

The Torch



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Faith for more than 75 years!"*

St. Dominic
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Pastor's Desk

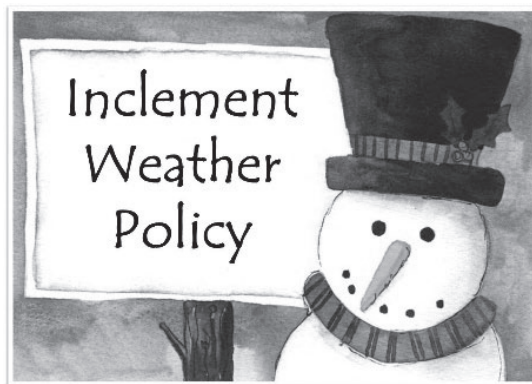
Happy New Year everyone! My prayer for all of you is that this year you will live in the awareness of God's graciousness and love for you. Our life is a gift from God. It is gratuitous. We didn't earn it. It is grace. God's plan and desire for us is that we share God's own divine life for all eternity! What that will be like we can only imagine. We are beloved sons and daughters of God and heirs of eternal life. We are truly blessed. Living in that awareness leads to happy and grateful living. May that happy and grateful living be yours this year.

Mark your calendar! We are having a Christ Renews His Parish II Morning of Reflection on Saturday morning, February 20, the first Saturday of Lent.

It will be a Zoom gathering! The morning will include some witnessing by parishioners, some prayer, a guided meditation, and some discussion, if we can do some chat rooms over the internet! You don't have to have made CRHP to participate! Stay tuned for details.

Fr. Jim

Parish Office Hours and Inclement Weather



Please take note that when St. Dominic School is on a two-hour delay, or closed for the day due to inclement weather, the Parish Office will modify its hours of operation. We will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at our regular time. We felt the need to amend our hours during snow alerts, to ensure the safety of our employees. We hope that this

change in our schedule will not cause any inconvenience. *St. Dominic School follows Oak Hills Local School District for delays and closings.*

2021 Church Envelopes

We are changing the way you receive your church envelopes. Instead of receiving a box of envelopes, in 2021 you will receive envelopes in the mail every two months. If you no longer use Offertory envelopes to make your donation, please send us an email at parishoffice@stdominicdelhi.org and we will update our list so you do not receive them.



Word On Fire

Exciting News for You! We are excited to announce that our parish now has access to premium video content from Word on Fire. These films and videos feature Bishop Robert Barron who has been hailed as “one of the Church’s greatest messengers” and is the second most-followed Catholic in the world on social media (behind only Pope Francis.) He is best known for his CATHOLICISM film series and his Emmy-nominated *Pivotal Players* series, which have both aired on PBS and EWTN, and have been seen by millions of people.

Thanks to Flocknote, our parish’s email and texting tool, we can now send you short Bishop Barron videos with engaging questions via email or text message. We encourage you to participate as together we draw deeper into the Faith. In addition, you now have access to the entire Word on Fire digital video library. You can watch any of Bishop Barron’s films or study programs whenever you want, on any device!

If your email and/or phone number is not registered with the parish, or if you would like to add additional addresses, please register at stdominicparish2.flocknote.com or by texting **StDominic** to 84576.



Christ Renews His Parish

We will have a virtual Christ Renews His Parish II Morning of Reflection on Saturday morning, February 20, the first Saturday of Lent.

We will do this over Zoom. The morning will include some witnessing by parishioners, some prayer, a guided meditation, and some discussion. We will even be able to break into smaller groups for discussion. You don’t have to have made CRHP to participate! Please look for more information in the February bulletins and *Torch*.



Giving Tree

Thank you to everyone who participated in our Giving Tree project. Due to your generosity, we were able to present gifts to over 500 people in our community. We truly appreciate all who donated money and gifts to make this endeavor possible. Due to COVID, the logistics of getting tags made, gifts loaded on the truck and delivered was very different. Thanks goes out to Marie Salem, Linda Schill and Kathy Wright for helping to write out tags and a special thanks goes out to Tammy Fangman and Cheryl Watson who cut out tags, fastened the orange suggestion tags, as well as wrapping and shopping for gifts. A major thanks to Bob Sanker, who oversaw the loading and unloading of the truck and to the Knights of Columbus who paid for the truck as well as loaded it during the 11:30 a.m. Mass and unloaded it in North Fairmont. Thanks also to the Girl Scouts, Men's Society and Boy Scouts who each came early on the 12th and 13th to sort gifts and load the truck during Mass ALL while wearing masks and observing social distancing. What wonderful, caring parishioners we have at St. Dominic!

St. Dominic Super Split-the-Pot

Look for a mailing early in January containing tickets for the NEW St. Dominic Parish Super Split-the-Pot. To help alleviate the loss of revenue by not having a Festival in 2020, and our relative certainty of not having Las Vegas Night in February we felt this would be a good way for the Parish to recoup some of the loss. Tickets will be mailed to all parishioners with a letter explaining the details. The winner will be drawn after the 4:30 Mass on Saturday, February 27.

Financial Assistance For 2021-2022 School Year

The application process for applying for financial assistance for the 2021-2022 school year is now open. If you have a high school student next year, and you have applied for assistance through FACTS, you do not have to complete the application for your St. Dominic student, as long as you have selected St. Dominic as one of your schools. PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN YOU HAVE SELECTED ST. DOMINIC AS ONE OF YOUR SCHOOLS.

To begin the application process, go to: www.factsmgt.com. In the upper left corner of the page, click on "Parent Log In." If you applied for assistance last year (2020-2021), your login credentials will be the same. If you are utilizing FACTS for tuition payment processing for this current school year, your login credentials are the same. Click on the link, "Apply for Financial Aid." The instructions for completing the application are relatively intuitive, however if you experience any issues please contact FACTS at (866) 412-4637.

Awards will first be granted through the Catholic Education Foundation (The Archdiocese of Cincinnati's One Faith One Hope One Love Campaign). CEF awards will be announced in February 2021. St. Dominic will announce Parish awards in the Spring of 2021. **The deadline to apply for assistance is January 31, 2021 for CEF and St. Dominic Parish Awards. No exceptions can be made!** You will need your 2019 tax return information. You will also have to upload pages 1 and 2 from your 2019 tax return as well as copies of any 2019 W-2's.

St. Dominic Tuition Credit Program

Supporting the tuition credit program is easy with Kroger community rewards and AmazonSmile.

The Kroger Community Rewards Program was designed to support organizations by simply using your Kroger Plus Card! If you are not already enrolled, sign up right away to start earning rewards for the St. Dominic Tuition Credit Program. Your purchases will begin earning rewards within 7-10 business days after registering your Kroger Plus Card.

- 1.) Sign in or create an account at krogercommunityrewards.com
- 2.) Click on Enroll Now
- 3.) Under "Find Your Organization" enter 80206 (St. Dominic R. C. Parish School)
- 4.) Click on school name.
- 5.) You'll receive confirmation that you've enrolled.

AmazonSmile (smile.amazon.com) is a website operated by Amazon that offers the same selection of products as Amazon.com. However, when you shop at AmazonSmile, the

AmazonSmile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the price of eligible purchases to the charitable organization selected by customers. There is no cost to you! You only have to remember to shop at smile.amazon.com and St. Dominic students benefit! You can search "St. Dominic Cincinnati" on AmazonSmile, or simply visit <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/31-0538541> or <https://amzn.to/2Nb2qtY> to set your charitable organization to St. Dominic.

If you have any questions or need help registering for either program, contact Rachel Lahni at 310-0045 at rachel@lahni.com. Thank you for supporting the Tuition Credit Program!



Men's Society December Lottery Winners

Congratulations to all the winners!!

December 1st - #298 Joe and Lois Scherer

December 2nd - #751 Helen Ludwig

December 3rd - #282 Debra Wieland

December 4th - #673 Carol Brinker

December 5th - #200 Mark Rodgers

December 7th - #837 Patty Hericks

December 8th - #797 Mike Bonomini

December 9th - #611 Dave Witterstaetter

December 10th - #164 Jean Malloy

December 11th - #087 John Back

December 12th - #132 Ray Pachoud

December 14th - #075 Jerry Luebbering

December 15th - #783 Fr. Jim

December 16th - #575 Fr. Jim

December 17th - #964 Reggie Ott

December 18th - #260 Ryan Schwamberger

December 19th - #103 Mark Rodgers

December 21st - #162 David Wandstrat

December 22nd - #314 Jane Miller

December 23rd - #612 Dave Witterstaetter

December 24th - #228 Jim Jansing

December 25th - No drawing on Christmas

December 26th - #924 Nancy and Brian Crabbe

December 28th - #530 Mary DeZarn

December 29th - #649 Stan Lape

December 30th - #653 Joan Wichmann

December 31st - #676 Meg Morris

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A Prayer for the New Year
Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank You for this new year
For all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

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