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FR. KENT KAUFMAN
Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

I hope you are **ENJOYING** the season of Lent! And I truly mean that! “How so?” you ask? Isn’t the season of Lent meant to be painful and excruciating? Have we stopped giving up our favorite things in life during Lent in order to be miserable and grouchy during this cold and dark time of the year?

The answer is **NO!** In fact, sometimes I think we fail to remember that “Lent” actually means “springtime.” Even though we refer to the season as *penitential*, the season is truly not about making our lives unhappy or miserable.

Rather, Lent is about making our lives happier and doing it with the Lord’s help and grace. Lent is about making our hearts ready to really celebrate the happiness that comes with Easter. And Easter is preparing us for the eternal happiness that our Lord’s Resurrection has opened for us.

By this time, you may have already heard me mention or write about Arthur Brooks, a well-known author and speaker. He is also the most requested professor at Harvard where he teaches a course on happiness. Even if you have not read any of his best-selling books, you can find plenty of his content online.

I had the pleasure of hearing him speak at the Seek 26 Conference in January. He is the one who helped me look at the season of Lent in a new way. Just like a parent wants nothing more than for their son or daughter

Enjoy the Season of Lent

to be happy, so too does our heavenly Father desire that we be happy.

Arthur Brooks is quick to explain that often we get tripped up in our pursuit of happiness because we think happiness is a *feeling*. True happiness is not a feeling; it is choosing to live an intentional life here on earth – coupled with the hope of preparing for the fullness of happiness once our earthly life is complete.

Even better, to be happy I simply need to “feed” my life with three things: enjoyment, satisfaction, and meaning. Of course, understanding each of those three things is vital.

Enjoyment does not mean doing *whatever* I find pleasurable *whenever* I want. No, enjoyment consists of pleasure + people + memory. Pursuing pleasure alone leads to unhappiness and sometimes even addiction – or the need for rehab.

Satisfaction is the reward that comes after some struggle I have faced in life. Do you remember the satisfaction once you learned that you could tie your shoelaces all by yourself? Do you remember the satisfaction of your first paycheck and being recognized for your hard work? No matter where in life we find ourselves, once we stop challenging ourselves here on earth, then we become unhappy.

Finally, knowing one’s **Purpose** or **Meaning** in life is essential. I am happiest when I know that I am fully living as God created me. Here is where the season of Lent can be a great help. Understanding more fully my Baptism and call to be a Disciple for the Lord is my deepest identity as a child of God. Without this purpose for my life, all other pursuits ultimately become a dead end – without any lasting happiness.

One other important note about Arthur Brooks. He doesn’t just teach us to be happy. He also teaches us how to teach others to be happy! “Why?” you ask? “Isn’t it enough just to be happy for myself?”

The answer is **NO!** If I have discovered the “formula” for being happy, there are two reasons I just cannot keep it to myself. First, we all enjoy sharing good news with those around us. Teaching others how to be happy will only add to my happiness. Secondly, none of us want to spend time with people who are unhappy. And

if we care about these people, we will want to transform their negativity for life into something positive and joyful.

Later this month, St. Charles will be hosting two special events that seek to bring more happiness into our families, our community, and our world.

The first is our **St. Joseph’s Table** on Thursday, March 19, from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the lower level of church. Come and enjoy a free Pancake and Sausage Supper filled with ChrisCakes’ famous flipping-good fun! If you haven’t gotten your ticket, just check with the office or come to the Gathering Space after our weekend Masses.

Even more, share the happiness with others! Invite a neighbor, friend, or co-worker who has never been to St. Charles, or perhaps not been here in a long time, to come and enjoy. We will have information about some of our ministries and just a chance to share in our friendship as we celebrate the feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of Mary and patron of the Universal Church.

The second opportunity is “Unity at a Journey of the Heart,” our **Parish Mission** with Deacon Art Miller from Connecticut who is known and loved throughout the nation. Be certain to come to one of our weekend Masses, March 21-22 when he will be preaching and then come back to join us Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for his keynote mission talks. Each evening will be preceded by music at 6:30 p.m. and followed by food and fellowship.

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ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE
Pancake & Sausage Supper

When & Where
Thursday, March 19th
Come anytime between 5:00pm-7:00pm!

Lower Level of St. Charles Church
2200 W Elm Street Lima

Tickets
Tickets are FREE and available in the Parish Office or after weekend Masses in the Gathering Space. Get your ticket before they are all gone!

Chris Cakes
Chris Cakes has been flipping cakes in Ohio for decades! Invite a friend to come and join in the fun as we celebrate St. Joseph!

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Unity as a Journey of the Heart

Use the QR code or the link below for more info!
www.stcharleslima.org/parish-mission

St. Charles Borromeo Parish Mission

Where: 2200 W. Elm St. Lima, OH
When: Sun.-Tues. March 22-24, 2026

Mission Schedule
6:30 p.m. Come early for live music
7:00-8:00 p.m. Mission Presentation
Afterward Light refreshments and fellowship



LAURIEANN CAMPBELL
Director of Operations

A Season of Renewal and Progress

As we enter the sacred season of Lent, we are reminded that renewal is at the heart of our faith journey. Lent calls us to prayer, sacrifice, and reflection but also to transformation. It is a season that prepares us for new life. In that same spirit of renewal, we are excited to share meaningful progress within our parish.

Our long-anticipated elevator project has now completed nearly all preliminary drawings and diocesan approvals. We anticipate seeing signs of visible work beginning this April, with construction continuing through the fall months. This milestone marks an important step forward in making St. Charles more accessible and welcoming to parishioners and visitors of all abilities.

In addition to the elevator installation, we are working toward enhancing the lower level spaces of the church to better serve our current ministries. Our goal is to create environments that are more modern, inviting, and conducive to fellowship, faith formation, and parish gatherings. As our ministries continue to grow and evolve, so too should the spaces that support them.

We are deeply grateful to everyone who has contributed to the Living Christ Campaign. As of December 31, 2025, pledges total \$1,482,076 toward our goal of \$1,260,000 — an incredible testament to the

generosity of our parish community. A total of \$1,076,858 has been collected from our campaign. From that amount,

will increase from 35% to 50%, further strengthening our ability to complete these important improvements.

You may be contacted in the near future if you pledged to the campaign and your donations are behind. We simply want to ensure your information is accurate and that no pledges are unintentionally overlooked. In addition, if you are new to the parish or are interested in giving, you may go to

<https://toledodiocese.org/ministries-departments/living-christ-campaign> or use the QR code at the end of this article to pledge to the campaign. Any amount will help contribute towards both the elevator and lower level improvements. If you have experienced any difficulties or have questions regarding your pledge, please feel free to contact me at campbelll@stcharleslima.org, and I will gladly assist you in making sure your contribution is submitted correctly.

We truly appreciate your continued generosity and commitment to making our church more accessible to individuals of all abilities. It is our hope that these improvements not only enhance our physical space but also reflect the vibrant and vital presence of St. Charles within our Catholic community.

Together, through faith and stewardship, we continue to build a parish home that welcomes all.





St. Charles Borromeo

<i>Our Parish Goal:</i>	<i>\$1,260,000.00</i>
<i>Our Parish Pledge Total:</i>	<i>\$1,482,076.24</i>
<i>Cash Collected to Date:</i>	<i>\$1,076,858.03</i>
<i>Parish Share to Date:</i>	<i>\$377,127.81</i>

As of 12/31/25

\$366,667 has been disbursed to St. Charles, representing approximately 35% of the funds received thus far. When we reach our goal, our parish share of the collected funds

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**St. Charles Catholic Church
Mission Statement**

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

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

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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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How Do You Share Your Light?

CHRIS JONES

Coordinator of Outreach and Hospitality

As the season of Easter approaches, our hearts are drawn to those who are on their journey to join our faith. At the same time, we embrace those searching and inquiring into our faith. It is important to share our faith with those who inquire, but also to reflect on what we do to continually make a difference in the lives of those we serve in Christ.

Go Make Disciples

In Matthew 5:15-16, Matthew tells us: "Nor do men light a lamp and put it under a bushel, but on a stand, and it gives light to all the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

OCIA Candidates and Catechumens

Our OCIA team and sponsors share Christ's light when working with those searching for Him. This journey is a learning and sharing experience like none other. The Church as a whole is experiencing an influx of younger generations searching for Christ. Conversion is only the first step. We help to foster the relationships that continue and lead to discipleship.

OCIA Inquirers

Growing in faith occurs when you have dialogue with others. We encourage our inquirers to share with us where they currently are in their faith journey. Using the "Foundations in Faith" questions, we help them to consider their faith journey and also help us to know where they are in their journey.

*Where have you been?
Where are you now?
Where do you want to get to?
How will you get there?
How will you know when you are there?*

When we are asked questions by those searching for answers and discover those answers together through Jesus' teachings, we connect and make stronger bonds.

Nursing Home and Homebound Ministry

We share our light with the elderly and those unable to celebrate Mass in person.

Psalm 71:9: "Do not cast me off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength is spent."

Our nursing home and homebound ministry is another way we "shine our light before others" as guided by Christ. Weekly Holy Communion is distributed by our volunteers. These ministers of Holy Communion share their light by sharing the Body of Christ to those who would not be able to share in the Eucharist if they didn't.

These Outreach ministries shine Christ's light to those searching and yearning for Him.

If you know someone who is unable to attend regular services, please contact our parish office or Chris Jones at jonesc@stcharleslima.org and we will add them to those wishing to receive Holy Communion.



40 Days for Life and ACA

BRYNNA SCHROEDER

Parish Multimedia Specialist

Lent is upon us as you're reading this and, as a result, there're plenty of opportunities for prayer, penance, and supporting a good cause. I volunteer for 40 Days for Life Toledo, and their spring

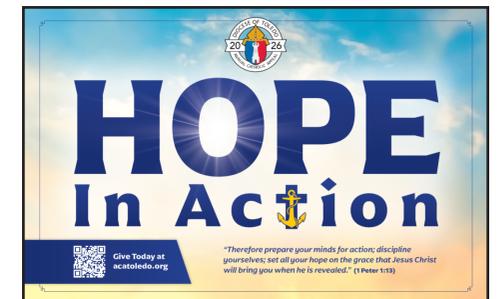


campaign is underway throughout the Lenten season. From February 18th-March 29th, you can sign up to peacefully pray for an hour outside the Toledo Abortion Center. At the time of writing this, I will have a sign-up sheet in the Church Gathering Space (on the desk near the TV). We are looking to fill up one full day or half a day as a parish (the specific date will be on the sheet) to pray outside the clinic. Just put your info on the sheet by the hour you'd like to take, and I will reach out with an email on info about parking, location, and a reminder of which hour you took.

At the time you read this, we may already have enough people signed up for the date, or if that day doesn't work out for enough people, you can always go with a friend on a day that works for you! Hours available are from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. The 40-day vigil is located in the public right-of-way outside the Toledo Abortion Center at 1160 W. Sylvania Ave., Toledo, OH 43612.

If you'd like more information and if you'd like to sign up to pray on your own day of choice, please contact Kevin Jorrey at kjorrey@toledodiocese.org, or www.40DaysForLife.com/Toledo to sign up for an hour or two. You can also keep up with the work of the 40 Days for Life Toledo campaign at <https://www.facebook.com/40DaysForLifeToledo>.

The Annual Catholic Appeal for the Toledo Diocese is also underway. It's a wonderful way to support our Diocese's wonderful programs. The ACA helps with the upkeep of pro-life initiatives, service projects, vocational ministries, Catholic Charities, Catholic Schools, and so much



more! You can give today by going to acatoledo.org or using the QR code. Your support not only helps the Diocese, it raises our parish to new heights as well!

Last but not least, a word of encouragement to you all, as well as to myself: finish strong this Lent and have a Happy Easter!

Holy Week Mass Schedule

<p>Palm Sunday March 29th 8:00 am - 9:00 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am</p>	<p>Chrism Mass (at Cathedral) March 31st 11:00 am - 12:00 pm</p>
<p>Holy Thursday March 2nd 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm</p>	<p>Good Friday March 3rd 12:30 pm - 2:00 pm</p>
<p>Holy Saturday March 4th 8:30 pm - 10:30 pm</p>	<p>Easter Sunday March 5th 8:00 am - 9:00 am 10:30 am - 11:30 am</p>

Lima Catholic Community
Thunderbird Fish Fry
March 13 & March 27
4:30 PM- 7:00 PM

Dine-in or Carry-out
Price: **\$15**
Fish, Fries, Green Beans & Roll (Salad bar included for dine-in only)
Kids price: **\$8**
Choice of Fish or Mac & Cheese with Fries
Cash accepted at the door

For Carry Out: Enter and exit North entrance

Lima Central Catholic Cafeteria
720 S. Cable Road
Lima, Ohio 45805
<https://www.flyhighbirds.com/HTickets>

Fridays During Lent

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Join us on Fridays during Lent for Lee's Fish & Chips – featuring golden-fried fish, creamy tartar sauce, and potato wedges.
We're proud to serve our local communities with an easy, family-friendly Lenten option.



Belonging, Conversation, and the Mission of Small Groups

JEREMY HOLLIS

Director of Youth Discipleship and Evangelization

Every parish hopes to be a place where young people feel welcomed, supported, and rooted in their Catholic faith. Yet, we all understand that belonging does not happen on its own. It is not created by programs, schedules, or even sacramental preparation alone. Belonging develops in the foundation of genuine relationships, spaces where young people (and adults) can speak honestly, be listened to sincerely, and realize that they matter.

This is exactly the point highlighted by the Springtide Research Institute's latest findings. Their recent data, reflecting the voices of nearly 50,000 Catholic high school students, emphasizes a simple but profound truth: young people feel a stronger sense of belonging when they feel safe discussing the things that truly matter.

And for us as a Church, this has direct implications, especially for how we structure small groups in the parish.

Springtide notes that only 46% of Catholic high school students say they feel safe enough at school to discuss important topics. That means more than half navigate their days without a trusted space to process faith, struggles, relationships, doubts, or fears.

But here's what's striking: those who *do* feel safe discussing meaningful issues consistently report higher belonging. They feel more:

- Noticed** — seen by the adults around them
- Named** — accepted for who they are
- Known** — understood at a deeper level

This language of being “noticed, named and known” harmonizes powerfully with Live Jesus Ministries emphasis on personal encounter, the kind of presence that reflects Christ's own relational ministry.

Remarkably, Springtide also reports that over half of students feel comfortable discussing religion and spirituality at school. When they can speak openly about faith, their sense of belonging increases even more. This highlights a crucial point: young people are eager to discuss their spiritual lives. They seek meaning, purpose, and a space where their most profound aspects of identity are embraced.

Besides the home, shouldn't the Church be the first place where this is possible?

For a long time, youth ministers, catechists, and pastors have sensed what this research now confirms: relationships, not programs, shape disciples. Springtide's insights confirm that small groups have the power to turn the parish into a community of belonging.

Small groups embody the very principles that Springtide and Live Jesus Ministries promote.

1. They create safe spaces for real conversation. A group of 4 - 6 youth gathered with a trusted adult offers

something a large gathering never can: room to breathe. Room to speak. Room to be vulnerable. When a teenager realizes, “*I can talk about what's really going on,*” belonging takes root.

2. They prioritize people before content. Of course, we teach the faith, but small groups recognize that the human heart is the primary starting point. When teens process their lives, stress, friendships, family dynamics, and questions of identity, they become open to hearing how the Gospel speaks into those places.

3. They encourage spiritual conversation naturally. Springtide found that when teens feel comfortable talking about religion, their sense of belonging increases. Small groups have the unique ability to integrate Scripture, prayer, and testimony in ways that meet teens where they are at.

4. They build trusted relationships with adults. Young people need mentors, faithful adults who listen more than they lecture, who accompany rather than correct. Small groups offer consistent relational presence, week after week, which slowly teaches teens that the Church is a place they can trust.

The Church has always taught that belonging is rooted in God's design for communion. Live Jesus Ministries articulates this through the spirituality of encounter and presence. Springtide expresses the same truth in sociological terms: to be known is to belong.

Small groups, then, are not merely educational models. They are instruments of grace. They model the early Church's rhythm of fellowship, prayer, and shared life. They allow teens to encounter Christ through the presence of His people.

And perhaps most importantly, they give young people a place to bring their story into God's story.

If the Church hopes to be a spiritual home, then belonging cannot be accidental. It must be intentionally cultivated through relational ministry. This type of ministry is the kind that builds disciples and renews parish life from the inside out.

Springtide's research confirms what the Church has long proclaimed: authentic community transforms lives. When young people find a place to speak openly, explore faith honestly, and form trusted relationships, they flourish.

And in a culture where so many feel isolated, the parish can be a beacon of hope, a place where every young person is reminded, “*You are seen, you are known, and you belong.*”

If we commit to forming strong, relational small groups, we will not simply be responding to research trends. We will be living the Gospel mandate to accompany, to listen, and to love. To volunteer to be an adult mentor contact Jeremy at hollisj@stcharleslima.org or (419) 228-7635.



New Policing Substation at St. Charles

On Tuesday, February 10, the City of Lima announced the new Community Oriented Policing Substation to be located at St. Charles. We are the pilot substation covering the west Precinct Three of the city with the hope that substations will be added in the other two precincts in the near future.

Already a year ago, the city approached St. Charles about hosting this substation due to our longtime partnership with the larger community and high visibility in the neighborhood. However, factors such as the recent change in Chief of Police have delayed the launch until now.

Our thanks go out to Mayor Sharetta Smith, Chief Curt Hile, and Sargent Stephan Torres for their initiative in making this substation a reality. Please help me welcome the Lima Police Department to St. Charles Parish and School as they continue to serve and protect our city and local neighborhood.



EMILY NIESE
Director of Liturgical Music Ministries

A recent assignment of my graduate studies was to read two Lenten articles and write a reflection of the implications of those articles upon my own liturgical music planning. The first article was written by Nicholas V. Russo from The Center for Christian Ethics at Baylor University and described the historical origins of Lent and its traditions as a liturgical season. The second article was by Rev. Nathan Mitchell, OSB, faculty at Archabbey of St. Meinrad, Indiana. His article titled, “A God Who Hears,” put to words something that he calls the “spirituality of music,” or the ability of music to set the tone, and even change the tone, for liturgical celebrations in a deep and profound way. I desired to share my reflection below.

The two articles stirred deep reflection on understanding the historical context of Lent as a liturgical season and the role of pastoral musicians in nurturing music as an agent of change and conversion. As a Director of Liturgical Music, learning the theorized historical origins of Lent provided insight into the intended character of the season. The described “spirituality of music” gave depth to my role in fostering the character of the season and inspiring conversion.

Since the Council of Nicea in 325 A.D., the Church discerned to formally make Lent a liturgical season in response to disunified traditions that were occurring at the time. As a Director of Liturgical Music,

Lenten Musical Implications

I desire to honor the Church’s establishment of Lent by planning music for the liturgy in a way that makes clear to all attending Mass that something is different in that season. The music should “alert” the assembly to recall Christ’s 40 days of fasting and prayer, and unite themselves to his experience. The Church did not need to make Lent as lengthy as it did, but the length of the season provides ample opportunity to thoroughly develop an atmosphere distinct from all other times of the year, emphasizing the particular character of the season.

Lent is thought to have its origin from seasons of fasting. Although Eastern and Western traditions do not have the exact same understanding or proof of how Lent came to be, it is conclusive that Lent originated from, built upon, and/or was a response to traditions centered around fasting in preparation for baptism, especially at Easter, but not limited to that occasion. This concept has been applied through the Church’s prescriptions for liturgical music of the season. The musicians “fast” from their regular instrumentation and embellishment. Accompaniment is intended solely to support the singing, and instrumental solos are not permitted. Musicians fast from singing the “Alleluia” during Lent within the Gospel Acclamation or other hymns. Musicians fast from singing the “Gloria.” The hymns especially include penitential themes and any other themes which allow us to unite ourselves more fully to Christ’s 40 days of fasting and prayer.

In addition to fasting from usual instrumentation and certain musical elements of the Mass, as the Director of Liturgical Music I have the responsibility of fostering the “spirituality of music” at all times, but in a special way during the season of Lent. Since music is a vessel of

conversion — changing the room, the atmosphere, the air, and the people it acts upon — it plays a vital role in the conversion that is a necessary part of Lenten preparation for Easter. At Easter, we are made new. We celebrate resurrection and the death of death itself. Music needs to reflect this spirituality. Music of Easter is full of life, vibrant, more upbeat, celebratory, and featuring themes of resurrection, proclamation, joy, and thanksgiving. Lent is in direct preparation for Easter, and so it is fitting that the music of Lent would be barren, more somber, and featuring themes of penance, prayer, suffering, perseverance, and hope.

Conversion begins by meeting someone where they are at, just as Jesus did. As a Director of Liturgical Music, this means I strive to meet my assembly with the repertoire that they are familiar with and explore new options from there, not forgetting any education necessary to introduce change. It means striving to meet the assembly in their depth of faith, choosing music that is comprehensible yet still arousing even deeper faith. It is a privilege that demands a personal relationship with those I serve, denial of self-preference, and obedience to the Holy Spirit. The power of liturgical music to inspire conversion cannot be underestimated during any season, but this is especially true for Lent.



MAUREEN KASKEL
Director, Christian Corner Community Center

The holiday season at Christian Corner was a busy time with 103 children receiving Christmas gifts via the Tree of Hope program at Church. A most heartfelt

thanks to all who participated! Please know that you provided many smiles for children and their families during this Christmas season. Families served: 35. Gift distribution and a special Holiday meal occurred on Friday,



Serving the holiday meal: Scott, Angela, Joe, Tim, Rosie, Bev, Christy and Julius in the background!

Christian Corner Community Center

December 19. This wonderful meal was made possible by our Cook, Rosie Luckett, Assistants Chrystal Breaston and Janice Jones. Volunteers Tim and Bev Carder were a huge help also. More on our team of all volunteers for Christian Corner will be covered in a future issue!

The brand-new Ohio Northern University Health Van visits Christian Corner on the first Wednesday of every month. Participants can see an MD for any health concern, a Pharm D. student for medication review, or a health care professional for immunizations, especially flu shots, Covid boosters and the like. Blood pressure checks revealed a few people being diagnosed with hypertension and started on treatment right on the spot. A frequently requested check is for blood glucose. Again, this resulted in some diagnoses of Type II Diabetes in folks who did not realize this condition was present in their body. We are most grateful for this Community Health service!



Parishioners Tim and Bev Carder volunteered for Holiday meal at CC.

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The Redwing Reader

St. Charles Catholic School



MEGAN SCHEID

Principal

The months of March and April are a unique time in the life of St. Charles Catholic School. While we move through the prayerful reflection of Lent and into the glorious celebration of Easter, we are constantly reminded that our school does not exist in a vacuum — it thrives because of the roots planted by this parish.

The connection between our church and our school is what makes education at St. Charles truly distinctive. Here, academic excellence is not the only goal, it is the fruit of a much deeper mission. When you support our school through your prayers, your presence at events, and your generosity, you are doing more than maintaining a building. You are investing



Join Our Family

in the next generation of leaders, compassionate neighbors, and faithful disciples. Every day in our hallways, I see the impact of this community. I see it in our students' dedication to their Lenten service projects and in the way they support one another in the classroom. We are not just teaching subjects, we are

cultivating a culture of grace and integrity that we hope will stay with these children for a lifetime.

As we look toward the future and begin our preparations for the coming school year, we want our doors to be open to all who seek this environment for their children.

If you are new to St. Charles or are interested in providing your child with a Christ-centered education, I would love

to meet you. Choosing a school is a significant decision and I am here to help you navigate that journey. Whether you have questions about our curriculum or would like to learn more about the various scholarship opportunities available to make Catholic education accessible for your family, my door is open.

Please feel free to reach out to me directly at scheidm@scsclima.org. I would be happy to give you a personal tour of our school and discuss how your child can flourish here at St. Charles.

Thank you for being the heart of our mission. May your Easter season be filled with the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

Parent Task Force Events at a Glance

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**



St. Charles School 2nd Quarter Honor Roll

MARK OF EXCELLENCE

Grade 5: Kevin Bruin, Ava Eickholt, Jude Ellis, Vera Krieg

Grade 6: Caleb Frick, Nadia Fuduric, Scarlet Gross, Dean Wolfcale

Grade 7: Aidan Carter, Kendyl Liening, Ava Miroglio, Kaya St. Clair

Grade 8: Elaine Brickner, Luke Bryan, Nicklaus Gronas, Anthony Hinegardner, Alaina Laux, Audie Sielschott, Cooper Wende

HIGH HONORS

Grade 5: Caroline Andrews, Kaitlyn Barhorst, Noelle Blair, Corbin Bowers, Brayden Burkholder, Michael Dickman, Reilly Donley, Colin Ellis, Alora Heffner, KJ Hood, Dean Iddings, Peyton Liening, Isaac Niebel, Avalyn Nolte, Ryleigh Parks, Mackenzie Patermann, Sophia Rachlin, Insu Salyers, Mason Sanchez, Eva St. Clair

Grade 6: Hunter Bensinger, Maren Flower, Carson Gross, Colin Hile, Lillian Hobbs, James Hodges, Kian Kroupa, Wyatt MacDonald, Miles Marsh, Rylee Merschman, Thienne Salyers, Ryan Schnieders, Evan Schoonover, Orion Turner, Rylee Williams

Grade 7: Gretchen Barhorst, Reed Bell, Gaby Bryan-Lanche, Henry Dickman, Jeremiah Eghan, Harper Fields, Jay Krieg, Sophia Mack, Corbin Sherrick, Savannah Stolly, Alec Thines, Emma Venturella, Grant Williams

Grade 8: Olivia Barhorst, Miya Hollis, Charlee Rexford, Hezekiah Thomas, Elliana Thompson, Katana Walter

HONORS

Grade 5: Duke Burden, Ashton Heaphy, Colton Menke, Finn Quatman, Mason Rader, Dakota Seccession, Cash Spurlin, Solace Stover, Carson Sunderland, Shane Wolford

Grade 6: Lillian Bohn, Sophonie Britus, Rylee Chess, Lorenzo Crum, Jayla Dukes, Naveah Dukes, Clara Ellis, Addison Gandy, Jayla Godsey, Carson Griffin, Olivia Newland, Londyn Powell, Khloe Skinner, Connor Sroufe, Ryker Starr

Grade 7: Sam Curtis, Cedric Flower, Amaya Jaqckson, Warren Judy, Ayden Meeker, Raylan Tierney, Jaxen Wilson

Grade 8: Alexis Allen, Tristan Badaea, Lenna Bear, Gabriel Hosges, Evelyn Iddings, Peighton Oliphant, Antonino Rodriguez, Easton Swinehart

LIMA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Become a Sub

RAISE YOUR HAND!

Do you desire to make a difference? Are you looking for a way to use your time and talents to help students grow in their education? If yes, substitute teaching may be the answer for you!

Substitute Teaching

- If you are a retired teacher looking to step back in the classroom, a new college graduate, or someone interested in becoming a substitute teacher for the first time - we would love for you to consider becoming a substitute teacher.
- If you are looking for flexible employment that works for your schedule or to make some additional income when you want with short-term employment this may be the perfect opportunity for you!

Requirements

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- Completed background (FBI & BCI) on file with the State Board of Education
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Send Your Resume or Questions To:

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Washington, D.C. 2025

By Mrs. Kelly Gronas

Last October, the 7th and 8th grade students participated in a class trip to Washington, D.C. Despite the government shutdown that was going on at that time, they were still able to experience the history of our nation, allowing them to step out of the classroom and into the heart of American democracy. Some of the places they visited were our nation's memorials and monuments. Students got to stand at the base of the Lincoln Memorial and the Washington Monument. They were able to spend time reflecting at the WWII, Vietnam and Korean War Memorials. A walk on the solemn grounds of Arlington National Cemetery provided a powerful lesson on understanding sacrifice and national honor. They

witnessed the Changing of the Guard and even participated in a wreath laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. While visiting our nation's Sanctuary of Prayer and Pilgrimage, the *Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception*, students were able to celebrate mass and tour the breath-taking architectural and mosaic features. The trip itinerary allowed them to enjoy a walking tour of George Washington's estate at Mount Vernon, a trip to the battlefield of Gettysburg, the Holocaust Museum and a tour of the Flight 93 Memorial in Pennsylvania.

This trip was more than just a sightseeing tour, it was a lifetime experience that fostered personal and academic growth. They witnessed government institutions that hopefully inspired them to reflect on their roles as future leaders and active citizens. For many, this was a first major trip away from home, building essential skills in teamwork, responsibility and social growth. The trip created lasting bonds between peers and teachers, and strengthened our school community through these lasting memories!





Celebrating the 100th Day of School!

By Lisa Mahler

Did you know? The first 100 days of school celebration was in 1979. California teacher Lynn Taylor decided to mark the 100th day of school to help her young students better understand the number 100.

At SCCS, we celebrate 100 days of school to acknowledge students' learning progress, reinforce number sense, especially for kindergarten learning to count to 100, and to celebrate our academic growth and faith journey.

It is worthy of a time to pause and reflect on just how much our students have learned and grown since the first day of school. It's a day filled with pride, joy, and discovery, celebrating both the progress already made and the exciting learning still to come. As we move forward into the second half of the year, we continue to nurture curiosity, encourage perseverance, and build strong foundations — one day (and one number) at a time!



Christmas Cards

By Laura Knarr

Maybe you were the lucky recipient of a third grade Christmas card this year! The third grade made Christmas cards for those who are homebound or in nursing homes. They prepared the cards as part of their retreat. Father Kent then shares photos of those who received the cards, helping students see how they contribute to the Church's mission through service. In creating the cards, the students can recognize that small acts of kindness can make a meaningful difference. It won't be too much longer until Easter cards will be created.





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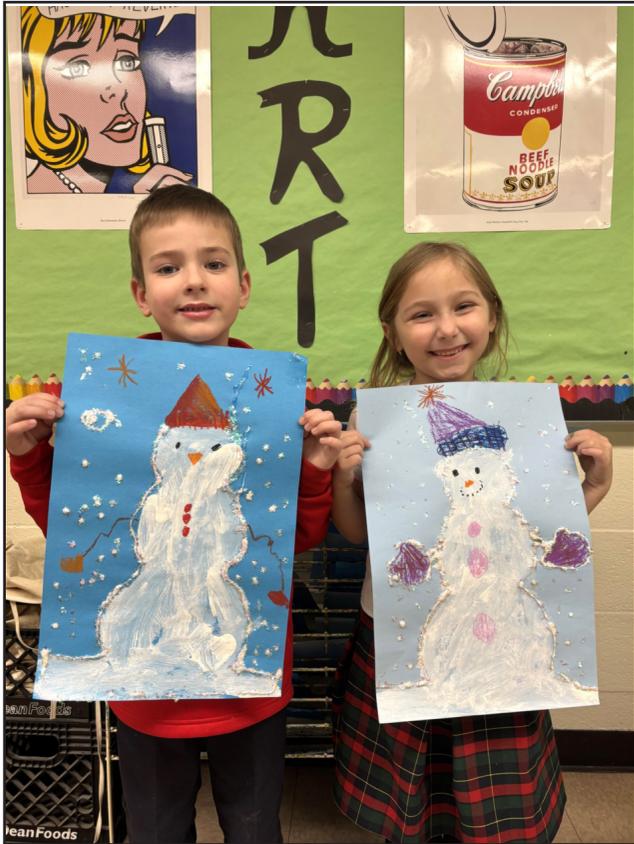
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From the Art Room

By Becky MacDonald



Kindergarten students, Parker and Raelyn, proudly display their painted snowman.



Snowflakes filled the second grade art room. Ava and all the other 2nd grade students created snowflakes topping it off with beautiful iridescent glitter. Art students learned a little science behind the formation of snowflakes.



Emma and Kendyl, both in the seventh grade, have finished their project on portrait drawing. Students learned proportions of the human face and about the importance of value, shading and texture.

Library News!

By Jennifer Thompson

Our 5th graders collaborated, presented, created, and used their critical thinking skills during their 2026 Mock Caldecott Election this January. The Caldecott Medal is awarded annually by our 5th graders to the most distinguished picture book for children up to age 14 and published during the preceding year. This year, the 4th graders got to choose the winning medals that were designed by our 5th graders.

The winning book titles were:

- Winner: **What to do with your Whirly, Swirly Thoughts** illustrated by Nadia Gunawan
- Honor: **The First Christmas** illustrated by Helena Perez Garcia
- Honor: **To See an Owl** illustrated by Matthew Cordell

Medals for the winning books were designed by:

- Winning Medal: Caroline Andrews
- Honor Medal: Caroline Andrews
- Honor Medal: Alora Heffner



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.

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Lima Central Catholic News

Submitted by Emily Miller

LCC Student Honored with Little Diamond Award

Since 2015, an individual from Elida and Lima Central Catholic has been chosen by their coach to receive the “**Little Diamond**” Award, created in memory of the late Mark Thompson, who dedicated many years to these communities as a coach and educator.

The recipients of the Little Diamond Award are recognized for demonstrating **loyalty, hard work, dedication, and a willingness to do the little things that need to**

be done — qualities that reflect the spirit and character Coach Thompson valued.

This year, Lima Central Catholic is proud to honor **Jordan Priddy** as its recipient!

Congratulations, Jordan, and thank you for consistently setting an example of what it means to be a T-Bird — both on and off the court!



Congratulations to these two seniors who represented LCC students during The Lima Noon Optimist’s Youth Appreciation Week. We are so proud of **Andrew Baldauf** and **Michael Sherrick** for their leadership skills.

Congratulations to our outstanding math students of the month for January. They came back to LCC ready to go in 2026! Way to go to

sophomore **Layo Awe**, junior **Jaxon White** and sophomore **Milicent Ibeneme**.

LCC sent four performances to St. Marys for OMEA solo and ensemble. All



solists earned the highest rating of Superior (1).

Congratulations **Billy Salyers III, Madelyn Jefferson, and Ta’Kyra Ingram!**

LCC’s Brass Quintet was

the only T-bird ensemble who received the Excellent (2) rating. Congratulations **Addison Fay, Kaitlyn Carroll, Eli Burris, Zoe Huber, and Billy Salyers** on a wonderful performance!

LCC Students Shine in Catholic Math League!

Major congratulations are in order for **Dante Turney**, who made history as the **first student at Lima Central Catholic to achieve a perfect score** on a Catholic Math League contest! This challenging competition includes **25 multiple-choice problems** with only **30 minutes** to solve them, making Dante’s accomplishment truly remarkable.



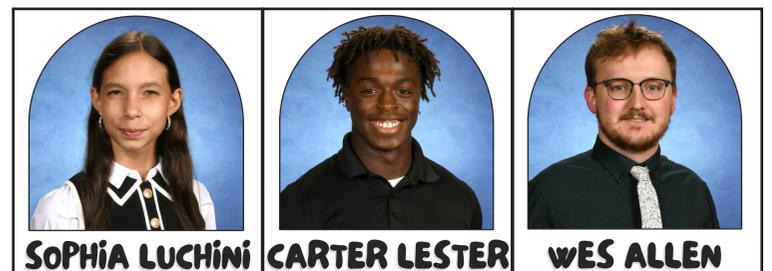
Other Thunderbirds also performed exceptionally well — **Jacob Raczynski** and **Alexa Heffner** each missed just four problems! Scoring over 20 on this contest is an impressive feat, and these students have certainly made us proud.

As part of **Catholic Schools Week**, Lima Central Catholic was thrilled to **welcome grandparents and special parental figures** to spend time with our students, sharing lunch and making memories together. Family is truly at the heart of the LCC community!

Celebrating Our February Top T-Birds!

Each month, Lima Central Catholic recognizes students and a staff member who exemplify the heart of our mission — living their faith, showing kindness, caring for others, and striving for excellence in all they do.

We are proud to honor our February Top T-Birds for the positive impact they make in our classrooms and throughout our school community: **Sophia Luchini, Carter Lester, and Mr. Wes Allen**.



Congratulations to our students who earned an Academic Letter!

These students have gone above and beyond the expectations for Honor Roll and have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement.

To earn an Academic Letter: Students must be a sophomore, junior, or senior; Must have a 3.6 cumulative GPA calculated at the end of first semester

Recognition by year: Year 1: Academic Letter; Year 2: Silver Academic Pin; Year 3: Gold Academic Pin

We are proud of your hard work and dedication!

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St. Charles Parish is committed to helping families provide a Catholic education for our children. The parish offers tuition support to high-school age parishioners attending Lima Central Catholic High School. For the 2026–2027 academic year, the tuition scholarship will be **up to \$800 per student**.



To be eligible, families and students must be active, registered members of St. Charles Borromeo Parish. Active participation includes regular Mass attendance, living a life of stewardship through financial and/or ministerial support, and upholding Catholic values at home.

Applications must be submitted to the parish office no later than April 1, 2026, to be considered for the 2026–2027 school year. Eligibility is determined once per year and will be forwarded to Lima Central Catholic by May 15, 2026. Support will continue unless your family's parish status changes or your student becomes ineligible or withdraws from LCC.



To access the application form, please **scan this QR code**. We encourage all eligible families to complete and return the form by the April 1 deadline.

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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Like the challenge for St. Joseph's Table, invite someone to join you for the mission. There is no charge and it is intended for anyone and everyone to join us. Children are welcome and people from any walk of life or any faith community. You can find more information about these two special opportunities elsewhere in *The Chimes*.

So, you have your challenge as we approach Easter, April 5 – to grow in happiness! AND, to invite and teach others how to be happy as well! Do this and you will have a lifetime of happiness and, thanks to our Savior Jesus Christ, the promise of eternal happiness in heaven as well!

Fr. Kent

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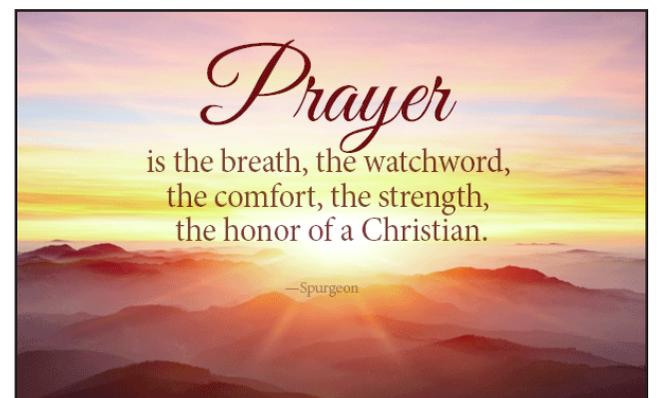
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