

# The Torch



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

St. Dominic  
Parish

Delhi Township,  
OH

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## From Fr. Jim

Happy New Year, everyone! My prayer for all of you is that this year you will live in the awareness of God's graciousness and love for you. Our life is a gift from God. It is gratuitous. We didn't earn it. It is grace. And what a marvelous life it is! We can see and hear and enjoy wonderful tastes and feel wonderful sensations! We can think, understand, remember, and make judgments and choices! We can learn things and acquire skills. We can walk, run, jump, dance and enjoy sports and games! (Well, most of us can!) We can speak and communicate with others! We can earn money and acquire things. We can love and care for others! We can sing! We can talk to God!

And the marvels of our human lives are not the end. God's plan and desire for us is that we share God's own divine life for all eternity! What that will be like we can only imagine. We are beloved sons and daughters of God and heirs of eternal life. We are truly blessed. Living in that awareness leads to happy and grateful living. May that happy and grateful living be yours this year.

Men of St. Dominic, let's go! It's time to enhance the quality of your lives by coming to the Mary Queen of all Saints Family of Parishes Christ Renews His Parish weekend, February 17 and 18, at St. Simon. Sign up now by emailing Eric Heitz at [ehetz75@gmail.com](mailto:ehetz75@gmail.com) or Charlie Dean at [cdean517@outlook.com](mailto:cdean517@outlook.com).

Fr. Chris and I will be doing the last half of the Gospel of Mark on the Tuesdays of Lent in O'Conner Hall. (Not the Tuesday of Holy Week!) You don't have to have done the first half of Mark to find this a spiritual experience!

Finally, if any of you have drifted away from parish life over the years, please know that you are always welcome to come back and reconnect with some wonderful people. This would be a good time to do it.

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.

**Geraldine Walker**, mother of John (Lori) Walker, Luke (Jenny) Walker and stepmother of Ruthanne (Lee) Moncrief and James (Janet) Walker.

**Joan Lonnemann**, mother of Rick (Norma) Lonnemann, Pam (Mick) Cahill, Paul (Mary) Lonnemann, Tia (Mark) Luegering and Mike (Jill) Lonnemann.

**Thelma Maloney**

**Betty Eisen**, mother of Joseph (Donna) Eisen, Doug (Melanie) Eisen, Anna (John) Block, Dennis Eisen, Matthew Eisen, and Martin Eisen.

**Doris Huffman**, mother of Chris (Heidi) Huffman, Chelle (Dan) Loebker, Tricia Tucker and Noelle Huffman.

**Kathy Fanning**, wife of Joseph Fanning, mother of Michelle (Denny) Kramer and stepmother of David (Maria) Fanning, Michael (Alex) Fanning and Colleen Stewart.

## Marriage, Divorce and Declaration of Nullity (Annulment)

Join Fr. Jim and Deacon Mark Bardonaro on Tuesday, January 16, in the Faith Sharing Room of the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. for a discussion on marriage, divorce and annulments. We will examine what the Church says about marriage and what happens when a marriage ends in divorce. We will detail the declaration of nullity process: What is it? When is it necessary? We are offering this evening in an attempt to bring about a deeper understanding of all marriages. Come join us!

## Parental Preparation for Infant Baptism

Parents requesting Baptism of their first child are asked to attend a preparation session. During this time, we will look at the history and theology of the sacrament, reflect on our own Baptism, and look at ways to pass the Catholic faith on to our children. Godparents are encouraged to attend as well. Our next session is scheduled for Sunday, February 4 at 10:30 a.m. (after the 9:30 a.m. Mass) in church. Contact the Parish Office at 513-471-7741, ext. 0 with questions about Baptism or to let us know that you will join us on February 4.

## RCIA Update

On Sunday, October 29 we celebrated the Rites of Acceptance and Welcoming at the 9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Dominic and at the 8:45 a.m. Mass at Our Lady of Victory. Even though the Mary, Queen of All Saints RCIA meets at St. Dominic, certain rites are more appropriately celebrated in the parishes of the participants. It is the parish community who acknowledges, accepts, welcomes, and promises to support these men, women, and children as they journey toward Baptism and full initiation in the Catholic Church.

At St. Dominic, we had eight people who were accepted into the Catechumenate at the Rite of Acceptance, and seven others who are already baptized in various Christian traditions and now seek to be fully initiated in the Roman Catholic Church.

Currently, Mary Queen of All Saints has fifteen Catechumens and several infants planning for Baptism at the Easter Vigil, and twenty-six preparing for Confirmation.

Clearly, our parishes and the Church continue to be blessed by men and women interested in joining us in the Catholic faith. Because we have a year-round RCIA process, we are able to begin meeting with an interested person whenever the time is right for that person. Many people experience God's call at events such as weddings, funerals, and Baptisms, as well as the seasons of Christmas and Easter. It normally comes about through the words and witness of others. If you think someone may be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith, invite them to Mass, or even some other parish function. As always, they can contact Deacon Mark Bardonaro at any time for more information at 513-471-7741, ext. 415.

## Bible Study with Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris

Join Fr. Jim and Fr. Chris during Lent as they study the Gospel of Mark (Part 2). This is a continuation of the Fall Bible Study, but you did not have to attend in the fall to join during Lent. The sessions will be on five consecutive Tuesdays beginning on February 20 at 7:00 p.m. in O'Connor Hall. Fr. Chris will be recording each session, and we will send it out to all those on our Word on Fire email list each week. Look for more information in the January bulletins and the February Torch.

## Goldenaires

We have changed the dates for our Goldenaires quarterly planning meetings for 2024. The following dates for these small meeting are:

Thursday, January 11 • Thursday, April 11 • Wednesday, July 24 • Thursday, October 10

Currently, all the meetings are scheduled for 7:00 p.m. in Room 2 of the St. Dominic Parish Center. The meeting location may change dependent on interest and volunteer representation. Anyone over 50 years old is already a member of the Mary Queen of All Saints Goldenaires. There are no dues, but some events will require a fee. We aim to enlighten, entertain, and inspire our members with events throughout the year. The quarterly planning meetings gather a core group of volunteers who will brainstorm ideas and finalize plans for our events. We hope to include members from all five parishes in our events and feature all parish locations, if possible. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, call, or text Marie Salem at 513-910-3938. Please leave a message with your name and call back number.

## Giving Tree

Thanks to everyone who took a tag from our Giving Trees and returned gifts so beautifully wrapped. Through your efforts you have helped many children and families have a nice Christmas. Special thanks to my team of elves who wrote out the tags and suggestions. For those who were not able to take a tag – thanks for donating money so the elves were able to shop. May God bless all of you for your generous time, effort, and cash donation in making it a better Christmas for so many people you don't even know. – Joan Wichmann



## A Prayer for the New Year

Lord, You make all things new  
 You bring hope alive in our hearts  
 And cause our Spirits to be born again.

Thank you for this new year  
 For all the potential it holds.  
 Come and kindle in us a mighty flame  
 So that in our time, many will see the wonders of God  
 And live forever to praise Your glorious name.

Amen

## Men's Society November Lottery Winners

**Congratulations to all the winners!!**

November 1 - #622	J. Meade	November 16 - #815	Sharon Ochs
November 2 - #247	Joan Stoner	November 17 - #336	Rita Steinbeck
November 3 - #155	Larry Miller	November 18 - #082	Shields
November 4 - #639	Helen May	November 20 - #357	Davoran
November 6 - #706	Stan Lape	November 21 - #935	Not Returned
November 7 - #161	Huellemeier	November 22 - #533	Stan Lape
November 8 - #264	Goins	November 23 - #859	Teresa Lewis
November 9 - #133	Amy Stevens	November 24 - #843	Nancy Finke
November 10 - #359	Marilyn Brunemann	November 25 - #342	Kim Abners
November 11 - #867	David Steinwert	November 27 - #223	Juliet Perrino
November 13 - #866	Joe Binder	November 28 - #204	Not returned
November 14 - #974	Hannah Perrino	November 29 - #629	Not returned
November 15 - #401	Unsold	November 30 - #897	Dave Stanger



## St. Dominic School Open House

**BE A BLACKHAWK!** Join us for our Open House on Sunday, January 28 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. All are welcome to tour our school and check out the improvements and enhancements put in over the summer. Come meet the staff, see what the students have been working on academically, and participate in a variety of interactive experiences. For more information, visit our website at [www.stdominichelhi-school.org](http://www.stdominichelhi-school.org) or call 513-251-1276. If you are a prospective family, come check us out or contact us to set up a personalized tour. We accept Ohio EdChoice Scholarships for K-8 students and Early Childhood Education (ECE) Grants for Preschoolers.

## St. Dominic School First Trimester Awards

### CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP AWARD

Students in grades 4-8 are eligible for this award. These students demonstrate the Gospel message of Jesus Christ in school, on the playground and the parish. These students show thoughtfulness to others, respect the differences in others, demonstrate the ability to make good choices in difficult situations, respect property and authority figures, show forgiveness toward others and participate appropriately in Mass.

**4th grade:** 4A - Maci Bollin and Isabella Isidore-Gonzalez; 4B - Isabelle Williams and Emilia Schotte

**5th grade:** 5A - Courtney Landers and Cruz Strayhorn; 5B - Hayley Flaspohler and Parker Mayer

**6th grade:** 6A - George Goins and Annette Freeman; 6B - Rylie Chouteau and Morgan Rimmel

**7th grade:** 7A - Mya McMillian and Christopher Flinchum; 7B - Ultan Delaney and Raquel Duffy

**8th grade:** 8A - Riley Johnson and Adin Hollingsworth; 8B - Landon Hogel and Annabelle Luebbering

### THE KIND FRIEND AWARD

Students in Kindergarten-3rd grade are eligible for this award. These students regularly go out of their way to be nice to others, do nice things, listen attentively to their friends, are aware of others' feelings and show loyalty to their friends.

**Kindergarten:** KA - Owen Koch and Aubrey Baker; KB - Jeilyn Nolasco Roblero and Ryan Parker

**1st grade:** 1A - Adriann Wagner and Trey Stahlheber; 1B - Ivy Thomas and Finn Hignite

**2nd grade:** 2A - Grayson Keeney and Jenevie Wiehe; 2B - Kaylee Johnson and Simon Stenger

**3rd grade:** 3A - Stella Mayer and Adam Tuemler; 3B - Allie Crusham and Abel Ayalew

### POLITE AND CARING AWARD

Students in Kindergarten-3rd grade are eligible for this award. These students are always polite, and act in ways they know are right and safe.

**Kindergarten:** KA - Gabriella Lerdo and Aria Prewitt; KB - Frankie Georgiton and Angelo Wagner

**1st grade:** 1A - Nora Schroeder and Joey Schlanser; 1B - Naomi Daniel and Alvin Bahk

**2nd grade:** 2A - Owen Spraul and Aubrey Grosjean; 2B - Elaina Musonza and Ethan Jacobson

**3rd grade:** 3A Joe Kruessel and Allison Niermann; 3B - Cecelia Schroder and Steven Love

### HONOR ROLL

Students in grades 4-8 are eligible to earn first and second honors each trimester of the school year. Students earning first honors have received all A's in their academic subjects, and no 1's in behavior. Students earning second honors have all A's and/or B's in their academic subjects and no 1's in personal behavior. Here are the students who earned honors this trimester.

#### 4th Grade

**FIRST HONORS:** Mary Goins, Lillian Rich, Quinn Nauman, Lily Osterhage, Cora Rimmel, Evie Stahlheber

**SECOND HONORS:** Lexi Bass, Maci Bollin, Campbell Chouteau, Mason Clark, Oliver Durban, Mikayla Kimball, Addison Miller, Isaac Piening, Jayden Prost, Conner Rafferty, Gibson Stenger, Maddox Thomas, Jeremiah Valladares, Carolin Wellbrock, Bryce Williams, Scarlett Brower, Joshua Coleman, Lucy Hignite, Nova Mabjish, John Nester, Christopher Nixon, Emilia Schotte, Kellan Dorrell, Hudson Szary, Sophia Thomas, Ace Wiehe, Isabelle Williams

#### 5th Grade

**FIRST HONORS:** Hannah Lynn, Millie Fahrian, Hayley Flaspohler, Elena Lerdo, Mera Lothes, Matthew Schlanser, Kylie Whittle, Courtney Landers

**SECOND HONORS:** Aaron Ayalew, Jalynn Borros, Avery Branam, Erin Jones, Alex Lahni, Isla Matibiri, Cruz Strayhorn, Mason Williams, Karalina Wilson, Marken Aklilu, Paige Criswell, Betelihim Ghirmatsion, Parker Mayer, Lucas Sand

#### 6th Grade

**FIRST HONORS:** George Goins, Reece Montgomery, Aubrey Moore, AJ Nauman, Tyler Pennekamp, Morgan Rimmel, Hannah Walter

**SECOND HONORS:** Kailey Adams, Rylie Chouteau, Avery Grosjean, Michael Harris, Sean Homan, Aliyah Mabjish, Avery Mullins, Rebecca Mullins, Rebecca Niermann, Bryann Raley, Gerson Salvador Nolasco, Andrew Starkey, Mackenzie Starkey, Andrew Tuemler, Abigail Williams, Audrey Wilson

#### 7th Grade

**FIRST HONORS:** Valerie Hernandez Velazquez, Josie Hollander, George Pepples, Kent Sokolis

**SECOND HONORS:** Charlie Gibbs, Layla Heltman, Clara Honnert, Raegan Lahni, Mya McMillian, Zach Railey, Landon Strayhorn, Conner Watson, Addi Bass, Brysen Bishop, Lauren Childs, Ultan Delaney, Chase Dreiling, Owen Gentile, Ella Kruessel, Sophia Lynn, Caleb McKeon, Gianna Servizzi, Brody Singler, Olivia Tolliver

#### 8th Grade

**FIRST HONORS:** Noah Nauman

**SECOND HONORS:** Meredith Breeden, Braydon Broxterman, Lilith Daley, Nicholas Fettig, CJ Gatliff, Reagan Helling, Annabelle Luebbering, Liam Mullins, Kraig Ray, Tristen Traynor, Blake Williams, Braydon Bishop, Caleb Coleman, Adin Hollingsworth, Riley Johnson, Sean Jones, Leah Schwartz, Anna Shattuck, Lillie Thai, David Tirado



**JOIN US!**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2024**

# LAS VEGAS NIGHT



**ST. DOMINIC GYM**  
**8:00 P.M. - Midnight**  
 (Doors Open at 7:30 p.m.)  
 Admission \$10/\$15 a Couple



**MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND**

**MAJOR AWARD - 1st Prize: \$10,000**  
**2nd Prize: \$1,000 3rd Prize: \$500**

**TAKE AN EXTRA TICKET TO SELL TO YOUR FAMILY OR FRIENDS**

**Major Award:** All parish families will receive a mailing containing major award tickets. The drawing will take place on Saturday, February 24 at Las Vegas Night. The tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100. You can drop your tickets in the collection basket or mail them in the envelope provided. You can also purchase your Major Award tickets online using WeShare (You do not have to sign up for online giving to purchase raffle tickets through WeShare). To purchase online, go to [www.stdominicedelhi.org](http://www.stdominicedelhi.org), click on the green "Online Giving" button on the left side of the page. Scroll down to *Major Award Drawing*.

**VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP LINK:** Look for a link to SignUpGenius in the February Torch for volunteer opportunities.

**Volunteers!**



**WE NEED DEALERS** - If you would like to deal Las Vegas Night, please call Jason Shattuck at 513-477-8162 or use the SignUpGenius link in February.

**LEND A HAND – SET UP FOR LAS VEGAS NIGHT**  
 Friday, February 23, 6:00-8:00 P.M.



**HORSE RACE SPONSORS** - To help defray the cost of rental and other expenses, we are seeking individuals, companies, teams, clubs, etc., to sponsor a horse in the Horse Race Game for \$25.00. If you would like to sponsor a horse, call the Parish Office at 513-471-7741 by February 5, 2024.

**\*\*WE NEED 100 SPONSORS\*\***

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**The Community Dinner is BACK!!!**

Join us  
Wednesday, January 17  
4:30 p.m.-6:00 p.m.

**We hope to see you there!!**

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