

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

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Pastor's Desk

Once again, you have lifted my spirits with your generosity. I give thanks to God for you. You have been a great blessing in my life! Since my letter went out six weeks ago requesting your financial help for the parish, we have received \$170,761! That is not counting significant contributions to the Fr. Grimmelsman Fund, as well as contributions to Education and St. Vincent de Paul. We have missed nine weekends of worshipping together. Your contributions have averaged out to \$19,000 a weekend, which is much more than we usually receive on a weekend. Your generosity is an inspiration....as is your faith and love of the Lord! Thank you!

We have been named one of the Top Workplaces of 2020 by the Cincinnati Enquirer. The awards are based on surveys of the St. Dominic employees. I know that I sure enjoy coming to work each day. It is nice to know others feel the same!
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.

Charlotte Hedgebeth, sister of Lawrence and Pam Bush, Thomas and Sandra Bush and Dorothy Bush.

Loretta Herkert, mother of Gail and Don Ruberg, Janet Gaffney and Clifford Herkert.

Norb Priestle, father of Sue and Tom Miele, Marilou Priestle, Ralph and Micki Priestle and Joe and Margie Priestle.

Virginia Walters, mother of Kathleen and Barry Maxwell, Karen Sue Wyenandt, Carolyn and David Bussberg, Tina and Dennis Bell, John and Lisa Walters and Kimberly Walters.

Tony Balzano, husband of Rita Balzano and father of Julie and Tim Ryan, Mark and Sandie Balzano, David and Kathy Balzano and Tony and Julie Balzano.

Dennis Matthey, husband of Deborah Matthey and stepfather of Michael (Diane Volt) Burke.

Don Moore, husband of Rosemary Moore, father of Barb Moore-Rolf, Donnie Moore, Carol and Ken Hake, Paul and Michelle Moore and Gary and Amy Moore.

Elisabeth Licht, mother of Nick and Patty Licht, Elizabeth and John Webb, Margaret and Chuck Reigottie, John Licht and Chris and Tina Licht.

Donna Weller, wife of Charles Bohl, mother of Tammy and Lee Coffman, Tracy Truett and Brian Bohl.

John Wilson, husband of Linda Wilson, father of Kyle and Michelle Wilson.

Donna Stigler, sister of Michael Ries.

Barbara Hoffman, mother of Cheryl and Tony Fritsch-Middleton, Gregory Fritsch and Wendy and Jake Warren.

Elizabeth Pomerantz, mother of Janice Engels, Dan Pomerantz, Ed Pomerantz, Laura Dickman, Nancy Smith, Sharon Opkins.

Mary Jo Maher, mother of John and Margie Maher, Valarie and Mike Murray, Sherry and Gary Willis, Rick Maher, Tony and Ginny Maher, Tracy Maher and Connie DeBruler.

Coleen Mahoney, mother of Kathleen Licht.

Mary Ann Wagner, mother of Donna Mierenfeld, Paula and Ned Colson Grove, Joe and Linda Connell Wagner, Leslie and Tim Huey and Eileen and Ed Bird.

Edwin Stevens, father of Greg Stevens, Brian and Michelle Stevens and Eric and Emily Stevens.

Lillian Pagano, mother of Betty Jo, Penny, Billy, Robert (Red), Wiley (Squeaky) and Ronnie Pagano.

Patricia Biggs, wife of Robert Biggs and mother of Randy and Jennifer Biggs, Joy Biggs, Jennifer Lehmkuhl, Todd and Crystal Biggs, Troy and Bridgette Biggs, Adam and Nikki Biggs and Allison VanBever.

Rosalie Moorman, sister of Patty Moormann.

Joe Vonderahe, husband of Maureen Vonderahe, father of Lori and Christopher Knorr, Joseph Vonderahe, Thomas and Malinda Vonderahe, James Vonderahe and Jerald and Patricia Vonderahe.

Robert Kieffer, husband of Barbara Kieffer, father of Cindy and John Doran and Chris and Amy Kieffer.

Marilyn Boerger, wife of Francis A. Boerger, mother of Karen and Michael Schachleiter, Debbie and Chuck Meyer, Bob Boerger, Diane and Dave Helmers, Mary and Andy Menninger and Jeni and John Paul Case.

Judith Dickhaus, sister-in-law of Walter F. and Sharon Dickhaus, Dorothy and Robert Lierman, and Lorain and David Buchman.

Robert Krekeler, husband of Ruth Krekeler, father of Brian and Lauren Krekeler, Kelly and Patrick Stenger, Kevin and Katie Krekeler and Kimberly Krekeler.

David Stall, husband of Deborah Stall and father of Adam Stall.

Mary Wehner, mother of Randy and Carolyn Wehner, Bill and Maria Wehner, Ed Wehner, Tom and Lynn Wehner, Jim and Lisa Wehner, Mary Jo and Steve Fredwest and Julie Geis.

Mass Recorded Daily

We will continue to upload a recorded Mass on the weekend for those who are unable to join us in church. Additionally, we will have a recorded Mass Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday uploaded to our website. The weekend Mass will be a recording of the 4:30 Mass on Saturday and will be available on our website by 7:00 p.m. The daily Mass will be a recording of our 7:30 a.m. Mass and should be available each morning.

Revised Guidelines For Attending Mass And Confession At St. Dominic

Guidelines for returning to Mass and Confession from Fr. Jim, Fr. Chris, Deacon Mark, and the Parish Staff.

First, remember that you are dispensed from your Sunday obligation to attend Mass. Your desire to participate in Mass could be fulfilled on any day of the week. We are trusting that no one who is sick is coming to Mass.

On the side of church facing Delhi Pike, only the center doors will be open. The side doors are for exit only. Both doors on the parking lot side of church will be open.

When you arrive at Mass, we expect you to be wearing a mask. (If you are choosing not to wear a mask, please stay home. Wearing a mask, no matter how uncomfortable is for the safety of those you will be worshipping with!)

Upon entering, sanitize your hands from the containers provided and pick up a worship aid. (There will be no hymnals or missalettes.)

Every other pew will be roped off. In the pew, be sure to maintain a six-foot distance between your household members and any others. Look to the left and the right.

No physical contact at the Our Father and Sign of Peace.

At Communion, the Eucharistic Ministers will be wearing a mask. There will only be Eucharist distributed in the hand without contact. No Communion on the tongue. There will be no cups.

When you are in line, we expect you to be wearing a mask and maintaining a six-foot distance to the person in front of you. Receive the host in your hand, lift up your mask and consume the host.

On leaving church, be sure to sanitize your hands and bring your worship aids to discard in the trash cans. We will not reuse them at the next Mass.

Please be charitable as we deal with this situation as a parish family. If you come to church and there is no room in keeping physical distance, do not endanger your health or someone else's by crowding into a pew. The loving thing to do is leave, perhaps come back to another Mass, or during the week, remembering that you are dispensed from the obligation.

Confessions have resumed after the 8:15 Mass. They will take place in the Cry Room. Wait in the center aisle in the rear of church if the door is closed. If it is open, come in. You will have the option of going face to face (at the proper distance) or anonymously. Fr. Chris and I expect that you will be wearing a mask for Confession.

St. Dominic Parish School of Religion (PSR)



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 Reign 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, 7th and 8th grades, with added activities for parents and candidates.

Look for more information about PSR including registration for the 2020/2021 school year in August in the Torch and weekly bulletins.

St. Dominic Men's Society Annual Scholarship Golf Outing

The Men's Society Annual Golf outing will be held Thursday, September 17 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 \$5,000 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 Jack Roch at jroch1948@gmail.com or Rick Wieland at rick_wieland@yahoo.com prior to August 21. Hope to see you there!

St. Dominic Tuition Credit Program

Supporting the tuition credit program is easy with Kroger community rewards and AmazonSmile. These programs are an easy way to help the tuition credit program earn money.



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.

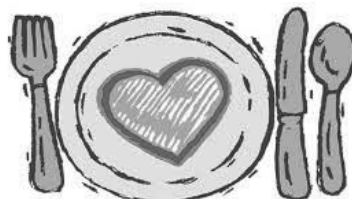
The **Kroger Community Rewards Program** was designed to support organizations by simply using your Kroger Plus Card! If you are not already enrolled, sign up right away to start earning rewards for the St. Dominic Tuition Credit Program.

- 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.



Your purchases will begin earning rewards within 7 - 10 business days after registering your Kroger Plus Card.

If you have any questions about either program or need assistance getting your account linked, please contact Rachel Lahni at 310-0045 or rachel@lahni.com. Thank you for supporting the Tuition Credit Program!



COMMUNITY DINNER

All Community Dinners have been canceled for the summer. We will resume the dinners in the fall. Look for information in August in the *Torch* and Bulletin.



St. Dominic Parish Picnic At Stricker's Grove

Our Parish Picnic at Stricker's Grove has been canceled this year. Stricker's Grove has decided not to open this year. We have reserved the last Friday in July for 2021. Be sure to mark that on your calendar!

St. Dominic Scholarships and Awards

At the end of the school year, St. Dominic School presents many awards to both our graduating 8th grade class as well as our younger students. Congratulations to the following Award winners.

Graduation Scholarships & Awards:

The following students are being awarded the *Michael J. Pohlkamp Memorial Scholarship* for exceptional effort in academics and athletics based on recommendations from coaches and teachers. These scholarships are sponsored by the St. Dominic Athletic Association. The recipients are **Brayden Bass, Ethan Lipps, Hayley Cook and Kendylle Lively**.

The following students are awarded the *Father Stockelman/Sister Mary Ruth Scholarships* for achieving the highest overall grade point averages of the students from this graduating class. These scholarships are sponsored by the St. Dominic Men's Society. The recipients are: **1st – Carter Sokolis, 2nd – Ella Vatter**.

Returning Students Scholarships & Awards:

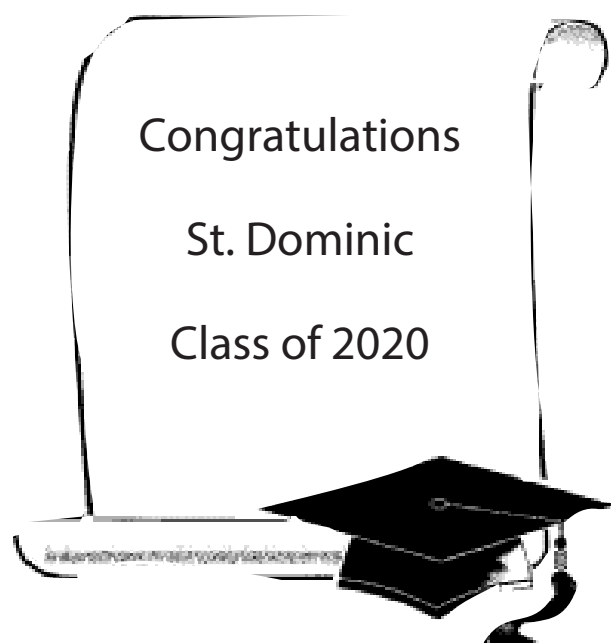
Patrick J. Cottingham II Scholarship - Mr. Cottingham was a Science teacher at St. Dominic from 1974-2004. That's 30 years. Mrs. Cottingham wants to help students continue their love of science. One boy and one girl currently enrolled in the 7th grade each having a love of science, good Christian character, and grades commensurate with their academic ability. The recipients are: **Nick Liderbach and Kaitlyn Kruessel**.

Student Council Scholarship - Criterion for this scholarship includes a demonstrated positive attitude, good effort, cooperation, and daily living of Christian values. The recipients are: **5th grade – Francesca Lanter, 6th grade – Caitlin Childs and 7th grade – Leni Sullivan**.

Jake & Sydney Wittich Scholarships were established in memory of Jake and Sydney (former students of St. Dominic School) so their spirit will continue to live and so that other children will have the same educational opportunities. The students selected for this award show respect for others and their families are willing to make sacrifices for their Catholic education. The recipients are: Jake Wittich Scholarship – **Johnny Hafner** and Sydney Wittich Scholarship – **Kara Lively**.

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