

# The Torch



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

St. Dominic  
Parish

Delhi Township,  
OH

January 2023

## From Fr. Jim

Happy New Year, everyone! My prayer for all of you is that this year you will live in the awareness of God's graciousness and love for you. Our life is a gift from God. It is gratuitous. We didn't earn it. It is grace. God's plan and desire for us is that we share God's own divine life for all eternity! What that will be like we can only imagine. We are beloved sons and daughters of God and heirs of eternal life. We are truly blessed. Living in that awareness leads to happy and grateful living. May that happy and grateful living be yours this year.

Archbishop Schnurr has called for an archdiocese-wide study of the Holy Eucharist during the six weeks of Ordinary Time between Christmas and Lent. The content of the study will be the excellent video series, "The Mass" from Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire ministries. If you sign up at [CatholicAOC.org/theMass](http://CatholicAOC.org/theMass), the archbishop will email the 25-minute episode along with his brief insights. Or, better yet, come watch it with Fr. Chris and me on Tuesday nights, 7:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall with discussion afterward. It won't take more than an hour. We will start January 10 and end February 21. There will be no session on February 7. Just for your information, this will not eliminate our Tuesdays in Lent Bible Study. We will be using Barron's "Seven Last Words," and the sessions will only last an hour.

Finally, 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 here at St. Dominic Parish. The beginning of a new year is a good time to do it.

From,

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.

**Nancy Edmonds**, mother of Jennifer (Steve) Luebbe.

**Dick Phillips**, father of Sally (Mike) Flesner, Elizabeth (Bill) Ginn, Leslye Federmann and Nancy Phillips.

**Joan Sanker**, wife of Bob Sanker, Sr., and mom of Robert (Julie) Sanker, Jr., Ron Sanker, Tim (Bill) Sanker, Darren (Carrie) Sanker, and Julie (Jeff) Karpe.

**Dorothy Poettker**

**Robert Greve**, father of Michael (Carol) Greve, R. Timothy (Melony) Greve, Robert E. (Terrie) Greve, Jr., Paul (Denise) Greve, Diane (Ken) Nortmann and Lisa (Ken) DeSonia.

**Judy Bosse**, sister of Donna Knese, Carol Hillberg, Donnie (Barb) Bosse, Jr., and Mary Kaye (Lorenza Williams, Jr.) Bosse-Williams.



## Family Of Parishes

Earlier this year, we introduced you to the priests that will be ministering to our family of parishes. We would also like to share with you over the next couple months a little history about the five parishes that make up our family of parishes. Last month, we featured Our Lady of Victory; this month, we will learn a little about St. Aloysius on-the-Ohio.

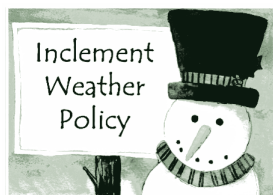
### ST. ALOYSIUS ON-THE-OHIO PARISH

St. Aloysius has always been a small neighborhood parish serving the area of Sayler Park. It officially became a parish in 1873, but the parish's roots go back to 1860, when Adolph Bauer sold two lots at what is now Whipple Street and Gracely Drive to "The Trustees of the St. Aloysius Society of Western Delhi."

The trustees built a small, one-room brick school that could also be used as a church when priests traveled to the area. Later, they purchased three more lots (on what is now Portage near Whipple) and plans were begun to build the first church, which was dedicated in 1873 to St. Aloysius. After 15 years, this little church grew woefully inadequate for the growing parish. A new St. Aloysius Church was dedicated on October 28, 1888, by Archbishop Elder. With a width of 50 feet and depth of 105 feet, it was more than twice the size of the old church, which then became the school for the fast-growing parish – now about 80 families. Topping the church stood a 150-foot steeple. This new church – which is the current church building – cost around \$20,000.00. For more than 130 years, this beautiful structure has served the parish well. In 1923, the 150-foot steeple was deemed unsafe and was taken down and a bell tower added to the right side of the church. Those bells still call faithful to Mass each weekend and in the compact community of Sayler Park, many people still walk to church. A new school was constructed in 1906 and the old church/school building became a commercial high school for about 25 years. Both were under the guidance of the Sisters of St. Francis of Oldenburg, Indiana. At its peak in the 1980s, St. Al's School held more than 200 students. Changing demographics after World War II shifted many younger families to the suburbs and eventually school enrollment declined to the point that it was no longer fiscally viable. After 100 years of operation, the school closed in 2018. The parish was long known as St. Aloysius, Delhi, as it was founded in the village of Delhi. Delhi Village ceased to exist when it was annexed to Cincinnati in 1912. In 1973, St. Al's changed its name to St. Aloysius on-the-Ohio, to better reflect its location and to avoid confusion with other Delhi parishes.

## Marriage, Divorce and Declaration of Nullity (Annulment)

Join Fr. Jim and Deacon Mark Bardonaro on Monday, January 23, in the Faith Sharing Room (St. Dominic Parish Center) at 7:00 p.m. for a discussion on marriage, divorce and annulments. We will examine what the Church says about marriage and what happens when a marriage ends in divorce. We will detail the declaration of nullity process: What is it? When is it necessary? We are offering this evening in an attempt to bring about a deeper understanding of all marriages. Come join us!



### Parish Office Hours and Inclement Weather

Please take note that when St. Dominic School is on a two-hour delay, or closed for the day due to inclement weather, the Parish Office will modify its hours of operation. We will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at our regular time. We felt the need to amend our hours during snow alerts to ensure the safety of our employees. We hope that this change in our schedule will not cause any inconvenience. *St. Dominic School follows Oak Hills Local School District for delays and closings.*



### Giving Tree

Thanks to everyone who took a tag from our Giving Trees and returned gifts so beautifully wrapped. Through your efforts, you have helped many children and families have a nice Christmas. Special thanks to my team of elves who wrote out the tags and suggestions.

For those who were not able to take a tag – thanks for donating money so the elves were able to shop. May God bless all of you for your generous time, effort and cash donations in making it a better Christmas for so many people you don't even know. – Joan Wichmann

## Las Vegas Night

Saturday, February 25, 2023

8:00 p.m.-Midnight

St. Dominic Gym

Major Award

**1st Prize: \$10,000.00, 2nd Prize: \$1,000.00 and 3rd Prize: \$500.00**

Las Vegas Night is BACK! We need your help to make this event a huge success. First, we need volunteers for a variety of jobs. If you would like to volunteer, go to <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409084CAFAD2AABF85-stdominic1>.

Most of the positions do not require you to know about "gaming" and only last two hours.

**MAJOR AWARD** - All parish families will receive a mailing containing Major Award tickets. The drawing will take place on Saturday, February 25, at Las Vegas Night. The tickets are \$20.00 each or six for \$100.00. You can drop your tickets in the collection basket or mail them in the envelope provided. You can also purchase your Major Award tickets online using WeShare (You do not have to sign up for online giving to purchase raffle tickets through WeShare). To purchase online, go to [www.stdominicdelhi.org](http://www.stdominicdelhi.org) and click on the *green* online giving button on the left side of the page. Scroll down to *Major Award Drawing*.

**WHEELBARROW OF CHEER** - We will be collecting items for the Wheelbarrow of Cheer, which we will sell chances for on the night of the event. If you would like to donate to the Wheelbarrow of Cheer, you may bring your donation to the parish office, give it to a Men's Society member, or call Jason Shattuck at 513-477-8162.

### A Prayer for the New Year

*Lord, You make all things new  
You bring hope alive in our hearts  
And cause our Spirits to be born again.*

*Thank You for this new year  
For all the potential it holds.  
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame  
So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
And live forever to praise Your glorious name.*

*Amen.*

### Men's Society November Lottery Winners

**Congratulations to all the winners!!**

November 1 - #862 Bob H.  
November 2 - #743 Tom Brunner  
November 3 - #510 Otto  
November 4 - #335 Betty Panzeca  
November 5 - #480 Unsold  
November 7 - #989 Robert Pessler  
November 8 - #864 Arlene Martin  
November 9 - #353 Unsold  
November 10 - #380 Unsold  
November 11 - #767 Carol Brigger  
November 12 - #825 Jenny Wessels  
November 14 - #538 Jacob Groneman  
November 15 - #845 Kathy Henninger

November 16 - #856 Bob Huellemeier  
November 17 - #065 Kathleen Wohlfrom  
November 18 - #614 Paul Fellingner  
November 19 - #062 Natalie Honnert  
November 21 - #445 Jenny Weber  
November 22 - #958 Frances Carroll  
November 23 - #199 Mary DePaoli  
November 24 - #162 Muriel Cook  
November 25 - #462 Unsold  
November 26 - #883 Don Pennekamp  
November 28 - #532 Bill Benken  
November 29 - #931 Amanda Lewis  
November 30 - #839 Jane Gibbs



## St. Dominic School Open House

**BE A BLACKHAWK!** Join us for our Open House for Prospective Families on Sunday, January 29 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. Tour our school, meet the staff and participate in a variety of interactive experiences. For more information, visit our website at [www.stdominicdelhi-school.org](http://www.stdominicdelhi-school.org) or call 513-251-1276. We accept Ohio EdChoice.

## St. Dominic School First Trimester Awards

### HONOR ROLL

- 4th grade:** **FIRST HONORS:** Paige Criswell, Millie Fahrian, Elena Lerdo, Mera Lothes, Hannah Lynn, Isla Matibiri, Parker Mayer, Lucas Sands, Matthew Schlanser, Sam Schroer, Kylie Whittle, Mason Williams, Karalina Wilson  
**SECOND HONORS:** Makren Aklilu, Meklol Aklilu, Brandon Anderson, Aaron Ayalew, Hayley Flaspohler, Gracie Gunther, Erin Jones, Alex Lahni, Liam Newland
- 5th grade:** **FIRST HONORS:** Rylie Chouteau, George Goins, Avery Grosjean, Michael Harris, Aliyah Mabjish, Reece Montgomery, Aubrey Moore, Averi Mullins, AJ Nauman, Rebecca Niermann, Hannah Walter  
**SECOND HONORS:** Kailey Adams, Camila Cruz-Garcia, Sean Homan, Jimmy King, Braydon McCloud, Tyler Pennekamp, Brynn Raley, Morgan Rimmel, Jonah Riesenbeck, Andrew Starkey, Kenzie Stryker, Mylee Tedesco, Andrew Tuemler, Abby Williams, Audrey Wilson
- 6th grade:** **FIRST HONORS:** Ultan Delaney, George Pepples and Kent Sokolis  
**SECOND HONORS:** Noah Bardonaro, Addilyn Bass, Lauren Childs, Chase Dreiling, Owen Gentile, Charlie Gibbs, Sammy Hafner, Layla Heltman, Josie Hollander, Trey Hyland, Ella Kruessel, Raegan Lahni, Sophia Lynn, Caleb McKeon, Mya McMillian, Zach Railey, Grace Schotte, Gianna Servizzi, Brody Singler, Colin Tirado, Conner Watson, Leamon Wells, Bella Wilson
- 7th grade:** **FIRST HONORS:** Riley Johnson and Noah Nauman  
**SECOND HONORS:** Meredith Breeden, Braydon Broxterman, Caleb Coleman, Lily Dailey, Wesley Durban, Nick Fettig, CJ Gatliff, Reagan Helling, Adin Hollingsworth, Sean Jones, Annabelle Luebbering, Liam Mullins, Charlotte Pinkiewicz, Kraig Ray, Leah Schwartz, Anna Shattuck, Carolina Tirado
- 8th grade:** **FIRST HONORS:** Tyler Homan and Raegan Montgomery  
**SECOND HONORS:** Camren Anderson, Anna Bogner, Elliott Durban, Will Fettig, Jennifer Piening, Evan Roark, Mia Servizzi, Bryanna Sharp, Andrew Tallen, Zachary Thompson, Henry Valladares, Emma Raley, Rocco Hockenberry, Chloe Brower and Troy Parker

## Financial Assistance For 2023-2024 School Year

The application process for applying for financial assistance for the 2023-2024 school year is now open. If you have a high school student next year and you have applied for assistance through FACTS, you do not have to complete the application for your St. Dominic student, as long as you have selected St. Dominic as one of your schools. PLEASE MAKE CERTAIN YOU HAVE SELECTED ST. DOMINIC AS ONE OF YOUR SCHOOLS.

To begin the application process, go to [www.factsmgt.com](http://www.factsmgt.com). In the upper left corner of the page, click on *Parent Login*. If you applied for assistance last year (2022-2023), your login credentials will be the same. If you are utilizing FACTS for tuition payment processing for this current school year, your login credentials are the same. Click on the link, *Apply for Financial Aid*. The instructions for completing the application are relatively intuitive; however, if you experience any issues, please contact FACTS at 866-412-4637.

Awards will first be granted through the Catholic Education Foundation (The Archdiocese of Cincinnati's *One Faith One Hope One Love* Campaign). CEF awards will be announced in February 2023. St. Dominic will announce Parish awards in the Spring of 2023. **The deadline to apply for assistance is February 3, 2023 for CEF and St. Dominic Parish Awards. No exceptions can be made!** You will need your 2021 tax return information. You will also have to upload pages 1 and 2 from your 2021 tax return, as well as copies of any 2021 W-2s.



## Meet Our Newest St. Dominic School Team Member: Bree!

In an effort to promote mental health and wellness, a facility dog named Bree will be joining the team at St. Dominic School. Bree is a Cardigan Welsh Corgi. 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.

Our dog has been trained in basic, intermediate, and advanced obedience training through Circle Tail. Circle Tail is an Assistance Dogs International (ADI) accredited organization in Cincinnati that trains and partners Service and Hearing Dogs for Mobility Assistance, Seizure

Response, Type I Diabetes, Hearing Loss, and Facility Dogs for Schools, and Care Facilities.

Circle Tail evaluates the facility dogs with the American Kennel Club's Canine Good Citizen test. While our dog is fully trained, she will continue to receive ongoing training. The dog, as well as our handlers, attend monthly sessions at Circle Tail to support its training and development. At the start of January, Ms. Pavain, our Counselor, and Ms. Patty, our Social Worker, will be her primary handlers, and Mrs. O'Brien, Principal and the host, is a secondary handler at school. Over the summer, other teachers will be trained so they can handle the dog directly without assistance from the main handlers.

Bree 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. Bree's main job is to support students who may be struggling. However, she can assist in many ways throughout the day. Bree will maintain a set working schedule, primarily comforting and assisting students who are referred to the Counselor, Social Worker, or Nurse. Bree 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.

### Fun Facts about Bree:

**Birth Date:** January 13, 2020

**Hometown:** Lynchburg, OH

**Current weight:** 32 lbs.

**Talent:** Empathy

**Favorite Toy:** She doesn't play with toys, but her favorite chew bone is a ceramic bone with a treat stuffed inside or her wishbone

**Favorite Treat:** A little carrot

**Special Interests:** She loves to hang out and just watch everyone and everything going on. She loves to run off leash in the yard – she'll run a big figure-8 pattern.

Bree always has a big smile on her face and her tongue hanging out of the side of her mouth. For a small dog, she has the biggest, loudest bark!

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**The Community Dinner  
is BACK!**

Join us Wednesday, January 18  
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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