

The Torch



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

**St. Dominic
Parish**

**Delhi Township,
OH**

May 2022

Welcome

Welcome to the newest members of the Catholic Church and St. Dominic Parish.

At the Easter Vigil, we baptized Audrey Corbett, Samantha Robson, Dylan Backscheider, Keith Cubert and Benny Lamb. They were also confirmed and received their First Communion.

Infant Juliet Whisman was also baptized at the Easter Vigil.

The following people were received into full communion and fully initiated through Confirmation and First Eucharist: Veronica Buchanan, Christina Green and Paetra Flaspohler.

Ally Kelly, Lia Kelly and Sean Duwell were also confirmed at the Vigil.

St. Dominic Parish is blessed to have a year-round RCIA process, which is only possible with the dedication of so many people who are willing to share their gifts with the Church.

The parish sponsor is an integral part of the RCIA process. The sponsor is a mentor and companion for the journey. This year, our sponsors were: Debra Simonson, William Whisman, Paul Backscheider, John Sagers, Ben Neidich, Reneé Kandra, Lisa Grady, and Marlene Flaspohler.

We have had many people teach the classes and lead the *Breaking Open the Word* Sessions throughout this past year. The RCIA catechists are: Fr. Jim, Fr. Chris, Sr. Dee Sizler, Carolyn Davis, Joan Wichmann, Karen Brandstetter, JoAnn Neidich and Joan Buzek who helped us get it all started last summer and fall.

Tammy Fangman also coordinated the sacramental preparation for two students, Charlotte Pinkeiwicz and Raegan Hertlein who met with Tammy on Sunday mornings.

We would like to thank Jim Dickman, Mike Liderbach and the choir, Tracy Cron who carried the Sacred Chrism during the service and our Thurifer, Katie Liderbach (incense bearer). Thank you to all the parishioners who brought cookies, cakes and other snacks for the reception following the Vigil.

The benefit of an ongoing initiation process is that those interested in the Catholic faith are not restricted to a six-month process. They may begin meeting at any time. An ongoing process also allows for individual growth and conversion.

If you know of someone who may be interested in learning about the Catholic Church, please encourage him or her to call me. Please continue to pray for any who might be discerning God's call to inquire about our Catholic faith. All are welcome!

Deacon Mark

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:

Robert J. Bruns

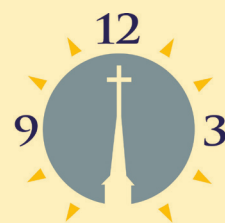
Scott Wittich, husband of Lee Ann and father of Katie, Lindsey, Lindsay (Ken) and Anthony.

Charles Donovan, Jr., son of Charles and Margaret Donovan, Sr. and brother of Maria and Chris, Bernadette and Matthew, and Dominic and Callie.

Margaret Powell Schindler, wife of Stephen Schindler.

Robert Hegner, husband of M. Patricia Hegner and father of Greg and Cathy Hegner, Mike and Mary Ann Hegner, Geri Hegner, Mark and Tina Hegner and Lauren and Chris Seither.

Josie Mae Wandstrat, infant daughter of Kenny and Natalie Wandstrat.



CHURCH
OFFICE HOURS

Summer Hours

The Parish Office will have reduced hours for the summer. The office will be open Monday-Friday from 8:00 a.m.-noon beginning on Tuesday, May 31.



City Champs

Congratulations to the Seventh and Eighth Grade Girls B1 team for winning the City Championship title! They ended the season with a record of 20-8!



2022 Wedding Anniversaries

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, or 75 years) in 2022 are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr. Individual couples may request a certificate online at www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources (scroll down to WEDDING ANNIVERSARY), or by contacting Ana Ramirez at 513-263-3384. Requests must be made by June 15.

The certificates will be sent to the St. Dominic Parish Office and held until our Anniversary Mass celebration in October.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS – In addition to receiving a certificate from Archbishop Schnurr, married couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2022 are invited to a Golden Anniversary Mass on August 14, 2022, 11:00 a.m. at Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Celebrant. Registration for the Mass occurs during the certificate request (above).

ST. DOMINIC ANNIVERSARY MASS – Here at St. Dominic, we will also celebrate our Anniversary Couples. This usually takes place in October at 9:30 a.m. Mass. If you will be celebrating a 25th, 40th, 50th, 60th, 65th, 70th or 75th Wedding Anniversary in 2022, please contact the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0 no later than June 15.

A Mother's Prayer

*Dear Father in Heaven, I ask for Your Touch.
Bless all my family, we need You so much.
Grant us Your wisdom to choose what is right.
To walk in Your pathways of truth and light.
Strengthen our family with faith to hold fast,
To cherish and nurture the treasures that last.*

*Teach us to love, to forgive and to share,
in the realms of the spirit, to thrive and to dare.
But most of all, Lord, when our journey is through,
Bind us together, forever with You.*

St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Dominic Conference Report

The St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Society has received a couple of very nice "Thank You" notes from neighbors whom we helped. These neighbors never expected to need to ask for assistance, but they fell on tough times. They were very grateful that we were able to help them weather the bump in their road.

The total receipts from September 30, 2021 through March 31, 2022 were an amazing \$55,444.59 from the poor box collections, parishioner donations via "We Share," the schoolchildren, member donations and especially a couple of VERY generous benefactors.

St. Dominic's St. Vincent de Paul provided \$47,809.51 in aid to 136 of our neighborhood families made up of 541 adults and children during this same period. The breakdown of the aid that was given is as follows:

Duke Energy	\$11,739.86
Water Bills	\$ 1,766.31
Food and Kroger Gift Cards	\$ 7,896.54
Rent & Mortgage Assistance	\$13,776.80
"Twinning Help" to neighboring SVdP Conferences	\$12,630.00

The "Twinning Help" to neighboring St. Vincent de Paul Conferences is so large because when people donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Society, they have made it clear that they want their donations to be used to help their needy neighbors and not sit in the St. Vincent de Paul bank account. We made the decision to share the wonderful bounty that we received with neighboring St. Vincent de Paul conferences who were not as fortunate as St. Dominic. The rule of the St. Vincent de Paul Society states: "The St. Vincent de Paul Society uses money and property to help relieve the suffering of those in need. The Society's funds must be handled with the utmost care, prudence, and generosity. Money must not be hoarded (Rule 1, Article 3:14). The Society has held from the beginning that the funds donated to the conference belong to the poor."

We, the members of the St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Conference, take our fiscal responsibility VERY SERIOUSLY to use the funds that you, the parishioners, have entrusted us to use on your behalf. We try to assist ANYONE, not just Catholics, who requests our help and lives in our "territory," which includes St. Dominic Parish, Sedamsville and Riverside – all the way to Anderson Ferry Road.

If you wish to make a donation "In Honor of" or "In Memory of" someone, there are envelopes and donation cards at all the entrances to St. Dominic Church. The gift will be acknowledged by a handwritten note to the recipient. The honoree will know you have honored them with a gift to help the needy in our area.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,
St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Dominic Conference

St. Vincent de Paul Bundle Sunday

Do you have items cluttering up your home that you know would be of use to someone else? You're in luck! St. Vincent de Paul will have a truck in the parking lot after all the Masses on June 11 and 12 to accept your tax-deductible donations of gently-used clothing and household items. Receipts for tax purposes will be provided. NO refrigerators, TVs, microwaves or mattresses.

High School Graduates

Every summer in the Torch, we publish the accomplishments of our high school seniors. In the past, the information has been forwarded to us from the local high schools and has not always included information for all the graduating seniors. We want to change the way we collect this information. We would like to recognize **ALL** St. Dominic parishioners who are graduating from high school. If you are going to college or enlisting in the military, we would like to include that as well as any scholarships and special awards received. To keep up this tradition, we need your help. We need the graduate, parents, or grandparents to send us the information.

What we would like you to send is:

- Student name
- High School
- College attending in the fall or branch of the Military
- Any awards received and Scholarships accepted

The information can be emailed to mariam@stdominicdelhi.org or call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 410.

Adopt-A-Student Tuition Assistance Program

The St. Dominic Adopt-A-Student Tuition Assistance Program has helped many families attend our exceptional school that may not have been able to afford the full cost of tuition. We have set our tuition rate for the 2022-2023 school year at \$3,500.00, net of any parish scholarship, etc. As in the past, we welcome any monetary gift to the program; however, we have established gift levels as described below for those who wish to sponsor a student:

Platinum Level Gift of \$3,500	Sponsors a student for an entire school year
Gold Level Gift of \$2,625	Sponsors a student for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the school year
Silver Level Gift of \$1,750	Sponsors a student for $\frac{1}{2}$ of the school year
Bronze Level Gift of \$875	Sponsors a student for $\frac{1}{4}$ of the school year

Please consider a contribution to this vital program by participating in any of the levels described above, or please feel free to contribute any amount you are able. For additional information, or to make a contribution, please contact the Parish Business Manager, Charlie DeZarn, at 513-471-7741, ext. 417. Thank you for your consideration in contributing to our Adopt-A-Student Tuition Assistance Program.

Second Trimester Awards

THE KIND FRIEND AWARD

Kindergarten: Aaryk Arrington, Zayden Downing, Gabriel Coors and Christopher Harris.
 1st grade: Lucas Watson, Abel Ayalew, Stella Mayer and William Dean.
 2nd grade: Mason Clark, Maddox Thomas, Lily Osterhage and Charlie Clarke.
 3rd grade: ^Mason Williams, Anna Kuchera, Hayley Flaspohler and Karalina Wilson.

POLITE AND CARING AWARD

Kindergarten: Ethan Jacobson, Paris Toliver, Kenzie Rafferty and Molly Starkey.
 1st grade: Mya Kimball, Bella Zerilla, Joseph Kruessel and Ireland Cook.
 2nd grade: Christopher Nixon, Nova Mabjish, Emi Schotte and Oliver Durban.
 3rd grade: Hannah Lynn, Alex Lahni, Emma Borgemenke and Sam Schroer.

CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

4th grade: Tyler Pennekamp, Jonah Riesenbeck, Aubrey Moore and Cameron Fiorante.
 5th grade: Eric Carter, Kent Sokolis, Luke Bizaillon and Ella Kruessel.
 6th grade: Noah Nauman, Leah Schwartz, Lillie Thai and Annabelle Luebbering.
 7th grade: Emma Raley, Tucker Charles, Skylar Grouse and Tyler Homan.
 8th grade: Cassie Whittle, Carter Carrithers, Lizzie Williams and Alex Coffman.

HONOR ROLL

4th grade: **FIRST HONORS:** George Goins, Aubrey Moore, Austin (AJ) Nauman, Morgan Rimmel, Reece Montgomery, Tyler Pennekamp, Brynn Raley, Hannah Walter and Rylie Couteau.
SECOND HONORS: Sean Homan, Jonah Riesenbeck, Mylee Tedesco, Andrew Tuemler, Abby Williams, Audrey Wilson, Kailey Adams, TJ Cocklin, Aliyah Mabjish, Braydon McCloud, Rebecca Nierman, Kenzie Stryker, Averil Mullins, Michael Harris, Andrew Starkey.

5th grade: **FIRST HONORS:** Lauren Childs, Ella Kruessel, Mya McMillian, George Pepples, Raegan Lahni, Kent Sokolis.
SECOND HONORS: Jude Braun, Merritt Charles, Jason Ehling, Owen Gentile, Trey Hyland, Caleb McKeon, Tina Rose, Noah Bardono, Addi Bass, Brysen Bishop, Ultan Delaney, Raquel Duffy, Charlie Gibbs, Sammy Hafner, Layla Heltman, Sophia Lynn, Zach Railey, Brody Singler, Conner Watson.

6th grade: **FIRST HONORS:** Nick Fettig, Reagan Helling, Adin Hollingsworth, Anna Shattuck, Riley Johnson, Noah Nauman, David Tirado, Sebastian Valladares.
SECOND HONORS: Meredith Breeden, Colt Brock, Lily Dailey, Wesley Durban, Kaiden Koch, Leah Schwartz, Michael Thompson, Blake Williams, Brayden Broxterman, Logan Bryant, CJ Gatliff, Landon Hogel, Annabelle Luebbering, Liam Mullins, Josie Newland, Kraig Ray, Bailee Smith, Lillie Thai, Carolina Tirado, Tristen Traynor.

7th grade: **FIRST HONORS:** Mariah Cook, Tyler Homan, Tucker Charles, Raegan Montgomery, Jennifer Piening, Emma Raley.
SECOND HONORS: Camren Anderson, Bryce Bezold, William Fettig, Joey Starkey, Andrew Tallen, Liam Barron, Anna Bogner, Elliott Durban, Hayden Gorczyca, Rocco Hockenberry, Claire Siebel, Josh Smith.

8th grade: **FIRST HONORS:** Colin Broxterman, Caitlin Childs, Mary Gibbs, Chase Goins, Eva Hater, Kara Lively, Shelby Luebbering, Courtney Muhlenkamp, Hank Utley, Cassie Whittle, Melania Bauer, Jackson Bogner, Casey Broxterman, Noah Hyland, Carmen Morano, Connor Muhlenkamp, Peyton Rampello, Kaylee Whitacre, Elizabeth Williams.
SECOND HONORS: Riley Bryant, Zach Hartung, Sebastian Hignite, Madison Siemer, Josh Walter, Leah Becker, Simon Burke, Alex Coffman, Wyatt Krommer, Leanna Smith, Aubrey Weller.

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Join us in O'Connor Hall for our next
Community Dinner on
Wednesday, May 18, 2022
5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

We hope to see everyone there!!!

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