

*To all members of the Diocese of Columbus:*

*During the past year, I appointed a Diocesan Pastoral and Strategic Planning Committee to prepare a coherent plan for the future of the diocese. I convoked representatives from the Presbyteral Council, the Diaconal Council, the Diocesan Pastoral Council, the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, the Diocesan Finance Council and various educational institutions and health care ministries to recommend concrete strategies for the future well-being of the diocese.*

*To assist them in their work, the committee has developed a Parish Self-Study. This instrument will assist parishes and parishioners in studying their situation so as to better understand their particular needs in the light of the needs of the Diocese. The committee will use input from these studies to chart the course of the Diocese. The committee has no pre-conceived or pre-determined outcomes. They will develop their plans on the basis of the recommendations parishes and deaneries submit.*

*Your parish priests will ask many of you to participate in this important study. Collectively, you have reliable knowledge of the workings of your parish. Completing the Parish Self-Study will enable each parish family to enhance the life of the faith community, to revitalize existing ministries, the parish council and other parish committees, to embark on new ministries and establish new committees and to address the financial situation and the state of their facilities.*

*Your parish leadership will then submit the results to the Parish Self-Study both to the deanery and to the committee. After each deanery has collated the information from all its parishes, it will likewise submit a report to the committee. The Diocesan Pastoral and Strategic Planning Committee will then integrate the data and prioritize the emerging recommendations. They will submit their final recommendations to me for my review, approval and implementation.*

*Some of you may remember that the Diocese undertook a similar self-study in 1988 and may wonder why we are repeating the process. Much has changed during the intervening twenty years. The demographic profile and the economic situation of the diocese are both different. Much of the information collected in that self-study is no longer accurate and many of its recommendations are no longer relevant.*

*I wish to thank you in advance for your willingness to participate in this process and for your support for the plan it will generate. I assure you that I shall put structures into place to guarantee that the plan we make together will be implemented.*

## PRAYER AND SPIRITUAL

### RESPECT LIFE

Spiritual Adoption Program is praying for a specific unborn child who is in danger of abortion, for a period of nine months, for the child's safety and well-being. All one has to do is choose to pray the following prayer that is often used, that was composed by Bishop Fulton J. Sheen:

*Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I love you very much. I beg you to spare the life of the pre-born child that I have spiritually adopted who is in danger of abortion.*

### MONTHLY BABY UPDATES

#### *Second Month*

The developing baby is now called a "fetus," which is Latin for "Little One." He/she is making rapid progress developing all external and internal organs. During the second month, baby teeth form, fingers and toes are developing. Ears, nose, lips and tongue can now be clearly seen. Brain waves can be recorded. The skeleton changes from cartilage to bone. Forty muscle sets begin their exercises. This Little One can now suck its thumb. By eight weeks, all body systems are present.

#### Bible Study Group

Tuesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Multi-purpose Room.

#### Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesdays from 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

#### Divine Mercy Chaplet

Please join us for Divine Mercy Chaplet after the 9:00 a.m. Mass every Tuesday.

#### CRISIS PREGNANCY Hotline

Call (614) 444-4411.

#### Birthright Crisis Hotline

Call 1-800-550-4900.

## AROUND THE TOWN

Offices at St. Joseph, Resurrection and Holy Cross Cemeteries will be open on Sundays May 4, 11 and 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Family Service Advisors will be available to assist families with pre-need arrangements and answer questions.

### St. Charles Platinum Reunion for Classes of 1927-1957

St. Charles will hold its annual **Platinum Reunion** on Thursday, May 29, to honor the school's earliest graduates as well as remember the school's alumni and teachers who have died. Mass will be held at 11:00 a.m. in the main building's *Mother of Mercy Chapel*, followed by a complimentary luncheon in the Campus Theater's *Cavello Center*. Alumni priests are encouraged to concelebrate the reunion Mass. The event is open to all graduates, former students and family members from the Classes of 1927-1957 from both the Prep School and Seminary of St. Charles Borromeo. Surviving spouses are especially encouraged to attend in tribute to their husbands. Contact alumni director Louis J. Fabro, '83, at [lfabro@stcharlesprep.org](mailto:lfabro@stcharlesprep.org) or 614-252-9288, ext. 21. All Reunion areas are handicapped accessible!

**Immaculate Conception** Home and School Association Annual Garage Sale – Saturday, May 3rd, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., rear gym, 366 E. North Broadway – rain or shine.

**St. Charles Preparatory School Drama Department will present its spring musical, *Godspell***, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, May 1, 2 and 3, at 8:00 p.m. and Sunday, May 4, at 3:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m., at the Campus Theatre, 2010 E. Broad Street. Adult tickets are \$10.00 and student tickets are \$5.00. Reservations may be placed by calling 252-6714, between 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Bishop Watterson High School Summer Sports Camp schedules are available at [www.bishopwatterson.com](http://www.bishopwatterson.com) or contact the Athletic Office at 268-8671, ext. 244.

**All alumni of Aquinas College High School are reminded to attend the next alumni luncheon on Monday, May 5, to be held at the Holy Family Jubilee Museum. This will be a good opportunity to view the Aquinas Museum and to have plenty of conversation with your old classmates. The doors open at 11:00 a.m. Please remember to bring canned goods, useful clothing and toiletries, which we will donate to the Holy Family Soup Kitchen.**

Seniors' Morning of Reflection at Christ the King Church, Friday, May 9, all parishioners 55 years of age or older are invited to attend. Mass at 9:00 a.m. in church, followed by presentation at 9:45 a.m. by Margaret Kielkopf, Ph.D., in the Assembly Room. Lunch will be provided at 11:30 a.m. Please call Christ the King Parish Office (614-237-0401) to make a reservation or with any questions.

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April 27, 2008  
Sixth Sunday of Easter

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Monday, April 28**

9:00 a.m. Dan Rybski

**Tuesday, April 29**

9:00 a.m. Patty Leffler

**Wednesday, April 30**

9:00 a.m. Marjorie Waggner

**Thursday, May 1**

9:00 a.m. Thomas Kanakkanatt

**Friday, May 2**

9:00 a.m. Doris Voight

**Saturday, May 3**

5:00 p.m. Robert Amrine

**Sunday, May 4**

8:00 a.m. Bette Ghoditti

10:00 a.m. St. Timothy Parishioners

12:00 p.m. Arthur Thompson

**VOLUNTEERS FOR MAY**

Altar Care	Ann Connor and and Angela Parker
Linens	Ann Standley
Collection Counters	Debbi Ryle and Frank Iezzi

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF MAY 4**

MASS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	ALTAR SERVERS
5:00 p.m. Saturday	Peg Lind, Carl Connor, Mary K Rainey	Kelly Grady, Katie Grady, Jenna Auber
8:00 a.m. Sunday	Ken & Kathy Lutter, Joe Briski	Joe Winters, Neil Rankin
10:00 a.m. Sunday	John Rinto, Diane Hobson, Pam Grady, Phil & Donna Diaz	Joe Hamlett, Jackie Hobson, Charlotte Reinmann
12:00 p.m. Sunday	Rick & Colleen Ziemba, George Cleary	Megan Neary, Danny Neary, Haley Jeffers

**SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK**

<b>Monday, April 28</b> K of C Meeting – MPR	7:00 p.m.
<b>Tuesday, April 29</b> Bible Study Group – MPR	9:30 a.m.
<b>Wednesday, April 30</b> Folk Group Rehearsal – Music Room Choir Rehearsal – Music Room	6:45 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
<b>Thursday, May 1</b> RCIA – MPR	7:00 p.m.
<b>Sunday, May 4</b> Ladies Prayer Group – MPR	7:00-8:30 p.m.

Last week's collection was \$9,183.00.

**Parish Council and  
School Advisory Board Elections**

Elections for the parish council and school advisory board will be conducted the weekend of May 24-25. Both are two-year terms running during the school year with monthly meetings. All adult parishioners are welcome to participate by running for either council or the board. In order to run, you will need to submit a short bio and digital photo (we can arrange to take the photo if necessary).

If you are interested in running for parish council, please contact Jim Connors at 850-1454 or [JClaw221@aol.com](mailto:JClaw221@aol.com) with any questions or for more information. For the school board, please contact Vince Fabro at [vfabro@wowway.com](mailto:vfabro@wowway.com) or 670-4545.



Sr. Carolyn Thomas wishes to thank all those who supported her with prayers, flowers, cards and good wishes during her recent surgery and recovery. It is a blessing to feel so loved during an illness!

**YOUTH GROUP:**

All High School Youth are invited to a Spring Fling on Sunday, May 4, from 7:00-9:00 p.m., at the St. Andrew Bryce Eck Center. Come join with youth from St. Timothy, St. Andrew and from other youth ministry groups from around the diocese for a night of fun. There will be pool, ping-pong, foosball, corn hole and even a DJ. Food and drinks will also be available. A small cost of \$3.00 is asked for at the door to help defray some of the cost for the evening. If you are interested in coming, please e-mail Chris Valentine at [youthstim@rrohio.com](mailto:youthstim@rrohio.com). Parent help is welcomed and greatly appreciated.

Wednesday, June 25, Youth Group Outing to Cedar Point. This trip is open to students entering 9th-12th grade for the 2008-2009 school year. Tentative cost for will be students will be \$29.00 and adults \$32.00. Reserve your spot today! Adult chaperones and drivers will be needed.

**St. Vincent de Paul members will be at the doors of the church this weekend to accept your donation.**

**Festival on the Green Silent Auction –  
July 11 and July 12**

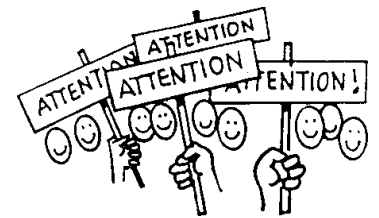
St. Timothy's Church Festival is less than three months away! Once again this year, the Silent Auction Booth is asking for parishioners to donate new items, antiques, sports tickets, professional services, etc., that will be auctioned at our booth.

**Please consider getting together with a group of friends to make a special basket or to donate an item or gift card from your favorite store! Donations of all sizes are welcome and make the tables look inviting for bidders!**

**If you have anything that you would like to donate or are willing to assist with this booth, please call Andrea Marchese (459-3050).**



Members of St. Timothy Knights of Columbus will be in the back of the Church selling their charity tickets and will be there every Saturday and Sunday after all of the Masses until May 10 and 11. All proceeds go to charity. We hope you can support their cause. First prize is \$414.00 a month for 10 years, second prize is \$313.00 a month for five years, and third prize is \$212.00 a month for five years. There are seven other cash prizes totaling \$14,750.00. The ticket cost is \$5.00 each.



**Annual Senior Citizens' Day with the Bishop**

Please join us for the 31st annual diocesan Senior Citizens' Day Celebration with the Bishop on Tuesday, May 20th, at St. Andrew Church. The day begins with Mass at 10:30 a.m., followed by lunch and entertainment and then the annual raffle of door prizes. The price for the luncheon is \$10.00. To register, contact the Office of Social Concerns (241-2540) by May 14th.

**SCHOOL NEWS**



**CAFETERIA WORKERS**

Mon., 4/28	A. Davidson, Kellogg, Limes, T. Davidson
Tues., 4/29	Cianflona, Oddi, Rice
Wed., 4/30	Keller, Maglicic, O'Brien
Thur., 5/1	Feige, Moran, Reinmann
Fri., 5/2	Brembeck, Bras, Lind