

THE CHIMES

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The Great Commission: "Go Make Disciples!

FR. KENT KAUFMAN Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

At the end of Matthew's Gospel (28:16-20) Jesus gives the **Great Commission**: "Go Make Disciples!" That's it! That's our goal in life, to lead others to Christ. He even sends them to the ends of the earth—to all nations.

Think back to how Jesus first called his disciples and then formed them. He brought them together as a community of believers and taught them how to live.

Those first disciples were not always quick learners, but Jesus stayed with them. He was patient and kept calling them back to follow in his way. Most importantly he gave them a final destination and a promise. He led them to his heavenly Father and assured them that he would be with them until the end of time.

Some two thousand years later, we are still making disciples. This is the purpose of our Churchto lead all to Christ. Whenever someone is baptized it is so that they can receive the grace to grow to full stature in the Lord. Whenever someone is confirmed it is so that they can be strengthened with the gifts of the Holy Spirit to live as disciples. Whenever a

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St. Charles Catholic Church 2200 West Elm Street Lima, Ohio 45805 couple marries, it is so that they can help each other and their children make their way to heaven.

So, where do you see yourself on the disciple index? Is following in the way of the Lord your ultimate goal in life? Is helping others come to know Christ part of the larger picture?

Of course, becoming a disciple of the Lord is a lifelong undertaking. We are always deepening our faith, strengthening our hope, and perfecting our charity as we move through life. We are always "saints-in-the-making" rather than claiming that we have already achieved perfection here on earth. We turn to the sacraments to help us on our pilgrim way.

At the same time, once we embrace the call to be a disciple we also hear the "great commission" to share what we have received with others. We cannot simply keep the Good News to ourselves. A true disciple not only hears "the call" to follow, but also "the charge" to go out and build up others as well.

Here at St. Charles, I want to invite you to consider some important ways that you can help make disciples. In this issue of *The Chimes*, our Youth Discipleship Coordinator, Jeremy Hollis, explains a new approach to youth ministry that we are embracing called **Live Jesus**.

Much like Jesus called together a small group of disciples and stayed with them, so too, are we creating small groups of youth disciples-in-themaking. Each group is led by an adult mentor. Of course, the mentors also have the support needed to guide them in their work as disciple-makers.

Another key way to help form new disciples is with OCIA, formerly known as RCIA. This is the **Order of Christian Initiation of Adults**. Whenever someone inquires about baptism or "becoming Catholic" if they have already been baptized in another church, we seek out a "sponsor" to accompany them on this journey of faith. Ideally, we

find someone from our own parish community to fill this role. They are already living their faith as a disciple and can help this person grow in their faith in our community as well.

In fact, the Holy Spirit has already been at work in the hearts of these "inquirers" leading them to ask questions like, "what must I do to be baptized." Here at St. Charles we have already had a number of people from all walks of life ask this question or something similar. Our OCIA Team has already welcomed them into our community and started to attend to their questions of faith about God and our Church.

The first formal step toward baptism is known as the **Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate.** For those who have been baptized this first step is called the **Rite of Welcoming the Candidates**. Inquirers who have undertaken the journey long enough to discern that God is calling them to this first formal step will have the opportunity to do so at St. Charles on Sunday, October 5.

At the Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate or the Rite of Welcoming the Candidates, each inquirer is accompanied by a sponsor. Here is where your help is needed! As we approach October 5th, we will need enough sponsors to assist those ready to become disciples!

Even better, you might already know of someone in our community who is interested in baptism or becoming Catholic. You can also be the one to lead to Christ by taking that first step of inquiry. In that case, you can help by simply bringing them along with you to Mass. You can invite them to stay afterward for Coffee and Donuts and meet the pastor.

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Fr Kent Recommends:

The Toledo Museum of Art (TMA) presents *Rachel Ruysch: Nature into Art*, a landmark exhibition running from April 12 to July 27, 2025, that showcases for the first time one of the most celebrated painters of the 17th and 18th centuries. Featuring Ruysch's masterful flower paintings alongside prints, drawings, illustrated books, and natural specimens, the exhibition explores her artistic achievements and the connections between art, science, and natural history.





LAURIEANN CAMPBELL

Director of Operations

Thanks to your continued support of our Visitation Sunday campaign, a number of important capital improvements are taking shape across the St. Charles campus this summer. So far we have raised approximately \$37,438. These efforts reflect our shared commitment to preserving the beauty, safety, and function of our parish and school—and to preparing our grounds for the 75th Diamond Jubilee in

Sidewalk Replacement - Phase 2

As of this Chimes printing, contractors are scheduled this week to begin installing new concrete sidewalks on the northeast side of the church. This continues our phased effort to replace aging concrete surfaces, improving safety and accessibility for all who visit our campus.

Parking Lot Repairs and Sealing

Our large campus parking lot will undergo sealing and re-striping later this summer. This routine but essential maintenance protects the asphalt surface, extends its life, and enhances both safety and appearance. Drainage repairs near Cable Road are being completed beforehand to ensure long-term durability.

Visitation Funds at Work This Summer

School Gymnasium Floor Refinishing

Inside the school, the gymnasium floor is scheduled for a full sanding and urethane topcoat before students return in August. This will revitalize the heavily used space and provide a safe and attractive surface for athletics, assemblies, and school events.

Church Entryway Refresh

Initial work is beginning on plans to refresh several church entryways. While this is still in the design phase, you may notice early improvements to select entrances this summer as part of our ongoing effort to create a more welcoming and beautiful experience for parishioners and guests.

These projects build on major accomplishments from last year, including storm window replacements in the church cupola and the first phase of sidewalk upgrades. Additional efforts—like church chiller replacement planning, school security system updates, and our future elevator installation—remain part of our long-term goals, supported in part by the Visitation Fund and the Living Christ Campaign.

If you have not yet contributed to the Visitation Sunday Campaign and would like to do so, you may give by scanning the QR code with your smartphone to access our online giving platform, or by

placing your contribution in the offertory basket or dropping it off at the parish office. Please be sure to mark your gift as "Visitation Sunday."

As always, your generosity makes this possible. Thank you for continuing to give faithfully and helping us care for our parish home. St. Charles thrives because of the stewardship of its people—and your support ensures that we remain a vibrant community for years to come.





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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

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MISSION STATEMENT





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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Summer Faith Opportunities

BRYNNA SCHROEDERParish Multimedia Specialist

I hope everyone is having a wonderful summer! Many of us are planning on spending time by the pool, having a barbeque, and going on vacation. During these busy summer months, there's another opportunity I hope you don't miss out on. We will be having Adoration once a month on the third Thursday throughout the summer. There are two months left for Summer Adoration, July and



August. You can sign up for a half hour time slot or more from 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. We hope to get 2 people for each time slot. To sign up, use the QR code in the ad, or go to:

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On the form, please fill in your name, phone number, and email, as well as the time slot you'd like to take. If you prefer to sign up over the phone, just call the Parish Office at 419-228-7635. Thank you for visiting with Jesus this summer!

Finally, if you haven't yet, we hope that you will take the opportunity to use the Catholic streaming service,



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I hope everyone has a happy and healthy summer! Whether you're enjoying the great outdoors, traveling with family, or watching movies with friends, don't forget to invite God to join in on the fun!



CHRIS JONES
Coordinator of Outreach
and Hospitality

Outreach

This is such an exciting time for the St. Charles Borromeo Outreach program! I am pleased to share that we have seen an increase in the number of those interested in joining the Catholic Church. We are already starting one on one discussion, and will begin sessions this fall. We have events planned to help those interested learn about and build a community with our parish. We have already planned a chicken dinner which followed the Eucharistic Procession on June 22nd, as well as a dinner that was held later in June with those OCIA inquirers.

Additionally, we added fourteen Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion during our commissioning ceremony on Sunday. These ministers will not only assist in distribution of Holy communion at Mass, but also to those who are not able to come to Mass. We minister to those in care facilities and homebound. We are pleased to welcome and thank all those who are willing to give of their time to share in this ministry.



Christian Corner: Living the Gospel through Service

MAUREEN KASKEL

Director, Christian Corner

Community Center

At Christian Corner, our mission to serve those in need remains as strong as ever. Every week, we provide around 100 hot lunches on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Many guests also take meals to-go for elderly neighbors or loved ones. Recently, our beloved cook Rosie served up a hearty southern meal of chitlins, greens, coleslaw, and cornbread. For those with different tastes, turkey and dressing were also on the menu—it was a memorable day for all!

Christian Corner is proud to partner with the West Ohio Food Bank (WOFB), from whom we receive most of our food at little to no cost. We are also grateful for weekly donations of surplus food from Mercy Health Nutrition Services. On Wednesdays, a WOFB truck arrives early with fresh fruits, vegetables, and pantry staples for our Food Distribution program, which serves between 75 and 100 families each week. This operation is a large undertaking, requiring 12–15 volunteers each time—and we are always in need of more help.

As a SNAP-supported agency, we are deeply concerned about proposed federal funding cuts to this and related assistance programs, including Medicaid. These changes will directly affect the most vulnerable members of our community. We expect more information around the July 4th holiday. If you are moved to take action, we encourage you to contact U.S. Senator Jon Husted at 202-224-3353 to share your views.

Your support truly makes a difference. Donations of gently used clothing and household goods are always appreciated. Clothing is offered free of charge in a designated area, guided by our motto: "Take what you need and need what you take." Household items are shared via a free raffle, which often brings joy and excitement to those we serve.

We also extend a heartfelt thank you to all who contributed to the "Give-a-Christmas" campaign. Christian Corner was one of the grateful recipients of your generous donations—canned goods, paper products, and laundry detergent. Thanks to you, the canned goods alone sustained us for three months!

We need your help—now more than

ever. Please consider Christian Corner as a recipient of your time, talent, or treasure. Whether you choose

to volunteer, donate goods, or make a financial contribution, your support fills a gap that government programs often cannot reach. Thank you for being a vital part of this ministry.

In case you missed it in the Church Bulletin:

Christian CornerCommunity Center recently received a \$1,000 grant from Activate Allen County in their recent outreach to faith-based organizations.

Our proposal to provide blood pressure cuffs to those who have been diagnosed with high blood pressure, have a family history or other risk factors, and do not yet have a self-monitoring cuff. Participants who are selected for this device will have agreed to watch an educational video, take a short quiz, do a successful return demonstration in the use of the cuff and check their B/P at least weekly. Other requirements also include written recording of their B/P and taking the record to medical appointments for monitoring of trends. Stay tuned for periodic reports on how this program is going!



"Live Jesus!" - A Mission

JEREMY HOLLIS

Director of Youth Discipleship and Evangelization

It's becoming increasingly clear that many of our young people are navigating a season of spiritual searching. Fewer teens are attending Mass, and some express feeling uncertain about their beliefs or disconnected from the life of the Church. Recent studies suggest that a significant number of Catholic teens are not regularly participating in the sacraments, and many may step away from active faith practice during their high school years. These are more than statistics, they represent the real lives of our sons and daughters, students and confirmation candidates. These are young people we know and care about, many of whom are quietly seeking meaning, belonging, purpose and relationship. This moment calls for compassionate accompaniment and renewed investment in their journey.

At St. Charles, we believe the Holy Spirit is calling us to respond, not with more programming, but with more people. Not with louder events, but with deeper relationships. That's why we're launching a new parish-wide initiative: St. Charles Spiritual Mentorship & Small Group Discipleship. The goal is simple but urgent: to build a new culture of Catholic discipleship through authentic, Christ-centered relationships.

So, what does that look like? At its heart, this ministry pairs our youth with trained adult mentors who walk with them through the highs and lows of adolescence, helping them encounter Jesus in real and personal ways. It's not a class. It's not a lecture. It's a spiritual friendship that grows over time, founded on prayer, built on trust, and grounded in the Gospel. This small group model reflects the way Jesus formed His own disciples: not through crowds, but through companionship.

And it works. Research shows that teens who have a faith mentor during high school are 59%

more likely to attend Mass regularly in college and 77% more likely to remain active in the Church. The data supports it, but more importantly, so does the witness of the Church's tradition. Saints like Francis de Sales, whose spirituality inspires this ministry, remind us that the Christian life flourishes not by pressure, but by gentle guidance, encouragement, and grace.

This initiative also equips our mentors with the tools they need to lead well. Through a five-part training series, mentors grow in their understanding of the faith, adolescent culture, and how to walk with young people in today's world. Parish leaders and coordinators receive ongoing formation to help support and oversee this growing movement. Add to this a collection of retreats, youth discipleship nights, and prayer gatherings, and you have a ministry that's not just reactive, but proactive, meeting teens where they are and helping them walk toward Christ.

But here's the key: this only works if we do it together. Every adult in the parish has a role to play. Maybe you're being called to mentor a teen. Maybe you know a high school student who needs a small group. Maybe you're in a season where your contribution is prayer, encouragement, or hospitality. However, the Lord leads, this is a parish-wide call to renewal.

The phrase "Live Jesus!" isn't just a motto, it's a mission. It's what all of us at St. Charles wants for every young person at St. Charles: not just to know about Jesus, but to live in Him, to follow Him, and to become lifelong disciples in His Church. This ministry is our next step toward that vision.

If you're ready to take part in something that truly forms hearts and transforms lives, we invite you to join us. For more information, contact the parish office, speak to Father Kent, or myself. Let's build something lasting. Let's walk together. Let's help our youth live Jesus, now and for the rest of their lives.

NEW PARISHIONERS

Joe Geddings
Brandon France
Dylan & Krista Craig
Telot Esperant & Talisha Rene
Castel D'Haiti & Viergela Estephene
Gabe & Monica Wenzinger

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Saskia D'Haiti
Bartolinho Junior Planteau Rene
Sage Nova Lezama
Vienna Rose Taylor
King Alexander Javier Paniagua
Ramirez
Virginia Jennifer Shepherd

IN MEMORIAM

Shirley Stolly Carolyn Moots Coral Clement Dennis Bauman Leavert Jones Patti Wendel Bill Stanford Ron Rower Jackie Rower

Women's Retreat

Come join us at the women's Retreat Yourself on October 31 to November 2nd 2025 at the Maria Stein Retreat Center. Registra-

tion begins July 1st, 2025. Use the QR code to learn more and register, or go to this link: https://stcharleslima.org/explore/

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Middle School Summer Worship Music Intensive

EMILY NIESE Director of Liturgical Music Ministries

As a pastoral musician, the music that I lead is living. As a living ministry, it grows, adjusts, and is fed and nourished by those who partake in it. It is a ministry meant to serve and foster a living relationship with the living God. This Summer I have embarked on a new journey to help foster this living relationship with Jesus through music for our middle school worship leaders.

The inspiration for this project came from seeing the light and life stirred in the faith and worship of the middle school cantors that I was blessed to lead this past year in our All School Masses. Together, we made a slow but steady transition from some previous children's Mass music to the majority of Mass music being from the Worship Now hymnal. The fresh life coming from the middle school leaders seemed to be contagious to the other students attending Mass, and the church was frequently filled with joyful, contemplative, prayerful singing. I do believe that this music finds each student (or adult!) where they are at, serves them there, and leads them deeper into knowing Jesus. This does not go to say that it is the only music that should be used, but rather as Music in Catholic Worship (1972) #39 states, "Does music in the celebration enable these people to express their faith, in this place, in this age, in this culture?" Just as a parent wouldn't feed a child an adult meal, it is so important to "feed" our school Masses with music that they can digest, understand, enter into, relate to, and be moved by. I believe that is exactly what the

Worship Now music has done for our students, and we are seeing the fruits of it.

To gauge interest, I proposed the idea of "Summer Worship Music Intensive" sessions to our middle school cantor group before moving forward



with the idea. To my surprise every single one of the students desired to take part. So much so, that they were presenting me with their summer schedules so that I would schedule a time that worked for all of them (which is sadly nearly impossible!). With such strong interest, I decided to move forward with the project, and our first session was successfully

completed as of June 25th!

I am hosting two sessions this summer. Each session includes four weeks in which we meet from 7-9pm on Wednesday evenings. Each week's meeting has a focus - the first on liturgy, the second on adoration, and the third on leadership with the final Wednesday being praise and worship adoration, open to the public, and led by our youth worship leaders. At each of our meetings, I give the group a short keynote talk on the focus of that day, then we learn and rehearse the worship music (*Worship Now* hymnal) and leadership style, and we finish by walking to Dairy King together to share in fellowship and ice cream!

The first session was a bit of a "guinea pig" session, but having seen such positive reception, I am opening the second session to greater advertising! If you know of any middle schoolers (entering grades 6-8) who would be interested, just have them reach out to me to sign up! The dates of session 2 are as follows: July 23rd, July 30th, August 6th, and August 13th. Session two will include different keynotes and different music, so students are welcome to sign up for session two even if they completed session one!

Please keep me and these young worship leaders in your prayers! It is a joy to share the love of our Lord through music, which, "unveil[s] a dimension of meaning and feeling, a communication of ideas and intuitions which words alone cannot yield," (Music in Catholic Worship #24). We are always disciples first, and worship leaders second, so please pray that we be discipled by the Lord, knowing Him in truth, that we may share Him in love

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A first "informal step" would be accompanying them to our monthly OCIA dinners which are held at the home of a parishioner. At these dinners the inquirer gets to meet the OCIA Team as well as others who are also asking questions about faith. The dinners are meant to be informal and there is no pressure on the part of the inquirer to "sign up" or be certain that God is calling them to baptism. It's simply an opportunity to take a step and see what God might have in mind for them.

Our dinners are normally on the third Thursday of the month but sometimes can vary. If you know of someone interested, simply have them call our Parish Office so that they can extend an invitation. Of course, you would be welcome to accompany them as well as someone from their family or a friend if they wish.

So, in these summer months, I hope that you will give thought to the Great Commission. How will you go and make disciples? How will you continue to grow in your own faith as a disciple of the Lord?



Join with other mothers, grandmothers, step-mothers, Godmothers, etc., as we pray to grow in holiness and humility for our children's faithful return to the Catholic Church. We meet on the second and fourth Thursday of each month, at St. Rose Church from 6:30pm-7:30pm. The Northside door will be open for all those that wish to attend. For more info, please visit www.millionsofmonicas.com or contact Betty Dershem at 419-231-2072, Wendy Kowal at 419-236-1653 or Katy Page at 504-908-5495. We look forward to seeing you!



Holy Day Masses for **Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

Thursday, August 14 - 5:30 p.m. Friday, August 15 - 8:00 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.

There will also be a Mass on Friday, August 15 at 6:00 p.m. in Kreyol. All are welcome to this as well.

Walking With Purpose: Summer Book Club

Join the women of WWP to discuss the book *Heart of Vines* over five Wednesday sessions. This is especially for women in their 20s, 30s, and 40s-but all are welcome! The five Wednesday sessions are as follows: July 16, 23, & 30, and August 6 & 13. Sessions will be 6:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m., and child-care will be provided!



We hope you will join us for this easy read that is sure to get you thinking! *Heart of Vines* offers a fresh perspective on a divine love that speaks directly to our deepest hungers, fears, and hopes. If you've done Bible studies before, this can be a fresh way of thinking about your faith. And if you've considered joining a Bible study but haven't been ready to commit to a longer story, this is a great starting point.

Call or text Mandy Brickner at 419-235-5769 to sign up or ask questions.



Retrouvaille Weekend for Married Couples

Registration is now open for the next **Retrouvaille Weekend for Married Couples**, taking place July 18–20, 2025, through the Northwest Ohio Chapter. This program is a lifeline for couples experiencing difficulty in their marriage—offering hope, healing, and practical tools to renew your relationship. The weekend is followed by a series of post-sessions that help strengthen communication, rebuild trust, and rediscover joy in your marriage. Couples of all faith backgrounds are welcome. Learn more and register at https://helpourmarriage.org/, or contact 419-481-1116 or NWOhio@helpourmarriage.org.

Peek into the Past Altar and Rosary Society - 1969



Abiding Hearts Women's Study Group

Do you ever feel distant from your faith or the traditions of the Church? Maybe you've been asked tough questions about the meaning and origin of the sacraments, only to be left without answers. Discover How the Dead Sea Scrolls Can Deepen Your Understanding of Jesus, the Sacraments,



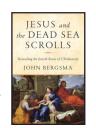
and the Early Church. It's an eye-opening look at how the discovery of these ancient documents has a powerful relevance to your faith today. Join us for an 8-week video series on *Jesus and The Dead Sea Scrolls* with Fr. Dave Pivonka and Dr. John Bergsma.

Where: St. Charles Gathering Space When: July 7th through August 25th on Mondays

Time: 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

To Sign up – Text or Call Norma at 419-234-3952

You may desire to read the book along with the video series. If so, please visit www.stpaulcenter.com or www.amazon.com to purchase the book.



For questions, please contact Norma Rower, 419-234-3952 or Missy Brunner, 419-296-4434.



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Principal

As we close the doors on another enriching school year, I want to take a moment to celebrate all the incredible growth our students have achieved. Their hard work, your unwavering support, and the grace of God have brought us through a joyful and productive academic journey.

Now, summer stretches before us—a time not only to rest but to reconnect. I encourage you to embrace these weeks as an opportunity to slow down and create lasting memories with your children. Whether it's a family picnic, a game night, or simply chasing fireflies in the backyard, these seemingly simple moments are precious gifts.

That said, summer doesn't mean pressing pause on learning. In fact, keeping young minds engaged can help prevent the "summer slide," especially in reading and math. The good news? You don't need textbooks or screens to keep the momentum going. Here are a few fun and simple ways to enrich your child's summer:

Rejoice, Recharge, and Read On!

Make reading a shared adventure: Visit the local library together and let your child pick books that excite them. Try reading aloud as a family, taking turns with voices and roles—yes, even parents!

Involve math in everyday fun: Let kids help measure ingredients when cooking, track mileage on road trips, or calculate change at the store. These real-life moments reinforce skills in a natural and meaningful way.

Play your way to learning: Board games like *Uno*, *Yahtzee*, and *Sum Swamp* build counting and logic. spelling and vocabulary in sneaky, smile-filled ways.

Create challenges: Have a weekly "Family Puzzle Night" or start a backyard scavenger hunt that includes clues with math riddles or vocabulary words

Lastly, a gentle reminder to keep screen time in check. Devices are tools—but they aren't substitutes for imagination, conversation, or exploration. Balance is key, and your presence and engagement are more powerful than any app.

Thank you again for an inspiring school year. May this summer bless your family with rest, laughter, and discovery—and may our students return in the fall just as curious and capable as they left.

Important Dates to Remember:

Teacher Assignment Pick Up Days: August 12 & 13

Blessing of Backpacks & Meet the Teacher Day: August 17

K-8 First Day of School: August 19th

Parent-Teacher Conferences:
October 27th and 29th

Celebrating a Legacy:

Mrs. Kathy Daley Retires After 43 Remarkable Years in Education

After an extraordinary 43 years in education—37 of them spent shaping minds and hearts at St. Charles—Mrs. Kathy Daley is retiring. While our hearts are full of joy for the new adventures ahead of her, it's hard to imagine our school without her calm, reliable presence and her endless spirit of

Many know Mrs. Daley as the friendly face behind the computer lab, the miracle worker who could fix any tech hiccup with a smile, and the teacher who made learning more exciting through technology. But her contributions run far deeper. Behind the scenes, she was the quiet force who arrived early, stayed late, and made sure every classroom had the tools needed to succeed.

As Technology Teacher and Technology Coordinator, Mrs. Daley supported students, staff, and faculty alike—with grace, patience, and a remarkable intuition for knowing exactly what was needed before anyone had to ask. Whether it was





managing a complex tech rollout or coming to the rescue with a last-minute fix, she did it all without fuss or fanfare—just steadfast commitment and heart.

Her presence shaped the way we teach, the way we work, and most importantly, the way we support each other as a community. Mrs. Daley showed us what quiet leadership looks like: thoughtful, tireless, and filled with care.

Now, as she steps into a well-earned retirement, we send her off with heartfelt gratitude. May her days ahead be filled with peace, joy, and the kind of rest that only comes after a job done not just well, but with love.

From all of us at St. Charles—past, present, and future—thank you, Mrs. Daley. You've been the heart behind the hardware and the soul behind the screen.

From the Art Room

By Becky MacDonald



Mrs. MacDonald with our two art basket raffle winners, Ryleigh Russell, and Blayke Liening. Congratulations and have fun making some art this summer!



Congratulations to Nolan Howell for designing the 2025 positive addiction T-shirt. Nolan's design was chosen out of approximately 40 entries. The contest was open to St Charles eighth grade students. The T-shirt was worn by all three of the elementary Catholic schools during our positive addiction race on May 9, 2025. Outstanding work on your graphic art T-shirt design!



The St Charles annual art show was held on Wednesday, May 7 at St. Charles School. The hallways were adorned gallery style with a variety of art projects by the students. The artwork consisted of watercolor, colored pencil drawings, collage, paintings, and ceramics. Thank you to all all the parents and grandparents who supported their budding artist by attending the art show.

Keep creating this summer!

Engineers in the Making? Last Week of School Project Sparks Creativity

By Mrs. Henderson

As the school year came to a close, excitement was in the air—not just for summer break, but



for one final, unforgettable classroom project in Mrs. Henderson's classroom. In a perfect blend of fun and learning, students were challenged to build *chairs* using nothing more than paper and tape. What began



as a lighthearted end-of-year activity quickly turned into a showcase of innovation, teamwork, and budding engineering skills.



Summer Camp Invention 2025

By Candace Keating

What an incredible week at Camp Invention! We dove into the icy wonders of Antarctica exploring four types of penguins and brainstorming ways to help them thrive in their chilly home.

We got our creative juices flowing by making spinographs to create mind-boggling illusions. And let's not forget the engineering fun — we built a claw machine and designed tents for our imaginary stranding adventures. Plus, we cracked the code with Morse code messages, connecting with our peers in a whole new way!

A huge thank you to all the families who joined us on this wild adventure and to Mr. Tank for guiding our amazing group of kiddos!

Mark your calendars because we're planning another week of science camp next summer—stay tuned for more info! And don't miss out on our science club this fall; details will be in the Thursday Flyer!

Wishing everyone a fabulous summer filled with fun and exploration!









St. Charles School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

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Grade 5: Nadia Fuduric

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Nicklaus Gronas, Anthony Hinegardner, Isabella Martello, Cooper Wende

Grade 8: Addilynn Baldauf, Braylie Bensinger, Josie Declercq, Alana Heffner, Gracy Malcom, Reese Merschman, Corie Schnieders

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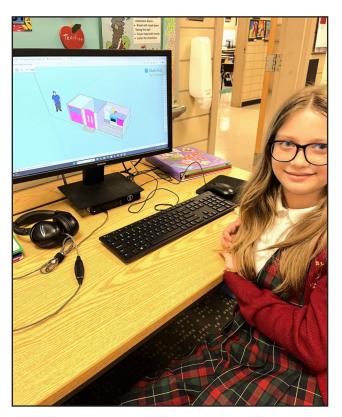
Fifth Graders in Action

From Kathy Daley

Fifth graders use a 3-D building program called SketchUp to create buildings.







Scarlet Ryker Maren

And . . . From Positive Addiction Week



Soccer



Positive Addiction One Mile Race



Dance



Pickleball

St. Charles School

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.

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