

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 from April through the month of July:

- Terri Arp and Jaimi
- Jason & Stephanie Bean
- Alberto DeLuna
- Jeremy Foecke, Kalyn Murray and Sophia
- Keith Leonard
- Megan & Brandon Prowant
- Laura Glenzer

Masthead Photo

The photo at the top (under the words "Our Family") was taken of Caitlin Davenport, Loretta Komorowski, Agnes Vedra, Carolyn Davenport, Clarence Komorowski and his granddaughter (from Maumee St. Joe's) Maddy Pietraszak. The group helped manage the food sales offered as part of the Annual Rummage Sale.

Extending a Warm Welcome to Our New Principal at All Saints Catholic School

by Fr. Kent Kaufman

Please join me in welcoming Teri Fischer, our new Principal Minister, to All Saints Catholic School. Teri, a native of Toledo, has been an educator since 1997 after earning her Bachelor of Science in Education from the University of Missouri. She taught fifth grade in the Columbia Public Schools in Missouri before moving back to Toledo in 2002 with her husband, Jeff, and their three sons. Teri taught first and fifth grade at Our Lady of Lourdes School, and most recently was the sixth grade home room teacher and Language Arts teacher in St. Benedict's Middle School.

Throughout her educational career, Teri has served as a teacher mentor and has been a member of the school's public relations and accreditation teams at St. Benedict. Teri was also the Power of the Pen Coach at St. Benedict, and helped lead her students to the State level for the past three years.

Teri is a graduate of Blessed Sacrament School and Central Catholic High School. She and Jeff have been married for 32 years and are active members of the Historic Church of St. Patrick. Jeff is employed at First Solar in Perrysburg Township as a Quality Manager. Their oldest son, Scott, lives in Ontario, CA, and served in the Air Force. Their middle

son, Sam, is majoring in education at Adrian College, where he is a member of the college baseball team. Youngest son Matt is a freshman at the University of Toledo and is studying nursing.

The Fischers are devoted baseball fans and divide their support between the St. Louis Cardinals and Detroit Tigers. Teri is an avid baker and enjoys designing cakes and other confections for customers and family.

"I am really looking forward to getting to know the staff, students, and families at All Saints," says Teri. "I feel extremely blessed for the opportunity to be part of your faith community and to help All Saints to be the best that it can be."

A special thank you goes out to the Principal Minister search and selection committee who worked diligently and professionally to help find the best candidate to lead our school. Members of the selection committee brought a variety of professional experience to the process and included:

- Katie Sliwinski, Human Resources Generalist from the Diocese of Toledo
- Marty Hartman, Catholic Schools Office Consultant for Grade Schools and Former Principal



Teri Fischer, Principal of All Saints Catholic School, is a native of Toledo and has been an educator since 1997.

- Sue Bruning, All Saints School Advisory Council President and School Parent
- Michele Mikonowicz, All Saints Catholic School Teacher and School Parent
- Charlene Vidra, All Saints Bookkeeper
- Fr. Kent Kaufman, Pastor and Superintendent of All Saints Catholic School

Please give Teri a warm, All Saints welcome as she begins her position as Principal Minister. I think you will find her extremely knowledgeable, compassionate, and committed to the families, students, and the future of Catholic education.

If you would like to get in touch with Teri, you may reach her at: tfischer@allsaintscatholic.org or 419-661-2070, extension 135.

A Message from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

How many of you remember writing the essay, “How I Spent My Summer Vacation”? For me, the summer highlight would definitely be the service retreat to Harlan, Kentucky that I took with our youth and adult volunteers July 13-19.

What did I learn? First, I learned that the twenty youth (ages 13-18) and five adult volunteers who participated in this year’s retreat are great fun. Whether rebuilding a porch, roofing a shelter, cooking and sharing our meals, spending time around the campfire, playing our ukuleles, or hiking through the woods, they will keep you singing, smiling, and appreciative.

In fact, this year we encountered a couple of days with rain, and some of our lodging accommodations were not overly commodious. We had to be flexible and creative. Yet, never once did I hear a complaint. Rather, we looked on the bright side and gave thanks for what we had and our time together. Indeed, just the natural beauty of the mountains, rivers, and lakes is a gift to enjoy.

I also learned that our veteran youth have woodworking skills that far exceed the skills I learned in my eighth grade shop class! With their help and that of the other adult leaders, I discovered a sense of satisfaction as I learned the methods of construction, proper and safe use of tools, problem-solving, and teamwork. Oh yes, the old adage, “measure twice, cut once” also came into play each day!

The people of Harlan County were also great teachers for me. Their welcoming presence allowed us to feel at ease immediately, although their friendly chatter also put us on

a slower pace of work than we might have been accustomed. We definitely learned the importance of being both “Mary” and “Martha” when it came time to support each other. Our goal was not simply to “get the job done.” Our goal was to make a connection when possible with the families we were serving.

Furthermore, my time in Harlan helped me realize that we were not alone in our efforts. We encountered many other groups also reaching out to serve our neighbors in Appalachia. In fact, a seminarian from our diocese, Andrew Wellman, drove a couple hours from the Fr. Beiting Center in Louisa, Kentucky to share with us his vocation story, sense of service, and the details of his summer internship in Appalachia.

Finally, I learned a few more country songs—probably the weakest link in my musical repertoire. In particular, I discovered that Brad Paisley’s hit from the other year, “You’ll Never Leave Harlan Alive” just isn’t true. But sadly, what is true is this: songs from my high school days in the early 80’s are now considered “Classic Rock”!

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Kent



Reverend Kent Kaufman poses with a land slug he uncovered while rebuilding a porch in Harlan County Kentucky.

Stewardship Council Hosts Trial “Meet and Mingle” Receptions

By Kathy McVicker

Discussions at Stewardship Council meetings often focus on how we can become a more welcoming community of faith and how we can engage our parishioners in the activities of All Saints. One of the ideas that bubbled to the surface about how we might become a more welcoming parish was to host informal “receptions” following weekend Masses for people who want to learn more about All Saints Catholic Church. Visitors who may be looking to join a parish or guests from other parishes within and outside of the Diocese of Toledo would be the intended audience.

The Stewardship Council will be hosting a trial run of these receptions beginning in the month of August. “We are hopeful that this effort might be a nice way to blend the two quandaries into one.” states Jewel Minarcin,



Pictured above (from left to right): Jim Richards, chats with Maria (a visitor to our parish), while Barb Richards and Kathy McVicker join in the merriment.

Stewardship Council Chairperson, “Providing parishioners the opportunity to welcome guests in a warm environment and to share their knowledge about All Saints parish life, could be a win-win situation.”

Each weekend, during announcements at the end of Mass, Father Kent will invite visitors to stop in the Hospitality

Room. Cookies and coffee will be offered to the guests, with the “doors wide open” hoping to create an inviting, friendly atmosphere. A welcome sign will also be posted on the door to the room. Cookies will be donated by members of the Stewardship Council, who will also be present to greet the guests and answer any questions they may have about the parish. A one-page summary about All Saints will be offered to visitors should they wish to contact the parish for more information.

The Stewardship Council would like to invite all members of our Parish family to become part of this effort on an informal basis, stopping by to welcome visitors after Mass as you are able. If you would like to learn more about this project or have ideas on how we can develop this further, please contact Jewel Minarcin by phone at 419-666-1149 or by email at jmminarcin@aol.com.

It's About More Than Plaid

by David Wayton

"I would never want to serve in a parish that didn't have a school." I remember Fr. Joe Steinbauer saying that to me in a conversation we had near the end of his tenure at All Saints. He served on the Priest Personnel Board, and we were discussing some parishes that were becoming available in the next few years. Some priests perhaps look for a parish without a school. A school obviously brings with it a multitude of problems and concerns that exact a great deal of attention and worry from a pastor. A parish without a school would seem to be a much easier assignment. Why seek out a job that you knew would cause you stress? I smiled at Fr. Joe's comment, because I knew that his words expressed an insight into the life of a Catholic community.

A Catholic school looks beyond the goal of "education" and strives further toward the goal of "formation." It endeavors to form an entire person, body, mind, and spirit, into the image of Jesus. It seeks to send disciples out into the world not just with the ability to succeed in it, but with the knowledge, the skills, and the spirit to change it—like the yeast in the dough, small but powerful enough to transform the entire batch. Like the hearth of a home, the school is where we gather with our children to not only give them the warmth of love and confidence, but to ignite their dreams and set their hearts on fire. The Catholic school is the living embodiment of Hope.



Angelina Schilt is a graduate of the former Alter Elementary, the precursor to All Saints Catholic School.

In writing this article, I reached out to former students of our school and am happy to share some of the comments provided by Angelina (Angie) Schilt. Angie attended the former Alter Elementary School, which evolved into All Saints Catholic School. Following her graduation from elementary school, Angie continued her education at Notre Dame Academy in Toledo. According to Angie, "My time at Alter and then All Saints taught me I truly am a child of God and how important a relationship that is to cultivate." Angie feels the great foundation laid from grade school on helped to prepare her for one of the most challenging (yet rewarding) parts of her life. Angie shared this experience to validate her words:

"Just after being engaged, I found myself facing a huge decision about taking on the responsibilities of providing foster care to my fiance's siblings. When I wondered if I knew what I was getting into and how it would affect the rest of my life, I leaned on my faith and prayed The

Lord's Prayer. Suddenly the words 'Thy will be done' took on new meaning for me and helped me make a positive decision. I believe going to a Catholic School, which was 'different by design,' made all the difference for me and helps me continue to make a difference in the lives of those around me."

So, as another school year begins, let us celebrate our school! Let us all take up its challenges, join in its activities, and delight in its experience. Let us express our gratitude and support to the teachers, staff, and volunteers who embrace its challenges along with our children. Most importantly, let us take part in its mission of formation.

Building Ministry Awareness

by Tom Kress

All Saints Pastoral Council has established a Ministry Awareness Sub-committee. The objectives of this group are to increase parishioner awareness of existing parish ministries and to increase participation opportunities within our parish.

Co-chairs of the committee are Mary Tammarine and



Members of the Ministry Awareness subcommittee pictured above are (from left to right) Carol Lorenzen, Mary Strzelecki, Kathy Kolanko and Marcia Staczek. Missing from the photo is Connie Hartle.

Lou Ann Kress. Other members are Connie Hartle, Kathy Kolanko, Carol Lorenzen, Marcia Staczek and Mary Strzelecki.

Starting this coming September the committee will organize ministry gatherings after each weekend Mass. Every weekend, members of specific parish ministries will act as greeters before Mass. After Mass these ministry members will be in the narthex to provide simple refreshments, distribute information on their ministries and invite parishioners to join them.



Co-chairs of the Ministry Awareness subcommittee Mary Tammarine (right) and Lou Ann Kress.

The hosting ministries will be listed in the prior-week's parish bulletin and announced before Mass on the weekend they are present. Please check the bulletin and plan to stop by and learn more about those ministries that interest you. This is an opportunity for you to increase your involvement in your parish by joining a ministry. Your parish needs you!

Pilgrimage Opportunities!

Pilgrimages are great spiritual journeys that truly touch people. You see amazing and meaningful sights, connect with God and the saints, and meet new friends.

It's not too late to take part in three upcoming pilgrimages-tours for our parish. Join Fr. Kent for Back to the Farm VII—A Tour of Life in Putnam County on Thursday, September 18. Cost is \$29 including “dinner” and reservations are due by September 11.

On Thursday, October 9th your Senior Ministry is planning

a pilgrimage to the Sorrowful Mother Shrine in Bellevue, Ohio. They will celebrate Mass in their beautiful chapel, follow the Stations of the Cross through the woods and visit many grottoes. Contact the parish office if you would like more information.

A pilgrimage-tour of Italy will be April 15-26, 2015. Visit Florence, Siena, San Gimignano, Assisi, Orvieto, and Rome. Pray at the tombs of Saints Francis, Peter, Paul, Catherine, John XXIII, and John Paul II. For full itinerary and details contact the Parish Office, website, or Fr. Kent. Registrations and deposits are due by September 30 and space is limited.

Rummage Sale a Success!

Pictured below (from left to right) are loyal All Saints Rummage Sale volunteers Catherine Crampton and Minnie IIconich. This annual event, which was held from July 10-12, brought in over \$11,237 in sales.

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.

September

- 2, 16 Knitting Group, 6 p.m.
- 5 First Friday Gathering, 8:45 a.m.
- 7 Financial Peace Series begins (nine week program)
- 8 Legacy Journey Series begins (nine week program)
- 11 Senior Ministry Tour Kingston Rehab Center, 1 p.m.
- 18 Back to the Farm Tour (reservations required)
- 22 Show Them We Care, 6 p.m.

October

- 1 Grandparents Day Mass, 8:15 a.m.
- 3 First Friday Gathering, 8:45 a.m.
- 7, 21 Knitting Group, 6 p.m.
- 9 Senior Ministry Pilgrimage to Sorrowful Mother Shine
- 11 Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner
- 15-18 Photography for Parish Photo Directory
- 21 PREP begins
- 27 Show Them We Care, 6:30 p.m.

November

- 1 PTO Chilli Cook Off
- 2 Memorial Vespers, 6 p.m.
- 4, 18 Knitting Group, 6 p.m.
- 7 First Friday Gathering, 8:45 a.m.
- 9 Chicken Paprikas Dinner, noon
- 13 Senior Ministry Crafts and Pizza, 1 p.m.
- 16 Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
- 17 Show Them We Care, 6:30 p.m.
- 28 Thanksgiving Blood Drive

December

- 2 Advent Reconciliation Service, 7 p.m.
- 2, 16 Knitting Group, 6 p.m.
- 4 Senior Stations
- 5 First Friday Gathering, 8:45 a.m.
- 8 Holy Day of Obligation, Masses at 8:15 a.m. & 7 p.m.
- 10 Lessons and Carols, 7 p.m. (12/17 snow day)
- 18 Senior Ministry Rosary & Christmas Party, 12:30 p.m.
- 21 Toledo Symphony Concert, 4 p.m. (tickets required)
- 24 Christmas Eve Mass Schedule, 4 p.m., 7 p.m., midnight
- 25 Christmas Day Mass, 10:00 a.m.

Youth Group Appalachia Service Retreat to Harlan, KY

Twenty youth and six adult team leaders took part in a week-long service retreat in Harlan County Kentucky, July 13-19, 2014. The retreat theme was “Let Your Light Shine” with prayer services focusing on how to use our parish values of compassion, humility, reverence and joyfulness to share God’s light with others. Work projects included building rafters and sheeting a roof, painting and installing trim molding, building a ramp, replacing deck boards, painting 2 decks, and rebuilding a porch.

Two Financial Peace University Series Offered This Fall

By **Jim Richards**

We hear constantly about making sure that God has a place in your life... but Ken Hermes wants to help you to be sure that God's plans are in your budget.

Ken says he feels called to help others by volunteering to lead seminars to help us all learn that God teaches us about family and personal finances as well.

A simple teaching program, designed by Dave Ramsey, a nationally known expert on family and personal finances, was offered last winter, and reports are that the participants have benefitted greatly, by adopting the Dave Ramsey way of money management.

Nationally, the Dave Ramsey seminars have been used by over 1.5 million people. Participants gather in a community setting and view a series of DVDs and then can discuss the content.

Ken makes the point that he is not the teacher, he is the presenter and moderator. Dave Ramsey's DVDs are the teaching tools, combined with a workbook and study kit used by the viewers.

The flyer being distributed in our parish bulletins makes the



Parishioner Ken Hermes will be moderating these 9-week series.

point that "This isn't your typical money class." Financial Peace University is practical, entertaining and fun! The average family completing the course pays off \$5,300 and saves \$2,700 in just 90 days.

The basic program in the "Financial Peace University" uses over 800 Bible verses to underline its points and is touted as a basic Christian life style.

A separate program from Dave Ramsey group, the "Legacy Journey," is also being offered. The Legacy Program focuses on a deeper look at what the Bible has to say about wealth. It gives a biblical framework and practical tools for managing your resources and living a more generous life.

Topics covered include estate planning, stocks, bonds, mutual funds and annuities. The Financial Peace University series begins Sunday, September 7 and ends Sunday, November 2. The Legacy Journey series begins Monday, September 8, and ends Monday, November 3.

A preview of both programs will be offered after all Masses on August 30 and 31.

All Saints Marks 25 Years With Photo Directory

by **Marlene Cerveneć**

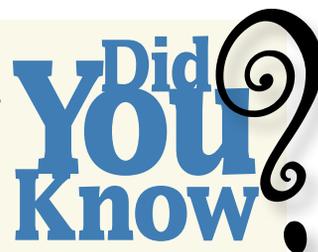
Next year, All Saints Catholic Church in Rossford celebrates 25 years of ministry! To commemorate this special event, Lifetouch will partner with us to create a family pictorial album that showcases our story, connects our members and promotes our ministries.

Photography sessions will be held October 16th through the 18th. Scheduling for a photography session begins October 1st by telephoning Marlene Cerveneć at 419-666-5176, the Parish Office at 419-666-1393 or online. Online scheduling allows parishioners to schedule the portrait session and make changes, if necessary. Confirmation and reminder emails (a few days prior to the appointment) are also part of the online process.

Lifetouch encourages families to bring musical instruments, athletic memorabilia, pets, etc. to the appointment. Lifetouch offers immediate onsite viewing of the session and ensures delivery of your photographs by Christmas.

Photographed families will receive a free professional portrait session, one free 8x10 portrait, a portrait coupon for setting an online appointment on All Saints website, and a free printed directory.

TWO LONG-TIME TEACHERS AT ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL WERE RECENTLY HONORED WITH AWARDS. CONGRATULATIONS TO:



Michele Mikonowicz – In May, Michele Mikonowicz was awarded the Golden Apple Award by the Diocese of Toledo for teaching excellence. Michele teaches Grade 8 religion, literature and science, in addition to middle school social studies.

Carol Guterrez – On June 23, Carol was recognized as the Outstanding Elementary Teacher for the Northwest Ohio District by the Ohio Council of Teachers of Mathematics. Carol teaches Grade 7 religion and science, as well as middle school math, and accelerated writing & grammar.

Assistance is very welcome – helping at portrait appointments, greeting families during photography, stuffing literature in bulletins, etc. To volunteer, please telephone Marlene Cerveneć at 419-666-5176 or Parish Office at 419-666-1393

This exciting event begins in September—watch for details!



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If It's The Last Weekend in July, It MUST be Festival Time!

Holding our annual Festival on the last weekend in July is one of the many traditions that are part of the fabric of All Saints Catholic Parish. Hundreds of parishioners set aside that weekend to take part in this community event—some to work a booth, set-up, cook or clean-up; and some to spend time socializing with friends or dancing a polka with a loved one. There is something for everyone. Regardless of what the weather may bring, our

All Saints Festival brings people together from near and far to celebrate and build community.

Three cheers for Chairperson Audrey Caligiuri; the Festival

Committee; and the hundreds of parishioners who gave of their time, talent and treasure to make this event a success. These photos represent just a few of the many festival attractions that people look forward to year after year. Clockwise beginning at right are the Mexican Food Booth, the Funnel Cake Booth, pony rides, the Polish/Ethnic Food Booth and Ellie The Elephant. Next year's dates for the festival are July 24 and 25. We hope to see you there!

