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Golf Classic Offers Fun and Fellowship for All!

Mark your calendars now for the 18th Annual St. Ignatius of Antioch Golf Classic, set for Wednesday, July 25 at the Bob-O-Link Golf Course in Avon, Ohio! Duffer or not, you'll have a great time spending the day with family, friends and fellow St. Ignatius School alumni, while supporting St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish and School. The Classic is sponsored by the St. Ignatius of Antioch Alumni Association.

The day will open at 8:30 a.m. with breakfast at the course, followed by a four-man scramble format. After nine

holes of play, everyone will break for lunch. When play is over, all will sit down to a steak dinner. The fee of \$100 per person includes 18 holes of golf, a cart, lunch, steak dinner, spirits, beer and non-alcoholic refreshments, a raffle, a 50-50 drawing, prizes for a hole-in-one and longest drive, with much more. A foursome can take part for \$400.

Don't worry if you're not a golfer – for \$25, come out and enjoy the fellowship and the steak dinner while you meet old friends and make new ones!

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THE EUCHARIST AND STEWARDSHIP

as a Way of Life

More than 20 years ago, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops approved a pastoral letter titled *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. This document was an invitation to follow Christ Who gave of Himself for us. Each of us is called to serve our neighbors and to be stewards of God's creation and of all that has been entrusted to us. However, to truly understand stewardship, we must look to the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the total gift of our loving Savior to us. Stewardship is our response to that gift.

Even the word "Eucharist" implies stewardship. The word "Eucharist" finds its roots in the Latin word *eucharistia*, which in turn came from the Greek word *eukaristos*, which meant, quite simply, "gratitude" or "thanksgiving." How fitting that we, who are called to be a stewardship people, celebrate at the focal point of every Mass an act of thanksgiving and gratitude — namely, the reception of Jesus' gift to us — the Eucharist.

In their pastoral letter on stewardship, the bishops speak of the Eucharist in this way: "The Eucharist is the great sign and agent of this expansive communion of charity... we enjoy a unique union with Christ and, in Him, with one another. Here His love — indeed, His very Self — flows into us as disciples and, through us and our practice of stewardship to the entire human race."

When we receive Christ's Body in the Holy Eucharist, we hear the minister say, "The Body of Christ." To this, we respond, "Amen" — which means in Hebrew, "Yes; it is so." This is the essence of stewardship. We should enter

the Church for Mass out of "gratitude." We recognize the presence of the Lord in Holy Communion, and then we truly receive the Lord. What is left for us to do is the fulfillment of stewardship — that is, sharing what we have received in love of God and neighbor. Our entire experience speaks to stewardship — we are grateful; we recognize the real presence of the Lord; we receive the Lord; and then we share what we have received.

Christ's gift to us through the Eucharist is an invitation to us. We are called to give beyond what is convenient or what may be comfortable. We are called to forgive even when forgiveness may not be deserved; we are called to love even when that love is not returned. We are called to love as God loves us.

The Eucharist is stewardship celebrated. The Mass is more than a ritual. It is an actual encounter with God, with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. We need to respond to the Eucharist with our complete selves. What we experience in the Eucharist should, in turn, translate into our daily lives. We are committed to the Church, which is Christ's body. We show our love for His body by acts of charity and generosity. We spend time in prayer, expressing our gratitude and our love.

God's greatest gift to us is Christ's great love for us — this was shown when He was crucified on the Cross to pay the penalty for our sins and to give us eternal life. God's love for us is without limit, and He offers Himself to us in the Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. Stewardship is how we respond to that gift.

"The Eucharist is 'the source and summit of the Christian life.' 'The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and the works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church.'" — Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1324

A Letter From Our Pastor

Surrounded by Saints and Good Stewards

Dear Parishioners,

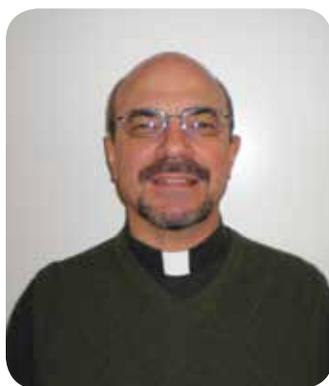
It is June — not quite into the heart of the summer, but certainly a time when everything seems to be wrapping up. From school and religious education, to many of our ministries, much is winding down and going on hiatus.

Last month, we celebrated the month of our Blessed Mother Mary. This month, I would like to turn our attention to the idea of stewardship, although that concept is important every month and every day throughout the year.

We do not have to look far to find good stewards. They are all around us. They may be sitting near us at Mass. They may be part of our own families and households. Pay attention at our liturgies as they are always there, serving in a variety of ways. I suppose the big question is, “Do people look at us and see a good steward?” We are talking about more than our parish and the Church here. There are people in our communities and neighborhoods who show us what it means to be a good steward, and they do not have to be Catholic.

In June, we celebrate Father’s Day. St. Joseph, the earthly father of our Lord Jesus Christ, may seem to be overlooked, but we do need to look at him always and especially on Father’s Day. He humbly accepted his role much in the same way that St. Mary did. He does not have much to say in the Bible, indicative of his humility and understanding. Yet he, like Mary, was obedient. He was selfless. He was a worker, and in his own quiet way he was a leader — an example to all of us.

St. Joseph is, as you know, the patron saint of fathers, workers and the universal Church. If we could all emulate Joseph in some small part each day, we



would be closer to being the disciples Christ has called us to be.

Sometimes, we Catholics are criticized for using statues, and some may be under the misguided impression that we worship statues. Our country and our lives are filled with statues — for instance, look at Washington, D.C. and its various monuments. Think of Mount Rushmore. People go to see these statues and stand in front of them,

sometimes bowing their heads in prayer, or looking at the statue or piece of marble in awe. Does this mean these people are worshipping these statues? Absolutely not.

Let us be proud of our Catholic heritage and let us not be afraid to honor and respect our saints and the saints in our midst, the good stewards all around us. In fact, we must each try to be more like them.

God bless you in all you do.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Michael Troha

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EVENTS AND GRADUATION AT ST. IGNATIUS

Another academic year has come to a close at St. Ignatius of Antioch Elementary. As the students grew in their love for God and learning, the end of year brought many exciting events including field trips, awards assemblies and the school musical.

“This has been a great school year, the time has flown, and so many terrific events took place,” says Principal Miss Margaret Ricksecker. “Our students learned that education was not only important for their future lives, but that it was also fun.”

Students enjoyed trips to Apple Farm, Playhouse Square, The Natural History Museum, The Science Center, Metroparks Zoo, Severance Hall, The Art Museum, and The Nautica Queen. On May 7, the spring musical, *Rats, A Pied Piper Story*, put the talents of the entire school on display.

The end of May brought with it graduation ceremonies for the kindergarten and eighth-grade

classes with 43 kindergartners moving on to first grade and 24 eighth-graders taking all that they’ve learned on with them to high school. Another graduation of sorts – a bittersweet farewell for a few retiring teachers.

“Three of our longtime teachers retired,” Miss Ricksecker says. “Mrs. McCormick, many years a teacher, she spent the last five years as Assistant Principal; Mrs. Alten, after 25 years in the diocese; and then Ms. Furjanic, who had 31 years in the diocese. Those were very monumental.”

The school office will be closed throughout the months of June and July, the office will reopen on August 6th, with classes beginning on Wednesday, August 22nd. Parents who would like more information are encouraged to call 216-671-0535.

“Every year is special,” Miss Ricksecker says. “It should be a fun and exciting educational year next year.”



Ready for first grade! Forty-three kindergartners celebrated graduation in May.



Twenty-four eighth-grade boys and girls graduated from St. Ignatius Elementary this year. They celebrated with a Mass and reception on May 20.

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Fifth-grade lets their silly side loose as they celebrate the last day of school.

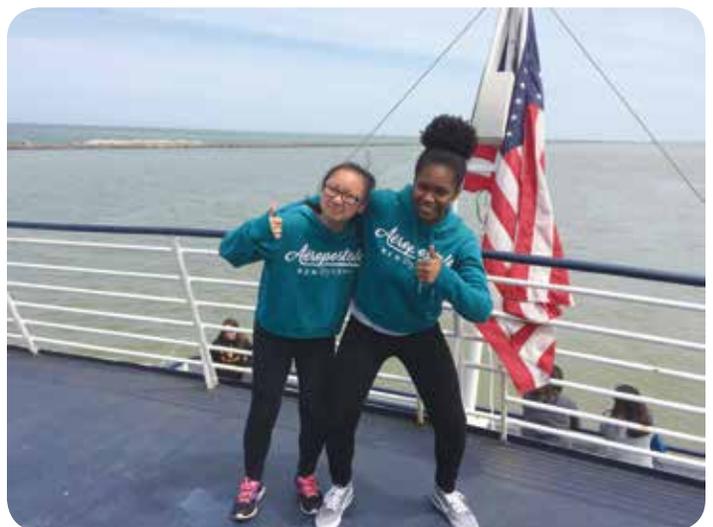


The fourth grade enjoyed a trip to the Canal Way Center.

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This year's spring musical was Rats, A Pied Piper Story. While the whole school was involved in the production, a few of the cast members are pictured here.



Aboard the Nautica Queen, two eighth-grade girls are excited for a sunny day on the lake.

Mass Reverence and Etiquette

For many of us, when we are invited to a wedding, one of our first considerations is “what am I going to wear?” We wouldn’t think of showing up at a formal event in our workout clothes. How many of us search for just the right outfit to wear to our annual office party or on a date? Compare that to how much thought we put into what we wear to Mass on Sunday.

How we dress for an occasion indicates the importance that we place upon that particular celebration. At Mass, we encounter God through the Liturgy of the Word and the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Dressing appropriately for Mass is one way that we show respect both for God and for our faith family. And this respect is important at all Masses – no matter what time of day or night.

Think about what you are teaching your children when you all wear your “Sunday clothes” to Mass. You are

reminding them that Mass is a special celebration. After all, we are going to Jesus’ house.

Some people may quickly point out that Mass shouldn’t be a fashion show – a place to show off your finery – and they are right! We also know that some parishioners come to Mass on their way home from work, and they certainly should not feel embarrassed about arriving at Mass in their work clothes. And no one should ever stay away from Mass because of simplicity of clothing.

But one rule should apply in all instances – our attire at Mass should always be modest. Our clothing should never distract others from what we are gathered together to celebrate – the life, death and resurrection of our Lord.

The celebration of Mass is always a holy occasion and thus should be treated in the most holy manner – in body, mind and spirit.



A LIFE OF SERVICE TO THE LORD: *Offering Our Gratitude to Parish Secretary Bonnie Foy*

“As for me and my household, we will serve the LORD” — Joshua 24:15

For soon to be retired parish secretary Bonnie Foy, these are the simple words which best embody stewardship — the words she has tried to live by throughout her life.

“Those are the words which best capture the way that I’ve always felt,” Bonnie says. “I think, too, that they tie into my work here at the parish.”

Bonnie and her husband, Pat, became registered members of the parish roughly 20 years ago. Together, they have attended Mass faithfully and strived to live out the spirit of Joshua 24:15 at home with their two children. So when Bonnie received an invitation 13 years ago to become the new secretary for the parish school, she embraced the opportunity as a new way to use her gifts and professional skills for God’s glory.

“At the time I was hired at the elementary school, I knew the principal through some of the activities and organizations that I was involved in at the parish,” Bonnie says. “So, when her secretary at the school decided to leave, she called and asked me if I would be interested in coming over there. I was thrilled with that opportunity. I actually think that verse, ‘As for me and my house,’ popped into my head. I saw this as a way to get my foot in the door — a way to really serve God’s Church.”

Three years later, Bonnie would move over to the parish office, becoming in many ways the face of St. Ignatius of Antioch Parish. There five days a week to answer questions and connect both parishioners and



*Parish secretary Bonnie Foy
and her office assistant, Charlie.*

visitors alike with the right people or ministry, Bonnie is often a person’s first contact point. She has particularly enjoyed having the chance to help those who come through the doors.

“You just feel really good inside,” she says.

Approaching her work as much more than a mere job, Bonnie says she’s been blessed to meet and learn from so many beautiful people over the years. She is thankful to witness countless parishioners give unselfishly of their time, talent, and treasure and to become part of their endeavors in various ways.

“You just get to see everything that’s going on in the Church — all of the activities — and even the ones that I don’t personally take part in, I get pulled into somehow as a communicator,” Bonnie says. “This job has also really allowed me to see the face of God in so many people, especially those that are in need and come to the church.”

And though Bonnie does hope to enjoy a well-deserved rest after her retirement at the end of June, she doesn’t plan to stop serving the Lord any time soon. Instead, she is eager to begin serving in new ways as she begins this new chapter in her life.

“I just want to extend my thanks to everyone I’ve had the privilege of working with over the years — all the parishioners, organizations and ministries,” Bonnie says. “And I look forward to continuing to volunteer here even though I retire from my official position. I will definitely continue being an active member in the parish and am excited for this new phase of life.”

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Golf Classic Offers Fun and Fellowship for All!

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Paul and Ursula Jurcisin, along with their children and grandchildren, are coordinating the day.

“The proceeds all go back to whatever is needed at the church and school,” says Tom Jurcisin, one of Paul’s sons. “Everything goes right back to the parish.”

There is no deadline to register for the Classic.

“You can come that day and pay at the door,” Tom says. “But we’d like to have people register early so we can order the food. But we won’t turn anyone away — we’ll fit you in.”

Although there is no major backer for the event, Tom expresses thanks to Bill Fitch, owner of Bob-O-Link.

“For how many years we’ve been doing this, Bill works with us and does what he can for us,” Tom says. “He really helps with our event.”

Tom encourages us to take part in this Classic day!

“Just come out if you’re a member of the parish or an alumnus of St. Ignatius of Antioch School,” he says. “You’ll meet others at a great social event for a good cause. You don’t have to golf to come out and socialize.”



To register for the event, please call Paul Jurcisin at 216-789-0444, or Tom Jurcisin at 216-276-1638. You may also call S. Dianne Piunno, Pastoral Associate, at 216-251-0300.