

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

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From the Desk of Fr. Jim

November is a month-long celebration of the Communion of Saints and the remembrance of those who have gone before us. As a parish, we have lost parents, children, grandchildren, husbands and wives, grandparents, brothers and sisters. We continue to grieve the loss of their physical presence in our lives. In faith, we trust that we will be with them again one day in the heavenly Kingdom of God. They are with us when we, as the Body of Christ, offer our worship and thanksgiving to God in the Eucharist. I especially experience their presence in the silence after we have received Christ in the Eucharist. When we are in that silence, may I suggest that you be aware of your communion with Jesus Christ and your loved ones who are also in that communion with Him.

On Wednesday evening, November 2, we will celebrate our Memorial Mass for all those who have died during the past year. We lost some giants and pillars of the parish. All are welcome to join us. This can be a very healing gathering for those who have lost loved ones during the past year. Our Bereavement Ministers, Gene Johnson and Jim Dickman, help us to celebrate a very moving liturgy.

November is also the month we give thanks for all God's blessings. Meister Eckhardt, the great Dominican mystic, has said: "If the only prayer you ever pray is 'Thank You,' it would be enough." Our thanksgiving needs to be more than just a pious thought of gratitude. It needs to be expressed by what we do with all of God's blessings. We have been blessed as a parish family! Our parish family is a blessing! The saints among us are a blessing! The most important thing we do as a parish is gather each weekend for Eucharist. The word "Eucharist" is from the Greek language and means "to give thanks!"

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.

Debbie Backscheider, wife of Edward Backscheider and mother of Edward and Kaleigh Backscheider, Christopher Backscheider and Beth and Jeffrey Cummins.

Stephanie Loze, wife of Vic Loze and mother of Elizabeth and Tom McErlane-Miller and Catherine and Adam Prost.

Barbara Lowry, mother of Terry and Ann Lowry, Tracey and Myles Wildhaber, Shawn and Janet Campbell Lowry, Todd and Ana Lowry and Shannon and Jimmy Trombley.

Dona Keyes, wife of James Keyes and mother of Jason Keyes, Nick and Tessa Keyes and Melissa Keyes.

Parish Office Thanksgiving and Inclement Weather Schedule

The Parish Office will be **closed** on Thanksgiving and on Friday, November 25. Please plan any business accordingly. 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 open at 10:00 a.m. and close at our regular time. We feel the need to amend our hours during snow alerts to ensure the safety of all 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.*

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, November 6 after the 11:30 a.m. Mass in church. Contact the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0 with questions about Baptism or to let us know that you will join us on November 6.

A Thanksgiving Litany

From the Presbyterian Church in Canada.

All good gifts around us are sent from heaven above,
so we lift our hearts up to You, God,
in praise and thanksgiving.

As we count our blessings, and acknowledge Your goodness,
our hearts go out to those who do not have,
and who are in need.

We thank You for plentiful harvests and full refrigerators,
and ask that You supply the needs of those who are hungry.

We thank You for jobs that provide for our families
and supply the needs of our society,
and pray that You would care for those who have no work,
or the dignity and purpose it brings.

We thank You for opportunities and choices,
for meaning and challenges,
and pray that You would give a sense of purpose
to those who feel trapped.

We thank You for family and friends who love us and care for us
and pray that You would befriend those who are alone.

The abundance of the harvest
is a symbol of the abundance of Your love in our lives.
May we live in a spirit of gratitude to You
and generosity to our neighbour.

Loving God, in this season and all year long,
give to us the gift of a thankful heart,
so that we may acknowledge You as the giver
of all that is good in our lives.
In the name of Jesus we ask it.

Amen.

St. Dominic Education Fund

July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

The St. Dominic Education Fund received donations in memory of the following:

Barbara Backscheider, Charlie Backscheider, Trisha Baker, Barbara Berndsen, Jeff Cain, Tony Eckstein, Buzz Fishburn, Dorothy Gardner, Raffaella Gentile, Alex Griffin, Jeanette Heileman, Cookie Lamphier, James & Rose Maloney, Helen Maly, Pat Marks, Michael Martin, Ted Martin, Tom Miller, Charles Moser, Gayle Mueller, Martha Nutter, Betty Rensing, Jacqueline Sagers, Michelle Schilling, Mary Ann Wagner, Mark Young and Bob Younger.

The St. Dominic Education Fund received a total of \$23,828.87. Included in this total is \$12,928.04 that was donated by parishioners in the special envelopes in May and October and special donations in honor of Fr. Jim Walsh and from the estate of Esther Rahe.

The Adopt-A-Student Program had six benefactors, including a donation in memory of Marie Davis and the Edna Mae Cappel Memorial Fund, for a total of \$22,269.00.

Currently, 47 students from 31 families are receiving \$47,500.00 from the St. Dominic Tuition Assistance Funds and 32 students from 22 families are receiving \$31,600.00 from the Catholic Education Foundation in tuition assistance for the 2021-2022 school year. Thank you to our benefactors for your generous support of our tuition assistance funds and supporting our Adopt-A-Student program.



Giving Trees

November: A Time for Giving Thanks

A great way of giving our thanks here at St. Dominic is by participating in our annual Giving Tree program. We are hoping you can help families from our parish as well as those in the area surrounding St. Leo Parish by participating in our **Giving Tree** program this year. The weekend of November 19 and 20, three trees decorated with tags will be at the church doors. Each tag designates a person who, without help from us, would have a meager Christmas.

The ages on the tags range from infants to adults. The gifts need to be returned the weekend of December 10 and 11 so that they can be sorted and delivered after the 11:30 a.m. Mass. Please consider helping make Christmas a little brighter for someone who may be a stranger to you.



Advent Wreath and Potluck Dinner

Start a new Advent tradition! Join us on Sunday, November 20 at 3:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall. Each individual or family will make a fresh Advent Wreath and share a Potluck Dinner. Don't want to come alone? Bring a friend and join in the fun! We will provide activities for all ages to be used during the Advent season. Bring your family's favorite dish to share and a pair of yard shears for the greenery. Not interested in making a wreath? Come and share your Advent traditions with our growing group! If you attended the event in the past, please bring your tray for the wreath. RSVPs to Meg Morris at meg.morris@uc.edu or 513-403-0720 are appreciated, but not required.

Grief Support Program

Fr. Chris will hold a Grief Support program to help anyone who has lost a loved one in death. It runs for four weeks, with each session containing an educational/formational component, as well as time for participants to share and listen. Each subsequent session will build on the previous one, so plan on being there for all sessions, please. No new participants will be accepted after the initial session. The program begins on Monday, November 21 and is scheduled for consecutive Monday evenings from 7:00-9:00 p.m. All sessions will be at Our Lady of Victory. The session on November 21 will be in the school cafeteria. The other three sessions will be in the Convocation Center. If you have any questions or would like to register, call the St. Dominic Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0.



A Perfect Gift

Christmas is coming soon! Consider purchasing a Gathering Place paver for the person in your life who is hard to shop for.

Pavers are the gifts that let your mother, father, grandparent, child, or spouse know how cherished they are. Order forms are available at the doors of church and on the parish website at www.stdominicdelhi.org; select *Ministries/General Parish Ministries/Gathering Place Walkway*.

You can also stop in the Parish Office to order a paver.

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

The 8 x 8 pavers allow up to six 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.

All brick/paver orders will be placed in January and July each year.

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

Economic conditions have worsened, and that is reflected in the activities of St. Dominic's St. Vincent de Paul Conference. More people are asking for aid. Rental fees have increased, as well as the price of food. Food requests have increased significantly in the past quarter.

Donations were about the same, so we needed to dip into our savings to pay for all the requests. St. Dominic's St. Vincent de Paul Conference could use more funds to help our neighbors in need. If you happen to have any extra cash, we can make sure our needy neighbors benefit from it.

The members of St. Dominic's St. Vincent de Paul Society take our fiscal responsibility VERY SERIOUSLY to use the funds that you, the parishioners, have entrusted us to use on your behalf. We try to assist ANYONE, not just Catholics, who requests our help and lives in our area, which includes all of St. Dominic Parish, Sedamsville and Riverside - all the way to Anderson Ferry Road. We also help any registered member of St. Dominic Parish and any school families who need assistance.

St. Dominic's SVdP's receipts from July 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022 were \$11,964.12 from the poor box collections, the parishioner envelopes and donations via WeShare, member donations and especially a couple of generous benefactors.

Since we had a balance in the checking account, we were able to provide \$16,587.43 in aid to 75 of our neighbor families made up of 231 adults and children. The breakdown of the aid that we gave is as follows:

Duke Energy	\$ 4,916.64
Water Bills	\$ 282.25
Food and Kroger Gift Cards	\$ 4,093.83
Rent & Mortgage Assistance	\$ 6,852.47
"Twinning Help" to neighboring SVdP Conferences	\$ 442.24

If you wish to make a donation "In honor of" or "in memory of" someone, there are envelopes and donation cards at all the entrances to St. Dominic Church. The gift will be acknowledged by a handwritten note to the recipient. The honoree will know you have honored them with a gift to help the needy in our area.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,
St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Dominic's Conference

Early Torch Deadline

Please note the early Torch deadlines. Information for the December Torch must be submitted by Monday, November 7. Information for the January Torch must be submitted by Tuesday, December 6. Thank you.

Coat Drive for St. Vincent de Paul

Save The Date! And Your Coats! It's that time of year again; it's getting chilly outside! As you clean out your closets, please consider setting aside your gently-used coats that you no longer wear to donate to the St. Vincent de Paul Coat Drive. Bins will be in the Gathering Place on November 12 and 13 for your donations. St. Vincent de Paul accepts gently-used and new coats of any size, infant through adult.

St. Dominic Men's Society

The St. Dominic Men's Society wishes to thank all who helped in making our annual golf outing a great success. We enjoyed a great day of golf and comradery. All proceeds will go back to St. Dominic School. Special thanks to Jack Curry from State Farm; Delhi Skyline; Vitt, Stermer and Anderson; Tim Cunningham from The Catholic Order of Foresters; Dave Wells; Dan Burke; and Jennifer Bailey of Constellation Brands. Thank you also to our hole sponsors listed below.

- Bob's Sunoco
- Bob's 8th Street Drive Thru
- The Filling Station
- Kenton Tire
- Hoffmeyer Plumbing
- Frank Panzeca
- Brinker Animal Hospital
- St. Dominic Athletic Association
- St. Dominic Knights of Columbus
- Delfair Barber Shop
- Dr. Ernesto Sabato, DDS

We hope everyone had a great time. Please mark your calendars for next year's event on September 21, 2023.

Christmas Floral Donations



This Christmas Season, we are accepting donations to help offset the cost of decorating the church. Please consider honoring your special loved ones by helping us to prepare a fitting and very beautiful place to welcome the Lord.

Donors and their loved ones will be listed in the bulletin and *The Torch* soon after Christmas.

You may place your donations in the Sunday Collection (please mark your envelope as "Christmas Flower Donation") or bring your gift to the Parish Office. You can also make your donation through WeShare. Visit our website at www.stdominicdelhi.org and click the *Floral Donation* link on the left side. Please submit all donations by Friday, December 9.

Name _____

Amount: _____

In Memory of: _____

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We hope to see you there!

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