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St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi
Township, OH

February
2014

Pastor's Desk

Those who have been part of Christ Renews His Parish please note that we are having another day of witness, prayer, and reflection on Saturday, February 15. The program will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end with the 4:30 p.m. Mass. Lunch will be catered. There is no cost, but we ask you to make reservations so we know how much food to order. Call the parish office to let us know you will attend.

Ash Wednesday is March 5 this year. Ladies, a great way to begin Lent this year would be to make the Christ Renews His Parish weekend on March 8 and 9. This is an opportunity to renew your relationship with the Lord and discover some new sisters and friends in the Lord. The program runs from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. on Saturday, and 8:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. There will be lots of laughter, tears, and good food. Call the parish office and tell us you are coming.

We are happy to have our good friend Father Mark Burger with us this Lent to give us our Parish Mission. The evenings are Tuesdays, March 11, March 25, and April 1. Please mark your calendars. I guarantee it will be an uplifting spiritual experience. On Tuesday, March 18, we will have our Lenten Parish Penance Service at 7:00 p.m. After the service, we will continue with private confessions until 9:00 p.m. as part of the Archdiocese "Lights are on!" program.

February can be a difficult month as we grow tired of the winter weather and long for the coming of Spring. The good news is that there will be blessings and the days are getting longer!

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:

William Wolf, father of Johnna Wolf, son of Milly Heimbrock

Ed Wissing, husband of Mary, father of Donna and Tom Clontz, Tom and Melissa Wissing, Steve Wissing, Jim and Karin Wissing, Dave Wissing and Julie and Scott Sheckler

Arthur Murray, husband of Rita Murray, father of Madeleine and Bob Hornack Murray, stepfather of Dianne and Bill Schneider, Carol and Gordon Yetter, Dan and Nancy Braun and Don and Carolee Braun

Janet Bruns, wife of Robert Bruns, mother of Gary and Jerriann Bruns, Mark and Gayle Bruns, Joe and Sandra Bruns and Barb and Matt Whalen

Terry Rahm, husband of Janice, father of Henry III and Patricia, Gregory, Wendy and Erik Bielik and Lisa

Elizabeth (Betty) Monahan, mother of Bonnie and Tom Beal, Anetta and Nick Nickerson, Dan and Bobbi, Joe and Joan, Christopher, Randy and Sandy, Mary and Steve Suhre, Maureen and Ken Asher

Jane Wenstrup, mother of Mary Ann Toole, Peggy Seibel, Patricia Mason, Jean, Jim and John Wenstrup

Donald Holscher, husband of Margaret, father of Dona and Bill Tieman, Mark and Kathy Holscher, Paul and Vickie Holscher, Ann and Terry Glacken and Carol and Baron Decker

JOIN US!
 SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2014
LAS VEGAS NIGHT

ST. DOMINIC GYM



8:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M.

(Doors Open at 7:30 p.m.)

Admission \$8/person, \$15/2 people



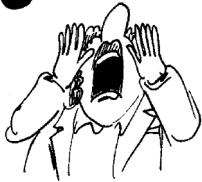
MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND

MAJOR AWARD - FIVE PRIZES TO BE AWARDED Adding up to \$2,000!!!

Tickets on Major Award ONLY \$3 - 2/\$5 - 10/\$20

TAKE AN EXTRA TICKET TO SELL TO YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS

Volunteers!



WE NEED DEALERS – If you would like to deal Las Vegas Night, please call Russ Lipps at 921-3270 or the Parish Office at 471-7741.

LEND A HAND – SET UP FOR LAS VEGAS NIGHT
 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 6:00-9:00 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 (471-7741) by February 13. WE NEED 100 SPONSORS.**

**Las Vegas Night proceeds are used to maintain our present facilities.
 Your support of this event is crucial to maintaining our cherished facilities!**

Jamaica

On the 18th of February, a group of St. Dominic Parishioners will be heading to the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica, to work and minister in the areas that the Bishop of Mandeville deems most important, and for which the diocese has the funding. Nine of us will be in Jamaica from the 18th to the 25th. We are hoping to fund and build at least one house with the contributions from our generous parishioners. Please pray that we are able to make a difference in the lives of the people we meet, and that we, too, may be transformed in some way.

On behalf of the group and the Diocese of Mandeville, I again want to thank you for your continued support of the Church's work in Jamaica. Your generosity has allowed us to make the mission trip more affordable for those going, and it will also help the Diocese of Mandeville continue to serve the people of Jamaica. St. Dominic Parish is blessed through your overwhelming sharing of resources!

Please keep all of us in your prayers.

Deacon Mark

Operation Rice Bowl

Wednesday, March 5, 2014 is Ash Wednesday and the beginning of the Lenten Season. Catholics and other Christians observe Lent as a special time of prayer, fasting, and acts of charity in preparation for the celebration of the Resurrection. We should look at the Lenten season as an extended retreat. Although our personal observance of Lent may seem to be a private journey, it takes place within the Church community, as the People of God seek spiritual renewal.

St. Dominic Parish is again participating in Operation Rice Bowl as a part of our Lenten observance. Operation Rice Bowl calls the parish community to pray, fast, and learn throughout the Lenten season. This program is offered by Catholic Relief Services, through the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. The funds raised through Operation Rice Bowl support both overseas and local projects that help families and communities produce more food, increase income, and escape the cycle of poverty. Twenty-five percent of the funds remain in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, funding projects in our community. In the past several years, our parish has come together in great support of

Operation Rice Bowl, and we hope you will participate again this Lent.

We ask that each family consider taking home a Rice Bowl kit. These kits will be available after all the Masses on the weekend of March 1/2. Each family will receive the "rice bowl," a Lenten calendar with prayers, suggested activities, and ideas on how you may participate in Operation Rice Bowl in your home (there are Spanish calendars available upon request). This year's calendar focuses on the following countries: Kenya, Guatemala, the Philippines, Malawi, Haiti and the United States.

As many of you have witnessed over the past several years, Operation Rice Bowl is a wonderful opportunity for you and your family to journey through Lent together with the larger parish family. At the same time, through prayer, fasting, and acts of charity, we also express our solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ who may be less fortunate.

Together, may St. Dominic Parish witness to the good news of Jesus Christ!

Deacon Mark

Celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph

Our St. Joseph celebration will take place on Saturday, March 15th. We will begin serving at 5:30 p.m.

The St. Joseph Table tradition began in Italy in the Middle Ages, as a way of honoring and thanking St. Joseph for his intercession. If you have a devotion to St. Joseph or have asked him to intercede, come and join the celebration in his honor. Of course, you don't need to have a special devotion to St. Joseph in order to join us for a great time. Since the St. Joseph dinner is on Saturday and the rules of abstinence do not apply, as they did in Italy when the tradition began, we will be serving meatballs with the meal, even though the purest of St. Joseph Day celebrations continue to be meatless.

Due to the nature of the dinner, and the overwhelming response in the past, we need to know the approximate number attending, and we do find it necessary to limit the number. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Deacon Mark at 471-7741, ext. 415. We are asking for a donation of \$10 per person to cover the cost of food, soft drinks and coffee. Diners may bring their own wine if they like.

Vive San Giuseppe!

TOTAL STEWARDSHIP - "A Way of Life"

Who is a Catholic Steward?

"One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord."

✦ **PRAYER**

✦ **MINISTRY**

✦ **TREASURE**

AWARENESS

"THE BEGINNING OF SPIRITUAL LIFE"

The true beginning of spiritual life has to do with *Awareness*. Waking up to the realization that we live a graced existence is the first step. Do we realize that being born and living our lives here, on earth, is a gift from God – that life, with its joys and even its sorrows, is a gift? Have we taken the time to reflect on our past and present lives to recount the many gifts that He has bestowed on each and every one of us? Perhaps, now is the time?!

GRATITUDE

"THE BEGINNING OF TOTAL STEWARDSHIP"

The core of Catholic Stewardship is *Gratitude*. Saying, "Thank You" to Him, who has given all things to us, is perhaps a good first step in showing our gratitude. But He does not expect us to stop there. By developing these gifts and then sharing them with others, we give back to the Lord the treasures that he has bestowed on each of us. What we give back to God, through others – our prayers, our ministry, our money – should be a response that flows out of our awareness of our gifts and, our gratitude in being given them. In Gratitude to God we will make a positive difference, while serving the Lord in our homes, workplaces, parish and everywhere we go and whatever we do.

And how do we become aware and show gratitude to the LORD for all that he has given us?

One way is through

PRAYER!!

PRAYER

"SPENDING TIME COMMUNICATING WITH GOD"

There are many prayer forms - ways in which we simply take time to communicate with God. One may use formal prayer, such as the Our Father, the Glory Be, the Apostle's Creed, while reading Scriptures is another. We may pray before we go to bed, when we wake-up, during those sleepless nights (instead of counting sheep), before meals, spending sometime on Wednesdays at St. Dominic Church visiting the Blessed Sacrament, or maybe while strolling through the park. Does your family say "Grace" before meals?

Whatever our form of prayer might be and whenever we pray, we need to spend sometime praising Him, for He is the Almighty; thanking Him for all that he has given to us, especially for sending His Son to die for our sins; and asking him for those things that we and others truly need.

The fact of the matter is that we all need to take time to communicate with God. And we should take the time to make it a two way communication. Not just speaking to God through prayer, but also, listening for His response – what He calls us to do. Set a time for quiet intimacy in prayer each day. Just as we make other appointments, perhaps, we should make an ongoing appointment with the Lord!?

Remember, Prayer can Change People and People can Change Things and Circumstances. Have you made a Commitment to Pray on a regular basis? If not, prayerfully consider doing it now. Maybe now is the time to take advantage of

"The Power of Prayer".

FY 2014 PARISH OPERATING INCOME & EXPENSE STATEMENTS

DESCRIPTION	ACTUAL FISCAL YEAR Ending 12/31/13			YEAR-TO-DATE BUDGET FY 2014	DIFFERENCE ACTUAL TO BUDGET
	GENERAL PARISH	PARISH SCHOOL	TOTAL PARISH		
INCOME:					
Tuition & Fees		\$631,864	\$631,864	\$615,950	\$15,914
Sunday Offerings	\$558,644		558,644	554,100	4,544
Admn Cost Reimbursement		50,148	50,148	47,200	2,948
Parish Activities (Festival, Picnic)	-721		-721	-1,000	279
Student Services		7,582	7,582	7,790	-208
Bequests & Donations	6,619	1,598	8,216	7,100	1,116
Other (Intrst, GP Prgms, Hall Use etc)	22,760	31,786	54,546	57,780	-3,234
TOTAL INCOME	587,302	722,976	1,310,279	1,288,920	21,359
EXPENSES:					
Salaries & Benefits	245,717	964,767	1,210,484	1,202,380	8,104
Facilities & Utilities	29,991	62,018	92,009	91,180	829
Admin & Assessments	73,935	36,588	110,523	105,430	5,093
Student Services		6,574	6,574	8,450	-1,876
Texts, Teach Aides & Lbry	3,072	5,855	8,927	12,850	-3,923
Liturgical & Programs	13,239	531	13,769	13,140	629
TOTAL EXPENSE	365,954	1,076,333	1,442,286	1,433,430	8,856
INCOME LESS EXPENSE	\$221,348	-\$353,356	-\$132,008	-\$144,510	\$12,502

Did you know that... our fiscal year begins on July 1st and ends on June 30th of each year. And, the amounts above include only those items that relate to our parish day-to-day operations and DO NOT include School Auxiliary Services, Capital Improvement Funds, the Fr. Grimmelsman Society Annual Fund and our Education Assistance Fund.

Did you see that... our income exceeded our expectations by \$21,359, due to higher than anticipated: K-8 Tuition (the ESAP Program in particular, which was actually budgeted to be received last fiscal year & income from a non-budgetted program), and Stewardship of Treasure Sunday Offerings. Other Income was below budget, due to our O'Connor Hall being used less than anticipated.
We do Thank You So Much for your past and continued sharing of your treasures with your Parish Community!!

Did you also see that... our expenses were greater than anticipated by \$8,856. Most of which was due to expenses for a nonbudgeted program, increased Property & Liability Insurance, and higher than budgeted School Technology Operations. We have worked hard to contain and even reduce our costs in several areas, & we pledge that...
We will continue to be good stewards of the funds you have entrusted to us!

Did you know that... our Parish at large subsidized our School Ministry with \$353,356. Our Parish Income less Expense is \$12,502 better than we had expected even after bringing to our Parishioners two new programs – one being our Children’s Summer Bible School, which we will continue!!!

Did you know that... our School Window Project has been completed and we have received an Energy Savers rebate of \$4,380 from the folks at Duke Energy! We continue to look into ways to fix our Church’s Front Steps and hope to have a long range solution planned to take place in the late spring. We thank the Parish Family who have shared a sizeable portion of their treasures, through our Fr. Grimmelsman Society, for this purpose. We hope to have our Capital Improvement Plan for the next eighteen months defined real soon!!
*Again, A BIG Thanks to All, for your support of our Fr. Grimmelsman Society & our Las Vegas Night, as well as your donations through your monthly offertory envelopes or one-time gifts!
Thanks to our PTO, who funded our School New Flooring Projects!
Without your support these improvements would not be possible!*

Please Help Our Adopt-A-Student Tuition Assistance Program!

Although tuition has not yet been set for next year, we ask your family to consider, if financially able, sharing your monetary gifts by contributing to our Parish Adopt-A-Student Program. **Please consider a special contribution to this program in the amount of one, two, or three quarters, a full year's tuition or more.** If you wish to provide tuition assistance to our School Families who need help the most, please complete, cut out and send in to the Parish Office, the box below, or contact Skip Roos, ext. 417, or Marilyn Brunemann, ext 410. **By doing so, we will be able to send you the Adopt-A-Student information/instructions, when tuition is set.**

We Thank You in advance for your generosity!!!

I/We Would Like to Help Provide an Excellent, Catholic Education to a Parish Student(s) through a Contribution to Our Parish Adopt-A-Student Program!	
Name	
Address	
Signature & Date	
<i>Please send information to me/us, when next year's tuition has been set.</i>	

Last year, seventeen generous families and our Men's Society shared more than \$68,000 to this very worthy cause. We, as a Parish, will pray for these folks and their intentions during our School Mass on January 28th and 29th, 2014. *They and those who have received their special gifts will also be invited to a reception after Mass on the 29th.*

We thank these folks now, for their generosity!!

School Registration

Registration forms for Preschool, Kindergarten, and grades 1-8 are available on the school website at www.stdominichelhi.org and in the school and parish offices. **Registration for all current and new students will be accepted through February 21, 2014.** Registration forms for current students went home on Friday, January 31. For additional information, or to arrange for a personal tour, please call the principal, Bill Cavanaugh, at 251-1276, ext. 420. EdChoice Scholarships are accepted and financial aid is available.

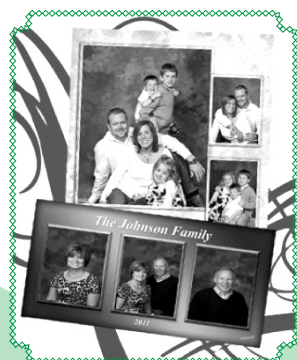
Goldenaires Camelot Ballet

Thursday, February 13 – Cost is \$16 which includes show, donation for transportation and driver tip. We will leave our park 'n ride on Delhi Pike (next to Kentucky Fried Chicken) at 9:30 a.m. and return at approximately 1:30 p.m. The trip is now full; any additional reservations will be on a waiting list. Send it to Mary Ann Schehr (4307 Valence Drive, 45238) or you may bring it to the parish office. All checks should be endorsed to St. Dominic Goldenaires. Questions? Call Mary Ann at 251-6144 or Maureen at 451-5657.

We Have Exciting News!

Fr. Jim has decided that it's time for a new pictorial church directory. Our scheduling process has begun, and our dates for photography will be March 18-March 29 and June 3-June 14. You can schedule online by going to ucdir.com, click on the yellow sunburst icon, enter **OH1542** in the church code field and enter **dominic1** in the church password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you are unable to schedule online, you may call the parish office at 471-7741. Everyone who is photographed will receive a free 8x10 portrait and a directory and there is absolutely no obligation for you to make a purchase!

We hope to see YOU in the new directory!!!



A Letter of Sincere Appreciation

To All the Staff and Parishioners of St. Dominic Catholic Church,

Your Christmas "Giving Tree" project has brought so much joy to over 750 young children living in six economically challenged neighborhoods. You are such a wonderful, generous, and caring community. What a sight it was at St. Dominic and St. Leo. All those beautifully wrapped gifts! I hope you have enjoyed some of the photos. Many of the gifts are sent home with the parents from the Day Care Centers since the children are too young to carry them.

So many parishioners have participated in the whole process from coordinators to delivery. Joan Wichman, Pat Brennan, and Shirley Lyman have been treasures just as those who have driven trucks and moved gifts for so many year.

Please keep these families in your prayers just as we shall keep St. Dominic Parish in ours. May you all experience a treasure trove of blessings throughout the New Year!



Lois Broerman
Giving Tree Coordinator
St. Leo the Great Parish



Feeling Depressed or Anxious?

Tom Burnside is providing counseling services at St. Dominic. He is experienced and licensed by the state of Ohio to provide individual, marital, and family counseling services. All services are confidential and affordable with sliding scale fees. Appointments are at St. Dominic on Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment, Tom can be reached at 404-9319.

2014 Wedding Anniversary

Couples celebrating their 25th, 50th, 60th, 70th and 75th Wedding Anniversaries during 2014 should contact the Parish Office at 471-7741 no later than March 3.

For those celebrating their Golden Anniversary in 2014, Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr will be the principal celebrant at the Mass at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral on Saturday, May 3, at 2:00 p.m. for those parishes located in Hamilton County.

Prayer Group

Everyone is invited to join the Thursday Night Prayer group. It is a weekly, intercessory prayer group that meets every Thursday night, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., in the Faith Sharing Room. As a group, we look to the Bible and study the upcoming Sunday's scripture. Please join us whenever you can; there is no need to commit every week. For more information, contact Joan Buzek at 451-5229 or Buzek1@fuse.net.

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CRHP II

Christ Continues to Renew His Parish February 15, 2014

Now is the time to register for this free one day retreat! The retreat will begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m., with lunch provided.

The only thing you need to bring is a Bible, any translation will work.

Call the parish office at 471-7741 to register!

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