

# SAINT BARBARA CHURCH CROSS TALK

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## CELEBRATION TIME

## COME ON!

By Tina Bowen

It's CELEBRATION TIME!! St. Barbara will have our 7th festival September 8th, 9th, & 10th, and each year gets more exciting. The parish has quite a bit to celebrate this year with our United Catholic Movement and our 50th Anniversary. It is the perfect time to come together for food, fun, and fellowship. With our continued growth, you the parishioners are what makes this festival the best around. Dave Pauly from the festival Steering Committee says, "This festival is all about meeting new people and celebrating being together as a parish family. It is a great way to give back to the parish and spend time together. We love opening up our parish to the community and getting to know everyone. It is the most important part of the festival weekend." This year's festival will not disappoint with pack-filled fun for all.

The parish and community will be dazzled with great entertainment, fantastic food, games for children and adults and awesome rides. Not to mention our awesome duck races, our Grand Raffle, and the best Bid-N-Buy tent in the tristate! Here is a rundown on what to expect:

**DATES AND TIMES:** Festival dates are September 8th, 9th and 10th. Friday the 8th, 6:00 pm to Midnight. Saturday the 9th, 5:00 pm to Midnight (Mass will be at 4:00 pm), and Sunday the 10th, 12:30 to 8:00 pm.

**ENTERTAINMENT:** Friday night you will hear the band *Brother Smith* starting at 8:00 pm and playing until Midnight. They are a soulful 6-piece band that is a little bit country and a little bit rock-n-roll. On Saturday we will have the band *Cherry on Top* from 8:00 pm to Midnight, to rock our night away. On Sunday we will have DJ music thanks to *Neal Raker*, and the Bengals game showing in the main tent.

**FOOD AND DRINK:** What festival is complete without lots of food choices?! We will have the usual fare of goodies: burgers, fries, pizza, Holy Donuts, and new this year is a pork tenderloin sandwich. To quench your thirst, soda and water, draft beer, bottled beer, and wine. Draft beer will remain \$2.00. We will continue our Bourbon Trail tradition, and we have added some specialty drinks, and craft beers from *Braxton* and *West 6th*. Sunday, of course, is our famous Chicken Dinner that includes dessert for one low price served in the Sterling Event Center.



**FUN & FELLOWSHIP:** We will have new games and rides for the kids. They will be fully entertained and, as with past festivals, Sunday is pay one price and ride all day! Adults will not be disappointed with games this year, including our progressive corn-hole. Ducky Downs will be back running the ducks hard with our Holy Quacker Cup and Ducktona 500. Grand Raffle with a \$5,000 grand prize is back. Tickets will be handed out during Mass to purchase with more chances being sold during the weekend. Tickets are \$5.00 each with drawings for \$1000.00 and \$500.00 as well. Bid-N-Buy tent will be filled with awesome goodies that are 100% donated by awesome parishioners, as well as local and various other businesses supporting our festival. There will be items to bid on all weekend, like a week's stay in Oskaloosa Island, FL, a Vonn Miller signed helmet, or stunning diamond earrings. There will be nightly bid items too, so be sure to check out the tent and shop!

Do you know someone that hasn't been to church in a while? This is a perfect time to invite them to Mass. They can stay and party with the parish, watch the Bengals game, eat a fabulous chicken dinner and win a fantastic bid item, but, most of all, witness the awesome fellowship first hand. See you there!!

# 50 YEARS at ST. BARBARA

by Lynne Schrott

In 1964, when Barbara and Henry Schaffer donated their 45 acre farm in Erlanger to the Diocese of Covington, St. Barbara Church was merely a dream. Fifty-three years later, St. Barbara's is a shining star.

From its humble beginning in 1967, when Fr. Ruschman celebrated Mass in the Levi Strauss cafeteria with 78 families, to our modern church facility of today with 1500 families, this parish has truly been blessed.

This year marks the 50th anniversary of our church. We celebrate the history of the congregations that formed this parish, and we take pride in all of the members who were baptized, married, and buried here.

We celebrate our many diverse ministries that serve the young, the old, the poor, and the infirmed. Our fun "ministries" such as Rocktoberfest and the parish picnic, are celebrated because they too, shape and define us as a faith community.

Every church is formed by its history. But as we reminisce about the past, we must continually move to the future. Our mission is no different today than it was in 1967, which is to LIVE the Gospel and to continue to be examples of Christ's love to all. Thanks for the memories! Welcome to the start of our next 50 years of greatness!



Father Ruschman with founding parhioner Rosalyn List.



# Youth Group's Tampa Mission Trip

by Gina Kemp

St. Barbara's Youth group went on a mission trip June 10-17th at **Mary Help of Christians Center** in Tampa, Florida. Attending were John and Tracy Kidwell, Jake Vogt, Ben Nessler, Tom and Erin, Tori Chell, Kayla Bunch, Betty McGee, Lori and Robert Dennis, Shawnee Brock, Mason Sansone, Charles (Ed), Ayssa, Shelby Schadler, Olivia and Loghan Currin, Claire Daameron, Nikki Deward, Cassidy DiVita, Brittany Abbey, Celeste and Gina Kemp, Ashlynn Talbert, Carly McGee, and Savannah Brock.

We were asked to life-guard, help out the counselors and staff with their group activities with snack time, putting furniture together, cutting down trees, etc. The counselor and the camp kids went to church every morning, and then the camp started right after that and ended around 5:00. We had faith time (prayer time for 30 minutes) every day. John Kidwell would allow us to have free time on the beach or going out to eat and touring the city. On our last day the youth group was allowed to use the camp and went tubing, paddle boarding, canoeing, and swimming.

For me personally, I enjoyed life-guarding and teaching kids ranging from ages 5-17 years old how to swim. It was a humbling experience to see how less fortunate some of the kids were. St. Barbara's Group coming to their camp brought joy to their life, especially the ones we taught how to swim. They would not have any other opportunity to learn how to swim. Some of the children were sad to see the St. Barbara youth group leave. Thank you St. Barbara for the opportunity to learn and give back!



Father Ruschman, Father Mick and Father John burn the mortgage.



# St. Barbara VBS 2017 50th Anniversary Edition

By Jackie Koop

Over one hundred Vacation Bible School participants and volunteers spent a week in Rome, the home of our patroness, St. Barbara, and reflected on the letters of St. Paul to the Romans. Visits to the Forum for crafts and snacks, and Olympiad games took place each day. Togas and laurel wreaths were the dress for the week, and the Colosseum was the backdrop for our closing program, which of course, included Roman cuisine - pizza and cotton candy. Arrivederci Roma!



# October Respect Life Month

by Karen Riegler

As Catholic/Christians we are called to work toward creating a culture of life, a future worthy of the human person as a child of God. The United States Catholic Conference of Bishop dedicates the Month of October as Respect Life Month and encourages all Catholics to spend time praying and educating ourselves about the attacks on human life that have become more prevalent and blatant in our country since the infamous ruling of Roe vs. Wade in 1973. There are many avenues for involvement in helping to build a Culture of Life. Here are several that provide us this opportunity in our parish, diocese, and community.

Here at St. Barbara, our Families for Life will be conducting our annual "Baby Shower," during October, collecting diapers, wipes and sleepers for mothers to be who are choosing life for their baby. These baby items will be distributed through the New Hope Center, Carenet, and Rose Garden Mission. Please see upcoming bulletins for details.

Also our Youth Group headed by John Kidwell will display a smaller rendering of the Field of White Crosses during the first two weeks in October. Last year our parish displayed 4000 white crosses representing the number of unborn children lost EVERY DAY through abortion. This display by our youth group, though only 400, a percentage of the 4000 crosses, but nonetheless, a reminder of how many unborn children, meant to have life, are lost every day. As you see the crosses when you enter or leave our campus, please offer a prayer for them and an end to this terrible scourge.

On a national and world level, with God's grace people have mobilized throughout the world under the leadership of 40 Days for Life! Through prayer and fasting, peaceful vigils and community outreach, 40 Days for Life has inspired 750,000 volunteers to help end the injustice of abortion in their local communities, including our own Tri-State area! 40 Days for Life has been conducted in 715 Cities across 44 nations. 13,305 babies have been saved, 154 abortion workers have converted, and 86 abortion centers have closed - so far!!

Parishioners of St. Barbara can truly make a difference by signing up for the 40 Days for Life Fall Campaign that will be conducted from September 27th to November 5th. It is very simple, involve a group of your friends, go online at [40daysforlife.com/Cincinnati](http://40daysforlife.com/Cincinnati) and sign up to be at Planned Parenthood on Auburn Ave in Cincinnati at a certain designated time between 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. You can also contact Mary Clark, [cincy40days@fuse.net/513-7914039](mailto:cincy40days@fuse.net/513-7914039) for additional information, or please contact me with any questions at [karenriegler@me.com](mailto:karenriegler@me.com).

Prayer is at the center of every action that we take on behalf of the sanctity of life. Bishop Roger Foy invites you to attend the annual diocesan Pro-Life Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption Tuesday, October 3rd at 7:00 p.m. Please consider attending as we lift our prayers for the sanctity of all human life from conception to natural death.

Now, more than ever, we need your help in building a culture of life and making a difference in our homes, our churches, and in our world!



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## St. Henry Grade School News

by Julie Nelson

As most of you know, Principal Susan Greis has taken on a new opportunity at St. Joe in Cold Springs, Kentucky. We thank Mrs. Greis for her tremendous leadership.

After a thorough search, multiple interviews, and candidate research, the Principal Search Committee unanimously recommended Mrs. Susan Pastor-Richard as the new principal for St. Henry Elementary. Susan currently is a parishioner at IHM and is a District Coach/Facilitator for the Covington Independent School District. She has also spent time teaching at St. Agnes School, Stephens Elementary, and Camp Ernst Middle School. Before entering education, she also worked in the private sector as a Financial Analyst and in the Accounting field.

Her educational background includes: a Master of Business Administration, Masters of Arts in Special Education, Master of Arts Rank 1, Teacher Leader with endorsement in MSD, Education Specialist Degree in Administration and is currently pursuing her Doctorate in Educational Leadership.

Susan's philosophy for Catholic Education falls right in line with St. Henry's current mission. She believes we educate the whole child: mind, body, and spirit. She is excited about leading what she understands is already a wonderful school.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Fri-Sun	Sep 8-10	Rocktoberfest Weekend
Sat-Sun	Sep 16/17	Catechetical Sunday
Thu-Sun	Oct 5-8	Men's Cursillo, St. Ann Retreat Center
Fri-Sun	Oct 13-15	Youth 2000 at St. Henry High School
Sat	Oct 21	Pumpkinfest, 5:30 - 10:00 pm
Sats	Oct 21, 28	Turkeyshoots, Noon - 5:00 pm
Sat	Oct 28	All Soul's Mass, 4:30 pm
Weds	Nov 1	All Saints Day Masses, 10:00 am, 7:00 pm
Sat	Nov 4	Turkeyshoot, Noon - 5:00 pm
Sat-Sun	Nov 4-5	Seminary Collection, All Masses
Sat	Nov 4	Craft Show, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Thu-Sun	Nov 2-5	Women's Cursillo, St. Ann Retreat Center

## St. Henry High School News

The new school year has started, and we hit the ground running at SHDHS. The entire student body, faculty, and staff started the new year off with an all-school Welcome Back rally in the gym to get everyone excited about the year ahead.

Students, staff, faculty, parents, and the rest of the Crusader community then came together to get the year off on the right foot at the fourth annual Back to School 5K and cookout. The event started with a 5K run/walk and ended with a grill-out and fun activities for the whole family. The annual event not only brings the Crusader community together, but it also raises money for the scholarships at SHDHS. Thank you to everyone who took part, and we hope to see you again next year on Saturday, August 18, 2018.

The excitement continued with the solar eclipse. Students were prepared to view the event safely thanks to different presentations. Mrs. Kaiser's health class learned about proper eye care and how to view the eclipse safely from Optometrist, and Class of 1985 graduate, Dr. Julie Metzger Aubuchon. At the end of the day the entire school gathered in the gym for a presentation by Mrs. Maloney and several of the teachers. They put on skits demonstrating what to do and what not to do when watching the eclipse and then gave all of the students and staff a pair of eclipse glasses.

A big congratulations to students, Sarah Banks and Maia Menzer, who with coach and Cafeteria Manager Arkie McMahon, made it to the Elite 8 round of the state Junior Chef Competition! The ladies are part of the Cru Culinary Club. Sarah and Maia won first place at the Region 9 competition this past May, their first ever competition, with their BBQ Chicken Flat-bread. The two moved on to the state competition at the Kentucky State Fair where they made it to the second round. The accomplishment is especially impressive since they made it there on their first try.

Other happenings that took place in the first few weeks include: Freshman/Senior Day where students in the two classes take part in joint activities to get to know one another and learn about SHDHS. The Friendship Dance, the first dance of the school year, is always a big hit with the students. And finally, and most importantly, the first all-school Mass.