



Connections

News of Little Flower Catholic Parish

Toledo, Ohio ❖ May, 2013



Fr. Dave
Nuss
Pastor

It's coming together!

WE HAVE ARRIVED at a most exciting time that truly is of God's own making!

Eight years ago you engaged in a parish self-study whose findings hatched a clear and compelling vision that was given the apt title "Seeds of Faith."

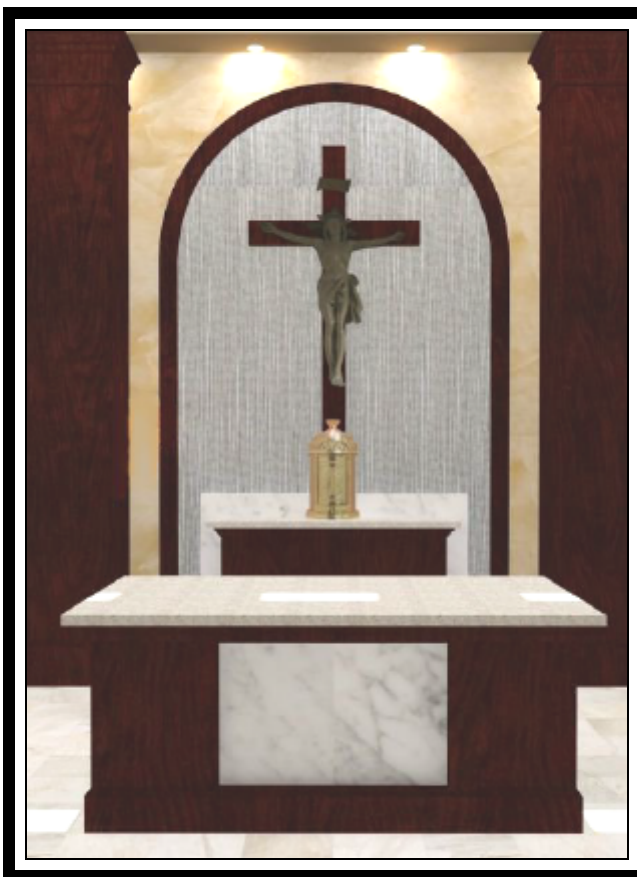
You identified two top priorities:

- ❖ To create a highly visible Dorr Street presence that conveniently brings parish and school offices together, new gathering space, and new church entrance.
- ❖ To re-design the church with permanence and sacred character while preserving the warmth and sense of belonging that marks our celebration of liturgy.

We joyously celebrated the attainment of the former goal on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8) and now are underway toward completing that church re-design that similarly accomplishes the goals you set.

Our stunning and simple church re-design is inspired by and modeled after the Archbishop of Krakow's Chapel in Poland -- the sacred space where Karol Wojtyla was ordained a priest in 1946 and where he later prayed as the Archbishop until he was elected Pope and took the name John Paul II.

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Worship space work to start

THE IMAGE at left is how the sanctuary center will look to Little Flower of Jesus congregations.

It is not a random design. It is liturgically correct and infused with the history and soul of Little Flower parish.

To see what LF people like best, and more, turn to Pages 2, 3, & 4

Image: SSOE Group, Toledo

A place of honor for Toledo's 'Little Flower'

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the patron saint of Little Flower of Jesus Parish, will have a special and permanent place in the church's transformed worship space. See Page 3



Pope Francis

A new pope leads the Roman Catholic Church. Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio of Buenos Aires, Argentina is the first pope named Francis. He is the first non-European in 12 centuries and the first Jesuit to lead the world's 1.2 billion Catholics. For Little Flower responses, turn to Page 9.

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The transformation ofwhere we worship God

What has most stirred members of LF?

MASS GOERS will see a new look in the worship space at Little Flower of Jesus Church.

Following masses, parishioners have been able to view these and other images of how the new Little Flower worship space will look. Steering committee members have been on hand to help answer questions.

The sanctuary itself will be a full step higher, to be more visible to children or those seated in back rows.

Some have mentioned the dim lighting in certain places. That will be corrected when overhead lights are improved.

Most popular response to seeing what Little Flower church will look like to worshippers? It's the crucifix that will be above and behind the altar. **(See Page 4)**

"I'm so glad to see it will be there," has been a common comment.



WORK WILL begin soon on the church interior. A funding effort is underway to insure that no debt will be assumed by the parish. The "new look" will include statuary of St. Joseph and St. Mary flanking the altar, new pews in the front rows, new carpeting, and pew furnishings, and a different, softer color scheme in walls, floor, and seats.

Illustrations: SSOE architectural firm of Toledo.





To honor our patron



ENTERING the worship space from the new south doorway, mass goers will see a special shrine to St. Thérèse of Lisieux, for whom the parish is named.

Thérèse: a girl of many virtues

IN HER short life on Earth, **Marie Françoise Thérèse Martin**, did much to earn her later name: **St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower of Jesus**, and still later to be given the rare title of Doctor of the Church.

In today's world she would be considered a multi-tasker.

She was born Jan. 2, 1873 in the Normandy region of France. She died of tuberculosis only 24 years later on Sept. 30, 1897 at Lisieux, France.

She became a Carmelite nun at age 15, and found that she had a gift for understanding and writing about simple acts of faith. So she wrote . . . and wrote, including poetry. She also painted religious art (at right) and still did all the "duties" required of a novice sister. She did not consider herself

"saintly" and, in fact, admitted that: *"I should be desolate for having slept (for seven years) during my hours of prayer . . ."*

At her death, she left dozens of poems, songs, and paintings revealing her love of God, among them tender images of the child Christ. The pictures were painted on canvases, chalices, and vestments of priests.

Thérèse was canonized in 1925, three years before Little Flower of Jesus Parish was established.



Before she was St. Thérèse, Marie Martin painted angels around the tabernacle in the nuns oratory, right.

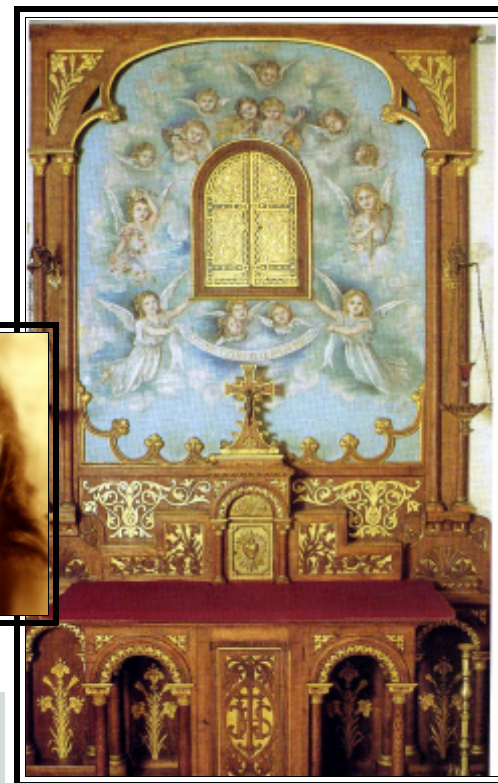


Photo: Wikipedia





The Crucifix

It alone will give the sanctuary
a new appearance and focus
(and it's been here all the time)

MOST STRIKING for many Little Flower of Jesus mass goers on entering the transformed worship space will be the appearance of the large iconic crucifix above the sanctuary and altar.

That crucifix (at right) has hung for years in the narthex, above the north entrance, unnoticed by many who walked beneath it. "I never noticed it. I guess I never looked up at that wall," said a parishioner one recent Sunday.

A new altar will be made of wood and marble-like ceramic and contain names of parishioners and parish families that have donated to make the *Seeds of Faith* dream turn into the reality of a transformed worship space.

Declaring the parish would not go into debt but would move forward with renovation as funding permitted, **Fr. Dave Nuss** announced a fund-raising effort. "Our goal is \$300,000, far less than previous estimates. The result will be beautiful and correct liturgically," said Little Flower's pastor.



Everyone can be part of making the "new" church happen

THE TRANSFORMATION of Little Flower Church, as **Fr. Dave Nuss** says, "will be beautiful and welcoming." The cost is modest compared to earlier plans, he told worshippers, and not at all an impossible amount to raise among generous and worshipful parishioners. A funding effort has been underway, asking member families to contribute to the "exciting" (also Fr. Dave's words) remaking of the church.

Families that pledged earlier can extend a pledge. Those who did not yet pledge, or donate, can do so and know they have helped the church continue its mission. There are ways all can help, emphasizes fund-raising chairperson **Sue Madden**. One-time donations or bequests are welcome. Other financial arrangements can be made. Anyone able to consider contributing a sum or pledge can call business manager **Chris Lewinski** at the Parish Center, 419-537-6655.

Fr. Dave

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*In 1997 Blessed Pope John Paul II declared **Saint Thérèse**, the Little Flower of Jesus, to be a Doctor of the Church.*

Countless hours of study, surveys, discussions and prayers have given rise to the church re-design. Early in the "Seeds of Faith" process the Worship Design Team was formed. This group of exceptionally dedicated parishioners pored over key liturgical documents to make certain that all ideas were in accordance with Church directives. Here are their key church re-design features or "must haves":

- ✠ Place the Tabernacle in the church in a way it can be seen by everyone
- ✠ Create harmony between all entrances into the church and in the church itself
- ✠ Establish a look and feel that is permanent, beautiful, and simple
- ✠ Incorporate sacred art and sacramental treasures
- ✠ Ensure accessibility to all parts of the church
- ✠ Maintain sense of warmth and community
- ✠ Enhance the interior lighting
- ✠ Replace the flooring

The Worship Design Team has made special efforts to preserve and use legacy artifacts from the original Little Flower church, including the crucifix, tabernacle, and statues. The mission-style arch characterizing the design of the original church also is included as a feature of the re-design plan.

Several talented artists, interior designers, and architects graciously shared their time and talents to help sharpen the ideas. Friends, how many blessings God will shower down upon us for our sincere desire to praise and worship Him!

Please check out www.littleflowertoledo.com for church re-design drawings and more plan details.





CAST IN STONE



A TRUE LEGACY from the first Little Flower Church -- the original cornerstone -- has new life in the parish story.

The first church was a straightforward mission-style structure on the very corner of Dorr and Olimphia streets. In fact, it was regarded in 1928 as a "mission church."

One of the men then involved in the design and building of the first LF church building was an emigrant, **Phillip Muessig**, whose letter, handwritten in German, was translated and read to congregations by **Fr. Dave Nuss**, LF pastor.

Mr. Muessig, architect and builder, referred in his letter to the original cornerstone:

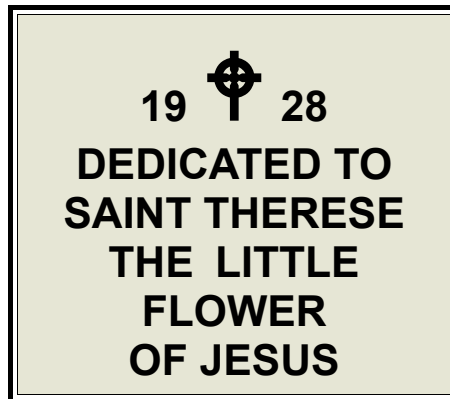
"With hopes it will stand forever, God willing, just as the Catholic Church continues to exist forever, may this church win many followers and contribute greatly to the Catholic Church."

That cornerstone was removed when the original church, condemned in 1989, was demolished. The engraved block was saved and spent nearly 20 years in the west entranceway, strapped to an iron attic ladder.

It now rests securely mortared in the new Dorr Street entrance to Little Flower Church and St. Benedict School, beginning its own new life – once again as a cornerstone.



The original church, left, was built with the large cornerstone that was engraved with:



For almost 20 years, the cornerstone was tied to an iron ladder in the west entrance to the church.

Photos: Mike Tressler

Deadline for submitting to the Sunday bulletin is by noon of Monday each week.





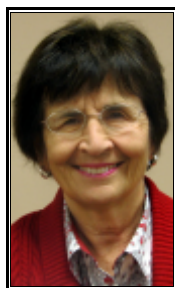
Shepherds of Christ members faithful to ministry

By JEAN FREY

THE Shepherds of Christ prayer chapter of Little Flower meets after each Monday morning mass at the tabernacle.

All at Little Flower are invited to be associates, to pray the rosary and to pray from the red booklet of prayers that **Fr. Edward Carter, SJ**, a theology professor at Xavier University in Cincinnati, said he received from Jesus on July 31, 1994. It was the feast day of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus.

The prayers, available in eight languages, are prayed around the world. Shepherds of Christ Ministries began with publication of the *Shepherds of Christ Newsletter* in 1994, the 77th anniversary of what is called the Miracle of the Sun at Fatima, Portugal (Oct. 13, 1917). Popes,



Jean Frey

bishops, and priests have thanked Shepherds associates for prayers and books they distribute.

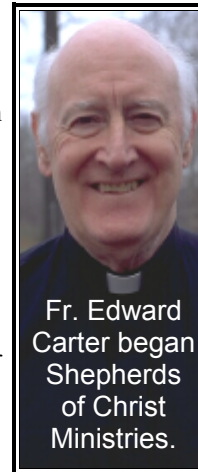
The work of Shepherds of Christ Ministries and prayers of its members are supposed to complete the mission that three Portuguese children said Our Lady of Fatima gave them in a vision in 1917. According to accounts, she asked that a rosary be prayed daily, asking for peace and to consecrate (or give) one's heart to ministries of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

Father Carter said that he believed he had received inspired word and a promise from Jesus that great blessings would be given those who do that and that parishes with prayer chapters also will be blessed.

Shepherd members believe there have been "little "miracles" at Little Flower Parish since the Shepherds of Christ began prayers more than 16 years ago. Some members pray from the book daily but the chapter only requires it to be monthly or weekly, for these intentions:

greater love of the Sacred Heart and the Immaculate Heart; for pope, cardinals, bishops, priests, and religious; for expansion of the Shepherds movement; for the Church itself; for souls in purgatory, and for the whole world.

For more information, see www.sofc.org.



A game and a ministry

By LEONARD POLCYN

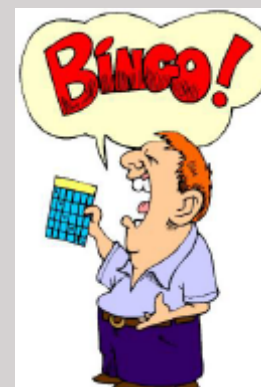
BINGO IS an opportunity for people to get together to socialize, evangelize, and relax while hoping to win a few dollars more than they spend. At Little Flower, people come early, perhaps to eat and talk. Many long-time patrons sit at the same tables each time. Many bingo players are seniors, a few middle aged, and some younger.

Not everyone at O'Grady Hall on Tuesday nights can enjoy playing bingo; some are LF people -- workers who run the games. State law requires players and workers to be past the age of 18. The state also says those who run bingo cannot be paid, so all workers are volunteers who range in age from mid-20s to mid-80s.

Who are those volunteer workers? They are members of the parish who may also serve in other ministries. They might also be seen at mass as ministers of hospitality, singing in the choir, distributing Holy Communion, proclaiming the word, or serving other ministries. They may also belong to Men's Club, Altar Rosary Society, St. Vincent de Paul Society, or other service organizations.

Bingo raises a considerable sum of money, helps fund parish needs and helps support St. Benedict Catholic School.

To be a part of the bingo ministry, see **John Paszek, Dick McGee** or **Leonard Polcyn** after masses or stop in Tuesday evenings to learn how to help. Whether volunteering once a month or every Tuesday, all help will be welcomed.



ALTAR ROSARY -- COMING UP: The stupendous Little Flower Rummage Sale (if not the biggest in northwest Ohio, it's close). The dates are Thursday and Friday, June 13 and 14, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday June 15, 9-noon in O'Grady Community Center. Drop off items June 10 and 11, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and June 12, 9-noon. (not before then). "Please start saving clean, gently used items," says Marcie Grathwol of Altar Rosary, which welcomes new members this month.

For news of religion in the Toledo area . . . go to [wwwToledoFAVS.com](http://www.ToledoFAVS.com). The "Toledo Faith & Values," site is locally centered with news of religious interest in northwest Ohio and the U.S. The interactive site has listings of events and articles from various spiritual traditions. It is administered, edited, and in large part written by **Dave Yonke**, award-winning former religion editor of The Blade.

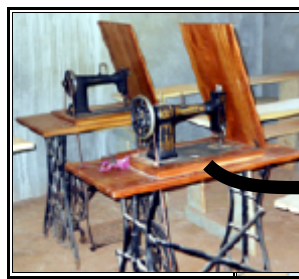




Machines from Little Flower are put to work

ON HAITI, the Kafou Sitwon Sewing Center is a reality after two years of planning, thanks in large part to Toledo's Little Flower of Jesus Parish.

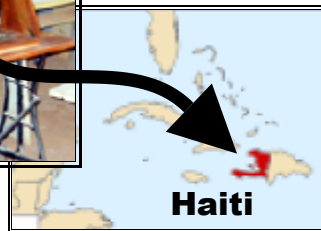
The LF involvement began with formation of a ministry to help the island recover from a devastating earthquake. Scout **Kevin Kretz** chose helping the people of Pestel village for an Eagle rank project. Consulting with **Sr. Josephine Dybza**, OSF, who works with Haitians, and working with the LF committee, Kevin collected, packed, and had shipped 17 treadle sewing machines, fabric, and



notions, thanks to the generosity of parishioners.

Teaching Haitians to sew can help them support themselves. In 2012, the sewing school at Kafou Sitwon taught 27 students to use the machines. All the students have been appreciative of a chance to learn a professional skill. Two women stopped classical education to learn sewing from three teachers with more than 100 years

Haitians can have a chance to stitch their way to a better future



of experience and pleased to pass their skills to another generation.

The school is in a four-room house with two front rooms, a porch, and a front lawn for classes. There are plans for another center and the Sisters of St. Francis plan to purchase land and

build community sewing schools.

Said Sister Jo: "Communities working together and God's spirit of service became the sewing center. Communion continues with those learning a trade and those supporting this project." Sr. Jo, **Sr. Fidelis Rubbo**, and the people of Pestel, have thanked Little Flower for continued support. – **JAN KUSOWSKI**

Study, collecting for Haiti kept religion school busy

ON SUNDAY mornings during Lent, the Little Flower School of Religion was a very busy place – many times several classes in and around the church took in the symbols and devotions that are part of our Catholic tradition. Those hands-on learning experiences were witness to the dedication of teachers and students, whether meditating on the Stations of the Cross, the Paschal Candle, or the Sacred Oils. This year during Lent, classes once again collected pocket change for Haiti. Each week the coins were weighed (not counted). We are excited to announce that we more than doubled our weight of last year with a total of 80 pounds, 13 ounces – eighth graders led with 21 pounds. Way to go, School of Religion!



Sue VanHersett
Pastoral Associate

RCIA journey ends with membership in the church

THE CANDIDATES have made quite a journey this year in their faith. It is always a blessing and honor to travel that journey with them. The experience serves to re-affirm our own faith (sponsors and team), perhaps a faith that we sometimes take for granted. On March 23 the candidates attended an all-day retreat to reflect and meditate on the meaning of Holy Week, particularly the Sacred Triduum. That was part of their final preparation for celebrating the Easter sacraments. It is such a powerful experience that tears are often a part of the day. It was enriching to see how much they have grown in faith and how committed they are to continue their journey of faith. The team and sponsors urge all parishioners to please keep newly received "neophytes" in your prayers.

RCIA Participants welcomed into the Catholic Church

Austin Nuhfer, Paris Butler, Mindy Ohlman, Skylie Bodi, Kaylie Cantlope, Arden Ohlman, Karen Stasa, Frank Ancrile, Josie Maza, Miriam Szykowny, Kristen Coen

First Communion Class

Luke Barnett, Nathan Barrett, Joseph Bucher, Avery Buck, Paris Butler, Kaylie Cantlope, Joseph Cherry, Noah Ernst, Joshua Fisher, James Francis, Sophia Graham, Madison Greene, Taylynn Hall, Morgan Hamill, Elizabeth Keel, Jacob Kopchian, Joshua Lewandowski, Rowan Madrzykowski, David Mata, Zachery May, Brendan McManus, Andrew Metzger, Marissa Patino, Ian Rattigan, Lindsey Rekart, Natalie Rekart, Olivia Shordt, Mitchell Stansley, Trenton Thieman, Kaylie Toth, Jack Urich, Jaelynn Vernon, Krystal Watt, Jacob Yeo, Bryce Zasada

Confirmation Class

Skylar Barnhart, Zoe Barricklow, Patrick Bishop, Lindsay Bugart, Rachel Canales, Valentina Carr, Dylan Chagin, Kaitlynn Dieringer, Lindsey Forche, Virginia Cherry, Nicholas Goodman, Matthew Grayson Gillig, Grady Guthrie, Andrew Hall, Lyndsay Hayden, Kyle Hollar, Serina Krueger, Jenna Lofgren, Austin Nuhfer, Danielle Peterson, Giovanni Silvestri, Emily Smith, Nicholas Spino, Kirsten Thieman





PEOPLE

Whooo?

IN OUR PARISH



Mary and Cos Figliomeni leave mass refreshed and renewed one sunny Sunday morning.

Photos: Mike Tressler



Gavin Marino, 4, kept very busy after some masses, handing out Sunday bulletins to people. Gavin is the son of parishioners Julie and Joe Marino.



Parishioner John Foisy checked out the new worship space plan. John is an outstanding reader of the Word at masses. In fact, he may be the 'most lectored' member of LF: he has served that ministry at seven different parishes!



Photo: Vi Kwapich

... and the Valentine Queen of Elizabeth Scott Community home was none other than Edna Madalinski, a Little Flower parishioner. Obviously, Edna, here with 'King,' Bob Sharpe, enjoyed being voted queen by other residents and family members. 'Yes, she was happy about it,' said daughter Fran Geoffrion, herself an active LF member.



On a morning that Fr. Dave explained the planned design of the church interior, U.S. Rep. Marcy Kaptur, a LF member, talked with the pastor, saying she looked forward to the new look of the worship space.





On March 13, a new pope, took the name Francis to become the successor to St. Peter

'We have a pope!'

Little Flower listeners heard an unexpected preview of a pope's name

JUST TWO DAYS before a new pope declared his name was to be **Francis**, to honor **St. Francis of Assisi**, Little Flower members heard all about that beloved saint -- a touch of irony not lost on some. Sister **Joan Jurski**, a Sylvania Franciscan, held an audience spellbound at Soup and Bread night with insights in the life of St. Francis, for whom her order is named.



Sr. Joan Jurski

Francis, said Sister Joan, was known for leaving a privileged life to live humbly, serve the poor with great dedication, and inspire others to join him. Diners learned that Francis was disillusioned with

ambitions of soldering and instead became a brown-robed monk who served the unfortunate and founded an order.

With the humble greatness of St. Francis still fresh, listeners at LF learned only two days later that a new pontiff took the name "Francis" and seemed to share many of Francis's qualities. The pope reportedly had shunned an archbishop's mansion, a limousine, and other perks to live in a simple apartment, cook his meals, and get around Buenos Aries by bus.

At news the pope had her favorite saint's name, Sister Joan told *The Blade*: "he certainly brings to me a Franciscan heart."

A great day for Franciscans

Sisters of St. Francis, Sylvania, obviously delighted that a pope's name is their patron's, shared comments in *The Blade*:



Sister Shannon Schrein, chairman of theological studies, Lourdes University and former Little Flower teacher:

"He has a pastoral face, doesn't he? That sense of being welcoming." She said her hope was Francis will "bring us together pastorally and teach us about social justice and care for the poor. It's time for the church to expand its understanding of the world in a broader way."



Sister Theresa Darga, assistant congregational minister and former Little Flower principal and teacher:

[Pope] Francis "really has a compassionate heart for the poor. I think through his lifestyle, he has symbolized that compassion."

Sr. Theresa Photo: St. Francis Sylvania website

Photos: Mike Tressler

It was 'an absolutely stunning selection'

THE WORLD'S CATHOLICS were astonished at news Pope Benedict XVI would step down and a conclave of cardinals would choose a leader of the Church. **Cardinal Jorge Bergoglio** of Argentina was elected the new Roman Catholic pontiff and took the name **Francis**. Response came from around the world, including Little Flower:



The Rev. Dave Nuss, Little Flower pastor

"The election of Cardinal **Jorge Mario Bergoglio, SJ**, as pope is an absolutely stunning selection that flies right smack into the faces of preservationists who are more interested in preserving an ossified *status quo* than robustly and credibly proclaiming the Gospel of Christ. His election announces to the Church and world the truly dynamic character that lies at the heart of who we are as a truly global wonderfully diverse community of believers numbering more than 1.2 billion disciples."

Sue Van Hersett, Pastoral Associate

"When I first saw him emerge, I couldn't quite understand the tears in my eyes. But in just the first days after his election, hearing about the example of humility he has set in his life before being elected, and the example he continues to set for us all, I am reminded that Jesus took off his outer garment, tied a towel around his waist and bowed down to wash his disciples' feet. It is good to be reminded of this example of humility and strength - gives me hope for the future."



Mr. Doug Bullimore, Deacon

"I think it is a wonderful selection for a pope. His concern and love for the poor and his humility is refreshing to see."

Tom Williams, Liturgist/Music Director

"I was ecstatic to watch the election of Pope Francis. His simplicity and humility were evident from the moment he stepped onto the loggia of St. Peter's Basilica, and I felt a wave of joy and peace after he bowed to the masses of people and asked for their prayers over him. Learning he's a Jesuit was a bonus."



"Taking the name Francis is like a baseball player taking the name Babe Ruth. It sets the bar high, but this guy can meet it."

--The Rev. Terence Henry, President of the Franciscan University, Steubenville, OH





St. Benedict Catholic School

Students go to state in history and 'Pen'

By CAROL HUSS
Principal, St. Benedict

ST. BENEDICT SCHOOL has much to be proud of. Our students have participated in academic competitions recently and have done a superior job. Some have advanced to state competition levels.

Congratulations to **Valentina Carr**, 8th grade, who will compete at the state level in *Power of the Pen*.

Sixth-grade students **Katelyn Schoen** and **Hannah Rattigan** did well enough to advance to compete at Ohio's State History Fair.

St. Benedict's fundraiser, the Shamrock Shindig, held just before St. Patrick's Day, was a great success. People had a great time, food and ambiance were wonderful, and fellowship and support was superb. It was wonderful to see nearly 200 people joined in support of St. Benedict



Fr. Dave Nuss visited teacher Emily Kotara and her class. Father Dave is superintendent of St. Benedict School and pastor of Little Flower Parish

Catholic School and to see so many families there.



St. Benedict principal Carol Huss delivered the 'State of the School' address at all masses.

The Altar Rosary chapter of Little Flower purchased a ticket as a donation and the A-R society won the \$1,000 raffle prize. The women's organization most generously donated the prize money back to the school and we are very grateful for

such continued support.

Another annual event for St. Benedict is Grandparents' Day, and it was another wonderful event this spring. It is always a great day to share the school ministry with those important adults in children's lives. We consider the parents as primary educators of children and grandparents have a special place as educators of the parents, and we are happy to celebrate with them.

The students participated in the *Jump Rope for Heart* challenge. Students got donations and jumped rope to earn those gifts. We are very proud that the students raised more than \$1,304. Our top five fund raisers, who received tickets to a

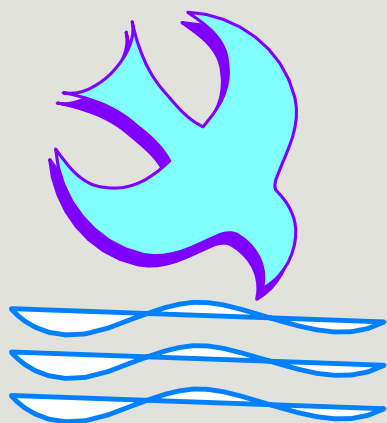
Toledo Walleye game, were **David Corson**, **Gavin Arehart**, **Samantha Nichols**, **Malakai Schak** and **Jared Lofgren**.

As we moved into May the end of the year is winding down quickly. Many end-of-the-year plans are in full swing. Parents' Club is planning an end-of-year field day for all students. This is a culmination of the many things Parents' Club has done for students through the school year. We are truly grateful for all that Parents' Club does for students and staff of St. Benedict.

A scrapbook of scenes at St. Benedict Catholic School

Photos: Mike Tressler





Little Flower
of Jesus Parish
welcomes
those newly
baptized in the faith

Elliot Barker,
son of Craig & Sarah Barker
Elijah Barko,
son of David & Cristal Barko
Blake Spino,
son of Ryan & Jenell Spino
Brooks Barnum,
son of Alan & Monica Barnum
Remi Ducey,
son of Kyle & Amanda Ducey
Malleeah Schak-Minley,
daughter of Amy Schak

Baptisms will take place the
third Sunday of each month.
Contact the Parish Center

Little Flower
Connections

is the newsletter of Little Flower
Catholic Community.
The Rev. Dave Nuss, Pastor
Parishioners interested
in contributing material should
contact writer1@bex.net
for guidelines and procedures.



... welcomes these new members
of the community

Timmery Diller, Kiley Donnally,
Michael and Amy Eckel, Dennis and Linda Goodson,
Gerald and Judith Jarzynski, Eleanor Kretz,
Stephanie Ludwikowski, Eleanor Makulinski,
Gary and Rachel McDowell,
Richard and Margaret Mendieta, Ruby Mowrey,
Sandra Nasta, Gary and Mary Parker,
John and Sue Philipot, Krisztina Puppen,
Stephen Schneider, Charles and Marie Slates,
Chelsea Slates, Vincent and Marta Toma,
Eleanor Tucker, Stephanie Villegas, Daniel Voyles,
Denise Ward, Eric Wilhelm

....and their families

About Catholics:
The facts are ...



The states that have the highest percent-
age of members of Catholic churches? It's
a tie among Connecticut, Rhode Island,
and Massachusetts, each with 43 percent.
The state that has the lowest percentage
of residents who are members of Catholic
churches is Arkansas, with only 5 percent.

The state with highest percentage of members of
Evangelical Protestant churches is Oklahoma,
with 53 percent of its population.

The state that was found to have the lowest percentage of members of
Evangelical Protestant churches was Utah, with 7 percent.

The state with the highest percent of unaffiliated people (not members of
any church): Oregon, 27 percent.

And the state that has the lowest percentage of unaffiliated people is
Mississippi, with 6 percent.

*Facts are from a survey to determine religious affiliation
by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life:*





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Little Flower of Jesus Catholic Community

The Rev. Dave Nuss, *Pastor*

Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 and 11 a.m.

Reconciliation: One-half hour before each mass

Sue VanHersett, *Pastoral Associate*

Doug Bullimore, *Deacon*

Tom Williams, *Liturgist & Music Director*

Cathy Figliomeni, *Youth Minister*

Chris Lewinski, *Business Manager*

Lynn Harman, Laurie Fitzpatrick, *Secretaries*

Missy Gillig, *Parish Bookkeeper*

Jeff Sharp, *Parish Head Custodian*

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