

The Torch



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

St. Dominic
Parish

Delhi Township,
OH

December 2023

From Fr. Jim

Advent is upon us! We are in preparation for the great Feast of Christmas as we remember that Jesus Christ is coming again in glory! Signs of Advent here at St. Dominic are the Advent wreath, the liturgical readings about John the Baptist and from the prophet Isaiah, the liturgical songs, the purple banners in the Gathering Place and the purple vestments at Mass. We also know it is Advent because the Giving Trees are out. Please help another family celebrate Christmas by taking one of the tags decorating the trees. We will be gathering the gifts on the weekend of December 9 and 10 this year, the Second Sunday of Advent. On that Sunday after the 11:30 a.m. Mass, we really need help loading the gifts on the truck and then unloading the gifts at St. Leo. Young people of the parish, we need your strength and energy to complete this good work that we do!

Once again, we will be having a Holy Hour of Adoration on Wednesday, December 6 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. During that time, there will be an opportunity for individual Confessions with me or Fr. Chris.

Mike Davis will offer his Advent evening of prayer, Scripture, and music on Monday, December 11, at 7:30 p.m. in church. This is an excellent way to get into the genuine Christmas spirit!

Christmas falls on Monday this year. Please note our Christmas weekend schedule. It is a bit different this year! The Fourth Sunday of Advent will be observed on Saturday, December 23, at 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, December 24, with one morning Mass at 9:30 a.m.! We will begin our celebration of Christmas on Sunday afternoon with our Christmas Eve Masses at 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m., and 10:00 p.m. The Klug Family Singers will again provide the music at the 3:00 p.m. Mass. The 5:00 p.m. Mass will be geared to the children in attendance with the 11:30 Sunday Mass Choir doing the music. Once again, this year, our final Christmas Eve Mass is at 10:00 p.m. with carols by our 9:30 Mass Choir beginning at 9:30 p.m. Please note there are only two Masses on Christmas day, 9:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. ***There will be no 7:30 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Mass on Christmas Day.***

Because January 1, the Feast of the Mother of God, falls on a Monday this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation; therefore, we will not have a 7:00 p.m. Mass on Sunday evening (New Year's Eve), and only one Mass on New Year's Day at 9:00 a.m. On Saturday and Sunday of that weekend, the Feast of the Holy Family will follow the regular weekend Mass schedule, except for no Sunday evening Mass.

The Wise Men have already left from the East! They are on their way! Can you believe it! God bless you and have a faith-filled Advent and Christmas Season!

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.

Lawrence Fehr, husband of Bonnie Fehr and father of Tim, Steve (Carla), and Becky (Dan).

Mary Bohl, mother of Charles Bohl, Bruce (Julie) Bohl, Dennis Bohl, Nancy Overton, Jeffrey Bohl, Edward Bohl and Mary (Ken) Mentzel.

Mary Kay Schaefer, mother of Adam Schaefer, Amy Taylor and Joseph O. Schaefer, Jr.

Phyllis Herbst, mother of Mary Jo (Pete) Witt, Peggy (Steve) Laub, Jack (Toni) Herbst, Sally (Don) Eckstein, Nancy (Mark) Hopkins, Betsy (Greg) Wirfel and Holly (Brian) Aug.

Early *TORCH* Deadline

Due to the Holidays, articles for the January *Torch* need to be received in the Parish Office by Wednesday, December 6. Thank you.

Parish Office Holiday Hours and Inclement Weather Hours

The Parish Office will close at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 21 and reopen at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2024.

Please take note that when St. Dominic School is on a two-hour delay, or closed for the day due to inclement weather, the Parish Office will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at our regular time. We feel the need to amend our hours during snow alerts, to ensure the safety of all our employees. We hope that this change in our schedule will not cause any inconvenience. *St. Dominic School follows Oak Hills Local School District for delays and closings.*

Feast of the Immaculate Conception

Mass Schedule

Thursday, December 7, 2023

4:30 p.m.

Friday, December 8, 2023

NO 6:10 a.m. Communion Service

7:30 a.m.

8:15 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

The Parish Office will be closed on Friday, December 8 in observance of the Feast of the Immaculate Conception



Advent Concert

Mike Davis' Advent Concert

with Scripture and Prayer

Monday, December 11

7:00 p.m. in Church

PLEASE JOIN US



Advent Holy Hour

Join us on Wednesday, December 6 at 7:00 p.m. in church for Eucharistic Adoration and Holy Hour with Exposition and Benediction. Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris will also be hearing Confessions during this time. Come to our Community Dinner and then join us in church and spend an hour in prayer with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Join us for a special Holiday Community Dinner

Wednesday, December 6

4:30-6:30 p.m.

Take some time out of your Christmas planning to relax and enjoy a meal with friends, parishioners, and neighbors.

We hope to see you there!

(This takes the place of the Community Dinner usually held on the third Wednesday of the month.)



Giving Tree

Thank you to all who took a tag from the Giving Tree. Remember to **firmly** attach the tag to your gift before returning it on the weekend of December 9 and 10. Please remove the gold "suggestion" tag before returning your gifts. **Please return gifts before 11:30 a.m. on December 10.**

If you were unable to get a tag but would still like to participate in this worthwhile program, a monetary donation is very much appreciated and will allow a member of our team to purchase items on your behalf. Donations can be made online through WeShare. Visit our website at www.stdominicdelhi.org and click the "Online Giving" link on the left side (scroll down to Giving Tree). Contributions can also be mailed to the Parish Office or placed in an envelope marked "Giving Tree" and dropped off at the parish or school office. Thank you.



A Perfect Christmas Gift

Christmas is coming soon! Consider purchasing a Gathering Place paver for the person in your life who is hard to shop for. Pavers are the gift that lets your mother, father, grandparent, child, or spouse know how cherished they are. Order forms are available at the doors of church or in the Parish Office.

The 4 x 8 bricks allow three lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$40.00. The 8 x 8 pavers allow up to six lines with 13 characters per line and cost \$75.00. You can also order bricks/pavers online through WeShare. Visit our website at www.stdominicdelhi.org and click the "Online Giving" link on the left side (scroll until you see Gathering Place Walkway Bricks). If you have any questions, call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0.

The bricks are ordered twice a year, once in January and once in July.

Wedding Anniversaries

On Sunday, October 15, St. Dominic Parish honored parishioners celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th and 65th Wedding Anniversary in 2023. Our anniversary couples, joined by family and friends, were recognized and received a special blessing during the 9:30 a.m. Mass celebrated by Fr. Ben. A reception followed in O'Connor Hall. Each couple was presented with a certificate congratulating them on their years of marital commitment.

St. Dominic Parish would like to congratulate the following couples. May God bless you and smile upon your holy union.

65th ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Albert & Betty Ehrman

John and Pat Luegering

55th ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Raymond & Patricia Cruse

Jack & Alice Roch

Paul & Patti Fellingner

Donald & Gail Ruberg

Lenny & Janice Kleiner

Bob & Rita Steinbeck

John & Jolinda Maginn

Chuck & Joan Wichmann

Bob & Elaine Murphy

Gordon & Carol Yetter

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Paul & Barbara Ammann

Patrick & Barbara Kenny

Ed & Deborah Augustin

Bernie & Pamela Kesse

Ed & Julie Cooning

Robert & Monica Koch

Ed & Linda Eilerman

Bobbie & Theresa Morris

Bob & Kathleen Emerson

Paul & Marge Schumacher

Gregory & Tish Huber

Richard & Delores Schwab

David & Cheryl Johnson

40th ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Glenn & Brauna Busch

Mark & Karen Holtgreffe

Gregory & Kathy Bushle

Terry & Jane Kirley

Bill & Patty Cook

David & Cathy Knue

Dana & Janet Fisher

David & Angela Strehle

Doug & Terry Harrison

David & Dee Witterstaetter

Rick & Carol Helton

SILVER ANNIVERSARY COUPLES

Donne & Kim Abner

Andrew & Debbie McDonald

Joseph & Lisa Grady

Nicholas & Katherine Miller

Greg & Sarah Gutzwiller

Marty & Jenny O'Brien

Bruce & Susan Hartung

Gary & Julie Schloemer

Christopher & Jennifer Karaus

Sean & Renee Wheatley

Douglas & Lori Keller

Paul & Nancy Wubbolding

Peter & Denise Lahni

Another Way to Support St. Dominic

Are you required by the IRS to take annual distributions from your IRA account, also known as Required Minimum Distributions (RMD)? If so, you may consider making a Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCD) from your IRA account directly to St. Dominic Parish. QCDs will satisfy your annual distribution requirement, (RMD), and will not be included in your taxable income for the year. This could be a great way to save taxes and financially support St. Dominic Parish. For more details on Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA account, please contact your investment advisor and/or your tax advisor as we cannot give specific tax advice.

St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus

The St. Dominic-Delhi Knights of Columbus want to thank all of those who support our two major fundraisers, the spring Super Cash Bonanza and our recently completed Football Crazy Sweepstakes. Every penny raised with these fundraisers goes directly to charity. All our overhead expenses are covered by members' dues. In the past twelve months, \$13,335.00 has been distributed from our charity fund. A breakdown of our major areas of giving are: Parish, Clergy, and Religious Ed - \$3,780.00, Pro-Life and Pregnancy Centers - \$3,630.00, Veterans, Food Pantries, and Community Programs - \$3,440.00 and School and Youth - \$2,535.00.

The Knights are always looking for good men to join them in their mission of charity, fraternity, unity, and patriotism. Pope St. John Paul II called the Knights of Columbus "The strong right arm of the church." We hold our business meeting the first Tuesday of the month and a social meeting usually the third Tuesday of the month. The social meetings are normally guest speakers or family events that are always open to the entire family. If you have any questions about how you can become part of the largest Catholic men's fraternal society in the world, you can pick up an informational packet at the racks located at the doors of church or phone/text Grand Knight Joe Knochelman at 513-365-9684. The council is also looking for former members who would like to renew their membership or parishioners who belong to other councils that they are not active in. You can also learn more about the Knights by visiting kofc.org/join or visit the St. Dominic-Delhi Council Facebook page.



Christmas Floral Donations

This Christmas Season, we are accepting donations to help offset the cost of decorating the church. Please consider honoring your special loved ones by helping us to prepare a fitting and very beautiful place to welcome the Lord. Donors and their loved ones will be listed in the bulletin and *The Torch* soon after Christmas.

You may place your donations in the Sunday Collection, please mark your envelope as "Christmas Flower Donation" or bring your gift to the Parish Office. You can also make your donation through WeShare. Visit our website at www.stdominicedelhi.org and click the green "Online Giving" link on the left side. Please submit all donations by Friday, December 8.

Name: _____

Amount: _____

In Memory of: _____

I wish to have my gift noted in the bulletin and *The Torch*

I prefer that my donation remain anonymous.

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HOLIDAY MASS SCHEDULE

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Saturday, December 23 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 24 - 9:30 a.m.

CHRISTMAS EVE

Sunday, December 24 - 3:00 p.m., 5:00 p.m.,
10:00 p.m. (Final Mass on Christmas Eve)

CHRISTMAS DAY

Monday, December 25 - 9:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

Saturday, December 30 - 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 31 - 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m.,
11:30 a.m., NO 7:00 p.m.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD

Monday, January 1 - 9:00 a.m.

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