

# SAINT BARBARA CHURCH CROSSTALK

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## *For Those About To Rock, We Salute You*

by Therese Cloar

Rocktoberfest salutes you, because without you, we would not have made it to year five. That's right, it is time for the fifth annual Rocktoberfest - September 11, 12, and 13.

"St. Barbara's parishioners have been the key to the growth and excitement behind Rocktoberfest," said Patti Taylor, volunteer coordinator for the three-day event. "More than 900 parishioners and family and friends come together to volunteer. They entertain, feed, and provide non-stop fun for 21 hours to more than 10,000 visitors to our parish!" And that's just the beginning of the massive party that takes place on the grounds the second weekend of September.

With eight different food booths, offering classic grill fare of hamburgers, brats, metts, and pulled pork sandwiches, to pizza, to goetta burgers, to tacos, to potato spirals, apple fritters, to donuts, to two exciting new features - Belgium waffles with mouthwatering toppings and grilled corn on the cob, dipped in hot butter. There will be something for every taste bud!

"When I was approached to captain the Belgium waffle booth, I thought the team was crazy," smiled Captain John Anneken. "However, after doing my due diligence, I discovered just how big Belgium waffles are and how crazy good they are. Stop by and see me and my wife, Shannon, we'll be the goofy ones behind the 'irons'."

A party every day is exactly what will happen when you partake in one of the 14 games of chance or three skill games. You can have so much fun playing one of the great games on this year's lineup. New this year is a progressive cornhole split-the-pot game. Contestants throw the bean bag into the hole. For every time a corn hole is made, the starting mark moves back a foot. The person with the longest corn hole at the end of the night will split the pot. "I'm not going to lie, teased Bill Fotsch, adult gaming chair. "This idea came from Mary Queen of Heaven. They had such great success with it. Players were lined up 30 to 40 deep at the end of the night trying to be the last thrower with the longest distance. Their Saturday night jackpot reached \$1,150, I think. Which means that the winner of their Saturday night progressive cornhole took home \$575. We are going to break that record."

Speaking of skill, the Hole in One Crazy Putt is getting a face lift. Captain Jeff Jehn explained, "We are adding a turn here and slant there to make it that much more challenging. It will be fun to watch the near misses and perfect putts - see you on the green!"

Put another ticket down and play another fun children's game. With 13 different games that will please all ages - the children's zone will be filled with laughter and high fives. "I'm so enthusiastic about our fifth year," shared Chair Dawn Divita. "We are adding five new fun amusements for the fifth year - including Pumpkin Chuckin', Dingo Dig, Drum Roll, Bean Bag Balloon Pop and my favorite, Candy Crash. There's going to be a caricature of our favorite priest. His teeth will be oversized from his great big smile and children will toss bean bags and knock back his teeth to win prizes. We even have a dentist sponsoring this booth."

To round up the entertainment this year, there's a great lineup of bands for the weekend. Friday beginning around 8 pm, The Remains - one of Cincinnati's most entertaining, sought after and respected bands. The Remains have performed nearly every type of venue and function imaginable, with a play list so extensive and diverse; a good time is guaranteed for all. "These guys are very impressive and very much underrated," Mike Dames, band guru commented. "They will tailor their set list based upon the audience. They have played many a church festivals as well as bars and private events. If you haven't seen them, you are in for a treat. They will play the music as you have heard it from the recording and nothing is off limits to them. They are that good."

And back by popular demand, Gee Your Band Smells Terrific will be performing Saturday night from 8 to midnight. "GYBST will bring you to the seventies and make the 'earth move under your feet'. They can make you feel like a disco dancing fool," Dames continued. "Their talent makes them great at what they do. Their show boosts your enthusiasm to get out of your chair and dust off those dancing moves from years ago. You know the ones! U-huh..."

Family fun day is all day Sunday! We'll have the grilled chicken dinner for \$7.50 including sides and dessert. There is an all-day ride ticket for the classic rides. And the Bengals will be on big screen TVs in the Tailgate tent for the 1:25 pm kickoff against the Raiders. So come have an cold beer or two and delicious tailgate food with all of your friends. Who Dey!

Of course, with all of the above, there's the Grand Raffle with a top prize of \$5,000, Bid-n-Buy items to be auctioned off, the Holy Quacker Cup and Ducktona 500 races, and lots of community and friends to visit and reunite with.

Rock out at the fifth annual Rocktoberfest Friday, from 6 pm to midnight, Saturday, 5 pm to midnight and Sunday, noon to 8 pm.

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# THE PRIVILEGE WAS TRULY OURS, DEACON MARVIN

Our church was filled with a sense of sadness tempered by deep sense of love Wednesday evening, August 12th as we sent our beloved Deacon Marvin Holstein back to his loving Creator. The love that Marvin, and his wife Ginger exude could be seen in the faces of their family. Everything that Deacon Marvin did was with a sense of joy and love for all of God's people. Whenever he preached, you knew how much he truly loved the people of this parish. When he served as Chaplain at St. Elizabeth Hospital he lit up the room of every patient he visited noting, "That was a sacred moment" and "What a privilege it is to serve these people." Whenever he left a hospital room, he would stop at the door, turn around and tell the patient, "Never forget how much you are loved." That is one lesson we can all learn from Marvin. He never let anyone forget how much they were loved. His gentle smile, his moving homilies, his never tiring character, and his deep sense of faith will truly be missed by our parish and all the people that he served. Deacon Marvin Holstein always said that serving the people of God was such a "privilege." I say, "The privilege was truly ours, Deacon Marvin." Eternal rest grant unto him, Oh Lord. He will definitely be missed!

*In. John*

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# THE END IS NEAR!!

by Lynne Schrott

Please do not dismiss this warning! Fellow parishioners, you must prepare yourselves for THE END... the end of major construction on the grounds of St. Barbara.

Renovation of the "old" church hall is progressing and this year CCD will be held in actual classrooms! The creative use of portable chalkboards serving as dividing walls will no longer be necessary. The bar area will be converted for storage, but current plans are for the kitchen to remain as it is.

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel will be dedicated by Bishop Foy on Sunday, November 1st, after 11:00 Mass. This stunning chapel, with seating for 16, will become a secure and quiet retreat for prayer and adoration at any time of day.

The Family Life Center/Reception Hall is nearing completion also. The catering kitchen, equipped with convection ovens, new refrigeration and freezer units, warming cabinets and ice maker, will certainly afford us a much needed, larger space to prepare meals for various parish activities. Therese Clow, hall manager, states, "The hall is almost completely booked for December with two wedding receptions, three family parties, and Breakfast with Santa. I believe the parishioners will absolutely love the new space with its natural lighting and beautiful features."

In addition to the main hall space, there will be three new meeting rooms with a portable wall between two of them to make a larger space if needed. These rooms may be reserved by parishioners for church-related meetings or rented for other interests. Currently, the plan is to rent the hall to parishioners only. Further information regarding rental costs, etc., will be forthcoming. Debbie Feldman will be organizing an Open House/Dedication, tentatively planned for Saturday, November 21st, after 4:30 Mass.

We still need to borrow about \$300,000 to complete our expansion. Any donations designated to the building project would be greatly appreciated. Brick pavers are still being sold to help defray some costs. For \$100, you can bestow unending fame upon yourself by having your name engraved on a paver. Just think, you can give your kids the opportunity to "walk all over you" for years to come.

Most importantly, each of us needs to be a living brick at St. Barbara, building up our faith community. Let's show our neighbors what a church "expansion" really means.



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## Cluck at the Turkeyfoot Trot

by Therese Cloar

Get ready to cluck your feathers off at the 8th Annual Turkeyfoot Trot! The annual 5K Run/Walk is set for Saturday, November 14, 2015 at 9:00 am beginning and ending at St. Barbara Parish in Erlanger. The event includes a 5k run/walk and a kids' fun run.

Pre-registration is available online at [www.sprunning.com](http://www.sprunning.com) through Monday, November 2, 2015. Pre-registration fees for the 5K are \$25.00 and include a shirt. In-person registration at Tri-State Running Company during packet pick-up week (includes shirt while supplies last). Additionally, race day registration will start at 7:30 a.m. in the church hall and or its parking lot. Race day registration fees are \$30.00 for the 5K (includes shirt while supplies last).

"We are so excited for this year's race," said Karen Minzner, co-chair of the event. "In the past we have provided the proceeds of the race to St. Vincent DePaul, but this year we are teaming up with its executive director, Ralph Bradburn, and his staff to help grow the event throughout Northern Kentucky. They are absolutely amazing!"

This family friendly race has continued to grow and this year race officials anticipate 500 participants. One of the confirmed participants is Bishop Roger Foys, Bishop of Covington, where he will be giving the blessing and some words of encouragement.

"We are so thrilled Bishop Foys has added our event to his calendar," said Bradburn, co-chair of the event. "Rumor has it that the priests in the diocese may be getting up teams for a little friendly competition too."

"The Society of St. Vincent DePaul, Northern Kentucky is enthusiastic to be part of this already established wonderful community event," continued Bradburn. "We hope to see everyone on the course this year, weather you're a competitive runner preparing for the Thanksgiving Day race or a casual walker, this is a fabulous run/walk!"

Not only does the Turkeyfoot Trot promote health and fitness, it gives back to the community. The race started as a reverse stewardship project to help build St. Barbara's new church. After three years, the monies raised were donated to St. Barbara Chapter of St. Vincent DePaul. Now, with the assistance of the Society of St. Vincent DePaul, Northern Kentucky, the race is expected to grow, possibly doubling in size with all proceeds from the race to benefit the Society of St. Vincent DePaul – Northern Kentucky to assist with its mission of helping our neighbors in need with food, rental/utility assistance, clothing, household furnishings and more.

For more information about the race or to be a sponsor contact, Lou Settle, Advancement Director, Society of St. Vincent de Paul, 2655 Crescent Springs Road, Covington, KY 41017, 859-446-7727 (direct), 859-866-2022 (mobile), or email her at [lou.settle@svdpnky.org](mailto:lou.settle@svdpnky.org).



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## Youth Group at Camp Mary Help

by Daisy DiVita

One week is all that one needs to make a difference in the lives of others. St. Barbara's youth group was fortunate enough to go to Tampa, Florida to volunteer at Camp Mary Help, a camp for underprivileged youth. We worked with the campers in many of their activities, helped the counselors with teaching, and showed the campers how to participate in the activities, and helped with grounds maintenance. Each of our youth group members had a role to play in making the camp experience for the campers an exciting and amazing one.

In the week that we spent at Camp Mary Help, one Scripture verse repeatedly came to my mind. Matthew 19:14 states, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these" This verse came to mind because Camp Mary Help's main mission is to bring the youth to have relationships with Christ, just as it said in the Scripture.

One of my own experiences at the camp was meeting a girl with Down Syndrome named Christina. Christina was the highlight of my week and was loving and accepting of everyone. She showed me how to appreciate the beauty of nature by standing under the trees and looking at squirrels jumping from branch to branch and watching butterflies fly by. Through Christina I made a true friend. Her amazing personality and never-ending spirit made me see the light of life. At the end of the week she graced me with a hand drawn photograph of a butterfly which I will always keep as a priceless souvenir of the mission trip. Just like Christina made a difference in my life, we made a difference by giving our time and talents to those at Camp Mary Help.

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## BE BOLD. BE CATHOLIC.

by Barb Osborne

Matthew Kelly, founder of The Dynamic Catholic Institute, is coming to St. Barbara Church Saturday, October 3rd. If you haven't already purchased your ticket, you may think you're out of luck – that session is sold out. That's a good thing. Such a good thing, in fact, that enough parishioners were interested for us to schedule another session for Friday, October 2nd. Matthew Kelly speaks with vitality and passion. He lights up when speaking about our Lord. His enthusiasm spreads throughout his audience.

Matthew Kelly tells us that God wants us to become the best version of ourselves. We do that by rooting ourselves in God, the sacraments, prayer, Scripture, by focusing on our faith, the rosary, and Mass. We must realize that Catholicism is more than a religion; it's a way of life. It is who we are, how we live. Pope Francis says, "In the Gospels, Jesus tells us that to be a Christian is not to have a 'label' but to live and testify to faith in prayer, in works of charity, in the promotion of justice, in doing good." Matthew Kelly has made it his mission to provide the tools for us to do just that by speaking to people of all ages and from all walks of life, to set our hearts on fire. Hope to see you there!

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## St. Henry Grade School News

by Julie Nelson

School has begun! The theme for the 2015-2016 school year is: "Take Flight with Christ." St. Henry has been very busy preparing for the upcoming year. Here's a look at what's new!

We welcome new staff members: Mrs. Emily Rumker, Ms. Sarah Landwehr, Ms. Lindsay Jehn, Ms. Molly Wehage, Mr. Robbie Tieman, Mrs. Celia Callahan, and Mrs. Robin Creager.

The biggest change in the curriculum this year is St. Henry has adopted new social studies textbooks by Pearson Publishing for grades K-8. All of the textbooks in K-5 are paperbacks and will be consumed each year. Students in grades 6-8 will use hardback textbooks. The series is fully integrated with technology so students will definitely have an enhanced experience with interactive maps, videos, and skills practice.

This year St. Henry will extend Handwriting Without Tears to third graders. All students in preschool through grade three will use this program. St. Henry has seen an improvement in handwriting since this program was implemented. They are still committed to teaching and practicing cursive handwriting.

As far as technology, all students in grades 4-8 will have access to a Chromebook. Students will be assigned his/her own Chromebook for the year and will have them every day in class! Students will have access to the Internet and will be able to save work in the cloud to access it at home. All students in these grades will have a Gmail account within the St. Henry domain. St. Henry continues to advance their technology in an already top-notch program. We just launched a brand new website! Check it out at: [www.sthenryschool.net](http://www.sthenryschool.net).

## St. Henry High School News

by Chloe Voelker, SHDHS junior

Greetings from St. Henry District High School! We pray you have had a great summer so far. It's hard to believe we are already back to early wake-up calls, uniforms, and homework, but we are ready to learn new things and excited to find out what this school year has in store for the Crusader Community.

Thank you very much to everyone who came out to support the first big event of the school year, the second annual Back to School 5K Walk/Run, Kids Fun Run, and cook-out. Because of you, we had another successful year. We also want to thank those who chose to donate part of your registration fee to one of our scholarships... your generosity is greatly appreciated. We hope everyone will join us next year for the third annual Back to School 5K. We will let you know the date as soon as it's determined.

The next big event at SHDHS will be our Boosters Golfathon which is scheduled for Friday, October 9th. The Boosters will be releasing more information soon.

These first couple of months of school will be filled with classes and retreats for our students, but there are also a few events that we want you to know about so that you can mark your calendars and join us. The first is the Fall Play, which will run November 20, 21, and 22 in Millay Hall. The second is our first Grandparent's Mass, which will be held on Tuesday, November 24, at 1:15 in the gym.

We pray that you enjoy the rest of your summer and ask that you please keep us in your prayers for a safe and successful school year. Go Cru!

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri-Sun	Sep 11-13	<b>ROCKTOBERFEST</b>
Sat/Sun	Sep 19/20	Catechetical Sunday, All Masses
Wed	Sep 23	CCD Begins, 7:00 - 8:00 pm
Sun	Sep 27	Youth 2000 Donut Sales, 10:00 am
Thu-Sun	Oct 1- 4	Men's Cursillo Weekend
Fri & Sat	Oct 2 & 3	Matthew Kelley

Sat	Oct 24, 31, Nov 7, 14	Holy Name Turkey Shoots, Noon - 5 pm
Sat	Oct 31	Memorial Mass, 4:30 pm
Sat	Nov 7	Crafty ladies Show, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Thu-Sun	Nov 5 - 8	Women's Cursillo Weekend
Sat	Nov 14	Turkeyfoot Trot, 9:00 am
Sat	Nov 14	Holy Dames / Holy Name Mass, 4:30 pm
Thu	Nov 26	Thanksgiving Day Mass, 10:00 am