

# OUR FAMILY

STORIES FROM THE HEART OF ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH

## “Together In Christ” Theme of Silver Jubilee Celebration

By **Kathy McVicker**

On September 8, 2015, All Saints Catholic Parish and School will officially be 25 years young. The Silver Jubilee Team, chaired by Carol Gutierrez, has been meeting since the beginning of the year to coordinate a variety of celebrations for this landmark event. The festivities will commence on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, with the celebration of Mass at 8:15 a.m. (in conjunction with All Saints Catholic School), and end on the date of our Patronal Feast (All Saints Day) on November 1st. On September 20th, Bishop Daniel Thomas will join us as we offer praise and thanksgiving during the celebration of a special Mass, which will be held at 10:00 a.m. All festivities will focus on the theme “Together In Christ.” (See the schedule of all Silver Jubilee events on page 5.)

The history of our parish has many deep roots reaching into the early 1900’s when Rossford had two Roman Catholic Churches, St. Mary Magdalene’s and Ss. Cyril and Methodius. Although united in faith, each church had a distinct culture, rich in ethnic traditions. When the decision was made to combine the churches, it was an emotional time for the members of both parishes. Many of them had parents and grandparents that had literally built the church buildings. With an enduring faith and a resolution to remember their traditions, these two communities experienced renewal and put into place many of the celebrations that still enrich our parish 25 years later.

Whether you attend a special Mass, go to the Classmate School Reunion, buy a sun-catcher, or work on a float for the Halloween parade, the hope is that you will join your fellow parishioners as we celebrate the past and energize ourselves for the future.

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I recently attended an anniversary celebration for a religious community and found myself touched by the words of one of the songs used during their liturgy. The song title was *Standing on the Shoulders*, by Joyce J. Rouse. The lyrics speak about how we are wiser and stronger because of the passion, energy and vision of the people who came before us. The final verse ends with the words “And my shoulders will be there to hold the ones who follow me.” Let us honor those who came before us, as we celebrate their legacy and take steps to plan for the next 25 years of All Saints Catholic Parish.



### All Saints Welcomes New Parishioners to Our Family

The following individuals became members of our parish family during the months of June, July and August:

- Dolores Sabatino
- William and Kellie Yenrick
- Jonathan and Alexandra Niese
- Mark and Susan Bruning, and Jonah, Elijah, & Isaiah

We hope you find your new home to be welcoming here at All Saints!

### Masthead Photo

The masthead images at the top (under the words “Our Family”) are a representation of the old and the new. In celebration of our 25th anniversary, it shows how two churches came together to form the community of faith we now know as All Saints Catholic Parish.

## A Message from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Can you believe it? All Saints turns 25 years old on September 8, 2015! This issue of *Our Family* is devoted to this milestone in the life of our parish.

Quite often, visitors remark about the beauty of our campus and church—when touring the school, joining us for Mass, or attending an event at the McAlear. They also note the great variety of parish activities and steady ministries that we offer. In short, they say “what a great parish!”

I am always quick to point out that I can’t take credit. The facilities were complete and All Saints was already eighteen years old and an “adult” when I became the third pastor. I can, however, offer a heap of gratitude for my predecessors and their dedication that brought the vision to life.

In fact, a plaque hangs in the Steinbauer Community Room which reads: “All I know is that people of Faith became people of Vision.” This is a quote from Fr. Joe Steinbauer, who was the founding pastor of All Saints and served until 2003 when our parish became a “teenager.”

Visioning into our next twenty-five years is the purpose of our Strategic Planning that is taking place at this very moment.

We had a great response to the survey sent out in July. Thank you for all who shared their hopes for the direction All



Reverend Kent Kaufman

Saints will take as we move forward in the next few years.

Now our four councils—Pastoral, Finance, Stewardship, and School Advisory—are working with Aly Sterling, our selected consultant, to turn your ideas into a unified vision and strategic plan for our parish and school. The heart of our planning

already occurred during a five hour retreat for our combined twenty-eight council members on Wednesday, August 26.

The fruit of the retreat will be a cohesive blueprint for the next steps in the life of our parish and school. This will take some follow-up from our four councils in these next few months. Each council will work toward finalizing the plan and fleshing out the specific goals each council will embrace. We intend to share the results by the end of our celebration period, November 1st (our Patronal Feast Day).

Remembering Fr. Joe’s quote, that vision follows faith, I ask that you keep this important work in your prayers. As you help celebrate our first quarter century, I ask also the Holy Spirit to guide us into our next quarter century! Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Kent

## Parishioners Reflect on What All Saints Means to Them

*The 25th anniversary of All Saints Parish is a good occasion to reflect on the impact that All Saints has had on the lives of its Parishioners. We asked a cross-section of Parishioners for their comments on what All Saints Parish means to them. The following are their words.*

### BETTY MCKINNEY

It has been such a pleasure to build and attend our beautiful Church. For the first half of our married life my late husband, John, and I attended Church in building spaces converted into church use. Therefore, being a part of the marvelous All Saints complex of church, school and multipurpose building has been a wonderful experience. Hearing and singing the Mass on Sunday mornings is a bit of heaven.

### JENNY YOST

All Saints has been the venue for some major milestones in our family. All Saints feels like home. We are blessed



Betty McKinney

to call so many fellow parishioners friends. We are blessed to walk the halls and campus of our fine facility almost daily. We are fortunate to celebrate our Lord amongst a wonderful community of people.

### DON STACZEK

All Saints is the place that keeps me in touch with our Lord and God. Every time I go to church, it gives me great comfort to hear the word of God, and to receive him in Holy Communion. I look around and see other people wanting to enjoy the peace that the Lord can bring. It refreshes my soul to see all the familiar faces that we have come to know through the years.



Jenny Yost



Don and Marcia Staczek

### MARCIA STACZEK

Participating at weekly Mass and Eucharistic Adoration is the core for my spiritual life. Involvement with wonderful, talented and loving parishioners in various ministries has helped me to grow, and try to be more Christ-like to others. “Thank you, my All Saints Family” is my daily prayer.

### KYLE MIKONOWICZ

All Saints Parish is a second family to me. My friends in the youth group supply support and reinforcement for me. The summer trip to Appalachia is a completely different, but rewarding learning experience.



Kyle Mikonowicz

## Classmate Reunion Planned as Part of Silver Jubilee Festivities

By Jim Richards

Through good times and bad, the greater Rossford community has been served by Catholic schools for eleven and a half decades. Some of today's All Saints children may be great-great grandchildren of students that walked into St. Mary Magdalene School in 1905.

SS Cyril & Methodius opened its doors in 1947. Both schools continued until 1973, when they merged to become Alter Elementary, named in honor of the late Bishop Karl Alter. Alter was supported jointly by the two parishes.

All Saints Catholic School was the result of the merger of the two mother parishes into today's All Saints Catholic Community.

But, while the names changed as the years went by, the purposes, to provide grounding in the faith and a values-centered education, are the same in 2015 as they were in 1905.

Over 3,200 children from Rossford, Perrysburg Township, Northwood, East Toledo and beyond, have been students in our schools.



The reunion idea came from discussions about the All Saints Silver Jubilee Celebration. Alumni and others who have attended the schools are in all 50 states and other countries. The committee is working to bring as many as possible together to celebrate memories, friendships and the sacrifices of past generations that have made a Catholic education in Rossford successful.

The events begin in the afternoon of Saturday, Oct. 24, with a tour of the 17-acre All Saints campus, featuring the school, offices, the Atrium, McAlear Center Gym and Activity Center, the Franciscan Garden and the Turtle Habitat.

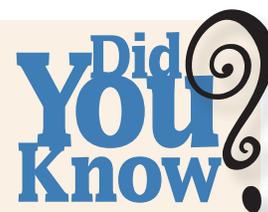
A special reunion Mass is set for 4:30 p.m.

A Classmate Reunion Dinner will be in the McAlear Center after Mass, with appetizers starting at 5:30, and dinner at 6:30 p.m. Admission to the dinner is \$15 per person with a cash bar. Reservation forms have been in weekly bulletins, and are available in the magazine rack in the narthex or on our Web site ([allsaintsrossford.org](http://allsaintsrossford.org)). The deadline for dinner reservations is Thursday, Oct. 8. Please make checks payable to All Saints Catholic Church.

There will be a guest speaker and time for mingling and reminiscing after the dinner. Musical entertainment will continue from 8:30 to 10:30 p.m. Those who cannot attend the dinner are welcome to stop by for the entertainment. No reservations are needed. The cash bar and snacks will be available to all.

by Sue Van Hersett

Did you know The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a spiritual formation process for:



- Those who are interested in learning about the Catholic Faith and/or becoming a member of the Catholic Church.
- Those who have never been baptized
- Those who have been baptized in another Christian faith and are interested in the Catholic Faith
- Those who are baptized Catholic who have not yet received the Sacraments of Eucharist or Confirmation
- Those who are married to a Catholic (and even attend Mass) and would like to take the next step in discerning if God is calling them to become a member of the Catholic Church
- Those who are Catholic but want to learn more about their Faith (perhaps consider serving as Sponsors)

Did you know you can still be part of this year's process, even though some inquiry sessions have taken place? Regular sessions will be on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. beginning Thursday, Sept. 10.

Contact Sue Van Hersett for more information, [svanhersett@allsaintsrossford.com](mailto:svanhersett@allsaintsrossford.com)

## Parade Float to Represent All Saints Parish

If the community has not noted that All Saints Church is a quarter century old, they will get the idea when they see the Jubilee logo and the theme "Together in Christ" on our Rossford Halloween Parade float.

Norma Ramirez, and about ten parishioners, are in the stage of designing the float which will be part of the community parade on Oct. 25. The float trailer is being donated by the Sujkowski Funeral Home.

Norma noted that the float will be first displayed outside the McAlear Center on Saturday, as part of the All Saints School Reunion observance.



If you would like to lend a hand in building the float, contact Norma at: [Eramirez53@sbcglobal.net](mailto:Eramirez53@sbcglobal.net).

The planning team has found that notifying former students is a challenge. They are counting on parents, siblings and classmates to invite those living around the country and the world.

The reunion is sure to be a wonderful celebration of friendship, our heritage and our Catholic faith.

## Service Experience is Adventurous For All Saints Students!

by Marcy Williams

All Saints Catholic School is not just a school where you learn how to solve math problems like, "At a dinner party, everyone shook hands with everybody else. There were 66 handshakes. How many people were at the dinner party?" All Saints is a place where technology and real world learning are part of the daily curriculum, allowing the student to grow as a whole person! The School is truly dedicated to developing faith-filled, self-disciplined, life-long learners, prepared to serve the community.

As part of learning to serve the community, students from All Saints engage in several service projects each year. Last school year, All Saints Catholic School 7th graders volunteered for a day. Enpuzzlement is a non-profit organization that matches over-stocked items from the corporate world, with the needs of non-profit organizations, to serve the less fortunate in our community. It is a completely private, volunteer and family-run resource center that uses creative ideas for distributing the donated goods from corporations to nonprofit groups.

For their service project at Enpuzzlement, the 7th grade students from All Saints had several jobs for which they were responsible during the hours they volunteered. Many of the students sorted bread and canned tomatoes by expiration dates and varieties, while other students filled orders that came in and loaded them onto trucks to be



Last school year, All Saints Catholic School 7th graders volunteered at Enpuzzlement, an organization that matches donated items with nonprofits that serve the needy.

delivered to their destination. "It was a great opportunity to learn about how Enpuzzlement works and how it helps the community" said Reagan Root, who is currently an 8th grader at All Saints Catholic School. "It was a lot of fun working with my classmates on this project and knowing we were helping out the community."

By the way, do you know the answer to the story problem at the beginning of the article? If so, be the first one to contact me at [mwilliams@allsaintscatholic.org](mailto:mwilliams@allsaintscatholic.org) with the correct answer and you will receive a FREE All Saints Catholic School t-shirt!

For more information about Enpuzzlement or how you can serve, check out their website at: [www.enpuzzlement.org](http://www.enpuzzlement.org).

### Parish Calendar

Mass is celebrated every weekday at 8:15 am

Weekend Mass: Saturdays at 4:30 pm; Sundays at 8:30 and 11 am

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

#### September

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Adult Faith Formation (AFF) Sunday Liturgy Preparation, 7 p.m.
- 1, 15 Knitting Group, 6 p.m.
- 4 First Friday Celebration, 8:15 a.m.
- 28 Show Them We Care: 6:30 p.m.

#### October

- 2 First Friday Celebration, 8:15 a.m.
- 4 Blessing of the Pets, 2 p.m.
- 6, 13, 20, 27 AFF Sunday Liturgy Preparation, 7 p.m.
- 7 Grandparents Day Mass, 8:15 a.m.
- 7 Family World Day Presentation, 7 p.m.
- 8 Senior Ministry Pilgrimage to Temple Shomer Emunim 1:00 p.m.
- 6, 20 Knitting Group, 6 p.m.
- 10 Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner
- 17 Cemetery Blessing, 2 p.m. (Ft. Meigs)
- 17 Anointing of the Sick Mass, 4:30 p.m.
- 24 All Schools Reunion (RSVP required for dinner)
- 25 Rossford Halloween Parade with Jubilee Float
- 26 Show Them We Care: 6:30 p.m.

#### November

- 3, 10, 17, 24 AFF Sunday Liturgy Preparation, 7 p.m.
- 4 Memorial Vespers
- 6 First Friday Celebration, 8:15 a.m.
- 8 Chicken Paprikas Dinner
- 12 Senior Ministry Craft-Pizza Party 1:00 p.m.
- 15 Knights of Columbus Pancake Breakfast
- 23 Show Them We Care: 6:30 p.m.
- 27 Thanksgiving Blood Drive

#### December

- 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 AFF Sunday Liturgy Preparation, 7 p.m.
- 1, 15 Knitting Group, 6 p.m.
- 3, 10, 17 Senior Rosary during Advent, 1 p.m.
- 4 First Friday Celebration, 8:15 a.m.
- 7/8 Holy Day Masses, 7 p.m.; 8:15 a.m. & 5:15 p.m.
- 9 Lessons & Carols (Dec. 16th—snow day)
- 10 Senior Ministry Christmas Party
- 14 Show Them We Care: 6:30 p.m.
- 20 Toledo Symphony Concert, 4 p.m. (ticket required)
- 24/25 Christmas Masses, 4 p.m., 7 p.m., 11 p.m., & 10 a.m.

## All Saints Golf Outing a Success!



Almost 70 golfers participated in the annual All Saints Golf Outing held at Chippewa Golf Course on July 18. The original date of June 27 was rescheduled due to record-breaking rains. Seated above is the winning Co-ed Team (left to right) Art Kirkman, Jeff Cowell, Bev Cowell and Sarah Haddad, talking with Lou Ann Buck at the awards dinner following the tournament. The event raised over \$2,000 for our Parish. Congrats to Greg Brown and Chuck Gibbons, for organizing this successful event.

## Adult Faith Formation Team Off to a Good Start

by Dave Wayton

The parish picnic on August 9th, sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Committee, was a good start to the season of fall activities. After sharing food with family and friends, attendees were treated to a slide presentation by pilgrims who traveled to Italy with Fr. Kent last spring. Along with pictures, each traveler shared the story of an experience on the journey that most inspired or touched them. They, in turn, inspired and touched the crowd.

The Adult Faith Formation Committee continues to work on future opportunities for all parishioners to grow in their faith. Tuesday, August 18, was the first of the “Get Prepared for Sunday” sessions. A good group gathered in the Steinbauer Community Room to share their thoughts and questions about the readings for the upcoming Sunday. It was a lively discussion—no surprise there. But more than a discussion, it was a chance to share our faith in Christ and our experiences of His activity in our lives. While not every question was answered, everyone left with something to pray about. And that was the point

after all. Sessions will continue each week at 7:00 p.m. in the Steinbauer Community Room.

As we progress into the autumn season, the AFF Committee is planning to sponsor a book club, as well. Pope Francis has declared the coming church year to be a “Celebration of Divine Mercy”, so the committee thought parishioners would enjoy reading St. Faustina’s Diary. St. Faustina was a Polish nun, a mystic, who had visions of Jesus in which He professed His boundless mercy and expressed His deep desire to bestow it upon all who came to Him. She kept a diary of her visions and conversations with Christ. Reading her diary together seemed a natural way to take up the Pope’s call.

To follow the reading of St. Faustina’s Diary, the committee has invited the Dominican Sisters of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist, from Ann Arbor, Michigan, to lead the parish in a mission retreat Jan. 31 – Feb. 2, 2016. The retreat will focus on the joy that is rooted in God’s divine mercy and will be a wonderful preparation for the Season of Lent. The Soup and Bread Sessions of Lent



Pictured above are members of the Adult Faith Formation Committee: (1st row) Katie Orzechowski, Bill Walsh, (2nd row) Sue Van Herset, Barb Laux, and Dave Wayton. Missing from the photo is Steve Murphy.

will continue the Divine Mercy Theme and will feature topics expressed in St. Faustina’s Diary. Even those who have not read the diary will still benefit from the sessions. A Planning Committee needs to be formed to work with the Sisters to plan and execute the retreat. If you would like to help with that effort please call the Parish Office or Sue Van Herset as this work needs to begin soon.

## Silver Jubilee Activities

Mark your calendar for the following events planned to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of All Saints:

- **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**—Our official 25th anniversary will be celebrated in conjunction with All Saints Catholic School Mass at 8:15 a.m.
- **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20**—Special Silver Jubilee Anniversary celebration at 10:00 a.m. Mass with Bishop Daniel Thomas followed by a slide show celebrating our history. There will be only one Mass on that Sunday.
- **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24**—Classmate Reunion including a tour of All Saints Catholic School, 4:30 p.m. Reunion Mass and Dinner (RSVP required for dinner). The parade float will also be on display. Entertainment is open to all.
- **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25**—All Saints Catholic Parish & School Float participates in Rossford’s Halloween parade.
- **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1**—Patronal Feast Day celebration begins at all weekend Masses.

## We Extend a Warm Welcome To Our New Choir Director

We are pleased to announce the appointment of a new Choir Director, Angelica Dunsavage, to All Saints. Angelica is originally from Reading, Pennsylvania and relocated to Ohio to study at Bowling Green State University where she obtained a Master’s degree in Chorale Conducting. Her undergraduate degree in Music Education came from Indiana University of Pennsylvania (in the Pittsburgh area.) Angelica completed an internship at St. Thomas More Parish, and has held interim choir director positions at Presbyterian and Episcopal churches in the area. In addition to directing the choir at All Saints, Angelica will continue her duties teaching Choir to students in grades 6 – 12 in Wauseon, Ohio. She is eager to build the number of people who participate in the Choir—especially the younger members of the Parish. Anyone interested in joining the choir should come to practice on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. No experience is necessary!



Angelica Dunsavage, Choir Director at All Saints.



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### Parish Festival Continues Tradition of Building Community

The last weekend in July is traditionally known as “Festival Weekend” at All Saints, but preparation for this event takes place year-round. Shortly after the festival is over, the committee celebrates with a picnic, then they begin planning for the following year. A big “THANK YOU” goes out to Audrey Caligiuri and her team for a job well done.

Here is a sampling of photos from this year, beginning with the making of pierogi in June and ending with the volunteers at the ticket sales table. Raffles, dancing, games, ethnic food and a strong community presence makes our festival one of the best in the area.

Mark your calendars for next year’s date, July 29 and 30.

