

**MONDAY, AUGUST 24, ST. BARTHOLOMEW**

- 6:15 AM Communion Service
- \*9:00 AM Mass for Joseph & Helen Blaser
- 6:30 PM Pre-School Parent Meeting (Parish Hall)

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 25, ST. LOUIS OF FRANCE  
ST. JOSEPH CALASANZ**

- 6:15 AM Communion Service
- \*9:00 AM Mass for Barbara Whitta (Anniv.)
- 5:30 PM CPR/AED Training (Emmaus Room)
- 7:00 PM AA Men's Meeting (Upper Room)

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 26**

- 6:15 AM Communion Service
- \*9:00 AM Mass for Pamela Holycross (Anniv.)
- \*5:00 PM Mass for Franklin Holman (30-Day)

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 27, ST. MONICA**

- 6:15 AM Communion Service
- \*9:00 AM Mass for Richard Weber
- 9:30 AM Eucharistic Exposition (Eucharistic Chapel)  
Adoration through the day until 9 PM

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28, ST. AUGUSTINE**

- 6:15 AM Communion Service
- \*9:00 AM Mass for Kenneth & Ardella Russell Grs.1-12 attending
- 9:30 AM Eucharistic Exposition (Eucharistic Chapel)  
Adoration through the day until 9 PM
- \*2:15 PM Mass at Independence House

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 29, THE MARTYRDOM OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTISM**

- 10:00 AM Charismatic Prayer Group (Notre Dame Room)
- \*1:00 PM Wedding Mass of Jacob Brickner & Tammy Reinhart
- \*4:30 PM Mass for Randy Barcus; Joanne Lannen; Leonard Vaughn-Lahman; Vincent & Betty Boes; Jean & Emma Beeson **Servers:** Brenda Gillig, Jenny Gillig, Sara Goddard, Karin Goddard **Lector:** Dolores Kinn **Cantor:** Brenda Goshe **Gift Bearers:** Judy & Kellie Brose

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, TWENTYSECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

- Vocation Cup: Laszlo & Piroska Papp
- \*7:30 AM Mass for Liv./dec. members of St. Wendelin Parish **Servers:** Morgan Brant, Holly Petrlich **Lector:** Rose Metzger **Cantor:** Mary K. Gillig **Gift Bearers:** Floyd & Susan Lawless
- \*9:00 AM Mass for Steve Geroski III; Fr. Frank Crawford (Anniv); Bill Hunter, Clarence & Lucille Knox **Servers:** Alexa Hallman, Cyle Smith, Justin Hammer, Lucas Holman **Lector:** Therese Clouse **Cantor:** Jackie Fry **Gift Bearers:** Ramon & Bea Lowery
- \*11:00 AM Mass for John Gilliland (30-Day); Harold & Margaret Cole **Servers:** Andrew Cockie, Sarah Cockie, Colleen Fondessy, Adam Frederick **Lector:** Arlen Lowery **Cantor:** Vicki Baker **Gift Bearers:** Laszlo & Piroska Papp

**Extraordinary Ministers  
of Holy Communion  
8/29 & 8/30 A  
11:00 AM - 8/30 A**

**SACRIFICIAL GIVING REPORT FOR JULY**

Received 7/01/09 - 7/31/09	\$	55,972
Direct Deposit for July	\$	12,868
Budgeted for July	\$	68,840
Over (Under) for July	\$	( 7,484)
Year-to-date received	\$	68,840
Year-to-date budgeted (wk 4)	\$	76,324
Over (under) for fiscal year	\$	( 7,484)
Children's Offertory July	\$	124

**Readings for the Week of August 23, 2009**

- Sunday Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b; Ps 34; Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32; Jn 6:60-69
- Monday Rv 21:9b-14; Ps 145; Jn 1:45-51
- Tuesday 1 Thes 2:1-8; Ps 139; Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday 1 Thes 2:9-13; Ps 139; Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday 1 Thes 3:7-13; Ps 90; Mt 24:42-51
- Friday 1 Thes 4:1-8; Ps 97; Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday 1 Thes 4:9-11; Ps 71; Mk 6:17-29
- Sunday Dt 4:1-2, 6-8; Ps 15; Jas 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27; Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23



**PRAYER CORNER**

Please pray for the following people who are in need of a healing touch:

**Lowell Bugner, Paul Chaney, Thelma Crawford, Frances DeLaRosa, Matt Fox, Jimmy Gase, StephenHark, Phyllis Hulderman, Gus Lopez, Mae Reinhart, Kathy Scherger, Jessica Young Turner, Jerry Ulm, and Susie Watkins**

**COMMUNITY WIDE  
STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER**

On Friday, August 28, at 12:05 PM, stop and pray that all Americans will have access to quality and reasonably priced health care.



**WEDDING BANNES**

I, II & III Jacob Brickner & Tammy Reinhart  
I & II Bob Collins & Chris Bland  
I Joshua Lemmermen & Deborah Whitta



## Family Reunion and School Opening!

"Father, we'll miss you next Sunday, we have the family reunion in Pt. Clinton, Alabama, Kentucky, Cleveland, etc." How often I have heard that message this summer. "We get to see our cousins, aunts, uncles, that we haven't seen for a long time." There is a longing to share the family story with others. "We each have the T shirt of our family, so that we can tell who belongs to whom." The stories continue.

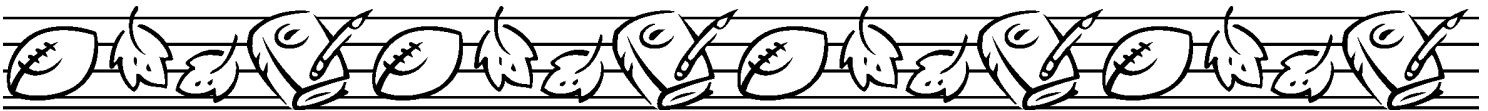
This past Saturday, I had an opportunity to revisit a family reunion. These were folks who started from Bavaria, the home area of Benedict XVI. They have a fraternal union, which has spread throughout the world. Every two years they gather in a place to celebrate reunion and get reacquainted.

There were some from Canada, Bavaria, California, Florida, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, St. Paul, Minnesota, etc. They wore costumes from their original country i.e. beautiful dresses with flowers for the ladies and Lederhosen, Vests, hats with a feather for the men. Some have been going to these gatherings for over 20 years. It was a beautiful sight to see. I celebrated a mass in German with them, lifted a beer for a toast and offered a prayer of thanks over the meal. There was an emotional connection for me.

The school year has started. There is a family reunion here as well. Children who haven't seen one another all summer (to them it seems like years) have reunions. They talk about the summer, the fun they had. They look for their friends, find new ones, and wonder where some of their other friends are. In the high school we have students from Korea, Japan and Ghana. The world is coming to Fostoria St. Wendelin. We welcome all as we begin another school year. Pray for the children, the teachers, administration, cooks, custodians, maintenance folks, playground supervisors and all the folks who volunteer to make education happen.

God's blessings on all of you.

Fr. Nicholas Weibl



### PARISH SERVICES

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419-435-6681

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#### St. Wendelin Catholic Elementary School

300 N. Wood St. 7:30-3:30 PM  
419-435-1809

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#### St. Wendelin Catholic High School

533 N. Countyline St. 7:30-3:30 PM  
419-435-8144 Fax 419-436-4042

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Fostoria, OH 419-701-2380

**Find Help from the Pain of Divorce at New Life Journey**

There aren't many people around who understand the pain a divorce or separation can cause you, your family and your friends. That's the reason for "New Life Journey" a DivorceCare Inc. seminar. It's a series of support groups and seminars conducted by experts on DVD's and by your peers, people who understand exactly what you are experiencing. We are fortunate to have trained group leaders from St. Wendelin who have been through divorce themselves to guide the program and share their expertise. Most importantly, you learn how to deal with the past and look forward to rebuilding your life and strengthening your relationship with God. "New Life Journey" is ecumenical and features biblical teachings for recovering from divorce and separation. You are welcome to begin attending the DivorceCare group "New Life Journey" on any week. Each session is self-contained. Some of the past participant comments include:

- "I know that I am not alone..."
- "The most helpful thing has been to learn to forgive myself and my ex. I have stopped beating myself up."
- "Real life-not sugar-coated."
- "It helped me understand my anger and loneliness. It also helped me forgive my spouse."
- "After 15 years, I forgave my former wife-blessed relief and new freedom."

If you would like to come to a place where you can feel completely supported in what you are going through and hear valuable ways to heal from the hurt of divorce, please consider coming to "New Life Journey". The next 13-session will begin Sunday September 13 from 6:30-8:30pm in the Upper Room of the PLC here at St. Wendelin. Cost is \$20 for materials and workbook with financial assistance available. This program is open to the public. Registration forms are available in the Parish Office or you can register at the door that first evening. For more information or to register contact Kathy Holman, Parish Nurse 419-435-6692.

**American Red Cross St. Wendelin Blood Drive A Big Success!**

The American Red Cross Blood Services wishes to thank St. Wendelin Parish for the successful blood drive held here on Aug. 11. They were very pleased with the drive, the facilities, and the willingness of our donors to share this life-saving gift. You may be interested to know that 65 people presented to give blood, 49 were able to donate and 47 productive units were collected so we exceeded our goal of 35 units. Thank you to all who came to donate and to all the volunteers as well! "...*May the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth bless you from Zion*" (Ps. 134:3).

**Mike Mazer** representing **Diocesan Publications** (our bulletin publisher) will be at the parish soon. He will be renewing present advertisements and seeking new ones. If interested, please call the parish office. We feel this is an excellent service and that the sponsors get good coverage with their ads. **THANKS TO YOU** and **DIOCESAN PUBLICATIONS**, the bulletin is published weekly at no cost to the parish.

For a \$100.00 donation, you can purchase a memorial brick for a deceased loved one. Your donation would help us with our efforts towards continuing the beautification of our cemetery. Your \$100.00 donation affords you a one (1) 5"x10" engraved brick which could consist of up to 3 lines and as many as 14 characters per line. Your order will be filled promptly and your brick will be placed in the cemetery. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 435-6692. Leave a blank space between words.




**Thank You!**

From Bishop Minde Committee, chair: Fr. Robert Haas. "During his (Bishop Minde) stay here we were able to raise \$12,145, mostly from St. Wendelin Parish. This includes monies raised for 27 chalices and ciboria." Thank you for your generosity.

**From the Annual Catholic Appeal:**

St. Wendelin Parish has pledged \$28,504 of the goal of \$40,000. This is 71.3% of our goal. The diocesan average at this stage is 81.4% of the diocesan goal. Thank you for your contributions. It is a difficult time for everyone. If you still have the ACA envelope in your home, please send it in. God bless you all!

**Church Dartball Team To Start Up Soon... (Findlay)**

Are you are interested in joining other Christians for fun and fellowship, in an exciting game called Dartball? We are looking to form a team to join the existing Northwest Dartball League for later this year. The season will start mid-October and the league teams meet every Monday night to play. Teams must have a minimum of seven (7) players each night. Some weekly games will be away at other area churches and some nights our team will host the event. This is a great way to make new Christian friends and to have a lot of fun! This dartball league also features a Youth Scholarship Program, Tournaments, a year-end banquet and more! Anyone interested in getting a team started, please contact Greg Hogrefe, league president at (419) 425-3438 or (419) 422-4478. He can also be contacted by e-mail at [hogrefedesign@bizwoh.rr.com](mailto:hogrefedesign@bizwoh.rr.com) The season will kick off soon, so feel free to call Greg to discuss details as soon as possible.

Our sincere sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Josef Cramer who died this past week. May he experience the peace and joy of the Risen Lord.

## ELEMENTARY NEWS

### WHAT'S GOING ON ...

- ▶ **Mon., Aug. 24** – PRE-SCHOOL PARENT MEETING  
6:30 pm at the Parish Hall
- ▶ **Tues., Aug. 25** – PreK-3 ORIENTATION 9:00-10:00 am
- ▶ **Wed., Aug. 26** – PreK-4 ORIENTATION 9:00-10:00 am
- ▶ **Thursday, Aug. 27** – FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL  
(PreK-3&4)

### ATTENTION VOLUNTEERS!

▶ A Protecting Youth class is needed for ALL school volunteers. The next class will be on September 9 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. The class is good for five years. Please call the Parish office to sign up.



### OHIO STATE CUTS CATHOLIC SCHOOL FUNDING

"Ohio State Budget Cuts Undermine the Financial Stability of Catholic Schools:

The State Budget Bill (HB 1) that was passed in mid-July included unprecedented cuts for the chartered nonpublic schools (including all Catholic schools). These cuts in funding for students in chartered nonpublic schools, when added to cuts made to resources and services for those students in 2008/2009, undermine the education of thousands of Ohio's young people. Furthermore, they threaten to destabilize a system of schools that provides high quality education for hundreds of thousands of citizens in this state – and has done so reliably for 150 years. Chartered nonpublic schools save taxpayers close to \$2 billion every year. Specifically, St. Wendelin Schools estimates that these cuts will amount to \$102,500.00 for this coming biennium. This loss of funding will mean that either the goods and/or services that are provided with these funds will need to be reduced or parents will be asked to make up the difference with increased tuition.

For the past twenty-five years, the state legislature and the past governors treated us equally with public schools' basic foundation grant. Since last fall, our programs have been cut by 17.5% while the public schools' grant was only reduced by less than one quarter percent. Parents and stakeholders of our school are asked to take action and let our elected officials know that we are concerned about this unfair treatment. To contact your elected officials, go to [www.ohio.gov.com](http://www.ohio.gov.com) or call, email or mail a letter to the following address for all of the State Representatives 77 S. High St., 10th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215-6111.

State Rep. Jeff Wagner (81st District Seneca)  
Phone: 614-466-1374 Email: district 81@ohr.state.oh.us  
State Rep. Randy Gardner (6th District Wood)  
Phone 614-466-8104 Email: district 06@ohr.state.oh.us  
State Rep. Cliff Hite (76th District Hancock)  
Phone: 614-466-3819 Email: district 76@ohr.state.oh.us  
State Senator Karen Gillmor (26th District Seneca)  
614-466-8049 Email: sd26@senate.state.oh.us  
State Senator Mark Wagoner (2nd District Wood)  
614-466-8060 Email: sd02@senate.state.oh.us  
State Senator Steve Buehrer (1st District Hancock)  
614-466-8150 sd01@senate.state.oh.us

## HIGH SCHOOL & JUNIOR HIGH NEWS

### WHAT'S GOING ON ...

- ▶ **Monday, Aug. 24** – GOLF 3:15 pm @ Bettsville  
CROSS COUNTRY 4:15 pm @ NWOCSA, Osborne Park  
in Sandusky
- ▶ **Wednesday, Aug. 26** – PARENT OPEN HOUSE 6:15 pm
- ▶ **Friday, Aug. 28** – ALL SCHOOL MASS 9:00 am @ the church
- ▶ **V FOOTBALL 7:30 pm @ Arcadia**
- ▶ **Saturday, Aug. 29** – Golf 8:00 am @Allen East Invite

### VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

▶ We are looking for volunteers to help with supervision during high school and jr. high lunch hour or answering phones in the main lobby. Please contact the main office, 419-435-8144, if you are interested. Your volunteer service is greatly needed.



A Protecting Youth class is needed for ALL school volunteers. The next class will be on September 9, 6:00 pm in the Parish Hall. The class is good for five years. Please call the Parish office to sign up at 419-435-6692.

### Did You Know?

**The St. Wendelin High School math curriculum has been restructured for the 2009-2010 school year.**

After fourteen years of use, Integrated Math books have been replaced. During those years, the series used was never updated to include new technology and resources; however, other book companies changed their traditional textbooks to integrate various strands of mathematics. We have chosen to adopt Glencoe's Algebra 1, Geometry, and Algebra 2 books.

We will take great care to make the transition from the old to the new books as easy as possible for the students. We will still use a hands-on approach whenever possible and teach with graphing-calculator technology. Parents, students, and teachers will be amazed at all of the on-line help available to make the learning of the math happen...from practice quizzes and tests to select problems worked out step-by-step by a personal tutor to vocabulary puzzles. We hope the students are as excited about having these new books as we are!

### MOHAWK MANIA

We are in need of some lighted palm trees and rope lighting to complement the island theme of the Mohawk Mania celebration coming on October 24<sup>th</sup>.

If you have some rope lighting, or lighted palm trees at a cottage or left from a party, and are willing to loan them in late October, we will take good care of them and return them safe and sound. Please contact Mary Anne Nopper at 419-435-8144 or Cyndi Geroski at 419-937-1003.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR A "CRHP" WEEKEND:

Please pick up a brochure to learn more about the CRHP Renewal Weekends. We would love to have you join us. It is an experience unlike any you have ever had.



### 40 Days for Life

Toledo will join over 200 cities for the international **40 Days for Life** pro-life campaign from September 23 through November 1. Locally, at least 2 persons will be present in prayer outside the Center for Choice, 328 22<sup>nd</sup> St., in Toledo from 8am-8pm during each of those 40 days. This is a peaceful, prayerful witness and is **NOT** a protest! For more information or to get involved, please visit [www.prolifeconnection.com](http://www.prolifeconnection.com) or contact Ann at (419) 708-9497. Be part of the effort that changes hearts to help bring about a Culture of Life!

### Music ministry opportunities at St. Wendelin

*Do you appreciate sacred music? Do you like to sing or play an instrument? Do you want to be more involved in the musical life of St. Wendelin Parish? If you answered "yes" to one or more of these questions, you may wish to consider one or more of the following music ministry opportunities:*



**Parish Choir:** Open to men and women high-school-age and older, the Parish Choir sings at the 9:00 a.m. Mass 3-4 Sundays per month, plus holy days and other special events. Rehearsals are Wednesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. beginning September 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested but are unsure of your voice part (soprano, alto, tenor, or bass), contact Cal at the Parish Office to request a brief audition/placement hearing.

**Youth Choir:** Open to boys and girls in grades 2-6. The Youth Choir sings at the 9:00 a.m. Mass once a month, plus 40 Hours, Vespers, Christmas Eve, Easter Sunday, Mothers' Day, and the Pentecost Vigil. Rehearsals are Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. beginning September 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Contemporary Choir:** Open to singers and instrumentalists junior-high-age and above. This new ensemble will lead the music at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on the first, third, and (if applicable) fifth Sundays of the month. Rehearsal day and time are TBA.

**Memorial Choir:** This choir provides music for most parish funerals as well as the annual Parish Memorial Mass on All Souls Day. Ideal for those who are retired or have weekday mornings free; this choir rehearses on the first and third Thursdays of the month after the 9:00 a.m. Mass until 10:30 a.m.

**Adult Ringers:** Open to anyone junior-high age and older. The Adult Ringers play once a month at various liturgies, as well as special occasions like 40 Hours, Christmas, and the Triduum. Rehearsals are held on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. (7:30 to 9:00 p.m. during Advent and Lent due to Vespers) in the church beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Jubilant Ringers:** The Jubilant Ringers is a youth handbell choir open to those in grades 4, 5, and 6 that serves as an introduction to bell ringing for youth and working together as a musical ensemble. Rehearsals are held from 2:45 to 3:30 p.m. in the church on Tuesday afternoons during the school year beginning September 1<sup>st</sup>.

*To sign up for one or more of these music ministries, or to request more information, contact Cal Leferink at the Parish Office.*

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

### Religious Education

Mrs. Gabel is in need of an adult or high school student who could assist her on Wednesday evenings with our Religious Education program. Duties would include helping teachers set up their classrooms before and after classes, make copies and assist Mrs. Gabel with our Generations of Faith evenings. Please call the Religious Education office at 435-6681 for more information.

### Religious Education Catechists:

All Catechists teaching first to eighth grades are asked to attend a special meeting on Wednesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Luke room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor). Thank you!

### Please mark your calendars:

Religious Education classes for grades 1-8 begin on Wednesday evening September 9 from 6:45-8:00 p.m. If you have not received a letter and calendar, **or need to register your children**, please call the Religious Education office at 419-435-6681.

### RCIA

This year's **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults'** sessions will begin on Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup> from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Emmaus Room (1<sup>st</sup> floor of Parish Life Center). If you or someone you know is discerning the call to the Catholic faith, please come and join us for a grace-filled journey. For more information, please contact Shellie Gabel, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education at 419-435-6681.

### "Get To Know Your Saints" Corner

August 27 - The Memorial of St. Monica (332-387)

August 28 - The Memorial of St. Augustine, bishop, doctor of the church and son of St. Monica (354-430)

Monica was born in northern Africa, in what is now the country of Algeria. Her parents were Christian, and she took her faith seriously. Her parents arranged for her to marry a pagan man named Patricius. He had a hot temper and was not a faithful husband to Monica. After many years of prayer, patience, and love on Monica's part, Patricius became a Christian shortly before he died.

Monica had much less success with her son, Augustine. Although he was brought up as a Christian, he stole, cut classes, lied, and did not lead a very moral life. Monica tried to bring her son up in the Christian way of life, but her attempts to control him drove him away. A wise bishop told her that only prayer could help. Monica prayed, and in time she was able to give Augustine's future completely over to God.

Things began to change for Augustine when he moved to a new teaching position in Milan in Italy. Ambrose, who was the bishop of the city, helped Augustine to think in new ways. After a long inner struggle, Augustine decided to be baptized at the age of 28. He had his 15-year-old son, Adeodatus baptized with him.

For the next several years Augustine lived with friends, doing works of charity and studying the scriptures. Then he was called to be the bishop of the town of Hippo not far from Tagaste, where he was born. As bishop, Augustine insisted the priests of the diocese live simply. He himself lived in community and served the poor with kindness. He preached powerfully every day for 35 years. He found time to write many books. One famous book that is still read is his *Confessions*, which is the story of his life.

After Augustine's conversion back to Christianity, Monica and son began a joyful spiritual friendship. But only a few years later, Monica became ill unexpectedly and died far from home. Augustine, who was traveling with her at the time, was struck by the trust in God she had gained through her struggles. He later said that she had shown no fear of dying in a strange place. Monica was sure that God, who is always near, would know where to find her body on judgment day.

Augustine is honored as a doctor (a teacher) of the church. Here is a quote from one of his works: "*What does love look like? Love has hands to help others. It has feet to hasten to the poor and needy. It has eyes to see misery and want. It has ears to hear the sighs and sorrows of others.*

*That's what love looks like.*" Taken from the books "Companion to the Calendar, A Guide to the Saints and Mysteries of the Christian Calendar" by Mary Ellen Hynes, Liturgy Training Publications and "Saint of the Day, Lives and Lessons for Saints and Feasts of the New Missal" by Leonard Foley, O.F.M., St. Anthony Messenger Press.