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## A Call to Orders: Ordination to the Order of Deacons

Dear Friends in Christ,

When you hear of a *Call to Orders* what comes to mind? “Call to orders” is the terminology used by the Church when it comes to the immediate preparation for ordination. Most often, we think of it for the ordination of a deacon or a priest, but it can also be used in the ordination of a bishop.

On March 18, three seminarians of our diocese received the call to Orders for the diaconate. One was parishioner Kevin McGraw; another was my cousin from Glandorf, Eric Kaufman; and the third was our neighbor from Bluffton, Travis Kahle. With the help of the seminary staff, our Vocations Director, Fr. Phil Smith, and other priests and members of staff in parishes where they have assisted these past years of formation, Bishop Thomas discerned that they are ready for the next step toward becoming a priest.

Kevin, Eric, and Travis will be ordained to the (transitional) diaconate at Rosary Cathedral on Saturday, May 18, at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to this joyous Mass for our diocese. God willing, after a year serving as transitional deacons, the three will be ordained priests—once again at Rosary Cathedral.

Deacon Fred and Deacon Jon were also ordained to the same diaconal ministry but as “permanent” deacons. This means they are not aspiring to be priests, but are prepared to serve as deacons. A permanent deacon must be at least 35 years old and if married, he will need the explicit support of his wife and family before proceeding with formation and discernment.

To be clear, nobody can be ordained to the diaconate or priesthood unless he is first called to orders by a bishop who has been appointed to lead a diocese. The apostolic nuncio (an ambassador for the pope appointed for a particular nation in the world) makes the “call to orders” for any new bishop to be ordained in that nation.

The Rite of Ordination takes place during a Mass after the proclamation of the Gospel. The candidates are presented to the bishop. Then, after an examination or inquiry of the candidates, the bishop will “elect” them to be ordained. He will declare that he has chosen the candidates to be ordained. This is reminiscent of the “election” by the early Christian community when they chose the first seven deacons. Once elected, the bishop will then preach the homily, instructing the candidates on what it means to be a deacon.

Next, the candidates will make their promise of celibacy which is followed by an examination that includes a promise of prayer. All diaconate candidates who are unmarried (whether for

transitional or permanent) make a promise of celibacy during the ordination. Those candidates for the permanent diaconate who are married at the time of ordination promise to not remarry should their wife precede them in death.



Kevin McGraw

Then each candidate goes individually to the bishop and places his joined hands in those of the bishop as he makes his promise of obedience to the bishop and his successors. Once all have completed this, the bishop invites the people to pray that the “Father will mercifully pour out his blessings on these servants whom, in his kindness, he raises to the sacred Order of the diaconate.”

Afterwards, in one of the more dramatic moments in the liturgy, all the diaconal candidates will lie prostrate on the floor, while everyone else will kneel in prayer for them. At this time, the litany of the saints is chanted. We are reminded that not only the faithful on earth, but also the entire Church in heaven is praying for these men.

Bishop Thomas will then extend his hands over all the candidates. This begins the most important part of the ceremony—the ordination itself. He prays the prayer of consecration and asks God to draw near, recalling the gift of the first deacons. The bishop continues, “Send forth upon them, Lord, we pray, the Holy Spirit, that they may be strengthened by the gift of your sevenfold grace for the faithful

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## Enhancing St. Charles Borromeo Parish: A Call to Support Capital Projects

As May Visitation approaches, I am excited to share updates on the upcoming capital projects at St. Charles Borromeo Parish. Your continued support is vital in ensuring the improvement and maintenance of our church grounds, and I urge you to consider contributing to this long-standing campaign.

This season, our focus turns to essential repairs before embarking on a significant addition to our infrastructure: the installation of a much-needed elevator. While we eagerly anticipate this transformative project, we must address immediate needs to safeguard our beloved church sanctuary.

### Cupola Stained Glass Window Repairs

One pressing concern is the deterioration of the cupola stained glass windows. Over the years, water penetration has caused damage to the window framing, leading to multiple leaks during rainstorms and harm to the church pews. To rectify this, we plan to remove the stained-glass panels, reframe the window structure, and then replace the double pane clear glass on the outside, then return the stained glass to its original place. This essential project is estimated to cost approximately \$91,728, not including the cost to move and temporarily store the stained glass. We do however have an anonymous donor who has already contributed \$50,000 towards this project, making the church's cost much less.

### Sidewalk Restoration

Additionally, we must address the disintegrating concrete along the east sidewalk, spanning from the church's roof overhang to the Gathering Space. This area, crucial for congregation and visitor access, requires immediate attention to ensure safety and aesthetics. The estimated cost for this repair is \$15,900. Furthermore, we anticipate replacing the remaining sidewalks surrounding the church in phases, with a significant portion being addressed as part of the elevator construction project.

### Elevator Addition

While our plans for the elevator are underway, with an estimated cost of \$600,000, we are diligently working through quotes and seeking approval from the Diocese. We anticipate the construction to take place sometime in 2025, which is not as soon as we wished. A combination of factors has contributed to this delay, such as coordination of a multitude of contractors, and a deluge of Capital Project approval requests through the Diocese as a result of the Living Christ Campaign.


As previously mentioned, we have reserved funds to cover any shortfalls from Living Christ Campaign pledges. However, we appeal to your generosity to ensure we have sufficient resources, especially considering unforeseen complications and rising inflation.

As we approach Visitation Sunday, I urge our parish families to contribute generously to

support these crucial endeavors. Your donations play a pivotal role as we advance toward realizing our vision for St. Charles Borromeo Parish.

Together, let us continue to enhance our parish community and ensure that St. Charles Borromeo remains a beacon of faith, fellowship, and service for generations to come.

Thank you for your unwavering support!



### St. Charles Borromeo

<i>Our Parish Goal:</i>	<i>\$1,260,000.00</i>
<i>Our Parish Pledge Total:</i>	<i>\$1,551,040.92</i>
<i>Cash Collected to Date:</i>	<i>\$564,133.53</i>
<i>Percent of Cash Collected to Date:</i>	<i>35%</i>
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### St. Charles Catholic Church Mission Statement

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**To build a community of faith  
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Pastoral Council, June 2018


### PARISH INFORMATION

The various activities and mainstries of the parish will be posted to our parish website at [stcharleslima.org](http://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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carrying out the work of the ministry.” He then intercedes for them, asking the Lord to grant them growth in holiness.

After this, each candidate goes to the bishop and kneels before him. The bishop lays his hands on the candidate’s head, in silence. This is the “laying on of hands” found in the first ordination. The man is ordained a deacon.

After all the candidates have been ordained, assisting deacons or priests will help the new deacons put on first a deacon’s stole and then a vestment called the dalmatic.

Each newly ordained deacon then goes to the bishop and kneels before him. The bishop places the Book of the Gospels in the hands of the newly ordained, saying, “Receive the Gospel of Christ whose herald you have become. Believe what you read, teach what you believe, and practice what you teach.”

Finally, the bishop stands and gives the kiss of peace to each new deacon. The Celebration of the Eucharist then continues as usual.

I hope that you will consider going to the cathedral to pray for Kevin and his classmates. If you are not able to travel to Toledo, you can also watch on livestream at: [www.toledopriesthood.org](http://www.toledopriesthood.org).

Anyone who wishes to carpool to the cathedral can just meet in the St. Charles parking lot by 7:30 a.m. on that Saturday morning. It takes about 75 minutes to get there, but getting there a little early will not only help in getting a good seat, but also provide time to appreciate the artwork and beauty of our cathedral. A light reception will follow the Ordination Liturgy next door to the cathedral in the Monsignor Bernard Smith Auditorium.

Then on Sunday, May 19, the brand-new Deacon Kevin McGraw will be back at St Charles assisting and preaching at both our 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses. I definitely hope to see you all present on this very special Pentecost Sunday!

In these final weeks before ordination, please join me in praying for Kevin and the other candidates as they open their hearts and their very lives to the will of God.

*Fr. Kent*



## Listen Everywhere

St. Charles has recently installed equipment in the church audio system to help aid in listening to the Mass. Anyone with a smartphone can download the Listen Everywhere app and tune in to a channel to listen. Connect with Bluetooth hearing aids, cochlear implants, or even your own earbuds! Use the QR code to download the Listen Everywhere app, or follow the steps below.



- At church, go on your phone, and go to settings, Wi-Fi, and click the Network titled: Church Listening. Enter the password: Church Listening.

- Once connected, go to the App Store and search, Listen Everywhere. It is a light blue icon with a headphones symbol. Click Get.

- Once installed, open the app. There may be a notification. Choose Allow. You will see that you are connected to 2 audio channels. Click on the 1st channel to listen.

*“I want to thank you for the audio aid that is now available at Saint Charles. I used it at the 5:00 pm Mass yesterday for the first time and it was great. I have always been frustrated by the acoustics at St. Charles...but yesterday I was able to understand every word that was spoken not just by you, but everyone else who used a microphone. Thanks again for making access to this feature possible.”*

~ Greg Garlock

### NEW PARISHIONERS

Chuck & Judy Bowers  
Adrienne Endsley  
Jean & Leveilleuse Fortune  
Daniella Adesso Simons  
Hannah Stoll  
T.J. & Hailey Torres  
Scott Willeke

### NEWLY BAPTIZED

Lincoln James Andrews  
Zack Joshua Goldsberry  
Evelyn Rose Torres

### IN MEMORIAM

Linda Fanger  
Marie (Tiz) Guangenti  
Jean Ann Hotz  
Nancy Steele  
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## Position Available:

### Director of Liturgical Music Ministries

St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Lima, OH (Diocese of Toledo) is seeking a full-time Director of Liturgical Music Ministries. St. Charles is a thriving parish of 1,350 families and a 400-student school. Established music ministries include Cantors, Adult Choir, Handbell Choirs, and Youth Choir.

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

The ability to work well with the parish leadership team and the various liturgical ministers is also an essential requirement.

This full-time position includes benefits and compensation commensurate to experience, skill, and education. A practicing Catholic and registered member of the Catholic parish faith community is preferred. The position is currently available and will remain open until filled, with the hope that the position will be filled no later than June 1, 2024.

How to Apply:

Interested candidates are invited to submit their resume and a cover letter explaining their interest in the position and relevant qualifications. Please send your application to [careers@stcharleslima.org](mailto:careers@stcharleslima.org).

St. Charles Catholic Church is an equal opportunity employer and welcomes candidates of all backgrounds and faiths to apply. We thank all applicants for their interest; however, only those selected for an interview will be contacted.



**MELODY KEARNS**  
Family Formation Coordinator

## Sacraments, Lent, and the Ten Commandments

In February, the children learned the sacrament of Anointing the Sick is one of the seven sacraments, especially intended to give strength to those who are suffering from a serious illness. The outward signs of Anointing the Sick are the oil, the laying on of hands, the prayer, and the priest. They also discovered only a priest is the minister of this sacrament, anointing the sick on the forehead and hands with duly blessed oil, pressed from olives and blessed by the bishop.

Children identified the parts of the Mass where healing can be experienced by all. These parts include the Confiteor, the Our Father, and during Holy Communion. Emphasis was placed on the Holy Eucharist providing food to assist the sick on their journey as well as provide spiritual strength and forgiveness.

The older children also discovered that the sacrament of Anointing the Sick is mentioned in the bible, specifically James 5:13-16. Each class had an age appropriate story to read containing information on the sacrament of the Sick. The children in grades K-3 read "Grandma's Anointing". Children in grades 4-5 read "My Anointing," based on a true story.

Parents were encouraged to call the Parish Office to schedule an appointment when a family member or loved one has been seriously ill for a while, or is physically weak due to age or illness, or maybe they will be having a serious operation, or dying. We talked about trying to call early enough so their loved one can receive the Eucharist and Reconciliation. If our loved one is reluctant, they may just need some encouragement to receive the sacrament.

During our second session in February, we began refreshing our understanding of Lent and the children identified their Lenten Promises. We began with a short Brother Francis video, "Let's Learn About Lent." Brother helped children identify Ash Wednesday as the beginning of Lent, and Good Friday as the end. Brother Francis said the reason ashes are put on our forehead was to remind us that one day God will call our souls to heaven and the ashes help us to remember God is our creator.

The children discovered Lent was a time for us to think about the actions in our own life not pleasing to God. Jesus showed us how to do this when he went out in the desert and prayed for 40 days, after he was baptized. Brother Francis said we should follow Jesus and pray for the 40 days of Lent, with our family and the church. It is important for us to think about the things which may make us sin so we can ask God for help to turn away from sin and grow closer to him. For example, our anger could lead us to be mean to others and say or do things that are hurtful. Brother Francis said Reconciliation is a good way cleanse our hearts of sin.

We went through the rules of fasting and how fasting is a sacrifice. Sacrifice can make us stronger spiritually in our hearts and bring us closer to God. We discussed other sacrifices we could make. A couple of examples were giving up television and instead help Mom, Dad, or a sibling during this time. Maybe we could save our money instead of spending it on ourselves and give the money we save to the poor. It is important to talk to your parents ahead of Lent so your parents can help you decide what you can do for Lent.

The Stations of the Cross are an important prayer which reminds us of how much Jesus loves us. The older students led the parents and younger children in The Stations of the Cross. The younger children held up pictures of each station and we ended them with a closing prayer.

Children worked with their parents to create a Lenten Promise each could try to complete over Lent this year. The children were encouraged to track their weekly success by selecting one of three different smiley emojis. The motto of the activity was, "**Make small sacrifices each day to bring you closer to Jesus!**"

In March, Deacon Fred Wuebker spoke to the parents on the topic of the 10 Commandments while the children were with the catechists learning about them too.

The Ten Commandments (Exodus 20) are not meant to bind us or fence us in, but to give freedom. In Matthew

19:16-22, you will find the story of a rich young man who asked Jesus how to get to heaven. Jesus told him, "If you wish to enter into life, keep the Commandments." When the man asked, "Which ones?" Jesus replied, "Do not commit murder; do not commit adultery; do not accuse anyone falsely; respect your father and your mother; and love your neighbor as you love yourself." There is great freedom in obedience, and we can obey God wholeheartedly because He has proven Himself worthy of our trust.



**Deacon Fred talking to parents about the Ten Commandments**

The Commandments can be divided into two categories: love and obedience to God, and love and respect of our neighbor. The first three commandments show how we can respond to God's love for us, while the next seven teach us how to treat our fellow man. We unite ourselves to God when we obey the Commandments.

The Ten Commandments are guidelines given to help us become holy and pleasing to God. The children know the commandments help us to be happy and safe. We can also use the commandments to examine our conscience prior to Reconciliation.

We also read from *Our Sabbath Scripture Book* for the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent. With the help of the Pauline family the children realized we may have to adjust our schedule and what we want to do, so we can serve others. Knowing how important serving is the children brainstormed some ways they could serve the Lord. The story was based on John 12:20-33.

The children were encouraged to use kid friendly language to better understand each commandment and how they fit into their lives. We played a modified version of Family Feud to review the Ten Commandments.

Questions were written to match the grade level of the children allowing the playing field to be even.

Parents and children worked on a Mass activity where parts of the Mass had to be put in the correct order. The children are still participating in the Mass Challenge and this activity was a great review. The younger children used pictures to identify the parts of the Mass. The hope is for the children to become more comfortable and aware of what happens at Mass and encouraging them to become active participants in the Mass.



**Caleb Myers, Grade 3 and Madelyn Jones, Grade 4 W.O.G. Log**



**Lillian Buckholdt, Grade K and Alexis Kaufman, Grade 4 W.O.G. Log Winners**



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**EMILY NIESE**  
Director of Liturgical  
Music Ministries

## Farewell and Thank You

As many of you know, April 6th/7th was my last weekend with St. Charles. I could not leave without first giving a proper farewell, as I did at Mass. For those who weren't at St. Charles this weekend, I would like to share that here.

I will begin by sharing a quote. The quote says, "How do you live in God? By **drawing near**, being loved, and then in **response, obey** and teach others to love Him by **living a witness to His being alive in you.**"

This is a quote from a devotional put together by the Carmelite Sisters of the Most Sacred Heart of Los Angeles - an order very special to me as my dear friend entered that order this past August. When I read the quote, I thought, "I don't think there could be any more fitting way to describe my experience here at St. Charles." Drawing near in prayer is where I heard God call me to St. Charles, responding in obedience is what led to me accepting this position, and while here, it has been my genuine goal to truly be that witness of Him alive in me. Through our baptism and Holy Eucharist, He is alive in each one of us, and wants to inspire you to do something great with your life (as St. John Paul II reminds us in his address at World Youth Day in August 2000)\*. So never stop asking Him what He wants *for* you - He always has more.

Thank you for receiving me as your Director of Liturgical Music Ministries. Serving you all has been one of the greatest joys of my entire life. I have never held a job of such magnitude of

love - love being a gift of myself just as much as being received. There are not enough words to express the depth of my gratitude - thank you.

After doing some number crunching, I realized there were around 93 volunteers that I got to work with on a weekly basis - that is a massive part of my heart that you all will always have - and so although many of you have gotten to know me over the last 15 months, my real hope is that you have come to know Christ at least a little more through me, because in Him, you have everything.

In this Easter season, we hear frequently from the Acts of the Apostles, and so I will leave you with a verse from Acts chapter 20, verse 24, which says, "Yet I consider life of no importance to me, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to bear witness to the Gospel of God's grace." To God be all the glory. Thank you.

\*Quote from St. John Paul II at World Youth Day 2000, "It is Jesus in fact that you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; he is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is he who provokes you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is he who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is he who reads in your hearts your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle. **It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives**, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."



## Maureen Kaskel - Outreach Coordinator

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

I have been asked to tell you a bit more about myself as the new Outreach Coordinator. First, I am a Delphos native and graduate of St. John's High School, Class of '71. Please know that, in the 'Battle of the Birds', I always root for the LCC Thunderbirds! Both my children have graduated from LCC as has one granddaughter with 2 more grands coming up.

That being said, and with some fast math computation, it's obvious that I am 70 years young! Granted, it's a big number, but I do not feel old in the least. Full retirement was not for me, as it prompted feelings of restlessness and social isolation. This 20 hour/week position is ideal.

In addition, I am a graduate of St. Vincent Hospital, School of Nursing in Toledo and am blessed to have had a very interesting 45-year career in Nursing. Areas worked: CCU/ COU, ICU, Hemodialysis, Education, and most recently, Community Patient Navigation in Grand County, Colorado. Fr. Kent felt that the healthcare background would be an asset for visitation to our Parishioners in the Nursing Home, Assisted Living, and those who are Homebound. I wholeheartedly agree!

If you have any questions or would like to request a visit on behalf of one of our Parishioners in a facility or homebound, please do call me at the Parish Office (419-228-7632) Ext. 3008, or Email: [kaskelm@stcharleslima.org](mailto:kaskelm@stcharleslima.org) We have a wonderful network of volunteers who deliver the Eucharist to the homebound and those in long-term care facilities on First Fridays and Sundays. There are a few 'holes' in the schedule, so we would welcome a few more volunteers for this ministry, specifically for the 2nd, 3rd or 4th Sundays of the month. It's only a one day/month commitment, and I promise you will get heartfelt smiles of appreciation!

In addition, we are planning on reactivating Support Groups for Divorced and Bereaved. If you are interested in either one of these, please contact me at the number or email above to be put on the list. Dates and times TBD by participant consensus.



Parishioners John & Toni Moore, transporting Paul B., a resident of Wyngate to Easter Sunday Mass.



I hope everyone is enjoying the beautiful spring days that we have been having; I know that my family has. Family Promise has some exciting news - they have a new website. The website is [www.familypromiseoflima.org](http://www.familypromiseoflima.org). Please go to the website and check things out. Click on Get Involved and fill out the volunteer form and see how you can help.

I am going to sign the St. Charles Parish up for a week of meals in June. The dates that I have signed up for are June 10<sup>th</sup> through June 14<sup>th</sup>. If you are willing to make a meal or part of a meal and help serve the meal that would be great. My name is Katie Marsh, and you can call or text me at 419-230-1722 or e-mail me at [skmarsh\\_08@outlook.com](mailto:skmarsh_08@outlook.com). If you are not able to help with meals that's ok.

There are some other things you could help with. Family Promise needs gas cards, waterproof mattress pads (twin, full, queen sizes), twin air mat-

tresses with air pumps, snacks for kiddos, paper products (plates, napkins, paper towels, plastic silverware), cleaning supplies, hygiene products for men, women, and children, totes, heating pads, over the counter medicine for adults and children, work boots- men and woman all sizes, and large flashlights.

Family promise is going to be having their 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Family Promise Golf outing held at Hidden Creek Golf Course on July 27<sup>th</sup>. Keep an eye on the website for more information on the golf outing coming soon.

If you have any questions on Family Promise, please reach out to me. Also, if you would like to tour the facility or have specific questions, please feel free to contact Jamie at 419-879-4600. Lastly, I would like to thank the men's group at St. Charles for doing a week of meals in December and a week of meals in April. I truly appreciate your help.



# The Redwing Reader

## St. Charles Catholic School



**MEGAN SCHEID**

Principal

### Wrapping Up the 2023-2024 School Year

As we approach the final months of the school year, it's a time for reflection, gratitude, and celebration of our achievements. The past academic year has been filled with challenges, growth, and moments of grace, and I am immensely proud of our school community for the resilience and dedication demonstrated throughout.

#### Academic Updates:

With the end of the year in sight, our students and faculty are working diligently to finish the academic year strong. We have really worked hard to help the students develop a growth mindset to help them continue to achieve. As we wrap up the curriculum, we encourage students to seek assistance if needed, utilize resources available to them, and stay focused on their studies. Let's finish the year with excellence and a commitment to lifelong learning.

#### Faith and Service:

Our Catholic faith is at the heart of everything we do, and as we continue the season of Easter, let us continue to reflect on the message of hope, renewal, and love that it brings. Our students have been actively engaged in various service projects throughout the year, embodying the values of compassion and empathy. Let us continue to nurture these virtues within our community and beyond.

#### Upcoming Events:

**May Crowning:** We will be honoring the Blessed Virgin Mary with our annual May Crowning ceremony on May 1. This beautiful tradition reminds us of Mary's role as our heavenly mother and encourages us to emulate her virtues of humility and devotion.

**Positive Addiction Week:** Positive Addiction Week is scheduled for May 6-10. This event began at St. Charles in 1983 and we are proud to say that the program is still going strong 41 years later. The students receive intense education concerning drugs, alcohol, and mental health. Special Workshops will be held for sixth, seventh, and eighth grade students. The week will culminate with our 5k race with the Lima Catholic CommUNITY on May 10th.

**1st Holy Communion:** Our second graders have been diligently preparing for their First Holy Communion which will take place on Sunday, May 5th at 1:00 p.m. This sacrament marks a significant step in their spiritual journey as they receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. We are grateful for the dedication of our teachers and catechists who have guided them on this path of faith.

**Field Day:** To commemorate the conclusion of another successful school year, the Parent Task Force will be hosting a Field Day for the students on May 17th. This will be a time for our school students to come together, enjoy each other's company, and celebrate our talents.

**Graduation Ceremony:** We eagerly anticipate celebrating the achievements of our graduating class of 2024! The graduation ceremony will take place on May 22nd at 6:30 p.m., where we will bid farewell to our 8th graders and send them forth with blessings for their future endeavors.

**Last Day of School:** The last day of school will be May 24th. We invite our school community to join us for our annual End-of-Year Closing Mass and Awards Ceremony. We will begin the day with Mass, where we will gather as a community to give thanks for the gifts and graces bestowed upon us throughout the year. Following the Mass, we will

transition into the Awards Ceremony, a special moment to recognize and honor the outstanding achievements of our students and staff. Academic excellence, leadership, service, and other notable accomplishments will be acknowledged during this ceremony.

#### Parental Involvement:

We deeply appreciate the ongoing support and involvement of our parents and guardians in our Parent Task Force. Events such as the father/daughter and mother/son nights, Trunk or Treat, the Santa Social, and Field Day would not be possible without this group. As we look ahead to the next academic year, we encourage parents to stay engaged with the school community and participate in various activities and events. If you are interested in getting involved with the Parent Task Force please contact April Sroufe at [aprilsroufe@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilsroufe@yahoo.com).

#### Closing Thoughts:

As we prepare to bid farewell to the current school year, let us take a moment to express gratitude for the blessings we have received and the growth we have experienced. May the summer months ahead be filled with joy, relaxation, and cherished memories with family and friends.

Thank you for your continued support and dedication to our school's mission. May God bless you abundantly.



The St. Charles School boys and their favorite female (mom/grandma/aunt/sister) enjoyed a great St. Charles Community event hosted by the Parent Task Force. The Silent Disco Glow Party was a huge hit!!

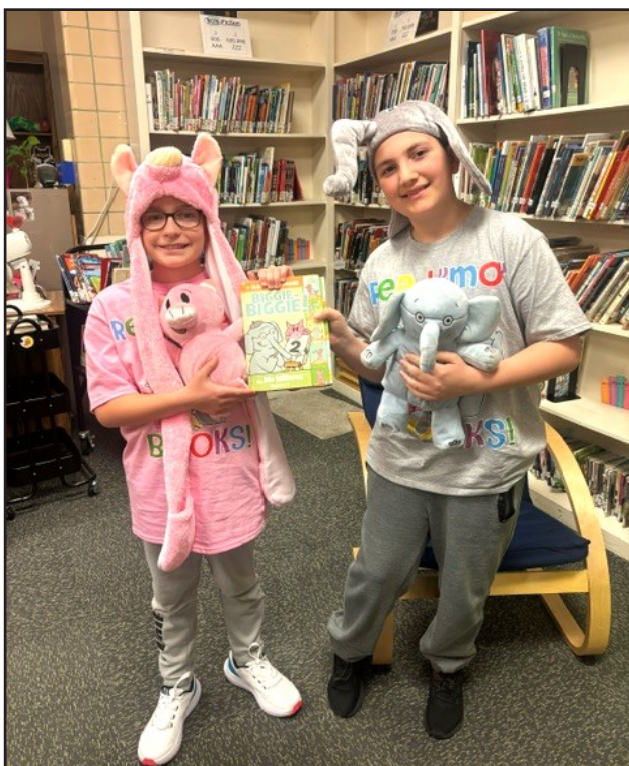
# Out of this World Readers!

By Jennifer Thompson



\*Shouts to the whole world!\* 📖 WE DID IT!! 📖 St. Charles Catholic School read to the moon (and WAY beyond)! From September to March, we challenged our students to read the miles to the moon (238,855) in book pages before the solar eclipse, and we surpassed that amount! Together, as a school, we read... \*drumroll\* 864,530 pages!

Friday, April 5th was the grand celebration so, they got to watch a movie and enjoy popcorn. Also, it was a jeans day with the theme to dress like a book character. Once again, they did NOT disappoint! I am so PROUD to be a Redwing!



# Maple Syrup Time

By Alexis Heitmeyer

On Tuesday March 5th, the fourth-grade class visited the Johnny Appleseed Park to learn about the process of making maple syrup. The kids traveled through the forest, explored the sugar shack, viewed taxidermy animals, interacted with living animals, and learned how to harvest tree sap! We even got to try pure maple syrup and maple sugar! The rangers were so impressed with the respectful and God-honoring behavior of the St. Charles students. One volunteer mentioned "I'm so touched to see that children still pray before their meals" This is so cool to see!" Our fourth graders were the first ever class at this field trip to have the privilege of making special maple syrup keychains due to their exceptional behavior.



# SCCS Students: Safe and SMART Solar Eclipse



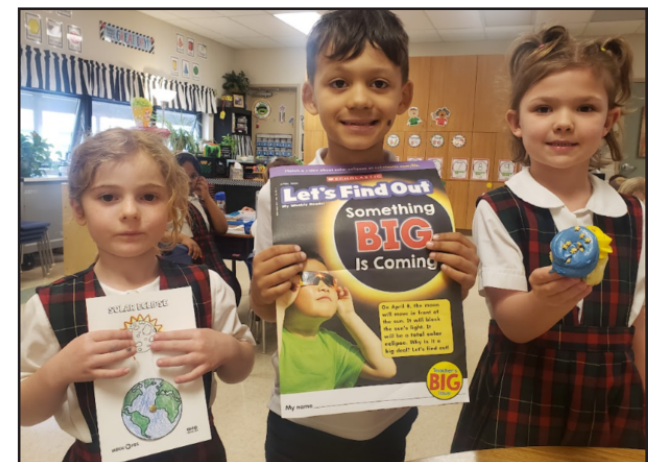
In Kindergarten, we learn about the day and night sky and WHAT we see in both! This year, we get to do more than see the sun, stars, clouds, and moon - we get to see a rare event: A SOLAR ECLIPSE!

On Friday, during our 'Read to the Moon' Movie time celebration, we learned about the AMAZING Solar System to which we belong.

We made a promise NOT to look at the sun without our SOLAR glasses! We were fortunate to have solar eclipse glasses donated to the entire school! Every student received a pair of ISO-approved glasses. We also learned about WHAT was going to happen by making a model of the sun, moon, and earth!

I was certain that the kids were prepared to experience the Solar Eclipse on Monday, April 8. I WAS SO WRONG! This life-changing event

was so much more than anyone could imagine. Best Learning event ever! On our return to school on Tuesday, the kids shared their solar eclipse stories! We completed our day with Solar Eclipse Cupcakes! YUM!



Savannah (holding model), Jaxson holding our Let's Find Out, and Rebecca holding the delicious solar eclipse cupcake!

## Fifth Graders Travel to the



## Magic at the Mazza

By Mrs. Henderson

On Friday, April 12th, the fifth graders were able to take a field trip to the Mazza Museum because of a generous donation made to our school library. The Mazza Museum, located at Findlay University, is the first and largest teaching gallery specializing in original art found in children's literature. We all had an opportunity to enjoy a fun-filled bus ride, tour the museum, eat lunch together, and create some really cool clay art in the Mazza's STEAM room. What an awesome place to visit and experience!

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 process between publishers, authors and illustrators. Their favorite gallery overall was the paper engineering (also known as Pop-up books!) room featuring Harry Potter this year. They even participated in a scavenger hunt taking them through all of the six galleries.

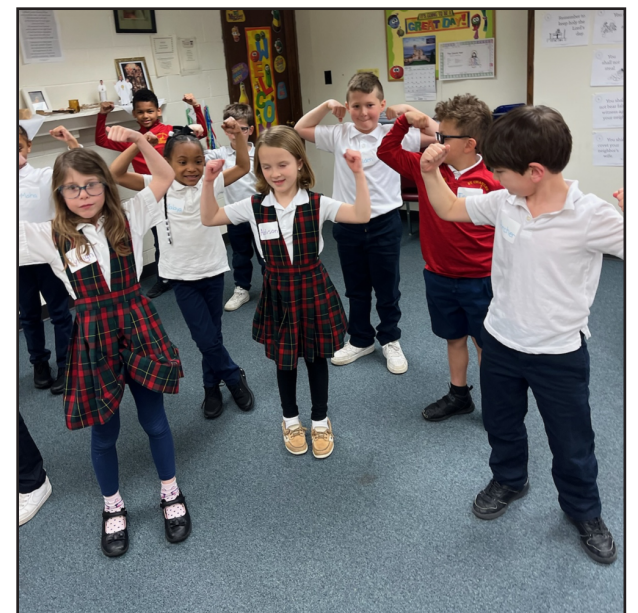
Mrs. MacDonald, Mrs. Thompson, Mrs. Bollinger and I were happy to have this opportunity with our fifth graders, and we were very proud of the way they represented our St. Charles School community. We had a blast! I know many of them would like to return to take part in the summer camps they provide. How lucky we are to be so close to this amazing place!



## 1st Grade Retreat Fun

By Sarah Birkemeier and Sally Garver

Did you know that all of the students in grades 1-8 have a Retreat each year? Our first graders recently had theirs! We had so much fun exploring the life skills of Courage and Curiosity. Using these skills, we tried new foods, played a game called "Crazy Cubes" and discovered what was in some mystery bags. We also spent time praising God by singing songs that had to do with remembering that He is the source of all good things. This whole morning was a memorable experience for all of the students!





# From the Art Room

By Becky MacDonald



Colin, Owen, and Kate are finishing up the project "Sunset Pointillism". Students in the Fourth grade painted with Q-tips to re-create George Seurat style of pointillism.



In the third grade we studied the Austrian artist, Friedensreich Hundertwasser. Ava and Kaitlyn are finishing up painting the lollipop style flowers.



Fifth grade girls, Sophia and Kendyl, completed their Eric Carle collage. Students painted collage papers to recreate one of Carle's main characters from his famous children's books. This project was done in conjunction with our field trip to the Mazza Museum at the University of Findlay which houses a large collection of artwork from children's literature

## 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.

## Third Quarter Honor Roll

### MARK of EXCELLENCE

**Grade 5:** Gaby Bryan-Lanche, Kendyl Liening, Ava Miroglio, Kaya St. Clair

**Grade 6:** Elaine Brickner, Nicklaus Gronas, Isabella Martello

**Grade 7:** Addilynn Baldauf, Braylie Bensinger, Josie Declercq, Alana Heffner, Corie Schnieders

**Grade 8:** Brady Jacobs

### HIGH HONORS

**Grade 5:** Gretchen Barhorst, Reed Bell, Aidan Carter, Henry Dickman, Harper Fields, Samantha Harter, Jay Krieg, Sophia Mack, Alec Thines, Emma Venturella, Gracie Warrington, Grant Williams

**Grade 6:** Olivia Barhorst, Anthony Hinegardner, Miya Hollis, Charlee Rexford, Audie Sielschott, Elliana Thompson, Cooper Wende

**Grade 7:** Nolan Howell, Cole Mack, Gracy Malcom, Austin McCain, Reese Merschman, Mataya Miller, Piper Schumm, Miahlynn Sinthalaphone, Samuel Venturella, Sam Wil-

liams, Gwen Wolfcale

**Grade 8:** Jessica Blubaugh, Evan Brinkman, Rocco Cecala-Wells, Collin Frick, Brady Garlock, Ella Gronas, Milicent Ibeneme, Aiden McCain, Carter Pester, Joshua Reed

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# Lima Central Catholic High School Academic News

Submitted by Carla Simmons

Congratulations to our January Math students of the month: Nick Nie- man, Ink Jaroensri and Billy Salyers!!!



LCC is proud to welcome our new members of the National Honor Society. Congratulations to all of these students who have maintained a 3.7+ GPA throughout the first 5 semesters at LCC. They exhibit scholarship, leadership, service and character daily! President: Emily Morrissey, Vice President: Mya Raczynski, Secretary: Caitlyn Purvenas, Treasurer: Carson Caprella and Advisor: Trudy Thompson



Alex Arellano was recognized by Lima Noon Optimist through their Youth Appreciation Program. They honor local youth who deserve recognition for their efforts in the areas of leadership, good citizenship, volunteerism & as a positive role model to others. Congrats, Alex!

NHS has broken into 4 groups this year to provide service around the community. Our first group, led by Mya Raczynski, includes Emma Skinner, Cole Rinehart, Melana Badea, Jillian Terrill and Jake Nie- man. These students made baked goods to sell at lunch for Fat Tuesday. They also sold candy grams for students to buy and pass out on Valentine's Day. With the money raised, they were able to purchase many much needed items for Lima's Samaritan House. They delivered the items in a Valentine's Day themed basket to show them some love for the season. Thanks for being great role models in the building and in the Lima community!!

Congratulations to the February Math Students of the month...Lauryn Falke, Olivia Venturella and Connor Truex!!!

8 sophomore girls attended the OSU Lima Stem Steps Day Monday, March 11. They heard from a keynote speaker who is a woman in medicine. They also experienced several hands-on workshops all related to the field of Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. It was a great day of learning!

Our LCC Faculty embodied the spirit of Lead, Serve, Excel at the West Ohio Food Bank! They filled 11 pallets with 400 boxes of food they carefully assem-

bled. These boxes will help those in need within our community. A huge thank you to their hard work and commitment!

CONGRATULA- TIONS to Senior Emily Morrissey and Sophomores Dante Turney and Alexa Heffner who all scored a 3 on the last Ohio Math League! Way to fly high Thunderbirds!



Caitlyn Purvenas has been nominated as Youth of the Year by the Lima Exchange Club! Caitlyn's out- standing academic achievements, active participation in school activities, and commitment to community service make her an example for us all.

We want to thank Fr. Denis Sweeney for celebrating Mass with the students and staff at LCC. He also took the time to speak with the stu- dents about voca- tions. Thank you Fr. Denis, we truly ap- preciate it!



Our talented students took to the stage to deliver an unforgettable performance in our production of Willy Wonka! From the captivating performances to the elaborate set design and choreography, the ded- ication and hard work of our students and production team was evident in every aspect. A heartfelt con- gratulations to the cast, crew and everyone involved in bringing this production to life!

Congratulations to our top 4 scorers on the last Cath- olic Math League contest of the school year. First place with 12 points: Alexa Heffner, Emily Morrissey and Mya Raczynski. Second place, just shy with 11 points, was Jacob Raczynski!

Congratulations to Isaac Pennington for earning the Accepting the Challenge of Excellence Award from the Lima Exchange Club. We are so proud of him, keep flying high!

Congratulations to Dante Turney and Alex Arellano who both scored a 3 on the last Ohio Math League contest of the year. Can you figure out the first integer higher than 1000 that has a sum and prod- uct of its digits being equivalent? These boys did!!! Congrats!!!



Congratulations to our March Math Students of the Month...DeMarr Foster, Lucy Bensinger and Anna Davisson! Way to go Thunderbirds!!

LCC students received recognition from Shawnee Optimists. Students of Honor and Achievement is a showcase of dynamic leaders from Apollo, LCC, Perry and Shawnee.

Congratulations to the 3rd Quarter Leadership by Example: 9- Jaylon Patton, 10- Andrew Baldauf, 11- EJ Jones and 12- Mack Hutchins!



The LCC Marching Band is

looking sharp in their new uniforms! The band trav- eled to St. Louis, MO where they performed at Union Station. They were thrilled to see an Alumnus in the crowd for their performance.

## Third Quarter Honor Roll

**61% of our students are on the Honor Roll**

### Mark of Excellence 4.0

Alexander Arellano, William Bourk, Carson Caprella, Karsyn Cunningham, Carsyn Dafler, Emma Donley, Kennet Godoy Lanche, Ingkawatt Jaroensri, Caterina Lucente, Samuel Mayers, Emily Morrissey, Jacob Nieman, Caitlyn Purvenas, Mya Raczynski, Jaide Schimpf, Elizabeth Simmons, Malachi Talbert, Jacob Venturella, Melana Badea, Alexa Caballero, Hayley Chambers, Austin Craig, Claire Janowski, Nathan Niemeyer, Cole Rinehart, Emily Blankemeyer, Alexa Heffner, Jacob Raczyn- ski, Courtney VanMeter, Lucy Bensinger, Olivia Joseph, Michael Quatman, Olivia Venturella

### Superior Honors 3.5

Michael Cooper II, Michael Frueh Jr, Mack Hutchins Jr, Parker Judy, Braedon Lybarger-Singhaus, Carson Parker, Sebastian Pierce, Kaitlin Seffernick, Enki White, Angelo Collins II, Brady Feison, Raphaella Fortune, Ava Gafford, Ava Hefner, Teagan Helmig, Elijah Jones, Isaac Leppert, Gianni McKee, Michael

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## Save the Date

May 2, 2024 Last All School Mass and May Crowning  
May 6, 2024 Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 10, 2024 Positive Addiction  
May 11, 2024 Graduation  
May 17, 2024 Last Day of Class

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