

The Torch



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St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

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From Fr. Jim

We begin the season of Lent this year with Ash Wednesday on February 22. 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 offering a series by Bishop Bob Barron on "The Seven Last Words," on the Tuesdays of Lent.

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, 8:45-9:30 a.m., or by appointment. On Monday, March 13, from 7:00-8:00 p.m., Fr. Chris and I will be in the church for Confessions. It will also be an hour of Adoration.

Look for more Lenten news 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.

Jerry Adams, husband of Pat Adams and father of Martin Adams, Ginger Adams Hesseltine, Karen (Chad) Adams Carrothers and Jennifer Adams.

James "Russ" Scott, father of Austin, Daniel, Zachary and Elizabeth Scott.

Jim Maas, brother of Richard (Carol) Maas Jr., Teresa (Jim) Wendling, Marybeth Hinton and Karen Maas.

Jo Ann Panaro, wife Michael Panaro, and mother of Jenifer (Marc) Johnson, Nicholas (Katie) Panaro and Leah (David) Cook.

Marlene Wimmel, mother of Lisa (Glenn) Caminiti, Lynne (Bob) Schwaeble, Leslie (C.J.) Karamol, David (Colleen), Robert (Lisa) and Ted (Kathy) Wimmel.

February 22, 2023

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 22 and Good Friday, April 7, 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 Bishop Robert Barron’s *Seven Last Words*. The sessions will be on four Tuesdays beginning on February 28 at 7:00 p.m. in O’Connor Hall. Each session will last about an hour. 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.

Eucharistic



Lenten Holy Hour

Come spend an hour in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Join us on Monday, March 13 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.

Goldenaires

Save the date! Fr. Mike Savino will share photos and reflections from his trip to the Camino Trail in Spain! Saturday, March 18 from 10:00 a.m.-Noon in O’Connor Hall at St. Dominic. We will have box lunches. Cost to be determined later. Look for details in future bulletins.

Parental Preparation for Infant Baptism

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, March 26 at St. Dominic Church after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Contact the St. Dominic Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0 to register for the Baptismal Preparation on March 26.



Meet Our Newest St. Dominic School Team Member: Kiawe!

In December, St. Dominic School welcomed a facility dog named Bree into school. While Bree was very sweet and already started working her magic with the students, she had one very bad manner. She barked. A lot. And it was loud. The purpose of a facility dog is to enhance school life, not to detract from the educational atmosphere. Bree's barking was just too disruptive. Bree has been sent back to

Circle Tail, where she will receive more training and then be placed in a different facility. We now have a new dog with us. Her name is Kiawe. We are confident the children will come to love her as much as they did Bree. Kiawe is a two-year-old Lab/Retriever Mix.

Facility Dogs are specially trained to provide physical, social, cognitive, or emotional assistance to Community members in schools/classrooms, courthouses, sober living homes, funeral homes, hospice centers, and more.

Kiawe is not a pet; she is a working dog trained to conduct herself by recognizing the emotional state or needs of humans. Circle Tail trains and places facility dogs in various school systems in the Greater Cincinnati area. These dogs have gone through at least a year of specialty training and have the capacity to assist and participate in the school system to help support children's physical, emotional, and cognitive needs. Kiawe's main job is to support students who may be struggling. However, she can assist in many ways throughout the day. Kiawe will maintain a set working schedule, primarily comforting and assisting students who are referred to the Counselor, Social Worker, or Nurse. Kiawe will also have time to visit classrooms, time to sit and be read to by younger students, and time to visit older students to see how their day is going.

Research has shown that a facility dog can be beneficial in several ways, including, but not limited to:

- can improve self-esteem, acceptance from others and lifts mood, often provoking laughter and fun;
- can help break down many of the barriers that naturally exist between people who are meeting for the first time. Students meeting with the principal may greatly benefit from this interaction;
- can assist when a crisis occurs; and
- can reduce anxiety and stress and provide unconditional acceptance.

St. Dominic Tuition Credit Program

Supporting the tuition credit program is easy with Kroger community rewards and AmazonsSmile.

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. Your purchases will begin earning rewards within seven to ten business days after registering your Kroger Plus Card.

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 the school name.
5. You'll receive confirmation that you've enrolled.

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School Registration

St. Dominic School is offering online registration for the 2023-2024 school year for preschool, Kindergarten, and Grades 1-8. Priority registration for all current students, including preschool, and siblings of current students will be accepted through January 28, 2023. 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.



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JOIN US!
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2023
LAS VEGAS NIGHT
ST. DOMINIC GYM
8:00 p.m.-Midnight
(Doors Open at 7:30 p.m.)
Admission \$10.00/\$15.00 a 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



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We have created a link for you to sign up for the jobs listed below. Most have shifts lasting only two hours!
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084CAFAD2AABF85-stdominic1>

WE NEED DEALERS

If you would like to deal Las Vegas Night, please call Jason Shattuck at 477-8162 or sign up online using the above link.

**LEND A HAND -
 SET UP FOR LAS VEGAS NIGHT**

Friday, February 24, 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 11, 2023.

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Join us!
Wednesday, February 15
4:30-6:00 p.m.
We hope to see you there!
Please note the time change.
Dinner ends at 6:00 p.m.

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