

# The Torch



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St. Dominic  
Parish

Delhi Township,  
OH

August 2023



## St. Dominic Parish School of Religion (PSR)

### Registration 2023/2024

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.

Registration for the 2023/2024 school year is online. All registrations must be submitted by August 30. Access the online registration form via the Parish Website at [www.stdominicedelhi.org](http://www.stdominicedelhi.org). Click the PSR Registration button on the left side. There will be no fee for PSR for the 2023/2024 school year.

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

PSR calendars for grades 1-8 will be available online in August. If you have any questions about PSR, you can contact Megan Mattei, PSR Coordinator at [mmattei@stdominicedelhi.org](mailto:mmattei@stdominicedelhi.org) or 865-607-2070.

## 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 Woosley**, husband of Theresa Woosley and father of Alisha (Kurt) Bach, Buster (Megan) Winters, Jessica Woosley, Michael Woosley II and Christian Woosley.

**Bob Maly**, husband of Joyce Maly, and father of Rob (Kristin) Maly, Katie Maly, Betsy (Keith) Hammersmith, and Cari (Nick) Zeeman.

## SafeParish

With Summer activities in full swing, we would like to remind all parish/school employees and volunteers that they are required to stay current in SafeParish to be able to work/volunteer with youth. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati, in keeping with its policies, has completed the five-year revision of the Decree on Child Protection. Each user with a SafeParish account was notified by email early in July that on the parish website, the Decree was available for download, along with an Acknowledgement to complete. If this has not been completed, the user's SafeParish account will show as pending until the user completes the Acknowledgement. To acknowledge the Decree, log into your account at [www.aocsafeenvironment.org](http://www.aocsafeenvironment.org). After logging into SafeParish, click on My Account. The user account Dashboard is displayed. Click on the word "Decree" to download and acknowledge the revised Decree on Child Protection. After reviewing the Decree, click the highlighted button that states - "I have downloaded and read the AoC Decree on Child Protection (July 2023) and agree to abide by its requirements."

While in your SafeParish account, please make sure that you are up-to-date on all quarterly bulletins. With the school year beginning soon, users with pending SafeParish accounts are not permitted to work or volunteer with youth until they have met all the child protection requirements and their SafeParish account is approved. Please direct questions regarding your SafeParish account to Deacon Mark Bardonaro at 513-471-7741, ext. 415.

## St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Dominic Conference Report

St. Dominic's St. Vincent de Paul Society tries to assist all our neighbors, not just Catholics, who request help and live in our area, which includes all of St. Dominic Parish plus Sedamsville and Riverside from Steiner to Anderson Ferry.

Our receipts from April 1 through June 30 were \$9,778.10. Our total expenses for the same period far exceeded our receipts at \$20,151.92. In the second quarter of 2023, we provided aid 112 times to 304 individuals.

The breakdown of the "direct aid" that we gave is as follows:

Utility Bills (Duke Energy and GCWW)	\$ 5,608.70
Food and Kroger Gift Cards	\$ 2,805.80
Rent & Mortgage Assistance	\$ 10,460.50
"Twinning Help" to 5 neighboring SVdP Conferences	\$ 625.00
Funeral	\$ 500.00
Storage Units	\$ 151.92

In addition to this "direct aid," we provided clothing/household and furniture and bed vouchers from the SVdP Thrift Stores worth more than \$3,645.00.

St. Dominic's St. Vincent de Paul Society members spent over 264 hours and drove over 673 miles helping our neighbors in need. We bought food and gift cards and stocked the pantry so we could provide food for the hungry. We keep busy at this volunteer job. If you wish to join the our team, please call the parish at 513-471-7741, ext. 290 and leave your name and telephone number.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,

St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Dominic Conference

The officers for St. Dominic's St. Vincent de Paul Society are:

President: Christelle Middendorf

Vice-President: Tina Back

Secretary: Mary Lee Busam

Treasurer: Bob Busam



## St. Dominic School Starts Soon! Are You Ready?

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:** The school office will reopen on August 14, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon daily.

**SPIRITWEAR** is available online at <https://kochsports.chippily.com/stdominic/store.aspx>.

**AFTERSCHOOL CARE PROGRAM:** Please contact Kathy Smith at 513-518-9128 or [ksmith@stdominicdelhi.org](mailto:ksmith@stdominicdelhi.org) with questions regarding the afterschool program.

**MEET THE TEACHER AND FAMILY FUN FAIR NIGHT:** Meet the Teacher Night will take place on August 14 from 6:00-7:30 p.m. for students in Preschool, Kindergarten, Advanced Math, and Integrated Science. Meet the Teacher Night for grades 1-8 will take place on August 16 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. Parents can check the Parent Press for additional information.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:** Wednesday, August 23. This is a whole day of school with dismissal at 3:00 p.m. Uniforms required. Students should pack lunch. Students are encouraged to bring reusable water bottles which can be refilled throughout the day using the refrigerated, bottle filling stations in the building. Masks are optional at this time.

**TEACHER SUBSTITUTES:** Parishioners who have a bachelor's degree and are interested in substitute teaching are asked to call Stephanie Sitzler at 513-251-1276, ext. 422.

**PTO UNIFORM EXCHANGE:** Wednesday, August 16 from 6:00-8:00 p.m. in the PTO Uniform Closet, located off of the school library. Bring any used uniforms or spirit wear to donate and/or pick up some items that your son(s) and/or daughter(s) may need this year!

### Back to School Prayer

*Father,*

*We thank You for the opportunity*

*to begin this new school year,*

*and we ask that You bless*

*the students, staff, and student families*

*that make our schools a great place.*

*We pray that You will guide us in Your ways,*

*and strengthen our school communities,*

*so that we will seek Your will*

*in everything that we do,*

*and love others as You love us.*

*We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ Our Lord.*

*Amen.*

## 2023 St. Dominic School Scholarships

### AUBREY ROSE SCHOLARSHIP

The Aubrey Rose Hollenkamp Children's Trust Foundation was established to honor the life of Aubrey Rose Hollenkamp. Since 2001, over 345 scholarships have been awarded to students who have shown kindness and a willingness to give back to the community. This year, St. Dominic is fortunate to have **Joey Starkey** as one of the recipients of the Aubrey Rose Scholarship.

### MICHAEL POHLKAMP SCHOLARSHIP

The Michael Pohlkamp Scholarship is in memory of Michael Pohlkamp and is awarded to students who have demonstrated exceptional effort in both athletics and academics. Applicants are evaluated anonymously on their academic excellence – as demonstrated by attendance, effort, grades, and teacher recommendations; as well as athletic excellence – as demonstrated by attendance at practice, team spirit, and coach recommendations. **Joey Starkey, Elliott Durban, Emma Raley and Bryanna Sharp** were each awarded the Michael Pohlkamp Scholarship.

### ESAP AWARDS

The Butch and Karen Hubert Scholarship recognizes one girl and one boy in 7th grade at participating schools for giving of their time and talent to help others. The following students were awarded the ESAP Butch and Karen Hubert Scholarship: **Blake Williams and Leah Schwartz**.

### STUDENT COUNCIL CITIZENSHIP AWARD

One student from each grade is selected for this award who demonstrates a positive attitude, good effort, is cooperative, and demonstrates Christian values. **Nora Schroeder**, Kindergarten; **Evelyn Endlund**, 1st grade; **Adam Tuemler**, 2nd grade; **Quinn Nauman**, 3rd grade; **Karalina Wilson**, 4th grade; **Aubrey Moore**, 5th grade; **Ultan Delaney**, 6th grade; and **Lillie Thai**, 7th grade.

### JAKE & SYDNEY WITTICH SCHOLARSHIPS

These two scholarships were established in memory of Jake and Sydney (former students at 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. Jake Wittich Scholarship: **Charlie Clarke**; Sydney Wittich Scholarship: **Anna Shattuck**.

### PATRICK J. COTTINGHAM II SCHOLARSHIPS

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. This scholarship goes to 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. Congratulations to: **Meredith Breeden and Nick Fettig**.

### STUDENT COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS

Criterion for this scholarship includes a demonstrated positive attitude, good effort, cooperation, and daily living of Christian values. 5th grade: **Andrew Tuemler**; 6th grade: **Ella Kruessel**; 7th grade: **Annabelle Luebbering**.

## 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! For more information, contact Karen Brandstetter at 513-471-7741, ext. 418 or [kbrandstetter@stdominicdelhi.org](mailto:kbrandstetter@stdominicdelhi.org).

### 2023 St. Dominic Festival Booth Sponsors

We would like to thank the following merchants and individuals who sponsored booths at the Festival.

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*Our next Community Dinner  
is September 20!*

*Hope to see you there!*

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