

# The Torch



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

St. Dominic  
Parish

Delhi Township,  
OH

August 2019

## Pastor's Desk

I hope you are having a restful and relaxing summer.

We are looking forward to the beginning of the new school year. Dan and Jason have been working hard to get the classrooms cleaned and ready. The school year begins on August 21. Summers sure go fast around here! I will highlight the results of our parish study and the Fall events at St. Dominic in the September Torch. Happy Feast Day St. Dominic (August 8)!

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.

**Dolores Miele**, mother of Mark, Kim and Kathy Miele.

**Mary Lou Hausman**, wife of Len Hausman, mother of Lynn and Brian Jump, Tricia and Devin Kelly, Jenny and Bruce Wooster and Kate Hausman.

**Mark Cliff**, husband of Kathy Jones, father of Mark K. Cliff, Jr., Michael R. Jones and Keith A. Jones.

**Jude Thomas Prosser**, infant son of Kyle and Jeni Prosser.

**Helena Blades**, wife of Thurman Blades and mother of Dr. Mary and Tim Blades Hilvert, Anne and Robb Mangold and Thomas and Jonis Blades.

**Terri Niehaus**, mother of Michael and Tricia Niehaus and David and Amanda Niehaus.

**Zoey Rose**, infant daughter of Nicole Szatkowski and Dennis Rose.

## Parental Preparation for Their Infant's Baptism



Baptisms take place on the first two Sundays of each month at 1:00 p.m. Parents requesting Baptism of their first child are asked to attend a preparation session. During this time, we will look at the history and theology of the sacrament, reflect on our own Baptism, and look at ways to pass the Catholic faith on to our children. Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. Our next session is scheduled for Sunday, September 15, after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in church. Contact the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0, with questions about Baptism or to let us know that you will join us on September 15.

## 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 Deacon Mark at 471-7741, ext. 415 or [deaconmark@stdominicdelhi.org](mailto:deaconmark@stdominicdelhi.org).

## Mary Lou: A Life of Many Chapters

Our mom liked to read. She really liked to read. The images of Mom through the years almost always include a book nearby: sitting in the family room with a glass of ice water; in her bed with her morning cup of coffee; anywhere, reading, with a grandchild snuggled by her side. Her life could fill a library of a million books. Here we offer a few pieces of her legacy. Just as a great story lives on beyond the final page, so too does our love for Mom.

All families have roots and Grimshaw roots are particularly strong. To be sure, there are many sordid tales of growing up Grimshaw, with two mischievous boys and that rambunctious young girl dubbed "Boop." Mary Lou's journey was a happy one; her road led to Mt. St. Joe's in Cincinnati and to a destined blind date with Len. Mary Lou was a Mountie and she was a quick study in how to become a true west-sider. In their Delhi home, Len and Mary Lou showed that love was in the little things they shared every day. Love was in their holding hands for 54 years.

Our mom taught us early that good friends last a lifetime. She had a contagious laugh and her happy dance was perfected over the years. She raised us with a mantra of responsibilities and privileges. Those two go together, like peas in a pod: Empty the wastebaskets before you watch TV. Our childhood memories are wrapped in sleeping bags, in the way back of the green station wagon, on road trips to Toledo.

Mom also believed in sharing friendship. Only our mother could come home after her first round of chemotherapy, smiling as she described all the nice people she met. Only she could walk through a park in Belgium shouting, "Good Morning!" to bewildered Europeans walking by. We used to think these were random acts of kindness, until we realized there was nothing random about her core belief in the goodness of humanity. She modeled for us the best kind of joy in life.

Mom was a teacher, through and through. The new year began at our house in August, not January. For decades, we would be asked, "Wait, are you Mrs. Hausman's daughter?" And Dad can attest to the fact that trips through Delhi and Sayler Park over the years were forever marked by the question, "Hi, Mrs. Hausman. Do you remember me?" Rest assured, Mrs. Hausman, your students all remember you.

Our kids have been blessed and loved beyond measure by their Grandma. Grandma's pool, Grandma's gumdrops, Grandma's birthday boxes in the mail. Grandma! Grandma! Grandma! is a chorus they have joyfully sung together over the years. Every picture of Grandma with a grandchild radiates an undeniable, everlasting love. When they got a card from Grandma, signed with Love & Prayers, they knew she meant it. Grandma's always right.

Mom was steadfast in her faith. Her faith combated cancer, raised up daughters, and guarded grandchildren. St. Dominic was a second home to her, and she felt wholeheartedly embraced here. Through her generosity of time and spirit, Mom taught us to give before receiving, to give in hardship and joy, to serve something bigger than ourselves.

In her final week, we four girls surrounded Mom with our gratitude and love. We stood in for her extended family and community. We watched with deep wonder as Dad held her hands and whispered his final gift to her. Mom's story now has one more journey home, to a joyful Grimshaw reunion in heaven. And the story carries on beautifully, here on earth, with the birth of her first great-grandson. Little Kayden Marcus has the perfect guardian angel to guide him on his journey.

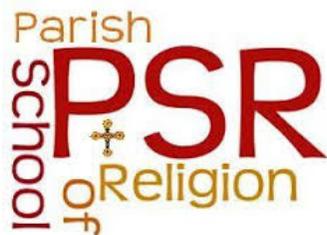


The CRHP women's team is preparing to offer to the women of the parish the gift of a renewal weekend on November 2/3. It is a blessing to see the effects of the renewal that Jesus Christ brings about in His people. We don't have to go somewhere else for our spiritual renewal. Ongoing spiritual renewal is the reason we organized parishes in the first place. Come join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal. Experience the Good News of Jesus Christ. This process is at the core of what we are about as a parish community. Take a risk and call and make a reservation to join us. Call Fr. Jim or Carole at 471-7741.

## Requirements for Those Volunteering with Children

As a reminder, all volunteers are required to attend one VIRTUS live training session. You can attend this training at any location at a date/time that works best for you. Find training locations, registration details and steps to create your VIRTUS user account at [www.VIRTUS.org](http://www.VIRTUS.org). Click on training, then live training to see a list of all scheduled live training sessions.

The second requirement for volunteers is to complete an online background check request. Payment for this is by credit card or "token" at the time of your online request. Contact the organization for which you volunteer to get information on obtaining a token for payment. To initiate the online background check, sign in to your VIRTUS.org user account, click the "Toolbox" tab then click the selection.com background check link. Contact the Parish Office at [parishoffice@stdominicdelhi.org](mailto:parishoffice@stdominicdelhi.org) or 471-7741, ext. 411 with questions.



## St. Dominic Parish School of Religion (PSR) Registration for 2019/2020

*We will have registration in the Gathering Place after  
all Masses the weekends of August 3/4 and August 10/11.*

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 2019/2020 school year will be online. All registrations must be submitted by August 30.

Access the online registration form via the Parish Website ([www.stdominicdelhi.org](http://www.stdominicdelhi.org)). Click on the PSR Registration button on the left side. The cost for grades 1-8 is \$50/per student with a maximum of \$150/per family. All fees are due at registration. A \$10 late fee will be assessed if payment is not made in full by August 30.

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

*NOTE: Classes for grades 7 & 8 are moving from Tuesday evenings to Sunday mornings this year.*

PSR calendars for grades 1-8 will be available online in July. Complete details are found in the PSR Handbook on the parish website. If you have any questions about PSR you can contact Megan Mattei, PSR Coordinator at [mmattei@stdominicdelhi.org](mailto:mmattei@stdominicdelhi.org) or (865) 607-2070.

## St. Dominic’s 2019 Festival Thank You For Making It Great!

First, we would like to thank all the booth chairs who organized and worked their booth during the Festival. They are the reason we are so successful. I can’t thank you all enough for all you do for the Festival and St. Dominic.

We need to give a much appreciative thank-you to everyone for your help in making our 2019 St. Dominic Festival such a huge success! So many people came out to help set up the Festival and many volunteers helped to run the Festival for the weekend. Whether you worked the entire weekend or a few hours, your time was greatly appreciated. THANK YOU! It is wonderful to see that the Holy Spirit is alive and well here at St. Dominic. Thank you to all the people who came and enjoyed the Festival. We’re glad that you came and enjoyed some family and parish community fun. It was wonderful seeing family and friends having good times together. We also want to thank Fr. Jim, Fr. Chris, Deacon Mark, and Charlie DeZarn who gave us such wonderful guidance. A special thank-you to our Lord for all the wonderful gifts he has bestowed on our St. Dominic Family.

– Gary Schloemer, Tony Tedesco, and Mark Caskey

Thanks also to –

- Diana Veid and the counting crews!
- It’s a yearlong process of organizing and obtaining donations – thanks to Maria Moster and Amy Walter and their crew for organizing and chairing “Baskets and More”!
- The Set-up and the Take-down crew!
- The Boy Scout clean-up crew!
- The many organizations of St. Dominic that helped.
- All our fantastic booth sponsors!
- Mike Davis, Model Behavior, Oh Brother, Excalibur, and The Naked Karate Girls for entertaining us all weekend!
- Again, I can’t thank everyone enough for your support with the Festival. Without your help, our Festival wouldn’t be possible.

## St. Dominic Goldenaires

**BELTERRA PARK - Thursday, August 22** - We will be taking three CASS buses which hold 47 people. If you want to ride the bus, get your reservation in ASAP. The cost is \$10 for those who ride the bus and \$5 for those who drive themselves. CASS buses do save us money. Reservations are due by August 8. The buses will meet and leave from the "Park and Ride" on Delhi Pike at 10:00 a.m. and return around 4:00 p.m. The riders should meet us at 10:30 a.m. at Belterra. We are getting \$20 free play money on our card and a free lunch buffet. And yes, the horses are running that day. Any questions, call Maureen at 451-5657 or Mary Ann at 251-6144. Send your reservation to Maureen Vonderahe at 5659 Treeview Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45238 or drop it off at the Parish Office. PLEASE do not forget your ID.

**SAVE THE DATE - Saturday, November 16** - Annual Dinner - Back by popular demand our own Mike Davis. Watch the weekly bulletin and the August Torch for detailed information.

## St. Dominic School Starts Soon!

### Are You Ready?

**SCHOOL OFFICE HOURS:** The school office will reopen on August 1, from 8:00 a.m.-12:00 noon daily.

**ST. DOMINIC SCHOOL HOMEROOM LISTS:** The homeroom lists for the 2019/2020 school year will be placed in the gym lobby windows at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, August 12. Please make sure your children know their homeroom for the first day of school, Wednesday, August 21.

**SPIRITWEAR, including gym uniforms,** will be sold on Monday, August 12, from 3:00-5:00 p.m. and on Tuesday, August 13, from 6:00-8:30 p.m. in the Spiritwear Shop off the gym. *Note: students in grades 4-8 are required to wear gym uniforms.* Contact Nick Luebbering at Blackhawkspiritshop@gmail.com with questions regarding Spiritwear.

**BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE PROGRAM:** Meeting on Tuesday, August 13, at 5:30 p.m. in O'Connor Hall. This meeting is for parents who will be using the program for the first time. Call Kathy Smith at 251-1276, ext. 434, if you have any questions.

**NEW PARENT ORIENTATION AND KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE:** Parents of Kindergarten students and parents of new students in grades 1-8 **must attend a mandatory New Parent Orientation on Tuesday, August 13, at 6:30 p.m. in O'Connor Hall.** This meeting will be followed by the Kindergarten Open House. We ask that at least one parent be present for each of these meetings and that Kindergarten students do not accompany the parent(s). First through eighth grade students who are new to the school are welcome to attend this meeting and take a tour of the building.

**PRESCHOOL PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT:** Parents of preschool students should plan on **attending this mandatory meeting on Tuesday, August 13, at 6:30 p.m. in the school library** (under the church). We ask that at least one parent be present and that children do not accompany the parent(s).

**PTO UNIFORM EXCHANGE:** Tuesday, August 13, from 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Gym. Bring your used St. Dominic uniform jumpers and skirts, pants and shirts, gym uniforms and spiritwear to exchange for different sizes. Former school families, and those wishing to donate items, are encouraged to drop off their no longer needed uniforms/spiritwear to a bin located in the Gathering Place the week of August 4. Call Courtney Becker at 290-4060 or Amy Hafner at 708-7476 with questions.

**FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL: Wednesday, August 21, 1:00 p.m. dismissal.** Uniforms required. Students may bring a snack. *Please note there is no afternoon Queen City (Cincinnati Public) bus service for 1:00 p.m. dismissals. Parents of Queen City riders must arrange transportation home on early dismissal days.*

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR for Tuesday, August 27: Meet the Teacher(s) Grades 1-8** and the first PTO Meeting of the school year will take place on this **very important evening you don't want to miss.** Session I: 6:15-6:55 p.m. or Session 2: 8:05-8:45 p.m. PTO meeting: 7:05-8:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall. The information will also be published in the first Parent Press of the 2019/2020 school year.

**CAFETERIA WORKERS:** St. Dominic School is in need of parent or grandparent volunteers (men and women) to help in the cafeteria during lunch periods. Please call Joan Mattei at 884-0641 or jmattei@stdominicedelhi.org to volunteer if you can help a day to two a month.

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



## Class of 2019 Scholarships

### DePaul Cristo Rey

**Heidi Cook** - Miami University

### Elder High School Scholarship Awards

**Nicholas Gillespie** - University of Cincinnati - Cheviot Charitable Foundation Scholarship

**Ian Martini** - Cincinnati Christian University - Christian Education Scholarship, Athletic Scholarship

**Nicholas Sebastian** - Northern Kentucky University - Northern Kentucky University Presidential Scholarship, Northern Kentucky EDGE Award

**Alexander Young** - Northern Kentucky University - Northern Kentucky EDGE Award

**Timothy Zang** - Mount St. Joseph University - MSJ Academic Scholarship, Early Filing Award

### Oak Hills High School

**Allyson Albertz** - University of Cincinnati - Cheviot Charitable Foundation Scholarship for Art, Oak Hills National Honor Society Scholarship

**Mackenzie Harbin** - Mount St. Joseph University - Mount St. Joseph University Academic Scholarship, Mount St. Joseph University MSJ Grant

**Jaelyn Jasper** - Miami University - Miami University Redhawk Grant, Lois K. Klawon Scholarship, Ohio College Opportunity Grant

**Daniel Moster** - University of Cincinnati - CEAS Excellence Scholarship, University of Cincinnati Cincinnati Century Scholarship, Western Hills/Cheviot Lodge #140 Scholarship

**Nicholas Rohr** - Northern Kentucky University - Northern Kentucky University EDGE Award

**Abigail Staubitz** - Northern Kentucky University - Northern Kentucky University EDGE Award

**Ryan West** - University of Cincinnati - University of Cincinnati Cincinnati Century Scholarship, University of Cincinnati CEAS Excellence Scholarship

### Seton High School Scholarship Awards

**Olivia Hensley** - University of Dayton - President's Merit Scholarship, Study Abroad Scholarship

**Morgan Morano** - University of Cincinnati

**Abigail Neumann** - University of Cincinnati

**Taylor Pitchford** - The Ohio State University

**Morgan Scherer** - Northern Kentucky University - Northern Kentucky University EDGE Award, Educational Diversity Scholarship

**Abigail Strack** - Mount St. Joseph University - MSJ Academic Scholarship

**Sydney Tritt** - Mount St. Joseph University - MSJ Academic Scholarship

**Kelli Wanger** - University of Cincinnati Blue Ash

**Monica White** - Mount St. Joseph University - MSJ Academic Scholarship, Mission Ambassador Award, Sisters of Charity Scholarship, Choir Scholarship

**Alyssa Wittrock** - University of Cincinnati

*The scholarship awards above were provided by the individual high schools. If we missed anyone, please send an email with your name, high school and scholarship information to [mariam@stdominicdelhi.org](mailto:mariam@stdominicdelhi.org).*

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**COMMUNITY DINNER**

**August 15, 2019**

**5:00-6:30 p.m.**

**In O'Connor Hall  
Hope to see everyone there!**

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