

# Our Family News

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## ST. VINCENT de PAUL The Man, The Mission, and the Society

by Christine DePascale

When you think about St. Vincent de Paul, what comes to mind? Maybe it is the man of faith himself who is known for his acts of charity. Or maybe it is the blue building on Niles Rd. SE that you could drop off your gently used donations to stock the thrift store. For me, I remember taking my children to volunteer at the dining hall through our own St. William Youth Group several years ago. Whatever your memories, the purpose of this article is to inspire you to make new ones.

Before getting into the specifics of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Trumbull County, I wanted to share some interesting information about the man for whom it is named. Vincent de Paul entered the faith in 1600 when he was only 19 years old. During his early years in the priesthood, he spent most of his time catering to wealthy patrons with little regard for the poor. However, this way of life eventually caught up with him. While travelling in the year 1605, he was captured by pirates and then sold into slavery. It was this experience that gave Vincent the time he needed to reflect upon his way of life. He prayed frequently to God during this period. In fact, he even attempted to make a

deal with the Almighty Father. If God would spare his life and free him from slavery, then the rest of his life would be devoted to helping the poor.

True to his word, when Vincent escaped from slavery, he devoted himself to helping the poor. Ironically, the connections he made to the wealthy before his capture

asking for furniture, clothing, and food. This act of charity was the first of its kind and was so successful that other churches were reaching out to Vincent to help them replicate his idea.

Through time, Vincent realized there was a need to train men to be the next religious leaders in his mission to help the poor. He founded an order of priests, whom he called the Vincentians. This vocation was created to meet both the spiritual and material needs of the less fortunate. In addition, he founded the Daughters of Charity, Confraternities of Charity and the Ladies of Charity which are the female counterparts to the Vincentians. As if that wasn't enough, Vincent continued to create much needed services like hospitals,



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were the same people that he contacted to assist in his mission

to make life better for the less fortunate. In fact, he not only received monetary donations from these acquaintances, but he also inspired them to organize into groups that went around the town

orphanages, and homes for the mentally ill. Before he died, he fulfilled his calling by going into prisons and sharing his own story of slavery and faith. He was named a saint 77 years after his death in 1737. He is also known as the Apostle of Charity and the Father of the Poor due to his many acts of kindness and charities towards the poor.

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**“There are many  
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*~Fr. Balash*

It is hard to believe that we are in the midst of August – *the dog days of summer* – and that the calendar page will soon turn to September. It continues to be a challenge for us with the recent surge in the virus. Hopefully soon, things will return back to normal and life will resume with enthusiasm and vibrancy. In the meantime, as we continue to maneuver through these challenging times there is much to be grateful and thankful for. Our parish groups and organizations are beginning to plan their events and activities for the upcoming year and soon many happenings will begin after the summer hiatus. In the midst of Friday night football games, I hope you will be part of the many good and exciting opportunities that happen at our parish during the year.

This summer has been a welcomed time of rest and quiet and a chance to get caught up on all those projects that easily get put off throughout the year. Our building and grounds remain in good shape and all the usual summer maintenance activities have happened. Looking to the immediate future, I have been exploring various options and possibilities regarding our parking lot. It is becoming evident that some major improvements are much needed sooner than later and so I hope to develop a plan to address this in the coming months. As soon as something is in place I will share it with you.

One special event that I would like to call your attention to is happening this coming September. To re-engage and return our parish to a sense of fullness we will be celebrating a special event – POWER-UP→RECONNECT – on Sunday, September 19 beginning at 4:00 p.m. This event will be a special time for the whole parish to come together for good food, fun, entertainment, and fellowship in an effort to “reconnect” to our parish mission and to “power-up” from the last year of challenges and trials that we have all had to deal with. I hope you will plan on attending and join us for a fun evening of relaxation, entertainment, and fun.

Finally, I remain ever grateful and thankful for all of you for your continued encouragement, kindness and generosity shown to our parish. This past July I took on the added position and responsibility of Vicar for Clergy for the Diocese in addition to retaining my position as Director for the Office of Worship. I did so knowing of the enthusiasm and support from all of you and our Parish Staff. While the added responsibility has made life more active and busier, I remain committed to the mission and ministry of our parish. On August 1 I began my thirteenth year as pastor and I continue to be amazed each day at the spirit, enthusiasm, and commitment of this parish community. There are many great things happening at our parish due to your generous spirit and dedication. Saint William Parish continues to be a remarkable and special place filled with the spirit and life of the Gospel! May God continue to bless you, your family, and our wonderful parish. Don’t forget to enjoy these last days of summer!

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**NEW PARISHIONERS**

**THE SCHWARTZ FAMILY**

*Michael, Sara, Brooke & Violet*

**THE SCHUSTER FAMILY**

*Gregory, Marisa, Miabella & Lillian*

**REBECCA FREUDENRICH**

**MARCIA TOMKO**

**THE GRIFFIN FAMILY**

*Larry and Martha*

**THE BRUGLER FAMILY**

*Dane, Stephanie,  
Kegan, Kara, Ethan & Leah*

**THE JASKIEWICZ FAMILY**

*Charles and Judith*

**BAPTISM**

**Marley Anne Mackiewicz**

*Daughter of Edward & Amy Mackiewicz  
Granddaughter of Thomas & Theresa Weeks  
June 27, 2021*

**Lillian Mae Schuster**

*Daughter of Greg & Marisa Schuster  
Great-Granddaughter of George & Evelyn  
July 10, 2021*

**Scarlett Angela Kugler**

*Daughter of Jason & Alisha Kugler  
August 7, 2021*

**DECEASED**

**JOANN MAJERSKY**

**ANGELA TOMBAR**

**BERNADETTE FOX**

When I was first ordained, people started asking questions about my ministry. Often these would be related to me taking charge of groups at our parish. My response back then, and still is today, that my ministry is one of service and that it isn't necessary for me to displace others from the ministries that they were able to do.

Over the couple of years that I've been here at St. William, I have been able to watch many people serving in a variety of roles and it is those ministries and all the different people that do them that make St. William Church a vibrant parish. Those roles range from small to big, and while some are public others are done quietly with few people noticing them. Yet each is important, and all of them help our parish in her mission.

This last year has been a challenging one for all of us, as we've watched Covid-19 disrupt our lives in ways we couldn't imagine. During the transition back to "normal" parish life, one of the challenges has been getting people to volunteer again. I know that we've had a signup sheet for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, and Altar Servers for each Mass. Traditionally, signup sheets can be a challenge. My previous parish would post a signup sheet for people to serve in various roles on holy days like Christmas and Easter. On the positive side of things, people were good about volunteering. On the negative side of things, sometimes people were too good about volunteering. For example, let's say that the Smith family would always sign up for the Easter Mass every year...but they would sign up just as soon as the sheet was available, so nobody else ever got a chance to serve.

I don't think there is a perfect solution to this challenge, but the engineer in me thinks that maybe it might be good for the people who normally sign up first to let other people get a shot at volunteering. Maybe we can do that by encouraging other members of our parish family whom we haven't heard from in a while to volunteer...and if we see that nobody has signed up and the time is getting close, then we can sign up. Let me add here that I'm especially grateful to those who come and are willing to step in and serve on short notice. May God bless all those in the parish who serve in any way and may he give us hearts that are not only willing to serve, but also hearts that are willing to share the load and to share our ministry with our brothers and sisters.





# OUR FAMILY'S CHOICE FOR A CATHOLIC EDUCATION

by Kimberly Long

My husband and I originally enrolled our son, Henry, in Catholic school when we found out he had social and emotional developmental delays, which was right before he was due to start Kindergarten. At that time, our family was living at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, near Dayton, Ohio. Since he was three days away from the age cutoff, we could have waited an extra year to send him to school. However, Henry was already reading at the time, and we wanted to support his growing knowledge and desire to learn in addition to avoiding boredom in the classroom.

Henry's doctor agreed that a more one on one approach to education, one that included education on virtues and morality and took place within smaller class sizes, would be a good fit for our family. It seems that many parents today do not want morality brought into the classroom but we thought the extra emphasis from a different perspective could be beneficial. We embraced the fact that different authority figures in our son's life would have valuable advice to give about how to become a kinder and more compassionate person. Ultimately, we decided he would attend St. Helen, a smaller school attached to our parish.

As a parent, I was slightly shocked to discover that teaching my kids morals and empathy was something I had to actively do. Children don't always pick these things up as they go through life, much to my surprise! I thought I would be teaching my son how to read as he naturally gained empathy, but it seems that the opposite is true. This realization hit both my husband and I pretty hard. I think most parents occasionally feel intimidated by the huge responsibility of raising a child, but there are moments when the task feels especially daunting.

I was raised Catholic but my husband was not brought up within any religion. He has always been very open to our faith and attends church with us when he can. We had a Catholic wedding and we agreed to raise our children within the church. It was our decision to use the Catholic faith as more than emotional support, we realized it could be a tangible tool to incorporate into parenting. We did not need to take on this huge task on our own and we breathed a little easier when we decided to rely on a Catholic education to reinforce our own values in addition to traditional instruction.

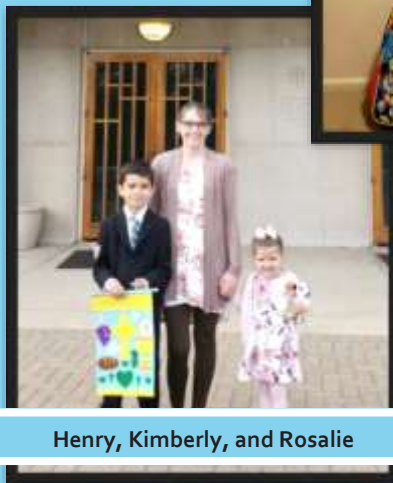
Last April our family was uprooted when the Air

Force sent my husband to South Korea for a yearlong unaccompanied tour. I moved the kids and myself in with my parents here in town looking for the extra support of family in what we expected to be a difficult year. We could have sent Henry to Lakeview school district; I graduated from there and have no problems with the school district. However, we knew it would be hard for Henry to attend a new school for only one year before moving on to another new school when my

husband receives his next assignment from the Air Force in April.

I believe that as a Catholic school, John F. Kennedy can offer more support and comfort to Henry during a stressful time in his life. Although school hasn't even started yet, he has already become comfortable with his principal over Zoom, and he is excited to start school soon.

He does miss his old school and friends, but we all feel the warmth from the welcome we have received from our new parish here at St. William and from the staff at John F. Kennedy. We are thankful for the extra emotional support that this community has freely given when our family needed it most. I believe that the strong foundation in faith we have tried to help build will be beneficial throughout Henry's life, and I am grateful to Catholic school for helping us give this gift to our son.



Henry, Kimberly, and Rosalie



## WOMEN'S GUILD EVENTS FOR 2021-2022

- September 1 at 6:00 p.m. – Organizational meeting
- September 22 at 6:00 p.m. - TNT Night
- October 6 at 6:00 p.m. – Meeting
- October 12 – Chance Auction
- November 3 at 6:00 p.m. – Meeting
- December 1 – Christmas Kolachi Bake
- December 5 – Parish Christmas Dinner
- December 11 – Craft Show
- January 5 at 6:00 p.m. – Meeting
- February 2 at 6:00 p.m. – Meeting
- March 9 at 6:00 p.m. – Meeting
- March 13 – Card Party
- March 23 – Easter Kolachi Bake
- April 6 at 6:00 p.m. – Meeting
- May 1 – Marian Devotion
- May 4 at 6:00 p.m. – Meeting
- August 5, 6, 7—Rummage Sale
- August 14—Parish Picnic

# WOMEN'S GUILD 2021

by Therese Tuttle

All Women over the age of 18 of St. William are members of the Women's Guild. The purpose of the Guild is to promote Christian values within our parish, while serving the parish with social, spiritual, and financial support. The first step in

becoming an active member is to attend the meetings which are held on the first Wednesday of the month starting in September and ending in May. Our meetings begin with a half hour of social time and refreshments followed by the business meeting and ending with a variety of programs and/or activities. Please come join us!



The 2020-2021 year ended on May 31 with the Installation of Officers. Officers from 2019-2020 have agreed to continue their duties for a second term. Congratulations and thanks for accepting this responsibility. Returning officers are: President, Linda Horm; Vice President, Christine DePascale; Secretary, Margie McCummins; and Treasurer, Marcia Kane. After the Installation of Officers, the evening ended with a Basket Raffle. Winners are listed on the top right. Congratulations to all our winners!

On July 31, the Trunk Sale was hosted by the WG in place of the annual rummage sale. Fifty-two spots were sold to individuals selling a wide variety of wares. A 50/50 raffle was held, the winner, Bobbie Bell, won \$209.00. A basket raffle was held (winners listed on the bottom right.) Congratulations winners!

Thanks to everyone who participated in making this event successful. A special thank you to the Knights of Columbus who helped set up, direct traffic, grill hamburgers and hotdogs, and clean up.

In August the Women's Guild hosted the annual picnic following the 10:30 Mass. As you recall, we

## MAY BASKET RAFFLE WINNERS

- Cleveland Indian Basket – Theresa White
- Sand Box Basket – Rachel Joseph
- Small Spa Basket – Irene Bellex
- Cinco de Mayo Basket – Nola Tunnicliff
- Flamingo Basket – Nichole McIntyre
- Barbie Basket – Donna Runtas
- Jewelry/Purse Basket – Kathryn Callahan
- Blue Kitchen Basket – Kathryn Callahan
- Gardening Basket – Donna Runtas
- Purse Basket – Maria Butcher
- Grill Basket – Denise Kufchak
- Olive Garden Basket – Andrea Runyan
- Flower Purse Set Basket – Nancy Hatch
- Beach Chair Basket – Mary Lou Osborn
- Kitchen/Bbq Basket – Maryann Drabek
- Spa Basket – Wanda Robinson
- Lucky Irish Basket – Carol Drabek
- Dog Basket – unknown
- Tasteful Basket – Nancy Hatch
- Patriotic Basket – Maureen Scott
- Cat Basket – Jeannette Jaskiewicz
- Easter Basket – Wanda Robinson
- Lunch Box Basket – Fr. Balash
- Spa Day Basket – Georgana Lapmarao
- Ohio State Basket – Carol Drabek
- Wine And Snack Basket – Alice
- Pamper Chef Basket – Maria Butcher
- Lottery Basket – Jamie Taneri



## TRUNK SALE BASKET WINNERS

- Summer Fun Basket – Michelle Redick
- Tool Bag Basket – Michelle Redick
- Adult Game Basket – Michelle Redick
- Child's Basket – Margaret Prebonick
- Girls Back to School – Carol Drabek
- Boys Back to School – Teddi Agues
- Jewelry Basket – Linda Horm
- Lottery Basket – Tony Ogrinc
- Quilters Basket – Theresa White
- Olive Garden Basket – Donald Titchnell

were not able to have a parish picnic in 2020, so it was especially joyful for us to be able to gather with our parish family. The picnic was a potluck affair offering all types of appetizers, main dishes, and desserts to share. Fun and games were had by all!



## MUSIC MINISTRY

by Pat Maciejewski

Micah 6: 8 *Act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God.*

How do we walk this road of mercy? How do we manifest this to the world? One of our new songs in OCP Breaking Bread 2021 is: "The Road of Mercy" by Maureen Briare. In the beginning of the song, we sing "the road of mercy leads us to the heart of God." Next a litany of ways we might show others that we travel this road. How can we: "be a light? proclaim peace? serve as hope? kindle joy? foster zeal? live as leaven?" We can "act justly, love tenderly, walk humbly with your God." I believe to carry out these qualities in our daily lives we must be **powered up** and **reconnected** with the celebration of the Eucharist each week as we celebrate with our parish family at the meal. We get strengthened as we gather, sing, listen to scripture, offer our gifts, hear the great thanksgiving prayer, remember, receive the body of Christ, and go forth to walk humbly with our God.

This past year during Covid 19 we concentrated on survival and even now are dealing with so many issues affecting our daily lives. If you have been away in person from the Eucharist, from your parish family, groups, or liturgical ministries we invite you to consider attending our **Power Up → Reconnect** event being held on **Sunday, September 19 from 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.** Give yourself the gift of renewal at St. William and join your parish family for fun, food, entertainment, and many surprises! Come and relax, renew your faith, and consider beginning again (or continuing) with your group attendance and or liturgical ministry or if you are NEW to St. William information will be available for all groups and ministries for you. Let us all walk our road of mercy straight to the heart of God.



## ST. ANTHELM OF BELLEY

by Therese Tuttle

Anthelm of Belley was born near Chambéry, France in 1107. Not much is known of his family or of the years before his dedication to God. At the age of thirty, Anthelm resigned his position as clergyman with an ecclesiastical benefice to become a Carthusian monk. Within two years, he was appointed abbot of Le Grande Chartreuse. This monastery was well known for its excellent wine but was in shambles and in need of many major repairs. Anthelm engineered these repairs, along with a defensive wall and an aqueduct. He improved the crop yields and enlarged the sheep flock, increasing revenues, which he disbursed to all who needed help throughout the countryside. He was an effective administrator.

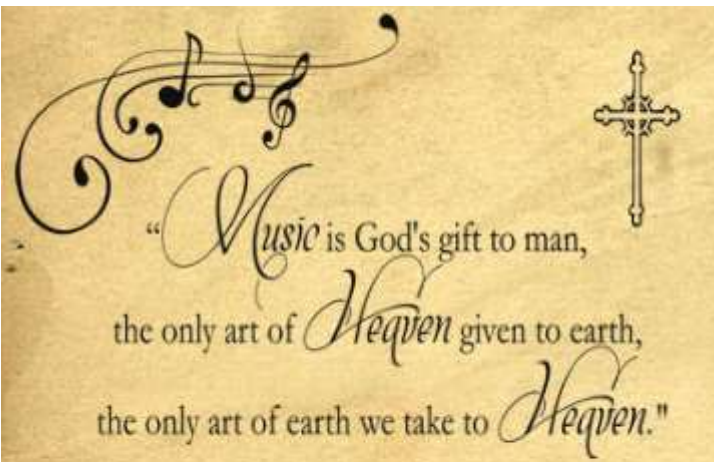
As minister-general, Anthelm also united the various charterhouses of the Orders, standardized rules of conduct and allowed women to enter the Carthusians in their own charterhouses. He held his office for the next twenty-four years, during which Anthelm spent a few years as a hermit, reflecting on God's



good Grace. In 1152, he returned to defend Pope Alexander III against the antipope Victor IV and 11 years later Pope Alexander III appointed him as bishop of Belley, France. Again, Anthelm set out to reform the clergy and regulate affairs, going so far as to excommunicate a local noble, Count Humbert of Maurienne, who had taken one priest captive and murdered another for trying to free the first. Count Humbert appealed to Rome and won a reversal, so Anthelm left Belley in protest. He felt that Count Humbert had not repented for his sins.

Pope Alexander III then requested Anthelm travel to England to mediate a dispute between King Henry II and St. Thomas Becket. Anthelm's health was such that he was unable to make the journey; so he then returned to Belley to care for the poor and sick where he remained until his death June 26, 1178 at the age of 72.

On his deathbed, Anthelm received Count Humbert and recognized that at that time Humbert truly had repented. St Anthelm of Belley was a highly principled priest but was not canonized – he was proclaimed a saint by early Christians. We celebrate his feast day on June 26.



# PSR

by Carol Timko

We welcomed five second graders to the Lord's table on April 25, 2021, for their First Holy Communion. Congratulations to Logan Freudenrich, Avery McClusky, Anthony Pacurar, Colette Kehoe, and Michael McKnight.



PSR classes will resume Sunday, September 12 at 9:30am. Registration will be held to kick off the new school and parents will take part in an introductory meeting while the children are in class. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

We are still looking for two parishioners to teach this school year. Please contact Carol Timko ([ctimko@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:ctimko@stwilliamchampion.org)) if you are interested in this important ministry.



First Communion 2021



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

by Christina Pacurar

You could feel the excitement in the air the week of June 14 as K-5 children and volunteers from Blessed Sacrament, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, St. John Paul II, St. Mary, St. Thomas the Apostle, and St. William gathered together for Peace Lab (vacation bible school). The children, their parents, and the volunteers said over and over again how glad they were that VBS was back and how much it was missed last year!

The theme of the week was how to be a peacemaker. Each day, the children repeated the following mantra: "God's peace in my mind. God's peace in my heart. God's peace in my hands. God's peace in my mouth. God's peace shared with all." Mrs. Plant and Seminarian Mr. William Wainio started each morning by sharing and/or acting out stories from the bible with the whole group. Mr. Will, as the children fondly called him, delighted the children with his acting talents and comedic timing. It truly brought the stories alive!

Children would then circulate through three different stations with their groups. When in the activity station, the children would participate in an activity meant to get them moving while teaching a lesson about being a peacemaker. One of their favorite games, for example, was when they worked together to keep balloons up in the air. The

wind added a challenge, but they quickly realized that working together peacefully was the way to reach their goal. Station two was the story/snack station. The children would listen to a story and then learn about how it applied to their lives. Here the children practiced various ways to peacefully solve problems that may occur on the playground or in a similar setting. The third station was the craft station. The children created many beautiful projects that represented their idea of peace. One of the puzzles that was created in the craft center was proudly displayed on the bulletin board in the vestibule of St. William for a time.

The Peace Lab ended with a beautiful performance of songs and bible verses by the children on the final day for their parents. I hope that the children recall the messages taught to them during this Peace Lab throughout this upcoming year and inspire others to join them in their peacemaking!





# THE POWER OF SHARING

by Therese Tuttle-Dunavant

A few weeks ago, I received a Facebook message from someone named Lily that I didn't recognize. As is my habit, I almost deleted it without reading it first. What caught my eye, is that the message started out with "My father may have served in the Navy with Little Charlie Dunavant." My father's name is Charles Dunavant, and his brothers would refer to him as "Little Charlie" as only brothers do. So, I read her message.



She stated that she was looking for Charles Dunavant or a member of his family that lived in Memphis Tennessee. I was still a bit leery about sharing too much information, but I did respond stating the I was from Memphis and Charles (Charlie) was my father's name. I pushed further and asked why she was looking for him. A couple of days passed, and I did not hear back from her, and thought nothing of it. Lily contacted me again apologizing, explaining that she was out of town and hadn't read her Facebook messages.



The reason she was looking for my father was she thought that he may have served in the Navy with her father, and she had some pictures she wanted to share.

Curiosity beat out my better judgement and I started asking some personal questions about the pictures. Could she tell what color hair he had, what texture was it- (straight, curly, thin, or thick,) his size, and other details like that just to verify that she was legitimately trying to locate a member of my dad's

family. I asked when her father served, what ship he was on, and where was he based. All her answers matched my dad's physical description and his Navy history. She gave me her name and phone number and for the next couple of days we talked on the phone about our fathers.

My father was 19 or 20 when he joined the Navy and served during the Korean War. Lily told me that her father was a little older and was married during his time in the military. Both men served on the *Theodore Chandler DD717*. My father passed away in 1993 from a heart attack and her father died a few years ago from Mesothelioma. During one of our many conversations, she told me that she had some pictures of my dad that her father sent home to her mom, and she would like to share them with me. I was elated that she would be so kind as to share them with my family.

Last week a package arrived – the pictures were of my dad. One of the pictures was of both men together in their dress blues. On the back is written "Sasebo, Japan April 21, 1952 'Little' Charlie & myself." That would put dad at 21 years old. He LOOKS so young in these pictures and my baby brother is the spitting image of him. My dad was raised in an orphanage and was 32 when I was born so there are no pictures of him in his younger days. I can't remember him with anything except gray hair. What a joy it is to see him as a very young man. A few of the pictures sent were of him on the ship. How wonderful it was to see this part of dad's past.

As it turned out, Lily did not have a picture of the ship that our dads served on, so I sent her a copy of the one my youngest brother forwarded to me. I shared these photos of dad with my brothers and sisters, and they were very grateful to have them.

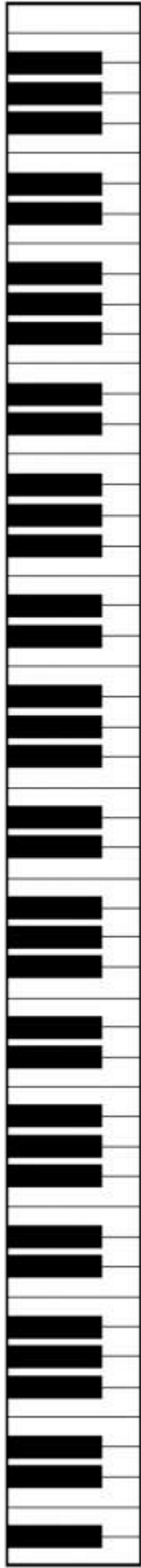


You see, Dad did not like having his picture taken so we have very few of him especially in his younger days. I repeatedly let Lily know

what a wonderful gift she has given to my family by sharing these pictures and memories with me. The power of sharing has had a huge impact on my family. Thank you, Lily.



# 25 Years of Beautiful Music



## FAMILY TRADITIONS & HEIRLOOMS

by Tina McCue



This past June my family celebrated the wedding of our cousin, Emily Frazzini. It was an incredibly beautiful celebration with family and friends from far and wide. Now, as many of you know, I come from a large Italian family rooted in tradition. One of the “most fun” traditions that we have is the Wedding Cookie Table! My Aunt Debbie always takes the lead, reaching out to family and friends to bake, make all the name tags, and comes up with the vision of how the table will look. This labor of love takes many hands from baking to traying to keeping the trays filled during the wedding and boxing up to go packages for the guests. Aunt Debbie always goes above and beyond everyone’s expectations when it comes to hospitality. She is the Betty Crocker, the Martha Stuart, and the Emily Post of our family.

As we were unloading Aunt Debbie’s car in June, I heard my cousin, Amanda tell someone, “Oh! I think she only made about 1,800 cookies.” Personally, I only made one batch of buckeyes and clothespins, so about 30 dozen combined, or as my dad would say, a “drop in the bucket.” (Carol Guzan, if you are reading this

article, yes, I still use your recipe for clothespins!) There were many bakers like me who made one or two of their signature cookies for a grand total of 97 varieties! Yes, 97 – arranged according to categories. Leading up to the big day, well, the “traying day,” I remembered a box of my grandmother’s candy dishes that I had been storing. When my sisters and I were closing up our parent’s home, we could not decide who would keep these family heirlooms, so they just stayed safe in a box. I sent a picture to Aunt Debbie who then sent a picture to Colleen (Emily’s Mother) to see if she might want to use these for the cookies. Colleen was over the moon excited to be able to use

members who were celebrating this beautiful day from heaven. Needless to say, it brought Emily to tears.

When my grandmother died, my mother inherited these pieces. When my mother died, my dad could not bear to have the dishes out, so we boxed them. When we closed their house, a few family members chose pieces to cherish but the rest were tucked away. At the time, I could not bear to even look at them, for they represented so much that had been lost. When I finally opened the box, I could actually smell the scent of my grandmother’s home and instead of grief, that familiar scent brought peace and joy to my heart. After the wedding, I found that I just could not put the pieces back in their box.



My sisters agreed that I would be the keeper of these heirlooms. While the ornate finish is not exactly my decorating style, the pieces look perfectly at home sitting on my grandmother’s china cabinet, which holds her china that I also inherited.

Such comfort can be found in heirlooms and tradition. Familiar sights, sounds, and scents help one feel a sense of security and serve as a reminder that we are not alone in this world. This is how I feel when I come to church. The beautiful rhythm of our sacred liturgy as we remember and give praise to our Lord keeps me grounded and fills me with a peace that only Christ can give. If you have closed the lid to attending Holy Mass, I encourage you to open the box and come back to the familiar and comforting Word of God and feast at His table.

## **IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER**

**Summer Mass Schedule Ends ~ Sunday September 5  
11:00 a.m. Mass returns on Sunday, September 12**



# What It Means To Be a Knight

Submitted by Brian McCue

Have you often wondered what it is that the men who are members of the Knights of Columbus really do? We hope that we can give you a small glimpse of the calling each of these men has answered to help them to be better Catholic men. The Knights of Columbus are Catholic men who lead, serve, protect, and defend. We share a desire to be better husbands, grandfathers, fathers, sons, neighbors, and role models and to put charity and community first. Knights have principles that are established by our Supreme Council and there are 2 million brother Knights around the world. All the good works we do are defined by our four core principles:

1. *Charity* – Our Catholic faith teaches us to “Love thy neighbor as thyself.” Members of the Knights of Columbus show love for their neighbors by conducting food drives and donating the food to local soup kitchens and food pantries, by volunteering at Special



Olympics, and by supporting, both spiritually and materially, mothers who choose life for their babies.

2. *Unity* – None of us is as good as all of us. Members of the Knights of

Columbus all know that – together – we can accomplish far more than any of us could individually. So we stick together...we support one another.

3. *Fraternity* – Blessed Michael J. McGivney founded the Knights of Columbus, in large part, to provide

assistance to the widows and children left behind when the family breadwinner died – often prematurely. The Knights’ insurance program continues to do this today.

4. *Patriotism* – Members of the Knights of Columbus, be they Americans, Canadians, Mexicans, Cubans, Filipinos, Poles, or Dominicans, are patriotic citizens. We are proud of our devotion to God and country, and believe in standing up for both.

Each brother Knight belongs to a council in their

community and each of those councils is charged with following a program established by the Supreme Council. The programs are designed to maximize the Knights’ impact in their communities and give them a chance to be part of the global fraternal community. The programs have changed over the years but the principles of each have been the same. We adapt programs according to the social and faith needs of the world. Currently we have programs that provide help and support in the areas of faith, family, community, and life.

To find out more about what the Knights of Columbus around the world are accomplishing, you can visit the website, [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org) to read free articles and view videos.



## QUILTING HELP WANTED

by Janice Ventling

St. William Quilters are desperately seeking new members to continue our mission and to maintain our goal of helping to raise funds for the parish. We are currently working on our 2021 quilt to be raffled at the Christmas Craft Show in December 2021. We also find it fun and rewarding to make other fabric crafts and baby quilts to sell throughout the year and at the Christmas Craft Show. If you are



2021 Raffle Quilt Sneak-Peek

looking for a fun and relaxing craft, then it is time to come and join us. We meet every Tuesday between 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. in room 104. We welcome you anytime during those hours. All supplies are furnished, and we will gladly help you learn. Come and enjoy this very rewarding past time!

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Given the history of this great man, it is no wonder that the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was created to honor his legacy and continue his mission. That is exactly what has been happening at the Trumbull County location since 1930. Until recently, Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store has successfully operated out of a small building on Niles Rd. SE in Trumbull County providing the community with an affordable option for clothing, furniture, and bedding. The organization has since outgrown its origins and recently was able to secure a new location to better serve the people in our area. The space is double the size of the previous building and all involved are extremely excited about this change.

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store is now located at 540 Main Street SW in downtown Warren. Though the store celebrated its grand opening at the end of July, a ribbon cutting ceremony was held the first week of August and was attended by many local officials. The Diocese of Youngstown participated in the event with Monsignor Robert J. Siffrin blessing the new building. With this

blessing comes great responsibility. As Catholics, our responsibility is to serve the poor, just like the namesake of this society. Sharing our time, talent, and treasure is how we honor our Lord's abundant blessings given to us. In the words of St. Vincent de Paul, "It is not sufficient for me to love God if I do not love my neighbor. I belong to God and to the poor." We find this common theme of "neighbors helping neighbors" interwoven throughout all that the society has to offer.

What can you do to help? There are numerous options given for monetary donations through the website (<https://svdptrumbull.org>).



Picture courtesy of: SVDP website (<https://svdptrumbull.org>)

These include online giving, legacy donations, memorial donations, planned giving, and AmazonSmile. Donations of time, food, furniture, bicycles, and vehicles are also accepted. Volunteering is another way to share your time and talent

through faith, friendship, and service. Applications for volunteers can be found in this section of the website as well. To find out more details look under the *I WANT TO HELP* section while on the site.

Are you aware of others that are in need of assistance or do you need help for yourself? The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store has resources in the Warren/Youngstown area listed under the website section titled, *I NEED HELP*. People can request aid for food, non-food items, household basics, and furniture. At the time of publication, this section of the website was under construction. However, one can visit the thrift store in person or call them at 330-369-4198 for more information.

St. Vincent would be proud of how his legacy has transformed through the centuries into an organization that makes the world a better place one person at a time. It is my hope that this article not only gave you some fascinating information behind the man, but also inspires you to be part of his mission. As St. Vincent affectionately stated, "Extend your mercy towards others, so that there can be no one in need whom you meet without helping."

## HAVE YOU...

*...been worshipping with us but never officially took the step to become Catholic?*

*...been away from the Church...and now have returned but want to know more?*

*...joined us from a different background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church?*

*...felt God leading you and want to find out where that might be?*

If any of these apply to you, your spouse, a family member, or if you know of anyone who could answer YES to any of these questions, we would love to help you on your journey! The **R**ite of **C**hristian **I**nitiation of **A**dults (RCIA) is an informative and comfortable way to seek answers and discover more about the Catholic Church and our faith. It provides a spiritual opportunity to learn and discuss various aspects of the Catholic faith and its practices. If you or someone you know has expressed an interest in the Catholic faith we would love to help you on your journey. Call the Parish Office for more information.





## WELCOME MINISTRY WELCOMES ALL

by St. William Welcome Ministry

Welcome Ministry was formed in 2018 to meet the needs of our growing parish by reaching out to new and returning members of our Parish to help them feel welcomed into their new church family. Twice a year Welcome Ministry invites new parishioners to a gathering to give them an opportunity to get to know other parish members, as well as introduce them to the many organizations at Saint William that provide opportunities for socialization, spiritual growth, and service to others.

New parishioners and their family are invited to a meal that begins with a prayer thanking God for all the gifts He has bestowed upon us, the people gathered, and the food we are about to eat. While sitting around the table sharing a meal, everyone can share stories of who they are, where they are from, and what led them to join St. William Parish. Welcome Ministry members, as well as special guests such as Father Balash, and various representatives from other ministries also share how they use their gifts of time and talent within our parish community.

After the meal, Father Balash highlights various ministries and organizations at St. William, such as: Women's Guild, Knights of Columbus, Parish Life, Quilters, RCIA, Liturgical Ministry, and Music

Ministry. Father has been known to throw in a few good jokes, too! This is followed with great conversation and time to answer any questions new parish members may have about Saint William Parish. Finally, new parishioners are asked to reflect on their time and talents and to see how they could become a more active member within our parish community. In the closing prayer we praise God for the perfect placement of people in our lives that allow us to see the gifts He has bestowed upon us and giving us the opportunity to further His plans.

In Saint Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, he instructs "As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ." (1 Cor 12:12) Every member of Saint William has their own God-given gifts to share. We are all invited to share our gifts of time and talent ... in whatever capacity we are able! As we each answer our baptismal call to be a light to others, we form the strong

Body of Christ that is Saint William Parish. Encouraged by the words of Saint Paul, "Strive eagerly for the greatest spiritual gifts." (1 Cor 12:31) one member of Welcome Ministry shares "I have learned that by sharing my gifts with others, I receive a multitude of gifts in return. I truly enjoy being able to spend time getting to know new members of our parish family."

If you would like to join Welcome Ministry, contact Tina McCue at [tmccue@stwilliamchampion.org](mailto:tmccue@stwilliamchampion.org).



## CONGRATULATIONS!

In keeping with its commitment to support Catholic parishes, Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union has awarded **\$26,500** in Catholic parish ministry grants in 2021. Since 2014 they have donated over \$900,000 back to the Catholic community. This summer, Saint William religious educators applied for the OCFCU Catholic Parish Ministry Grant sharing our dream to be able to provide families with a Catholic Bible. **We are overjoyed to announce that Saint William Parish has been awarded a \$5,000 grant given by Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union!** On Friday, August 27, OCFCU representative Dean Robinson presented the check for \$5,000 to Saint William. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Ohio Catholic Federal Credit Union, the team of educators and the grant writing assistant who made this possible. The full proposal will be unveiled as we Power Up and Reconnect on September 19!



# SAINT WILLIAM PARISH BEREAVEMENT MINISTRY

by Cathy Poponak

Perhaps the most difficult thing humans face in life is saying farewell to a deceased loved one. Friendship, support, and prayers received from others can make the difficult process of grieving a little easier.

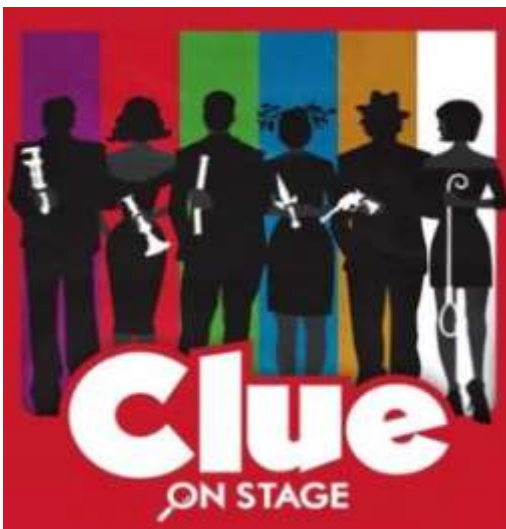
I still feel comforted by the farewell eulogy given in honor of my brother David many years ago by his dear friend Father Terry Hazel. I keep a copy of it close at hand to uplift me. Among other things, Father Terry told us that our loved ones are a blessing. The purpose of a blessing is to pass onto another, one's inner life - love, strength, and power given by God. We must receive our loved ones blessings, and the good they have handed on to us, so that it might not be lost on earth. He said as Biblical people, we believe that when God created us, he blew into us divine life. Thus, humans shimmer with the divinity of God. When a person dies, it is as though God inhales his breath back to Himself.

We have been blessed here at Saint William to have an active and caring bereavement ministry team. It was formed as an outreach of concern and care for Saint William Parishioners during and after the loss of a family member. Upon the death of a loved one, a member of the ministry team will be in contact with the grieving parishioner to offer friendship, support, and prayer.

Every November in remembrance of All Saints Day, the team offers a "celebration of life" prayer service which focuses on families who have lost a loved one that year. In addition, several times during the year, the team offers a bereavement support gathering open to all in the parish regardless of when the death of a loved one occurs.

Ministry team members are parishioners who have an interest in listening to and offering support to those who are grieving the loss of a loved one. Consider being a blessing to others by being a part of this ministry. Contact Tina McCue at (tmccue@stwilliamchampion.org) if you feel a calling to be a part of the Saint William Bereavement Team.

TRUMBULL NEW THEATRE  
IN NILES, OHIO PRESENTS  
Wednesday, September 22, 2021 @ 7:00  
Doors open at 6:00 for food and drinks



Based on the movie and Hasbro game! It is a dark and stormy night, and you've been invited to a very unusual dinner party. Each of the guests has an alias, the butler offers a variety of weapons, and the host is, well...DEAD! So whodunnit? Clue is a madcap comedy that will keep you guessing until the final twist. *Sponsored by St. William Women's Guild.*

Tickets \$20.00 sold after Mass or contact Theresa Craiger.





## SPAGHETTI SALAD

16 oz. thin spaghetti	5.5 oz. sliced olives, drained
3 Roma tomatoes, chopped	8 oz. shredded cheddar cheese
1 zucchini squash, sliced & chopped	16 oz. Italian dressing
1 yellow squash, sliced and chopped	¼ cup grated parmesan cheese
1 red bell pepper, chopped	1 tsp. paprika
1 green bell pepper, chopped	¼ tsp. garlic powder
1 cucumber, sliced & chopped	1 tsp. McCormack Salad Seasoning

Cook spaghetti per package instruction. Drain and rinse in cold water. Set aside to cool. Place rest of salad ingredients in large bowl. Add spaghetti to vegetables and cheese mixture and mix well. Mix the dressing ingredients together in a small bowl. Pour over spaghetti/vegetable mixture; mix well. Sprinkle with seasoning mix. Refrigerate at least 2 hours (or up to a day ahead) to develop flavors.



## FROM NANCY'S KITCHEN:

I love summer!!! And what's not to love? Warm days, picnics, friends and family, and summer-fun foods like these. The Spaghetti Salad is great on a hot summer day - just make sure it is nice and cold. Yum! The S'more Bars are great for sitting around the campfire, the pool, or really anywhere! Enjoy, my friends and have a great end of summer!

Love ~ Nancy



## The Big Event!

Sunday, September 19 ~ 4:00 ~ 6:30 p.m.

**POWER UP!**  
**RECONNECT**

### 4:00 p.m. Early Arrival Raffle!

*Arrive by 4:00 p.m. SHARP to be eligible for the Early Arrival Raffle!*

### 4:00 p.m. The Music of "Ole Blue Eyes"

*Enjoy the Music of Frank Sinatra featuring Angelo Barbaro!*

### 4:45 p.m. "Power Up↑" Buffet Dinner

*Catered by Guy's BBQ Catering!*

*Pulled Pork ~ Hot Dogs ~ Fried Chicken  
Baked Beans ~ Mac & Cheese ~ Potato Salad  
Ice Cream Dessert Treats!*

*Klondikes ~ Push-Ups ~ Sandwiches ~ and more!*

### 5:30 p.m. "→Reconnect"

*Stilt Walkers! ~ Petting Zoo! ~ Bingo! ~ Bonfire!*

### 6:30 p.m. Raffle Drawings and Closing

## S'MORES BARS

1 stick butter  
12 oz. bag of marshmallows  
11.7 oz. box Golden Grahams cereal  
1 cup chocolate chips

Melt butter and marshmallows together over low heat. Stir in cereal. Mix until well-coated. Spread into greased 13x9 baking pan. Sprinkle with chocolate chips. Cut into bars after mixture cools completely.



## UPCOMING EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sept. 12 ~ PSR & Youth Ministry Begins

Sept. 19 ~ Catechetical Sunday

Sept. 19 ~ POWER UP→RECONNECT

Sept. 22 ~ Women's Guild TNT Night

Oct. 2 ~ Blessing of Pets

Oct. 12 ~ Woman's Guild Chance Auction

Oct. 23 ~ Make A Difference Day

Oct. 30/31 ~ All Souls Remembrance



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