

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

May 2023

Welcome

Welcome to the newest members of St. Dominic Church and Mary, Queen of All Saints Family of Parishes. At the Easter Vigil, we baptized Jennifer Spraul and her children, Owen, Rex, and Aria. Garrett Tout, Skylie Love and Tano Bade were also baptized along with Natalie McAdams and her brother Matthew, and Nicole Waldrop and her siblings Elena Lerdo, Karolyna Lerdo, Gabriella Lerdo, Zaiden Lerdo and David Estaban.

Jennifer, Garrett, Skylie, Natalie, Tano, Nicole and Elena were also Confirmed and received the Eucharist for the first time. Aimlys Bade and Carson Williams were also Confirmed and received their First Eucharist. (Carson's sister, Hope, was sick for the Vigil and will be Confirmed and make her First Communion at a later date.) Alex Bishop, Allison Miller and Beta Bade were also Confirmed at the Vigil. Curt Nortman, who participated in the RCIA process here at St. Dominic throughout this past year, was received into full Communion with the Catholic Church, and fully initiated through Confirmation and First Eucharist during the Easter Vigil at Our Lady of Victory.

The sponsor is an integral part of the RCIA process. The sponsor is a mentor and companion for the journey. This year, our sponsors were: Maria Fortune, Peter Gibbs, Anonman DePaul, Denise Luebbe, DaSean Coleman, Isabelle Downey, Brett McAdams, Deborah McDonald, Kenneth Wandstrat, Kathy Wandstrat and Sylvie Dieket. Godparents for the children were Cathy Moser, Alexis Fortune, Wyatt Elkins, Ann Downey, and Brian Downey.

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. 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, Deacon Mark, Sr. Dee Sizler, Carolyn Davis, Joan Wichmann, Rosemary Niemeyer, and Karen Brandstetter. Tammy Fangman coordinated the sacramental preparation for many of the young people in our RCIA program. Tammy met with two groups of children, fourth grade through high school on Sunday mornings.

We would like to thank Jim Dickman, Mike Liderbach, Gene Johnson and the choir, Samantha Robson, who was initiated at last year's Easter Vigil, who carried the Sacred Chrism during the service, and our Thurifer, Katie Liderbach (incense bearer). Thank you to John Schill for starting and maintaining our fire for the Vigil. Thank you to all the parishioners who brought cookies, cakes and other snacks for the reception following the Vigil. Many, many thanks also to Patty Bardonaro, Doug and Terry Harrison and Meg Morris who helped with food, and setup and cleanup for the reception.

The benefit of an ongoing initiation process is that those interested in the Catholic faith are not restricted to a six-month time frame. They may begin meeting at any time. An ongoing process also allows for individual growth and conversion. Having a year-round process also allows us to work with entire families who are interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the faith. Sometimes, due to circumstances, like moving locations, families might miss sacramental preparation or opportunities to receive sacraments. We can address that through the ongoing RCIA process. If you know of someone who may be interested in learning about the Catholic Church, please encourage him or her to call us. Please continue to pray for any who might be discerning God's call to inquire about our Catholic faith.

All are welcome!

Deacon Mark Bardonaro and Karen Brandstetter



Family Of Parishes

In July 2022, we introduced you to the priests who will be ministering to the Mary, Queen of All Saints family of parishes. Since then, we have shared a little bit of the history of all the parishes. We saved St. Dominic for last.

ST. DOMINIC PARISH

In 1930, Archbishop John T. McNicholas sent 35-year-old Rev. J. Aloysius Grimmelsman to the convent of Mt. St. Joseph as chaplain with the commission to look into the possibility of starting a new parish. On Sunday, October 29, 1933, the Feast of Christ the King, Mass was offered for the first time at the Mutual Aid Hall at the corner of Greenwell and Delhi Pike. The first of many generous gifts came from Anthony and Bernadina Robben. They gave the six acres of land that the parish now occupies. In 1934, the first building went up with four classrooms and a temporary chapel. School opened in September of that year. Three Sisters of Charity taught all 93 students enrolled that year. After the war, a real building

boom hit Delhi Township. Additions were made to the school, and the present church was dedicated in 1957. The Sisters of Charity have played an important role in our parish, staffing our school for 70 years.

Today, we are a dynamic parish, with 1,677 families and just under 1,500 adults involved in various ministries! A truly "ministering community!" Within the last 20 years, we have added a Gathering Place and a Parish Center to house the many programs and celebrations. We believe that the heart of an evangelizing parish is, first of all, a people who have a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, who gather each weekend to give thanks in the Eucharist for all God's blessings, and who try to be a blessing to others.

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 30.



2023 Wedding Anniversaries

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, or 75 years) in 2023 are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Schnurr. Individual couples may request a certificate online at <https://www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources/wedding-anniversary-certificate-request>. 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 2023 are invited to a Golden Anniversary Mass on August 6, 2023, 11:00 a.m. at Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Very Rev. Jan K. Schmidt, 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 and 75th Wedding Anniversary in 2023, please contact the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0 no later than June 15.

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.

Michael Scola, father of Michael Paul (Jennie) Scola, Jr., Lisa Scola and John (Jennifer) Scola.

Gertrude Tout, mother of Jeffrey (Emily) Tout, Barbara (Mike) Rohrmeier, and Mari Ehrat.

Dagmar Iori, mother of Nick (Dorothy) Iori and Jennifer (Tom) Sharkey.

Larry Riestenberg, husband of Pam Riestenberg and father/grandfather of Taylor and Tiffany Riestenberg and Tyler Strunks.

Linda Fisher, mother of Mischele Fisher-Rice, Michael Fisher, Bill Verset, Angela Reyes and Jeffery McArthur.

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.



Vacation Bible School Details

We are looking forward to our annual Vacation Bible School to be held August 7-11 from 6:00-8:30 p.m. for grades K-4! The Vacation Bible School programs we have implemented are 100% Catholic! We have focused on helping the youth in our parish build their faith while having a fun-filled week. We have learned about the seven sacraments, the Mass, and awesome saints, all while having a fun time. This year, we will be using Cool Kingdom from the <http://catchat.ca/vacation-Bible-school-series>. We will make crafts, learn some new songs, play games, and eat snacks all while learning more about our Catholic faith!

Registration forms will be sent home soon and will also be available online and at the Parish Office. Please watch upcoming bulletins for more information!

VBS also needs many SafeParish adults to lead groups from station to station, and to supervise the various stations! If you have completed your SafeParish registration, and are up-to-date on all your training bulletins, **and** you are available each evening from 5:30-9:00 p.m., your help is needed. I promise it's easy and FUN!

If you would like to volunteer your time and talent, contact Linda Gardner at 513-451-3079 or lmcgardner2@gmail.com. We have some wonderful parents who have already stepped up to help. If your child needs service hours, we will have spots for them, too.

St. Dominic Goldenaires

Behringer Crawford Museum tour, "A Hidden Gem"

Friday, May 12. The tour includes two temporary exhibits: "The Art of Fashion" featuring one-of-a-kind illustrations, advertising clothing and accessories in local newspapers from 1945-1965 and vintage dresses, coats, hats, and other haute couture; and "Kentucky Craft Luminaries: Sharing the Stories" with local Kentucky artists. We will be carpooling from the Bearcat Storage parking lot next to Walgreen's on Anderson Ferry Road at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$7.00, plus your lunch at Ft. Mitchell Public House. Reservations are due by Friday, May 5 with checks made payable to the Goldenaires and sent to Judy Tensing, 625 Covedale #2, 45238. 513-451-2028.

Annual Picnic in the "Park"

Wednesday, June 14 at the Our Lady of Victory Sports Pavilion. Start time TBD. Lunch and a short talk provided by Maria Sinsabaugh from Western Hills retirement Village. Games and Split-the-Pot to follow. Reservations required. *See future bulletins for detailed information.*

High School Graduates

Every summer, we publish the accomplishments of our high school seniors in *The Torch*. 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 graduating from
- 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.



A Perfect Gift

Mother's Day and Father's Day are coming soon! Consider purchasing a Gathering Place paver for your mother, father, grandparent, or spouse to let them know how cherished they are.

Order forms are available in the racks at the doors of church, or you can download a form from the parish website by clicking on *Ministries/General Parish Ministries/Gathering Place Walkway*. Bricks and Pavers can also be ordered online by going to our website by clicking on the green *Online Giving* button on the left hand side; scroll until you find *Gathering Place Walkway*. You can also stop in the Parish Office to order a paver.

The 4 x 8 bricks allow 3 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$40.00.

The 8 x 8 pavers allow up to 6 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$75.00.

If you have any questions, call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0.

The bricks are ordered twice a year, once in January and once in July.

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Join us in O'Connor Hall
for our next
Community Dinner on
Wednesday, May 17, 2023
5:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.
We hope to see everyone there!!!

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