

The Torch



*"Generations Growing in
Faith for more than 75 years!"*

**St. Dominic
Parish**

**Delhi Township,
OH**

May 2021

Pastor's Desk

Congratulations to our eighth-grade students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, April 24. Because of Covid cancelations in the Fall, I had the honor of doing the confirmations after delegation from the Archbishop. Our eighth graders will graduate from St. Dominic on June 2. We prayed that the Holy Spirit would give them wisdom and understanding, right judgment, courage, knowledge, and reverence. Give them a spirit of wonder and awe in God's presence!

We are proud of their academic achievement! They received scholarship offers from a number of our Catholic high schools! The total dollar amount offered was \$277,500.00! Congratulations to their parents and our teachers who played a big part in their accomplishments! I am proud of you all! We will continue to delight in your future success!

Second graders, we were delighted to welcome you to the table of the Lord for the first time on May 1!

In April, the Cincinnati Enquirer pictured twelve high school girls who were female honorees for bowling in the greater Cincinnati area. Two of the twelve were St. Dominic Girls! Congratulations to Rebecca Ochs, a junior from Seton, and Alli Shattuck, a sophomore from St. Ursula! Way to go, girls!

Please remember our Major award drawing on Memorial Day weekend and our Pulled Pork Drive-Thru Dinner on that Saturday. With no Festival, we are counting on your support for these fund raisers to supplement our revenue. Your generosity during this pandemic has been outstanding!

Fr. Jim

May They Rest in The Peace of the Lord

Please pray for the repose of the souls of the following parishioners, as they have entered eternal life.

Don Willig, father of Gary and Linda Willig, Donna and Ron Hensley, Tess and Donnie Tompos, Angie and Pete Scharff and Beth and Dave Boyers.

Leroy Robben, husband of Bonnie Robben and father of Dave and Kim Robben, Sue and Mark Nartker, Judi and Jay Stautberg and Lisa and Jim Luebbe.

Frank Thesing, husband of Betty Thesing and father of Maribeth and Brian Gieseke, Lori and Randy Bernard and Lynn and James Esmail.

Mark Hogel, husband of Kimberly Hogel and father of Nathaniel and Amanda Hogel, Steven Hogel and Shane Hogel.

Robyn Autenrieb, mother of Jennifer and Chris Bracke and Shannon and Ryan Ziegelmeier.

Jim Whitaker, husband of Lynne Whitaker.

Welcome

After months of preparation and prayer, Shelley Neidich, a member of St. Dominic's RCIA entered the church at the Easter Vigil on April 3. We are excited for her to join us!

Shelley became a member in full Communion with the Catholic Church, via her Confirmation and receipt of the Eucharist for the first time at the Easter Vigil.

If you know someone who may be interested in learning about the Catholic faith, now may be the time to encourage him or her to ask the questions and perhaps become part of our RCIA process. Call Karen Brandstetter at 471-7741, ext. 481 for more details.

Summer Hours

The Parish Office will have reduced hours for the summer. The office will be open Monday-Friday, from 8:00 a.m.-noon beginning on Monday, June 7.

St. Dominic Men's Society

Thank you to the following parishioners who have contributed dues to the St. Dominic Men's Society this year. Your support makes our school fund raising possible. Please join us on the second Thursday of each month at 8:00 p.m. to hear what we're doing and hang out with friends. If you'd like an email reminder each month, contact Mike Liderbach at 513-240-0770 or lidermike@gmail.com.

Ed Augustin
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Glenn Mayborg
Craig Melvin
Mick Molloy
Bob Murphy
Paul Rappoport
Joe Scherer
David Wandstrat
Rick Wieland
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A Perfect Gift

Mother's Day and Father's Day are coming soon! Consider purchasing a Gathering Place paver for your mother, father, grandparent, or spouse to let them know how cherished they are. Order forms are available in the racks at the doors of church and the parish website at www.stdominichelhi.org (Click on Ministries/General Parish Ministries/Gathering Place Walkway).

You can also stop in the Parish Office to order a paver.

The 4 x 8 bricks allow 3 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$40.00.

The 8 x 8 pavers allow up to 6 lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$75.00.

If you have any questions, call the Parish Office at 471-7741, ext. 0.

St. Dominic/Seton Alumnae

Two St. Dominic Alumnae were recently featured in the Seton Alumnae Newsletter. Kathy Kremer Blair dreamed of being a missionary as a young child and her faith helped her to fulfill those dreams. You can read more about Kathy in the Seton newsletter by going to <https://www.setoncincinnati.org/media/156698/spring-2021-web.pdf>.

Sarah Richter passed away in December 2019 and her family has established a Seton scholarship in her name for an incoming freshman from St. Dominic beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. You can read the article from the Seton Newsletter below:

NAMED SCHOLARSHIP

An all-girls Catholic education is something that the Richter family has always prioritized and strongly believes in. "It helps young women develop self-confidence and prepare for a life beyond the classroom," said Kathy Erwin Richter '67, mother to Robin Richter Chavez '94 and Sarah Richter '98. "Seton offers many opportunities to learn and grow which helps students achieve their individual full potential."

Their love and appreciation of Seton High School is why Kathy and Robin felt that a Named Scholarship was an important way to honor Sarah after she passed away unexpectedly in 2019 due to a diabetic emergency.

Prior to attending Seton, the Richter girls both attended St. Dominic grade school. "The parish and the school provided an important foundation in the development of religion and education within a caring environment," Kathy explained. "Sarah played soccer, volleyball and softball, and she was a Girl Scout throughout her eight years in grade school."

Once she became a Seton Saint, Sarah was involved in freshman softball, orchestra and band. "She enjoyed the sense of community and camaraderie that orchestra and band instilled while preparing for a concert or performance," said Robin, who added that Sarah's friendships were also important to her. "She went on the trip to Spain with the Spanish Club, but the funny thing was she actually took French. Her friends all took Spanish and she didn't want to miss out on a wonderful, once-in-a-lifetime opportunity," Robin added.

Seton has always fostered many opportunities for friendships to grow. "Seton High School is a place where young women can soar," said Robin. "It's a sisterhood and a family for life."

The Sarah C. Richter '98 Scholarship will go to an incoming freshman from St. Dominic beginning in the 2022-2023 school year. "We wanted to honor Sarah's memory, and this helps us redirect our grief and sorrow. It was important for us to pay it forward," said Kathy, whose husband, Bob, passed away in 2010. "Bob and I were so proud of Sarah. It has been my honor to be her mom," she added. "I pray daily for God's help and guidance. Our children are truly our most precious asset, so treasure each day."



Major Award and Pulled Pork Drive-Thru Dinner

We have postponed our Festival on the Memorial Day weekend. Because of the likely lost financial support that the Festival brings, we are planning to supplement it with a Major Award Drawing on that weekend along with a Pulled Pork Drive Thru Dinner on Saturday, May 29. By now all parish families should have received a mailing containing an order form for the Pulled Pork Dinner and six tickets for the Major Award. The Major Award will be \$10,000.00 first prize, \$1,000.00 second prize, \$500.00 third prize. The tickets are \$20.00 each, 6 for \$100.00. Tickets and order forms can be returned in the envelope provided either by dropping it in the collection basket or through the mail. You can also purchase tickets or order

dinner online by going to <https://stdominicdelhi.weshareonline.org/>. Additional order forms and tickets are available in the Parish Office also. Thank you for your generosity during this difficult time!

St. Dominic St. Vincent De Paul Society



Because of Covid-19, the St. Dominic St. Vincent de Paul Society is continuing to have telephone conference meetings every other week. Also, rather than conducting in-home visits and interviews, our process now is to conduct all our interviews on the phone. When we deliver food to our neighbors, we wear our masks and put the food on our neighbors' porches and have a distant chat.

Once again, Covid has NOT slowed down the generosity of the members of St. Dominic Parish or the needs of our neighbors. You have been amazingly generous. St. Dominic's St. Vincent de Paul total receipts for the first quarter of 2021 were \$13,711.41 from the poor box collections, the parishioner donations, the schoolchildren, and the member donations.

Again, because of your generous donations and some money left over from previous periods, for the time period from January 1, 2021 until March 31, 2021, St. Dominic's St. Vincent de Paul Society provided \$16,749.57 in aid to 54 of our neighborhood families made up of 139 adults and children. This includes over \$1,600 of Kroger gift cards for families in need.

The breakdown of the aid that was given is as follows:

Duke Energy	\$ 4,345.88
Water Bills	\$ 1,677.45
Food & Kroger Gift Cards	\$ 1,970.24
Rent & Mortgage Assistance	\$ 8,286.00
"Twinning Help" to neighboring SVdP Conferences	\$ 470.00

Remember that St. Dominic's St. Vincent de Paul Conference has NO overhead, personnel or office expenses. Every cent that is donated to St. Dominic's SVdP is used to help our neighbors.

If you wish to donate "In honor of" or "in memory of" someone, there are envelopes and donation cards at all the entrances to St. Dominic Church. The gift will be acknowledged by handwritten notes to both the donor and the "honoree." The honoree will know you have honored them with a gift to St. Vincent de Paul which helps our neighbors.

Remember St. Dominic's St. Vincent de Paul needs some younger members to keep the organization strong.

Your brothers and sisters in Christ,
St. Vincent de Paul Society St. Dominic's Conference

High School Graduates

Every summer in the Torch we publish the accomplishments of our high school seniors. In the past the information has been forwarded to us from the local high schools and because of that, the information we have received is not always the same. This year we want to change the way we collect this information. We would like to recognize **ALL** St. Dominic parishioners who are graduating from high school. If you are going to college or enlisting in the military, we would like to include that as well as any scholarships and special awards received. To keep up this tradition we need your help. We need the graduate, parents, or grandparents to send us the information.

What we would like you to send is:

- Student name
- High School
- College attending in the fall or branch of the Military
- Any awards received and Scholarships accepted

The information can be emailed to mariam@stdominicdelhi.org or call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 410.

Adopt-A-Student Tuition Assistance Program

The St. Dominic Adopt-A-Student Tuition Assistance Program has helped many families attend our exceptional school that may not have been able to afford the full cost of tuition. We have set our tuition rate for the 2021-2022 school year at \$3,400.00, net of any parish investment, etc. As in the past, we welcome any monetary gift to the program, however we have established gift levels as described below for those that wish to sponsor a student:

Platinum Level Gift of \$3,400.00:	Sponsors a student for an entire school year
Gold Level Gift of \$2,550.00:	Sponsors a student for $\frac{3}{4}$ of the school year
Silver Level Gift of \$1,700.00:	Sponsors a student for $\frac{1}{2}$ of the school year
Bronze Level Gift of \$850.00:	Sponsors a student for $\frac{1}{4}$ of the school year

Please consider a contribution to this vital program by participating in any of the levels described above, or please feel free to contribute any amount you are able. For additional information, or to make a contribution, please contact the parish business manager, Charlie DeZarn at 471-7741, ext. 417. Thank you for your consideration in contributing to our Adopt-A-Student Tuition Assistance Program.

Second Trimester Honor Roll 2020-2021

- 4th grade:** **FIRST HONORS:** Lauren Childs, Kent Sokolis, Merritt Charles, Charlie Gibbs, Layla Heltman, Raegan Lahni
SECOND HONORS: Chase Dreiling, Raquel Duffy, Owen Gentile, Josie Hollander, Ella Kruessel, Caleb McKeon, Isla McMahan, George Pepples, Addi Bass, Jude Braun, Ultan Delaney, Sophia Lynn, Brody Singler
- 5th grade:** **FIRST HONORS:** Logan Bryant, Riley Johnson, Liam Mullins, Noah Nauman, Anna Shattuck
SECOND HONORS: Laney Conner, Lily Dailey, Nick Fettig, CJ Gatliff, Kaiden Koch, Leah Schwartz, Carolina Tirado, Blake Williams, Brayden Bishop, Adin Hollingsworth, Annabelle Luebbering, Lillie Thai, David Tirado
- 6th grade:** **FIRST HONORS:** Anna Bogner, William Grady, Jennifer Piening, Bryce Bezold, Tucker Charles, Mariah Cook, Will Fettig, Tyler Homan, Raegan Montgomery, Emma Raley
SECOND HONORS: Camren Anderson, Liam Barron, Chloe Brower, Lahnah Cocklin, Tadhg Delaney, Tanner Doyle, Elliott Durban, Hayden Gorczyca, Brody Korb, Evan Roark, Zach Thompson, Henry Valladares, Bo Williams, Taylor Rottinghaus, Claire Siebel, Josh Smith, Joey Starkey, Andrew Tallen, David Wandstrat, Francesca Lanter
- 7th grade:** **FIRST HONORS:** Jackson Bogner, Casey Broxterman, Colin Broxterman, Simon Burke, Caitlin Childs, Mary Gibbs, Chase Goins, Zach Hartung, Eva Hater, Kara Lively, Shelby Luebbering, Carmen Morano, Connor Muhlenkamp, Courtney Muhlenkamp, Kaylee Whitacre, Elizabeth Williams, Cassie Whittle, Joshua Walter
SECOND HONORS: Melania Bauer, Leah Becker, Alex Coffman, Sebastian Hignite, Noah Hyland, Elizabeth Kennedy, Wyatt Krommer, Peyton Rampello, Luke Schroer, Hank Utley, Aubrey Weller, Isaiah Zerilla
- 8th grade:** **FIRST HONORS:** Grace Awad, Catherine Barron, Emery Charles, Arielle Fahrman, Ella Gorczyca, Nick Liderbach, Michael Montgomery, Ben Railey
SECOND HONORS: Sophia Bass, Eddie Jones, Raegan Korb, Kaitlyn Kruessel, Elizabeth Lipps, Anna Murphy, Adrianna Russ, Adam Schloemer, Leni Sullivan, Austin Tetterhorst, Payton Watson

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A Mother's Prayer

Dear Father in Heaven, I ask for Your Touch.
Bless all my family, we need You so much.
Grant us Your wisdom to choose what is right.
To walk in Your pathways of truth and light.
Strengthen our family with faith to hold fast,
To cherish and nurture the treasures that last.
Teach us to love, to forgive and to share,
in the realms of the spirit, to thrive and to dare.
But most of all, Lord, when our journey is through,
Bind us together, forever with You.

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