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Meet the Sarvas Family

St. Joseph Parishioners Exemplify Stewardship by Sharing Gifts with Parish

Stewardship is an important element to one's walk with Christ. The very act of giving time, talent, and treasure is a reflection of the way that Christ loves each one of us. The Sarvas family has been very involved at St. Joseph Parish for many years, supporting and serving the needs of Christ that they see around them.

"I have been with St. Joseph most of my life," Christine Sarvas says. "I am one of 11 children and my parents were St. Joseph parishioners."

Brian Sarvas went through the RCIA process in 1997 and has been participating in parish life ever since. He has continued to dedicate his time teaching for RCIA to



The Sarvas family

help others learn the faith.

"I feel since I can relate to what many new candidates are going through, I can help them adapt," Brian says. "I think one of my strengths, during my career, has been the ability to teach and train others and now I appreciate the opportunity to help others who are not so

familiar with our religion."

Christine has helped by cooking for the migrant workers and providing baked goods for several parish events and funerals.

"I think giving assistance to others and hopefully contributing to the comfort of those who are suffering is a part of our Christian duty,"

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STEWARDSHIP: A DISCIPLE'S RESPONSE A Blueprint for Catholic Life

In 1992, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) released a pastoral letter that would resonate through the years, shaping the way Catholics perceive and practice their faith. Titled *Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, this document serves as a profound blueprint for how Catholics should live stewardship as a way of life and is — in essence — the roadmap for how we live out stewardship at our parishes.

At its core, stewardship is not merely a financial concept, but a profound spiritual principle deeply rooted in Catholic teachings. The 1992 pastoral letter seeks to enlighten Catholics on the transformative power of stewardship, inviting them to view their lives through the lens of discipleship and responsibility.

One of the pivotal messages of the document is the recognition that everything we have — our time, talent, and treasure — is a gift from God. Stewardship, as outlined by the USCCB, is the grateful and responsible management of these gifts in a way that reflects our love for God and others. It is a call to live out the Gospel in concrete and intentional ways, not just within the walls of the church but in every aspect of our daily lives.

The pastoral letter emphasizes that stewardship is not an optional aspect of the Christian life but an essential response to God's love. It challenges Catholics to move beyond mere Sunday worship and integrate their faith into every facet of their existence. In essence, stewardship is presented as a way of life, a continual commitment to recognize and utilize God-given gifts for the betterment of the world.

Furthermore, the document urges Catholics to embrace stewardship with a spirit of generosity, emphasizing the importance of sacrificial giving. This sacrificial aspect goes beyond monetary donations; it encompasses the giving of one's time and talents for the service of others. By doing so, individuals are called to be active participants in building a

community that reflects the love and compassion of Christ.

Stewardship is not a one-size-fits-all concept, and the pastoral letter recognizes the diversity of gifts within the Catholic community. Each person is uniquely endowed with talents, and the document encourages a discernment process to identify and employ these gifts for the common good. In essence, the USCCB provides a framework for fostering a vibrant, engaged, and spiritually rich community by acknowledging and utilizing the varied talents of its members. The pastoral letter challenges Catholics to consider the broader implications of stewardship beyond the local parish. It calls for a heightened awareness of social justice issues, advocating for a commitment to building a more just and compassionate society. Stewardship, in this context, becomes a catalyst for positive change in the world, encouraging Catholics to be agents of justice and mercy.

Stewardship: A Disciple's Response is a timeless guide for Catholics seeking to deepen their relationship with God through the practice of stewardship. It presents a holistic approach to living out one's faith, challenging individuals to recognize and utilize their God-given gifts in the service of others. By embracing stewardship as a way of life, Catholics can contribute to building a community that reflects the transformative power of God's love in the world.

***Stewardship: A Disciple's Response* is a must-read for any devoted Catholic looking to take his or her own stewardship to the next level. The USCCB's pastor letter is available for purchase online through various outlets, including Amazon, Barnes and Noble, Ascension Press, and more. Search for the document online and pick up a copy!**



A Letter from Our Pastor

Living With a Stewardship "Attitude of Gratitude"



Dear Members of St. Joseph and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parishes,

There is something about the month of August that is glorious. Summer is still in full force — the lazy, hazy days are with us, and some still have vacations on the horizon. And yet back-to-school preparations and a return to the busy-ness of life are just around the corner.

We are at that point in the year when some things are coming to an end and other things are beginning all at once. However, isn't that the way it always is? The Russian playwright and short-story writer Anton Chekhov once said: "People don't notice whether it is winter or summer when they are happy." There is certainly truth to that statement. You might say it is a stewardship statement.

You may be wondering how to make a connection between Chekhov's quote and stewardship. But the connection is found quite simply in the word "happy." I once heard someone say in a presentation about stewardship that people who live stewardship as a way of life are almost always happy. And there is a reason for that.

Stewardship is a positive way to live. It means being grateful and centering our thoughts on gratitude. In other words, our focus is on the good things in life, not on the bad. This does not mean we have perfect health or that all is ideal in our family, that we always sleep well at night, or that we enjoy everything that happens to us or around us.

However, it does mean that when the good happens, we thank God. We recognize that good and are filled with a sense of joy and gratitude.

You and I know people like that, don't we? We know people who always seem filled with joy, regardless of what may be happening to them or around them personally. To me, these kinds of people are stewardship people — the kind of people we all need to strive to be.

No doubt you have heard that living a life of stewardship means living with an "attitude of gratitude." That is not easy, for you or for me. But it is certainly worth striving for, with God's grace.

As we watch our summer season finish and the busier times of the year begin, let us concentrate on how God has blessed us. If we do that, I truly believe that we can be those people Chekhov described. If we are happy, it will not matter what time of year it is.

I am grateful for you, for your support, your prayers and — most of all — for your presence in my life. Thank you and may God continue to bless us all.

Gratefully in Christ,

Fr. Timothy J. O'Connor

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Pastor



Bulk Mailers Ministry: Sharing Stewardship Gifts of Time and Enjoying Friendship in Return

For a parish to run well, a wide variety of support is needed from the parishioners. There are many ministries that require one to give of their talent. The Bulk Mailers Ministry asks its members to give of their time. The purpose of this ministry is a simple one — to assist office staff in sending out publications to the parishioners of the community.

“We primarily work to send out these newsletters to the parishioners,” says Sandy Piwowski, current coordinator for this ministry. “We send out over 2,100 each month so it takes a team to get it done. Typically, we get together on the last Wednesday of the month in the St. Joseph social hall. We have a system of how we lay everything out to make it run really smoothly. It usually takes us about two or two and a half hours.”

The ministry has around 40 members, with an average of 20 who come to help each month. They work together to send out the newsletters while enjoying time together to

be social and visit. Many of the volunteers are involved in other ministries as well. This is just one step to becoming more involved in the community.

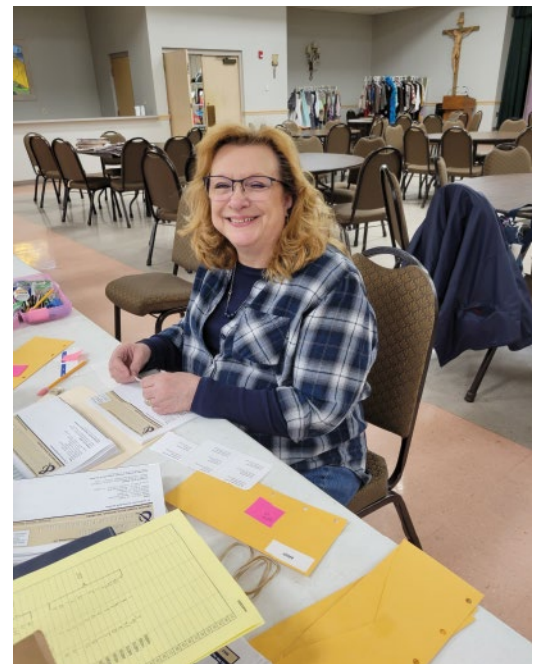
“I always joke that it is like a quilting bee,” Sandy says. “We get together and get the work done, but we visit at the same time and we have become friends. We get to catch up on each other’s lives and the things that are going on. When we have new people join us, we make sure they are with experienced volunteers to learn the ropes. We want them to feel welcome and make sure they know how much we appreciate their help.”

Friendships grow when you spend time together, visiting, and sharing about your lives. Those involved in the Bulk Mailers Ministry have found that it is a great experience to spend time together while also helping the parish with their needs. Working together towards a goal of helping others is a wonderful foundation for friendship.

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(From left) Lauren Suspenski, Brenda Yovan, and Rita Hiser serving with the ministry.



Sandy Piwowski serves as coordinator for this ministry.

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“I was asked by another lady to help with this group,” Sandy says. “I joined and now I am involved in about eight different ministries. That is how it works, you get pulled into more things. That is how we have an active parish community here. I see myself growing as a person and being a part of what is going on in the community. I love being a part of that.”

The ministry has around 40 members, with an average of 20 who come to help each month.



To join the Bulk Mailers Ministry, contact Sandy Piwowski at 440-225-6489 or Tillie Sroka 440-988-3138. You can also sign up during the Stewardship Renewal Weekend in the fall.

Meet the Sarvas Family *continued from front cover*

Christine says.

Brian and Christine were married at St. Joseph and their three daughters — Michelle, Gwendolyn, and Kimberly — all received their Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation at the parish. The Sarvas family has always felt that by participation in the parish, the mission of the Church is enhanced by the unique gifts each person has to offer. The support and friendship of priests and parishioners has been a contributing factor to deepening their faith life.

“I feel it is our obligation as a Catholic to do what we can to enhance our church and service is the most basic level of support,” Christine says.

“Service allows us all to participate in stewardship at whatever level we can,” Brian adds. “We don’t all have a ton of money where we can continue to make large donations,

but we can all donate our time and effort to help.”

Both Brian and Christine believe that stewardship is an important element to walking with Christ as it helps to support Christ’s people within the Church.

“Stewardship is an opportunity for everyone to participate in our Church and contribute in the best way available to us,” Brian says. “We can do what we do best to enhance our Church. We don’t have to struggle with anything that may be difficult for us, such as making contributions that we can’t afford or doing tasks that make us uncomfortable.”

“I think stewardship allows everyone to contribute in whatever method is comfortable for them,” Christine adds. “It allows you to do what you can without struggling to follow His teachings.”

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Honoring the Class of 2024 Graduates of St. Joseph's and Nativity Parishes



Emily Amato — Emily was a St. Joseph School graduate in the Class of 2020 and is now a Class of 2024 graduate of Magnificat High School. Emily will be attending Penn State University and plans to major in Aerospace Engineering. Emily participated in school band from 2015-2024. She was first chair with her flute both junior and senior years. She was nominated and participated in the Northern Ohio Honor Band both junior and senior years as well. Emily was a member of the *Société Honoraire de Français* (French Honor Society), graduating with two concentration diplomas — an Engineering, Computer and Science diploma and a Medicine, Healthcare and Wellness diploma. Emily was a Girl Scout for 13 years and was in 4H for nine years, where she showed her cattle and sheep at the Lorain County Fair. Emily has also served on the Lorain County 4H Education Board for three years and the Lorain County 4H Teen Ambassadors for one year. Emily was a member of the Mu Alpha Theta, Stars & Stripes Club, Students in Medicine, and Chem Club. She volunteered at the Cleveland Clinic in Avon, and had countless volunteer hours in Scouts and 4H. Emily was a Eucharistic Minister and altar server at Magnificat. In her free time, she enjoys playing softball, downhill skiing, pickleball and going to the beach with her friends. She was the recipient of generous scholarships from the IAV, and the Lorain County 4H Endowment. Emily is the daughter of Heather and Larry Amato.



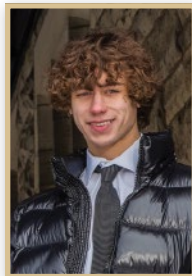
Sydney Crossan — Sydney was a St. Joseph School member of the Class of 2020 and is now a 2024 Honors graduate from St. Joseph's Academy, completing the Health Science program. Sydney plans to attend the University of Toledo in the fall to study Nursing. Sydney always enjoyed and was a softball player. She spent many hours volunteering at St. Joseph of Avon Lake fish fries, Camp Fitch, and at the Second Harvest Food Bank. Sydney has worked at Starbucks in Avon for the past two years. She also enjoys going to music concerts, drawing and photography. Sydney is the daughter of Michelle and Jake Crossan.



Ross Auvil — Ross is a 2024 Honors Graduate of Amherst Steele High School, where he received Honors for all four years. While at Steele, Ross was a member of the football team, volunteered many hours as a mentor for the Special Olympic Games, was a coach/player for Special Needs HS basketball team, and traveled to other area schools where their team won the championship! Ross was chosen to represent Amherst Steele at LCCC for High School Students working together and supporting positive experiences for each other. Ross has also volunteered with the football team doing community projects and helping with planting and cultivating gardens. Ross is considering Broadcast Journalism as a future career. **Ross is an identical twin — he and his brother Ryan will both be attending the University of Findlay.** They both hope to be a part of the football team in college as well. The twins have both become avid fisherman and enjoy sharing that hobby together. They have two other siblings and are the sons of Linda and Todd Auvil.



Ryan Auvil — Ryan is also a Class of 2024 Honors Graduate of Amherst Steele High School. He received Honors for three years and was also a part of the football team. Just like his identical twin, Ryan has volunteered many hours as a mentor for the Special Olympic Games, he was a coach/player for Special Needs HS basketball team, and traveled to other area schools where their team won the Championship! Ryan was also chosen to represent Amherst Steele at LCCC for High School Students working together and supporting positive experiences for each other. Ryan has always volunteered with the football team doing community projects and helping with planting and cultivating gardens. Ryan plans on studying business as well as entrepreneurial opportunities.



Gavyn Cumberledge — Gavyn was a former St. Joseph School student from kindergarten through fourth grade. He is now a 2024 Graduate of Amherst Steele High School. While at Steele he was a four-year Academic and Athletic Letterman on the Hockey Team, earning the 2023-24 All GCHSHL Hockey Award, as well as 2024 Winter SWC Scholar Award. Besides being a busy and studious athlete and scholar, Gavyn also earned college credits while attending Steele and he plans to attend Ohio University in the fall and major in Business Analytics. Gavyn is the son of Carrie Lachner (Cumberledge) and Jason Slone.



Rylie Kuhn — Rylie is a 2024 Honors graduate of Amherst Steele High School. She will be attending Ohio University this fall to further her education majoring in Business Economics. Rylie was very involved during her high school years — she was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, Link Crew and the Leo Club. She held the position of secretary for the NHSDA. Rylie was also a mentor to the students at Nord Middle School. Her family wishes her many blessings and success as she continues her journey. Rylie is the daughter of very proud mom Holly Kuhn.

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Katelyn Drop — Katelyn is a 2024 graduate of Amherst Steele High School. Fueling her desire for community service and helping people, Katelyn has participated in the Med Tech Program, Link Crew, Girl Scouts, and Safety Town throughout her high school years. Katelyn received the President's Award for Academic Excellence, Academic Honors all four years of high school, and an Honors Tech diploma. She received the Trustee Award from LCCC and a scholarship from the First Catholic Slovak Ladies Association. Having already acquired her STNA license last summer, Katelyn will

continue her education at LCCC in the fall and will study Occupational Therapy. Katelyn is the daughter of Brian and Jennifer Drop.



Abigail Evans — Abigail was a St. Joseph School graduate in the Class of 2020 and is now a Graduate of the Class of 2024 from Amherst Steele High School. Abby was an active member of St. Joseph's Youth Group. For most of her life she was involved in dance at the Midwest School of Ballet, and theater at Amherst's Sandstone Summer Theatre, and more recently at Lorain Palace Youth Theatre. Abby is a member of the Parish Choir, and a cast member of *The Compassion* and *The Answer*.

Abby began taking guitar lessons over a year ago and may carry a side gig to help pay for attending the Brown Aveda Institute to become an Esthetician. Abby is also considering following in her father's and brothers' footsteps in joining the Air Force Reserves to also serve her country! Abby is the daughter of Jennifer and Mike Evans.



Victoria Hopkins — Victoria is a 2024 Honors graduate from Amherst Marion L. Steele High School, earning both her Honors diploma and the prestigious Presidential Award. Victoria was also a member of the National Honor Society and will be attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio this fall. Victoria will be majoring in Psychology with a minor in Criminology and plans to attend Law School after completing her undergraduate studies. While attending high school, Victoria carried two jobs working at least 30-plus hours per week while carrying a full high school class schedule that included

college prep courses at LCCC. Victoria was able to complete a year and a half worth of her undergraduate degree while in the CCP program at Steele. In addition to Victoria's many accomplishments while at Steele High School, she was a part of Student Council and was an altar server at St. Joseph Church. In her spare time, Victoria enjoys reading, listening to music, working out, and spending time with family and friends. Victoria is the daughter of Sylvia and Justin Hopkins.

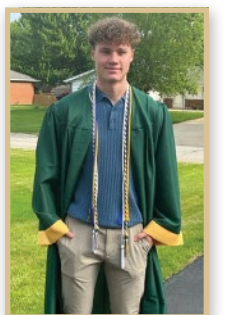


Christian Gendies — Christian is very excited to finish his academic career and is looking forward to his full-time career as a musician. During Christian's time at Amherst Steele High School, he was a member of the Amherst Marching Comets, the Wind Ensemble, and the Jazz Band. He is also a three-time varsity letter recipient in baseball, where he earned several awards including Second-Team All-Conference and was elated to hit a home run during Amherst Senior Night! Baseball has taught him discipline and how to deal with pressure, which he has integrated into his passion for music. Playing drums and guitar, he recently won the 2024 High School Rock Off at the Cleveland Rock-N-Roll Hall of Fame, as well as the Louis Armstrong Jazz Award. Christian plays drums, guitar, bass, and even steel in several bands, and has performances lined up throughout the year. Christian is the son of Brad and Jennifer Gendies.



Reagan Hutsenpiller — Reagan is a Class of 2020 Graduate from St. Joseph's School and now a Class of 2024 Graduate from Elyria Catholic High School. While at EC, Reagan was a four-year varsity soccer player and captain. She was a three-year varsity track member and a two-year kicker for the Panthers' football team! Reagan was a member of the National Honor Society, a member and the president of the Student Senate, and a Student Ambassador. She was also a member of the Panthers Cub Club. Reagan enjoys her family, traveling and

spending time with those she loves. Reagan will be attending Kent State University in the fall to study Speech Pathology. Reagan is the daughter of Doug and Wendy Hutsenpiller.



Carson Jeffers — Carson is a 2024 Honors graduate from Amherst Steele High School. Carson earned the third-year High Honors Award, the Presidential Award of Academic Excellence, the Honors Cord, Academic Honors Diploma, all while taking several AP and honors courses as well as college credit classes. Carson was also a member of the National Honor Society. During his educational years at Steele, Carson played basketball for the high school as well as AAU. Carson played on the men's volleyball team, being one of the original members of

the Amherst Comets' inaugural team that began in 2023. In only two seasons, Carson earned MVP for his team and Division One Honorable Mention for the State of Ohio. Carson is ranked in the top five in Ohio for blocks. Carson has committed to the University of Mount Union, where he will continue his academic and volleyball careers. Carson is the son of Lisa and Mark Jeffers.

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William Korbelt — William George Korbelt is a 2024 graduate from Amherst Steele High School. He has a passion for learning about history. William has been playing both the clarinet and trumpet since the fourth grade, and was a member of the Amherst Marching Comets band throughout his high school years. William participated in the Festival of Bands at Disney World in Orlando, Fla. twice and enjoyed that experience very much. He played soccer in the Amherst Youth Soccer Association from the age of 3 until 14 years old. William has also been playing baseball in the Amherst Rec League from age 3 until 18 as a catcher. William was a part of the Amherst Steele bowling team during his high school years as well. William was a member of Boy Scouts for several years — he started as a Cub Scout in Troop 429 at St. Joseph School and continued until he earned the rank of Eagle Scout, awarded at the VFW ceremony. William is undecided about his future plans at the moment but would eventually like to be employed and raise a family of his own. William is an avid gamer in his spare time and enjoys go-karting with his brothers. William is the son of Audrey and Eric Korbelt.



Morgan Kessler — Morgan is a class of 2024 graduate from Amherst Steele High School. While at Steele, she was in the Advanced Government class and was selected to go to the Ohio Buckeye Girls State. While there, she ran for County Commissioner and was elected. She was also picked to meet with Governor Mike DeWine — this was a great honor for her. Morgan graduated with a 3.5 GPA. She loved volunteering at Second Harvest Food Bank. Morgan ran cross country and track for all four years and lettered in three of them, she played Amherst Summer Rec Softball for 11 years. Most importantly Morgan is very strong in her faith. Morgan will be attending Ohio University this fall in the Education program with a minor in Business. She is the daughter of Bill and Colleen Kessler.



Dominic Grays — Dominic is a 2024 graduate from Amherst Steele High School. Dominic will be attending Bowling Green State University this fall in the Business Program. Dominic enjoys spending time with his family and friends, putting upgrades on his car, and playing basketball. Dominic is the son of Michelle Kinsley and Korlin Grays.



Drew Kuhnle — Drew is a 2024 Honors Graduate from St. Paul's High School in Norwalk. At St. Paul he played football and baseball all four years, and was a member of Teen Leadership, National Honor Society, Columbian Squires and Black Swamp Bass Fishing team. Drew will be continuing his education at Lander University in Greenwood, S.C. where he will be on the Lander Bearcats Fishing Team. Drew plans to major in Business Management and Marketing. Drew is the son of Jason and Kathryn Kuhnle.



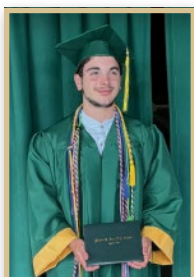
Lauren Kukucka — Lauren is a 2024 Honors graduate from Marion L. Steele High School, graduating with 31 college credit hours from LCCC. Lauren was captain of both the indoor and outdoor Track and Field teams. Throughout her three years on the team, she received two Varsity Letters, Second Team All SWC, competed in the District Finals, and received numerous medals as a sprinter. Lauren was a member of the National Honor Society, a mentor at Nord Middle School, volunteered countless hours and worked part-time. Lauren was the recipient of the four-year Academic Award, an Honors Diploma, Honor Cords, and the Presidential Award. Lauren will be attending Bowling Green State University this fall, with a major in Psychology. Lauren is the daughter of Elizabeth and Noel Kukucka.



Joseph Miller IV — Joseph was a 2024 Honors graduate from Amherst Steele High School. While at Steele, he was a volunteer with Key Club. He received multiple scholarships, was a member of the National Honor Society, graduating Magna Cum Laude. Joseph was a member of the Cross Country, as well as Track and Field teams. He is a recreational golfer and a pickleball enthusiast. This fall he will be attending Bowling Green State University to study Business at the Schmidthorst College of Business. Joseph is the son of Kelly and Joseph Miller III.



Carter Poulton — Carter is a class of 2024 graduate from Amherst Steele High School. Carter was a High Honor Roll recipient as well as a busy student athlete. Carter has played football since the first grade, up through 12th grade, and was captain his freshman and junior years. He played baseball from age 4 through 11th grade and then had a season-ending shoulder surgery. Carter volunteered for several years as a member of the football team, doing community service helping with planting and cultivating the city gardens, and volunteering/mentoring with the Amherst Comets Youth Football programs. Carter will be attending the Ohio State ATI in the fall, studying Construction Management. He truly enjoys outdoor activities, such as hunting and boating, and is very excited for his future. Carter is the son of Nici and John Dovin and Nate Poulton.



Jaden Orlandi — Jaden is a 2024 High Honors graduate of Amherst Steele High School. While at Steele, Jaden was a member of the National Honor Society. Jaden's future plans are to study Aviation at Kent State University and also join the Air Force — he would like to be commissioned to become a pilot in the USAF. Jaden enjoys swimming, snowboarding, traveling, and spending time with family and friends. Jaden is the son of Valerie and Marty Orlandi.



Get Back to It

By *NATHAN FRANKART, Seminarian*

Pease of Christ to you! This must have been the most frantic summer I have experienced while in the seminary. Between work, going to Kansas in the Chaplain Candidacy program, the Eucharistic Congress, and getting back in time for the Fest, I feel like I did no vacationing on my summer vacation.

And yet here we are again — another summer gives way to another year of formation. This starts, as always, with a silent retreat at the Jesuit Retreat Center in Parma. I recommend this place, should you ever find a reason to go! I did not even know you could grow this many trees in Parma, and yet amid all the concrete and development, the Jesuit Retreat Center sits on grounds owned by the religious order for over a century. Countless people over the years deepened their relationship with Christ at this very place with all its greenery and trees.

And as I anticipate returning to it, there is an enormous sense returning to something much slower than anything I have experienced this last calendar year. I am going to

go slow. Painfully slow. A slowness that fosters a heart receptive in the silence to the voice of God. And trust me, it is easier to drown out the silence with any amount of distraction or noise.

And yet, it is necessary to remain to Jesus Christ, who Himself traveled to isolated places in the quiet hours of the night or early morning to pray alone. Silence and solitude are not optional to living the Christian life. They are necessary. Silence gives space where God can intervene in ways that are not common or expected in the day-to-day bustle of life. Without noise or distraction, the silence brings forth insecurities, struggles, lies, and objects that interfere with God's arm that extends out across creation and space to resonate within our souls.

That powerful, awe-filled moment of deep intimacy with the Father comes throughout our lives. But for myself and many others that have come to the Jesuit Retreat Center, it rings the clearest in the space. So pray for me and my brothers as we get back to our silence.

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Mass:

Monday, 9:00 a.m. - *St. Joseph*

Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. - *Nativity of the BVM*

Thursday, 7:00 p.m. - *St. Joseph*

Friday, 9:00 a.m. - *St. Joseph*

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. - *St. Joseph*

5:30 p.m. - *Nativity of the BVM*

Sunday, 8:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. - *St. Joseph*

Confession at St. Joseph:

Thursday - Individual Reconciliation 7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Saturday - Individual Reconciliation 11:00 a.m. - noon

Eucharistic Adoration (Chapel) at Nativity of the BVM:

Monday-Friday 11:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Upcoming Activities and Events

First Friday Rosary

Friday, Aug. 2 — 11 a.m., Nativity Church,
refreshments to follow in the hall

First Saturday Rosary

Saturday, Aug. 3 — 9 a.m., St. Joseph Church

Hospitality Tuesday

Tuesday, Aug. 6 — Following the 8 a.m. Mass,
at Nativity Church and Hall

Altar and Rosary Society Meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 6 — 6:30 p.m., Nativity Parish Hall

Wonderful Women

Tuesday, Aug. 13 — 7 p.m., St. Joseph Social Hall

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary — Holy Day Obligation

Thursday, Aug. 15 — 9:00 a.m. at Mass at St. Joseph
12:00 p.m. Mass at NBVM • 7:00 p.m. Mass at St. Joseph

Holy Ground Youth Group Outdoor Movie Night

Friday, Aug. 16 — 8:15 p.m., St. Joseph Pavilion

Preschool Orientation Meeting

Monday, Aug. 19 — 7 p.m., St. Joseph School

Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday, Aug. 21 — 7 p.m., St. Joseph School

SJS/Vitalant Blood Drive

Thursday, Aug. 22 — 4 p.m., St. Joseph Parking Lot

First Day of School for Gr 1-8 and Kindergarten with Last Names A-L

Monday, Aug. 26

First Day of School for Kindergarten with last name M-Z

Tuesday, Aug. 27

First Day of School for ALL Kindergarten students

Wednesday, Aug. 28

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Tuesday, Aug. 27 — 7 p.m. School MPR

Faithfully Fit Yoga Classes

Tuesday and Thursdays in August — 9:30 a.m.,
Mill Hollow Park

Men's Group

Tuesday, Aug. 6 and 20 — 7 p.m., St. Joseph Social Hall

Vincetians Meeting

Thursday, Aug. 8 and 22 — 9 a.m.,
St. Joseph Conference Room