

# The Torch



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

St. Dominic  
Parish

Delhi Township,  
OH

February 2024

## From Fr. Jim

Lent begins on Valentine's Day this year. Lent is a season for the whole parish to reflect on our relationship with Jesus Christ. Are we truly following Him and learning from Him, or are we just going through the motions? Lent is an opportunity to renew our relationship with God!

Fr. Chris and I will be finishing the study of Mark's Gospel on Tuesday evenings, beginning on February 27, at 7:00 p.m. There will be four sessions.

If any of you have drifted away from parish life over the years, please know that you are always welcome to come back and reconnect with some wonderful people. The beginning of Lent is a good time to do it. The Lord invites you and all of us, "Return to me with all your heart!"

Confessions are on Saturday mornings, 8:45 to 9:30 a.m., or by appointment. Please note that on Monday, March 4, we will have a Holy Hour from 7:00-8:00 p.m., with Adoration and Confessions, ending with Benediction.

There will be a Mike Davis Lenten concert on Tuesday of Holy Week, March 26, at 7:00 p.m. in the church. There will be a full Holy Week schedule in the March *Torch*.

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.

**Joyce Alessandrini**, mother of Annette (Steve) Willenborg, Mark (Joan) Alessandrini, Robert Alessandrini and Dean Alessandrini.

**Albert Ehrman**, husband of Betty Ehrman (nee Metz) and father of Patti (Nick) Lahni, Pam (Terry) Kent, Becky (Mark) Specker.

**Mildred Heimbrock**, mother of Donna (Jim) Ruehlmann, Diane (Larry) Ritter, Ed (Lisa) Wolf, and Jeff (Lorie) Wolf.

## Bereavement Ministry

The St. Dominic Bereavement Ministry is looking for people to join our ministry. We meet with families during a deeply emotional time and assist them with planning a Mass for their loved one. The meeting with the family can take one to two hours while you help them plan the readings, music, and other parts of the Mass. On the day of the funeral Mass, we are responsible for preparing the altar and church for Mass. Our current ministers will guide new members in this rewarding ministry. No experience is needed. Please reach out to Joyce Waller at 513-910-3996 or call the Parish Office for more information.



## February 14, 2024

6:10 a.m.	Communion Service & Ashes
7:30 a.m.	Mass & Ashes
8:15 a.m.	Mass & Ashes
7:00 p.m.	Mass & Ashes

## Lenten Regulations for Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday, February 14 and Good Friday, March 29, are days of abstinence from meat and days of fast (that is, limited to a single full meal). Regarding Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled:

Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with an uplifted and clear mind. (*Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110*)

The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years of age and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (Canons 97 and 1252).

Regarding the obligatory days listed above, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of the Holy Father may be simply paraphrased: the obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, or “substantially,” the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious. People should seek to do more, rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord’s call to penance and conversion.

## Bible Study with Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris

Join Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris during Lent as they study the Gospel of Mark (Part 2). This is a continuation of the Fall Bible Study, but you did not have to attend in the fall to join during Lent. The sessions will be on four consecutive Tuesdays beginning on February 27 at 7:00 p.m. in O’Connor Hall. If you attended in the Fall and picked up the book for Part 2, you do not need to register. If you did not attend in the Fall or did not pick up a book, please call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0. Fr. Chris will be recording each session, and we will send it out to all those on our Word on Fire email list each week.



## Lenten Holy Hour

Come spend an hour in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us on Monday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. in church for Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction. Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris will also be hearing Confessions during this time.

## Lenten Concert with Mike Davis

Join popular singer and Catholic Evangelist/Educator Mike Davis on Tuesday, March 26 at 7:00 p.m. as he presents “Come Watch with Me: The Perfect Storm.” This will be a powerful evening of prayer, meditation and music that is sure to touch the soul on your Lenten journey.



## Hoxworth Blood Drive

Help save lives – donate blood. There will be a Blood Drive at Our Lady of Victory in the Convocation Center on Wednesday, February 7 from noon to 5:45 p.m. To schedule an appointment, please call Hoxworth at 513-451-0910 or online at [hoxworth.org/groups/olv](http://hoxworth.org/groups/olv). All donors receive a free FC Cincinnati Scarf. This Blood Drive is sponsored by the St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus and Our Lady of Victory Peace and Justice Commission.

## St. Vincent de Paul, St. Dominic Conference

Thank you and Happy New Year from St. Vincent de Paul, St. Dominic Conference. 2023 was a year of rising challenges to meet the increased needs of our neighbors. We are extremely grateful for all your support this past year – your prayers, your food donations, and your financial contributions! Our Conference members (Vincentians) were busy; we were able to offer support to many neighbors in need. In October/November/December, we made 162 home/phone visits, which assisted 444 people. Our top three expenses during this time frame were – rent: \$9,251.50, utilities: \$8,080.58 and food: \$3,054.51. We also offered other assistance – budgeting advice, local food pantry information, resource connections (government agencies, library resources, etc.). So, you can see, we really rely on your support!

We had several Vincentians with a lot of longevity retire in 2023. We are thankful for the path they set forward for us, for their insight and wisdom and their countless hours of giving back to our parish and community. Looking forward, we ask you to keep us in your prayers in 2024; please pray that we have the resources, knowledge, energy, compassion, and discernment needed to help our neighbors as God thinks we should. We also welcome your support, in the way of new members joining our Conference. Happy New Year!



### Crochet Group

The crochet group has been busy making baptismal garments for those who are baptized at St. Dominic. Members of the group meet on the first and third Wednesday of the month and work on baptismal garments and stoles, hats for the homeless and individual projects. If you would like to join the group or find out more about what we are working on, call Patty Bardonaro at 513-702-4161. You do not need to know how to crochet, we can teach you. Knitters are welcome, too.

## CRS Operation Rice Bowl

Wednesday, February 14 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. Catholics and other Christians observe Lent as a special time of prayer, fasting, and acts of charity in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection. We should look at the Lenten season as an extended retreat. Although our personal observance of Lent may seem to be a private journey, it takes place within the Church community, as the People of God seek spiritual renewal.

St. Dominic Parish is again participating in Operation Rice Bowl as a part of our Lenten observance. Operation Rice Bowl calls the parish community to pray, fast, and learn throughout the Lenten season. We ask that each family consider taking home a Rice Bowl kit. These kits will be available after all the Masses on the weekend of February 10 and 11. Each family will receive the “rice bowl,” a Lenten calendar with prayers, suggested activities, and ideas on how you may participate in Operation Rice Bowl in your home (there are Spanish calendars available upon request).

## Goldenaires

**Coffee and Donuts** – Mark Mullahy from Bayley Place will join us to educate us about the services offered at Bayley Place. Come learn about the Wellness Center, Adult Day Programs, Home Health Services and much more! We will meet in the Our Lady of Victory Convocation Center on Monday, February 19 at 11:00 a.m. Please register with Amy Finke at amyfinke3@gmail.com or 513-407-1023 so we can let Bayley know how many to expect.

**Morning of Reflection** – We will have a Morning of Reflection with Fr. Mark Burger on Saturday, March 2 at 9:30 a.m. in St. Dominic’s O’Connor Hall. A light meal will be served, so reservations are required by February 26 to Judy Tensing at 513-451-2028.

**Save the Date!** – On Thursday, April 25, we are planning a trip to Belterra Park Cincinnati. Watch the bulletins for further details.



### School Registration

St. Dominic School is offering online registration for the 2024-2025 school year for Preschool, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-8. For additional information, or to arrange for a personal tour, please call the principal, Jennifer O’Brien, at 513-251-1276, ext. 420. EdChoice Scholarships are accepted, and financial aid is available. Hamilton County Daycare vouchers will be accepted for Preschool. To enroll your child for St. Dominic School, please visit <https://secure.gradelink.com/2787/enrollment>. For questions regarding Registration and EdChoice, call the school office at 513-251-1276, ext. 422.



## CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

### *In Memory of:*

Alex Griffin \* All Family and Friends who have Passed \* Alvin Edward Metz, Jr. \* Angelo Bruno  
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 Thomas and Jeannine Imhoff \* William and Barbara Bain \* Williams Family \* Zang Family

JOIN US!  
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024  
**LAS VEGAS NIGHT**

**ST. DOMINIC GYM**

**8:00 p.m.-Midnight  
 (Doors Open at 7:30 p.m.)**

**Admission \$10.00/\$15.00 Per Couple**

**MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND**

**MAJOR AWARD - 1st Prize: \$10,000.00**

**2nd Prize: \$1,000.00**

**3rd Prize: \$500.00**



**TAKE AN EXTRA TICKET TO SELL TO YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS**

**Major Award:** All parish families will receive a mailing containing Major Award tickets. The drawing will take place on Saturday, February 24 at Las Vegas Night. The tickets are \$20.00 each or six for \$100.00. You can drop your tickets in the collection basket or mail them in the envelope provided. You can also purchase your Major Award tickets online using WeShare (You do not have to sign up for online giving to purchase raffle tickets through WeShare). To purchase online, go to [www.stdominicdelhi.org](http://www.stdominicdelhi.org), click on the green "Online Giving" button on the left side of the page. Scroll down to *Major Award Drawing* or scan the QR code for Major Award tickets.

**VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP:**

Go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084CAFAD2AABF85-stdominic1>  
 or scan the QR code for Volunteer sign-ups.

**WE NEED DEALERS -**

If you would like to deal Las Vegas Night, please call Jason Shattuck at 513-477-8162  
 or use the SignUpGenius link in February.

**LEND A HAND - SETUP FOR LAS VEGAS NIGHT**

Friday, February 23, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

**HORSE RACE SPONSORS -**

To help defray the cost of rental and other expenses,  
 we are seeking individuals, companies, teams, clubs, etc.,  
 to sponsor a horse in the Horse Race Game for \$25.00.

If you would like to sponsor a horse, call the Parish Office  
 at 513-471-7741 by February 5, 2024.

**\*\*WE NEED 100 SPONSORS\*\***

**Volunteers!**



VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS



MAJOR AWARD TICKETS

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4551 DELHI PIKE  
CINCINNATI, OH 45238  
ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

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Permit No. 6356



Join us  
Wednesday, February 21  
4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

**We hope to see you there!!**

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