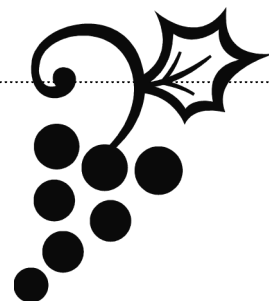


# Tending the Master's Vineyard



## The Reason For The Season . . "God Bless" Mike & Jim

THANK YOU, Deacon Mike Knight, who retired from ministry on May 31. His five years of service as an assistant to Fr. Angelo Caserta and as our Director of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults are greatly appreciated.

Deacon Mike was ordained to the permanent diaconate on September 23, 1995. He has ministered to others in many ways throughout his life: a wonderful husband to Sue for forty-eight years, a former firefighter and medic, a parish business manager, a servant and guardian to adults with disabilities, a help to many priests, and a Crisis Hotline volunteer. Mike also served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam era. We are blessed to have his friendship in our parishes as he continues to minister from his home.



*After five wonderful years of ministry as a deacon at the Piqua Parishes, I am announcing my retirement as of May 31, 2020, because of ongoing health challenges. I have been blessed by so many parishioners during that time especially those who participated in the RCIA process. I do plan to continue attending Mass at the Piqua Parishes as I am able to do so. I also thank Fr. Tom Bolte and Fr. Dan Hunt for their support. May our Lord continue to bless each and every one of you.*

**--Deacon Mike Knight**

*A big Thank You goes out to Deacon Mike Knight, who as many of you know, retired this year on May 31. Deacon Mike has been instrumental in leading the RCIA program, which has been a wonderful blessing for our Parishes. For this upcoming year, Deacon Mike, prior to his retirement, had already been in contact with four people, who are interested in the RCIA Program. Likewise, although Deacon Mike has retired, he will still help out with the RCIA Program in an advisor role, as well as, to continue talking with people who show interest in being fully initiated into the Catholic Church. May God Bless Deacon Mike for all he has done in bringing others to Jesus, all he has done for our parishes, and may Mary our Blessed Mother ever draw him nearer to Jesus.*

**-- Fr. Dan**

*Thank  
You*

## Congratulations to Jim Niswonger, Ordained a Permanent Deacon on April 25.



Mr. Aaron Hess of St. Mary, Philothea, Transitional Deacon  
Mr. Edward Hoffmann of Sacred Heart, Cincinnati, Transitional Deacon  
Mr. Louis Jacquemin of St. Anne, Hamilton, Transitional Deacon  
Mr. Michael Kapolka of St. Luke, Beavercreek, Transitional Deacon  
Mr. Anthony Marcelli of St. Bernadette, Amelia, Transitional Deacon  
Mr. Scott Morgan of Immaculate Heart of Mary, Anderson Township, Tran. Deacon  
Mr. Elijah Puthoff of St. Remy, Russia, Transitional Deacon  
Br. Henry Hoffmann of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri, Cincinnati, Tran. Deacon  
Br. Brent Stull of the Oratory of St. Philip Neri, Cincinnati, Transitional Deacon  
Mr. Jim Niswonger, St. Boniface/St. Mary, Piqua, Permanent Deacon

*I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the overwhelming love and support I have received over the years in my journey of discernment to the call of Permanent Deacon.*

*Upon ordination, I will serve my home parish region of St. Boniface and St. Mary. Please keep me and all the newly-ordained deacons in your prayers as we reach this milestone in our vocation journey.*

*Know that my prayers are always with all of you and for the whole world.*

**--Deacon Jim Niswonger**

## Welcome Summer Seminarian—Stephen Jones

Hello and good day to anyone reading this,

My name is Stephen Jones, and I am a seminarian for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. I just finished my internship year at Holy Rosary in St. Mary's, OH, and I am rather excited to get to know the parishioners here in Piqua. When I spent a summer in Russia, OH at St. Remy I often visited Piqua as the closest town with stores and entertainment. No offense meant to Russia, it's just a really small place. I have also heard good things about Piqua from Brice and John as we swapped stories about our summers from time to time. I cannot wait to see what God has in store for me as I do my best to serve these churches and I trust that He will use this time to form me and prepare me as I enter my third theology year at the Athenaeum. But, that is getting a bit ahead of myself. Since not everyone will be at the Sunday Masses during these unique times, I thought I would tell you a little about myself through the bulletin.



I was born and raised in Kokomo Indiana, where I spent the first 20 years of my life. I went to the local Catholic school (St. Joan of Arc and St. Patrick) until my 6th grade year when I transitioned to public school at Northwestern High School. I then attended Indiana University of Kokomo for two years before switching degrees and colleges so that I could get my Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy and Theology at Franciscan University of Steubenville while also participating in their Priestly Discernment Program. It took a couple more years of discernment while doing youth ministry in Fond Du Lac Wisconsin before I felt sure enough in where God was calling me to give Fr. Schmitmeyer that final call telling him I was ready to join the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

Unfortunately there is not enough room for all the random stories from my life in this one article. I look forward to getting to know y'all in person and talking about biting pelicans, sloth facts, woodworking adventures, Fr. Fox stories, Boy Scout adventures, phone repairs and much much more. But most importantly, I can't wait to share how God has blessed me in so many ways as He guided me to the Archdiocese and supported me in that vocation. These years in seminary have been some of the best in my life, and I look forward to whatever God will do with these last two years of seminary. Please pray for me and all of my seminarian brothers and know that you will be in my prayers.

## Happy Anniversary To St. Clare Adoration Chapel!



St. Clare Chapel opened as the only regional, 24-hour, perpetual adoration chapel in December, 1990, under the leadership of Father Angelo Caserta. We will celebrate its 30th anniversary later this year. Those committing to serving as a current guardian of the Eucharist include people from the initial opening of the chapel in 1990, those moving to our community, those converting to the Catholic faith, and even people outside of Piqua! May their ministry of serving as a guardian of the Blessed Sacrament ever bear witness to Jesus, "The true light, which enlightens everyone" (Jn 1:9).

While St. Clare Chapel is approaching its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, we are in great need of additional regular and substitute guardians to keep the chapel operating as a place of perpetual adoration. ***"Could You Not Watch But One Hour With Me?" (Matthew 26:40).*** You may express your questions about the chapel or interest in a weekly, bi-monthly, monthly hour, or as a substitute guardian to Mary Jane Karn (937) 778-0496 or Mike Epperly (937) 622-0112.



*(When the chapel reopens 24 hours, we will need guardians for the following hours: Sunday: 12am, 4am, 10pm; Monday: 7am; Tuesday: 8am; Wednesday: 3am, 2pm; Thursday: 2am, 1pm, 3pm, 6pm; Friday: 3am, 10pm; Saturday: 2am, 11am, 1pm, 8pm)*

## Parish Activities

### Adult Faith Formation:

*Prayer Partners:* Parishioners again partnered to pray for our fourteen Eighth Grade Confirmation candidates and three RCIA candidates and catechumens during their formation period. Thank you to all who participated in this important faith program for our parishes.

### Future Plans:

*Family Movie:* Plans for the showing of the movie *Heaven is for Real* are under discussion.

*Lent 2021:* Plans are ongoing to bring Fr. Nathan Cromley in March, 2021, for a parish mission.

*Faith Resources:* Boxes are at both churches and the chapel with CDs, books and pamphlets free to anyone.

The Adult Faith Formation will be working to include St. Teresa of the Infant Jesus Catholic Church in Covington in our faith initiatives.

The Adult Faith Formation Commission is comprised of members from both St. Boniface and St. Mary parishes, Fr. Hunt, and Diane Mengos. St. Boniface members are Elizabeth Bingham, Deacon Jim Niswonger, Tim Pawlaczyk, Nancy Peltier, Vickie Pierson, Geri Ryan, Chuck Tyler and Amanda Yant. St. Mary members are Ann Koehl, Barb Kohl (chairperson), Cathy Oda, Gloria Stonerock, Bill Wattercutter. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. Anyone interested in being a part of this commission are welcome to attend or contact any of the current members.

Questions concerning any of our activities, please contact Barb Kohl (773-9205 or bkohl@woh.rr.com).

### Welcome to Christ Renews His Parish:

Ten women attended a one day retreat on February 8 and eight men attended a one day retreat on February 22. The Continuation Committee will meet to discuss future plans. For questions, please contact either Judy Lohnes at the parish office or Barb Kohl, coordinator.



### Who We Support

- \* Twinning Partnership  
St. John/St. Lewis Parish  
Dominica
- \* Ted & Maruja  
Gutmann-Gonzalez  
Vilches Ecology Center, Chile
- \* Sister Sarah Mulligan  
Daniel Comboni Community Clinic  
Guatemala

### St. Mary / St. Boniface Mission Committee:

The Mission Committee will not be having its annual Rummage Sale this year due to the Coronavirus. We will be selling items on Marketplace, located on Facebook. We hope to be back next year, having lots of items to sell, and needing lots of help so please volunteer to help if you can.

In October, we will be having the annual Rosary Raffle. We will have rosaries made from the rose petals from Father Charlie's funeral. Please support us in this cause. We need to sell lots of tickets due to not having the rummage sale.

Annual donations have been sent to the Gutmanns and Sister Sarah. Your support of the Mission Committee is GREATLY appreciated!!! Thank You All.

**Permanent Deacons** perform Ministries of the Word by proclaiming the Gospel at liturgy, catechetical instruction, and evangelization. They often have a high visibility in the local church community as a result of the Ministries of the Liturgy which they undertake — Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, and assisting at Sunday Eucharist. The diaconate has been from ancient times primarily a Ministry of Love and Justice. Deacons can be found ministering to prisoners, the divorced, those who are addicted, the homeless and poor. The Permanent Diaconate is truly a blessing to the Church and to our local communities and continues to grow and thrive with the help of the Lord.

**Piqua Parishes'  
Bulletins  
Can Be Found  
Online At  
DiscoverMass.com**



## Parish Activities Continued

### Twinning:

#### *Pew Crew Reactivated to Purchase New Printer for St. John/St. Lewis Office*

In spite of the recent lockdown and a few serious health issues, members of the original *Pew Crew* came together once again to help with another project for our friends in Dominica. Parish members Thom Baker, Ron Miller, Jerry Voisinet, and Bob Hartings organized back in 2016 to travel to Kansas to gather pew seating for 500; the pews were transported back to Piqua, prepped, and shipped to St. John/St. Lewis in Dominica for the new church. This same team plus Thom's sons, Adam and Matthew, completed another recent effort.



A significant item donation was made to the Mission Commission back in early 2019 and rather than try to sell the item at the annual Rummage Sale, it was decided to put the item up for sale on the internet. (Note: Since the unique item was donated anonymously, we opted not to elaborate here.) Multiple inquiries came forward and the item was sold for \$1,000! Thom, Adam, and Matthew created unique crates to house and transport the item that had been donated. It has now been shipped and is close to arriving at its final destination.

The proceeds from that sale, plus another \$1,000 from the Mission Committee, have been sent to Father Elveau, pastor of St. John and St. Lewis Parish in Dominica and Judith Margaret Alexis, Parish Secretary. Father and Judith (see photo) have been attempting to revitalize their very old printer that has been in use for many years. After several months of trying to find parts to keep it running, it was discovered that key parts are no longer being made. After discussion with Don Stonerock, President of the Mission Committee, it was decided to use the \$1,000 from the proceeds of this project plus another \$1,000 from the Mission Committee treasury to purchase the printer that was so desperately needed for the parish and the school. Thanks go out to Theresa Henderson for a wire transfer to quickly transfer the funds to the Parish's checking account.

### St. Boniface Family Life:

**Cabbage Roll & Bread Sale:** Zucchini and plastic ice cream 4/5-quart containers are needed. Please drop off at 2120 Hemm Road or contact Rose to pick up at 778-8642 or jnrhemm@yahoo.com. Thanks!



**2020 St. B. Oktoberfest Quilt Raffle:** This year's quilt, *Floral Grandeur*, consists of thirty-five 18" blocks cross-stitched by Jo Gast and Peg White. It is in the process of being machine-quilted by Janet Lee, and her daughter,

Michelle Patrizio, will attach the border. Watch the bulletin for raffle tickets.

All proceeds from the quilt raffle benefit the Oktoberfest!

### St. Mary Altar Society:

Hopefully meetings will resume in September.

### St. Mary Lenten Raffle Winners

\$500—Sue Yannucci

\$200—Linda Larger

\$100—Tim Hatcher

\$50—Harry Christy, Susan Erbes,  
Alan Kaiser, Gary Koenig, John Knight,  
Karen Warner, Sue Yannucci,  
Denny DeBrosse (Highest Ticket Seller)

Congratulations to all & thank you for your support! The profit was \$3,788.20. Due to the Fish Fries being cancelled, the drawing took place at the St. Mary Pastoral Council Meeting on June 4. A special thank you to Tony Wendeln and the St. Mary Parish Finance Commission for organizing this fundraiser.

## Congrats!



## Parish Activities Continued

### *Bethany Center BBQ Chicken Dinner Sunday, August 9*

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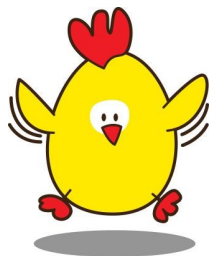
1/2 Chicken

Baked Beans

Applesauce

Chips/Roll/Butter

\$7.00



Drive-Thru-Pick-Up:

11am to 3pm

339 South Street

Tickets are Pre-Sale Only  
& May Be Purchased at the Bethany Center  
or Parish Offices



Beginning on March 24, the Bethany Center began distributing "bag" lunches at the door and continue to do so. Many thanks to Wilma, Cathy, and the other volunteers for providing this service. When asked what was needed, Cathy said, "5 ounce souffle cups and lids, 3-section carry-out containers will be needed, too"

### *Paperless Newsletter*

To date, over 180 individuals/families have signed up to receive the parish newsletter via email and not the postal service.

We hope you have given some consideration to signing-up to receive a paperless newsletter. Doing so will reduce the costs/time involved in assembling/ mailing this quarterly publication. Also, you will be able to print the newsletter in color; forward it to relatives/friends.



To sign-up for paperless newsletters, please send an email to [piquaparishesnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:piquaparishesnewsletter@gmail.com). Include additional email addresses. More than one may be submitted.

Thank You, Renee & Rose



Did you guess the location of this image pictured in the winter issue of the parishes' newsletter?

If you guessed on the north side of the Readmore Hallmark store, you were correct.

Congrats to Shirley Reiber, who was the first person with the correct answer.

It's not every day you see a bird house made of stone!

Be the first to submit the exact location of this unique bird house and win a PIZZA!



Send your answer to

[piquaparishesnewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:piquaparishesnewsletter@gmail.com)

Or Call 778-8642



## Parish Activities Continued

### Wellman Brothers Construction Completes New Roof on St. Mary



The new roof on St. Mary's was completed on schedule earlier this year. If you look closely, you can distinguish the unique pattern in the design. As originally specified, the new roof is made of slate and has a life of 150 years. It should last until the parish celebrates the 300<sup>th</sup> year of its founding!

Please note the refurbished cross in the back. As the copper ages, it will change in patina to the same tone that shows on the steeple which was completed several years ago with copper.

Thanks go out to all of our parishioners who participated in the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign which started approximately 5 years ago.

The funds used to complete the roof were the proceeds that came back to the parish. Thanks also to Jerry Peltier and the team from Wellman Brothers for an excellent job!

### Zooming With Judy—Our Music Director

The pandemic has certainly changed how I think about music production in our churches. I read an article from Washington State that discussed that a choir gave a performance (2 hours) and one of the members had no symptoms of the coronavirus until later but during the concert infected 75% of the choir and two members actually died from being exposed. Shortly after that, I received an email from our hymnal company – GIA – about a virtual webinar that took place on Memorial Day. I watched that, and they highly encouraged rehearsals via zoom or some other way of rehearsing long-distance.

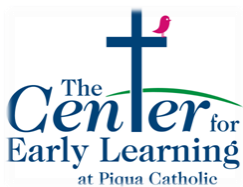
As I had been praying the rosary on Zoom and felt relatively comfortable with that, I decided to try it, and it is going great! There are some who already had zoom or were willing to get it and practice from home, and there are some who were not able to zoom and really preferred the “regular” way and so they come to church but as you can see by the picture – most of the choir is able to practice long-distance and I’m very pleased with how it all worked out! Pictured on the bottom right are my choir members in the choir loft – Dan Huffman, Marna Finnerty and Karen Warner. On the upper right are those on zoom our first week – top left to right are Dave Siefring, Ron Curtis, Pat Jacomet, middle left to right are – Angie Cecil, Kim Worland, and Helen Paulus, and I am pictured in the third row.

If anyone is interested in joining any of the Mass Choirs or wish to cantor or play an instrument – please just let me know – email – [jlhones@piquaparches.org](mailto:jlhones@piquaparches.org); phone – just call either church office number St. Boniface – 937-773-1656 or St. Mary – 937-773-1327, or catch me at Church. Thank you so much!!



## School News— CFEL, PCS, LCHS

### Center For Early Learning:



Our Preschool continues to grow and improve. Follow us on Facebook to see the wonderful activities our students do.

**CFEL will Open in Fall:** We have been hard at work making necessary changes at the Downing Street campus to accommodate expected COVID restrictions and guidelines for this Fall. We plan to be ready for *anything*. The first day of school for CFEL will be August 24<sup>th</sup>.

**COVID Restrictions:** The current guidelines for children ages 3-5 include a low student:teacher ratio of 9:1 with a maximum of 9 students in a room. In order to comply with these guidelines - CFEL will set up 3 new classrooms in the upstairs hallway on Downing Street. There will be 2 Preschool classrooms located downstairs, 2 PreK classrooms located upstairs, and 2 Extended Care rooms (1 upstairs and 1 downstairs). We are very excited about the new school year and look forward to providing a **safe** and educationally stimulating environment.

**Thank You:** Thank you to all of St. Boniface staff and parish board members for working hard with us to make all the necessary updates, improvements, and changes this summer. These are unprecedented times and it has been a joy to see the fellowship and love in our parish family.

**Did you know:** All of our classes are almost full, and we have already taken registrations through 2022. If you know anyone interested in sending their child to Piqua Catholic Preschool this fall—have them contact Christy Hayes at 773-3876 or [hayesc@piquacatholic.org](mailto:hayesc@piquacatholic.org).



### Piqua Catholic School:

I hope you are enJOYing your summer with family and friends. I want to say how humbled and proud I am of our Piqua Catholic Family, especially teachers/staff, students, and parents. The education system was turned on its head overnight with the school shut-down in March '20, and our teachers, parents, and students persevered through some challenging times. A LOT was learned during these troubling times, and I know we are all stronger for it. We WILL be ready for 2020-2021 no matter which approach we have to take! I am hopeful that we will start back during our normal scheduled time with some health guidelines. As I know more, I will keep you updated. Thy Will Be Done.

**Air Conditioning:** For the first time in Piqua Catholic School history, every classroom and hallway at our K-8(North St.) building will have Air Conditioning! A big thank you to Jerry Peltier for organizing the project, and Tony Wendeln, Father Dan, and the entire St. Mary Parish Council for approving this project for our school. Thank you, also, to the members of St. Mary who generously give to the Church to allow them the means to help finance this project. I also want to thank the Piqua Community Foundation and the Miami County Foundation for their financial support of this project. This project will be completed before the start of the 2020-2021 school year! With these new units (being installed by Morris) teachers will have full temperature control in their classrooms, making it an even more comfortable learning environment for our students. These units also have heat, as they are dual units! :) What a huge upgrade and blessing to our school!



**Piqua Catholic School Board:** Please join me in thanking the following individuals for serving on the Piqua Catholic School Board for the 2019-2020 school year: **Patrick Galbreath** (Chair), **George Atkinson** (Vice Chair), **Sarah Kemmer** (Secretary), **Sarah Hager**, **Cori Knapke**, **Earl (Lynn) Sever**, **Mike Epperly**, and **Kyle Cooper**. With their help, I pledge to YOU to keep Jesus at the center of all we do and to love and care greatly for our teachers, staff, and families that make up our Piqua Catholic Family. I also ask for your support and prayers to help build a culture of Christians who put others before them as we serve others.

## School News Continued

Class of 2020: CONGRATULATIONS to our Class of 2020! Please join me in celebrating the following students and their accomplishments during their time here at Piqua Catholic: **Karsen Blain, Lena Grise, Aubri Karn, Seth Knapke, Daria Lee, Katie McFarland, Donovan O’Leary, and Connor Stephenson.** We are all SO proud of you and your hard work throughout your years here at Piqua Catholic School. We are sad that you must go but know that this is a time for you to continue your journey. You are now a Piqua Catholic Alumnus. Remember to stay faithful to Christ, put others before you, and BE BOLD in what you believe. This world will rock you and shake you in every direction, but with the foundation and support that you’ve gained with us and at home, we know you’ll be prepared for whatever comes your way. May God continue to bless you always, and may His path be bright before your feet. Congratulations, Piqua Catholic School Class of 2020! In Jesus’ Love, Brad Zimmerman, Principal

## PCS 2020 Scholarship Awards

<i>Fr. Angelo Caserta Grant</i>	\$500 Highest Religion Score—Grade 3	<b>Cheyenne Herring &amp; John Verrill</b>
<i>Julie Eckstein Scholarship</i>	\$500 Highest Math Score—Grade 4	<b>Anna Ray Scherer &amp; Finian O’Leary</b>
<i>Fr. Grilliot Scholarship</i>	\$500 Highest Math Score—Grade 5	<b>Lilly Graham &amp; Jackson Garman</b>
<i>Kathy Henne Grant</i>	\$500 Highest Science Score—Grade 6	<b>Melanie Karn &amp; Evan O’Leary</b>
<i>Sister Joan Clare Grant</i>	\$500 Highest Religion Score—Grade 7	<b>Daria Lee &amp; Donovan O’Leary</b>
<i>Knights of Columbus Scholarship</i>	\$500—Grade 8	<b>Donovan O’Leary</b>
<i>Tom Jordan Scholarship</i>	\$1000—Grade 8	<b>Aubri Karn</b>
<i>Lehman Alumni Scholarship</i>	\$750—Grade 8	<b>Seth Knapke, Daria Lee, Katie McFarland</b>
<i>Joyce Thornberry Scholarship</i>	\$200-Grade 8	<b>Donovan O’Leary</b>



### Lehman Catholic High School:

Congrats  
To The  
Class  
Of 2020

### Currently Enrolling for the 2020-2021 School Year

CFEL	PCS	LCHS
Christy Hayes, Director	Brad Zimmerman, Principal	Denise Stauffer, Principal
773-3876	773-1564	498-1161 or 773-8747
hayesc@piquacatholic.org	zimmermanb@piquacatholic.org	d.stauffer@lehmancatholic.com



## Parish Notes

### Baptisms:

St. M.

None

St. B.

**Jett David Friend**  
Son of Jeb & Stephanie Friend  
(03/08/20)



**Deaths:** "Our sympathy to the family members of these parishioners who have been called to their eternal reward."

St. B.

**Doris Mae Walling** (02/22/20)  
**Mary Jane Plank** (03/16/20)  
**Richard Schneider** (04/05/20)  
**Rebecca (Cyphers) Wynn** (04/07/20)  
**Theresa Mikolajewski** (04/12/20)  
**Carl Nelson Watren** (04/22/20)  
**Mary M. Latham** (04/28/20)  
**Thelma Louise "Maisie" Donnelly** (04/30/20)

St. M.

**Martha Jean Johnson** (05/10/20)  
**Christopher A. Finfrock** (05/20/20)

Weddings: None



Confirmation  
July 19, 2020



First Communion  
July 12, 2020

**New Members:** "Our parish family welcomes/welcomes back . . ."

**St. B.: Lawrence & Jenna Jurosic and Daughter, Jena JoAnn Lyon**

**St. M.: Michael & Millicent Barhorst and Son, Carter Joseph White**

**Welcome!**

### PARISH CENSUS UPDATE:

THANK YOU to all parishioners who submitted a 2020 Parish Census Form. We received over 400 returns. *Please note:* Families who have registered for Faith Formation or Piqua Catholic School in the last year were already updated and did not receive a Census form. For everyone else, **IF YOU HAVE NOT RETURNED YOUR CENSUS FORM, PLEASE DO SO!**

Finally, a **BIG THANK YOU** to Barb Coffing and Marlene Henry, who have processed all of those forms in our parishes' data system. We would be lost without these two talented volunteers!

### IN RETROSPECT— Thanks, so much, to our contributors:

Adult Faith Formation/Welcome to Christ Renews His Parish, **Barb Kohl**  
Bethany Center, **Cathy Large**; Center for Early Learning, **Christy Hayes**  
Happy Anniversary to St. Clare Adoration Chapel, **Mike Epperly**; Out of the Past, **Rose Hemm**  
Parish Notes/Dates, **Theresa Henderson**, **Linda Richard**, **Judy Lohnes**  
Piqua Catholic School, **Brad Zimmerman**; New Roof / St. Mary Church, **Bob Hartings**  
Religious Education/Youth Ministry/Parish Census Update, **Diane Mengos**  
St. Boniface/St. Mary Mission Committee, **Don Stonerock**  
St. Mary Altar Society, **Janet Poling**; Twinning Update, **Bob Hartings**

We'd love to hear from you. Please submit items for ongoing features or send us your ideas and suggestions. Thank you—Renee Hemm (778-1612/rhemm@danhemm.com)  
& Rose Hemm (778-8642/jnrhemm@yahoo.com).

**thank you** 😊

**The Deadline for the Fall Issue is September 15.**

## Out of the Past

### *A Century Ago: July, August, September—1920*

#### **St. Mary, Catholic**

Rev. John F. Cogan, Pastor  
 Rev. Robt. J. Sherry, Assistant  
 VIII Sunday after Pentecost  
 6:00 a.m. Low Mass  
 Communion for Altar Society  
 8:00 a.m. Children's Mass  
 10:00 a.m. High Mass  
 Sermon/Gospel Luke XVI 1-9  
 7:00p.m. Devotions, Litany,  
 & Benediction

#### **Picnic at K. of C. Cottage**

The Knights of Columbus, who are camping along the Stillwater, invited twenty of their young lady friends out for an evening party Thursday. The grove and cottage were found to be beautifully lighted with Japanese lanterns, and the guests spent a happy evening among the attractive surroundings. A huge campfire was built at which wieners were roasted and marshmallows were toasted. Contests were a diversion of the evening, Miss Florence Hennessey being awarded a box of candy, and Mr. George Henderson winning a watermelon for their cleverness in the games. The young men have rented the cottage for two weeks and will entertain again while there, encouraged by the success of the first party.

#### **Will Entertain St. Mary's Ladies**

Mrs. William Haney, of 225 South Downing Street, will entertain the Ladies of St. Mary's congregation Wednesday evening. She will be assisted in her duties as hostess by Mrs. Ed Dwyer, Mrs. John Birk, and Mrs. George Hery.

#### **Celebrate Golden Wedding**

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frigge, of 511 Adams Street, celebrated their golden wedding anniversary Wednesday, August 25, at their home. At 8:30 o'clock Wednesday morning, anniversary high Mass was read at St. Boniface Church for the happy couple, who have been privileged to spend so many years together. Rev. Father A. Monter conducted the service. A wedding dinner was served at the residence at noon to relatives of Mr. and Mrs. Frigge, who had gathered in celebration of the auspicious occasion, while an informal reception was held throughout the day, when friends and acquaintances called leaving gifts and flowers as tokens of their esteem. Guests from out of town who were present included Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Frigge of Milwaukee, Mr. & Mrs. Franz Frigge of Toledo, Mrs. Charles DeBrosse of Versailles.

#### **Whooping Cough Claims A Victim**

The first case of a death from the whooping cough epidemic that has Piqua in its throes was reported when Earl Joseph Dapore, four month old son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dapore, died Friday morning. The funeral service will be held from the St. Mary's Church on Saturday afternoon. Interment in Forest Hill Cemetery.

#### **St. Boniface, Catholic**

Rev. A. Monter, Pastor  
 Rev. A.F. Leon, Assistant  
 First Mass at 6:30 a.m.  
 Children's Mass at 8:00 a.m.  
 High Mass at 9:30 a.m.  
 Litany & Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

#### **St. Mary's Church Being Redecorated by Great Artist**

Within a short time, the members of the St. Mary's Church will have an edifice that will equal any in this section of the country in interior beauty. The entire interior is being redecorated under the masterful touch of E. Piene, of Cincinnati, regarded by many as one of the greatest interior decorators in the country.

The ceiling has been painted an ivory color with a beamed ceiling effect. The walls are a gray stone effect finished in a very realistic manner. All of the sanctuary and the altar has been redecorated while above the altar a copy of Murillo's "Assumption" has been painted and on either side are a group of "adoring angels."

All of the altars have been finished in a beautiful marble and onyx effect, which is a good example of Mr. Piene's skill with the harmonizing of colors.

A new gold tabernacle has been donated and placed in the center of the altar. Fourteen group stations of the cross, finished in cream and gold to harmonize with the color scheme of the church, will be placed along the sides. The pews are to be finished in a dark oak, which will form a pleasing contrast to the colors used in the rest of the interior decorations. The floor of the church is to be covered with a cork carpet.

Mr. Piene and his assistants are working hard to finish the altars and sanctuary as far as possible by Sunday, but it will be two or three weeks yet before all of the pews are completed.

## Religious Education/Youth Ministry—Diane Mengos

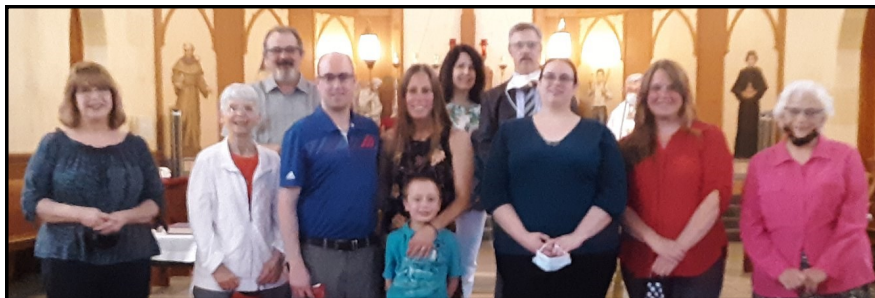
### *Full Initiation*

We congratulate Elizabeth Bingham, Milli Barhorst, and Sylvia Khera for preparing for and celebrating their final sacraments of initiation. You are a blessing to us all!

Working with Deacon Mike and the RCIA Team to prepare for full initiation into our Catholic Family, Elizabeth and Milli were received into the Church on Sunday, May 31, at the 11am Mass. Sylvia received the Easter sacraments at home at a visit with our pastor, Fr. Dan.

We appreciate their sponsors this year: Mike Barhorst, Carrie Garman, and Mary Ann Barcinas.

Our RCIA team was outstanding in their welcoming and sharing: Sister Mary Alice, Bill Hogston, Maria Hogston, Brenda Karpinski, Tina Watts, Dave Burnside, Teresa Burnside, Mike Epperly, Ann Bradl, and Deacon Jim Niswonger. We also thank Deacon Mike Knight for his leadership and for young Carter Barhorst for his great participation, too!!



### **What is the RCIA?**

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a journey of conversion to God and the Catholic faith.

### **Who may participate in the RCIA?**

This year we are extending an invitation to ALL adults! Those who are considering conversion to the faith. Catholics who need sacraments of Initiation and those Catholics who just want to learn more about their faith. People of other faiths are also welcome to come and learn.

### **When does the RCIA journey begin?**

We are preparing a schedule now, but classes will start in the fall. Please contact us as soon as possible. If you've read this far, then your journey with the Holy Spirit has already begun.

### **Do children attend the RCIA process with the adults?**

No, children have a similar but separate path in their journey of faith.  
Contact- Diane Mengos- [dmengos@piquaparishes.org](mailto:dmengos@piquaparishes.org)

### **Who should I contact if I am interested in attending or have more questions?**

If you are interested in attending RCIA or you know someone who is considering conversion, please contact Bill Hogston at 937-418-4323.

*\*Anyone not yet baptized.*

*\*Anyone baptized but not as a Catholic.*

*\*Anyone baptized as a Catholic who did not yet receive First Communion or Confirmation.*

*\* Fully initiated Catholics seeking fuller catechetical knowledge of their Catholic Faith.*



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