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St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

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A Letter from Fr. Jim about Ohio School Choice

Dear St. Dominic Parishioners,

As you may know, the Ohio Legislature recently passed, and Governor Dewine signed, what he calls "School Choice" within the 2023-2025 two-year budget for the State of Ohio.

Here are the facts of this new state funding: Ohio School Choice offers scholarships of up to \$6,165.00 for each student. A substantial number of our St. Dominic families will qualify for a full scholarship, and all others will qualify for a partial scholarship based on family income. With this funding, we can move from a family-paid tuition model to an enhanced tuition model where the State of Ohio and your taxes pay the lion's share. This program creates an opportunity for an increase in funding for the school while substantially reducing tuition paid by almost all parents.

The new School Choice program is currently funded for two years. Of course, the expectation by state leadership is that this will be a long-term funding program. Each school chooses annually if they want to participate in this program. We will certainly participate, and our school families have been notified. We will continue to help families with the Fr. Walsh Scholarship as needed.

We hope to benefit from increased demand from public school students. For those Catholic families who have chosen public schools purely for financial reasons, they can now afford to send their kids to a Catholic school.

School Choice Tuition Facts

Families with an Adjusted Gross Income at or below 450% of the Federal Poverty Level are eligible for a full student scholarship. Families with an AGI above 450% are eligible for a tiered, reduced scholarship.

Please see the chart to find the per student scholarship amount.

This table reflects changes to the EdChoice Expansion program with the FY24 budget.

*It shows family income amounts for the **estimated** full scholarship (at or below 450% FPL), and includes the partial **estimated** scholarship amounts for families with income above 450% FPL:*

Scholarship Values Grades K-8	\$6,165	\$5,200	\$3,650	\$2,600	\$1,850	\$1,300	\$900	\$650
Number in Household	Gross income at or below 450% FPL	Gross income between 451-500%	Gross income between 501-550%	Gross income between 551-600%	Gross income between 601-650%	Gross income between 651-700%	Gross income between 701-750%	Gross income above 750%
1	\$65,610	\$72,900	\$80,190	\$87,480	\$94,770	\$102,060	\$109,350	Above \$109,350
2	\$88,740	\$98,600	\$108,450	\$118,320	\$128,180	\$138,040	\$147,900	Above \$147,900
3	\$111,870	\$124,300	\$136,730	\$149,160	\$161,590	\$174,020	\$186,450	Above \$186,450
4	\$135,000	\$150,000	\$165,000	\$180,000	\$195,000	\$210,000	\$225,000	Above \$225,000
5	\$158,130	\$175,700	\$193,270	\$210,840	\$228,410	\$245,980	\$263,550	Above \$263,550
6	\$181,260	\$201,400	\$221,540	\$241,680	\$261,820	\$281,950	\$302,100	Above \$302,100
7	\$204,390	\$227,100	\$249,810	\$272,520	\$295,230	\$317,940	\$340,650	Above \$340,650
8	\$227,520	\$252,800	\$278,080	\$303,360	\$328,640	\$353,920	\$379,200	Above \$379,200
Each Additional Person	\$23,130	Add \$25,700	Add \$28,270	Add \$30,840	Add \$33,410	Add \$35,980	Add \$38,550	Add \$38,535
Notes	Full Scholarship	Partial Scholarship	Partial Scholarship	Partial Scholarship	Partial Scholarship	Partial Scholarship	Partial Scholarship	Partial Scholarship

Look for your ADJUSTED GROSS INCOME on your 2022 federal tax return.

We have been accepting the Ed Choice Scholarship and our parents have benefitted for a number of years. This expanded program will increase the monies from the state and decrease the burden on our families' tuition payments and the subsidies from our Sunday collection.

Fr. Jim

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.

Justin Bell, son of Roxanne Smith and the late Daniel Bell.

Albert Kammer, husband of Carol Kammer and father of Katie Kammer, Jason (Heather) Kammer, Heather (Joe) Huddleston and Kellie Kammer.

Greg Nortmann, husband of Joyce Nortmann.

Michael Woosley, husband of Theresa Woosley, father of Alisha (Kurt) Bach, Buster (Megan) Winters, Jessica Woosley, Michael Woosley II and Christian Woosley and son of Maria Woosley.

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 are able to 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 Karen Brandstetter at 513-471-7741, ext. 481 or kbrandstetter@stdominicdelhi.org.

Pet Blessing

Join us on Saturday, October 7 for our Annual Pet Blessing!

Bring your pets, big or small, as we celebrate the wonderful companions God has given us following in the way of St. Francis of Assisi.

Please meet in the parking lot near the grotto at 9:45 a.m. The Blessing begins at 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study

Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris will begin their Bible Study on the Gospel of Mark in October. Dates and times have not been decided. Please see the bulletin for more information.

Parental Preparation for Infant Baptism

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, October 1 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in church. Contact Karen Brandstetter in the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 481 with questions about Baptism or to let us know that you will attend the Baptismal Preparation Session on October 1.

Safe Parish Requirements for Those Volunteering with Children

SafeParish is the child protection platform for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. All new volunteers should follow the SafeParish registration instructions for creating a SafeParish account. You can find a copy of the SafeParish registration instructions and a link to SafeParish on our website at www.stdominichelhi.org. Click on the *SafeParish* button on the left side of the page.

During the registration process, new volunteers will be invited to complete their background check and child protection training online. The \$25.00 fee for this can be paid by credit card or with a "token." Contact the parish ministry for which you volunteer to get information on obtaining a token for payment. For any questions concerning SafeParish, please go to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Safe Environment webpage at <https://catholicaoc.org/offices/safe-environment>.

Weekly Emails - Each Tuesday, SafeParish sends an email regarding the updated child protection and workplace safety articles that are posted on the SafeParish website. These articles are NOT required, but are recommended reading.

Quarterly Bulletins - Everyone registered with SafeParish will receive a quarterly video. The training bulletin must be completed in 30 days to remain active and in compliance with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Child Protection Policy.

An In-Compliance list is posted to the St. Dominic Parish website on the 15th of each month. No one may work with children if they are not active and in compliance. If you did not get the bulletin, check your spam or junk mail. You can also sign into your account, go to the *Training* tab and click on the "Due" link to see which bulletins are due and their due date.

If you have any questions about your SafeParish account, you can contact Deacon Mark Bardonaro at deaconmark@stdominichelhi.org or 513-471-7741, ext. 415.

Goldenaires Annual Dinner

Saturday, November 11 at 5:30 p.m. in O'Connor Hall. Come for hors d'oeuvres, wine, soft drinks, dessert, and dinner catered by Humbert's Meats. Our entertainment will be Denny Duval, headline Piano Bar Entertainer with Holland Cruise Line and Jaggs Steak House. The cost is \$20.00 per person. Please send your check made payable to "St. Dominic Goldenaires," with the names of those attending and your phone number to: Judy Tensing, 625 Covedale Avenue, #2, Cincinnati 45238. There is limited space, so get your reservation in early, **but they must be received no later than Friday, November 3.**

St. Dominic Men's Society Annual Scholarship Golf Outing

The St. Dominic Men's Society will hold their Annual Golf Outing on September 21 at Aston Oaks Golf Club. The cost is \$100.00 per person. The top prize is a custom set of clubs. Everyone is welcome to play. For additional information or to sign up, call or text Rick Veid at 513-218-6064, John Burns at 513-300-0572 or Rick Wieland at 513-720-9504. All proceeds benefit St. Dominic School.

St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus

Guest Speaker - Skylor Miller, Delhi Township Administrator, will speak in O'Connor Hall on Thursday, September 28 at 7:30 p.m. He will be speaking about the Delhi Towne Square Development and other current topics in the Township. This event is sponsored by the St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus.

Hoxworth Blood Drive - The St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Hoxworth Blood Drive in O'Connor Hall on Wednesday, October 4 from 11:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please call Hoxworth at 513-451-0910.

Community Health Fair

St. Dominic School is hosting a Community Health Fair on September 20 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. in the gym. The Health Fair is a free event open to all Delhi community members to learn about living a healthy lifestyle. Our goal is to promote awareness of all aspects of wellness and provide valuable health and wellness resources. Here is a sample of some of the vendors who will be participating: Athletico Physical Therapy, Bayley Senior Care, Delhi Public Library, Cincinnati Hearing Center, Delhi Fire and Police Departments, Fyzical Therapy and Balance Center, Great Parks, Visiting Angels, Westside Pediatrics, Western Wildlife Corridor, and Yoga by Marietta. There will be live demonstrations, as well as blood pressure screening. We are also partnering with the St. Dominic Community Dinner, which will take place in O'Connor Hall the same evening from 5:00-6:30 p.m. We hope you will come out and join us for a free meal and an opportunity to learn more about a healthy lifestyle.

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**The Community Dinner
is BACK after
the summer break!**

Join us Wednesday, September 20
The September dinner will be served
from 5:00-6:30 p.m.

**We hope to see you there!!
Don't forget to check out the
Community Health Fair after dinner!**

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