

Connections

News of Little Flower Catholic Parish

Toledo, Ohio ❖ January, 2014



STUDENTS, left, and others, marvel at the ceramic mural in the Little Flower 'art gallery,' created by Sylvania Franciscan artist Sr. Jane Mary Sorisiak.

See Pages 6-7

Rx for healthier, holier daily living

KINDLY ALLOW ME to recommend four actions to families and everyone else who will benefit from your consideration of them.

FIRST, constantly strive for good understanding. Don't ever give up seeking to understand. Resist all temptations to make hardened judgments that announce we no longer will try to understand. Hatred is a choice and when we accept it we are really saying that we quit.

Instead, reach out to others with hope every day. Most especially, let us extend ourselves to those who find hope elusive and distant. I always can change for the better and so can others. I can help others change for the better. As a follower of Jesus Christ and member of His Church, God expects me to be an instrument of His peace and a change agent. Relentlessly pursue understanding circumstances so that misunderstandings will be clarified and resolved.



*Fr. Dave
NUSS
Pastor*

SECOND, live each day reflectively and inwardly. Recognize the particular gifts God has given you as well as gifts that others have received. Stop comparing and competing, which only fuel temptations of envy and discouragement. Instead, notice the gifts of those whom the Lord Jesus has put near us and receive them gratefully.

To live reflectively and inwardly means to look at the good qualities like compassion and courage, and also the supernatural sacramental gifts like the Holy Eucharist and forgiveness of sins in Reconciliation. God deeply desires that we discover the unique treasures He has placed within each of us. Of course, it is for us not only to discover the splendid gifts, but then to share them in ways that help the treasures of others to shine.

Turn to Page 11



Saint Thérèse 'visits' Little Flower

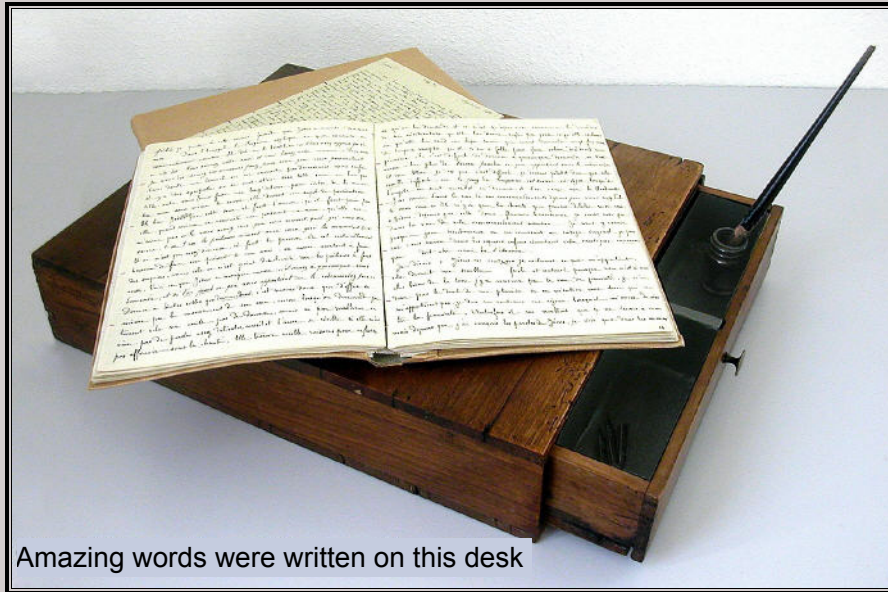
This pen was held by St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the 'Little Flower of Jesus,' for whom the parish is named. Her writing desk was at LF for two days. - Pages 2, 3



Also in **CONNECTIONS**: LF member receives honor, Page 5 ♦ The Pope and the Little Flower, Page 8

Toledo Little Flower was a site of national 'Saint Thérèse tour'

MANY ROUTES led to **Little Flower Church** in Toledo during two days in October. Visitors from Toledo and miles away filed reverently into Little Flower to view rare sights -- artifacts from the life of one of Christendom's most beloved and revered figures, **St. Thérèse of Lisieux**, known as the "Little Flower of Jesus."



Amazing words were written on this desk

Photo: © Archives of the Lisieux Carmel

The writing desk arrived Oct. 9 for Eucharistic adoration and viewing. St. Benedict School students and others saw the simple desk the next day, before it was taken to Rosary Cathedral for public viewing there.

The tour, sponsored by the Pontifical Mission Societies, began in California. St. Thérèse is the patron of missions and missionaries.

It was the first time the writing desk of the Little Flower had ever been allowed to be taken from the Carmel-

ite convent in France where she studied, lived, and died when only 24.

A gifted writer, Thérèse penned most of her writings on the desk, including her masterwork, "The Story of a Soul," and many plays, poems, and letters.

It was a signal honor for Toledo Little Flower Parish. In an unusual turn of events, the small parish was picked to be one of only a handful of places in America where the writing desk of St. Thérèse was displayed to the public.

The tour took the important memento of the saint to only a few cities in the United States. Toledo was one of them.

"It is an extraordinary privilege to have been selected as a site for the relics to be viewed by the faithful. Only 10 dioceses nationally (out of 187 total) received this honor and Little Flower and Rosary Ca-

thedral are the only two parishes where the relics (were) viewed locally," said **Rev. Dave Nuss**, Little Flower pastor. "Little Flower Parish was privileged to be part of a national tour featuring relics of St. Thérèse," said **Sr. Marilyn Marie Ellerbrock**, parish director of adult faith formation. "The relics included the writing case, pen, and inkwell of Saint Thérèse that were used by her almost daily from 1894 until her death in 1897. Sr. Marilyn Marie lectured on the life of the saint prior to the tour stop.

TOLEDO Little Flower Church also has two sacred relics, tiny pieces of bone, of **St. Thérèse of Lisieux** (below). Both are sealed in the altar that was built not long before the tour reached Toledo.



The relic at left is a piece of bone embedded in a stylized cross. It was obtained for the parish through the work of Little Flower's pastor, **Rev. Dave Nuss**.



This authenticated relic of **St. Thérèse** also is sealed within the new altar in Little Flower Church. The altar was dedicated and consecrated just weeks before the public viewings at Little Flower and Rosary Cathedral.



Photos: Debbie Appert



St. Benedict students viewed the relics and heard about St. Thérèse (above) from Msgr. Robert Fuhrman from the Pontifical Mission Society.

Thérèse reportedly wrote daily on the 'laptop' desk, as imagined and drawn (left) by her family sister. Above, the saint's desk, her pen, and her ink bottle, have been preserved since her death in 1897, at only 24.



Photo: Ryann Laky

What brought 'her' desk to Little Flower Parish?

THE WRITING desk of **St. Thérèse of Lisieux** is a prized relic of a sainted girl whose short, simple life has had profound impact on the Catholic Church.

For the first time, the desk was taken from its home in France and displayed in just 20 U.S. dioceses. The Diocese of Toledo was one of them and Toledo Little Flower Parish was the only Ohio church -- other than Toledo's Rosary Cathedral -- to house the desk on its tour.

That honor came about unexpectedly. "The moment I heard the Diocese of Toledo was selected as a tour stop, I contacted diocesan officials to relay how eager our parish was to host the relics for whatever time we would be permitted to do so," said **Rev. Dave Nuss**, Little Flower pastor.

"Undoubtedly Thérèse herself saw to it that the relics found their way to the community of faith bearing her name in Toledo, Ohio, (that had) recently unveiled a beautiful remodeled church marvelously blending traditional and contemporary aspects for the praise and honor of God."



Photo: from Wikipedia

St. Thérèse of Lisieux, the Little Flower of Jesus

"We are delighted that the Pontifical Missions Society responded to our request to be part of this tour as a way of honoring Thérèse as our parish patroness and giving us the opportunity to learn even more of her 'little way,'" said **Sr. Marilyn Marie Ellerbrock**, Little Flower adult faith formation director.



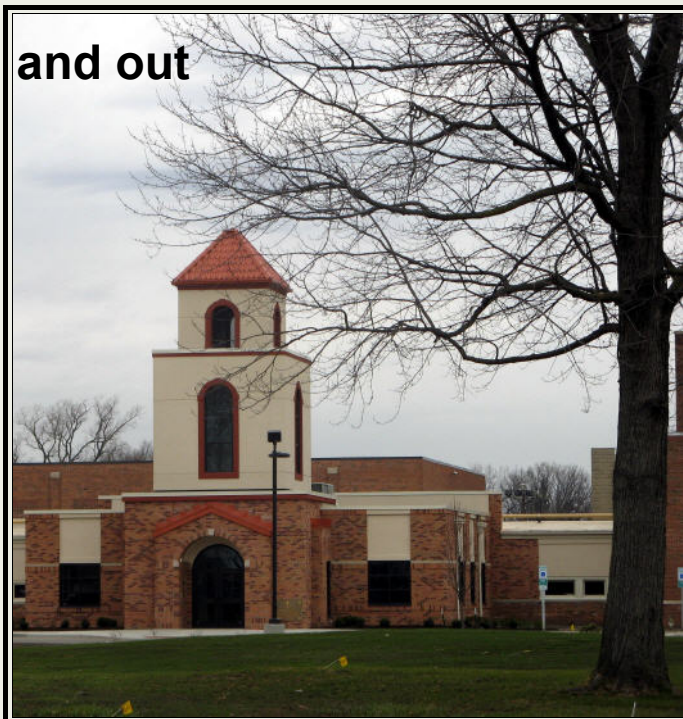
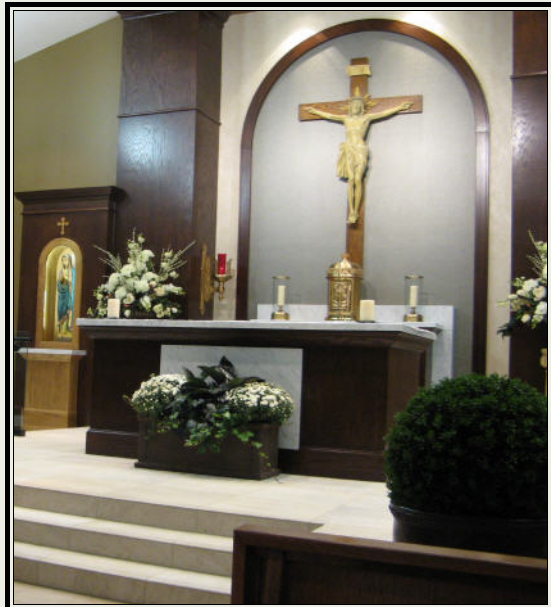
Thérèse Martin was born in France in 1873. She entered a Carmelite convent in Lisieux at age 15. Four of her sisters were nuns. Thérèse made final vows and took the name Thérèse of the Child Jesus of the Holy Face.

But poor health ended her dream of being a missionary and she never left the convent. She spent many hours over that small desk, writing words that later astonished theologians. Thérèse died in 1897, at age 24.

Canonized in 1925, St. Thérèse was declared patroness of missions in 1927.

In 1997, **Pope John Paul II** made her a "Doctor of the Church," saying "the insights expressed in her writings are so vast and profound that they deserve a place among the great spiritual masters."

Transformed: Inside . . . and out



Building projects complete, committee is dissolved

LITTLE FLOWER Church now stands strong and visible on a long stretch of Dorr Street. An iconic new tower entrance beckons members and visitors.

Inside the church, a transformed sanctuary, warm and inviting, welcomes worshippers with a renewed air of Catholic tradition and holiness.

Outside and in, the **Seeds of Faith** building project is finished and those LF parishioners who spent more than a half-decade planning, re-planning, and making the dream into reality can enjoy the results.



Paul Figliomeni



John Gentle

The long project was guided by a Steering Committee. Over time, membership in that group sometimes changed, although some original members served from start to finish. The committee was led by co-chairmen **Paul Figliomeni** and **John Gentle**. "The Steering Committee has now been dissolved," declared a letter over both their names.

Other Steering Committee members were **Vicki Flahie, Sue Madden, Marianne Hassen, Jim Frey, Chris Lewinski, Carol Huss, Jackie Bensman, Martha Nasset, Joel Nedrow, Mike Tressler, and Fr. Dave Nuss.**

Students dig deep to fund breadfruit trees for Haiti

WHEN **Sr. Josephine Dybza** returned to Haiti in October, she took with her \$400 from the Little Flower Haiti Outreach Committee. The money was to buy breadfruit trees and had been collected by children of St. Benedict School.

Breadfruit is a staple of rural Haitian diets. Because of that, the trees will not be harvested for charcoal. It also will help restore some land where deforestation has taken place.

Another nun, Sister **Jordan Schaefer**, and LF member **Christie Soltman** also

have arranged with **Sue VanHersett**, Little Flower's Director of Youth Faith Formation, for a "bag project" by the School of Religion students. The children have been asked to put pictures, notes, art projects, letters, or other objects in cloth bags to send to children of Pestel.

Said **Cathy Rice**, of Little Flower's Haiti Committee: "Please continue to pray for our brothers and sisters in Haiti and the missionaries there, **Sr. Fidelis Rubio** and **Sr. Josephine**. The committee greatly appreciates dona-

tions from Little Flower members and students of St. Benedict School that live that stewardship mission."

Little Flower Parish is not alone in dedication to helping the devastated island country. In November, a team of eight from another U.S. outreach group traveled to Pestel with 10-year water-filtration units, enough to supply each family in section three of Pestel. Each unit cost about \$65. That group also donated a large water filter for the sisters' house and a large filtration system for the main clinic in Pestel.

Dianne Brandt given the Top Hat award

LITTLE FLOWER'S **Dianne Brandt** was awarded the prestigious **Top Hat Award**, the highest honor of the St. Vincent DePaul ministry.

Dianne is the second LF parishioner in recent years to be so honored by the world-wide organization. The late **Bob Kertes** was given the award in 2012.

The Top Hat is annually awarded by the SVdP District, to the "**Outstanding Vincentian of the Year** for diligent dedication to the poor and suffering in our area."

The ministry, especially active at Little Flower, serves area families in need of food, clothing, furnishings, financial help, and other necessities.

Parish members who have worked alongside Dianne were not surprised at her receiving the honor. "It was an easy decision to nominate Dianne," said **JoAnn Newmeyer**, LF chapter president. "Dianne is very deserving. We are blessed to be part of her SVdP family."

But Dianne herself was surprised when her name was called as the 2013 honoree.

"I was shocked," she said. "I didn't know about it. There were a lot of people there and I was listening to what was going on. When they announced my name, I almost dropped my coffee cup. I was just shocked."

The award was announced by LF parishioner **Jim**



'Dianne epitomizes the Vincentian example of living a God-centered life, service to others, trusting that God will take care of our needs.'

Jim Bayer, left, announcing the Top Hat Award

LF parishioner is second to receive that honor from St. Vincent de Paul

Bayer, a worker in the organization, who noted that "the Little Flower Vincentians, and the people we serve, have been blessed to have Dianne as a member and leader."

"Dianne is a mentor and role model whose spirituality, commitment to the needs of others, calming presence, and organizational skills, are the driving force behind the work we do," he said.

Mentioning her many jobs in the ministry -- organizing financial assistance and filing programs, personally thanking donors, tracking bills, serving as vice president and president, he added: "You name it, she did it, and she did it well!"

Noting that Dianne's faith serves her SVdP work, Jim said: "Dianne's calming manner is an ever-present fixture at the food pantry. We provide groceries to over 700 hundred people each month and



Photo: Ron Finn

Dianne Brandt, right, and LF's SVdP president JoAnn Newmeyer at the ceremony when Dianne received the ministry's highest honor.

things can get hectic, feelings hurt, nerves frayed. But we can count on Dianne to smooth things over, and remind us that we are doing the work that Christ asked us to do.

"She can be seen holding clients' hands as they tell their story, hugging those who thank us, giving a smile and comforting word to those in need. Dianne will go the extra mile to help those we serve. When you see Dianne in action, you realize that her faith and love of Christ is guiding her in all she does."

Children help LF's SVdP serve needy families



Photo: Dawn Ando

Dave Westfall, left, and John Ando load goods for SVdP to distribute.

IN DECEMBER, members of the St. Vincent de Paul ministry welcomed St. Benedict School pre-school students, with teacher **Laurie Baker** and helpers, to the **Bob Kertes** Community Outreach Center. The schoolchildren brought canned goods for the food pantry, groceries that were given to area families in need.

The 4-year-olds were thanked by the SVdP ministry for helping less fortunate families. The SVdP workers prayed with the children and workers and students sang "Happy Birthday" to Jesus.

"We are so pleased that the children are learning how to share with others. Many thanks to the families of the St. Benedict schoolchildren who donated canned goods to be included in Christmas baskets that were given to our neighbors in need," said **JoAnn Newmeyer**, LF chapter president.

In 2013, LF SVdP gave groceries to 650-700 families each month. The ministry distributed 85 Thanksgiving baskets and 135 Christmas baskets and continued to provide families with coats, shoes, clothing, and household goods at no cost to those who need such help.



*WORSHIPPERS and students
'Mysteries of the Rosary,' a one
Mary Sorisiak. The ceramic art*

Photos: Mike Tressler



How did it happen?

SISTER Jane Mary Sorisiak's mural art has enriched walls inside and out on the Sylvania Franciscan campus and other places. How did Little Flower come to have two of her creations? After the Worship Design Team recommended the entrance be spiritually enhanced, Father Dave Nuss asked Sr. Jane Mary if she would create an original work. She would and was commissioned. "The idea for the 'Mysteries' subject was her own spiritual inspiration," said LF's Sr. Marilyn Marie Ellerbrock.

At left, detail shows the intricate, almost magical pattern of the glazed pieces.

A magnificent mural greets worshippers and students

AN EXCLAMATION POINT, no less, catches all eyes in the gathering space of Little Flower Church. Not long after a new tower entrance was finished, an astounding work of art was installed. The colorful glazed-clay mural -- "Mysteries of the Rosary" -- was created by Sr. Jane Marie Sorisiak, renowned Sylvania Franciscan artist.

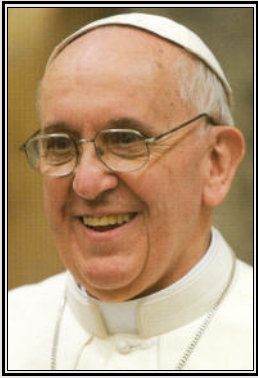


... alike have paused in wonderment to study
...-of-a-kind relief mural by the amazing Sr. Jane
... flows across the gathering space west wall.



AN ARTIST AT WORK: The last phase of creating and installing the mural by Sr. Jane Mary (at left and below) was fitting pieces on the wall. Parishioner Dawn Ando was there with her camera, as students watched.





Pope Francis and the Little Flower

THE POPE continues to amaze the world. Reports of Pope Francis urging better attention to the poor and his non-judgmental stance toward all have revealed a compassionate and proactive pontiff. Some *here* may also have noted a **link between Pope Francis and Little Flower Parish**. A TIME magazine article naming Francis **Person of the Year** described his intent of women having a stronger role in the church. Two women were described in TIME as being influential and inspirational to the leader of the Catholic Church:

*“... and his favorite spiritual examples include Augustine’s mother **Monica** and **St. Thérèse of Lisieux**”*

... who is, of course, known as the **“Little Flower of Jesus.”**

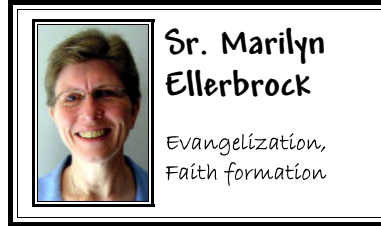
Life at LF anything but ordinary

WHILE WE ARE in that part of the liturgical year that the Church names “Ordinary Time,” the mission and opportunities at Little Flower are anything but ordinary. We are

called to nothing less than a deepening and growing personal relationship with Jesus, and there is nothing ordinary about that!

As sisters and brothers of a Christian faith community here at Little Flower, we are obliged to help one another move forward on our journey of faith *and we do not travel alone*. It is a joy for each of us when we welcome a new member in baptism and as we watch our children grow in their faith through such opportunities as **Catechesis of the Good Shepherd**, the **Little Flower Girls’ Club**, or as students at **St. Benedict Catholic School**. Many of our young people are involved with sacramental preparation as they look forward to meeting Jesus in the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

The pre-teens and teens are engaged in preparation for Confirmation and in **Ignite** faith formation nights. They bring a vitality and energy we cannot do without. Our young adults continue to search for nearness to Jesus



Sr. Marilyn Ellerbrock


*Evangelization,
Faith formation*

through study of scripture and other activities through which they explore and share faith. We pray with and for those who are preparing for the sacrament of marriage and a life of faithful commitment to God and family.

Parish adults participate in Bible study and preparation for **ACTS Retreats** (see below), or serve in Altar Rosary, Men’s Club, Tarcians, music, and other liturgical ministries. Some missions reach beyond the parish: St. Vincent de Paul Society and Haiti Ministry.

Little Flower’s newest ministry, the **Simeon and Anna gatherings** (Page 9), strives to thank and involve parish members 65 years and older -- truly gifts to the community through their prayer, presence, and service.

The bonds we have as a parish community are anything but ordinary. We rejoice with those who rejoice, seek with those who seek, suffer with those who suffer, and grow with each and every member as we make our way closer to Jesus. I invite everyone to accompany each other through prayer and support on whatever leg of a fellow parishioner’s journey he or she may be traveling. Life at Little Flower is truly extraordinary!



ACTS are on the way

The Acts Retreat mission will be introduced to Little Flower members, starting in March. It will arrive with a men’s retreat March 20-24 and a women’s ACTS April 24-27. Parishioners can register at the parish office. Watch Sunday bulletins for information.

Dinner and a Show!

Coming **Saturday, March 15**: A dinner theater night out.

“Conundrum at the Cathedral,”

a churchy mystery, will be presented at O’Grady Hall. Proceeds will benefit St. Benedict Catholic School.

Show time: 6 p.m.

Tickets (\$35) will include entertainment, dinner, and (attention amateur detectives) a chance to win “hush money” for a sleuth who can find the crime’s guilty party.



A-R women hear Heartbeat speaker

Heartbeat, the life-affirming organization that helps women who have chosen birth of their babies rather than abortion, was a special January topic for Little Flower’s chapter of Altar Rosary. First the LF women collected supplies for that city-wide ministry. Then A-R met for its January luncheon meeting with speaker **Meg Bohman**, of Heartbeat.

SENIOR ALERT . . .

LF starts a new ministry

MORE THAN a brown bag lunch, less than a banquet, that's what Little Flower members who are 65 and older can expect of the newest parish ministry.

This month (Jan. 3) was the first of monthly gatherings of that age group for lunch and fellowship.

Those parishioners are invited to the **St. Francis Room each First Friday, at noon**. Following lunch there will be short presentations on a variety of topics and, of course, some socializing.

A Sunday bulletin announcement of the new ministry for seniors linked it to two characters who appear briefly in the Gospel of Luke: **Simeon** and **Anna**. Both were older persons who hung around the Jerusalem temple "anticipating the coming of the Messiah."

While waiting and watching temple visitors, the two saw and



Detail of Simeon and Anna recognizing the savior, from a larger work by 14th-century artist Lorenzetti Ambrogio

welcomed **Joseph** and **Mary** who had brought their infant, **Jesus**.

In fact, it was noted, the two had grown old while "engaged in preparing their hearts to recognize and receive the Messiah upon His arrival."

The Little Flower staff does not ask its "elderly parishioners" to sit against the wall scanning passersby for signs of holiness; rather, wrote **Sr. Marilyn Marie Ellerbrock**, Director of

Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation, the ministry is "for those who, like Simeon and Anna, have spent years developing a relationship with Jesus."

Thus, she wrote, inviting those over 65: "We celebrate the many ways our 'wisdom parishioners' have been a source of encouragement to us just as Simeon and Anna were an encouragement to Joseph and Mary. We pray this new offering will feed your souls as you continue on your faith journey"

WHAT? Lunch and fellowship.
... AND? A short talk/discussion.
WHO FOR? Parishioners and visitors 65 and older.
WHERE? St. Francis Room, Little Flower Parish
WHEN? First Friday each month.
TIME? Noon

Just for Men

Monthly gatherings in the Parish House have been a hit with men of the parish and will continue. Since their beginning, Little Flower men have met for fellowship, conversation, and discussion on that evening's spiritual topic. The next Men's Night, beginning at **7 p.m.**, will be **Saturday, Feb. 15**. For more info, contact **Eric Zatko** (419-320-3225), **Paul Figliomeni** (419-699-1458) or **Ed Gillig** (419-537-1065).



Communion ministers sought to visit homebound

The Little Flower Tarcisian ministry is in great need of persons to take the Holy Eucharist to homebound members of the parish, reports **Sandie Rocchia**. She urges any parishioners who feel called to be part of that way to serve to call her at 419-841-7616 or contact the parish center at 419-537-6655.

Sunday Night at church

Mass now is celebrated at 5:30 p.m. Sunday evenings. For those who prefer to end the Sabbath with the Holy Mass, it is now celebrated then at Little Flower. All are invited. Since its scheduling, it has become especially popular with young people in the parish.

St. Benedict Catholic School

Administration goal: a five-year plan *Open House will be March 2*

THE MID-POINT of the school year means many things. It is a good time to reflect on successes and challenges of the first half of the year and to make plans to celebrate success and meet new challenges. Like a coach at halftime who plans to make a second half better, we approach the second half of a school year with the same zeal as the first half.

To that end and to progress in the re-accreditation process for the Ohio Catholic Schools Accreditation Association, we survey all the groups who have a "stake" in the school: students, parents, faculty, and some parishioners. We also use test scores, demographic information, and other facts to formulate a Catholic Identity and learning goals for the next 5 years.

Catholic Schools Week also comes at about the half point of the school year. We take that time to celebrate what we are as a Catholic School. What makes us different from a school down the road? Our theme for this year is "Catholic Schools Communities of Faith, Knowledge, and



Carol Huss

Principal
St. Benedict
Catholic School

Service." It is no accident that faith comes first, for that is truly what makes us different: All schools should be communities of knowledge and service but we, as Catholic schools, must be communities of faith for students---not neglecting knowledge and service but also infusing faith. It is what makes us different.

January is a busy time for academic competition. We have had middle school students compete in Science Fair, History Fair, and Power of the Pen. We are proud of their hard work and preparation. In late fall, our Quiz Bowl team placed second in its division.

Our middle school students had a wonderful opportunity in December. They were invited to participate in the taping of

a Sunday television mass, at Rosary Cathedral. St. Benedict students were readers, servers, gift bearers, and congregation. Father Dave was the celebrant.

The televised masses will be Feb. 2 and Feb. 9. I hope many will watch at least one of them and see why we are so proud of our Middle School students. Following taping, Father Dave gave students a personal tour of the cathedral. The building's beauty and Father Dave's knowledge of the cathedral and diocese capped a fine day for the students.

St. Benedict's annual open house will be **Sunday, March 2**. We hope that many will take time to visit and see some of the students and activities that make it a wonderful school. We are proud of what we do and how we do it and would love to share that. Parents and all parishioners: Know of families with potential students for St. Benedict? Tell them about the open house or, better yet, come and visit and bring them along



To parents and parishioners: Thank you for continued support of the school ministry. It is a privilege to be part of this joint effort with Little Flower and Our Lady of Lourdes parishes.

Carol Huss, principal

Welcome!

New members of Little Flower Parish

Brenda and Stanley Mbang-Asah
 Kathleen and Thomas Sallah
 Larry and Jacquelyn Lehman
 Maria Fe Valdez and Alfredo Vasquez
 Darla Southard
 David and Jane Curry
 Steven and Bonnie Halsey
 David and Marilyn Kukura
 Greg and Liz Kissner
 Greg Koepf and Chynna Fifer
 Maria Velasco

Ryan and Erica Hobbs
 Richard and Bernadette Bechtel
 Rae Bechtel
 Amy-Jo Bekong
 Albert and Annette Scott
 Michael and Jennifer Hoelscher
 Annette & Albert Scott
 Gregory Koepf
 Karen Villarreal
 . . . and their families

. . . and just baptized

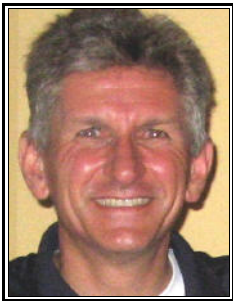
Kaveh Brooklyn Danesh,
 son of Kaveh and Brooke Danesh
 Owen Brooks Poulton,
 son of Charles and Melanie Poulton
 Elizabeth Harper Poulton,
 daughter of Charles and Melanie Poulton

Marisol Margarita Mendoza,
 daughter of Gabriel and Carmen Mendoza
 Logan Mackenzie Zombek,
 son of Thomas Zombek
 and Lauren Lennox-Zombek

When does he sleep?

Time flies for a busy pastor

Fr. Dave now sees Little Flower a little clearer (with new glasses)



Fr. Dave, shortly after arriving at Little Flower Parish

THE 12 MONTHS just past made the first full calendar year for Fr. Dave Nuss to hold the pastoral reins at Little Flower Parish. And what a year it was for both parish and pastor! Taking over the direction of liturgical, educational, and social parts of a Catholic community was one thing but, whoa!, almost before he had his coat off, there was not one, but two building projects for him to shepherd into reality. Most members would say he did it with reverence and aplomb.

There was more for a busy and innovative parish leader: New ministries to create, a start-up retreat program, a parish house to transform, a new main entrance to turn into a stunning art gallery, an Annunciation Radio show, arms to gently twist, projects to direct, and ideas to suggest. Oh, and sometime in 2013, he turned up with a slightly new, bespectacled look.



Still smiling, Fr Dave looks at the congregation with new glasses

Photos: Mike Tressler

Fr. Dave: Rx for a new year

Continued from Page 1

THIRD, *let us look beyond ourselves*. This means going outside of our comfort zone and opening up to that larger community which is given us by God's loving grace through listening to His Word. Looking beyond means not letting our own prob-

lems be all consuming no matter how pressing they seem. It is essential that we open up to the community of faith and live as caring members of the Church of Christ. To the degree we see the needs of others we can see that there are many problems that can be resolved by our genuine caring and patient helping.

FOURTH, *entrust all our concerns confidently to Our Lady*.

Little Flower Church
5522 Dorr Street
Toledo, OH 43615

Nonprofit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Akron, OH
Permit #351

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

TIME DATED MATERIAL

Little Flower of Jesus Catholic Community

The Rev. Dave Nuss, *Pastor*

Masses: Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m., and 5:30 p.m.

Monday-Thursday 8:15 a.m.; Tuesday 7 a.m.; First Fridays 8:15 a.m.

Reconciliation: One-half hour before each mass

Doug Bullimore, *Deacon*

Sue VanHersett, *Youth Faith Formation*

Sr. Marilyn Ellerbrock, *Adult Faith Formation*

Tom Williams, *Liturgist & Music Director*

Chris Lewinski, *Business Manager*

Lynn Harman, Laurie Fitzpatrick, *Secretaries*

Missy Gillig, *Parish Bookkeeper*

Jeff Sharp, *Parish Head Custodian*

Parish office: 5522 Dorr St..

open Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

419-537-6655 - FAX: 419-537-1469

parishcenter@littleflowertoledo.org

Website: www.littleflowertoledo.org

St. Benedict Catholic School

Carol Huss, *Principal*
419-536-1194

The Rev. Joseph Cardone, *Superintendent*
www.stbenedicttoledo.com

Little Flower *Connections* . . . is a journal containing news for and about the people and ministries of Little Flower of Jesus Catholic Parish. Parishioners and organizations wishing to submit reports or notes for writing, editing, and publication should follow guidelines or request guidelines from the Parish Center or from Mike Tressler. All submissions are welcome and will be considered. Submit by email to parishcenter@littleflowertoledo.org or to miketwriter@gmail.com. Deadlines are noted in Sunday bulletins. Please note that editing, design, printing, and mailing take several weeks beyond a deadline date and submissions should not include information that will be outdated or events that will be past by the time *Connections* is delivered.

Copyright © 2014

