



Dear friends

As we move into the Fall season we are reminded that the year is quickly moving on. Time waits for none of us but instead calls us each day to renew ourselves and commit to being disciples of Jesus Christ. This can be a very busy season. The lazy days of summer are behind us, school is in full session, and there are many demands on our time.

In the midst of all this we have to do more than just “make room” for God.

Instead of squeezing God in we should put Him first. If we do so we will not be disappointed – he gives us grace that knows no limitations and empowers us to do all things well. As well as coming to Holy Mass every Sunday we have other opportunities to be nourished by God and to put Him first. Here are some ideas:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Outside of Holy Mass adoration is a wonderful way to stop and put God back at the center of our day, week, month and year. We are constantly busy so prayer gets pushed out. It is hard to hear what God is saying to us or to see things from His perspective when that happens. Adoration is the remedy for this.

Adoration nourishes our souls; it draws us back into His presence, His life. Very soon now our “snow bird” families will be heading south. Many of them are involved in Eucharistic Adoration here at St Francis and we need volunteers to take their places. There are also some “empty” spots that also need to be filled.

Will you give Jesus one hour of your week?

The benefits are not only in this life they are eternal! With this issue of Generations you will find a list of times that we need to cover. Please consider making this appointment with Jesus and adding it to your calendar! Boards are also up in church so that you can sign up there too.

Generations Campaign Mid-October

Our annual Generations campaign is soon to begin. Part of the campaign is geared to help you go deeper in faith with God by sharing with you the wonderful opportunities we have to meet with one another as brothers and sisters in Christ. I encourage you to read carefully the list of different ministries that are listed in the directory that will be mailed out to you. There are many things there that can draw you back into fellowship with God and with his family – our parish. The directory lists all of our current ministries, including new ones that were added in the last year, and gives us the opportunity to again plug into what God is offering us. We have many ministries and I am confident that in such a vibrant parish you will find something that will pique your interest. Don't see a ministry that you would like to be part of? Ask us to consider starting it. All requests are taken seriously and will be taken to Parish Council for their input. All ministry chairs are asked to contact people who are interested in joining a ministry or group within two weeks of your signing up for it so be sure we do want to take your offers and requests seriously.

Adult Faith Formation after Mass on Sundays

There is a wonderful opportunity to attend adult faith formation meetings on Sundays at 1.30 pm. This group includes the RCIA candidates and their sponsors. We are all on different stages of our Faith journey and these sessions are a great opportunity for us to explore the wonderful Faith that we have together and help pass that Faith on to those who are considering joining us.

Refreshments are served from 1.00 pm to 1.30 pm after the 12 Noon Mass and the session ends at 2.30 pm. All are welcome!

God bless and keep you!

Fr Bob

Women of St. Francis

The Women of St. Francis will meet **Thursday, October 8, 7:00 PM, Johnson Hall**. In maintaining her reputation for providing variety, our Program Chairperson has once again come up with a diverse line-up of speakers. The scheduled program for October will feature **Jeff Walker, Director of the Licking County Emergency Management Agency**. Future presenters include: Jennifer Utrevis of Big Brothers/Big Sisters, Terry Mooney, speaking on the Veterans' Park and a representative from the Humane Society.

Some activities/projects planned for the next few months include: Fall/Thanksgiving Nursing Home Bingo party (November 19 @ Chestnut House Nursing facility); a bake sale; Christmas caroling at two local Nursing facilities; hosting the Confirmation, First Reconciliation and Sights & Sounds receptions. Check future bulletins/Generations for complete info.

The annual Christmas party will be held December 10, 6:30 PM, Johnson Hall. As part of the evening's festivities, those who wish may participate in our annual White Elephant exchange. Ladies, "forewarned is forearmed". Take this time to search the nooks and crannies of your homes to find just the right White Elephant.

Mark your calendar NOW so that you don't miss out on the fun. For more meeting information or if you need a ride, contact Ann Forgrave @366-3090 or annforgrave@windstream.net.

Market Day

We have already started a new school year and Market Day is here to help with those quick dinner ideas and lunches.

You have many ways to place an order, through your child at school, online at:

www.marketday.com

or by calling Natascha Bowman @ 349-8523. As always order forms are available by the church doors and school or parish offices.

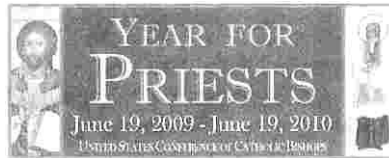
Our October sale date is Saturday the 17th. REMEMBER the pick up TIME from 8:00 - 9:00 am. Profits made from Market Day help support our tech lab at the school.

Welcome New Parishioners!

**The following have recently joined the St. Francis de Sales family.
Please Welcome Them!**

Robert and Crystal Elkins & Family

We are so blessed to have you in our community!



*In the ecclesial service of the ordained minister, it is Christ himself who is present to his Church as Head of his Body, Shepherd of his flock, high priest of the redemptive sacrifice, Teacher of Truth. This is what the Church means by saying that the priest, by virtue of the sacrament of Holy Orders, act *in persona Christi Capitis* (in the person of Christ as Head...)*
From the Catechism of the Catholic Church, article 1548

Knights of Columbus

Father Bill Johnson

Council 11665

Upcoming Activities –

Sept. 28, Oct. 12 & 26 – Attend Deacon Steve's Bible Study, 7 – 9 pm, St. Francis Room

Oct. 3 - Pray the Rosary at Mary statue at 9:00 am

Oct. 4 – Sunday Breakfast, 9 till noon, need help with serving and clean-up; and Annual Cake Sale, bring cakes to Johnson Hall before Saturday night mass and before Sunday masses. Leave cakes in kitchen in Johnson Hall.

Oct. 4 – Open House, send new prospective members to Johnson Hall after mass to pick up literature and learn more about the Knights

Oct. 7 – Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, Lamy Center, Multi-Purpose Room

Oct. 12 – Columbus Day

Oct. 14 – Program Director's Meeting, 7:30 pm, Lamy Center, Multi-Purpose Room

Oct. 20 – 4th Degree Meeting, Sts. Peter and Paul Retreat Center, Mass at 6:30 pm

Oct. 21 – First Degree, 6:30 pm candidate call, Multi-Purpose Room, Lamy Center

Oct. 21 – Final turn-in for Football Frenzy Sweepstakes tickets. Bring to the Multi-Purpose Room in Lamy Center between 6:30 and 7 pm and stay for the First Degree at 7 pm.

SELL THOSE “**2009 FOOTBALL FRENZY SWEEPSTAKES**” TICKETS!!!

K of C BREAKFAST & ANNUAL CAKE SALE



Come join us for Breakfast/Brunch and take a cake home for desert. **Sunday, October 4th in Johnson Hall between 8 am and noon.** Adults, Senior Citizens and Children are all welcome and invited.



The Knights of Columbus will sponsor a smorgasbord breakfast/brunch and conduct their annual cake sale.

Prices: \$6.00 for Adults
\$4.00 for Children
\$4.00 for Senior Citizens
\$17.00 per Family.

Come eat breakfast and buy a cake at our annual Cake Sale.

This year the funds from the breakfast and cake sale will be used for K of C charity donations.



The K of C International Trophy for the 2009 Free Throw Contest was presented to Reece Dupler, winner of the 11 year old division.

Reece and his family were invited to an Ice Cream Social at Ye Olde Mill in Utica sponsored by Council 11665 where the trophy was presented.

Shown in the picture from left to right: Grand Knight David Parker, Reece Dupler with K of C International Trophy and District Deputy Von Downing.

OPEN HOUSE

ATTENTION MEN – Come to the Knights of Columbus Open House on Sunday, October 4, after Mass to learn more about Council 11665.

Knights will be available to explain how they carry out the principles of their Order:

Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism.

Men, if you have reached your 18th birthday and are a Practical Catholic in communion with the Holy See, who would like to help, stop by and check us out after Mass.

A First Degree (initiation) into the Council for new candidates will be held Wednesday, October 21 in the Multi-Purpose Room of Lamy Center. New candidates should be there by 6:30 pm with the Degree starting at 7 pm.

Call Grand Knight, David Parker, if you have any questions at (740) 348-5237 or e-mail him at: fbjkofc1@yahoo.com

Group rate life insurance, annuities and long term care insurance are available benefits.



Business Bits

By Christy McNabb

While I promise this month's article won't be as long as last month's, I won't promise it isn't important. Being the Safe Environment Coordinator of the parish and school means I have the responsibility of helping protect the children on our parish grounds in the areas they learn, play and worship. As parents, grandparents, parishioners and volunteers you also have a responsibility to help keep our children safe. While I try my very best to ensure the environments the children of our parish and school are safe, I cannot ensure the areas outside of the parish grounds.

School has started and that means all those other activities for children are gearing up. Scouting, team sports, gymnastics, and dance classes are just a few of the programs that are available for children and young people. Regardless of how much or how little extracurricular activity is part of a child's life, one thing is certain—safety first must be the motto of parents, guardians, and other caring adults when choosing program activities for children and young people.

Knowing that, what is the best way for caring adults to make sure that programs are doing all they can do to make sure that children and young people have a safe and enjoyable experience?

In Step 3 of Protecting God's Children[®] for Adults, we recommend that adults and organizations "Monitor All Programs." For the most part, the emphasis in this step has been on overseeing programs on the premises of the church or school. However, as we begin to consider activities for the children in our lives, there is an opportunity to apply the principles of the program in the investigation and evaluation of programs and activities for our children.

As a caring adult, monitoring all programs should include three significant inquiries before you leave your child to participate in any activity

- **Screening Practices** — Find out the process used by the organization to screen the adult participants. Everyone needs to be subjected to the same scrutiny. Making sure that everyone who regularly interacts with children has been thoroughly screened through a process that includes, at a minimum, an application, a personal interview, and a criminal background check. If there is no screening process or if the answer is that "we know everyone here," parents and guardians must be willing to demand more or move on.
- **Program Practices**— Make sure that there are practices in place that protect everyone involved. For example, find out how the activities are monitored by those in charge. Do they watch the programs? Are children ever left alone in secluded areas with adult volunteers or staff? Is there adequate supervision for every aspect of the program? Do supervisors drop in unannounced to check on programs?
- **Policies and Procedures**—Ask for a copy of the policies and procedures that apply to the interactions between children and young people and the adults in the program. Read them carefully to be sure that program organizers and managers have thoughtfully developed procedures and established policies that protect the well-being and reputation of everyone involved. In addition, ask management to explain how the policies and procedures are enforced. How do they make sure that what is presented in writing is the actual practice of staff and volunteers?

No one can be 100% sure that children and young people are safe at all times. However, alert parents, guardians, and other caring adults that have participated in the Protecting God's Children program have everything they need to demand that those who offer programs and services to children and young people also make sure that the environment for those events is safe for all involved. Through proactive measures, Protecting God's Children participants can begin to impact the broader society and create new standards for operating children's programs and services.

Excerpted from: https://www.virtusonline.org/mytraining/display_mtb.cfm?mtb_id=703&mtb_type_id=2

Haven't attended a session of Protecting God's Children? Go to www.virtus.org to see a list of session available within our Diocese.

Blessings,

CHRISTY MCNABB



Invitation to Perpetual Adoration

1. Yes, I am willing to spend one hour once a week with Jesus, who is truly present *in the Blessed Sacrament*.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

2. Please consider helping to fill the following hours:

1st PRIORITY: Wed. 3pm, Fri. 2pm, Fri. 5pm, Sat. 3pm

2nd PRIORITY

- Sun: 8pm
- Mon: 7am, 9am, 11am, 4pm, 6pm, 8pm
- Tues: 10am, 11am, 2pm, 9pm
- Wed: 5am, 9am, 11am, 2pm, 4pm, 8pm
- Thurs: 10am, 11am, 12noon, 2pm, 3pm, 5pm
- Fri: 5am, 9am, 10am, 12noon, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm
- Sat: 2am, 7am?, 11am, 12noon, 1pm

3. If you prefer a specific shift please indicate below:

Day _____

Hour _____ AM or PM

4. If you will serve as a substitute Adorer please circle: YES

Day(s) _____

Hour(s) _____ AM or PM

5. If you are willing to help the Perpetual Adoration Program in other ways please circle: YES
(You will be called and various duties will be explained.)

Cut out and drop in offertory basket or parish office.

*** ATTENTION YOUNG MEN AGES 11 TO 18 ***

Boy Scout Troop 8 wants you to join us!!!

Boy Scouting has been an active part of our St. Francis de Sales Parish for more than 50 years, and works to help young men grow to adulthood through individual, community and spiritual growth. The Scout oath and the Scout Law are the guiding principles of the organization, and center around duty to God & Country, duty to other people, and duty to self. As a Catholic Troop we actively live our faith through all of our Scout meetings, activities and service opportunities.

Different from Cub Scouting (boys ages 7-10), Boy Scouting is "youth ran & youth lead", so the boys lead the troop, plan the activities, and make the decisions, which drive the Troop throughout the year.

You will notice that "outing" is the biggest part of "Scouting", and we do a lot of outdoor activities. Camping, hiking, swimming, canoeing, horseback riding, are all parts of our busy outdoor schedule. We'll be happy to talk a little about our activities with you, and if you'd like to visit one of our meetings, just give us a heads up, and we'll be sure you know all the details.

Upcoming events include: Sept. 25/26 - Scouting Adventure Day @ Strouds Run State Park
Oct. 16/18 - Fishing Derby & Cooking Weekend @ Lang's Farm
Nov. 6/8 - Fall Camporee & Apple Butter Days @ Camp Falling Rock.

Check us out on line at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Troop8Nerk>, or contact us directly...

Tony Wright, Youth Recruiter, 814-3824, anthonywright@roadrunner.com

Paul Gassman, Scoutmaster, 334-8898, ScoutmasterT8@yahoo.com

Thanks for your consideration, and I hope to see you, soon.

St. Vincent Shelter Opening Soon, and YOU can help!

The shelter for the Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Housing Facility, Inc. is nearing completion and is a combined effort of the four local Catholic SVdP parish conferences including St. Francis. The building will be able provide up to 11,680 nights of shelter and up to 35,040 meals a year to as many as 30 men/night.

As they have for the Food Pantry and Thrift Store, many St. Francis parishioners have asked how they can be involved in this work at the shelter. Read on for ideas!

The cost per night of shelter and 3 meals is \$12.57; per month of shelter, \$377; per year of shelter \$4,588. This will be ongoing, so special donations to the shelter are welcomed anytime. Checks can be written to **Society of St. Vincent de Paul Housing Facility, Inc.** and mailed to Society of Saint Vincent de Paul Housing Facility, Inc., 132 Shepardson Court, Granville, Ohio 43023.

Please note that due to the heavy client need for everyday emergency needs no funds provided in the parish monthly St. Vincent de Paul collection are being applied to the shelter operations. However, a portion of the funds does take care of the homeless including women and children that the shelter won't house.

Before the shelter opens in November, kitchen and laundry appliances are needed as well as volunteers to set things up and get the shelter ready.

In addition, we need top soil and shrubbery, and strong backs for landscaping! If there's a will to volunteer, jobs abound so don't be shy.

Other ongoing volunteer Opportunities:

Meal-a-Month: Groups can sign up to bring in one meal per month for the homeless residents. Please call Ruby Hall at 964-9964 if you can help.

Call Barbara Lechner at 587-7214 if you would like to help with the following:

- Night-a-Month: from 10 pm to 6 am; this person would be helping the night staff person.
- Intake volunteers at 5:00 pm until all residents are signed in
- Breakfast volunteers from 6:00 am until 8:00 am
- Tutors/Mentors to help with budgeting, reading skills, Computer use, GED, work, job-hunting skills, etc.
- We hope to have music, art, and recreation programs for those with talents.
- We will offer training in non-violent crisis intervention, CPR and First Aid.

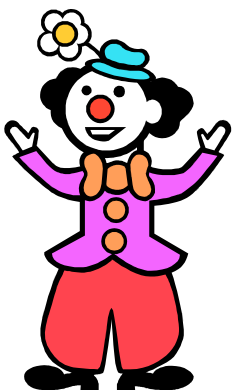
Say your prayers and let God direct you.

St. Francis Parish Picnic

Sunday, September 27th

12:30 Mass at Geller Park, Heath

Followed by Picnic at 1:30



Yummy food!

Meat and Beverages provided.

Bring your own table service &
a passing dish to share!

Dessert Bake-Off Returns

Show off your Pies, Cakes & Cookies



CUB SCOUT CORNER

We ended the summer with our 3rd Annual Fishing Derby at the May's pond. It was hot, but not as hot as it has been at some of our Summer Camps! The pond was very nice, but I would like to put some more fish in there! Jason Hohman won the award for the most fish and also for the largest fish, but since he won two awards, he shared the award for the most fish with Hunter Antritt. Mr. V. O. (Mr. Van Ostran), our assistant cub master, taught us the right way to take the fish off the hook and not get stung. Mr. V.O. was joking that Mr. Burd, our Cub master, was in the pond with his scuba gear putting the fish on all of our hooks. We all had a great time before we had to head back to school.

Written By:
Collin
Charvat



We also had our first service project for the year. We collected school supplies at our first Pack Meeting for Father Subler. He is helping to build a new school in Afghanistan. The students are in need of school supplies, so we are happy to be able to share and help. We collected several boxes and I can't wait for Father to get everything in the mail!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Saturday, September 19 – Sunday, September 20 – Fall Campout (Chief Logan)

SCOUT NIGHT WITH THE CREW: Saturday, October 3rd at 7:30 pm. (Council Event –Optional)

Includes: Private autograph session, overnighter at Crew stadium, commemorative shoulder patch, reserved seating in Scout section, Sunday morning breakfast at Stadium Club, movie after the game on the field, pre-game field access. Registration form available on Council website in September/October Scouter issue.

Saturday, October 3 – Scouting For Food Bag Distribution – CLASS A UNIFORM

This year we will be participating in the Scouting For Food Drive. It involves the scouts distributing bags and flyers on Saturday 10/3 explaining to folks about the food drive, asking them to donate. People place the items in the provided bags for pickup the following Saturday 10/10. More details will be given to scouts at meetings and available on the website.

Monday, October 5, 7-9 pm (SF Johnson Hall Conference Room A) – Parent Planning Meeting

Saturday, October 10 – Scouting For Food Bag Pickup

Saturday October 10 to Sunday October 12 - Webelos Woods (Camp Falling Rock)

Thursday, October 15, 6:30-8:30 (SF Cafeteria) – Pack Meeting – CLASS A UNIFORM

Monday, November 2, 7-9 pm (SF Johnson Hall Conference Room A) – Parent Planning Meeting

Sunday, November 8, 1:00 to 3:30 pm (SF Gym) – Pack Meeting & Space Derby – CLASS A UNIFORM

Come Join the Fun!!!

Contact our Cubmaster **Dave Burd** at 740.364.8286 or dave_burd@yahoo.com

Or visit our website: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/StFrancisCubPack8>

UPCOMING CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October

1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th – Bible Study Women's
9 to Noon
6th, 13th, 20th, 27th – First Reconciliation Parent
Meetings, 7pm – 9pm
7th, 14th, 21st, 28th – Confirmation Meetings,
7pm – 8:30pm
8th & 9th – No School, Teacher In-Service
11th & 25th – Adult Faith Formation including
RCIA, 1:30 – 2:30 pm
12th & 26th – Adult Bible Study, 7 to 9 pm
15th – School Late Arrival, 10:15am
15th – Generations Mailing, 10 am to 1 pm
17th and 18th – *Generations Kick-Off Weekend*
21st – ARC – Johnson Hall, 1pm – 3pm
30th – News Deadline for Generations

November

1st – Daylight Savings Time ends
2nd – All Souls Day Mass, 7 pm & Reception
5th, 12th & 19th – Bible Study Women's
9 to Noon
8th & 22nd – Adult Faith Formation including
RCIA, 1:30 – 2:30 pm
9th & 23rd – Adult Bible Study, 7 to 9 pm
19th – Generations Mailing, 10 am to 1 pm
20th & 21st – School Bazaar
20th – News Deadline for Generations
25th – School closed for Thanksgiving break
26th & 27th – School and Parish Office closed

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