8: Jessica Blubaugh, Evan Brinkman, Rocco Cecala-Wells, Chris Coulbaly, Collin Frick, Ella Gronas, Milicent Ibeneme, Carter Pester, Joshua Reed

HONORS

Grade 5: Calvin Adcock, Claire Bowers, Jeremiah Eghan, Austin Ellis, Calvin Huber, Amaya Jackson,

Lillian Stover, Carlyn Wende, Charlotte Wolford
Grade 6: Lenna Bear, Natalie Buffington, Estella Ikegwuonu, Weston Kennedy, Peighton Oliphant, Hezekiah Thomas, Eziera White, Jack Whittaker, Brady Wilson
Grade 7: Eli Burris, Eli Fields, Nolan Howell, Zoe Huber, Hayden Nolte, Jo Rogers, Miahlynn Sinthalaphone, Landon Wilson
Grade 8: Alyssa Donley, Chayce Farrington, Brady Garlock, Aiden McCain, Jack Stumbaugh, Ryder Utz, Ella Warrington, Arabella Wilson



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.

From the Art Room

By Becky MacDonald



Eighth grade students, Aiden and Jessica have completed their “City Sunset” project. This project focused on perspective and color theory.



Even though we didn't receive much snow so far this season, second grade students Caitlyn, Leo and Mmasichi display their winter project “Catching Snowflakes”.

6th Grade students are ready for Rock the Night!

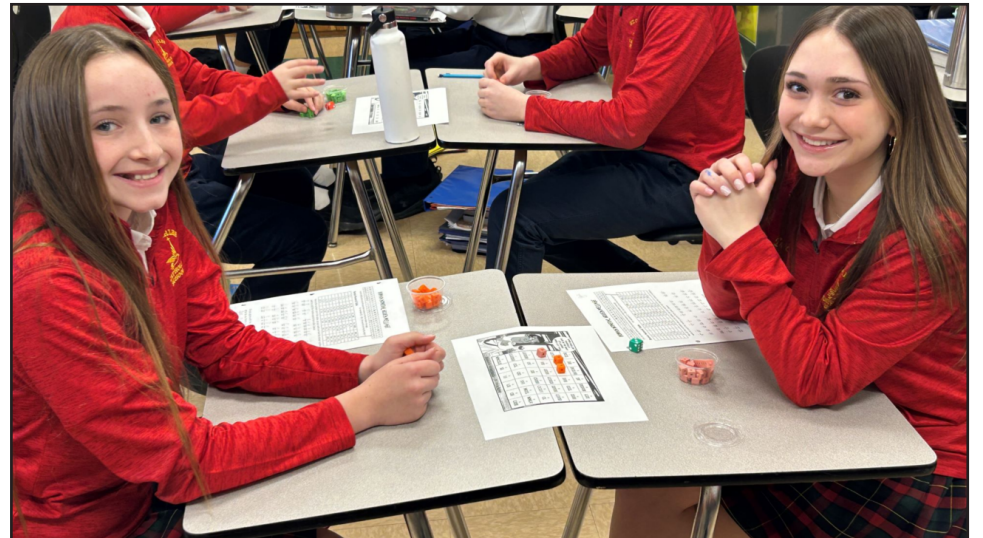
By Mary Niese

Classrooms are busy getting their items ready for your bids. 6th Grade classes want you to bid on this giant edition of Connect 4. Hope see everyone there in support of our school.

7th grade World History

By Mrs. Gronas

Mrs. Gronas's 7th grade students are currently studying the history of the Roman Republic and the Roman Empire. As part of their studies, they have been practicing decoding Roman numerals, something that they see in their 21st century world. Just think of their latest exposure to Roman numerals with this year's Super Bowl LVIII! Pictured here are students playing a game of BINGO to test their knowledge of Roman numerals!





Lima Central Catholic High School Academic News

Submitted by Carla Simmons

LCC students celebrated Christmas Around the World. We tried foods from France, Thailand, Spain, Italy, Haiti and America. We played some traditional Christmas games, listened to Christmas music, did a gift exchange and even got a surprise visit from Santa Claus!

Congratulations to our November Math Students of the month: Carolina Kill, Jaylon Patton and Laney Scheckelhoff.



Also, congrats to our top three students in the last Catholic Math League contest: Emily Morrissey (with an impressive 19/25!), Carson Caprella and Mya Raczynski!



Thank You to the six area priests who joined us on Wednesday, December 13th to celebrate the sacrament of Penance with the students and staff of Lima Central Catholic: Rev. Steve Blum, Fr. Mike Sergi, Fr. John McLoughlin, Fr. Dave Ross, Fr. Kent Kaufman, and Fr. Charles Obinwa. The T-Bird community is thankful for your spiritual guidance as we prepare for the coming of Christ this advent season.

We wrapped up Stress Less Week before semester exams. On Try-it-Out Tuesday, Mrs. Gronas shared a quick lesson on yoga techniques during SOAR; Maria and Emma passed out apples and bananas for Wellness Wednesday; On Friday, students received Stress Stars to help them during their exams.

Congratulations to our 2 top scorers for the latest Ohio Math League contest...Carson Caprella and Hayley Chambers!! Great job, Thunderbirds!

Congratulations to our AMC 12 (Nate Niemeyer) and AMC 10 (Alexa Heffner) winners for 2023! Their names will forever be on the wall at LCC for this accomplishment! Way to go!!!



Hog Creek Hardin is Ohio State Lima's Undergraduate literary magazine. They are a student-run journal that accepts submissions around Allen County. Submitting a short story or poem does not mean a guaranteed publication. They are reviewed by the OSU magazine staff and chosen for their creativity and superb writing. Lucy Bensinger (9th grade) submitted her short story, "Sky Islands," and earned her place in the current edition. Congratulations to Lucy for her hard work and dedication!

Congratulations to our math students of the month for December: Emily Blankemeyer, Mikey Cooper and Olivia Joseph! Way to go!!!

Thunderbirds Help 2 Others (H2O) service group volunteered at Christian Corners Community Center volunteering on MLK Day! Great job T-Birds!

During the sophomore annual retreat, students had the opportunity to strengthen their faith and get to know their classmates better. The retreat became a meaningful step in spiritual and personal growth for the Class of 2026!

Boys to Men is a mentorship program pairing upper-classmen with freshmen boys to help them acclimate to high school. They've met several times this year. Friday was the first meeting in 2024, focusing on 3rd quarter goals. This brotherhood that has been formed will last a lifetime!

2nd Quarter recipients of Leadership by Example were: Lucy Bensinger (9), Aidan Keating (10), Maria Pignataro (11) and Mikey Cooper (12). Congrats T-Birds!



Congratulations to Sophomore Alexa Hefner for having the highest score for the 4th Ohio Math League contest of the year! Way to go, Alexa!

We had a full week of celebrating Catholic Schools Week at LCC! Monday, students delivered cookies to the Lima fire and police departments to celebrate our community. Thanks for all you do!

Biology students spent a week learning about the structure of DNA. They made paper models of the molecular structure of DNA and extracted DNA from strawberries in a lab. They are also building structural models of DNA as a project requirement.

Save the Date

- 3/4/24 TPC Planning Meeting
- 3/8/24 End of 3rd Quarter
- 3/13/24 No school. Professional Development Day
- 3/15 to 3/17/24 All School Musical
- 3/29 to 4/2/24 Easter Break
- 4/9/24 Academic Letter Award Ceremony
- 4/16 to 4/19/24 End of Course Testing
- 4/20/24 Junior/Senior Prom
- 4/22 and 4/23/24 2-hour delay for students not taking end of course exams
- 4/27/24 Win 4 Kids Raffle Drawing

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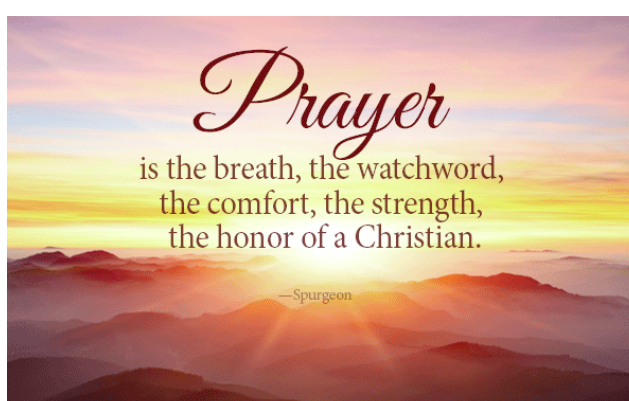


On February 17th, 2024, fourteen women from our Walking with Purpose program attended the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference. It was an incredible experience! We highly recommend that you mark your calendar for next year's event on Feb. 15th, 2025. Please join us!! All women are welcome! We car-pool together and have dinner afterwards. This year's event included many inspirational speakers: Claire Dwyer, author of "This Present Paradise: A Spiritual Journey with St. Elizabeth of the Trinity"; Heather Khym, co-host of the internationally popular Abiding Together Podcast; Fr. Tim Anastos, one of 50 National Eucharistic Preachers, rekindling the eucharistic faith; Archbishop Timothy Broglio, ordained by His Holiness St. John Paul II;



and Fr. John Burns, author of "Return: A Lent Journal for Prayer and Meditation" and other reflective books. The day was filled with a Holy Hour like no other, Confession, Catholic Organization Exhibits, lunch, and Holy Mass. Many of the women were able to touch the relics of Padre Pio from the Padre Pio Relic Veneration Tour. This year's conference was a joyful experience full of beautiful music from an angelic choir as well as music by Marie Miller.

Jeanna Stallkamp



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