

# 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 over the last six months.

- Gordon Chauvin
- David Reedy
- Samuel & Katie Warner and Maddison
- Michael & Erica Micel, Alyssa and Hailey
- Megan Brannan
- Catherine Miller, Dannielle and Stephanie
- William & Judy Spak
- John & Janet Tusine, and Allison
- John Warchol
- Racquel Orosco and Nina
- Alonzo DeLuna

We are delighted to welcome you to our parish family here at All Saints!

## Holy Saturday, the Heart of it All

by **Diane Marie Pfahler, SND**

We must begin this celebration in the dark as the day ends. People gather as individuals, couples, families in a dimly lit church. In the dark, there is a sense of anticipation. The darkness deepens and we gather around a new fire. The light is blessed and a huge candle is decorated with symbols of Christ and lit from the blazing fire. The light spreads fast among the congregation who hold their own small lights against the darkness. Together, we listen to the story of our salvation which brings us to this night.

So begins the Easter Vigil... the first moments of the fifty-day celebration of Easter, the most important feast in the Christian calendar. The sense of expectation is personified in the three members of the Elect (those who will be baptized this night): Jason Bean, Kevin Biami and Alexis Coakley. Four Candidates (those who will make their profession of faith in the Catholic Church) this night are Glen Pafford, Andrew Wollner, Andy Beck and Bobby Beck. The baptism of the Elect reminds us of our own. Each member of the congregation at the Vigil Mass, as well as the Masses on Easter

Day, renews his/her baptismal promises and is splashed with Easter Water, newly blessed and fresh from the font.

The sights, the smells, the sounds, the tastes, the feel of this holiest of Holy Days surround the participants and linger long after the last Alleluia is sung and organ chord sounded. This night matters; because here we are absorbed most leisurely, most intensely, most completely in the mystery which is our baptized life. This night is truly different from all other nights; it marks or commemorates our new birth in the Resurrected Christ who, dying, destroyed our death and, rising, restored our life.



Current catechumens in the RCIA program pictured above are (from left to right) Glen Pafford, Andy Beck, Kevin Biami, Bobby Beck, Jason Bean, and Andrew Wollner. Missing from the photo is Alexis Coakley.

## And the Survey Says..... You Like It!

By **Kathy McVicker**

Just like the popular TV game show *Family Feud*, one just never knows what to expect when surveying a large group of people. Before sharing the results of the newsletter survey, I would like to thank everyone who participated. We received 93 responses (82 paper and 11 online) which is outstanding! Many of you gave us suggestions for future articles and photos, ideas about how we might reduce cost or volunteered to become involved.

The cost of printing and mailing *Our Family* averages \$1,900 per issue. This has been a topic of discussion several times

over the last six years. The result has been a conscious effort to include material in the newsletter that was previously sent to homes as part of parish-wide mailings (which have been greatly reduced). We have also worked to update our address database to reduce the number of copies printed. The cost of each issue has been reduced by \$200 at a time when prices for postage and printing have continued to rise. To further reduce the number of copies would prevent us from sending news to our parishioners who do not attend Mass regularly. These are the same people we hope to engage by sharing the many good works of All Saints Parish featured in the newsletter.

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# A Message from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

In the midst of our Big Winter—now with a record-breaking 84.7 inches of snow—the mighty Maumee River froze over completely. Many began to wonder when and how it would thaw. Longtime residents cautioned about a rapid melt that might lead to destruction with quick moving chunks of ice. Others were concerned that a fast warm-up into spring could produce a flood. Fortunately, the thaw came gently and sweetly and just as predicted: the first day of spring, March 20.

Water is central to Baptism and the Season of Lent, which always coincides with springtime—at least in the part of the world where we live. All Saints is blessed to have a baptismal font that really “speaks” with water that is living and not stagnant. When the font is empty—on Good Friday—it stops speaking. We wait in anticipation for a

renewed life found only in the Resurrection.

How about the waters of your faith? Has the harsh winter caused it to freeze solid or has it gone dry? Perhaps with good reason, the Season of Lent benefits from a full forty days—actually we have 46 days between Ash Wednesday and Holy Saturday. Often we need sufficient time for God to “thaw” the frozen portions of our faith and to restore the living waters of our baptism. Sometimes our good intentions at Ash Wednesday cool off or go dry. We need a second “fire” in the course of our Lenten journey to lead us to an Easter of joy.

As we continue our Lenten observance and make ready for the celebration of Holy Week, visit our baptismal font often. Find that “second fire.” Let the living waters that only Christ can give flow freely and faithfully in your life!

Sincerely in Christ,

Father Kent



Reverend Kent Kaufman



## Introducing the Members of Our All Saints Pastoral Council

Members of Pastoral Council are pictured here (clockwise from the left), Anna Gwozdz, Les Szavuly, LouAnn Kress, Fr. Kent Kaufman, Rob Timbrook, Mary Tammerine, Andrea Mosiniak, Vycki Witham, and Katy Orzechowski. Pastoral Council assists the pastor in setting direction, goals and priorities within which the various ministry groups work. We are grateful for their dedication and service.

## Survey Results (Continued from page 1)

*Our Family* is also included in packets we give to new parishioners, distributed during the School Open House and distributed at the Rossford Business Association’s fair.

Beginning with this issue we will be sending copies electronically to community newspapers as a way to broaden our reach. Now for the results....

<b>Goals met</b>	<b>Yes (88%)</b>	No (1%)	No opinion (8%)
<b>Materials informative &amp; interesting</b>	<b>Yes (93%)</b>	No (1%)	No opinion (4%)
<b>Length of articles</b>	Too long (6%)	Too short (2%)	<b>Just right (76%)</b>
<b>Full color vs. black &amp; white</b>	<b>Full color (42%)</b>	Black & White (25%)	Doesn't matter (34%)
<b>Number of issues per year</b>	Three (20%)	<b>Four (65%)</b>	Six (12%)
<b>How many issues have you read</b>	Less than 5 (14%)	10 or more (12%)	<b>Every issue (59%)</b>
<b>How do you want to receive issues</b>	<b>Printed USPS (43%)</b>	Printed & email (18%)	Magazine rack (23%)

**Notes:** Due to space limitations, only the top 3 answers are reported here. Full results are available on the All Saints Web site. Percentages totaling more than 100% represent questions with more than one answer. Some questions were not answered by all participants.

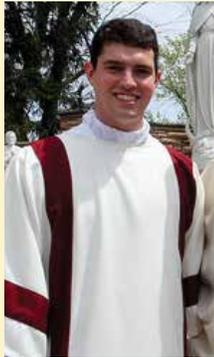
It should be noted that 13 individuals said they would prefer to receive *Our Family* via email, and we recognize that this number may continue to grow. If you would like to receive your issue only as an e-mail attachment or both in printed form and email, please

send a message to Audrey Caligiuri in the Parish Office with your preference: [ACaligiuri@allsaintsrossford.com](mailto:ACaligiuri@allsaintsrossford.com). Please note that copies of *Our Family* are also posted on the All Saints Web site at: [www.allsaintsrossford.org/ParishNewsletter](http://www.allsaintsrossford.org/ParishNewsletter).

# Did You Know?

All Saints parishioner, Matthew Frisbee, will receive the Sacrament of Holy Orders on May 31, 2014, at 11:00 am at Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral in Toledo (on Collingwood Blvd.). Archbishop Dennis Schnurr of Cincinnati will be the celebrant for the ordination. Here are a few snippets of information about Matt and his journey toward priesthood:

- Parents: Matt and Emily Frisbee
- Siblings: Katie, David, and Nicholas
- Graduated from Central Catholic High School in 2005
- In the seminary for 9 years: 4 years at St. Joseph College Seminary in Chicago (2005-2009), 4 years at Mount St. Mary Seminary of the West in Cincinnati, OH (2009-2014), 1 year Pastoral internship at Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Paulding County (2011-2012)
- Parishes Served: All Saints Catholic Church, New Riegel (2010); Divine Mercy Catholic Church, Paulding County (2011-2013);



Let us lift Matt and his family up in prayer as he takes his final steps in preparation for his ordination. Parishioners are invited to attend the Diocesan ordination at the Cathedral on May 31. We will also be able to personally congratulate Matt when he celebrates his First Mass of Thanksgiving here at All Saints on June 1, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.

## Baptismal Font Allows for Full Immersion

By Tom Kress

One of the beautiful features of All Saints Church is the baptismal font located just inside the church entry doors. This font is somewhat unique in that it provides the capability for either full immersion baptism or the more conventional pouring of baptismal water as an infant is held in the arms of parents.

Baptism by immersion more fully expresses the theology of this wonderful sacrament. In the early church baptism by immersion was the way everyone was baptized. In about the fifth century, as infant baptism became dominant, the fonts got smaller and pouring became the norm. With the restoration of the catechumenate in the 1960's fonts have gotten larger to encourage immersion.

The placement of the font at the church entry emphasizes that the person being baptized is being received and welcomed into the Church. Immersion symbolizes dying to this life. Emerging from the water on the church side of the font shows that the person is entering into the Church with a new life in the Holy Spirit.

There is much symbolism in the font's construction. It is in the shape of a cross to recognize and join with Christ's sacrifice on the cross. The slate covering of the font is of the same material and coloring as the church floor so that it seems that the church is giving birth to the fountain. The rippling waters are an ongoing visual and auditory reminder of the waters of Baptism.

On Saturday, April 19, the baptismal font will play a major part in the Easter Vigil ceremony. At that ceremony

three catechumens who have been studying in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program over the last six months will be welcomed into our parish family when they receive the sacrament of Baptism. The candidates are Kevin Biami, Jason Bean and Alexis Coakley.

Kevin Biami's baptism godparents will be two parishioners who are members of the R.C.I.A. formation team, Sr. Diane Pfahler and David Wayton. Kevin says he appreciates immersion because he is a traditionalist and the symbolism of dying to the old life and emerging into a new life is very important to him.

The next time you visit our church please take some time to study the features of the baptismal font and think about their meaning. The font is just one of the beautiful works of art that help make for a more meaningful worship experience in All Saints Church.



TOP: Fr. Kent Kaufman is shown above baptizing Becky (Breitner) Vogel by full immersion during last year's Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening.  
 BOTTOM: Kevin Biami poses with his wife, Tina, and children McKenna and Maraea, next to the baptismal font. Kevin will be baptized by immersion on Holy Saturday.

## First Holy Communicants Practice Breadmaking



Second grade students preparing for First Holy Communion learned there is more to making bread than mixing ingredients. Students and their families made bread at an exercise held on Sunday, March 9, 2014, in the Parish Activity Center.

## Washing of the Feet—An Act of Humility

By Dave Wayton

“How do I get through to them? How can I get them to understand what I have been about, what they must be about when I am gone?”

This was the question Jesus was wrestling with during His last meal with His disciples. This was His last chance. They were still confused, attending to and obsessing over the insignificant, and yet blind to the true meaning of it all. He searched His heart. There He found His answer. He gets up from the table, removes His tunic, wraps a towel around His waist, and acts like a slave. He proceeds to wash their feet.

Why choose this act? It was a humiliating act of profound service. What did it mean to Jesus?

In His time and culture, this was the task of the lowliest servant in the household. It was the task one was given if he were being punished. It was unpleasant, even repulsive. In His time and culture one walked the dirt roads in sandals. The same dirt roads traversed by herds of sheep and goats, by oxen and donkeys, by horses and camel, by dogs and cats, and chicken and anything else that breathed. As animals do, they urinated and defecated at will, filling the road with their filth. The rain transformed it all into a muddy sludge that might dry out but never disappeared. As you walked the roads in the hot sun your sweaty feet became caked with this filth. Upon entering a house you rang a bell, and stood still, and waited. The lowliest servant would come with a basin and wash the filth from your feet so that you wouldn't carry it throughout the house. On his knees, every foot that entered. All that filth.

Jesus remembered the dinner given in His honor at Simon the Pharisee's house. Simon sent the servant to the door for every guest—except Jesus! Of all those reclined at table, He alone did not have His feet washed. What an insult! Yet Jesus let it go—until a woman, a known sinner, burst in and fell at His feet, weeping. She cried so profusely that her tears began to wash the filth from His feet. Instinctively, she wiped them with her hair. *HER HAIR!* Jesus was profoundly moved by her selfless act of service.

A week before His death, after the raising of Lazarus, dining with His friends, Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, brought out a jar of expensive ointment. [It cost about one year's wages.] Kneeling, she lavished the oil upon His feet, cooling and soothing Him, and wiping His feet with her hair. Judas complained about her wasteful act. But to Jesus it was a profound service: “She has anointed me for my burial,” He said.

Remembering, desperately seeking to impress His meaning upon His disciples, Jesus washed their feet. “I have given you an example. As I have done, so must you do.”

**Note:** Our Holy Thursday services will begin with an Agape Meal at 6:00 p.m. in the McAlear Center and continue with the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 p.m. in the Church.

The following are comments from Parishioners who have participated in the washing of the feet, which is part of the Holy Thursday liturgy service:

*“It was the first time I had my feet washed where I actually put myself there at the Last Supper. I found myself questioning who I was. Was I John—his most beloved? Was I Peter—the one who denied him? Was I Judas—the one who turned him over? Was I Thomas—who doubted? As Fr. Kent approached me, not one came to mind, but ALL of them came to mind. I realized that we—at different points in our life journey—we have tendencies of all of them depending on the trial we are facing.”*

**Connie Hartle**

*“When I was asked to have my feet washed on Holy Thursday, I wondered: ‘Am I really worthy of this special symbolism of the Washing of the Feet?’ As Father washed my feet, I realized I felt special, cared for, and loved... and how wonderful to simply feel ‘worthy of such acts of stewardship.’”*

**Audrey Caligiuri**

*“It helped me feel involved. It helped me feel a part of the season. It connected me to the community. I wasn't just attending a ritual; I felt I belonged.”*

**Mike Kulakowski**

*“I love watching it done! It's very humbling. It's living the gospel.”*

**Terry Hoff**

*“It was very humbling. It's hard to put into words, but I felt refreshed—as if everything I wanted to get rid of had been washed away.”*

**Bill Gadt**

## 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.

### April

- 3 & 10 Lenten Senior Stations of the Cross, 1:00 p.m.
- 4 First Friday Gathering (following 8:15 a.m. Mass)
- 5 Reverse Raffle (advance tickets required)
- 7 Lenten Soup and Bread 6:15 p.m.
- 12 Youth Group kolaczki making, 8:00 a.m.
- 12 & 13 Kolaczki sales following all Masses
- 15 Knitting Group, 6:00 p.m.—Hospitality Room
- 17 Holy Thursday—Potluck, Mass, Adoration
- 18 Good Friday Service at noon; Vespers and Veneration of the Cross at 6:00 p.m.
- 19 Easter Blessing of the Food, 1:00 p.m.  
Easter Vigil, 8:30 p.m.
- 20 Easter Mass times: 7:00 a.m., 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
- 26 Knights of Columbus Spaghetti Dinner, 4:30 p.m.
- 27 Blessing of Seeds, 11:00 a.m. Mass
- 28 Show Them We Care, 6:30 p.m.—SCR

### May

- 2 First Friday Gathering (following 8:15 a.m. Mass)
- 4 First Holy Communion Mass, 1:00 p.m.
- 6 Knitting Group
- 8 Senior Ministry tour of John Vrablic's garden
- 9 All Saints Catholic School Muffins for Moms, 7:00 a.m., PAC
- 18 Senior Graduation Mass, 8:30 a.m.
- 18 RHS Baccalaureate Mass, 7:00 p.m.
- 19 Show Them We Care, 6:30 p.m.—SCR
- 20 Knitting Group, 6:00 p.m.—Hospitality Room
- 28 ASCS 8th Grade Graduation Mass, 7:00 p.m.
- 31 Priesthood Ordination for Matt Frisbee, 11:00 a.m., Cathedral  
8th Grade Graduation Date, 7:00 p.m.

### June

- 1 First Mass of Thanksgiving for Matt Frisbee, 2:00 p.m., All Saints Catholic Church
- 6 First Friday Gathering (following 8:15 Mass)
- 12 Senior Ministry Retreat
- 21 All Saints Golf Outing, Chippeawa Golf Course, 9:00 a.m. (Call the Parish Office to register)

### July

- 10, 11, 12 Parish Rummage Sale
- 25 & 26 Parish Festival

## The Orzechowski Family Offers Free Hugs!

The Orzechowski family, pictured right (clockwise from back left: Nick, Jeff, Katy and Megan), spoke about “Simplicity” on March 10, at the first in a series of three Lenten Soup and Bread evenings in the Steinbauer Community Room. Approximately 60 parishioners attended this uplifting and touching witness of faith. Special thanks to Renee Timbrook and Cathleen Voyles-Baden for organizing this effort.



## Many Help When There is A Death in the Family

By **Jim Richards**

There is a death in the All Saints Parish family about every ten days, or nearly 35 funerals a year. While the circumstances of each death are unique, a common thread is the ministry and support of the All Saints Parish family.

Usually the funeral home contacts Audrey Caligiuri, parish secretary, of the death. A schedule is established for a scripture service (if desired), pre-liturgical visitation in the narthex of the church, and the celebration of the funeral itself.

Then a cadre of the parish volunteers begins work.

Ann Heban meets with the family members to discuss the celebration of the Funeral Mass. "We try to select readings and music that may have special meaning for the family. That may take from one to two hours, depending on many variables," she said.

Then Ann meets with Eric Dickey, the organist, to set the order of the music, and possibly rehearse. Ann makes sure that those who are playing a part in the service as readers have copies of needed materials. Ann is also the cantor and minister of music for our funeral liturgies. She recruits servers... often the school provides them, but if that is not possible, she works with a list of adults who are willing to assist as servers at a time of loss. If no family members are Communion ministers, she calls on other volunteers for that task.

At the same time, Audrey checks on availability of parish facilities for a funeral luncheon, if that is desired.

If there is to be a luncheon, Rita Konczal, who chairs the luncheon program begins notifying members of her team. Several of them in turn contact members of the parish to fix foods for the meal. Also on Rita's list are volunteers to display the various side dishes, salads and desserts. They



During the funeral liturgy the casket (or urn) is sprinkled with holy water from the font to remind us that in baptism we were given a new life in Christ.

slice pies and cakes, toss salads, get ice ready for soft drinks and water and set up the room for the luncheon. "We have a list of people. We rotate among those we ask to cook, to serve or wash dishes. The family is expected to provide the meat or other main courses. "Of course, we box up the left overs, for the family to use later, and clean up after the meal," Rita added.

On the morning of the funeral, one of our sacristans, such as Bonnie Tolles or Gloria Liedigk, gets the church open and ready for the funeral directors. If there is to be a visitation in the narthex, they are there by 8:30. They also get the special items needed for the liturgy, the funeral pall, the censor, etc. They set up the "Book of Life" in the sanctuary. They take those to be readers to the ambo and help them to be comfortable with their duties. They also stand by to assist members of the family who are offertory gift bearers. Of course, after the service they return the sanctuary to its usual status.

Father Kent, as pastor has, of course, been tuned in to all preparations. Often he has been in contact with the deceased for some time before the death, and is familiar with at least some of the immediate family members. "I try to touch base with the family as arrangements progress. It's a little more difficult if they are coming from a distance," he added. If the family wishes there to be a Scripture Service at the wake, Deacon Gerry, Father Kent, or, at times a lay person will lead it at the funeral home.

Father Kent works on a homily, using the readings and what he knows about the deceased, presides at the liturgy, and accompanies the family to the cemetery for the "final farewell" service.

"We want to do all we can to provide comfort and support at a time of loss, and to gather and pray for the deceased and the family," he said.

Dave Wayton, who has lost three family members in recent years, said simply, "That's what being in the All Saints Family is all about."

## Homemade Paczki Helps All Saints Parishioners Usher In Lent



The first weekend in March brought wonderful smells to the cafeteria as a team of parishioners, led by Renee Timbrook, took on the task of making homemade paczki for fellowship weekend. The recipe was one that was handed down to Renee from her grandmother. Members of the Hospitality Committee graciously served the pastries after all Masses on the weekend of March 1 and 2, 2014.

Gathered around the first batch of paczki are (from left to right) Rosie Biel, Renee Timbrook, Julia Reichert, Jenna Reichert, Judy Reichert, Connie Czaplicki, Karen Billmaier, Kathy McVicker and Renee Buckley. Missing from the photo are Gloria Liedigk, Connie Hartle, Audrey Caligiuri, Katie Timbrook, and Lee Ann and Savannah French. In the photo on the left, Connie Czaplicki (left) and Renee Buckley work with the dough for paczki while Jenna and Judy Reichert look on in the background.



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**On The Cover**

The masthead photo on page 1 (under the words "Our Family") was taken of Connie Hartle instructing the 2nd graders and their parents on how to make and shape the bread they made as part of a Holy Communion catechism exercise on March 9.

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**A Perfect Way to Start The Day!**

**By Kathy McVicker**

Each weekday, a group of 25-30 people start their morning with the celebration of the Eucharist at 8:15a.m. Mass. Neither snow, nor rain, nor heat, nor lack of sleep can keep these adorers from celebrating daily Mass. They are like a family; sharing in each other's happiness or worried when someone doesn't show up. On Wednesday mornings the church is filled with the joyfulness of students from All Saints Catholic School, while on Fridays the morning Mass is celebrated by Fr. Al Ceranowski who has had an ongoing affiliation with our parish since the 1960s.

When talking with small groups of two or three on a recent Friday morning, there was a recurring theme of quiet intimacy with the Lord and a way to deepen one's faith in a personal way. Listen to what motivates them to get up early and "put on the Lord." Here are some of the comments they shared with me:

*"I love going to church in the morning. If I don't, I feel like something is missing. I have been doing this for over 30 years."*  
**Rita Konczal**



*"I really enjoy the quiet time in the morning. It helps me connect with the Holy Spirit. What better way to start the day than with Holy Communion and Mass?"* **Rose Marie (Re) Tokar**

*"It is a more intimate setting (with the Lord) in the morning. The quiet lets me focus on praying and helps me deepen my faith."* **Vera Pesci**

*"It's just a really good way to start the day!"* **Barb Durco**

*"When I was younger, I used to drop off my mother at daily Mass on my way to work. I always thought, "When I retire, there's no way I will start my day in church." One day after I retired, I was taking a walk in the morning and stopped in the church to take a rest. I have been coming to daily Mass ever since!"* **Joe Andryc**



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Pictured above are Vera Pesci (left) and Rose Marie (Re) Tokar. Pictured below, from left to right, Barb Durco, Joe Andryc and Rita Konczal pause in the Narthex after daily Mass.