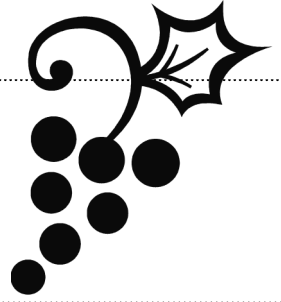
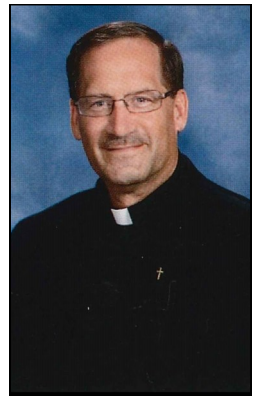


Tending the Master's Vineyard



Farewell, Fr. Dan

Fr. Dan Hunt's assignment as the pastor of Piqua Parishes began on July 1, 2018. Time flies and his time with us is fleeting. As Fr. Dan prepares for his next assignment — Pastor of the S11 Family of Parishes—All Saints/St. Vincent Ferrer, Cincinnati — beginning on July 1, 2022 — we bid him farewell and thank him for his ministry and service to our parishes.



- "I appreciate Father Dan's timeliness and attention to what is beautiful and holy in our liturgies. I appreciate his ability to stop whatever he is doing and address an urgent matter or a great need that is happening right now. I appreciate his respect for all men and women to participate in our parish communities. I appreciate his hard work! May he find joy and great blessing in his next assignment and all of his assignments ahead."

—Diane Mengos, Director of Religious Education and Youth Ministry

- Fr. Dan has left a significant impact on me by his example of his strong belief in "The One, Holy, Catholic, & Apostolic Church". He once spoke about living out our Catholic Faith and that "The salvation of souls which must always be the supreme law in the Church, is to be kept before one's eyes." Canon Law #1752. He showed me this in his own book of Canon Law and that stuck with me. I thought of his calling to help all of us along our path. What greater gift from Jesus could Fr. Dan have said "Yes" to. We are so fortunate to have had Fr. Dan for the last four years. — Linda Richard, St. Mary Financial & Office Manager

*God's blessings on you
and thank you
for all you do
in the service of God.*

- "Father Dan, on behalf of the Piqua Catholic School Family, thank you for all you've done for our school and parishes! We pray that your journey with All Saints bears much fruit for you and those you'll serve. Blessings!" — Brad Zimmerman, Principal

With gratitude to and appreciation of Fr. Dan,
May the Lord Bless You and Keep You Always in His Grace.

You Are Invited
To A "Farewell" Gathering For Fr. Dan
Sunday, June 5, Following the 11am Mass
Caserta Center

Carry-in Dinner—Meat, Beverages, Table Service Provided
Sponsored by St. Mary/St. Boniface Family Life
Watch the Bulletin for Additional Details



*St. Boniface
Feast Day
June 5*

Beacons of Light Family of Parishes—NW6—July 1, 2022

St. Boniface / St. Mary, Piqua; St. Teresa, Covington

St. Patrick, Troy; Transfiguration, West Milton

(The listing of all the priest assignments for The Beacons of Light Family of Parishes are posted on the Beacons of Light Website.)



"As we move forward with the new configuration of parishes and priest assignments, let us keep all in prayer and pray for all of the Family of Parishes that they may produce abundant fruit for the Kingdom of God" — Fr. Dan

Congratulations To All of Our 8th Grade, High School, & College Graduates

Graduating High School Seniors from St. Boniface and St. Mary Parishes will be honored on Sunday, May 15, before the 9am Mass. Seniors will be asked to come forward for a blessing from Father Dan and receive a gift from our Family Life Groups. Reservations are not required, and seniors may sit anywhere.



Parish Activities

St. B./St. M. Mission Committee:

Thanks ☆



Mark Your Calendar
Mission Committee
Rummage Sale
July 9 & 10, 2022
Caserta Center

The Mission Committee would like to thank all the people that supported us for the desserts at the Fish Fry on March 4, 2022. We will have the desserts at the Fish Fry on April 8, 2022. Please support all the organizations that are selling desserts for these great causes.

We are now taking donations for the Annual Rummage Sale that will take place on July 9 & 10, 2022. Please call Rose Hemm at 937-773-8642 or Don Stonerock at 937-773-2400 if you have any donations. They will set up a time to receive your donations. We would appreciate it if you have a way to bring them to the warehouse due to not having enough volunteers to pick up your items.

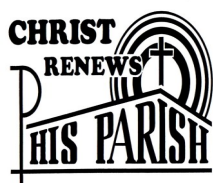
We will be needing some volunteers to help set up/tear down for the Rummage Sale. If you can help, please show up on July 8 and July 10 to help. We need some young people that can help lift. Also, we will need people with trucks/trailers to help pick up items at the warehouse and take to the Caserta Center. It worked so well last year, and we hope to have it work again. The Mission

Committee thanks Adam Holtvogt for giving us the space at the warehouse.

There will be an Inspiration Booth at the St. Mary Festival on June 3 and 4, 2022. You can find us in the hallway leading down to the cafeteria in the school. The Inspiration booth has religious items donated by parishioners, and they are all free. You can give a goodwill offering.

We are, also, appreciative of the people that are bringing aluminum cans to help us support the missions and twinning. If you have any aluminum cans, please bring them to 1104 Washington Avenue and put them on the front porch in front of the rocker or deposit them in the bin that you can see between the garage and house. We hope to move the bin this spring or summer to the area between the fence and shed in the back by the alley. When we get it moved, you can drive down the alley and deposit them in the bin.

The Mission Committee is always looking for new members. If you would like to join, just come to one of the meetings and see if it's what you are looking for. Just look in the bulletin for the time of the meetings. We don't meet every month and the meetings only last an hour or less. We welcome you anytime. May God bless you for supporting our missions.



Welcome to Christ Renews His Parish: Plans for a new Women's Team are now in progress with the following Formation leaders: Patty Murphy, Cathy Oda, and Cindy Zimmerman. With our new Family of Parishes to begin in July, Ruth Groff from St. Patrick in Troy will be joining the Team. A retreat date will be announced at a later time. At this time, there are no plans for a Men's Team. Currently, Mike Epperly and Matt Schieltz are offering a men's prayer group monthly. For questions regarding any of the women's or men's activities, please contact any of these women or men.

Respect Life Committee of Piqua Parishes: On March 14, we held our Annual Healing Service for anyone who has lost a child. Over the years, this service has aided many families who have lost their children deal with the grief they have experienced. From now until Palm Sunday, there are daily rosaries said before or after Mass for an end to abortion and a renewed respect for human life from conception until natural death. This is in connection with the Spring 40 Days for Life Campaign. Over the years of this campaign, more than 12,000 babies have been saved, abortion clinics have been closed, and abortion workers have left the field.

St. Mary Altar Society: St. Mary Altar Society had a very successful dessert sale at the March 11 Fish Fry. Special thanks to all those who donated desserts. Your generosity was greatly appreciated. We will be providing some new linens for the altar, and we are also making plans for the St. Mary Festival where we will be in charge of the Cake Booth.



Parish Activities Continued

Memorial Day Mass:

On Monday, May 30, the Piqua Parishes will come together to celebrate Mass at 11:00 a.m. in Forest Hill Cemetery, which replaces the 8:30am Mass that day. This annual tribute to those whom we have lost and those who have served our Country is facilitated by the Yannucci and Zimmerman families. Please bring a lawn chair. As in the past, should rain occur the Mass will be offered in St. Mary Church. Everyone is welcome as we honor those in our Parishes who have gone before us and others we care to pray for and remember.



Ultreya/Cursillo: Ultreya meets once a month for us to share our journeys with God and give and receive support from fellow believers. We meet on the fourth Saturday of the month, 9:15 until 10:30am at the Caserta Center. The next Men's Cursillo weekend will be held September 15 to the 18 at Our Lady of the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH.

St. Boniface & St. Mary Young Adult Group: "Hello! Are you interested in enjoying an evening of The Chosen Movie Series with other young adults (ages 19-30)? Our group will meet in sofa room B8 upstairs in the Caserta Center. We began Thursday, March 10, starting at 7pm, and will continue on consecutive Thursdays through Thursday, May 12. We will attend Holy Thursday services at St. Mary on April 14. We will meet with drinks and snacks for an hour and a half. Participants can join at anytime. Contact Hannah Ryan at 937-570-8087 if you would like to come!"

Parishes' Newsletter: The Parishes' Newsletter offers "paperless" delivery. Which means if email addresses are provided, those parishioners will receive the parishes' newsletter electronically and not a paper copy in the mail. *The Benefits of Going Paperless:* * Reduced Costs, * Less Time Consuming, * Quicker Than Snail-Mail, * Reduce Clutter, * Newsletters in Color, * Ability to Forward to Others — Just send your email addresses to piquaparishesnewsletter@gmail.com to sign up.

St. Clara Ladies Society: The St. Clara Ladies will host the annual Ladies Combined Dinner on Tuesday, May 3. Bring a dish to share and your table service. The guest speaker is Connie McEldowney, founder of Rustic Hope. The St. Clara Ladies Society meets the second Tuesday of the month, 7pm, Downing Street Cafeteria. All are welcome.



Deacon Jim pulled the winning tickets on December 31st. Thanks, Deacon Jim!

St. Boniface 2021 Quilt Raffle:

And, The Winners Are. . . *Grandmother's Flower Garden*, **Cindy Nelson** and *Hydrangea Lap Quilt*, **Pat Highley**. Many thanks to Connie Bonifas, Betty Elliott, Dolores Latham, Cindy Nelson, Gloria Stonerock, Deb Tyler, Peg White, Janet Lee, and Michelle Patrizio for their help with the quilts. Thanks, too, to the marketing sponsors, Miami Valley Today, Readmore's Hallmark, Thoma Jewelers, and the YWCA.

Thanks! Thanks! Thanks!
To All Who Purchased Tickets
\$973 Benefited the Oktoberfest

2022 Quilt Raffle: Michelle Patrizio and her mom, Janet Lee, have donated a "Cathedral Pattern" quilt for next year's raffle. Many thanks to them! Also, the St. B. stitchers are continuing to work on additional future raffle quilts on Wednesdays, 1-3pm, upstairs at the Caserta Center. Anyone interested in helping with future quilts is encouraged to join this group. We are cross-stitching, cutting, piecing, and quilting. For more info, call/text Rose at 937-778-8642.



Thank You

Parish Activities Continued

Adult Faith Formation Commission:

Family Movie: Due to an increase in Covid infections, the February scheduled family movie was canceled. Plans for a future date are under discussion.

Prayer Partners: Parishioners partnered to pray for fifteen Confirmation candidates throughout their formation.

Lent 2022:

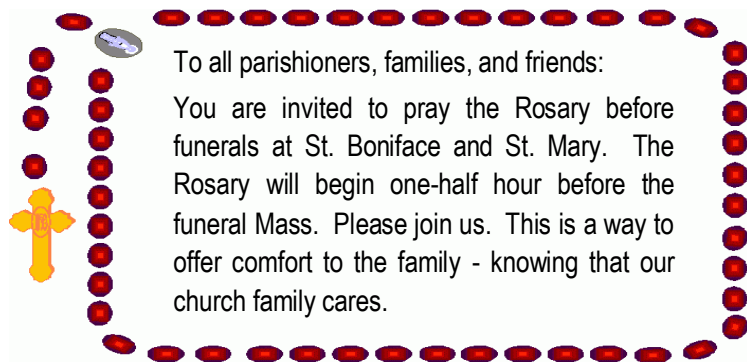
Stations of the Cross are offered on Thursdays at 7:00 PM at St. Mary's and on Sundays at 2:00 PM at St. Boniface.

On Saturday, March 5th a half day retreat with the theme "Caring for the Least of These" was offered at the NSC cafeteria. Speakers spoke on how they live this scripture message was given by the Sisters of Charity, Pat Smith on Griefshare, and Brenda Sousek from the Piqua Compassion Network and Celebrate Recovery.

Bible study discussion using the book *Job; A Good Man Asks Why* by Kevin Perrotta was offered at four times for group: Tuesday afternoons and two different Tuesday night sessions as well as Sunday afternoon.

St. Joseph Table: Honoring the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker on May 1st we will ask parishioners to donate nonperishable items for the Bethany Center food pantry the weekend of April 23-24.

The Adult Faith Formation Commission is comprised of representatives from both St. Boniface and St. Mary parishes. Members are Elizabeth Bingham, Ann Koehl, Barb Kohl (chairperson), Deacon Jim Niswonger, Cathy Oda, Nancy Peltier, Vickie Pierson, Gloria Stonerock, Chuck Tyler, Fr. Hunt, and Diane Mengos. Meetings are held at the North Street Campus 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.



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(937) 622-0112

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(937) 778-0496

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

Adult Faith Formation/Welcome to Christ Renews His Parish, **Barb Kohl**
Center for Early Learning, **Christy Hayes**; Divine Mercy Sunday, **Judy Lohnes**
Funeral Rosary—**Juanita Ventura**; Lehman Catholic High School, **Sister Ginny Scherer**
Parish Notes/Dates, **Theresa Henderson, Linda Richard, Judy Lohnes, Bill Holtvogt**
Piqua Catholic School, **Brad Zimmerman**; Religious Education/Youth Ministry, **Diane Mengos**
Respect Life Committee/Ultreya/Cursillo, **Greg & Donna Johnson**; RCIA, **Bill Hogston**
St. Boniface/St. Mary Mission Committee, **Don Stonerock**
St. Clara Ladies, **Bonne Decknadel**; St. Mary Altar Society, **Janet Poling**
Young Adult Group, **Hannah Ryan**

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

The Deadline for the Summer Issue is June 13.

Parish Activities Continued



St. Mary Lenten Fish Frys — Off to a Great Start — Many Thanks to ALL the Workers & Patrons—**Last Fish Fry is on April 8**

St. Mary Festival

June 3 (5-10pm) & **4** (12-10pm)

Chairpersons Nick & Michelle Cox

(937) 203-1800

stmarysfestivalpiqua@gmail.com



Watch Bulletin for More Info

Anniversary Couples



Front row (L-R) Frank & Arlene Patrizio (60), Betty & Frank Barhorst (65)

Middle Row (L-R) Steve & Mary Long (50), Sharon & Raymond Shawler (50)

Back Row (L-R) Bonne & Dana Decknadel (40), Karla & Marv Cool (50), Jeannne & Tim Burnside (40)



Front Row (L-R) Joe & Mary Teach (60), Victor & Pamela Brockman (40)

Middle Row (L-R) Chuck & Betty Elliott (50), Maryann & Dave Siefring (40)

Back Row (L-R) Linda & David DeMange (50)



Lori & Dallas Stotler (40)

congratulations!

Feature Story

Piqua & Damascus An Evangelizing Partnership

When Brad Zimmerman became principal of Piqua Catholic School in 2017, he had participated in many retreats and various forms of faith formation. It wasn't until parents shared about Damascus Catholic Mission Campus in Centerburg, near Columbus, that he realized just how life-changing evangelization could be.

"The first thing we did was set up a meeting with Dan DeMatte and a few parents," said Zimmerman. "I was really blown away by Dan's passion and the structure of the retreats. They are designed to meet students at every stage of their development."

DeMatte and Aaron Richards lead over 40 staff dedicated to creating an environment where young people, families, parishioners and school leaders encounter Jesus and deepen their relationship with Him. The mission began in 2001 as a summer camp initiative by St. Andrew Parish in Columbus. After 15 years of substantial growth, increased demand and positive change, they built Damascus Campus on 471 acres in central Ohio. Today, thousands visit each year to participate in faith-awakening retreats and events.



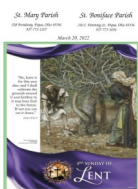
Piqua Catholic collaborates with St. Patrick School in Troy and Holy Angels and Lehman Catholic Schools in Sidney to preserve a partnership with the Damascus Missionaries. Fifth and sixth grade students who attend the Faith & Science Retreat are immersed in the natural world's beauty and invited to encounter its Creator. Seventh and eighth grade students' leadership retreat encourages them to grow in virtue, problem-solving and communication while looking to Jesus as model and teacher. All retreats conclude with Eucharistic Adoration.

"The time with Damascus missionaries has set their faith on fire, and it continues to burn through personal relationships with others and, most importantly, with Jesus."

The lasting impact is profound. Zimmerman said, "Years later I often speak with former students who admit these retreats have changed their lives. The time with Damascus missionaries has set their faith on fire and it continues to burn through personal relationships with others and, most importantly, with Jesus."

Just as the road to Damascus is best remembered in the Bible for St. Paul's dramatic encounter with the risen Christ and thus where he converted to Christianity, so does Damascus Catholic Mission Campus rise to its namesake's challenge. It's now a sought-after respite where generations of Catholics awaken the adventure of their faith in their schools, workplaces and communities.

This article, written by Susie Bergman, appeared in the January, 2022, edition of The Catholic Telegraph.



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**Mother's Day (May 8)
Father's Day (June 19)
Best Wishes To
All of Our
MOMs & DADs!!!**



Holy Week Schedule 2022

PALM SUNDAY—April 9 & 10

3:30 pm Mass at St. Boniface
 5:00 pm Mass of St. Mary
 9:00 am Mass at St. Mary
 11:00 am Mass at St. Boniface
 2:00 pm Stations of the Cross at St. Boniface
 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Clare Chapel



Monday

8:30 am All School Mass at St. Mary Church
 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Clare Chapel

Tuesday

3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Clare Chapel
 6:00 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church

Wednesday

8:30 am Mass at St. Mary Church
 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Clare Chapel
 6:00 pm Mass at St. Boniface Church

HOLY THURSDAY—April 14

8:30 am Morning Prayer (since no morning mass permitted) at St. Boniface
 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Clare Chapel
 7:00 pm Holy Thursday Mass at St. Mary

Adoration in St. Clare Chapel will cease at 6:00 pm on Thursday until 6:00 am on Easter Sunday.

Adoration in St. Mary Church from 8:00 pm until Midnight on Thursday.

GOOD FRIDAY—April 15

8:30 am Morning Prayer (since no morning mass permitted) at St. Mary
 12 Noon Stations of the Cross at St. Mary
 1:00 pm Rosary Sorrowful Mysteries at St. Mary
 2:00 pm Liturgy of Good Friday at St. Mary
 3:00 pm Divine Mercy Chaplet Novena begins at St. Mary
 7:30 pm Liturgy of Good Friday at St. Boniface

HOLY SATURDAY—April 16

8:30 am Morning Prayer (since no morning Mass permitted) at St. Mary
 8:45 pm Easter Vigil at St. Boniface

EASTER SUNDAY—April 17



Masses at St. Boniface

4/16 8:45pm (Vigil) - Fr. Dan
 4/17 7:00am—Fr. Dan
 11:00am—Fr. Dan

Masses at St. Mary

4/17 9:00am—Fr. Dan

Divine Mercy Sunday—April 24



There is a beautiful and simple devotion which is available to Catholics and non-Catholics alike called the Divine Mercy. This tremendously powerful devotion can do a world of good in a time when it is desperately needed. The devotion was revealed to St. Faustina Kowalska, a Polish nun, when Jesus first appeared to her on Feb. 22, 1931. His appearances and instructions for the Divine Mercy are chronicled in her diary. A simple way to remember His message is by remembering ABC:

Ask for His Mercy, prayerfully repenting of our sins & asking him to pour His Mercy upon us & the world.

Be merciful, letting it flow through ourselves to others.

Completely trust in Jesus, because the graces of His Mercy are dependent upon our trust; The more we trust, the more we will receive. These instructions apply to wherever we are in the liturgical year. The Divine Mercy Chaplet is meant to be prayed year round.

In speaking to St. Faustina, Jesus spoke the most consoling words concerning someone in critical condition. He said, "Whoever will recite the Chaplet will receive great Mercy at the hour of death...or when they say this Chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as a just Judge, but a Merciful Savior."

Instructional pamphlets and prayer cards will be available in St. Boniface and St. Mary vestibules on Palm Sunday and also in St. Clare Chapel. On April 24 at St. Mary, there will be Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament at 2:30 pm, praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet together at 3:00 pm, followed by Benediction.

Chaplet begins Good Friday (April 15)
to the 2nd Sunday after Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday (April 24)
2:30-3:30pm at St. Mary



Happy Ordination Anniversary

Fr. Tom Mannebach -May 15 (23rd)

Good Shepherd Catholic Church
8815 E. Kemper, Cincinnati, 45249 (S-3)
fr.mannebach@good-shepherd.org

Fr. Zach Cecil — May 18 (3rd)

St. Teresa of Avila/St. William
1175 Overlook Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio,
45238 (SW-4)
zcecil@stteresa-avila.org

Fr. Dan Hunt—May 19 (10th)

Fr. John Tonkin— May 21 (17th)
St. Christopher Church
435 National Rd., Vandalia, 45377 (NW-2)
jtonkin@stchristopheronline.com

Fr. Martin Fox — May 24 (19th)

St. Remy Catholic Church
108 E. Main, Russia, 45363 (NE-9)
pastor@stremychurch.com

Fr. Francis Keferl— June 2 (49th)

86 E. Van Lake Dr
Vandalia, Ohio 45377

Fr. Tom Bolte — June 14 (42nd)

St. Angela Merici & St. Michael Parishes
130 Stone Alley, Box 279
Fayetteville, Ohio 45118 (C-1)
tbolte82@gmail.com

Fr. Tom Hemm — Dec. 30 (44th)

St. Charles Center—2860 U.S. Route 127
Celina, Ohio 45822
tomhemm@hotmail.com

You're Invited

St. Boniface/St. Mary Ladies COMBINATION DINNER

Tuesday, May 3, 6pm
Downing Street Cafeteria

Please bring a dish to share and
your own table service.

Guest Speaker:
Connie McEldowney, Founder
Rustic Hope

Donations (diapers, wipes, toys,
gift cards) to Rustic Hope
will be greatly appreciated.

Religious Education/Youth Ministry—Diane Mengos



A Winter Season of Friendship, Learning, and Serving

Our past winter season included lots of good learning for our Grade School Youth and our Confirmation Youth in Faith Formation. We are SO GRATEFUL for our dedicated staff who serve Grades K-6 on Wednesday Evenings: Debbie Darner, Teresa Burnside, Kelly Jo Mertz, Erinn Hemmert, Abby Hemm, Barb Caserta, and Alexis Bollinger. There is MUCH love, enthusiasm, and creativity involved in teaching our Catholic Faith on Wednesday nights.



Our Confirmation Team this year was made up of Anita Polakowski, Stacy Pratt, Kyle Henry, Mike Mengos and me. These are WONDERFUL ADULTS who care so much about our teens. Our curriculum was thoughtful, including our "healthy relationships" lessons in the sofa rooms.

Our teens experienced service with other teens from around Piqua at our Martin Luther King Service Day at the Piqua YMCA. We performed much equipment cleaning around the facility. 32 youth turned out and also enjoyed discussion, lunch, and recreation time.



We also reached out to our neighbors and nursing home friends with Valentine cards and candy. Thank you to Blake Covault, Olivia Hudgel, Matt Weiser, Sarah Weiser, Nick Phillips, Tony Phillips, Seth Knapke, and Torri Foster for volunteering beyond required service!

Our Lenten Retreat "The Least of These" received a great turnout of 48 people! The presenters were not only informative, but very moving in sharing their accounts of ministry. Thoughtful prayer and fellowship also blessed our morning retreat. Thank you to our presenters Sister Mary Alice Haithcoat, Sister Ginny Scherer, Rebecca Sousek, and Pat Smith. Thank you to the Adult Faith Formation Committee.

congrats, Eli Baker



Eli Baker was born July 4, 1998, the son of Karen and Cliff Baker. His siblings include Joe Reiber, Hayley and Noah Baker. Eli is a lifetime member of St. Boniface Church. He attended Piqua Catholic Grade School, graduated with honors from LCHS, and graduated from Ohio State University with a degree in Industrial Engineering. ***Eli was Commissioned as an Ensign on December 18, 2021, in the US Navy.*** Eli departed for Naval Aviator Flight School in Pensacola, FL. March 14, 2022.

RCIA

This years RCIA catechumen and candidates are making their final preparations to receive the sacraments of initiation at the Easter Vigil. The catechumen (unbaptized) are Sara Staley and John Kreitzer. The candidates are Taylor Kiefer and Brian Carter.

Please pray for them as they continue their faith journey.

Parish Notes

Baptisms:

St. M.

Jace Anthony Kiefer
Son of Tyler & Taylor (Brandt) Kiefer
(01/09/22)

Ivy Marie & Genevieve Lu Underwood
Daughters of M. Dach & Megan (Hampshire) Underwood
(01/20/22)

Marley Emerson Magill
Daughter of Justin & Kari (Breisch) Magill
(02/18/22)

St. B.

Grant & Emma Carter
Children of Brian & Tara Carter
(03/27/22)

Weddings: St. M. & St. B. - None

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

St. B.

Lucinda M. Wirrig (01/12/22)
William "Bill" Williams (01/13/22)
Suzanne H. Smitley (02/02/22)
Patricia "Pat" Hiser (02/11/22)
Gerald P. "Pat" Greeley (02/12/22)
Rosemary Wildenhaus (02/13/22)
Lila M. Greeley (03/19/22)

St. M.

Donald Lee Loeffler (01/01/22)
Robert "Bob" Seas (02/03/22)
Vera J. Monroe (02/10/22)
Helen Ruth Deitering (03/06/22)
Richard "Vic" Vickroy (03/06/22)
Michael Ivanowicz (03/06/22)
Raymond Peltier (03/10/22)
Estelle Agnes Heiner (03/14/22)

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

St. M.: Meghan Burner, Deborah Morrison, Jeffery & Lisa Pence & Son, Falcon

St. B.: Beatrice Black, Brian & Tara Carter & Children, Emma & Grant

Confirmation: March 13, 2022



Front Row: Chloe "Pauline" Roberson, Melanie "Catherine" Karn, Kassidy "Gemma" Turner, Bethany "Therese" Henry, Fr. Steve Angi—Vicar General of the Archbishop, Christopher "Gregory" Galbreath, Kaden "Joseph" Earick, Brendon "Sebastian" Cox, Gianna "Genevieve" James, Sister Mary Alice Haithcoat

Second Row: Mr. Alan Capasso, Evan "John Paul" O'Leary, Keidin "Albert" Pratt, Joshua "John" Knapke, Carter "Thomas" Davis, Ryan "Francis" Earick, Nolan "Paul" Earick, Natalie "Margaret" Hemmert, Mrs. Theresa Davis

Third Row: Mrs. Anita Polakowski, Ms. Diane Mengos

Fourth Row: Mrs. Stacy Pratt, Mr. Brad Zimmerman, Fr. Dan Hunt, Deacon Jim Niswonger, Fr. Jim Duell, Mr. Mike Mengos, Mr. Kyle Henry

Confirmation 

School News—CFEL, PCS, LCHS



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

Open Enrollment: We have limited spots available for the 2022-2023 school year. If you know anyone interested in attending our program this Fall have them contact Christy Hayes at hayesc@piquacatholic.org as soon as possible.

Summer Camp 2022: Once again, we have two options for our camp program. Students can enroll in our Full Summer option which runs from 6/6 - 8/12 and includes Extended Care, or they can choose ala carte from specific themed weeks. Our camp program continues to be incredibly popular and tons of fun!

Yes, It's True: We are in search of a new Director for the Preschool Program at Piqua Catholic to start on July 1, 2022. If you know of anyone interested in this rewarding position - have them contact Brad Zimmerman at zimmermanb@piquacatholic.org.

When I took the position of Director, I had several goals in mind all aimed at bringing out the full potential of our preschool in an effort to build up the entire school. The Center for Early Learning has grown into a strong foundational program that enriches the school, the parishes, and the community. I feel great about our accomplishments and am ready to slip away and shift my focus back to my family. I leave feeling proud of what we have built and believe it will continue along the upward trajectory. I appreciate the time I have spent, the memories made, and the relationships forged.

Thank you to everyone who made this such a wonderful experience! To answer the follow-up question: No - we are not moving back to Chicago. I will still be hard at work until the end of June, and then we will continue to see you around Piqua.

Piqua Catholic School:

Blessings to you and your family in 2022!

***Enrollment for all grades, Preschool-8th grade, is now OPEN!
Register before April 15 to reserve your spot.***



Here are the highlights from the past few months here at Piqua Catholic:

Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Knights of Columbus: We would like to thank Jody Malone (Grand Knight at the Piqua Knights of Columbus) and all fellow knights for hosting our quarterly pancake breakfasts to support Piqua Catholic. The KofC has raised \$2,322 so far this year, benefitting our Annual Fund that directly supports our staff and families. Much gratitude to our knights for their support!

Piqua Catholic Annual Fund: Thank you to all of those who have donated to our Annual Fund. To date, you have helped us raise \$25,000 of our \$40,000 goal! If you haven't donated, there's still time! All gifts are tax deductible, unrestricted and are used immediately for current programs, faculty compensation and professional development, curriculum and classroom enhancements, arts, athletics, religious education, retreats, and community service programs. Visit our FAQs on our website at www.piquacatholic.org/annualfund Ready to donate? Checks can be made payable to Piqua Catholic School (memo: Annual Fund) and mailed to 503 W. North St., Piqua, OH 45356, or donate via credit card at our website above. Thank you for helping us build a strong community of Catholics right here in Piqua!



Piqua Catholic School Endowment Fund: If you are interested in making a long-term donation (legacy gift, bequest, etc.), we would love to talk with you! These funds will support the "Above and Beyond" our school budget projects that focus on the future health and growth of the school. We are excited to partner with The Piqua Community Foundation who will manage and invest these funds for our school. A committee comprised of school and parish stakeholders will monitor the use of these funds. Please contact the school at 937-773-1564 or email cavalier@piquacatholic.org. Thank you!

School News Continued—PCS

Second Quarter Awards: We celebrated our students' 2nd quarter successes at our Cavalier of the Quarter Ceremony on Friday, January 7. Congratulations to all students for their hard work so far this year!

Cavalier of the Quarter

K- Jaylee Scott | K- Jackson Baker |
 1- Matthew Swartz | 2- Danny Richard |
 3- Lewis Garman | 4- Vincent Karn |
 5- Kolson Petty | 6- Braden Ulbrich |
 7- Jackson Garman | 8- Christopher Galbreath

Most Improved Student

K- Nolan Verrill | K- Allen Roberts |
 1- Parker Bates | 2- Amirah Huelskamp |
 3- Gage Knisley | 4- Evelyn Johnson |
 5- Nevaeh Perry | 6- Gus Richard |
 7- Liam Grunkemeyer | 8- Joshua Knapke



Honor Roll

1st Honors- MaKenzie Ford, Will Galbreath, William Garman, John Verrill, Finian O'Leary, Braden Ulbrich, Jackson Garman, Lilly Graham, Olivia Hudgel, Madison Rank, Olivia Sherry, Benton Verrill, Christopher Galbreath, Evan O'Leary

2nd Honors- Maria Hess, Kolson Petty, Joshua Richard, Broc Ulbrich, Asa Basye, Eva Hinkle, Gus Richard, Carey Yant, Cohen Mikolajewski, Annabelle Treon, Liam Grunkemeyer, Audrey Hess, Melanie Karn, Joshua Knapke, Payton Meckstroth.

VPP Industries: Piqua Catholic would like to thank Andy Monnin (parishioner) and his team at VPP Industries for creating some amazing pieces of art to express and share the mission of Piqua Catholic. They created our newsletters, Annual Fund materials, professional artwork throughout our school buildings, and many other pieces. Thank you, VPP!

Monte Carlo Night! Piqua Catholic's Monte Carlo Night is Saturday, April 30, from 7-10pm at the Fr. Angelo Caserta Center. Everybody WINS at this amazing casino night with professional dealers and game tables including Blackjack, Craps, Roulette and Poker. Get your tickets today and have FUN while knowing you are supporting a GREAT cause. Let's make it a FULL HOUSE! For event and raffle tickets, visit piquacatholic.rallyup.com/montecarlo2022. See you there!

Catholic Schools Week: We had an awesome (and snowy) Catholic Schools Week celebration this year. Here are the quick highlights of the week:

- Students gave out THANK YOUs to parishioners to show our appreciation for their generosity and support
- Our service project for the week was to collect over 2000 canned goods for the Bethany Center
- Students made and delivered thank you cards and cookies to our local police officers & firefighters
- Students had the chance to pie me in the face for \$1 to raise money for Student Council
- Kevin Mikolajewski flipped pancakes in the cafeteria for all our students and families (Thank you, Mr. M!). We had live music and games in the gym on this day as well
- We invited Veterans to our All School Mass; we also blessed throats through the intercession of St. Blaise
- We did "Tape the Teacher" again, raising over \$500 for our music program. Our 4th grade teacher, Ms. Langenkamp was the lucky winner and was a great sport! Students enjoyed Cold Stone Creamery ice cream this day, too
- Our 6th graders visited Lehman Catholic High School to learn about what it's like to be a Big Cavalier

Thank you! to our PTO, Cavaliers In Action, for sponsoring this week's events.

School News Continued—PCS

Confirmation Class of 2022!: Father Steve Angi, Chancellor to the Archbishop of Cincinnati, was with us Sunday, March 13 to celebrate the amazing sacrament of Confirmation for our Piqua Catholic 8th graders and students from St. Boniface and St. Mary parishes. What a beautiful ceremony and gift as they received the Holy Spirit. Father Angi gave the analogy of a tandem bike, explaining that Jesus is in the “captain” seat and we are to keep pedaling from the backseat, even though we may not know where we are going. Putting our full faith and trust in Christ is the beautiful message here. Please join me in prayer as they accept this immeasurable responsibility to share our faith with the world. Here are the five Piqua Catholic Students who were confirmed: **Christopher Galbreath, Melanie Karn, Joshua Knapke, Evan O’Leary, and Chloe Roberson**

Farewell, Mrs. Hayes: Mrs. Christy Hayes (Ms. Christy) has put her heart and soul into our school, especially our Preschool. She has been instrumental in building the best team at the preschool and refining many of the processes to ensure best practices. Her love for the school and unwavering dedication to seeing it grow was obvious to everyone. I have been able to put full faith and trust in her to lead the Preschool for 4 years, and for that, I’m grateful. This is Christy’s last year as our Preschool Director of Piqua Catholic School in order to enjoy her retirement days with her husband, Bill, and family back in Chicago. They plan to stay here in Piqua to help in the parish and community. Christy and Bill have both been a gift from God, and will be missed by all at Piqua Catholic School. We wish them an abundance of God’s blessings and relaxation during this next chapter. Thank you, Mr. and Mrs. Hayes!



Thank you to our Business Partners! These partnerships go well beyond the dollar amount as they generate support for the school in other ways, including their time and talents.

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Thank you

Thank you for your prayers and support of Piqua Catholic School! We are dedicated to an authentic Catholic School education as we live to BE an example of Jesus’ LOVE every day. May the Lord bring you peace and beautiful Spring weather! For Jesus, Brad Zimmerman, Principal

Lehman Catholic High School:

LEHMAN TAPS BOARD MEMBER AS ACTING PRESIDENT: In February, Mr. Josh Ater resigned as President of Lehman Catholic High School for family reasons. The Lehman Board of Limited Jurisdiction decided to step back and take some time to assess what type of Leadership was needed for Lehman. However, to do this an acting President was needed. The Board has named Piqua native and present Lehman Board member **Thomas Stein** as acting President. “We are really excited to have Tom join the school as Acting President. With his wealth of experience in education and leadership, we feel he is the perfect person to help guide the school as we stage it for future success. Plus, as he served on the Board of Limited Jurisdiction this year, he has an understanding and appreciation for Lehman’s traditions and values, which is essential,” explained Board of Limited Jurisdiction President Mike Earhart.

The **LEHMAN STUDENT COUNCIL** and **TEEN LEADERSHIP CLASS** have been very active. Their second blood drive of the year was held on March 28. These organizations collected 1763 pairs of new socks from Lehman students which were donated equally to Bethany Center, Piqua, Mercy Mission House, Sidney and Franklin Community Center, Troy. Their next project, which spans from March 28 to April 1, is to collect toothpaste, toothbrushes, mouthwash and floss to be put in BLESSING BAGS for the same charities. This project is with Piqua Catholic, St. Patrick and Holy Angels.

School News Continued—LCHS

LEHMAN SENIOR, ADITH JOSHUA GEORGE, NAMED NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST: Out of the more than 1.5 million juniors who took the National Merit Scholarship test, **Josh George** was first named a semifinalist and in February a finalist! This entitles Josh to compete for 7,600 nation-wide scholarships. Josh has also been named an AP Scholar. Josh is a member of the National Honor Society, Science Olympiad, Ohio Energy Project, and has received three Science Fair Superiors. Josh is also an outstanding Soccer player and for the past two years was the kicker for the football team. Josh intends on studying Computer Science with a focus on Artificial Intelligence in college.

WINTER SPORTS have concluded. Although all were successful, **John Edwards** had the most success in Wrestling. John broke the school record for the most pins in a season. The new record is 39 pins. He also achieved a wrestling milestone by capturing his 100th career victory. John participated in the State Wrestling Tournament in the 190lb weight class.

SPRING SPORTS of baseball, softball, tennis and track & field are practicing and opened their seasons in late March.

IN THE SCIENCE WORLD: Several events have taken place. Lehman's Annual Science Fair was held February 9. Fifty-seven students exhibited their projects, and 13 Superiors were awarded. Of these, ten elected to take their projects to the District Science Fair held March 12 at Edison State Community College. At the District, the following were awarded Superior ratings and will exhibit their projects at the State Science Fair in May: Brian Bauman, Isabel Flores, Josh George, Brandon Jones, Alex Lundy, Layla Platfoot, and Annie Stiver. The students garnered awards in the amount of \$675.00.

Lehman's Science Olympiad team participated in two Invitationals in January to prepare for Regional Science Olympiad. At the Ohio State Invitational, Lehman placed 25th out of 87 teams, receiving a medal for 5th place in Gravity Vehicle. At the Centerville Invitational Lehman, placed 24th out of 69 teams, receiving a 7th place in Detector Building and a 10th place in Cell Biology. At the Regional, March 19, Lehman placed 4th which qualifies Lehman for the Science Olympiad State Competition, April 9. Also Brenden Werling and Logan Linson won a first place medal for WiFi Lab!. Congratulations to all participants and their coaches.

IN THE ART WORLD: Lehman junior, **Genevieve O'Leary**, placed second in the SkillsUSA Ohio 2022 Promotional Pin and T-Shirt Design Challenge. This was part of an assignment for her digital media class at Upper Valley CC.

IN THE MUSIC WORLD: For the first time in history, Lehman Catholic students **Alexis Bollinger** (horn), **Janessa Coverstone** (trombone) and **Ashlyn Hamblin** (flute) attended the Wright State Honor Band Festival in February. The Festival was coordinated by Director of Bands Dr. Shelly Jagow. Lehman students learned four pieces in three days under the direction of music professors of Wright State. Final performance was February 23.

The ALL SCHOOL SPRING MUSICAL, THE WIZARD OF OZ, was performed at the Historic Sidney Theater March 17-19. Piqua students from LCHS and PCS who were involved were: **Alexis Bollinger, Taylor Cooper, Matthew Galbreath, Miley Heffelfinger, Daria Lee, Genevieve O'Leary, Brenden Werling, Christopher Galbreath, Sam Galbreath, Emma Graham, Brielle Graham, Lucy Whelan, and Charlie Zimmerman.** Graduate **Ella Gover** was Sound Engineer.

Upcoming dates are: *April 30* — Prom; *May 4* — Senior Awards and Scholarship Assembly
May 5 — Underclassmen Awards & Field Day; *May 27* — 7pm, Baccalaureate Mass at St. B.
May 29, 2pm, Graduation — Lehman Catholic High School

Enrollment for the 2022-2023 school is taking place. Ed Choice Grants and Tuition Assistance are available. If you know anyone wishing a Catholic High School education, contact Mrs. Veronica Gaier, Principal.

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- 14: Holy Thursday
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- 3/4: St. Mary Festival
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17: **Fr. Dan's Birthday**



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Feast of Corpus Christi



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