

OUR FAMILY

STORIES FROM THE HEART OF ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH



All Saints Welcomes New Parishioners to Our Family

The following individuals became members of our parish over the last six months.

- Jeffery Bobak, Jr.
- Andrew & April Campbell, and Easton
- Michael & Dawn Cattell, Alex, Brian, Corey and Darren
- Abby Cowan
- Derwin & Anna Hawley
- Marcia Janicki
- Jamie & Corinne Kachmarik, Ava and Drew
- Lawrence Long
- Brett McGannon
- Joshua Rosso
- Rudy & Jessica Santibanez, Aliviah and Avah
- Andrew & Alaina Wollner
- Shawn Zimmerman and Shane
- Helen Zimmerman

We are delighted to welcome you to our parish family here at All Saints!

It's ALL Here—All Saints Catholic School!

Written by Sue Bruning

We've got it **ALL**—incredible staff, adorable mascot, spirit and yes, even a Facebook page! You may have noticed some of these changes as we jumped into a new school year. Behind many of the improvements are the strategic planning efforts of the School Advisory Council (SAC). At the end of the last school year, SAC adopted a three year strategic plan focused on five key areas: **recruitment, retention, marketing, community, and 21st Century education and faith formation.** The hard work of the SAC, school faculty and staff, PTO and the many dedicated parent volunteers is paying off.

If you've walked through our halls lately, you probably felt the changes. There's a new look and a new excitement at All Saints.

We're Growing! Our recruitment efforts have focused primarily on Kindergarten and Preschool. This year we welcomed 25 new Kindergarteners and 42 Preschoolers. We even added a second preschool room just for our three and four year olds. We have also recruited top talent to add to our faculty. Please welcome: Mrs. Shirley Kujawa (Preschool 3 Assistant and Librarian), Miss Christina Joseph (Preschool 3 Assistant), Mrs. Goldie Easton (Preschool 4 Assistant), Mrs. Meg Dray (Kindergarten Teacher), Miss Lori Anderson (Grade 1) and Mrs. Linda Guitierrez (Extended Day).

We're Listening! We've reached out to students and parents and incorporated feedback to provide a better school experience and retain our students

from preschool through eighth grade graduation. This effort includes creating a distinction for our middle school (grades 6-8) who now have a place to call their own in the new Falcon Commons. Designed to promote unity and to foster school spirit, the space is painted in warm tones and emblazoned with powerful words that call students to leadership, service and action. Ask our middle school students about their Family group, elective courses and class field trips—you'll be amazed with the All Saints experience.

We've Got Spirit! We are getting the All Saints name out there by marketing our bold new look. Last spring the school unveiled a new All Saints brand-new colors, logos, changes to the uniform, spirit wear and even our very own Felix the Falcon mascot. Find out more on our redesigned website www.allsaintscatholic.org then like us on our Facebook page!

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A Message from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Did you ever notice how often the word “Come” is sung or spoken throughout the Season of Advent? In fact, the word “Advent” literally means “Coming.” This season is a time of preparation in which the First Coming of the Son of God to humanity is remembered, and likewise a time when, by remembrance of this, minds and hearts are led to look forward to Christ’s Second Coming at the end of time.

Initially, the apostles and first disciples thought that the Second Coming of Jesus would happen rather quickly—in their own lifetime. Over time, those first generations of believers realized that more patience would be necessary. They began to sing and pray, *Maranatha*; that is, “Come quickly, Lord.”

In our time, we most often associate a wreath with the season of Advent. Candles lit successively indicate the passing of time in preparation and anticipation of the day when Jesus arrives. The wreath represents a crown for the king.

Another image for Advent that was dear to the Early Church was an *Empty Throne*. In a sense, the world was not ready to receive Jesus the first time he came to earth. There was not even a proper room in which the babe could be born at Bethlehem. Years later when Jesus entered Jerusalem, he was hailed a king. Yet, within days the people cried out “Crucify him” as Pilate questioned his very kingship.

This year, the liturgical arts ministry at our parish has created an *Empty Throne* as our focus for the Season of

Advent. In the midst of holiday frenzy which can so quickly fill our appetites we must also admit that spiritually we are not yet complete. We feel the emptiness. We long for the Lord’s return. We ready our hearts and our lives to be like an empty throne prepared to receive our Lord and Savior.

Ironically, our diocese will also have an empty *cathedra* once Bishop Blair is installed as Archbishop of Hartford on December 16. Resembling a throne, the *cathedra* is the seat of a diocesan bishop. It represents his teaching authority and governance over the flock of believers entrusted to his care.

As we pray *Marantha* once again in this Season of Advent, we can also ask the Lord to send us a new bishop. Together we can joyfully prepare for and await his Second Coming.

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Kent



Reverend Kent Kaufman

On The Cover

The masthead photo at the top of the front page under the words “Our Family” was taken of All Saints Catholic School students in the Atrium as part of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. Students in Preschool through grade 4 experience the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd weekly.



Gifts, Donations and Bequests

We are grateful for the generosity of all those who made special gifts to All Saints Parish from December 21, 2012 thru November 1, 2013:

MEMORIALS

Shirley Berndt
William Ceparski
Richard Drouard
Agnes Failor
Mary Rita Gerrard
Jane Gogol
Bonnie Gwozdz
Raymond Hollerbach
Helen Jarrett

Margaret Lonchyna
Theresa Mandoline
Martha Mierzejewski
John Murphy, Jr.
Mildred Pavuk
Irene Pennese
Rudolph Petz
Dorothy Reucher
William Santus
William Schroeder

Edward Soviar
Theofil & Barbara Sutton
Diane Vas
Lillian Wayton
Mary Wayton

BEQUEST

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Did You Know?

The "In Gratitude for God's Blessings" Campaign has now been running for about a year. The purpose of this campaign is to eliminate the remaining debt from the 1997-2002 construction of our wonderful parish facilities. The campaign goal also includes funds to pay interest costs on the debt until it is paid off. We are currently paying \$76,000 in annual interest on this debt.

So far 292 parishioners have pledged \$1,462,732 toward the goal of \$2,817,589. We are over half way to the goal but still need \$1,354,857 in pledges to meet our goal. Deepest gratitude goes to those generous parishioners who have already made their pledges. Now is the time for those parishioners who have not yet made a pledge to step up and do their part.

If you have not yet made your pledge please consider one of the following methods of doing so:

- Make a pledge to be paid over 36 months.
- Make a one-time gift now.
- Make a pledge to the parish in your will or estate plan.
- Contribute a paid-up life insurance policy to the parish.
- Contribute your anticipated tax refund.
- Donate your home or income-producing property to the parish at your death.

Note: Last fiscal year we paid \$88,000 in interest. Because of this campaign that number has now dropped to \$76,000 for the current year and will go even lower as we continue to pay additional on the principal.

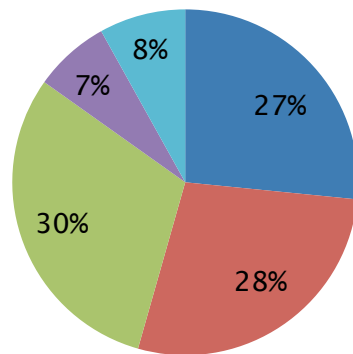


All Saints Parish and School 2012-2013 Combined Financial Report

INCOME

Parish Sunday Offering	\$ 532,621
School Tuition, Student Fees, and State Reimbursements	557,683
In Gratitude, Endowment, Special Gifts	609,836
Fund Raising (net)	142,042
All Other Income	161,854
Total Income	\$2,004,036

FY2012-13 PARISH INCOME



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- In Gratitude, Endowment, and Special Gifts
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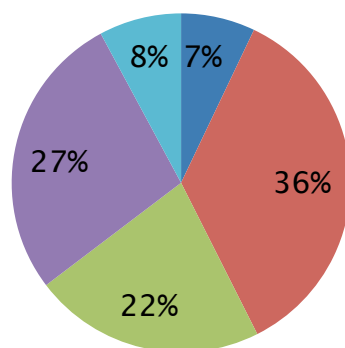
EXPENSE

Parish Salaries & Benefits	\$ 145,050
School Salaries & Benefits	726,758
Facility & Program Operations	452,646
Loan Principal & Interest	562,371
All Other Expense	161,062
Total Expense	\$2,047,887

Net Loss

(\$43,851)

FY2012-13 PARISH EXPENSE



- Parish Salaries and Benefits
- School Salaries and Benefits
- Facility and Program Operations
- Loan Principal and Interest
- All Other Expense

SUMMARIZING OUR CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION:

Our combined parish and school operations had a net loss of approximately \$44,000 for the fiscal year ended 6/30/13. Sunday offerings are currently running behind budget for the current year. Your help is needed to increase Sunday offerings. We have a remaining debt of \$1,893,226 on our facilities. (Please refer to the adjacent "Did You Know" article for more information on the effort to eliminate this debt.)

We Got It ALL! *(continued from page 1)*

We're Building! The PTO is in full swing building community through family based activities. This year's fun included a picnic for families of new students, family movie night, donuts with dads, the Rossford Halloween Parade and a chili cook off. Up next is a mother/son dance, grandparents' day, science night, muffins with moms and more!

We're Learning! 21st Century education starts with a solid curriculum and we are proud to announce that ASCS recently received full accreditation from the Ohio Catholic Schools Accrediting Association (OCSAA). It also means tech-savvy students. Our technology classes bring iPads and Chromebooks into the classrooms where students are creating their own movies and presentations. Smart boards in every classroom engage our students and make learning fun.

Wow. ALL that and it's only November.

Students in middle school (grades 6-8) now have a place to kick back and relax in the new Falcon Commons.



Chicken Paprikas Dinner: A Feast!

"The Original" All Saints Paprikas Dinner was held on Sunday, Nov. 3rd, in the McAlear Center. Over 550 dinners were served at this community event, complete with beverages, rolls, coleslaw, green beans and (of course) desserts!



Pictured in the top photo are Amanda and Wendy Jakubec, Bob Jablonowski, and Shirley and David Miller. Teresa Brailsford encourages diners in the photo below to pick from a wide variety of desserts that were available.

Parish Calendar

Mass is celebrated every weekday at 8:15 a.m.

Weekend Mass: Saturdays at 4:30 p.m. and

Sundays at 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Bingo is held every Thursday—doors open at 5 p.m.

December

- 3 Knitting Group, 6:00 p.m.
- 5 Senior Ministry Rosary, 1:00 p.m.
- 6 First Friday Gathering, 8:45 a.m.
- 9 Parish Reconciliation Service, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 Lessons and Carols, 7:00 p.m. (Snow date Dec. 18)
- 12 Senior Ministry Rosary and Function, 12:30 p.m.
- 16 Show Them We Care, 6:30 p.m.
- 17 Knitting Group, 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Senior Ministry Rosary, 1:00 p.m.
- 22 Toledo Symphony Neighborhood Concert, 4:00 p.m. (ticket required)
- 24 Christmas Eve Mass Schedule, 4:00 p.m., 7:00 p.m. and Midnight
- 25 Christmas Day Mass, 10:00 a.m.
- 31 New Year's Eve Vigil Mass, 4:00 p.m.

January

- 1 New Year's Day Mass, 10:00 a.m.
- 3 First Friday Gathering, 8:45 a.m.
- 7 Knitting Group, 6:00 p.m.
- 9 Senior Ministry Function, 1:00 p.m.
- 21 Knitting Group, 6:00 p.m.
- 26 Opening Mass for Catholic Schools Week, 11:00 a.m.
- 27 Show Them We Care, 6:30 p.m.
- 29 Grandparents Mass and Brunch, 8:15 a.m.

February

- 2 All Saints Catholic School Open House
- 4 Knitting Group, 6:00 p.m.
- 7 First Friday Gathering, 8:45 a.m.
- 9 Senior Prom (reservation required)
- 18 Knitting Group, 6:00 p.m.
- 24 Show Them We Care, 6:30 p.m.

March

- 2 All Saints Catholic School Open House
- 4 Knitting Group, 6:00 p.m.
- 5 Ash Wednesday Masses, 8:15 a.m., noon and 7:00 p.m.
- 6 Senior Stations of the Cross, 1:00 p.m.
- 7 First Friday Gathering, 8:45 a.m.
- 13 Senior Stations of the Cross 1:00 p.m.
- 18 Knitting Group, 6:00 p.m.
- 18 Parish Reconciliation Service, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 Senior Stations of the Cross, 1:00 p.m.
- 23 Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast, 9-11:00 a.m.
- 24 Show them We Care, 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Senior Stations of the Cross, 1:00 p.m.
- 28, 29 All Saints Catholic School Play

New Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator Happy to Serve

After ten years away from RCIA, Diane Reckley admits she missed the experience. With more than 20-years experience, she is glad to be at All Saints as the new Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator. Diane is already deep into her work, playing a key role in the St. John's Bible exhibit and beginning the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) for 2013-2014.

"I am overwhelmed with the wonderful team already in place, and the resources of the Church," Diane said.

Returning to the RCIA Team are Connie Hartle, Dave Wayton, Carolyn Davenport and Sister Diane Pfahler. New this year is Tim Reckley, Diane's husband.

Following the Rite of Welcoming on November 3, the All Saints community recognized two Candidates, *Andrew Wollner* and *Glen Pafford*, and two Catechumens, *Jason Bean* and *Kevin Biami*.



Diane Reckley provided guided tours and facilitated discussions for the St. John's Bible exhibit at All Saints. Diane is the new Adult Faith Formation and RCIA Coordinator at All Saints.

Special thanks also go to their sponsors, for the time and energy they devote to the Candidates and Catechumens:

- Tim Reckley
Sponsor for Andrew Wollner
- Rob Timbrook
Sponsor for Glen Pafford
- Ed Stolar
Sponsor for Jason Bean
- Jim Richards
Sponsor for Kevin Biami

"In all my time working with RCIA Candidates, this is the first time I've had all men. It's a fantastic dynamic," Diane Reckley said. The team has been helping to make the men feel comfortable at Mass, answering questions and resolving myths about the faith. Next the team will begin preparing for Advent.

In the broader sense of Adult Formation, Diane is already anticipating the Lenten season. As she continues to learn the needs of the Parish, Diane welcomes input from parishioners on topics they would like to explore.

Exhibit of St. John's Bible Illustrations Inspiring

All Saints Parish hosted a print exhibition of pages from the Saint John's Bible from October 4 through November 17. In case you missed the BBC documentary that was presented as part of the exhibition or never got around to seeing the prints themselves, here is a bit of information about this magnificent work.

The Benedictine Abbey of St. John's University commissioned the Saint John's Bible in the late 1990's in anticipation of the new millennium. A handwritten illuminated Bible had not been produced in over 500 years, so the pages introduce the American audience to the art form of calligraphy and present an opportunity for medieval historians to examine a modern revival of an antique process.

The colorful illustrations that accompany the text are called illuminations. The word illumination means "play of light on gold," and many medieval manuscripts of this

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This illumination depicts creation as described in Genesis, using gold throughout to symbolize God's intervention in the chaos and his ordering of the universe and its elements.



type were decorated with gold or silver. In the St. John's Bible, the artists chose to use gold leaf to represent the Divine Presence in their illustrations.

The lead artist of the project that took over a decade to complete was Donald Jackson of Monmouth, Wales. In a hand-written manuscript, the lettering itself can be as artistic as the illustrations. "Calligraphy is about expressing people's emotions," Jackson has said, explaining the depth of personal feeling he puts into his art. He has described his work on the Bible as a personal act of prayer, as well as a way to convey the meaning of scripture.

This profound artistic and spiritual devotion was certainly apparent in the reproduced pages on display at All Saints. The prints included pages of calligraphy and illuminations from a variety of books from the Old and New Testaments. The illuminations on display were bold and colorful, but also filled with subtle detail. They included photorealistic drawings of plants and animals, and also abstract strokes of color and darkness; timeless images, and also hints of the modern world. All of these contrasting parts were tied together by a unifying artistic vision and a profound sense of purpose.



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***Our Family* Survey Available Online or in the Narthex**

The idea of producing a parish newsletter was first discussed in the Stewardship Council in September of 2007, with guidance from Father Jonathon Wight (who was the Pastor of All Saints Church at the time.) A small committee of five individuals eagerly set about to define goals, choose a format, produce a publication schedule, and select a name for the newsletter. The name that stuck was *Our Family*, with a tag line of "Stories from the Heart of All Saints." That first issue was produced in the Spring of 2008.

Here are the goals for *Our Family*, as set forth in 2007:

- To engage parishioners to get involved (or re-acquainted) in a vibrant parish life
- To Inform parishioners about services provided by the various ministries to better serve those in need, and
- To nurture a deeper understanding of living life as a Christian disciple.



The Stewardship Council hoped to share inspiring, uplifting stories, celebrate successes and inform our parishioners about ministries and church events in a positive, heartfelt manner.

Another long term goal of the Stewardship Council was to spin off the responsibility of producing *Our Family* into a separate Newsletter Committee. We are currently in the transition process and thought this might be a good opportunity to get feedback from you as we re-evaluate our goals and objectives. Please help us by completing a short

survey about *Our Family* and/or submitting your ideas for future stories. Surveys may be completed online at www.allsaintsrossford.org or by filling out a paper survey form in the magazine rack in the Narthex. Don't wait—the deadline for completing the survey is January 1st.

Best wishes for a blessed Christmas season!

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the Stewardship Council