

The Torch



"Generations Growing in Faith for more than 75 years!"

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

September 2018

May They Rest in The Peace of the Lord

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following parishioners, as they have entered eternal life.

Marilyn Kreidenweis, mother of Anthony Wayne and Diane Kreidenweis, David and Marilyn Kreidenweis, Rose and Butch Stertz, and Pam and Pat Petrie.

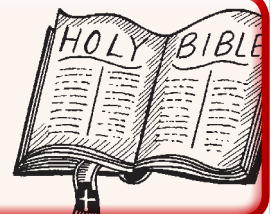
Mary Ann Wilson, mother of James Wilson III, Timothy and Sandy Wilson, Cristi and Kevin Riga and Rick and Karen Wilson.

Bert Grote, mother of Kathy and Tom Aug, Karen Grote, Lynn and John Maloney, Mark and Christine Grote, David Grote, Kimberly and Mark Pohovey.

George Robben, Jr., husband of Carolyn Robben and father of Bettie and Tom Reynolds, Beverly and Michael Vietti, Dianne and John Wilder, Kimberly and Steve King and Ron and Melissa Robben.

Bible Study with Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris

Bible Study will begin in early October. We will do a panorama of the Old Testament. Check the weekly bulletin for more information.



St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus

The St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus have purchased a kiosk for the parish containing booklets from the "Building the Domestic Church" series of the Catholic Information Service which is provided by the national office of the K of C. This series presents some of the most popular CIS resources aimed at helping us to live out the Church's mission and vision for our families. Series topics include: parenting, fatherhood and family prayer life, as well as two of St. John Paul II's famous messages for the family – "Letter to Families" and "The Family in the Modern World." Other titles include "The Gift of Fatherhood," "God's Plan for Love and Marriage," and "Faith: Questions and Answers." The

kiosk is located in the hallway by the school, between the church and the gathering space. Feel free to take booklets that interest you. You may either keep the booklet or return it to the kiosk for others to read and enjoy.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults – RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation Adapted for Children

St. Dominic's RCIA process continues year-round. Because of this, adults and children can begin at any time. Most who come to the Catholic Church as adults do so because God has called them through other people. If YOU know someone who may be interested in the Catholic Faith, ask him or her to call us, or ask if he or she would like for you to call and make the first "contact."

While new Inquirers may join St. Dominic's RCIA process at any time, because of our lingering "school year mindset," many people begin to really consider inquiring about the faith as the new school year begins. **Now is a great time to reach out and mention becoming Catholic to someone you know who may be considering it!** Contact Theresa at 471-7741, ext. 481 or teagan@stdominicdelhi.org for more information about St. Dominic's RCIA.

RCIA – What is a Parish Sponsor?

St. Dominic Parish is blessed to have a vibrant RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) Program to welcome, teach and prepare those who are considering the Catholic faith. The RCIA team is made up of many roles. In addition to the Parish Sponsor, roles include:

- RCIA Coordinator
- Catechists or teachers
- Hospitality Ministers
- Sacristan for various RCIA rites

Being a Sponsor is like being a trusted friend to someone who is considering the Catholic faith.

- You share what you can about your own faith journey.
- You offer counsel and support to the extent that it is needed or desired.
- You offer your witness to your own faith.
- You serve as a bridge to the larger St. Dominic Parish community.
- You listen and you pray for the person.

Each relationship between a Sponsor and a Candidate or Catechumen is unique. As a Sponsor, you walk with a Candidate (baptized) or Catechumen (unbaptized) through a formation process that culminates with initiation into the Catholic Church.

A sponsor is not expected to know every aspect of the Church's teaching, but rather simply to be a guide, or companion, an example of a Catholic living your faith as best as you can. The sponsor is not an expert on the faith; he/she should be willing to say, "I do not know the answer, but I will

find out.” The Sponsor may also be asked questions about the Mass, such as postures and gestures; and about some of our other practices of prayer. A Sponsor who can admit his or her limitations and who continually tries to grow is an excellent faith model. Sponsors are supported by the parish’s RCIA Team, members of whom can be called upon to help answer a Candidate’s or Catechumen’s questions.

A Sponsor participates in the RCIA process by accompanying the Candidate or Catechumen as often as possible at the catechetical (learning) sessions held each Sunday from 10:30-11:30 a.m., September through May. These sessions are facilitated by an RCIA Team member and involve an exploration of the Church’s teachings within the context of scripture and prayer.

Sponsors also participate in other brief Rites that recognize important steps in the participant’s faith formation. These Rites usually take place at Mass and occur infrequently throughout the RCIA process. Finally, a Sponsor may also assume an active role at the Mass when the Candidate or Catechumen receives the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist.

The RCIA Team provides Sponsor support and is available to answer any questions sponsors may have.



2018 Festival Results

While there are still a few items to reconcile with the Festival, at this point, we are excited to report our Festival net profits to be approximately \$85,000. We want to again thank our Festival chair, Gary (and Julie) Schloemer and his band of volunteers for all their hard work in making our Festival a tremendous success!! Thank you to all, and we look forward to an even better Festival in May, 2019.

Goldenaires

SAVE THE DATE: “Inside Music Hall” Tour – Friday, October 19. Transportation (bus and/or cars) will leave Delhi Park and Ride at 10:15 a.m. for an 11:00 a.m. tour (1-1 ¼ hour long), followed by lunch downtown. Estimated cost of \$17, plus your lunch cost. There is a limit of people we can take. Call Judy Tensing at 451-2028 if interested. More details will follow in bulletins and the October *Torch*.

Wedding Anniversary Mass

Couples celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th or 65th Wedding Anniversaries in 2018 will be honored at the 9:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, October 21. **A short reception will follow the Mass for relatives and friends in O’Connor Hall. Please RSVP by October 8 at 471-7741, ext. 0.** If you did not turn your name in to the Parish Office for your Anniversary last spring, please call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0, by October 8. *If you are interested in helping to serve at the reception, please call the Parish Office as soon as you are able to commit. Your help would be very much appreciated!*



Parental Preparation for Their Infant's Baptism

Baptisms take place on the first two Sundays of each month at 1:00 p.m. Parents requesting Baptism of their first child are asked to attend a preparation session. During this time, we will look at the history and theology of the sacrament, reflect on our own Baptism, and look at ways to pass the Catholic faith on to our children. Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. Our next session is scheduled for Sunday, September 23 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in church. Contact Theresa Eagan at 471-7741, ext. 481, with questions about Baptism or to let us know that you will join us on September 23.



Requirements for Those Volunteering with Children

As a reminder, all volunteers are required to attend one VIRTUS live training session. You can attend this training at any location at a date/time that works best for you. Find training locations, registration details and steps to create your VIRTUS user account at www.VIRTUS.org. Click on training, then live training to see a list of all scheduled live training sessions.

The second requirement for volunteers is to complete an online background check request. Payment for this is by credit card or "token" at the time of your online request. Contact the organization for which you volunteer to get information on obtaining a token for payment. To initiate the online background check, sign in to your VIRTUS.org user account, click the "Toolbox" tab then click the selection.com background check link. Contact Theresa Eagan at teagan@stdominicdelhi.org or 471-7741, ext. 481 with questions.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

The Children's Liturgy of the Word will begin again on Sunday, September 9. The Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) is one of several ministries for the young children of the parish. During the Liturgy of the Word, the children and their catechists leave the body of the church, going to the Gathering Place for a child-friendly learning experience that mirrors the Scripture readings, Creed and Prayers of the Faithful. The children then return to their families in church to celebrate the remainder of Mass.



CLOW is for children in Kindergarten-2nd grade. No sign-up or enrollment is required! Simply join us at 9:30 a.m. Mass and listen for Father to call the children and their catechists to gather in the front of church and process to the Gathering Place.

If you can help once a month as a CLOW catechist, please contact Theresa Eagan at 471-7741, ext. 481. The time investment is minimal, and all preparation materials are provided.

Class of 2018 Scholarships

LaSalle High School Scholarship Awards

Tanner Daria – University of Cincinnati-Lindner College of Business Circle of Excellence Honors Program, Cincinnati Scholarship, TFA Soccer Club Scholarship.

If we missed anyone else in the August Torch, please send an email with your name, high school and scholarship information to mariam@stdominicdelhi.org.



St. Dominic Parish School of Religion (PSR)

Reminder – PSR classes will begin soon.

The first class for Grades 7 and 8 will be Tuesday, September 11, from 7:00-8:00 p.m.

- Please drop your children off at the gym foyer where they will meet their teachers.

Classes for Grades 1-6 begin on Sunday, September 9, from 10:30-11:25 a.m.

- Children and Parents enter the school at the covered porch off the parking lot. Helpers will be at the entrance to direct you to your child's classroom.

Contact Theresa Eagan at teagan@stdominicdelhi.org or 471-7741, ext. 481 if you have questions about the PSR program.

Back-to-School Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You for the gift of my children.

Please watch over them as they go back to school and protect them from negative influences.

Help them be a light to others, and help them show love, care and respect to their friends and teachers.

Please protect them from bullies, but if they face one, give them courage to stand up for themselves and others.

Help them to remember when they are scared or afraid, You are there with them. As much as I love my children, You love them even more, and I know You will be watching out for them. Amen



Stricker's Grove

We had a beautiful evening for our Parish Picnic at Stricker's Grove on Friday, July 27. Over 700 parishioners enjoyed the warm weather, rides, food and drink. Jerry Luebbering was our Split-the-Pot winner, taking home \$255.



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COMMUNITY DINNER

September 20, 2018

**5:00 p.m.
to 6:30 p.m.**

In O'Connor Hall

Hope to see everyone there!

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