

# Connections

News of Little Flower Catholic Parish

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## Father Dave's Bible, worn but not worn out

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Photos: Mike Tressler

## Resurrection: fulfillment of His Life

THROUGHOUT this Easter season, I especially hope you consider the connection between the two supreme moments in the life of Jesus: death and resurrection. For sure, the second moment forever surpasses the first; however, it does not cancel it.

Jesus' Resurrection unleashes the fulfillment of the life. Jesus' Resurrection splendidly displays the effects of God's *real and lasting love* for us. The light of Jesus' Resurrection does not make the cross disappear. Life is no less hard for those of us Christians who dare to believe in Jesus' triumph over the grave. Jesus' Resurrection does not eliminate suffering. It is not as if the empty grave opens a secret passage across the earthly stage that is free from difficulties, setbacks and pain.

What the glorious event of Jesus' Resurrection does make possible, however, is to provide those daring to know *Jesus as Lord*,

**FR. DAVE NUSS**  
Little Flower Pastor

*Savior and Messiah* with a deeper understanding and true experience of God's mysterious gift of life.

Jesus' Resurrection boldly proclaims that God's gift of life is meant to be meaningful, purposeful, and joyful.

At the very center of human living each and every day, we Christians hold to the undeniable truth that God's love bursts forth! That is, Jesus' Resurrection floods the love of God into every difficulty, every setback and every experience of pain.

Resurrection Joy is experienced in the midst of things that have not changed physically. We Christians still experience sickness, violence, social upheaval, hatred, and death. What Jesus' Resurrection does, however, is to transform everything we know and experience from absurd to astonishing, from meaningless to meaningful, from limited to limitless, from death to life.

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# Parish embraces ACTS



LITTLE FLOWER Parish is the first, and so far only, Catholic parish in Ohio to support the growing ACTS retreat movement.

The Toledo parish brought the weekend program to this part of the Midwest with ACTS retreats for men in March and women in April.

The Thursday-Sunday retreats at the Weber Center in Adrian, MI., were conducted by teams from St. Louis and Louisville plus Little Flower men and women who had previously made ACTS retreats.



Photo: Lynn Nedrow

*Little Flower candidates and team gathered following the men's retreat*

ACTS stands for the program's structure of **A**doration, **C**ommunity, **T**heology, and **S**ervice. The LF web site describes it as "More than a simple retreat 'program,' ACTS is designed to implement the 'New Evangelisation' in a way that transforms parishes into intentional disciples." ACTS began in San Antonio, TX in 1987 and has spread nationally and internationally.

"Parishioners (who participate) come together to experience how their daily lives are fundamentally impacted by the Word and Sacraments of our faith," according to literature.

The cost of the retreat is \$225. A parish brochure notes that "Anyone needing financial assistance can apply for a scholarship to help cover the cost."

Following the initial retreat weekend, **Fr. Dave Nuss**, Little Flower pastor, announced that a men's ACTS will be planned for the fall and a retreat for women in spring of 2015.

*LEFT: Little Flower ACTS weekend women candidates and team*



Photo: John Phlipot

## Little Flower men and women at the Spring 2014 ACTS were:

Matt Terrill  
David Madden  
Ed Gillig  
Paul Figliomeni  
Mark Stasa  
Jim Devine  
Carmelo Carrubba  
Mike Neuschwanger  
Charles Williams  
Mike Myers  
Jim Bishop

Larry Ohlman  
Ryan Hobbs  
Ric Woods  
Greg Pawlaczyk  
Chris Dougherty  
Dave Williams  
Fred Glynn  
Russ Sheerin  
Jim Deraedt  
Jeff Thieman  
Joe Reinhart  
Ed Ujvagi  
Jack Carney  
Steve Moor

**Team:**  
Rick Bechtel  
Joe Koerper  
Fr. Dave Nuss  
John Phlipot  
Frank Terrill  
Tom Williams  
Eric Zatko

Maria Carr  
Missy Cherry  
Katie Clausius  
Cathy Darmofal  
Kristine Devine  
Missy Gillig  
Pat Johnson  
Vikki Jordan  
Sue Kelsey  
Lori Kertesz  
Cindy Kretz  
Kitty Kruse  
Janice Kusowski  
Jackie Lehman

Sue Madden  
Darla Pawlaczyk  
Kathleen Sallah  
Carol Schnapp  
Cheryl Schramm  
Cathy Sheerin  
Valerie St. Clair  
Terri Stahl  
Karen Stasa  
Kay Terrill  
Beth Thieman  
Laurie Toth  
Karli Vercellotti  
Jan Waldon

**Team**  
Meghan Slates  
Lynn Nedrow  
Martha Nasset  
Cathy Kertesz  
Marianne Hassen  
Sr. Marilyn Ellerbrock  
Sally Bullimore  
Bernadette Bechtel  
Rae Bechtel  
Fr. Dave Nuss



# 'I could not part from it'

Father Dave's Bible seems to be attached to him

*Little Flower parishioners are accustomed to seeing Fr. Dave Nuss as he celebrates masses with his old bible tucked under his arm or open for reading a passage*



TATTERED, torn, wrinkled, and dog-eared, an obviously well-used Holy Bible seldom leaves Fr. Dave Nuss' hand as he celebrates mass.

The Little Flower pastor clutches the tattered Bible while sitting in the presider's chair and while he's at the ambo to read the gospel. He carries the old book as he roams the sanctuary to preach, often flipping it to a marked page to read a verse. He keeps it close during the Eucharistic liturgy.

At the end of mass, he tucks the beat-up book of scriptures under his arm as leaves the sanctuary.

And the dilapidated tome stays in his grip while he greets people on their way out of church.

The Bible – its cover torn, bent, partly missing -- seems to be as much a part of Father Dave as his Roman collar or ever-present smile.

Some parishioners surely must wonder: What's the deal with the old Bible, Father?

Well, says Father Dave, it isn't that he can't afford to buy a new one.

The creased and crinkled Bible has been with him, he says, since long before he was a priest and, yes, he would find it difficult to ever part with it.

"It has remained with me, as my personal use Bible, at every step of my priestly life and ministry," says Father Dave, "in Sandusky, in Washington, DC, in Cologne, Germany, and now Toledo . . . and on spiritual pilgrimages elsewhere at various places throughout the United States and Europe."

It was a gift while he was in high school in Wisconsin.

"My parents asked me if I would speak about the importance of the Holy Eucharist in my life to men from [our] parish who were participating in a weekend retreat. I was honored by the request, though I was only a high school senior. I was unsure what I would be able to share with the men that they did not already know.

"After my straight-from-the-heart witness talk, they presented me with [this] leather-bound copy of the Catholic Jerusalem Bible."

Father Dave said it was "my first adult Bible" and he took it with him to college in Milwaukee. After graduating from Marquette University, he took it with him to begin studies for the priesthood. "I had it in my hands when I arrived at the seminary in Cincinnati."

It was there that the Bible took on a life of its own in a personal – and irreplaceable – way. "I began writing notes on the margins during classes and while at prayer," Fr. Dave says.

Which is why replacing the Bible would not really replace it with one that had his years of notes and reminders scribbled on Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and other pages.

"I simply could not part from it with all the notes that had filled the margins over the years."

The Bible survives, read and reread, and patched up, says Fr. Dave. "Rather than purchase a new one, along the way it's been re-bound three times." From the looks of it, it could use another cover and binding.

But, frankly, he says, his old personal Bible, with scrawls, notes, underlines, and bent pages, is nearly worn out. "One of these days it'll just fall apart," Fr. Dave says with a sigh.



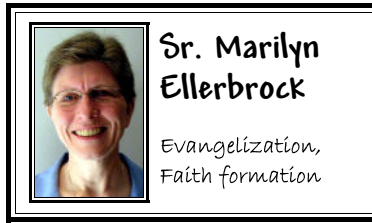
## Connect with *Connections*

The newsletter of Little Flower Catholic Community, contains news and features of spiritual and social ministries, parish activities, and "people in the parish." Reports from organizations and parishioners are welcome and all submissions will be considered. Submit information -- notes, suggestions, and/or photos -- by email to [parishcenter@littleflowertoledo.org](mailto:parishcenter@littleflowertoledo.org) or send to Mike Tressler at [miketwriter@gmail.com](mailto:miketwriter@gmail.com)

# 'Thanks, God'

*... for the gifts of so many amazing parish people*

WHILE THE exceptionally harsh weather we experienced this winter may have caused some things to come to a standstill, that was certainly not the case with spiritual life here at Little Flower! Growth and new life were strongly evident throughout the winter and continue to bear fruit.



Our **Young Adult Bible Study** continues to attract young men and women (20-35) who are deeply desirous of growing in their faith. Anywhere from 8-15 young adults gather each Monday evening to reflect on the scripture readings of the coming Sunday. I am inspired by their commitment and enthusiasm and thank God for the gift they are to our parish.

Thanks to the efforts of **Cindy Thomas**, our **Simeon and Anna Ministry** continues to grow as well (see Page 7). Offering the opportunity for fellowship, a good meal and a little learning each First Friday is a way of giving back to parishioners 65+ who have and continue to serve us so generously. I thank God for the gift they are to our parish.

Having experienced the first of the **ACTS retreats** here at Little Flower, I am overwhelmed by the openness and eagerness of those who made the retreat to deepen their relationship with Jesus. This new movement of the spirit for parish adults promises to be life changing for all of us. I am likewise grateful for prayer support of so many parishioners as we launched this new venture. I thank God for the gift each

person involved is to our parish.

Considering we had standing room only for this year's **"Soup and Bread suppers"** it was a good indication of the desire of our people to grow in intentional discipleship. Approximately 100 parishioners gathered for three consecutive Mondays to pray together, share a delicious soup-and-bread meal, and reflect on

scripture characters who call us to discipleship. I thank God for the gift each participant is to our parish.

As I received information about the coming confirmation interviews I will help with, it is one more reminder of the young people in our parish who are preparing for sacraments this spring – First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Their next step in their faith journey calls each of us to model intentional discipleship for them. I thank God for the gift our young people are to our parish.

Certainly, our RCIA candidates have prepared well throughout this year for the reception of the initiation sacraments at the Easter Vigil. What a witness they are to thirst and hunger for the faith as well as openness to all God desires for them. I

thank God for the gift our newest members are to the parish.

Someone from outside the parish recently commented to me that it seems like Little Flower has something for everyone! Isn't that what our faith and parish life is all about? Indeed, we have much (and many!) for which to be grateful. God is good!

**Welcome to the faith**  
**Baptized**  
**Jacquelyn Lehman, Blake Wyse, Isabella Wyse, Emma Lehman, Larry Lehman, Leland Glenn, Tucker Glenn. Conner Glenn**  
**RCIA class of 2014**  
**Full Communion in the Catholic Church**  
**Gerald Davis, Ann Francis, Chelsea Slates, Stephanie Villegas**



## *'I'm never going to be the skinny guy . . .*

*. . . and I'm okay with that. But I'll be a much healthier version of me. I already am.'*

So the **Rev. Eric Schild**, left, was quoted in the Catholic Chronicle. In a "Healthy Lifestyles" feature about exercise and weight loss, Fr. Eric, who is remembered at Little Flower Parish as a very popular seminarian, was said to have lost 60 pounds since he had surgery and started an exercise program. The pastor of Walbridge St. Jerome Parish added: "I have exponentially more energy. Now I'm better able to minister."



"THE THERAPISTS HERE have been so positive and helpful in encouragement," said Sylvania Franciscan **Sr. Pat Taube**, who is being treated at Rosary Care Center after losing both hands and feet from infection. One of those therapists is **Beth Longeway**, who grew up in Little Flower Parish. Beth, daughter of parishioners **Roger and Marge Clark**, was pictured with Sr. Pat in the Catholic Chronicle.

PEOPLE in our PARISH

Msgr. Michael Billian, is the pastor of Corpus Christi and Blessed Sacrament parishes, and a son of the Little Flower community.



Billian to sing for the pope; Kaptur fights for Ukraine



IN THE BLADE, Msgr. Mike Billian, who grew up in Little Flower Parish, was pictured, singing. He was practicing with the Blessed Sacrament choir, preparing to join St. Rose Parish for December performances at the Vatican, in Rome.

Msgr. Billian is pastor of Blessed Sacrament and Corpus Christi University parishes.

The choirs will sing for Pope Francis in St. Peter's Square on New Year's Eve. The day before, the combined Toledo-area choirs will sing during mass in St. Peter's Basilica.

On New Year's day, they will join with the Sistine Chapel Choir during mass, according to The Blade.

The Blade story noted the parishes are raising funds for the trip that will begin Dec. 26 and include visits to Assisi and Florence.

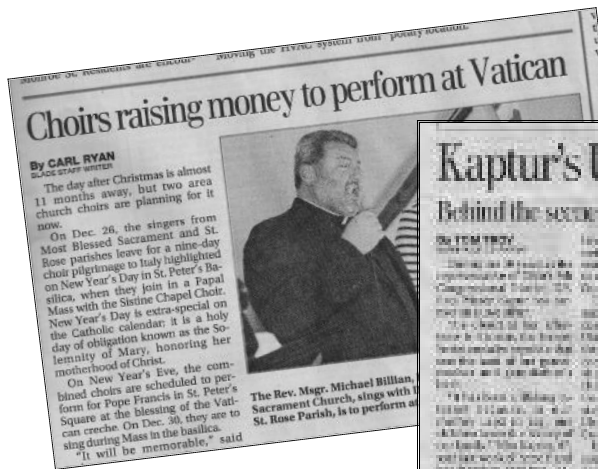
CONGRESSWOMAN Marcy Kaptur, a lifelong Little Flower member, has a tender spot in her heart for the east European country of Ukraine.

Marcy has deep family roots in Ukraine, according to an article in The Blade that told of her grandfather's and grandmother's births there. She has traveled to Ukraine a dozen times,

Marcy has a long and respected tenure in the United States House of Representatives. She is a devoted Catholic who actively works for her district, including encouraging democracy in the country that struggles with political turmoil.

Marcy Kaptur often returns to Little Flower for Sunday mass, when she is not in Washington, at work as a representative in the U.S. Congress.

Photos: Mike Tressler



Chairman of the Congressional Ukrainian Caucus, she has sponsored a resolution "calling Ukraine leadership to a higher standard," that supports rights of citizens' assembly, reported The Blade.

Our Lynn lookin' good! . . .



Walking down the runway at the Victory Center Fashion Show was Little Flower secretary Lynn Harman. Lynn was was one of 10 featured models -- all cancer survivors -- at the Victory Center fundraising event on Valentine's Day. The style show at the Hilton Garden Inn drew 550 viewer-donors while raising money for the unique program that honors and supports cancer patients and survivors.

From a Channel 13 television clip, at left, is Lynn, Little Flower's ever-smiling worker and front-door greeter, as she modeled at the show.

A YouTube video of the CH13 report can be seen at: http://www.13abc.com/video?clipId=9854275&autostart=true



Toledo-area people diagnosed with cancer find support, a bundle of services, and a friendly, quiet respite from the rigors of treatment or stress at The Victory Center.

The nonprofit site is at 5532 Central Ave. (419-531-7600). Its mission statement says:

"We strive to support and educate cancer patients and those closest to them by providing individual and group services in northwest Ohio and southeast Michigan. Since 1996 we have been reaching out to cancer patients and their families, providing love, support, compassion, hope and laughter."

## The LF Scrapbook

FOR THE 1978 parish yearbook, the Sylvania Franciscan sisters who taught at Little Flower School gathered for this photo. Today, they hold administrative positions in the order. Still sometimes seen at Little Flower masses are Sr. Rebecca LaPointe, who was LF principal and now is Assistant Professor at Lourdes University and Teacher Licensure Officer; Sr. Theresa Darga, Assistant Congregational Minister for the Sisters of St. Francis, Sylvania; Sr. Karen Zielinski, Canticle Studio Director, author of 'Hope and Help for Living with Illness' and a nationally published news columnist for physically challenged living, and Sr. Pat Gardner, Treasurer and Councilor for the Sisters of St. Francis, Sylvania



First Row (left to right): Sr. Aquinata, Sr. Rebecca, Sr. Domitilla, Sr. Patricia  
Second Row (left to right) Sr. Theresa, Sr. Antonelle, Sr. Karen, Sr. Joan

## Haiti outreach

# Ministry continues without dedicated sister

LITTLE FLOWER'S Haiti mission ministers will miss working with one of the most committed and effective on-the-ground servants in that struggling country.

"We have been advised by **Sister Fidelis Rubbo** that she will return to the United States this year, ending her many years of mission work in Haiti. She is an inspiration to us all," said **Cathy Rice** of the LF Haiti Outreach ministry.

But LF will not miss a beat in its commitment, helped by parish members, she said. "The committee, Sisters of St. Francis Sylvania, and many Haitians are most grateful to parishioners who support efforts to make a difference there. We thank all for

taking a [fund-raising] Haiti 'Make-a-Difference Can'," said Cathy. "Every cent is a precious gift."

In Haiti, **Fr. Parnell Lundy** has received a substantial donation to fund Little Flower's "adopted" school in Pestel, reported Cathy. That donation allows members of the LF ministry to focus on supporting teachable skills such as work in



Photo: Thrivingvillagesblogspot

Sr. Fidelis Rubbo will leave Haiti after many years

the sewing center, tree planting, and agriculture skills.

A Toledo-area physician, **Dr. Richard Paat**, and a health team, have shared medical education, services, and supplies in four villages this year, and saw more than 1,200 patients in a four-day period, said Cathy. "Each day Dr. Paat instructed 16 Haitian health monitors and gave them supplies to continue work in those villages."

The LF outreach ministry has been informed of severe drought in Haiti, much worse than in a normally dry season. "It adds to the many problems already faced daily,"

Cathy said.

"Rationing of water provides one half cup a day per person. Animals and crops are dying as a direct result."

Haiti has had some rain but drought relentlessly continues to plague the western region, according to Cathy, who noted that a 14-year-old boy drowned in quicksand trying to get water.



Dr. Richard Paat



Fr. Parnell Lundy

## NEW LEADERS?

Parish ministries and organizations should report new officers to the parish office

# Lunch break for LF seniors

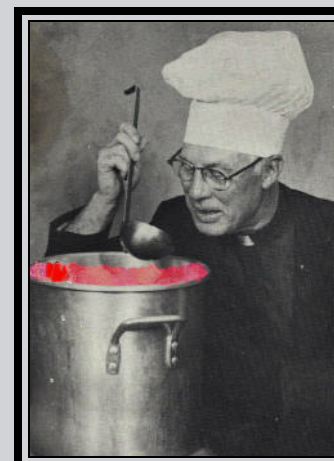


**Soup, stories,  
and spirituality**

Photos: Mike Tressler

Lunches for seniors are held in the St. Francis Room. One parishioner there noted that the late **Rev. James O'Grady** was the Little Flower pastor for 12 years before his retirement. "Father O'Grady was a senior here. He would have loved this."

**Below: Fr. O'Grady  
at lunchtime, 1984**



FIRST FRIDAYS each month have taken on a new, and tasty, meaning for some Little Flower members 65 years and older, with fellowship lunches at the parish. **Sr. Marilyn Marie Ellerbrock**, Little Flower Evangelization and Adult Faith Formation Director, has explained that the "**Simeon and Anna**" ministry honors two faith-filled Jews at the time of Jesus who had awaited God's promised messiah into their old age.

The lunches are followed by short talks. And, of course, there are plenty of laughs, conversation, and good stories to go around.



*Soup is served by **Cindy Thomas**, right, and **Annie Cherry**. Both, along with **Rob Thomas** and **Melissa Cherry**, help at the lunchtime ministry. Funding comes partly from **Geoff Scott**, of Friends of the Family Home Health Care.*



*Not all were seniors at this 'Simeon and Anna' lunch*



*Parishioner **Bill Roccia**, above, entertained seniors with tales of his FBI career.*

## Work and study

Another year winds down for St. Benedict School and the big news for the summer will be naming of a new principal to replace retiring **Carol Huss** (see Page 10). Meanwhile: a final *CONNECTIONS* look at the 2013-14 year at the two-parish school.



Photos: Mike Tressler

**ABOVE:** Teacher **Bob Orlet** puts a small group of students through their computer science paces  
**LEFT:** When it's lunch time at St. Benedict Catholic School, someone has to carry the lunch to O'Grady Hall. That 'job' goes to hungry students, among them these two first graders

## The ministry of 'visitors' grows by one member

Parishioner **Joe Reinhart** has joined the busy and dedicated Tarcisian Society of Little Flower Parish.

Joe was introduced to other members at a March meeting of the quiet ministry that 'visits' members of the parish and others, too, who are homebound or living in care facilities.

Tarcisians visit to offer holy communion, pray, and offer comfort. "Besides receiving Jesus, most homebound and parishioners want companionship and conversation, which we gladly give," said Tarcisian **Gerri Mouch**.

Members of the Tarcisian ministry will next meet in September.

## Fr. Dave, continued from front page

The miraculous event of Easter does not take these harsh realities away. Instead, Jesus' Resurrection resolutely states that the confounded consequences of original and personal sins no longer have complete hold over us. Not only are the depraved marks of our fallen human state suddenly unable to keep us from loving and being loved, but by means of Jesus' Resurrection, it now becomes possible for every person to discover the fullness of life and love for which we have been made by God to experience. Love alone!

As one like us in all things but sin, Jesus understands life and love. Jesus' own suffering, death and resurrection *for us and for our salvation* assures us that whoever dares to live in



love – that is, sincere self-giving in imitation of Jesus – never is abandoned by God.

Pope Francis reminds us that Christians follow Jesus by personally knowing Him in the same way we build strong and lasting friendships with others. This is the path by which we are welcomed by God, loved by God and redeemed by God. This way – Jesus' Way – brings forth the fullness of life and joy for which we have been made by God to experience.

Those daring to love in imitation of Jesus and develop a deeper relationship with Him and His Church receive His very life! Seen in this light, Easter joy is hardly fleeting or forgettable. It is neither a momentary delight nor a superficial sentiment. Easter joy radiates real and lasting hope through the cross.



# Blessings are many for LF youth

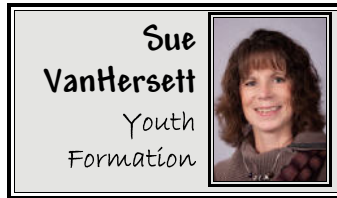
(thanks to programs and willing workers)

WE ARE richly blessed in many ways at Little Flower. In our programs of Children and Youth Faith Formation, it's been a busy and fruitful year.

☼ We expanded our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd approach with a new Level III Atrium, adding 6th-grade students of St. Benedict School, and starting a session on Monday afternoons that included children preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation.

☼ We welcomed new catechists and families to the School of Religion, CLW, and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd.

☼ Two more catechists have been certified at Good Shepherd level I. Congratulations to **Linda Smith** and **Pat Antonelli**.



☼ Our School of Religion students once again were honored to take special liturgical roles at an 11 a.m. mass.



☼ Our Project Haiti during Lent collected weekly donations for our sister parish in the town of Pestel.

☼ A religion school open house welcomed many parents who experienced and witnessed their children's excitement about their faith formation.

☼ Children and youth who celebrated the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation are listed here, below.

☼ Religion school parents were e-mailed registrations for next year, which included a note of a May 5 early deadline.

Additionally, we are excited to be working to evaluate and improve all sacramental preparations for next year. Details will be forthcoming.

Many thanks to all who have helped make it a faith-filled year.

## First communion in 2014

Noah Andres  
Jordan King  
Eva Le

Brayden Brinkman  
Elizabeth Neuschwanger  
Madelyn Eckhart  
Emerson DeMitt

Bella Rheinbolt  
Kiha Woods  
Carlo Carrubba

Cece Henkel  
Jameson Carey  
Connor Jordan

Kevin Knerr  
Jarod Lofgren  
Alivia Loreda  
Joshua McManus

Evan Michael  
Vincent Strouse

## Confirmed in 2014

Brock Barnett  
Christian Oquendo  
Gabrielle Oquendo  
Jacob Pastorek  
Andrew Tillman  
Zoey Tokles  
Garrett Westphal  
Christopher Yost

Reghan Baier  
Jack Bucher  
Jessica Friedel  
Madison King  
Khalen Kim Le

Olivia Nielson  
Kotone Pax  
Kellie Smith  
MacKenzie Stansley  
Allison Steffin

Shay Hamill  
Nina Koyilla  
Mary Racette  
Oliver Henkel  
Collin Hurt  
Anthony Hobbs  
Alexis Hobbs



**DEADLINE** for submitting copy for the Sunday bulletin  
is the end of Monday each week

# St. Benedict Catholic School

## Carol Huss ends days at LF *Retiring principal reflects on 25 years*

**AFTER 25 years as principal of Little Flower -- now St Benedict -- Catholic School, Carol Huss will retire at the end of the school year. Here, Mrs. Huss reflects on her years on the LF campus.**

ON MARCH 10 I announced to the board of trustees of St. Benedict Catholic School that I will retire at the end of this school year. Over the next couple of days the news was announced to faculty, staff, parents, students, and parishioners. Those groups of people have become my second family for 25 years. Four years ago I had the privilege of adding to that "second family" when Little Flower School formed a partnership with the former Our Lady of Lourdes School.

There will be many things that I know that I will miss. I will miss the children the most. Those students can take a day that has hints of not going well and turn it around with smiles, stories, hug, good comments. I told teachers they might find me wandering the parking lot on the first day of school, unable to fully withdraw from the excitement of starting another year.

Things have changed dramatically since the day in July, 1989 that I walked into the school building and set off the security alarm! It was one way to announce my arrival. I have had the opportunity -- no, the privilege -- to work with seven fabulous



pastors who have always been supportive of the school ministry.

Of course, the biggest change I was part of is the 2010 forming of St. Benedict School. We were able to do that through discussion, challenge, and compromise, always with a focus on the best interest of the students entrusted to us. Our process in forming St. Benedict is known as a success story and we are proud of that.

The advancement of technology in the school was a huge advancement during my time as principal minister. When I arrived there were about 10 computers in a classroom; now we have around 140 in the building. Quite a change.

Some folks have asked my thoughts on the future of Catholic education. I am positive it will continue and will provide the faith-based quality

education we now provide. It might look different. As we know, there will be fewer schools, and perhaps different configurations. But it is my fervent hope that even if it looks different, it won't feel different. I hope it maintains the wonderful community spirit and spirituality that a Catholic school can provide.

Thanks to everyone for all the good wishes for me in my retirement. I will miss all of you as I move on to that new chapter. St. Benedict and Little Flower schools will always have a special place in my heart as will all the wonderful people who have touched my life during these years.

**ABOVE: Carol Huss and a favorite moment -- a student visits her office. BELOW from left, she speaks at a mass, confers with construction foreman Roger Sargent, and chats with former Bishop Leonard Blair and former diocesan school superintendent Jack Altenburger, a LF parishioner**



## Newly baptized

Sofia Annamarie  
McCarthy-Hoskins,  
daughter of Toni  
and Tony Hoskins

Ambrose Michael Hobbs,  
son of Ryan and Erica Hobbs

Madalyn Nikole Sharp,  
daughter of Carol  
and Jeffrey Sharp, Jr.

Immanoel Ngemboh-Atem Morfaw,  
son of Sylvanus Atemafal  
and Adeline Akaneng Achankeng

## Little Flower welcomes new members

Monica Keriko  
Tracey and Matthew Ward  
Michael and Margaret Krasniewski  
Carolyn and Jay Loebig  
Benjamin and Carrie Ann Dougherty  
Steve Moor  
Adria Seawick  
Kelly and Mark Clark  
Betty and Kenneth Hutson  
Robert Hutson  
Joseph and Janelle Lubomirski

Laura Curtis  
Lindsay and Dennis Goins  
Brad Pribe  
Matt Paskiet  
Jonathan Demeter  
Dave Williams  
Georgianne Warren  
James and Kristine Devine  
Sarah Gardner  
Joshua and Joni Glenn

... and their families

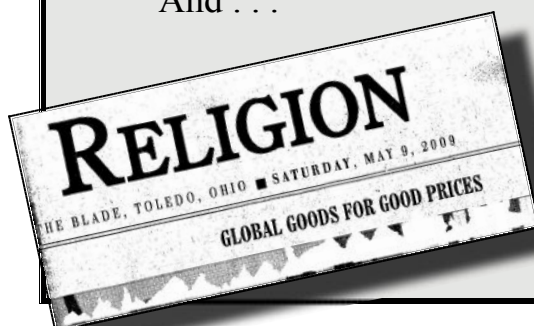


### To find Toledo area religion news . . .

Check out TOLEDO FAVS (Faith and Values) to know what happens in the Toledo area's numerous faith communities. On a computer, go to [www.ToledoFAVS.com](http://www.ToledoFAVS.com). "Toledo Faith & Values" is a religion-oriented website that is part of a loosely linked nationwide project. It is **locally centered** with news of northwest Ohio churches as well as carrying national notes of religious interest.

It is an interactive site, with listings of events and articles by regular contributors submitted from many spiritual traditions in northwest Ohio. In Toledo, the site is administered, edited, and largely written by **Dave Yonke**, an award-winning former religion editor of The Blade.

And . . .



THE BLADE covers news of religion each Saturday on pages dedicated to the diverse faith communities of northwest Ohio. Editor **T.K. Barger** keeps readers on top of what goes on in the area's churches, temples, meeting houses, and at special events.

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## *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***

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