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**FR. KENT
KAUFMAN**

Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Earlier this year we heard *Habemus Papam* which meant “we have a pope!” Our joy continues here at St. Charles with “we have a new Family Formation Coordinator!”

I am pleased to announce that Hannah Stoll is our new **Family Formation Coordinator**! Hannah was part of the group of young adults who traveled with me to Seek 25 as presented by FOCUS earlier this January in Salt Lake City, Utah.

Here at St. Charles, the Family Formation Coordinator focuses on developing families as the primary catechists. With the help of relatable, family-centered methods and materials, the program provides opportunities for families to live as a community of faith, united in prayer with the Eucharist. They are empowered to live their daily life as disciples and are given opportunities to share their faith through love and service.

Registration for families with children who are now in grades K-7 is now open. This program that meets on Sunday mornings twice monthly during the school year, will get underway Sunday, September 21. Gatherings take place in the lower level of church between the two morning Masses. Family Formation is open to all families—whether the children are enrolled in a public school, Catholic school, or are home-schooled.

This new school year will mark our fifth year using this family-formation model. We are especially excited

with this year’s theme called **FOUNDATIONS**. The lessons this year focus on the *kerygma*—which places Christ at the center of our homes, our hearts, and our lives. Families will be introduced to a living encounter with Christ through the home and classroom lessons. The call to be missionary disciples is at the heart of this year’s lessons.

For our younger members—who are not yet in kindergarten, but are now three-years-old—I am pleased to invite their participation in the **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**. This is a Montessori-based approach to introducing young children to the Bible and the Liturgy in



Christine Shaw and students

a space created just for them with hands-on materials they can use to meditate on the Mystery of Faith. The children meet as a “small community” with their catechist once weekly in the “atrium” which is next to the choir room in the lower level of church.

Cristine Shaw is our catechist and will be offering sessions this year on Wednesdays from 9:00-10:30 am or Fridays from Noon-1:30 p.m. Registration is now open and sessions will begin September 10 or 12, depending on which day you select. If your son or daughter is enrolled either in St. Charles Catholic School Preschool or Pre-K, arrangements also can be made if you like to coordinate with those programs and/or our Extended Day so that your child is cared for as needed to meet your schedule.

Oh yes, if any families would like to have a tour of the Atrium, Cristine is always happy to show you the special space and answer any questions you might have. Additionally, we welcome any adults interested in helping with this ministry, especially those who are free during these times of the week. For questions or to learn more, just reach out directly to Cristine at shawc@stcharleslima.org.

Finally, we are excited about the new spiritual mentorship and intentional discipleship opportunity for our youth called **Live Jesus Ministries**. This approach for our middle-school and high-school aged youth focuses on spiritual friendships with peers and adults as well as a spiritual mentorship on how to live as a disciple of Jesus. We are grateful for the adults who already signed up to be mentors and invite youth especially in grades 7-12 to begin signing-up for small groups that will begin in October.

More information about **Live Jesus Ministries** can be found on page 4. Please contact Jeremy Hollis, our Youth Discipleship Coordinator with any questions you might have.

Fr. Kent

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church office and the school
Bring your family pets who are behaved
and friendly.

(To avoid problems, please keep all dogs
on-leash and cats in their crates, etc.)

Hello!

My name is
Hannah Stoll, and I am
excited to begin my
role as the new Family
Formation Coordinator
at St. Charles.



This parish has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember; I was baptized here and attended the school from grades 3 through 8. I graduated from Delphos Jefferson High School in 2017, then went on to earn my bachelor’s degree in English from the Ohio State University at Lima in 2021.

I bring experience in administrative work and event planning, and I’m eager to use those skills to serve and support the families of our parish. Feel free to reach out to me anytime at stollh@stcharleslima.org. God bless you all!



**LAURIEANN
CAMPBELL**
Director of Operations

Thanks to your generosity through Visitation Sunday, several key improvements to our parish campus have now been completed—and they're already making a difference in the safety, beauty, and functionality of our facilities.

Sidewalk Replacement – Phase 2

The second phase of our sidewalk replacement is now finished, giving the northeast side of the church a fresh, safe, and accessible walkway for parishioners and guests. This work also included drainage repairs in the parking lot to help protect our pavement for years to come.



Fresh Pathways for Our Parish Family – New sidewalks on the northeast side welcome everyone with safer, smoother walkways.

Parking Lot Sealing & Striping

Following the drainage improvements, the entire parking lot has been resealed and freshly striped. The result is not



A Bright New Look for Our Parking Lot – Resealed and freshly striped, ready to serve parishioners for years to come.

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Visitation Sunday Gifts at Work – Summer Projects Completed!

only more visually appealing but also safer and better protected from future wear and tear.

Parish Office Carpet Replacement

The carpet in some areas of our parish office, original to the building, had warped and rippled over the years, becoming a safety hazard. This summer, it was replaced with fresh, durable flooring, giving the office a safer, more welcoming appearance for visitors and staff alike.

We are deeply grateful to all who contributed to Visitation Sunday this year. Your generosity allows us to keep pace with the necessary repairs and improvements that maintain the welcoming environment of St. Charles Parish and School.



Before: Worn and Warped Carpet – The parish office flooring had become a tripping hazard over the years.



After: Safe and Welcoming – New carpet brings fresh beauty and safety to our parish office space.

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.

PARISH INFORMATION

The various activities and ministries 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

School Gymnasium Floor Refresh

Inside the school, our gymnasium floor received a complete sanding and a durable new urethane topcoat. The bright, polished surface is ready to host sports, assemblies, and events in the upcoming school year.



Shining Floor, Exciting Year Ahead – Our school gym is polished and ready for students, athletes, and community events.

Looking Ahead

More projects are on the horizon! We are awaiting final approval from the Diocese to move forward with the much-anticipated elevator project, which will further enhance accessibility for all. We also anticipate continued improvements in the Church entrances, further repair of water damaged areas around the church, and improvements in the Great Hall in the lower level. We look forward to sharing updates as soon as they are available.

Thank you again for your commitment and support. Together, we are preserving and improving our parish home—ensuring it will serve generations to come.

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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**FR. BERTHOLY
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Associate Pastor

Haitians in Lima: Gratitude, Resilience, and a Call for Understanding

A Journey We Are Living Now

Lima, Ohio, is becoming a place of hope for many Haitian immigrants who, like myself, are arriving in search of safety, stability, and the dignity of a new beginning. As a Catholic priest serving here, I witness daily the courage and determination of my fellow Haitians. We are leaving Haiti not out of choice, but because of political instability, economic hardship, and the threat of violence—forces that continue to uproot families and push us to begin again far from the Caribbean warmth we love.

Building a New Home Together

The Haitian presence in Lima is growing each day. We bring our language, our culture, our faith, and our determination to contribute positively to this city. Yet, we face challenges—language barriers, the search for stable employment, and the complexity of legal and social systems.

This is why we call on both U.S. and local authorities to recognize the urgency of our situation and

the potential we bring. We are not here to take away from anyone; we are here to add our strength, skills, and spirit to the life of Lima.

Living Our Faith in Community

I serve as priest for the Haitian Catholic community at Saint Charles Borromeo Church, which is our spiritual home. Most Sundays at 3:00 p.m., we celebrate Mass in Haitian Creole, and after worship we share time together in friendship. I warmly invite you to join us in person or through the parish's "Live Webcam." We also enjoy strong bonds with other churches—Saint Gerard, St John/St. Rose Parishes, Protestant congregations such as the Nazarene and Mennonite churches—and with local schools that show understanding and compassion toward Haitian families.

Grateful for Those Who Stand Beside Us

Every week, I see countless acts of generosity. We especially honor Angelica and the team at Connecting Borders, Christian Corner, St. Vincent de Paul, dedicated doctors and healthcare workers, the Lima Public Library, local employers who hire Haitian workers, Ms. Rachel Barber, and the Bruno family, whose commitment is a lifeline for many.

I also give thanks for the quiet advocates who stand up for our dignity without seeking recognition. Their support strengthens our hope.

Resilient People, Shared Future

As Haitians, we are people of strong character and deep resilience. We work hard, care for our families, and believe in building bridges rather than walls. In return, we ask for continued understanding, fair opportunities, and the space to contribute fully to Lima's future.

Of course, adjusting to Ohio winters is still an ongoing lesson. As one Haitian friend likes to say, "In Haiti, we never had to shovel sunshine!" We are learning—one snow shovel at a time.

From My Heart to Yours

On behalf of the Haitian community in Lima, I thank you for your kindness, your solidarity, and your belief in a shared future where all of us can belong, contribute, and thrive.

If you have an interest in actively participating with Fr. Bertholy's mission – with your time, your expertise, or financially – contact the parish office at 419-228-7635. We can guide you with the many ways in which you can help.



BRYNNA SCHROEDER
Parish Multimedia Specialist

Practising Perseverance in Our Faith

Summer is drawing to a close, school is in full swing, and fall festivities have started. It's safe to say it's a busy time of the year for most of us. In the fun (and often chaos) of the season, it's easy to push our spiritual lives to the backburner. The good news is that everything can be made a prayer, even the busyness of our lives. This season is great for practicing perseverance in our faith and finding ways to incorporate our relationship with God into our daily routine, even when we're busy. Below are some opportunities in the months of September and October that can help you grow in your faith and be a helping hand to others.

1. Eucharistic Adoration- St. Charles is continuing the Third Thursday of the Month Adoration immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Mass and will conclude with the Angelus and Benediction at noon (approximately from 8:30 a.m.-12:10 p.m.). If you'd like to sign up to cover an hour, see the bulletin or the St. Charles website for the link, call the parish office, or feel free to join in any time without signing up. Please check the weekly bulletin for any changes or updates to this schedule.

2. Jubilee Pilgrimage- All are invited to join Bishop Thomas and fellow pilgrims from across the Diocese of Toledo for a special one-day Jubilee Pilgrimage on Sunday, September 14. Together, we'll visit three designated

pilgrimage sites, celebrating Mass, praying before the Blessed Sacrament, and honoring Our Blessed Mother. This is a beautiful opportunity to travel, pray, and grow in faith as a diocesan family.

3. 40 Days for Life- October is Respect Life Month, and there are many opportunities to pray for and support the Church's ministry to the unborn and their families. One of these ways is 40 Days for Life, which works to promote a time of prayer and fasting to help end abortion. Toledo's 40 Days for Life campaign starts at the end of September. Every day during the campaign, you can sign up for a vigil hour or two to pray outside the Toledo Abortion Clinic. When the campaign starts, just go to <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/toledooh>, create an account if you don't have one, and sign up for a vigil hour. For more details, keep up-to-date with the Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/40DaysForLifeToledo>. Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to support life!

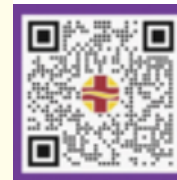
4. Women's Retreat- Come join us at the 2025 Women's Retreat Yourself on October 31st to November 2nd, 2025 at the Maria Stein Retreat Center. Register now on the St. Charles website using the link here: <https://stcharleslima.org/explore/>

To see what other opportunities and events are going on at St. Charles and in the Toledo Diocese, check out the St. Charles bulletin, our church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/stcharleslima/>, our website: <https://stcharleslima.org/>, or the Toledo Diocese website:

<https://toledodiocese.org/>. No worries if you can't participate in any of these. Another great way to grow in your relationship with Jesus during this time of year is to simply offer your work, your play, and your rest as a prayer each day. Have a blessed and happy fall everyone!

Women's Retreat

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Retreat Yourself: Rooted in Hope



JEREMY HOLLIS
Director of Youth Discipleship
and Evangelization

We are excited to announce the beginning of a new initiative: **St. Charles Spiritual Mentorship and Small Group Discipleship**, offered in partnership with **Live Jesus Ministries**. This ministry is designed to help both **youth** and **young adults** (ages 10- 24) grow in faith, community, and authentic discipleship.

For Our Youth

In today's world, young people desire more than just activities, they long for connection. They want:

- To be seen
- To be known
- To be heard
- To be loved
- To be authentically themselves

Small Groups offer exactly this opportunity. They provide a safe and faith-filled environment where youth can gather with friends, pray together, and journey with Christ in a way that is personal and life-giving. Each Small Group is

St. Charles Spiritual Mentorship and Small Group Discipleship

designed with the following structure:

—Groups are **grade and gender specific** to create comfort and trust

—Each group has **4–6 students**, usually friends, and participants do **not** need to be Catholic to join

—Groups select their own **day, time, and meeting place** that works best for their schedule, with flexibility to adjust as seasons change

—Every group is guided by a **fully trained and vetted Adult Mentor**, and youth are welcome to recommend mentors they know and trust

This model allows our young people to build strong, Christ-centered friendships while learning what it means to follow Jesus more deeply.

For Our Adults

The success of this ministry relies on the faith and generosity of our adult parishioners. Adults are invited to participate in two important ways:

1. Become a Mentor – Adult mentors accompany small groups of youth, offering guidance, encouragement, and faithful witness. Training and support are provided so that every mentor feels equipped for this mission.

2. Join the Prayer Team – Not everyone is called to direct mentorship, but every parishioner can make a difference through prayer. Our prayer team is committed to interceding for the youth, mentors, and the fruitfulness of this ministry.

How to Get Involved

If you are a youth ready to join a Small Group, or an adult interested in becoming a Mentor or joining the Prayer Team, getting started is simple. Just **scan the QR code** found in the parish bulletin or visit the Parish website to sign up. You will find the forms for youth and adults at: <https://stcharleslima.org/youth/st-charles-spiritual-mentorship-small-group-discipleship/>

We believe that discipleship is not something we do alone; it is a journey we make together. Through Small Group Discipleship and Spiritual Mentorship. Together we will build a parish culture where Christ is encountered, friendships are strengthened, and lives are transformed.

Come and be part of this movement. Together, let us **Live Jesus** and grow as His disciples.



EMILY NIESE
Director of Liturgical
Music Ministries

Full, Active, and Conscious Musical Participation at St. Charles' All School Masses

Did you know that at the heart of Vatican II is an initiative to enable full, active, and conscious participation of the assembly gathered to worship?¹ The liturgy is a font of grace, and full participation is our consent to receiving that grace. Furthermore, Vatican II stresses that full participation is not just the goal, but the right and duty of all Christians by virtue of their baptism.² This point is becoming more relevant as Catholic Masses are increasingly attended by non-Catholic Christians.³ Catholic school Masses are especially witnessing this change in dynamic, such as at St. Charles where some classes are only 50-60% Catholic. There is a pastoral need in choosing music fit to the assembly gathered at our school Masses.⁴ The changing dynamic begs the question - "How can we enable full, active, and conscious musical participation, belonging to all Christians by virtue of their baptism, who are attending our all school Masses?"

One response to this question is to use music from the WorshipNOW Hymnal. WorshipNOW was approved for publication by the USCCB and was first published in 2019 by WorshipNOW Publishing. It includes 200 contemporary-style songs that are musically accessible, share repertoire with contemporary Protestant denominations, and offer a style appealing to the youngest generations. These are all characteristics inviting full participation from a multi-denominational young assembly, such as the all school Mass. Although the songs frequently have complex rhythms, repetition makes for a quick learning curve. The lyrics feature simple vocabulary, yet profound meaning, and the songs are written within a very achievable range for most singers. The hymns that are common between Catholic and Protestant denominations give familiarity to Protestant students who may feel uncomfortable or intimidated by

lack of familiarity with the rituals and symbolism of the Catholic Mass. It is important to note though, that the songs in this hymnal have been selected through the Catholic theological lens and therefore do not compromise or water down our Catholic faith and rituals. It cannot be ignored that the style of these hymns is familiar to the youngest generations. The verse-refrain structure is much more familiar than the traditional metered hymn. The hymns are heard by Catholics and Protestants alike at youth summer camps, on the radio, and on YouTube, Spotify, and Apple Music. They are written in a style that facilitates encounter, and in a modern era where AI, video games, and virtual realities are known by most youth, an environment of encounter is arguably necessary in helping them realize their faith as the most important reality. Ultimately, the style is humanly attractive. Even in 1968, the bishops described the importance of this element stating, "the primary goal of all celebration is to make a humanly attractive experience."⁵ They continued stating, "Music, more than any other resource, makes a celebration of the liturgy an attractive human experience."⁶ The familiar style of WorshipNOW hymns in addition to their musical accessibility and common repertoire with contemporary Protestant denominations fosters a humanly attractive experience at school Masses, drawing students to Christ and full participation through the liturgy.

The original design of the liturgy was intended for catechized Catholics. Therefore, it was never intended to have an evangelistic role. In 1968, the bishops foresaw the changing dynamic and the need for the liturgy to adopt an evangelistic role. They stated:

The liturgy, which is not meant to be a tool of evangelization, is forced into a missionary role. In these conditions, the music problem is complex. On one hand, music can serve as a bridge to faith, and, therefore,

greater liberty in the selection and use of musical materials may be called for.⁷

The "missionary role" the bishops speak about is one that our school Masses need to recognize. The document *Music in Catholic Worship* provides guidance stating, "Music, chosen with care, can serve as a bridge to faith as well as an expression of it."⁸ The WorshipNOW Hymnal compliments our regular hymnal to serve as this "bridge to faith," and full participation. Its musical accessibility, repertoire in common with contemporary Protestant denominations, and stylistic appeal characterize its ability to do so in a multi-denominational, multi-generational setting such as our all school Masses at St. Charles Catholic School.

**Full participation does not necessarily include reception of Holy Communion, which is reserved for those who have completed their formation for the Sacrament.*

Endnotes

1. Second Vatican Council, *Sacrosanctum Concilium (Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)* (SC) (1963), no.14.
2. See Second Vatican Council, *Musica Sacram (Instruction on Music in the Liturgy)* (MS) (1967), no. 15.
3. Nationally, non-Catholic student enrollment in Catholic grade schools rose from 2.7% (1970) to 11.2% (1980) to currently 19.0%. See "Enrollment," NCEA, National Catholic Educational Association, accessed August 6, 2025, https://ncea.org/NCEA/NCEA/Who_We_Are/About_Catholic_Schools/Catholic_School_Data/Enrollment_and_Staffing.aspx
4. See USCCB, *Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship* (STTL) (USCCB, 2007), no. 130.
5. Bishop's Committee on the Liturgy (BCL), "The Place of Music in Eucharistic Celebrations," (PMEC) *Newsletter on the Liturgy* 4, no. 1-2 (January-February 1968): 116.
6. BCL, PMEC, 117.
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8. BCL, *Music in Catholic Worship* (MCW), (USCC, 1972), no. 16.



Walking with Purpose®

Enabling Women to know Christ through Scripture

By Jeanna Stallkamp

We are eager to get back to community—back to our Bible study and community of friends who encourage us to become the image of God! You are welcome here. Join us for Walking with Purpose starting on Saturday, September 13, at 9:00 a.m. in the Church Basement for our first Connect Coffee. All women are welcome! Register online



at <https://www.osvhub.com/st-charles-lima/forms/walking-with-purpose-2025-2026>, or pick up a registration and the calendar at the church office to join a bible study. *Opening Your Heart* is perfect if you are just starting out with Bible Studies. *Grounded in Hope* is for those continuing the program. Can't wait to see you!



This summer, our St. Charles Walking with Purpose program offered a book study for Young Adults. We were pleased to have two full groups that met 5 times, while their little ones learned about our faith in their childcare as well. *Heart of Vines*, written by Lisa Brenninkmeyer and Katie Brenninkmeyer, offered a fresh perspective on God's divine love that speaks directly to our deepest hungers, fears, and hopes. The ladies had great discussions, opening them up to our wonderful opportunities at St. Charles to grow in their faith together in a safe, caring environment.

The children enjoyed learning about Baptism, the Cross, Divine Mercy, the Eucharist, and Forgiveness through song, dance, crafts, videos, and little field trips to become familiar with our church. Thank you to all of the volunteers and leaders that made this possible.



Lima Central Catholic News

Submitted by Emily Miller

Class of 2029

As we start the 2025-2026 School Year, we are welcoming in our biggest freshman class in over a decade! We are so excited for them to start this new journey as T-Birds!

Soaring into the New School Year

The first week of school at Lima Central Catholic has been filled with energy, joy, and connection. From friends catching up after summer to students diving into new lessons, our halls are alive with enthusiasm. Our 2025–2026 theme, *Birds of a Feather Flock Together: Soar in Faith, Learn in Love, Grow Together*, is already shining through as the LCC community comes together to support one another.





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CONGRATS CLASS OF 2025



The Class of 2025 leaves Lima Central Catholic with impressive accomplishments, earning more than 700 college credit hours and over \$1.5 million in scholarship offers. As they take their next steps, 82% of the graduates are headed to four-year colleges, 9% to two-year institutions, 6% will enter the workforce, and 3% have chosen to serve in the military.

WHERE THE 2025 CLASS IS HEADED

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| Ball State University | Rhodes State College |
| Bluffton University | The Ohio State University at Lima |
| Bowling Green State University | United States Air Force |
| Loyola University Chicago | University of Chicago |
| Miami University | University of Cincinnati |
| Michigan State University | University of Northwestern Ohio |
| Mount St. Joseph University | University of Toledo |
| Ohio Dominican University | Virginia Tech |
| Ohio Northern University | West Virginia University |
| Ohio University | Xavier University |



The Redwing Reader St. Charles Catholic School



MEGAN SCHEID

Principal

Flying Higher, Together in Christ

Respect – We recognize the God-given dignity in every person, treating one another with kindness and care.

Integrity – We strive to be honest, trustworthy, and faithful to our commitments, even when no one is watching.

Serve – We answer Christ's call to love our neighbor through acts of service, generosity, and compassion.

Excel – We use our God-given talents to the fullest—academically, spiritually, and personally—seeking to glorify God in all we do.

When we live these values together, we strengthen our flock. We support one another's journeys, celebrate each other's gifts, and grow as disciples of Jesus Christ. With open hearts and wings of faith, we will navigate this school year as one family, united in purpose and in Christ's love. Let us make this year a soaring success—lifting one another higher, and drawing closer to the Lord, together.



This year, the Lima Catholic Community joyfully unites under our new theme: **"Birds of a Feather Flock Together: Soar in Faith, Learn in Love, Grow Together."** Just as birds can fly farther when they travel together, we believe our Catholic school family can reach greater heights—when we stay united in faith, love, and learning. Guided by Romans 12:4–5:

"For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another."

In this spirit, our school community will focus on living out our four core values: **Respect, Integrity, Serve, and Excel.**

Welcome, 5th Graders!

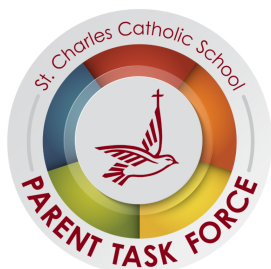
By Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Bollinger

Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Bollinger would like to welcome all the new fifth graders to the 2025-2026 school year. We are both looking forward to meeting each of you and your families. One important thing that we want everyone to know is that fifth grade is a transitional year. We are preparing the students for middle school, which is a very different experience than elementary school. The students will receive the letter grades A, B, C, D, and F - (also + and -). This type of grading system may be new to some students. Homework policies will also be different from fourth grade, so please make sure you review them carefully. All procedures and policies are designed to help further the students' education and organizational skills. We are both so excited to meet everyone and begin a wonderful new school year.

This year our guiding theme is **"Birds of a Feather Flock Together"**. This theme is about Soaring in Faith, Listening in Love, and Growing Together. We will also continue to put into practice our core values of Respect, Integrity, Serve, and Excel. Together we will **RISE** up and **SOAR** through a great school year!

Parent Task Force Events at a Glance

September 14 - Mother Son Fun Night
October 12 - Trunk or Treat Event
November 16 - Father Daughter Dance
December 1 - Donuts with Dudettes



February 7 - K-5 Rave
March 3 - Donuts with Dudes
April TBD - Middle School Fun Night
May 15 - Field Day

*If you are interested in getting involved with our Parent Task Force contact us at stcharlesptf@gmail.com



You might remember the television series "Charlie's Angels". Well, you might be surprised to learn that St. Charles has Angels. Our St. Charles Angels appear ...to lift the burden and provide a shoulder when you need it most. This will be my 25th year of belonging to the St. Charles School Family, and I can tell you that we have many angels who make a difference in our lives.

As angels do, they appear without grand display but with quiet purpose. Those who know me know that I had a near-fatal car accident when I was sixteen that left my left side paralyzed. This handicap did not hinder my determination to be independent and to pursue a teaching career.

During my 24 years of teaching Kindergarten, I have had the privilege of working with our AMAZING Staff and parents. The relationships formed are long-lasting and true. This is evident in the events of the past few weeks. I had a serious bike accident on July 17. I broke my humerus by the new reverse shoulder implant on my right side, as well as two ribs. The protocol for healing is NO movement...Seriously? I need to prepare for kindergarten: folders, binders, name tags! *Angels appear: Flowers, cookies, dinner, and prayer -much appreciated, Mary. Dinner and Conversation to lift my spirits, Kim. Queen of Snacks and Compassion - Thank you, Pat, for ALL your help and being with my Joe at the*

Angels on Earth

By Lisa Mahler

hospital both times. You are much appreciated and loved. Deb and Pat - I will never be able to say thank you enough for doing my binders and decorating my Back to School tree. It is perfect! Thank you to my coworkers for offering to do my work, even though they have their own to do. I cannot say enough about my St. Charles Angels. I am truly blessed. 🙏



NEW PARISHIONERS

Jared Young
Jerald Escalante & Irene Coferos
David & Lucie Biddinger
William & Lynda Rampe
Oldrihge Mesilien & Daphney Bazil

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Shelby Mae Craig
Rhett Jay Laudick
Freyja James Hawk
Edwige Allen Bazil-Mesilien
Xiomara Andred DeJean Fleurissaint

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Rettig
Steven Klaus
Beverly Miller
Rhonda Bryan
Ruth Bruin

Please Let the Parish Know

If you have a family member or loved one in a nursing home or assisted living facility, please notify the church office, (419) 228-7635, in order that the parish may minister to him or her.

Father Kent or one of the Communion distributors will be happy to visit at any time.

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