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KAUFMAN**

Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Some of you are old enough to remember when our homes had just one line for our telephones. In fact, it might have meant just one actual telephone — usually mounted to a wall in the kitchen or at a desk shared by the entire family. It was a real treat when a second “extension” was added to the basement or a bedroom, which added convenience or privacy for taking the call.

Perhaps some you even remember sharing the one telephone line with other households in the neighborhood. This was known as a “party line,” though it was no party if your daily communications relied upon it. Rather than just waiting for your sister to finish her phone call, now you had to wait for the neighbors to finish up their business before you could place a call.

Finally, there might even be some in our parish who remember a time when they had no telephone in their home. I recall my Aunt Ruth telling how things were when she and my uncle built their first home next to my parents in the early 1950’s. At first, they didn’t own a deep freeze or telephone. Luckily, my parents were next door and were willing to share!

So, why all this history about telephones? Well, our seminarian, Alex, has been working hard to reach his peers — our young adults — in the parish. He wants to invite them to deepen their faith through Bible studies, fellowship, or just getting to know one another.

Calling All Young Adults!

Often, Alex meets his peers out in the community — at festivals, at Walmart, at Planet Fitness, or yes, even at Mass. Yet, we know there are so many more that are being missed. Here is where the telephone can make a difference — possibly.

Alex is discovering that often our census data is out-of-date. Phone numbers are no longer in service — likely a “landline” that was discontinued years ago. Also, adult children may no longer be living with their parents, even though our census data indicates that they are still at home. Yes, sometimes our records show “young adults” well into their thirties are still “at home” with mom and dad!

At the same time, it has now been almost ten years (early 2017) since our parish made a concerted effort to do an updated census. You might recall the “Reach Out” initiative from our Outreach Commission. Teams of volunteers went “door-to-door” trying to contact the hundreds of registered households in our parish who did not bother to return their updated census form.

At present, St Charles Parish has 1,336 registered households who have at least one active member. All together in those households, we have 3,166 active members.

If you are actively registered in our parish and between the ages of 22 and 39, Alex will be trying to reach you! His first attempt will be by phone. If he does not have an individual phone number listed for the young adults in the household, hopefully he will be able to reach one of the parents in order to find out more about the current status of the adult children we have listed in the household.

In those situations where Alex doesn’t reach the young adult or have a working phone number for anyone else in the household, he will follow up with either an email or a postcard. Our goal is to reach each and every member!

In the meantime, you don’t have to wait for Alex to reach you! Feel free to introduce yourself to Alex! He will be at most of our weekend Masses through the end of July. Also, to make things easier, if you are a young adult living here in Lima at St. Charles, feel free to contact our Parish Office to see if your registration is up-to-date. We want to include you with all of our special opportunities and keep you informed of what is happening for your age group in our parish.

In fact, we are hoping to begin a Young Catholic Professionals chapter here in Lima. This would extend beyond our parish and include the area parishes in our deanery. Currently, the closest chapters are in Toledo or Columbus. You can find out more about the national association at www.youngcatholicprofessionals.org. If you or someone you know would like to help in getting our Lima chapter off the ground, please let us know!

So, this month as our nation celebrates 250 years and its Semi-Quincentennial, I hope that you will also celebrate who we are at St. Charles, now 73 years old, and looking forward to our Diamond Jubilee in just two more years!

Fr. Kent

Mental Health Matters

By Alexander Wahl

I recently had the privilege and honor of attending a fundraiser for Nicholas Bader, thanks to the generosity of the Daley family. For those who knew Nick, he was a generous, thoughtful, and exceedingly kind young man. He was a light for many people and a source of joy. In 2019, Nicholas ended his life and this fundraiser for him was to promote suicide prevention and mental health awareness.

Suicide is an extremely difficult and sensitive topic to discuss. My sincere apologies if this triggers anyone, but the reality is that it must be talked about openly.

As Catholics, we believe that humans have physical, emotional, mental, and spiritual needs and neglecting one is harmful. We realize that disease and mental health crises are present in our world and in our lives, and that they can affect ourselves and our loved ones. As Catholics, we care for all our needs and we are

not ignorant of the sciences, especially psychology, which helps us learn more about the human person.

As children of the Father of Mercies (2 Corinthians 1:3), we are made to be happy with God by knowing, loving, and serving Him. However, we must be honest and share our struggles. Mental health, or any suffering in our lives, cannot be a private matter. We are all called to be in Communion with God and each other. Sometimes, it means being vulnerable and sharing that there are places in our lives that have pain and trauma. Think about how Jesus went looking for friends as He endured His agony in the garden or how He invited Simon of Cyrene to carry the Cross. Jesus sets an example for us in our sufferings. We are all called to be like “Simon” because we are not meant to suffer alone.

Maybe a challenge for all of us as we walk our pilgrimage of faith is to ask ourselves, “Where is the pain

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Construction Updates and What to Expect

As construction activity increases throughout the summer, parishioners will begin to see significant progress on the elevator project. Equipment, materials, and contractors will continue to be present on campus as we move toward our anticipated completion date this fall.

During the month of August, several elevator components will be temporarily stored in the church Gathering Space. As a result, the Gathering Space will not be available for normal use during this time. We anticipate relocating coffee and donuts either outdoors or to the church basement, depending on weather and space availability. Announcements will be made at the conclusion of Masses to direct parishioners to the appropriate location.

In addition, regularly scheduled meetings and gatherings that typically utilize the Gathering Space may be temporarily relocated. We appreciate your patience and understanding as we work through these short-term inconveniences in order to achieve the long-term benefit of improved accessibility for our parish community.

Regarding the school roof repairs, we are currently awaiting final contractor quotes and the insurance settlement before decisions and repair work can begin. Once a plan is finalized and work is authorized, the anticipated repair timeline is approximately one month. Our goal remains to complete the necessary repairs before students return for the start of the school year in August.

Thank you for your continued support, flexibility, and prayers as we navigate these important projects. We are excited to see the progress taking shape and look forward to the many benefits these improvements will bring to St. Charles Parish and School for years to come.



Elevator Project Begins — Construction is underway!
Equipment and materials have begun arriving on campus as work starts on the long-awaited elevator project.



Building for the Future
The elevator project represents a significant investment in making St. Charles more welcoming and accessible for parishioners and visitors of all abilities.

Please Pardon Our Progress
Temporary disruptions and relocated activities will help make possible a lasting improvement for our parish community.



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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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St. Charles Borromeo
Catholic Church

As summer begins, the Haitian community in Lima, Ohio, joins millions of people in giving thanks for the blessings of faith, family, and community. Despite many challenges, Haitians at home and throughout the diaspora continue to witness to resilience, courage, and hope.

A Proud Moment for Haitian Football

This summer brings special excitement for football fans around the world. Haitian Catholics in Ohio proudly offer their prayers and encouragement to our beloved Grenadiers. Their presence on the international stage is a reminder of Haiti's talent and determination. It is especially meaningful as we remember that more than 52 years have passed since Haiti's historic participation in the 1974 FIFA World Cup, a milestone that continues to inspire generations of Haitians everywhere.



Faith, Gratitude, and New Beginnings

Amid these joyful moments, the Haitian Catholic Pastoral Community of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Lima continues its mission with faith, dedication, and love.

On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity, which also coincided with the celebration of Haitian Mothers' Day, our community experienced a beautiful moment of grace as Saurine Saradjie Jean and Vastie Gloria Guirlande Jean received their First Holy Communion. Surrounded by family, friends, and fellow parishioners, they took an important step in their Christian journey in an atmosphere filled with joy and thanksgiving. Their joyful witness reminded us that Christ continues to call and bless new generations of believers.



A Year of Sacred Hearts and Gratitude

As Americans prepare to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, we give thanks for the opportunities, freedoms, and hospitality that immigrants have found under the flag of the United States. With gratitude and affection, we honor this nation and pray that it may continue to be a beacon of liberty, justice, and hope for all people.

Summer of Hope, Faith, and Haitian Pride

This anniversary also carries a beautiful spiritual significance. In 1899, through the encyclical *Annum Sacrum*, Pope Leo XIII consecrated the entire human race to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. On June 11, 2026, on the eve of the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops renewed that spirit by consecrating the United States to the Sacred Heart of Jesus during the nation's 250th anniversary celebrations.

Here at St. Charles, our Haitian Catholic Pastoral Community joined this national moment of faith through a nine-day novena to the Sacred Heart. Together, we entrusted our families, our parish, Haiti, the United States, and all immigrants to the merciful love of Christ. For many immigrants, the Sacred Heart remains a powerful reminder that wherever we journey, we are never far from God's love.

One Hour with Jesus

The Haitian Catholic Pastoral Community warmly invites everyone, regardless of religious background, to spend one hour with Jesus during Eucharistic Adoration and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament.

These prayer gatherings will take place every Friday in August (August 7, 14, 21, and 28) from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. In a fast-paced and often stressful world, this sacred hour offers a unique opportunity for silence, reflection, healing, and renewed hope.

Looking Ahead with Hope to the Feast of St. Charles Borromeo

One of the greatest sources of enthusiasm for our community this year is the upcoming celebration of our patron saint, St. Charles Borromeo.

The 2026 theme beautifully captures the spirit of our mission: *"Like St. Charles Borromeo, Let Us Bring God's Light of Hope to a Suffering People."*

This year's celebration promises to be especially meaningful as we are honored to welcome Bishop Pierre André Dumas of the Diocese of Anse-à-Veau and Miragoâne, Haiti, who is expected to preside over the festivities.

Bishop Dumas is widely respected for his pastoral leadership, his unwavering commitment to the Haitian people, and his courageous witness during difficult times. Despite suffering serious injuries in a tragic explosion that drew international concern and prayers, he has continued his ministry with remarkable faith and determination. In recent months, he has also received well-deserved recognition for his dedication to peace, human dignity, and the service of the Church.

We are also prayerfully hopeful that Bishop Daniel Thomas of the Diocese of Toledo may be able to join us for this special occasion.

A Celebration that Unites the Haitian Family

The Feast of St. Charles Borromeo is becoming a true gathering of the Haitian family across the United States.

Among the groups that have already confirmed their participation are: Les Cœurs Fidèles, Rosindale, Boston; Les Amis de Saint-Marc, Florida; as well as numerous families, friends, and Haitian compatriots traveling from various states.

To prepare spiritually for the feast, a three-day

Tridium of Prayer will be held on November 1, 2, and 3, 2026.

The grand celebration will take place on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 6:00 p.m., followed by festivities and fellowship. Everyone is encouraged to mark their calendars now. This is an event not to be missed.

A Call for Hope, Dignity, and Peace

As Haitian immigrants living in the United States, we remain grateful for the opportunities we have received and for the communities that welcome us. At the same time, we respectfully encourage leaders at every level to continue working toward policies that uphold human dignity, support immigrant families, and foster understanding and solidarity.

We also join our voices in prayer for Haiti. We pray for peace, security, justice, and stability. We pray for families living in fear, for children longing for a brighter future, and for all those who continue working tirelessly for national renewal.

Together We Move Forward

The story of the Haitian people has never been defined solely by hardship. It is also a story of faith, courage, generosity, culture, and hope.


As we begin this summer season, let us continue to spread kindness, build bridges of friendship, and share the light that God has placed within us.

Our sincere gratitude goes to every volunteer, parishioner, benefactor, community leader, organization, and institution that supports immigrants and helps families live with dignity and hope.

May this summer bring renewed strength to our hearts, peace to our communities, and blessings to Haiti and all those who call it home.

Together, let us continue to be a people of faith, a people of hope, and a people who never stop believing in a better tomorrow.

**Help Our Neighbors Reach the Altar:
Volunteer Drivers Needed**



The heart of our parish is our community gathering for the Eucharist. However, several members of our faith family are currently unable to attend Mass simply because they no longer drive or lack reliable transportation.

We are looking for kind-hearted volunteers to join our **Mass Transportation Ministry**.

How You Can Help

Commitment as needed, or as often as you'd like.
Flexibility You can choose the Mass time that fits your existing schedule (Saturday Vigil or Sunday morning).
Impact You provide more than just a ride; you provide companionship and the opportunity for someone to receive the Eucharist.

Ready to Share the Journey?

If you can share a ride and bring joy to a fellow parishioner, we welcome you to our ministry!

Please contact: **Chris Jones**, Ministry Coordinator
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*"For where two or three are gathered together in my name,
there am I in the midst of them." — Matthew 18:20*



CHRIS JONES
Coordinator of Outreach
and Hospitality

Better Together: The Gift of Faith Community

In a world that increasingly values hyper-independence and digital isolation, the concept of a true faith community stands as a beautiful, counter-cultural sanctuary. As a parish family, we are continually reminded that our walk with God was never meant to be a solo journey. We are created for connection, designed for fellowship, and called to bear one another's burdens.

A faith community is more than just a social club or a weekly gathering. It is the living, breathing body of Christ. It is the place where our faith finds its hands and feet, and where we experience God's love tangibly through the care of others.

At St. Charles, we are continually looking for ways to grow our faith community and create that connection. Many times, when we welcome new members to our church through the OCIA program, they are looking to continue the connections they made during their OCIA program. In an effort to continue the momentum, we held our first (we hope of many) annual OCIA reunion picnics.

One of our sponsors generously volunteered their home, time, and talents to host this event, and it was quite a success! We included our 2026 Neophytes, new

inquirers, sponsors, and those who have completed the program within the last few years. We plan to grow and expand this program each year. This also gave some other parishioners the opportunity to see what happens inside the OCIA program and sparked interest in sponsoring new inquirers and hosting dinners in the future.

Formed for Fellowship: The Biblical Foundation

From the very beginning of salvation history, Scripture reminds us that isolation is contrary to God's design for humanity. In the book of Genesis, before sin even entered the world, God observed Adam in the perfection of Eden and declared: *"It is not good for the man to be alone."* — Genesis 2:18

Our need for community is woven directly into our spiritual DNA. When we gather, we amplify our strength and resilience. The wisdom of Ecclesiastes beautifully captures this practical reality: *"Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."* — Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

The Early Church as Our Blueprint

If we want to understand what a vibrant faith community looks like, we only need to look at the early Christians after Pentecost. They didn't just attend service; they shared their lives completely.

The Acts of the Apostles gives us a breathtaking blueprint of a community alive with the Holy Spirit: *"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer... All the believers were together and had everything in common."* — Acts 2:42, 44

It was precisely this radical, loving unity that drew others to Christ. Their community *was* their witness. When we show up for coffee and donuts, volunteer for ministries, or pray for a parishioner undergoing surgery, we are living out this exact same apostolic calling.

Carrying Each Other Through

Life inevitably brings seasons of trial, grief, and physical vulnerability. In a faith community, we ensure that no one has to walk through the dark valleys by themselves. St. Paul reminds us of our mutual responsibility to care for one another: *"Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."* — Galatians 6:2

By rejoicing with those who rejoice and weeping with those who weep, we look past our own individual worlds and become a reflection of Christ's unconditional love.

Let Us Not Give Up Meeting Together

Consistency matters. Community is built in the steady, intentional moments of showing up week after week. *"And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another."* — Hebrews 10:24-25

Moving Forward in Faith

Every time we gather around the altar, share a meal, or reach out to a homebound parishioner, we build up the Kingdom of God right here in our local neighborhood. Let us protect, cherish, and actively invest in our faith community — *because we truly are better together.*



BRYNNA SCHROEDER
Parish Multimedia Specialist

New Livestream Equipment Is Here!

Our new AV (audio/visual) computer system is officially installed! Over the past couple months, we have ordered and set up a new computer, as well as a couple new screens and a couple cameras for our audio/visual livestream. Most of the old system was outdated, causing issues, and ready for an upgrade. Once we received the necessary equipment, we worked with National Webcasts to make sure the new system was set up smoothly.

Thanks to the updated equipment, we now have a streamlined production, the latest software, and more benefits that will be helpful going forward. So if you noticed some changes in the livestream the past few weeks, now you know why!

As I write this article, there are still a few adjustments to be made and things to work out with the

new computers and cameras. As a result, there may be delays or certain issues you may come across when watching the livestream. We ask for your patience and understanding as we work on making the necessary adjustments and learn the new system.

Finally, we are looking for new volunteers to help with the livestream. The new system is easy to learn and the livestream production is all done through a program set up on the computer. Livestream producers can just focus on the creative aspect of the production! The livestream is typically done at 10:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. You will be trained by one of our other volunteers so you're comfortable with the process. If you like to use your creativity to help the church, this may be the volunteer ministry for you! You can sign up for this ministry by emailing me at schroederb@stcharleslima.org. Many of our parishioners who are homebound or in similar situations greatly appreciate the aid of the livestream. Thank you for your consideration in volunteering for this service!

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.



On Dilexit Nos: Why the Heart Still Matters

JEREMY HOLLIS

Director of Youth Discipleship
and Evangelization

This June, as part of the celebration of the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, the bishops of the United States will consecrate our nation to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. It is a timely reminder that both our country and our individual lives need more than what the world can offer. In that spirit, Pope Francis' encyclical *Dilexit Nos* ("He Loves Us") invites us to rediscover the meaning of the heart and why it matters so deeply for our faith today.

Pope Francis begins the encyclical with a simple observation: Our lives are too busy. We rush from task to task, notification to notification, rarely stopping long enough to ask what any of it is for. When we live only on the surface, we lose touch not only with God, but with ourselves. The problem is not that God's love is absent; it is that we are often too distracted to notice it.

In Scripture and the Christian tradition, the heart is more than a symbol of emotion. It is the place where decisions are formed, where truth lives, and where we are most genuinely ourselves. Our minds can rationalize and our public personas can perform, but the heart does not lie. When we ignore it or try to live as someone we are not, something in us begins to suffer.

Pope Francis uses a striking image from his childhood to make this point: Pastries that looked full and delicious on the outside but were hollow within. The family called them *mentiras* or "lies." Much of modern life, he suggests, can feel the same way: Polished, impressive, and empty at the core. The devotion to the Sacred Heart is an invitation to stop living on the surface and return to the center of who we truly are.

This matters not only for our personal prayer life, but for our relationships and even for society as a whole. When hearts are neglected, genuine love becomes difficult. When hearts are healed, communities begin to change. The transformation of the world, the Church reminds us, always begins one heart at a time.

The good news is that this is not about self-improvement or willpower. God is already at work within us. Christ is not waiting for us to have everything figured out before He draws near. He is already present in the depths of our hearts, offering a love that is personal, patient, and real. The only question is whether we will make the space to receive it.

To read the full version of this reflection (On Dilexit Nos: The Importance of the Heart), visit my Substack blog at <https://substack.com/@verbumetlux>.

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and trauma in my life?" It is not a selfish question to ask or to address. Jesus, the Divine Physician, has come to heal us and bring us closer to Him. Sometimes pain and trauma can keep us from encountering the Living God. Perhaps once those areas are identified, places of healing can open. That might practically look like:

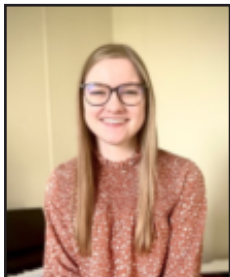
- beginning therapy.
- joining a recovery group.
- volunteering or serving at an attractive apostolate or service project.
- speaking to a friend, family member, or a trusted person.

In short, all of you matter very much to God and to our parish community. You have a unique call to be loved by Jesus and become holy, and our world deeply needs that. We also must seek healing in our own personal lives, and we must help those who are hurting. God our loving Father is with us every moment in our journey.

May Jesus, the Divine Physician, heal us and restore us. Amen.

If you or someone you know needs crisis support, call or text 988, or chat online at 988lifeline.org.

AMERICA 250



EMILY NIESE

Director of Liturgical
Music Ministries

You may notice that our adult choir is on their summer break! I would like to take this opportunity to thank our talented choir for their gift of service to our

Adult Choir Summer Break and Thank You

parish throughout the year. We are blessed with 18 people in our adult choir who embellish our 10:30 Masses most Sundays of the month and at major liturgical celebrations. Our choir commits three to four hours a week to prepare, rehearse, and provide beautiful music that enlivens our faith and deepens our experience of beauty in the liturgy. As their director, I can personally say that I am beyond thankful for the responsive enthusiasm that always greets any new proposal or idea that I present to the group. They

are eager to use their talents, grow their skills, and continually make new the music entrusted to us through Christ who makes all things new.

This year our choir kindly gave every Sunday of Advent and Easter (bypassing the usual one Sunday off per month). They dedicated their time to serve at the All Soul's Vespers, Christmas Eve, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, Pentecost, and finally finishing off the year with the Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession. They have provided communion antiphons this year for nearly every Mass since Advent. They have learned and performed original pieces of liturgical music composed by our own members.

Each of these occasions are met with such dedication, commitment, and fervor of faith leaving me continually inspired and all the more open to what the Lord might call to us next in the life of our liturgical music! Maybe most notable though, is the profound sense of union, joy, and deep charity shown by each member to the others in the community life of this group. We especially celebrated this gift of each other at our end-of-year dinner, which we celebrated at Milano's mid-June. I am given great confidence in what God may inspire for the future of liturgical music at St. Charles, and am reminded of the scripture Job 22:28: "What you decide shall succeed for you, and upon your ways light shall shine."



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

By Cristine Shaw



What a wonderful CGS year it has been! As we wrapped up our final weeks together in the Atrium. We joyfully learned about the sacrament of Baptism. The children explored the signs and symbols of baptism and reflected on the great gift of becoming part of God's family.



We ended our year with a beautiful Pentecost celebration filled with joy and prayer. Celebrating the coming of the Holy Spirit together was the perfect way to close another meaningful year in the Atrium. Watching the children participate with such wonder and reverence was truly a gift.

Thank you to all the amazing families for a wonderful year in CGS. Your support and kindness helped make this year so special. Even though this year has come to an end we are already so excited for everything next year will bring. Registration for next year's CGS sessions is now open and we cannot wait to welcome both returning and



new families back to the Atrium for another wonderful year together.

If you have any questions please contact our catechist, Cristine Shaw at Shawc@stcharleslima.org



St. Vincent de Paul Volunteers

Do you enjoy meeting people? Would you enjoy the surprise of seeing what hidden gems have been donated?

Or would you simply enjoy giving back to the community? Volunteering with us, along with other parishioners, is a wonderful way to make a difference — while also having some fun.

No experience needed — just a willing heart and a little time to give. Whether you can help once a week or once a month, you'll be part of something meaningful.

All that's needed is your enthusiasm to sort and organize donations or help fill food boxes. A couple of hours a week or month with us will enrich your life, meet new friends and give a sense of purpose. We hope to hear from you.

Call Miriam Brinkman 419-371-3589, Alice Giesken 419-979-9638, or Bev Williams 419-230-8209 for information.



NEW PARISHIONERS

David & Jessica Trinko
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 Sandra Parr
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 Susan Chandler
 Ruthann Voisard
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 Jane Krites
 Thomas Fettig





By Jeanna Stallkamp
Pastoral Coordinator

Join Us! Experience Community!



We are so blessed at St. Charles to have such a wonderful group of women in our Walking With Purpose community. We finished our sixth year at St. Charles with 71 women attending our Small Group Bible Studies weekly and our Connect Coffees monthly. I would like to thank Angela Kohler-Schneider, Allison Stucke, Madeline Agosto, Mary Sreenan, Pam Everett, Mandy Brickner, Nikki Gross, Darlene Johnson, Jan Swallow, Judy Horlander, Marilyn Schmerge, Kathy Kidd, and Sarah

Fusillo for going above and beyond for our program, our Hospitality Group, and our extended Blessing Bag Ministry. We can't thank you enough! This April we reached our one-year anniversary of celebrating each other's birthdays as well! We gather for dinner once a month to celebrate whoever is having a birthday that month. It has brought about even deeper friendships and connections.

This summer, we are Walking With Purpose with purpose every Tuesday and Thursday mornings at Hermon Woodlands. After our walk, we gather for a quick video of a Bible verse and discuss the verse. All women are welcome!

This fall, we will be having our Opening Your Heart Bible Study for those just starting out. We will also be doing Rooted and Radiant, over the book of Colossians; and Fearless and Free, focusing on Ephesians, experiencing healing and wholeness in Christ. You don't want to miss it!

Registrations open on July 1st for the Bible study on the St. Charles website under Exploring Your Faith. Keep an eye on the bulletin for a QR code as well. You can also reach out to me at 419-234-0962 for more information. If you are still not sure if this is for you, our survey results speak for itself:

- 96.55% of the ladies feel that their prayer life has improved.
- 73% feel they are more involved with our church.
- 96.55% feel their relationship with Christ is stronger.
- 88% say that their Catholic faith is stronger.
- 93% showed that their appreciation for the sacraments has grown.
- Over 86% feel that they manage stress better and they are more patient with others.

- 72% stated their relationship with their family members has improved.
- 93% remarked that their friendships have grown and improved.
- 96.55% would recommend Walking With Purpose to a friend.

Please consider joining us!

Blaze Masterpiece



“Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.” 1 Timothy 6:12

This past spring, fifth and sixth grade girls from our parish opened their eyes to their unique purpose, gifts, and God's love. We joined together to follow 1 Timothy 6:12 as we shared our faith with each other. We had a wonderful group of eight new participants, led by three junior leaders: Estella Ikegwunny, Leia Wilson, and Sophia Qin, who have experienced all three of the programs offered to Teens/Tweens through Walking With Purpose, as well as myself.

Many of the girls are looking forward to experiencing Blaze Masterpiece in the fall, starting the week of September 20, 2026. If your child is in fifth-seventh grades, she, too, can participate in Blaze Masterpiece. Each week, participants are led through an ice breaker activity and a short lesson based on a *lie* found in society and a *truth* found in scripture. The girls

leave with a small takeaway gift which corresponds with each lesson. We will be looking at the Bible in relevant and fresh ways. It is not a class. It is a relaxed, safe, enjoyable environment where they are free to express themselves. Come join the fun!

CONNECTING GIRLS TO CHRIST

BLAZE is a faith-based program for girls in 5th-7th grade, countering society's lies with the truth of Scripture. Through 20 engaging weekly lessons, starting in this fall after school, girls discover their identity in Christ as God's beloved daughters. Each session includes a fun activity, a Bible-based truth, and a meaningful takeaway gift — helping girls grow in confidence, faith, and self-worth.

If this sounds interesting to you, please fill out the survey:




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The Redwing Reader

St. Charles Catholic School



MEGAN SCHEID
Principal

As the 2025-2026 school year came to a close, St. Charles School celebrated and honored two beloved staff members who are retiring after many years of faithful service to the school community: Jamie Barnt and Kaille Dieringer.

Jamie Barnt has served as the school's Title I teacher for the past nine years. Throughout her time at St. Charles, Jamie worked closely with students in small groups to help strengthen their reading skills and build confidence in learning. Her patience, encouragement, and dedication helped countless students unlock their abilities and experience success in the classroom.



In addition to her work with students, Jamie became an important part of the St. Charles school family. Always willing to lend a helping hand wherever needed, she brought kindness, flexibility, and a servant's heart to the school community each day. Her impact on students and staff alike will long be remembered.

The school also recognized Kaille Dieringer for her incredible 19 years of service as school secretary. For nearly two decades, Kaille has been the welcoming face of the front office and one of the first people families encountered when



entering St. Charles School. Known for remembering names, learning personal stories, and genuinely caring for others, Kaille helped create the warm and welcoming atmosphere that defines the St. Charles community.

Throughout her years of service, Kaille faithfully supported students, parents, teachers, and staff members with tremendous dedication and compassion. From managing the countless daily tasks of a busy school office to helping solve unexpected problems with grace and calmness, she became a steady and trusted presence for everyone at the school. Her strong work ethic, attention to detail, and willingness to help wherever needed made her an invaluable member of the St. Charles family.

As Kaille begins a new chapter and heads to Florida for retirement, she leaves behind a lasting legacy of care, service, and commitment to Catholic education. Both Jamie and Kaille will be greatly missed by the entire St. Charles community.

We thank them for their many years of faithful service and wish them abundant blessings, joy, and happiness in retirement.



St. Charles School Fourth Quarter Honor Roll

MARK OF EXCELLENCE

Grade 5: Ava Eickholt, Peyton Liening

Grade 6: Nadia Fuduric

Grade 7: Kendyl Liening, Sophia Mack, Ava Miroglio, Kaya St. Clair

Grade 8: Olivia Barhorst, Elaine Brickner, Luke Bryan, Nicklaus Gronas, Anthony Hinegardner, Alaina Laux

HIGH HONORS

Grade 5: Caroline Andrews, Noelle Blair, Corbin Bowers, Kevin Bruin, Brayden Burkholder, Michael Dickman, Reilly Donley, Colin Ellis, Jude Ellis, Alora Heffner, Kayla Hood, Dean Iddings, Vera Krieg, Colton Menke, Isaac Niebel, Avalyn Nolte, Mackenzie Patemann, Sophia Rachlin, Insu Salyers, Eva St. Clair, Solace Stover

Grade 6: Hunter Bensinger, Clara Ellis, Maren Flower, Caleb Frick, Carson Gross, Scarlet Gross, Colin Hile, Lillian Hobbs, Wyatt MacDonald, Miles Marsh, Thienne Salyers, Ryan Schnieders, Evan Schoonover, Ryker Starr, Mila Trinko, Dean Wolfcale

Grade 7: Gretchen Barhorst, Gabriela Bryan-Lanche, Aidan Carter, Samuel Curtis, Henry Dickman, Harper Fields, Cedric Flower, Jay Krieg, Corbin Sherrick, Savannah Stolly, Alec Thines, Emma Venturella, Grant Williams

Grade 8: Tristan Badea, Easton Goss, Miya Hollis, Charlene Rexford, Audie Sielschott, Hezekiah Thomas, Elliana Thompson, Cooper Wende

HONORS

Grade 5: Kaitlyn Barhorst, Duke Burden, Adrianna Mardari, Mason Sanchez

Grade 6: Lillian Bohn, Celia Cecala-Wells, Lorenzo Crum, Curtis Griffin, James Hodges, Kian Kroupa, Rylee Merschman, Olivia Newland, Londyn Powell, Connor Sroufe, Orion Turner, Rylee Williams

Grade 7: Reed Bell, Amaya Jackson, Warren Judy, Raylan Tierney

Grade 8: Peighton Oliphant, Easton Swinehart, Katana Walter, Joseph Whittaker (Jack)



Now Enrolling Grades Preschool-8

2026-2027 School Year

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From the Art Room

By Becky MacDonald



Scarlett and Annistyn each won the raffle for the art supply basket. Congratulations! Thank you to all the families who attended the annual St Charles Art Show.



The Miroglio students entering for a chance to win the raffle basket at the art show held on May 5th.



Savannah and Ryker at the Art Show.



Kindergarten student, Lorelei, is standing next to her art show mouse collage painting.

“Chairs” to End Our Year

By Mrs. Henderson



The last few days of school were a lot of fun for my fifth graders because of a STEM project. Some students said it was their favorite project of the year! I would agree it WAS fun! The days flew by quickly as we worked on our paper chair project.

The students were given a project to make a chair but were given a few rules they had to follow. They were told to make a chair using only paper, tape, and scissors. What fun! They brainstormed one day, were given an hour and a half the next day to construct it, and finally the next day the contest began. The chair that held the most books from our room library would be the winner. I couldn't believe how many books these

well-constructed chairs held! The students even named their chairs: “The Library,” “Billy-Bob-Joe,” “Bob,” “Lil’ Timmy,” and “Jordan.” What interesting names! The winning chair, “The Library,” held 57 books!!! This well-constructed chair was made by Reilly Donely, Noelle Blair, Caroline Andrews, Mackenzie Patemann, and Vera Krieg. I couldn't believe it! The chair “Billy-Bob-Joe” held 38 books, “Bob” held 34 books, “Lil’ Timmy” held 24 books, and “Jordan” held 31 books. I was so proud of all of them! I know we have some engineers or architects in the making!

Peace out my now sixth graders!!! I'll miss you! Be sure to visit me next year!



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.

Join Our Greeter Ministry!

Do you have a warm smile and a heart for making people feel welcome? Our Greeter Ministry is looking for more volunteers to help greet churchgoers at the entrances before each service. Greeters play a simple but powerful role: offering a friendly hello, opening a door, and helping create the sense of belonging that makes our church feel like home. If you can arrive a few minutes early and enjoy connecting with others, we would love to have you join! This is a great opportunity for individuals, couples, and families to serve together. Interested in joining or learning more? Please contact Angie Reif at reifa4@yahoo.com or 567-712-8314 or stop by the church office.



Lima Central Catholic News

By Emily Miller

Congratulations Class of 2026

Congratulations to the Class of 2026! Your hard work, faith, friendships, and memories have shaped an incredible journey. As you begin this next chapter, remember you'll always be part of the Thunderbird family.

Service That Changes Lives

At Lima Central Catholic, our students continue to lead with compassion, faith, and action. Through nearly 6,000 service hours and more than 2,200 acts of service, our Thunderbirds made a lasting impact in our community during the 2025-26 school year.

From feeding the hungry to supporting local organizations, our students showed what it means to serve others with heart, kindness, and purpose.

250 student volunteers, 5,953 service hours
\$193,002 community impact value
28 National Awards
Making a difference locally and globally



ROX Day

Our freshman girls who participated in ROX this year wrapped up their experience with ROX Day.

They had the opportunity to hear from a career speaker and learn physical self-defense skills.



A special thank you to Dr. Sheilla McNeal for taking time out of her day to share her journey as a pediatric physician. It was an inspiring and empowering day for our students!

Top T-Birds

Each month, Lima Central Catholic honors students and a staff member who live out the heart of our mission: Leading with faith, showing kindness, caring for others, and striving for excellence in all they do. Here are the last two months of Top T-Birds: Kennedy Campbell, Jena Dershem-Stevenson, Kevin Bowker, Mr. Austin Friess, Jaylon Patton, Caden Falke, Corie Schnieders, and Ms. Deb Huber

Allen Lima Leadership Class Project

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Allen Lima Leadership class project! Students worked together to identify important issues facing our community and developed positive, creative solutions to help make a difference.

A special congratulations to tenth grader Collin Frick and his group, whose presentation on texting and driving was selected as the winning project!

Representing LCC were Brielle Bourk, Carter Helmig, Carter Lester, Chayse Helmig, Claire Butler, Collin Frick, Ella Gronas, Kira Kelly, and Nathan Warner.



Congratulations to Our Spring Sports All-NWC recipients!

First Team: Corie Schnieders, Brady Malcom, Nathan Speicher

Second Team: Carolina Kill, J.J. Schnieders

Honorable Mention: Courtney VanMeter, Sophia Hurley, Caden Falke, Josh Young

Victoria Ann Moening Memorial Scholarship

The Victoria Ann Moening Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a student at Lima Central Catholic who exemplifies some special characteristics.

Love for the school, love for fellow classmates and students, taking care of people who need help, treating others with respect, and a few more.

This year's recipient of the scholarship is Billy Salyers who will be starting his senior year in the fall!



Honor Roll

Wrapping up an outstanding school year at Lima Central Catholic High School!

For fourth quarter, 71% of our students earned Honor Roll recognition — an impressive reflection of their hard work and commitment as we close out the year strong. Congratulations to all students for their dedication throughout the school year!

Mark of Excellence (4.0 GPA or higher)

Andrew Baldauf, Emily Blankemeyer, Addison Fay, Chloe Fisher, Alexa Heffner, Jordan Priddy, Jacob Raczynski, Laney Scheckelhoff, Jenna Terrill, Connor Truex, Dante Turney, Courtney VanMeter, Claire Wolfcale, Lucy Bensinger, Anna Davisson, Joshua Declercq, Estella Ellis, Evelyn Ellis, Lauryn Falke, Ava Gephart, Olivia Hinegardner, Bractyn Jones, Olivia Joseph, Sophia Joseph, Cadence Kelly-Frueh, Tatum Marks, Jacob Miller, Jaylon Patton, Braylon Paxson, Michael Quatman, Brevan Stolly, Olivia Venturella, Hunter Williams, Lincoln Woods, Claire Butler, Jena Dershem-Stevenson, Collin Frick, Ella Gronas, Isabella Mangini-Miller, Addilynn Baldauf, Braylie Bensinger, Alana Heffner, Gracyn Malcom, Corinne Schnieders, Piper Schumm, Gwen Wolfcale

Superior Honors (3.5 – 3.999)

Kirsten Compton, Brayden Dahill, Griffin Dawson, Bradley Graham, Chayse Helmig, Sophia Hurley, Chibuike Ibeneme, Aidan Keating, Carolina Kill, Katelynn Lossing, Mark Malcom, Sophie Miller, Madeline Nott, Alice Reif, Jacob Schnieders, Loghan Smith, Londen Smith, Aityana Sorrels, Kiara Williamson, Jacob Yahl, Joshua Young, Kevin Bowker, Kaitlyn Carroll, McKenna Diggs-Irons, Louis Fortune, Isaiah Hook, Katie Kriegel, Addyson Lauck, Annika Niemeyer, Brady Parker, Arionna Parrish, Nathan Speicher, Jaxon White, Lilyana Whittaker, Oluwafunmilayo Awe, Jessica Blubaugh, Brielle Bourk, Evan Brinkman, Chris Coulibaly, Addyson DePalma, Alyssa Donley, Lillyan Farmer, Brayden Garlock, Carter Helmig, Milicent Ibeneme, TaKyra

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Ingram, Brady Jacobs, Kira Kelly, Carter Lester, Jordan Macklin-Allen, Aiden McCain, Alanna Newbury, Joshua Reed, Savannah Sarven, John Stumbaugh, Meriah Truesdale, Eddie White III, Arabella Wilson, Eli Burris, Symone' Carter, Josie Declercq, Emily Fay, Aliyah Gaberdiel, Nolan Howell, Zoe Huber, Riley Kelly, Austin McCain, Reese Merschman, Mataya Miller, Leah Parrish, Ellie Reed, LaNiya Riley, Miahlynn Sinthalaphone, Gracsen Stover, Grant Tolliver, Samuel Venturella, Taylor Wall-Ferguson, Luke Weitz, Samuel Williams



Honors (3.0 - 3.499)

Tahir Akkoc, Alon'Nah Bagley, Mirabelle Barrett, Da'Niyah Estelle, Caden Falke, Ja'Nii Hill, Tatum Miller, Jennifer Nguyen, Nia Odom, Joseph Blosser Jr, G'Vonte' Davis, Vincent DePalma, Garret Nartker, Anna Reif, LaKayla Scott, Preston Spivey, Madeline Yahl, Logan Buehler, Gianna Cumella, Cade Dahill, Chayce Farrington, A'yshia Jackson, Zharia Johnson, Sophia Luchini, Tyson Tolliver, Ryder Utz, Jamar Williams, Aanisah Ajayi, Esmeralda Baldwin, Luke Bear, Nevaia Beck, Drew Butler, Kaiden Campbell, Mactzil Cortes, Jehoshaphat Eghan, Liam Fay, Eli Fields, Dakota Garver, Ciani Glenn, Madelyn Jeffers, Brynn Melton, Rae Newman, Hayden Nolte, Karmyn Perrine, Josiah Rogers, Connor Shutt, Lyla Wenger, Landon Wilson

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