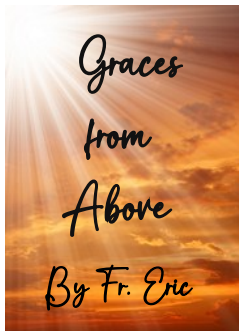
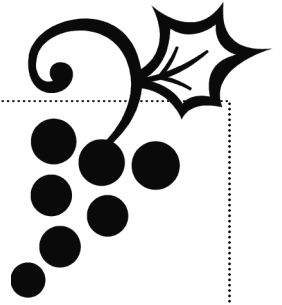


Tending The Master's Vineyard



In 2014, I received permission to spend my three-month sabbatical in Hawaii studying the two great Hawaiian saints: St. Damien of Molokai and St. Mother Cope. God poured down so many graces on my sabbatical. I would like to share a couple of those amazing stories.

The first amazing gift from God happened during my preparation for the trip. I was looking through the internet for places to go and activities to do on my pilgrimage. I found a site called, "A Catholic Mom in Hawaii." I enjoyed looking at the posts, so I decided to send a message. In the return message, Esther told me that she and her friends love to show visiting priests around the island. Esther and her friend, Lois, took good care of me during my time on Oahu, and for that I continue to thank God for arranging some generous and faith-filled guides.

The second great gift from God flows directly from the first one. Esther had asked if I wanted to go to Lois' for dinner, and I agreed. So Lois sent a text to her husband, or so she thought, but she accidentally sent it to their friends. The Garcia family showed up for dinner, and God blessed me abundantly with their friendship, as we hit it off right from the start. They took me out regularly and showed me some great places to hang out and enjoy all that Hawaii has to offer. One of those activities involved shark diving off the north shore of Oahu. What an exhilarating day, as several sharks came up to our cage, and I got many awesome pictures. We went whale watching and searching the beaches for the Hawaiian Green Sea Turtle and the Monk Seals. But, they also introduced me to their pastor, and I was able to celebrate many Masses and meet so many amazing people.

While I had lots of fun with the shark diving, scuba diving, whale watching, and just hanging on the beautiful beaches, I also had the great privilege of going to Molokai with Bishop Silva of Honolulu for the feast day of St. Mother Cope. St. Mother Cope and St. Damien of Molokai worked tirelessly in the mid to late 19th century to bring dignity to the individuals isolated on the northern peninsula of Molokai as a result of contracting leprosy. St. Damien eventually died from the disease, while St. Cope was free from the disease.

On this trip to Kalaupapa (the name of the peninsula on Molokai) I met several extended members of St. Mother Cope's family, to include her great, great niece and great, great, great nephew.

But the real grace of the day was Bishop Silva's homily on the great works of charity of these two great saints. I pray that we can all learn from the great work of these two saints and work tirelessly to elevate the dignity of the marginalized of our society. But even more so, to elevate the faith in God of all we meet this day.



Some of the Garcia kids with me at Makapuu Lookout on the Windward side of Oahu.

*God is good all the time.
And all the time God is good.*



Parish Activities

Adult Faith Formation Commission



Family Picnic: Families from St. Teresa and the Piqua Parishes gathered for a cookout and ice cream social held on Sunday, June 26, in Covington at the St. Teresa shelter house. Bill Hogston gave a presentation on the “Our Father”.

Mass for Deceased: On Wednesday, November 2, the Feast of All Souls, there will be a special Mass at St. Mary, 7pm, remembering all those from St. Boniface and St. Mary parishes who have passed away during the past year.

Prayer Partners: Adult Faith Formation is again sponsoring adults to be prayer partners for our Confirmation candidates and RCIA. As a prayer partner, all that is necessary is a willingness to pray for the candidate and send a card during the formation period and at Confirmation and Easter. If interested, please contact Diane Mengos at the parish office (773-1327 or 773-1656, Ex. 106) or Barb Kohl (bkohl@woh.rr.com or 773-9205).



Coffee and Doughnuts: Will be held on Sunday, December 4, after the 9 and 11am Masses. Special guest will be St. Nicholas, Bishop of Myra.

The Adult Faith Formation Commission is comprised of members from both St. Boniface and St. Mary Parishes: Brian Carter, Ann Koehl, Barb Kohl (chairperson), Deacon Jim Niswonger, Cathy Oda, Nancy Peltier, Gloria Stonerock, Chuck Tyler, Amanda Yant, Diane Mengos, and Fr. Bowman. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month, August through June, at 7pm. Anyone interested in being a part of this commission is welcome. Questions concerning any of our activities, please contact Barb Kohl (773-9205 or bkohl@woh.rr.com).

Welcome to Christ Renews His Parish

Under the leadership of Patty Murphy, Cathy Oda and Cindy Zimmerman, a Women’s Team 8 is now in formation for a future retreat. Retreats are held at the Caserta Center on a Saturday and include Mass and all meals. There is no cost. Interested women should contact either Patty (937-418-0450), Cathy (937-214-8909), Cindy (937-541-9533), or Judy Lohnes at the parish offices (937-773-1327 or 937-773-1656).

Men Forged in Faith

All men of our parishes are invited to attend a monthly gathering of men in which to listen, learn, and share as little or as much as you want regarding a topic within our faith. Meetings are generally held the third Tuesday of each month at 7pm at the Knights of St. John. For more information, contact Keith Zimmerman at 937-681-6106 or Matt Schieltz at 937-524-7629. Please join us as men of God for faith and fellowship!



Wilma Earls Bethany Center Food Donation

November: St. B. & December: St. M.

Parish Activities Continue



Cursillo Movement—Piqua Ultreya

Men's Cursillo #229 was held September 15 to September 18. There will be a Welcome back Ultreya on October 1 at the Caserta Center at 9:15 to 10:30am. Other Fall Ultreyas will be October 22, November 19, and December 17. We are avoiding holiday weekends to give all the opportunity to come and share their Christian journey and be encouragement to others.

Respect Life Committee



October is Respect Life Month. Remember that this respect is for life from the moment of conception until the moment of natural death. No person has the right to take another person's life — the preborn, the elderly, the disabled, the criminal, and the ill. 40 Days for Life begins on September 28 and lasts until November 6. During this time, there will be daily rosaries (except Wednesday) after the 8:30 Mass. Join us in continued prayer for a nationwide end to all the taking of innocent life.

Paperless Newsletter

To date over 200 individuals/families have signed up to receive the parish newsletter electronically — not via the US 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/mailling this quarterly publication. Also, you will be able to enlarge the newsletter on your computer screen, print it in color; & forward it to relatives/friends.



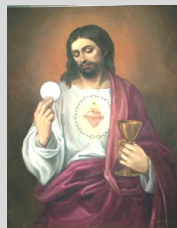
To sign-up for paperless newsletters, please send your email addresses to piquaparish-esnewsletter@gmail.com. Thanks, Renee & Rose Hemm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Clare Chapel

What is Eucharistic Adoration?

“Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God, and the one most helpful to us.” - St. Alphonsus Liguori

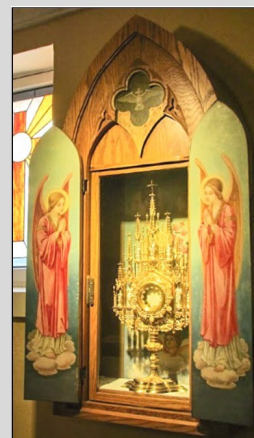


We have 150 hours covered of the 168 hours required to operate our beloved adoration chapel. Feel free to visit anytime from Saturday 6am throughout the nights until Thursday 9pm and Friday 6am-9pm. There is a need for additional regular guardians and substitute guardians.

Silence is golden and there is no better place to experience it than with the exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Available hours that need a guardian include: Sunday (1st & 3rd of each month); Tuesday 7pm; Thursday 4pm, 8pm; Friday 7pm (every other week); Saturday 11am (3rd/4th/5th of each month); 12noon, 1pm, 9pm.

Please inquire by contacting Mary Jane Karn at (937) 778-0496 or Mike Epperly at (937) 622-0112. Weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, and trial periods are available.

Call today!



Parish Activities Continue

Mission Committee

The Mission Committee met on August 15, 2022 and discussed twinning visits. Dominica has a new priest, and we will see how the twinning project proceeds under his guidance.

Also, we agreed to send Kirstyn Lee \$500 for her work with NET Ministries. She gave a GREAT talk about her work with them at the meeting before this one. If you want to donate to her, it's for a great cause. She gave an excellent talk.

We made over \$7000 from the rummage sale. We have decided that there will be some changes made. Once we have another meeting and finalize everything, I will let you know what we are planning. Due to our ages and our health, we cannot continue the way we are. We will continue the sale, but with some changes. The sale this past year was so large, we had to turn people away that wanted to donate.



If you have read the bulletin, you will notice we are asking for new members. We need young and not so young members. If you can join or help in some way, we would appreciate it. Our meetings aren't every month. We hold the meetings when necessary. Just watch the bulletin for dates and time. It is usually on Monday at 6:00 pm, and they only last an hour. Hope to see you there!!

Also, a few years ago, we quit having the October Raffle due to no interest. Well, we are coming back with a new raffle. How would you like to win half of the money? It's going to be a 50/50 Drawing. The raffle starts on October 1 and ends on October 31. Whatever we take in, you will get half. You should be getting your tickets in the mail soon. You can drop them in the collection basket or at the office.

November is almost here, and we will be putting up the Giving Trees. You can take an envelope off the tree and donate to one or all three of our missions.

We thank all who have supported our mission work over the years and hope that you continue to do so.



Parish Activities Continue

St. Boniface Family Life

St. Boniface 26th Annual Quilt Raffle: This year's raffle has (3) quilts you can win!!!

(1) Queen-Size (92x92") "*Cathedral Window*"—Pieced, quilted, and donated by Michelle Patrizio and her mother, Janet Lee

(2) Full-Size (72x85") "*Welcome to My Garden*" — Materials donated by Donna Johnson and Rita Mayor; Pieced by Connie Bonifas, Rita Mayor, & Gloria Stonerock; Quilted by Rita Mayor

(3) Lap Quilt/Wall Hanging (32x50") "*Amazing Grace*" — Pieced by Rita Mayor; quilted by Janet Lee

Raffle tickets will be in the bulletin soon. You can view quilts and also purchase tickets at stbonifaceoktoberfest.org. The drawing date is December 31, 2022. All proceeds from this raffle benefit the Oktoberfest!



St. Boniface SANTA: It's time to compile the gift list for our annual Shut-ins And Needy Treats Appeal. If you know of individuals/families who could benefit this Christmas season by having their names placed on the Giving Tree or shut-ins who would like to receive a fruit basket or poinsettia, please submit their names to the parish office by Monday, November 1. (Do not need to be St. B. parishioners.)

St. B. Family Life

Annual Cabbage Roll & Heritage Bread Sale



Coming in October/November



Watch the Bulletin for the Order Form
& Additional Details



32nd Annual Lehman Harvest Auction

Friday, October 14, 6pm

Visit LEHMANHARVESTAUCTION.COM

To Purchase Tickets, Donate Auction Items, Be a Sponsor

For additional info, contact Andrea Wilmer

(937-498-1611 or a.wilmer@lehmancatholic.com)

you're Invited



Plan To Attend

Fatima Street Corner Rosary Rally

**Saturday, October 15, 2022
Downtown Piqua Gazebo—NOON**

More Info: Barb O'Leary-Vavroch

937-773-7315

Parish Activities Continue



you're invited...

**Coffee & Donuts With St. Nick
December 4th — After 9AM & 11AM Masses**



**Dankeschön Alle !!!
Dave Butt, Chairperson
AND Booth Chairpersons, Workers,
Donors and Attendees**

For Another Great St. Boniface Oktoberfest

Coming Soon

MORE THAN JUST A COOKBOOK!

**ST. BONIFACE AND ST. MARY PARISHES
CELEBRATING PIQUA CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

OUR KITCHENS, OUR HISTORY, OUR MEMORIES

*A Collection of Delicious Recipes From Many Friends
History & Photos of Piqua Catholic Schools
Throughout the Years*

**This "More Than Just a Cookbook"
will be available this Christmas for gift giving.**

Did You Know?

Our parishes have a
PRAYER CHAIN
(PHONE or EMAIL)

To be added to the chain
to pray for requests
or to add a request,
contact Gretchen Roeth
937-778-0325

or

gngroeth4266@gmail.com

PRAYER
Requests



937.498.4593
833.289.0227
cssmv.org

Resources provided by our agency include:

- Long-term support services to help **Older Adults** (age 60+) remain safely in their homes
- Professional mental health **Counseling** with licensed professional counselors
- **Parenting** support services to help with navigating family life
- **RideLink** call center to connect you with transportation options in your area
- **RideConnect** volunteer driver program

Call us or visit our website to learn more!

It's a 'God Moment' to be able to help someone with a ride that we all take for granted. This fills a real, serious need. I've met some great folks driving for Catholic Social Services' RideConnect program.



Phillip Lahrmer
RideConnect Volunteer Driver



Volunteer Drivers Needed!

There are adults in your area who don't have access to reliable transportation for getting to medical appointments, running errands for essential items, or even getting to work. **You can help!**

You can become a **RideConnect** volunteer if you have a good driving record, a reliable vehicle, a valid Ohio driver's license and proof of insurance. Once you complete our required screenings and training, you'll be ready to start providing rides based on your availability.

Become a superhero in your community!

Call 937-575-7111 or 1-833-289-0227 ext.1195
or email RideConnect@cssmv-sidney.org

There are some great reasons for you to consider becoming a volunteer driver for **RideConnect**...

FLEXIBILITY

We know some days and times are busier than others for you. We'll work around your availability and the areas/distance you're willing to drive.

REIMBURSEMENT

We're asking you to donate your time, not your money, so we provide mileage reimbursement for use of your personal vehicle.

PURPOSE

Every RideConnect trip you provide makes a real difference for the person you're helping. You can be someone's superhero!



Funding for RideConnect is made possible through the Ohio Department of Transportation

Religious Education & Youth Ministry-Diane Mengos, Director



We had a busy summer! Our events included a high school service at Ayden Healthcare, a high school music night with Winona Avenue, Rummage Sale teen assistance, a Monumental VBS, a wonderful Cookout at St. Teresa Church for our three northern parishes, a King's Island Trip for our best helpers at Mass, a church festival, and five Confirmation Spiritual Journeys around our region. We learned much and grew in friendship.

Ahead: High school youth are needed to help at Mass, especially as servers, lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, musicians, ushers, and....this is new...Outdoor Greeters! Please sign up for a once-a-month ministry. We love to see teens assisting at our Masses!

Also ahead: Please encourage every parent with high schoolers to come to our fancy Parent Night with the Priests! Expect nice food, a wait staff of teens, babysitting for little ones, and all four priests eager to meet you and dine with you.

VBS 2022



The "Dinner in Your Honor" is Sunday, October 23, from 5-7PM in the Caserta Center Cafeteria. Free and wonderful! Please RSVP to Diane Mengos at dmengos@piquaparishes.org



School News—CFEL—PCS—LCHS



We continue to Grow! There are 83 children enrolled in our Preschool/Pre-Kindergarten classes. Along with our four classrooms and two Extended Care classrooms, our Downing Street campus is now home to Piqua Catholic Kindergarten.

September was a busy month. We celebrated Grandparent's Day on September 14th and the Playground Project took place with our Community Build Day on September 10th. This project added additional play structures to the playground consisting of a Play Loft with a playhouse, stairs, and slide. An outdoor learning center and a Trike Path along with other stationary play equipment was installed as well. A grateful **Thank You!** to everyone who donated their time and services to complete this project. We especially want to thank our former director, Christy Hayes, for initiating this project and Andy Huelskamp of American Trademark Construction Services Inc., for his contributions and support towards this project and our school.

We ended September running the Kids Zone for St. Boniface's Oktoberfest. The children had several areas to explore there — a Duck Pond, Cookie Decorating Table, Hula Hoops and Music, a Haystack Maze, Fishing Game, Airbrush Painting, and an Art area. In the future, we are planning and looking forward to our upcoming preschool assemblies.



PIQUA
Catholic School

We are off to another great start to a new school year. Piqua Catholic School is grateful to serve over 250 students, preschool – 8th grade. A lot of growth has happened and continues to happen, all praise be to God. Here are the highlights from the summer and beginning of the 2022-2023 school year:



New School Website and App: We are very excited to announce our brand NEW school website and app! Go to www.piquacatholic.org to visit our new website. You can also scroll to the homepage and click the links to download our new school app or go to your phone's app store and search "Piqua Cavaliers OH". This website and app are for all of our families, parishioners, and community members that are interested in staying connected to Piqua Catholic.

Little Cavs Athletics: The Little Cavs sports program has been a great success this year. Thank you to the many parent volunteers who give of their time to coach these teams. The Little Cavs program is for our 3rd – 6th grade students at St. Patrick, Piqua Catholic, and Holy Angels designed to introduce each sport (Football, Basketball, and Baseball) to our athletes. The philosophy and focus of this program is to teach our children the fundamentals of these sports so that they can grow and learn. And even though winning is important and fun, it is not the focus of our Little Cavs Program. From this, the hope is that we build strong athletic programs in our Junior High and High School levels.

Technology upgrades: Through the leadership of our IT Director, Mark Garman, we have made many updates to both of our campuses. Here is a list of the technology upgrades so far this year:

- New Dell laptop computers with docking station for our K-8 teachers
- New Dell laptop computers for our STEM lab
- New Dell PCs for admin staff (Park National Bank donated these- see info below)
- New interactive boards in our Kindergarten classrooms
- New network switches and upgrades to for both campuses, including increased network security
- Upgraded Microsoft Office for Staff/Teachers and students
- New school website and app

Park National Bank Donates Computers: A huge Cavalier shout out to Business Partner, Park National Bank for their very generous donation of 5 brand new Dell computers, valued at over \$4,500! This is such a blessing to our school to receive this gift. Thank you, Park National Bank!

School News Continued

Teachers' Lounge at Downing St. Campus (DSC): We have repurposed the former nurse's office at the Downing St. campus into a teachers lounge! With the transition of our two Kindergarten classrooms to the DSC, we needed a better space for our team. Andrew Huelskamp led the project and donated all his time and materials to make this a great space. They knocked down a wall, repaired the carpet, and gave it a fresh coat of paint. What a gift! Andrew's company, American Trademark Construction Services, is also a Business Partner. Thank you, Andrew!

2022-2023 Pep Talk: Father Eric spoke to the entire Piqua Catholic School staff about our mission as Catholic School educators, reminding us that we are here to be witnesses of Jesus to our students and families. This takes knowing Him and His ministry when He walked with us 2,000 years ago. Father is excited to help with this, and he's also excited to be a witness of God's goodness to our students. He has already been and will continue to be a big presence in our school each week. Our students are blessed to see this vocation being lived out with so much joy!



ALICE Safety Training: We received our ALICE training (safety training) from Piqua's School Resource Officer, Chris Walters, Deputy Chief Marty Grove, and Piqua Catholic parent/Piqua Catholic School Board member/School Resource Officer, Ryan Karn. The entire day was dedicated to this very important training that consisted of understanding what our options are in an active shooter situation, putting us through several different scenarios of how to respond in a real active shooter emergency.

School of Faith: This year, we are focusing on the life of Jesus in John's Gospel for our faith formation as a staff. For our first session, we headed out to Forest Hill Cemetery for a rosary meditation. Our School of Faith leader, Dave, explained to us the importance of those who have gone before us and the connection we have with them. We visited several graves, including Hannah O'Leary and Father Caserta. It was truly a beautiful day.

Playground Community Build Day: We have added new playground structures and equipment to our Downing St. campus. We also added turf around the play structure and will be installing a sidewalk around the new part for the kids to ride their tricycles and other toys. Thank you to those who came out for our Community Build Day! This project was also led by Andrew Huelskamp. The Lord blessed us with a great day and great people. Drive by and check it out!



Grandparents Day: The Lord truly blessed us with wonderful Grandparents. The energy and excitement were unmatched as our grandparents, aunts, uncles and special guests came to celebrate Grandparents Day with us. Joy was shared as they played games, took pictures, and shopped at the Book Fair. Thank you so much to all our Grandparents and family for making this a special day for your grandchildren!



We want to stay connected with you! It's because of our parishes, alumni, families, friends, and business partners that Piqua Catholic is growing. Visit the new "Community Connections" section on the website to see all newsletters, business partners, PTO programs & events, ways to volunteer or become a supporter and more. Make sure to check out the link to our Annual Newsletter which provides a recap of the 2021-2022 school year and recognizes all the generous school supporters. You can also pick up a copy in the back of Church or at our school buildings. Finally, be on the lookout for the launch of our Annual Fund campaign later this fall. Are you on our mailing list? Email us at cavalier@piquacatholic.org to stay up to date on all things Piqua Catholic.

School News Continued

Please take a look at our Business Partners from the 2021-2022 school year who believe in Catholic education here in Piqua. Their support is amazing. Thank you, partners!

Platinum (\$2,000+)

American Trademark Construction Services
Apex Aluminum Die Casting
Eagle Bridge Co.
Edison State Community College
Harmony Systems & Service
Palmer Bolt & Supply Co.
Park National Bank
Paul Sherry Chrysler/RV
PSC Crane & Rigging
RE/MAX Finest- Kathy Henne Team
Richpak Corporation
Scott Family McDonald's
Thrivent Financial- Spencer Peltier & Mark Reedy

Gold (\$1,500+)

Midwest Pest and Wildlife Control
VPP Industries

Silver (\$1,000+)

Advanced Asset Management Advisors, Inc.
Ferguson Construction Company
Hampshire Cabinetry
Hemm's Glass Shops, Inc.

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Crayex Corporation
Faulkner, Garmhausen, Keister & Shenk
Galbreath Realty Service
Genell's Flowers
Jackson Tube Service Inc.
Jamieson & Yannucci Funeral Home
McCulloch, Felger, Fite & Gutmann, Co.
Piqua Battery
redBERRY Restaurant

Thank you for your prayers and support of Piqua Catholic School! We are dedicated to an authentic Catholic School education as we strive to be witnesses of Jesus and His work. Please continue to pray for us. We will continue our prayers for all of you! For Jesus, Brad Zimmerman, Principal



LEHMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL:

The 2022-2023 school year has started strong! According to Principal Veronica Gaier "We are blessed to have a community that wholeheartedly supports our efforts to provide a high-quality education for our students and works together with us to form morally strong individuals. Thank you to all."

Several improvements that were made over the summer were: new roof on the multipurpose building; HAC maintenance; in-ground sprinkling system for the baseball field; furniture for teachers that was purchased at last year's Harvest Auction delivered to all classrooms. All of the fountains on the first floor now have additions to automatically refill water bottles thus saving so much plastic from landfills. These fountains were gifts of the classes of 2021 and 2022. Lehman is applying for the OFCC money to install new doors with keyless entry. Pray all goes through.

Over the summer the seniors of the class of 2023 were given the opportunity to reserve and paint their own parking spaces. Most of the seniors did paint their spaces. One entry is pictured here from Hayden Sever. This activity has generated a lot of color to the parking lot!

One change that has all of the students and teachers happy about is the change in the Cafeteria. Management has changed from Grinders to Nikki Meyers and her mother Debbie Meyers. The food is now cooked at Lehman. Some favorites so far are Chicken and noodles and Sloppy Joes. More to come.

Two new classes were added to the 2022-2023 curriculum. Mr. Chris Kash is putting his knowledge and skills to work from his 20+ years serving in the police and military to offer a class in Criminal Justice. The course is open to students in grades 10-12. The students will learn about the legal aspects of our criminal justice systems and protocols that need to be followed. **Continued on Page 15.**



Parish Notes

Baptisms:

St. M.

Charlotte Wiedenhammer

Daughter of Bradley & Megan (Brown) Wiedenhammer
(04/18/22)

Luke Anthony Richard

Son of Thomas & Katrina (Henne) Richard
(06/26/22)

St. B.

Charlie Grace Allen

Daughter of Mark & Emily (Bowles) Allen
(07/17/22)



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

St. B.

Louis R. Curtis (06/30/22)

Alma Lange (07/09/22)

Joyce Marie Mauchamer (07/27/22)

John "JJ" Grunkemeyer, Jr. (09/10/22)

Joseph W. Grunkemeyer (09/14/22)

St. M.

Tyler DeBrosse (07/01/22)

Cheryl Sippel (07/01/22)

Marna E. Finnerty (07/08/22)

Marilyn Joyce McKale DeNise (07/20/22)

Frances A. Williamson (08/13/22)

Patricia "Patty" Liddy (09/08/22)

Frank Salvatore Virzi (09/10/22)

Weddings:

St. M.

Robert A. Foster & Madonna K. Maloy
(05/13/22)

Joseph C. McKinley & Connie Caserta
(06/23/22)



St. B.— None

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

St. M.— **Jacqueline G. Hoffman, Aaron & Heather Mangen**

St. B.— **Emma Jacomet & daughter, Lia Drew; Alex Jacomet; Kirby King; Zachary & Sara Macan & children, Cassidy, Raelynne, & Nicasio; Lee & Roshelle Nickol & children, Leo, Max, & Sadie**

WELCOME



In Retrospect

Thanks, so much, to our contributors:

Adult Faith Formation—**Barb Kohl**; Bethany Center, **Cathy Large**

Catholic Social Services—**Elaine Schweller-Snyder**

Cavaliers in Action—**Cori Knapke**; Center for Early Learning—**Jacqueline Hoffman**

Cursillo Movement—**Greg/Donna Johnson**

Eucharistic Adoration St. Clare Chapel—**Mike Epperly**

Fatima Street Corner Rosary Rally—**Barb O'Leary Vavroch**

Graces from Above—**Fr. Eric**; Lehman Catholic High School—**S. Ginny Scherer**

Mission Committee—**Don Stonerock**;

Parish Notes/Dates—**Theresa Henderson, Linda Richard, Judy Lohnes**

Piqua Catholic School—**Brad Zimmerman**; Religious Education/Youth Ministry—**Diane Mengos**

Respect Life Committee—**Donna Johnson**; St. Boniface Family Life—**Rose Hemm**

The Newsletter is always a work in progress. With each issue we hope to introduce new topics, columns, and contributors. We'd love to hear from you — your ideas and suggestions. Also, if you'd like to write or help with production, please contact Renee Hemm (937-778-1612 or rhemml@woh.rr.com) or Rose Hemm (937-778-8642 or jnrhemm@yahoo.com).

The deadline for the Winter Issue is December 12, 2022.

Bethany Center Renamed



On Saturday, August 6, 2022, the Bethany Center was re-dedicated in honor of our founder, Wilma Earls. The building is now called The Wilma Earls Bethany Center.

There was also a redbud tree planted in her honor and inside there is a memory wall for her. The plaque on the tree sums it up when it states *"A life so beautifully lived, a heart so deeply loved."*

Our chicken dinner fundraiser was a huge success. Thanks to all who helped and also those of you who purchased tickets.

As Wilma always said, "God Bless You."

Thank You for Your Kindness & Concern



Back in June — June 15, 2022 — I was taken to Kettering Grandview Hospital for a pacemaker. For two weeks prior to this date, I was very tired, but thinking I was over doing some things, I didn't give a thought to it. The next week and a half I started to have shortness of breath and dizziness when I would go up a step or more.

The morning of June 15, I went to church to serve at Mass, and when I walked up the front steps, I had to sit down once inside. I was short of breath and dizzy. Once I got over it, I served, locked up the church, and went home.

I'm thinking I have a lung infection. Gloria called the doctor, and I drove out to the doctor's office at Kettering Health here in Piqua. They gave me an EKG and checked my chest compressions.

The next thing I know the doctor walks in and says, "See that wheelchair? That's for you. We are taking you to emergency." I asked if I could take the car home to Gloria. The answer was "No!"

My heartbeat was 29 and according to medical diagnosis I should have been unconscious or dead. I'm 75 years old and had never been in the hospital since birth. They contacted Gloria, and she found a way to have someone bring her out to get the car. Father Dan anointed me and was quite shocked to see me since I had just served at Mass. I was then transported to Kettering Grandview and told that a pacemaker would be put in. They put a temporary one in since another gentleman came in the same time as me and was failing fast. I received a permanent one the next day. The doctor told me due to my age that my heart was wearing out.

But, God was with me. I would not have thought that I was having heart trouble. Even though the doctors and nurses were amazed at me by being alert. I know that if God wouldn't have been with me I would have been unconscious or dead.

So, I would like to tell everyone, that if you ever feel really tired or get out of breath and dizzy go to the doctor immediately. It could be your heart. There are a lot of limitations I have now, but I'm grateful to be alive. It's really hard to be limited when you are so used to being so active.

I am grateful for all the cards, phone calls, and prayers that the two parishes showed me.

Thanks Again, Don Stonerock

Lehman Catholic High School Continued: Ms. Maura Gavit is teaching a Life and Career Development class to all freshmen. This is a twist of the traditional home economics class. In this class, they will learn basic life skills, study skills, and career planning to help them jumpstart their plans for their postsecondary future and adult life while getting them successfully through their high school years.

One annual activity that happens every year is HOMECOMING. This year's Homecoming festivities were held the week of September 12-17. During Cavalier Spirit Week each day had a different theme that coordinated with the football game. On Wednesday night the annual Homecoming parade, pep rally and Bon Fire were held on the Lehman Campus. Each class also presented a class banner that followed the football theme. The Homecoming Court members and Grand Marshal were featured in convertibles. The Grand Marshal chosen by the senior class this year was Mr. Joe Schmiesing, Theology and Latin teacher at Lehman. Homecoming Court members were Tori Lachey, Wyatt Earhart, Sarah Lins, James Larger, Lucy Ritze, Thomas Schmiesing, Caroline Wesner, Hayden Sever, Lilly Williams, and Nathan Sollmann. The Homecoming Court was honored before the football game at Sidney Memorial Stadium and Queen Lilly Williams and King James Larger were announced. The junior class won the banner contest. All alumni cheerleaders were also honored at the football game. The week ended with the Homecoming Dance held Saturday night in the Sever Family Gym.



The 32nd Annual Harvest Auction will be held at Lehman Schlatter Gym Friday, October 14, 2022. This is Lehman's primary fundraising event. Information on how to reserve tickets or donate items can be found at Lehmanharvestauction.com.

During the Summer and Fall classes have their class reunions. This year the class of 1972 is celebrating its **50 years!!!** Their celebration will be Saturday, October 22, 2022 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Piqua. Contact Bob Jordan (937.418.0875) for more information if you have not received the mailing. Congratulations to the class of 1972! According to the tradition started last year, the class celebrating their 50 years will lead the procession at Graduation. Last May several members of the class of 1972 participated. Next May the class of 1973 will take part in Graduation.

The Music Department has announced this year's all school **MUSICAL! IT IS "CURTAINS"**. "Curtains" is a musical comedy Whodunit that premiered on Broadway in 2007. Auditions are Saturday November 19, 2022. for Lehman students and Junior High students from our partner schools. "Curtains" will be presented March 23-25, 2023.

The 2021-2022 Yearbooks are in. If anyone you know ordered one, please communicate to them that they are in the main office for pickup. Please call 937.498.1161 to arrange for pickup.

Please pray for our students, faculty and staff as we continue to provide an exceptional Catholic Education for our youth. We will pray for all of you. Thank you for your support of Catholic Education.

CAVALIERS IN ACTION: Piqua Catholic School had its Annual Grandparents Day celebration on September 14. Grandparents, who visited the Preschool, Pre-K and Kindergarten classrooms/Downing Street Campus, met the teachers, made photo frames, played games, and checked out the new playground equipment. Grandparents from our 1st through 8th Grades were invited to Mass at St. Mary Church and after Mass to the North Street Campus for refreshments. Our Grandparents are such a blessing to us, and we like to make sure that we show them just how much they are loved!

The Knights of Columbus Pancake Dinner was held Saturday, September 17 from 4:00-6:30pm in the North St. cafeteria. Who doesn't like pancakes for dinner? Especially when it's all-you-can-eat! All the free-will donations went to benefit the Piqua Catholic Annual Fund!

Would you like a Cavalier Stencil added to your sidewalk or driveway? Call or text Katie Knisley at 937-477-6261 to get scheduled today! New Paintings are \$25.00 while those that just need a refresh, paintings are only \$15.00. Payments can be made by cash or check to Cavaliers In Action. Show your Cavalier Pride!

For those that would like to know more about what's going on at Piqua Catholic School or would like the opportunity to learn more about volunteering, you can check out a Cavaliers In Action (PTO) meeting! Meetings are held at Piqua Catholic North St. campus in the school library beginning at 6:30pm. Dates are: October 12, November 9, December 14, January 11, March 8, April 19, and May 10.

Hope to see you there.

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Upcoming Dates — Please watch the bulletin for additional information.

October:

- 3: Charismatic Mass, 7:30, St. B.
14: LCHS Harvest Auction
15: Fatima Street Rosary Rally
19: First Reconciliation Meeting
23: Dinner in Your Honor
31: Happy Halloween



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November:

- 1: All Saints Day
2: All Souls Day
2: Mass of Remembrance, 7pm., St. M.
7: Charismatic Mass, 7:30pm, St. B.
11: Veterans' Day
19: Giving Trees at Both Churches
19/20: Cabbage Roll/Bread Sale Pick-Up
24: Happy Thanksgiving—Mass,
9am, St. B.



December:

- 3: \$7/Month Club Dinner
4: Coffee & Doughnuts/St. Nick
4/5: Giving Tree Gift Deadlines
6: St. Nick Day
8: Immaculate Conception
25: Merry Christmas



St. Boniface Bingo

Monday & Wednesday Evenings

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