

The Torch



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

**St. Dominic
Parish**

**Delhi Township,
OH**

September 2021

Pastor's Desk

One of the great blessings of this summer was seeing over 800 smiling faces at Stricker's Grove enjoying the free rides at our parish picnic!

Our new school year has begun with principal, Mrs. Jenny O'Brien, at the helm. Please pray for her, our students, teachers, and parents that this is a successful year of learning and growth in their relationship with God and one another. Pray that we are again able to have another complete year of in-person learning, without having to quarantine any classes.

Our RCIA weekly sessions are beginning. If you know of anyone interested in the Catholic faith, invite them to give Karen Brandstetter a call at 513-471-7741, ext. 481.

Fr. Chris and I will continue our Tuesday evening sessions with Bishop Bob Barron. Starting on Tuesday, October 5 and going seven weeks, we will be reflecting on his videos on the Sacraments. We hope to be able to get back to in-person sessions. If not, we will record the session, or possibly do both. Stay tuned!

Remember our community dinners in O'Connor Hall begin on Wednesday, September 15. They will take place on the 3rd Wednesday of every month. All are invited.

The Lord is alive and active in our midst. We gather every weekend to give thanks for that remarkable reality!

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.

Robert Moorman, husband of Joan Moorman and father of Michael and Ellen Moorman, Kathy and Dan Huebner, Brian and Sharon Moorman, Tracy Owens and Josie and Doug Schwartz.

Robert Nienaber, husband of Kathy Nienaber and father of Abby Nienaber and Emma Nienaber.

Rosemary Garmann, mother of Patty and Steve Butterfield.

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 Karen Brandstetter at 513-471-7741, ext. 481 or kbrandstetter@stdominicdelhi.org for more information about St. Dominic's RCIA.

St. Dominic Festival

After a lot of discussion and prayer, we have decided to cancel our Parish Festival that was scheduled for October. We will still have a Major Award Drawing and a Baskets Raffle. These will be drawn on Sunday, October 10. By now, you should have received a mailing with Major Award Tickets and a letter on how you can help the Baskets Raffle. Please contact the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0 if you have at questions.

St. Dominic Basket Raffle

In years past, the Baskets and More Raffle has relied on donations from local restaurants, stores, and attractions to make our booth successful. This year, we are not sure that we can rely on these donations, and we are hoping that we can get more donations from our parishioners to make this a HUGE success. We are looking for individual items or complete baskets.

Some basket ideas are: Tailgating basket, Baby basket, Holiday themes (Halloween, Christmas, Thanksgiving), Craft basket, just to name a few. There are so many possibilities! If you are donating an entire basket, we just ask that the basket value be around \$100.00. If you cannot donate a whole basket, maybe you can get together with family, friends, or neighbors to put a basket together. If you are an Amazon shopper, we have made an Amazon Wish List of items you can purchase and we will assemble the basket. Just go to <https://smile.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/2TVFS8KV04UAN>, select the item(s) you want to donate, make the purchase and the item will be sent directly to St. Dominic's Parish Office. Other items that make up great baskets are: restaurant gift cards, tickets for the Bengals, Cyclones, college sporting events, plays, the ballet, museum center, zoo, other entertainment venues or attractions.

Please check the Amazon Wish List regularly as items will periodically be added. Gift cards and cash are gratefully appreciated, as well! No donation is too small! Check the bulletin for regular updates about Baskets and More.

We need to receive all donations no later than Friday, September 24.

If you have any questions, please contact Maria Moster at mmoster@fuse.net or 513-295-0691, Amy Walter at awalter@fuse.net or 513-384-1163 or Lindsey Wittich at lindsey.wittich@gmail.com or 513-238-0067.

Thank you for your support of St. Dominic Parish and Baskets and More!



St. Dominic Parish School of Religion (PSR) Registration For 2021/2022

The mission of the St. Dominic Parish Community is the same as the mission of the greater Church – to bring about a connection with and response to God's love in our world – and truly live out the Kingdom of God. We do this through the Sacraments, Scripture, Prayer and our interconnections with others – the family, the Parish community of Faith and the larger community and world.

We welcome all registered parish families whose children attend public schools to attend our Parish School of Religion (PSR). The PSR staff and teachers are here to assist parents in their task of raising their children in the Faith.

Instruction in PSR is offered during the school year (September-May) for children in grades 1-8. There is special emphasis on the Sacramental years, usually 2nd and 8th grades, with added activities for parents and candidates.

Registration for the 2021/2022 school year is online. All registrations must be submitted by September 8. Access the online registration form via the Parish Website (www.stdominichelhi.org). Click on the PSR Registration button on the left side. *There will be no fee for PSR for the 2021/2022 school year.*

The first day of class for all grades (1-8) is Sunday, September 12 at 10:30 a.m.

Upon registration, families will receive the PSR calendars for grades 1-8, as well as the PSR Handbook (both the calendar and the handbook will also be on the parish website by mid-August). If you have any questions about PSR you can contact Megan Mattei, PSR Coordinator, at mmattei@stdominichelhi.org or (865) 607-2070.

A Letter from the Principal

Warm greetings, St. Dominic families, parishioners, and friends,

I am very excited to be joining the staff of St. Dominic School as principal for the 2021-2022 school year. I have been working in Catholic education for 24 years. I taught sixth grade at St. James in White Oak for seven years (1997-2003), eighth grade at St. Dominic in Delhi for six years (2003-2010), served as Principal at Holy Family in Price Hill for eight years, (2010-2018) and served as Principal at St. William School for three years (2018-2021).

In 2015, I received the Harry Santen Distinguished Principal Award, and in 2010 I received the NCEA Distinguished Teacher Award (Region 6: Michigan and Ohio). I have had the privilege to participate in a variety of professional groups including the 2011 Planning Committee for NAEP (National Assessment of Educational Progress) Writing Framework which constructed the framework for the writing section of the test administered to formulate "The Nation's Report Card." Most recently, I participated in the NAATE (National Association of Advanced Teacher Education) Principal Fellowship at Yale which was a rigorous program of learning designed for school leaders to examine their work and expand their capacity to lead others, cultivate talent, set vision, and meet performance goals in service of their schools. Back in the day, I also wrote two articles for the NCEA Best Practices Publication, Perfecting Persuasive Writing: Using Propaganda Techniques in 2006 and Foreign Language: How To Implement A Foreign Language Into A Junior High On A Shoestring Budget in 2009.

I received my Masters of Education Degree from Xavier University in Cincinnati in 2003, and I currently reside in Delhi Township with my husband and two teenage children.

I am looking forward to meeting all of you and getting acquainted with the heart of St. Dominic School. Mrs. Jennifer O'Brien

St. Dominic Men's Society Annual Scholarship Golf Outing

The Men's Society Annual Golf outing will be held Thursday, September 16 at Aston Oaks, starting at 10:00 a.m. This event benefits the Society's Scholarship fund, with 100% of the event's proceeds going toward helping St. Dominic families with the expense of attending parochial school. (The Men's Society distributes \$5000.00 among students each year.) All foursomes are welcome, so grab three friends and register! It will promise to be a day of fun, food and golf! For more information, and to register your foursome, please contact Rick Wieland at rick_wieland@yahoo.com or John Burns at johnaburnsjr@gmail.com. Hope to see you there! We are also looking for door prizes, please contact Rick or John if you would like to contribute.

Goldenaires

Goldenaires Annual Picnic - Tuesday, September 14 at Delhi Floral Gardens Gazebo from 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (If rain, meet in O'Connor Hall) We will provide metts, brats, drinks and supplies. You are encouraged to bring sides or desserts to share! There will be games and prizes. Cost is \$7.00. Please make reservations with Marie Salem at 513-910-3938 (Leave message with your name phone number and what you may bring) by 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 11.

Goldenaires Annual Dinner - SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, November 13. Details to follow.

Eucharistic



Adoration

At St. Dominic, Eucharistic Adoration with exposition of the Blessed Sacrament takes place each Wednesday starting after the 7:30 a.m. Mass until noon. Please come by for a visit with our Lord. Spend a few minutes, an hour, or whatever your schedule allows at the time.

Additionally, the church is open every weekday after the 7:30 a.m. Mass until 4:00 p.m., so please come and adore our Lord Jesus Christ present in the tabernacle, any day you prefer. He is waiting for you!

St. Dominic St. Vincent De Paul Society

Report from April 1, 2021 through June 30, 2021

Due to some health issues and finally admitting that he is getting a bit “long in the tooth”, Bob Sanker has retired as President of the St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Bob Sanker is NOT retiring from SVdP, he will still be a fully active member, just not the President. We, Bob’s fellow members at St. Dominic’s SVdP Conference, thank Bob for all his wonderful years as our conference President.

Since Covid-19 has abated somewhat and all the members of the St. Dominic SVdP Conference have been vaccinated, we are back to meeting face-to-face every other week. We still conduct a lot of our interviews on the phone, but we are making more home visits when we feel safe.

Covid-19 virus has NOT slowed down the generosity of the members of St. Dominic parish. You, the parish members, continue to be amazingly generous in helping your neighbors through St. Vincent de Paul. St. Dominic’s SVdP’s total receipts for the second quarter of 2021 were \$8,169.36 from the poor box collections, the parishioner donations, the school children, and the member donations.

Since most of us and our neighbors qualified for the Federal Covid-19 stimulus benefits, the calls to St. Dominic’s SVdP Conference decreased slightly in the second quarter when these benefits were distributed and used. However, in July, began seeing an uptick in requests for aid.

For the time period from April 1 through June 30, 2021, St. Dominic’s SVdP provided \$5,776.39 in aid to 29 of our neighborhood families made up of 74 adults and children. The breakdown of the aid that was given is as follows:

Duke Energy	\$ 1,830.04
Water Bills	\$ 300.00
Food & Kroger Gift Cards	\$ 367.35
Rent & Mortgage Assistance	\$ 2,911.00
“Twinning Help” to neighboring SVdP Conferences	\$ 368.00

Remember that St. Dominic’s SVdP Conference has NO overhead, personnel, or office expenses. Every cent that is donated to St. Dominic’s SVdP is used to help our neighbors.

Some new younger members have joined our conference, but there is still room for more younger members to keep the organization strong.

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

Requirements For Those Volunteering With Children

SAFEPARISH - All new volunteers are required to complete the SafeParish training at www.aocsafeenvironment.org. Once approved, every volunteer must also remain current on the quarterly video bulletins sent by SafeParish.

SELECTION.COM BACKGROUND CHECK - This can be done once you are registered at www.aocsafeenvironment.org. The \$25.00 fee for this can be paid by credit card or with a “token” at the time of your online request. Contact the organization for which you volunteer to get information on obtaining a token for payment.

WEBSITE IN COMPLIANCE LIST - We will post the list of those who are active and in compliance with SafeParish on a monthly basis on the parish website - stdominicdelhi.org. Click on Ministries > Volunteering with Youth > In Compliance Volunteer Listing.



Back to School Prayer

Dear Lord,

As we begin this new school year, we gather once again as Your community of believers. We thank You for the energy and the spirit that You renewed in us through the summer months. We thank You for the time to enjoy our family and friends and to reflect on what is important in our lives. Let this year be marked by enthusiasm and love so that, with the inspiration of Your Spirit, we may continue to grow in our faith. Help us to fulfill Your hope for us with honest intentions and works of faith. Let us be gentle with ourselves and bring laughter, joy and love to others. We ask this in Your name.

Amen



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.

Sign in or create an account at krogercommunityrewards.com:

- 1.) Click on "Enroll Now."
- 2.) Under "Find Your Organization" enter 80206 (St. Dominic R. C. Parish School).
- 3.) Click on school name.
- 4.) You'll receive confirmation that you've enrolled.



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If you have any questions or need help registering for either program, contact Rachel Lahni at 513-310-0045 at rachel@lahni.com. Thank you for supporting the Tuition Credit Program.

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**The Community Dinner
is BACK!!!**

Join us
Wednesday, September 15
5:00-6:30 p.m.

We hope to see you there!!

*Please look for updates or changes on the Parish
website www.stdominicedelhi.org, the weekly bul-
letin, and the September Torch.*

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