

OUR FAMILY

STORIES FROM THE HEART OF ALL SAINTS CATHOLIC CHURCH



All Saints Welcomes New Parishioners to Our Family

The following individuals became members of our parish family during the months of March, April and May:

- Christopher and Courtney Kulmatycki, Sarah, Erin, Allison and Meredith
- Sharon Salsberry
- Alicia Schnipke
- Jennifer Smith
- James and Sharon Szteiter
- Mike and Sheila Truesdell
- Eva Zuchowski

We hope you find your new home to be welcoming here at All Saints!

Masthead Photo

The masthead photo at the top of this page was taken following the Senior Graduation Mass on May 17th. To complete the celebration, the graduates and their parents were served a breakfast with a slide show presentation.

Caring Cooks Share Home Cooked Meals

By Jim Richards

Seeing a pizza delivery is an everyday occurrence around the community. Many families find that getting a meal delivered is easier when busy schedules make a home-cooked meal difficult. But All Saints' Caring Cooks quietly deliver family meals... and no tip is expected.

According to the former coordinator, Julie Jardine, Caring Cooks came about from a conversation among All Saints parishioners who were discussing how making meals for someone who is ill or had a new baby, might make a good "stewardship" program at All Saints. "We all know that the last thing someone wants to worry about when they're going to and from the hospital, or home recovering, is what to cook for dinner," said Julie

They thought a more coordinated program would help parishioners get a variety of meals on a timely basis; meet the needs of all parishioners who might benefit from the program; and provide the many wonderful cooks in the parish with a way to share their gifts—and they get to know their fellow parishioners, too! Fr. Jonathon Wight (who was pastor at the time) gave them his blessing and away they went.

The current coordinator of the Caring Cooks program, Jenny Yost, has a list of about 30 parish members who respond to a call to feed a family when there is a temporary special need. Recently, a couple was faced with an unusual dilemma: The father, from out of town, suffered a heart attack soon after arrival. His daughter felt the need to be at his intensive care bedside constantly. Her husband had just begun a new job. While juggling schedules for the hospital and two young girls, there was no way for real family meals or meal times. Caring Cooks provided meals for nearly two weeks.

New mothers need not worry about main meals for a few days; and folks undergoing surgery, or dealing with an incapacitating illness can all receive the benefit of their fellow parish members' home cooking. Jenny reports that the service lasts from a few days to about a month, depending on the parishioner's need.

A call to the Parish Office starts the ball rolling. Jenny gathers information about the family size, the presumed duration of the need, and any food allergies or dietary restrictions. She then contacts her caring cooks and works out the schedule.

Many of the meals mean making more of what the caring cook was preparing for his or her own family meal. Other times it is a special meal prepared just for the family.

There are about 15 to 20 families a year that are served. Jenny thinks that there are more who could benefit from the parish service, "But some people don't want to ask for help and perhaps some people don't know about us," she said. "We will help any All Saints families that need us, and we want to help," she added.

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Jenny Yost is pictured here with her son, Patrick, who just graduated from 8th grade at St. John's Jesuit Academy. Patrick cooked for Caring Cooks to fulfill his service hour requirement for Confirmation this year.

A Message from Our Pastor

Dear Friends in Christ,

Recently, a parishioner loaned me a great book called *Never Give Up, Never Give In*. It's the memoir of Louis Zamperini who lived to be 97 and whose life was made famous by the movie and book, *Unbroken*. In the book, Louis says that we all have a need for recognition. This is especially true for our young people. Sometimes, however, we mistakenly go after "attention" which is never the same as recognition.

Our eighth graders at All Saints Catholic School completed the final day of their elementary education with a "clap out." The hallway was lined with the remaining students, staff, and parents who sent them on their way with much applause. We wanted to recognize these fine young men and women for their accomplishments, dedication, and service to our school. Did you know that combined, our fifteen graduates completed 430 hours of service this past year?

This particular issue of *Our Family* focuses on service. It is a chance to give a "clap out" for the tremendous amount of service that our parishioners give to church and community—whether locally or globally. They really take to heart that part of our Parish Mission Statement that says "to love and serve both God and neighbor."

Certainly the annual summer festival is one example of a generous outpouring of service, but there are other ways throughout the year that also are essential—like our liturgical ministers, or those who do outreach through St. Vincent de Paul and Food Pantry. Combined with these more public

May Crowning



Students at All Saints Catholic School honored The Blessed Virgin Mary at their May Crowning celebration during the school Mass on Wednesday, May 6. Members of the 8th grade were chosen for the May Crowning Court based on essays explaining how they try to model their life after Mary. The members of this year's May Crowning Court were: Jenna Reichert (crowning Mary), Izzy Rutledge & Chloe Shaffer (attendants), and Shane Pitzen, Jonah Kale & Noah Taylor (escorts).



Reverend Kent Kaufman

acts of service are the numerous "behind the scenes" ways that people give of themselves. For example, did you know we have volunteers who brave the cold to help shovel our sidewalks in the winter?

Our Stewardship Council, which developed this newsletter years ago, has as its purpose inspiring us all to become more generous with our time and talent. Without this loving gift, our parish would not fulfill its mission and we would have missed the Lord's call to continually mature in our practice of stewardship.

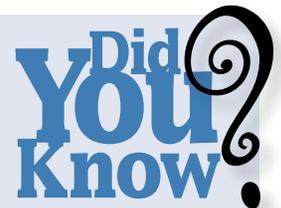
On All Saints Day, each November, we recognize those saints who have not been formally canonized and listed by name or given a particular feast day. Consider this issue our way to recognize our local, living saints who quietly serve so faithfully in season and out of season here at All Saints.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Kent

By Jennie Smith

Did you know choir is an easy way to provide service to All Saints Parish?



- The weekly commitment is Wednesday practice 7:00-8:00 p.m.
- Holiday seasons' practice can run until 8:30 p.m.
- The Sunday commitment is 10:15 a.m. for the 11:00 a.m. mass.
- The choir is made up of instrumentalists as well as singers.
- The choir will be a part of the Silver Jubilee Celebration.
- Parishioners from many backgrounds make up the choir.
- Choir will begin this August by the 3rd or 4th week through May.

The choir is open to all who love music and see its value as a means to grow closer to the Lord in prayer and celebration. Choir is an exciting way for anyone to serve our community with their voice or other musical talent. Dustin Hill, Choir Director, said "I've had several members tell me that they are happy to be in this choir." This could be your calling this year. "If you have never been in a choir but have a learning mentality for rehearsals, we would love to have you. It's fun!"

To join All Saints Choir all you need to do is email Dustin at dhill@allsaintsrossford.com or call Dustin at 740-258-4335. He will have you sing so he can place you into the choir where you belong. Dustin stated, "We are growing, so please feel free to get ahold of me!"

Pilgrimage to Italy Builds Memories and Friendships

By Tom Kress

On April 15th a group of 24 people, mostly parishioners, led by Father Kent Kaufman, flew from Detroit to Rome to begin a 12-day Pilgrimage-Tour of Italy. During the tour these pilgrims visited Rome, Florence, Siena, San Gimignano, Assisi and Orvieto. They saw many beautiful sights and established new friendships. The trip was a wonderful spiritual journey that truly touched all the participants. Each day included a Mass at a beautiful historical church or shrine.

The group spent two days in Florence including a guided tour which provided a viewing of Michelangelo's splendid statue of David, a visit to the Cathedral or "duomo," and even a stunning view of the red-roofed city from the elevated Piazza Michelangelo before leaving. Side trips were made to the medieval city of San Gimignano, a farm in Tuscany, and to Siena where the "miraculous hosts" are displayed at the Basilica of St. Francis.

The group then moved on to spend two days in Assisi. One day the Mass was celebrated at the tomb of St. Francis. Guided tours included the Basilica of St. Mary of the Angels, which houses the porziuncola (the "little" church), the Basilica of St. Francis and the Basilica of St. Clare. For Barb Laux, who made the trip with her daughter Beth, Assisi was the highlight of the trip offering the opportunity for peaceful, prayerful reflection at the site of many miracles.

The pilgrims then moved on to Rome with a stop enroute at Orvieto, another splendid medieval city. That visit included the Chapel of S. Brizio which has some of the most beautiful works of art of Fra Angelico and Luca Signorelli.

The second day in Rome began with attending a papal audience with Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square. Re Tokar, a parishioner, was especially impressed with the fact that Pope Francis didn't just address the crowd from his balcony but instead rode around among the crowd of 60,000 in the Popemobile before delivering his talk at ground level among the people.

Day three in Rome included Mass at the tomb of St. Peter and a guided tour of the Vatican Museum/Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica.

Day four provided a guided tour of historical Rome including the Spanish Steps, Trevi Fountain and the Pantheon.

The fifth day in Rome encompassed a tour of ancient Rome including the Colosseum and Forum ending at the Basilica of St. Peter in Chains for Mass and a view of Michelangelo's beautiful statue of Moses.

Rome was especially memorable to Josh Hartle, who made the trip with his

explore individual interests and good companionship. The Pilgrimage segment offered a wonderful opportunity for fostering spirituality by visiting, praying and reflecting at many of the principal sites that have given birth to our Catholic faith.

The word most heard from participants to describe their experience was "amazing."

The group praised their Italian tour guide, Roberto. The Pilgrim/Tourists were in awe of Father Kent's leadership, knowledge of Italian history and language, and philosophic and theo-



Pictured above is the group of 24 individuals who participated in the pilgrimage to Italy on April 15th. The group is pictured here on the steps of the Carmelite House where they stayed in Rome.

mother, Connie, and to Liz Schmidlin, who made the trip with her mother, Tammy. While the two young folks were dining one evening over-looking Rome at the La Pergola Restaurant, desert was presented with an engagement ring which Liz joyfully accepted. Josh is a planner!

The last day of the trip started with departure from Rome's Fiumicino Airport and ended with 24 tired, but elated, people arriving that evening in Detroit. All involved agreed that the 12 days lived up to its billing as a Pilgrimage/Tour. The tour part consisted of fine hotels, good food, excellent guided tours of historic places, free time to

logical insights. They expressed hope that there would be future opportunities for other parishioners to make a similar Pilgrim/Tour with Fr. Kent.

Caring Cooks (Continued from page 1)

Jenny would like to have a few more caring cooks. Just get in touch with her if you like to cook and she will add you to the list.

If your family needs the services of the Caring Cooks, just call the Parish Office, and you too, can get home delivery of some great food. With certainty, it will be offered with more love than the pizza delivery guy can offer.

Jubilee Celebration Promises to be Grand!

By Dave Wayton

“Has it really been twenty-five years already?” You may hear people ask you that question—and the answer is, “YES, it has!” September 8, 2015 is the official 25th anniversary of the formation of All Saints Parish in Rossford. Plans are already underway for a grand celebration by the Silver Jubilee Committee under the guidance of Jim and Chris Barnhart and Carol Gutierrez. Festivities will be centered on the theme, “Together in Christ.”

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A prototype of the sun catcher ornament that will be available at the Festival booth.



The “Kickoff” will take place at this year’s festival where a “Silver Jubilee Booth” will be set up with all the information you will need to join in the celebration. Plan to stop by to get your questions answered or just to chat and share memories. A limited number of specially designed commemorative sun-catcher ornaments will be featured [Cost = \$10], but orders will be taken as well. Once you see it you are sure to want one for your own family. Yard

signs, too [make a donation] will be available for you to proclaim your “Parish Pride.” Let’s fill Rossford with a witness to our gratitude and joy for God’s many graces over these past twenty-five years! And no modern-day celebration

We Bid a Fond Farewell to Carol Gutierrez

By Larry McHale

At the end of the 2014-2015 school year, we at All Saints Catholic School said our good-byes to one of our long-time teachers. Mrs. Carol Gutierrez retired in May after over 33 years ministering to our children in many capacities.

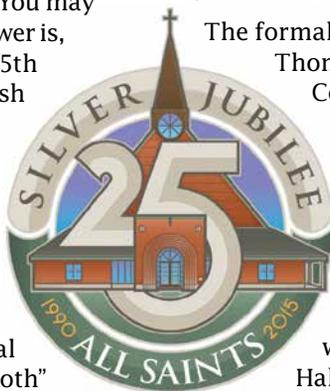


Carol Gutierrez

Carol began her teaching career at the former St. Jude School in Toledo. She came to Alter Elementary School next and subsequently helped open the new All Saints Catholic School. Carol taught Grades 3 and 5 in the beginning and had all inclusive classrooms. Then Carol took over the 6th, 7th, and 8th Grade Math classes at All Saints.

She has donated her time as a Girl Scout Leader, a Quiz Bowl moderator, and as a Talent Show coordinator. She plans on using her retirement very well, spending time with her grandchildren living in Sylvania, in Columbus and in Cincinnati, which teaching surely did not leave adequate time to do.

All of Carol’s colleagues, Principal Teri Fischer, and Father Kent Kaufman will miss her very much. A lot of readers of this magazine can certainly share that sentiment, too. We wish Carol (and her husband, Ray) the best of luck as they journey through retirement.



would be complete without the ever-popular wrist band. Get one for every member of the family [\$1]. Kids love ‘em!

The formal celebration will be a special Mass with Bishop Thomas on Sunday, September 20, at 10:00 A.M.

Come and sing your praise to the Lord for all His blessings! An open house and reception will follow the Mass in the McAlear Center. There will only be this one Mass that Sunday, so make your plans accordingly.

A gathering for all the alumni of All Saints Catholic School is being planned for Saturday, October 24; and All Saints Parish will have a float in the Rossford Community

Halloween Parade on Sunday, October 25. Norma Ramirez is chairperson of the Parade Committee, so contact her if you would like to offer your help and share in the fun!

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Parish Calendar

Mass is celebrated every weekday at 8:15 am

Weekend Mass: Saturdays at 4:30 pm; Sundays at 8:30 and 11 am

Bingo is held every Thursday—doors open at 5 p.m.

June

- 8, 15, 22, 29 Pierogi Making, 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. —PAC
- 22 Show Them We Care: 6:30 p.m. - SCR
- 25 Last chance for Bingo until August
- 27 All Saints Golf Outing, Chippewa Golf Course, 9 a.m.

July

- 1-7 Collection for Rummage Sale
- 3 First Friday Celebration, 8:15 a.m.
- 9 Parish Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.
- 10 Parish Rummage sale, 9 a.m. — 5 p.m.
- 11 Parish Rummage Sale, 9 a.m. — 1 p.m.
- 13 Twist Making, 6 p.m.
- 20 Kolaczki Making, 6 p.m.
- 21-24 Festival Set-up
- 23 Pigs-in-a-Blanket Making, 9 a.m. — 3 p.m.
- 24 Parish Festival, 5 p.m. — 11:30 p.m.
- 25 Polka Mass at 4:00 p.m.
- Parish Festival, 5 p.m. — 11:30 p.m.
- 26 Festival Clean-up

August

- 6 Bingo Resumes
- 7 First Friday Celebration, 8:15 am
- 13 Senior Ministry Picnic
- 16 Blessing of Book bags — 11 a.m. Mass
- 19 First Day of School at All Saints Catholic School
- 24 Show Them We Care: 6:30 p.m. - SCR

September

- 4 First Friday Celebration, 8:15 am
- 13 PREP begins
- 10 Senior Ministry Emergency Relief Program
- 20 Jubilee Celebration beginning with 10 a.m. Mass

Serving Those Who Serve Our Country

by Jennie Smith

The Show Them We Care ministry was formed by Jim and Kathy McVicker, with former parishioner Sue Bolyard after Sue's son Aaron was deployed to Iraq in 2009. The focus of the project has been soldiers from the Toledo and Rossford area. These names are provided by parishioners, their families and friends. The recipients of the care packages do not have to be members of All Saints Parish.

The ministry recently received a "boost" when Nancy Grinonneau, All Saints parishioner, made connections with Martha Fellman, the advisor for the Rossford High School Serving Our Soldiers Club (SOS). These students, with their advisor, were interested in organizing a drive to collect items to send to the troops. The students collected items for a three week period after spring break. The outreach joined forces with Glenwood Elementary and St. Jerome Catholic Church in Walbridge. Together the groups gathered enough items for 100 care packages.

Martha Fellman joined the group with her students and some family members at the May meeting. They presented a check to All Saints – Show Them We Care Ministry to cover the postage to ship 21 boxes overseas to soldiers for



(Left) Rossford High School SOS Club made a donation of care items and money for shipping costs.



(Below) Caelyn McVicker (left) and Danica Branson help Jim McVicker carry a box of donated items for soldiers.

2 months. The number of packages sent each month depends on the number of soldiers deployed from the Toledo Area on any given month. Sometimes they send 10 boxes and have sent up to 30 boxes in one month.

Each box includes toiletries, socks, batteries, baby wipes, nonperishable food, newspapers and other reminders from home. One of the best parts of the package is the personal touch added

by parishioner Sandy Lubelski. She personally makes a creative, upbeat card for each care package and they are signed by individuals packing boxes at the monthly meeting.

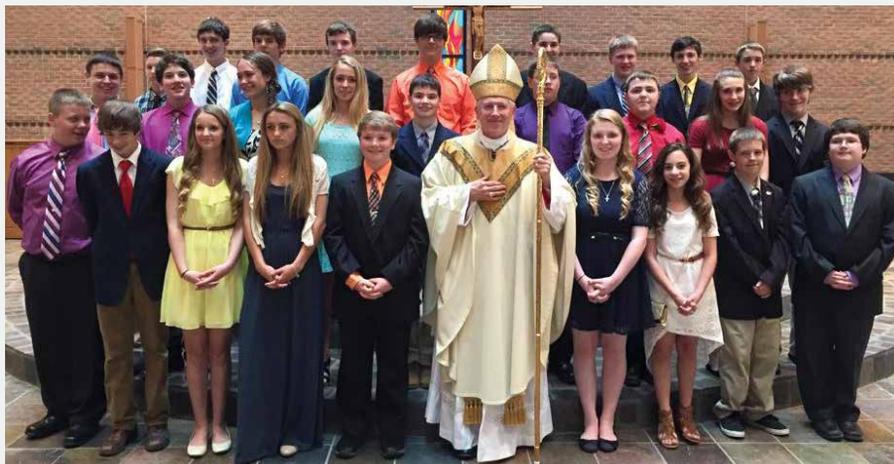
There is a core group of 8-10 All Saints parishioners that meet on the fourth Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. (with the exception of July). Anyone is welcome to join in the mission to serve our service men from this area. Another way you could support this service is to contribute goods. You can find a list of needed supplies in the magazine rack of the Narthex.

Jubilee (Continued from page 4)

The celebration period will come to a close on our Feast Day, All Saints Day, November 1, when the entire communion of Saints will share in our joy.

This jubilee promises to be a wonderful time not only to look back upon our many blessings, but also to look forward to our future "Together in Christ."

Bishop Thomas Confirms All Saints' 8th Graders



On May 9th, at the 4:30 Mass, we were honored to have the Most Reverend Bishop Thomas visit All Saints as he confirmed 27 eighth-grade students. As part of his homily, Bishop Thomas instructed the confirmands to remember this short prayer on their journey as disciples of Christ: "Come Holy Spirit." Our wish is that these young people will be guided by the Holy Spirit as they transition to high school and for many years beyond.



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All Saints Parish Benefits from Two Eagle Scout Projects

by Kathy McVicker

Many young men become active in scouting at any early age, but few persevere and attain the rank of an Eagle Scout. Here at All Saints, we have been blessed with 2 young men—Jack Eberly and Kevin Malik—who wish to carry out their Eagle Scout projects for the benefit of our parish.

The goal of Jack's project is to provide a drainage system to reduce the amount of soil run-off from the grassy areas between the upper and lower parking lots adjacent to the church and school. Jack plans to dig a trench, lay drainage tile, stone, soil fabric, fresh soil and eventually grass seed to the area that is frequently a muddy mess following a good rain. His father, who owns a landscaping business, will provide guidance as well as some of the equipment to carry out the project. Jack hopes to start his project in late summer, just before he begins his sophomore year at St. John's Jesuit.

Kevin's project will focus on one of our most recent (and favored) projects—the Franciscan Garden. His project will be to build a structure to collect rain water from the gutters on the backside of the school building, which will feed into barrels with spigots, thus providing an easier (and cost-effective) way in which to water the garden.

Kevin recently met with the Franciscan Garden Committee to pitch his idea and is hopeful that he can begin his project by the end of summer. Having a father who is an engineer will definitely be an asset when it comes to designing a construction plan. Kevin graduated from All Saints Catholic School this year and received a merit scholarship awarded for leadership and service. He will be attending St. Francis de Sales High School in the fall.

Both young men have received initial approval from their troop's scoutmaster. Their next step is to develop a proposal that encompasses a design, timetable, materials list, cost estimate, labor estimate and fundraising plan. Once they receive approval from the Eagle Review Board, the projects will need to be coordinated with any Parish activities that might interfere. Keep your eyes and ears open for opportunities to support these young men on their journey toward the rank of Eagle Scout.

When speaking with Jack and Kevin, I was impressed by their enthusiasm, courtesy, a desire to learn, and a strong sense of responsibility. They want to serve; they aren't afraid of hard work, and they really want to make a difference. Hats off to their parents, Jeff and Megan Eberly and Rick and Kristine Malik, for sharing the gift of their children with our parish community.



Jack Eberly (above) and Kevin Malik (below)

