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## MCCR Member Shares



JoAnne Karl

As I was thinking how to begin this article the word historical came to me. Am I a historical figure? Well maybe not to the world, but my involvement in the Ministry to Catholic Charismatic Renewal (MCCR) in the Diocese of Toledo has provided many historical moments.

My husband Denny and I heard about the Baptism of the Holy Spirit in 1972 and started searching for someone to tell us more about it. We soon found a 7-week course on the Baptism of the Holy Spirit at St John the Baptist in Point Place, Toledo. It was an incredible experience! We found out all we had to do is ask the Holy Spirit in, and He came with His graces and gifts.

At that time the Holy Spirit was moving powerfully in the Catholic Church and many other denominations. The Holy Spirit desired to be a part of our lives and give us the gifts we asked for. I wasn't able to leave my comfort zone to receive the gift of tongues, but one evening we attended

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## From Fr. Jim's Desk

My dear sisters and brothers in the Spirit of Christ Jesus, our Lord,

*"O the depths of the riches and the wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are His judgements and how unsearchable His ways.*

***For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been His counselor?***

***Or who has given the Lord anything that may be repaid?"*** Romans 11:33-35

What wonders we enjoy living in the Spirit for He has given us the mind of His Son Jesus so that we can offer ourselves in and through and with Jesus to the Father.

We are in the midst of the EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL, now in year 2 with an emphasis on the Parish experience. The Bishops have chosen the word "REVIVAL" for this rekindling of faith in the Holy Eucharist. Why the term "revival" and not 'renewal' or 'reform'? Renewal could suggest a merely human effort to improve on something that is in poor condition, like urban renewal – renewing a neighborhood. While reform, also could be seen as a human effort to change a practice or improve a structure or even a behavior.

Whereas, "REVIVAL" connotes a bringing to life again of something that was dead, and only God can

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## Thanks for Serving!

We are grateful for the faithful service of some of our board members who have left the board: **JoAnne Karl, Paul Boff, Richard Boff** and earlier in the year, **Yvonne Soldan**. They are still serving in the ministry - God bless you all!

We welcome **Deacon Leon Holmer** and **Candy Cordova** who recently joined the board and already are working marvelously for the Lord!

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a large gathering in Ann Arbor, Michigan, where there was Praise and Worship, speaking in tongues, dynamic preaching and healing. As I was singing with those around me I thought, "As they began singing in tongues, nobody is paying attention to me, I won't be embarrassed - I am going to try to sing in tongues." After a few tries of ba, ba, la, la, etc. More words came out of those syllables and I was singing in tongues. What a marvelous gift! Our Lord tells us to "pray always" and we can when we pray in tongues.

I had an experience of praying in tongues even while teaching. I was a teacher and substitute teacher for many years. One day while substituting in an elementary class, a little boy was misbehaving. While I was having a reading lesson with a small group of kids, he sat next to me. I knew Jesus loved him and wanted to give him peace, so I put my hand on his shoulder. In my mind, I prayed for him

in tongues - while I was also teaching them all the reading lesson. Impossible you say - "All things are possible with God." He settled down for the rest of the day. Praise be to the Holy Spirit!

There were many signs and wonders through the years, even continuing today. The Holy Spirit continues to Bless us with His Gifts and desires us to use them to bring others to Jesus and the Holy Spirit. Remember He came on Pentecost to found the church. If you have been Baptized in the Holy Spirit, but have not been using His Gifts - invite Him into your heart to renew you in His Gifts. If you haven't been Baptized in the Holy Spirit, come to a prayer group or a Night of Healing service and open yourself up to Him. Thank God for the Holy Spirit who comes to empower us. All prayer groups and Night of Healing events are printed in the newsletter (and available on our website: <https://mccrholyspirit.org>). Hope to see you there!

Say YES to the Holy Spirit!  
JoAnne Karl (MCCR Board Member alumna)

**From Fr Jim's Desk** (cont. from front page)

bring about life giving efforts.

So "Revival" is a Divine visitation, a sovereign work of God - in answer to sincere, prevailing prayer.

Through this Revival God will

- grip his people with a deep conviction, repentance, forgiveness, and deliverance from personal sins.
- fill His people with the Holy Spirit and manifest through them the fruit and graces of the Holy Spirit.
- fill the Church and community with His presence and power.
- cause non-Christians to earnestly seek Him.
- ignite in His people, young and old, a passion to bring the lost to Christ at home and around the world.

This REVIVAL is a call for each one of us to reflect on our own heart and life concerning our faith practice and zeal for the REAL PRESENCE of the Lord in the Eucharist. After we have done that, we can pray for and encourage members of our families, especially those who have drifted away from practicing their faith and from the Lord's Table of Eucharist.

In the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John, Jesus talks about the importance of eating His flesh and drinking His blood and many of His disciples say, "This is hard, who can accept it?" The text continues, "As a result of this, many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him." Today, many baptized Catholics are no longer receiving Christ in Holy Communion. Some 80% no longer practice their faith, thus the reason for the Eucharistic Revival movement.

Jesus says to them: "It is the Spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken are Spirit and life."

Later He says: "I have much more to tell you, but you

cannot bear it now. But when He comes, the Spirit of Truth, He will guide you to all truth...He will glorify me, because He will take from what is Mine and declare it to you." It is the Holy Spirit who makes Jesus alive for us personally and who makes all gifts of Jesus alive for us, especially the Eucharist.

During the Eucharistic Prayer, the '*Epiclesis*' invoking the Holy Spirit is prayed: "O Lord, we humbly implore You by the same Spirit graciously make holy these gifts we have brought to You for consecration, that they become the Body and Blood of Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, at whose command we celebrate these mysteries." As we call on the Holy Spirit for the gifts to be transformed into the Body and Blood of Jesus, in a similar fashion, all those who receive Holy Communion can be encouraged to call on the Holy Spirit before receiving Holy Communion so that the Spirit may bring them full awareness and experience of what we are receiving: Jesus Himself - Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. There is also a secondary "epiclesis" regarding us: "...grant that we who are nourished by the Body and Blood of your Son and filled with the Holy Spirit, may become one body, one spirit in Christ."

Again the Eucharistic REVIVAL goes hand in hand with the Charismatic Renewal, which Pope Francis calls, "*a current of grace for the whole Church*." Therefore, just like an appliance or automobile cannot function without electrical current, so Christians cannot function properly without the CURRENT of the Holy Spirit flowing through them.

So we, as ministers of the Holy Spirit, have a wonderful opportunity to witness to the truth of the Eucharistic Revival in our homes and in our parishes by living in the influence of our Lord's Spirit.

In the power of His love.  
Fr Jim Brown

## Coming Events 2023

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# Night of Healing

**SEP. 12 | OCT. 10 | NOV. 15 | DEC. 12**  
7:00 pm (unless noted) 4 LOCATIONS

WORSHIP WORD HEALING ADORATION WITNESS RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY	SEPT. 12	7:00 - 8:30 pm
<b>Sacred Heart, Fremont</b>		
550 Smith Rd, Fremont, OH 43420		
Fr. Krzysztof Kardzis Fr. James Brown		

WEDNESDAY	NOV. 15	7:00 - 8:30 pm
<b>Our Lady of Mercy, Fayette</b>		
409 E Main St, Fayette, OH 43521		
Fr. William Pifer Fr. James Brown Fr. Kevin Moebius		

TUESDAY	OCT. 10	7:00 - 8:30 pm
<b>St Bernard, New Washington</b>		
422 W. Mansfield St., New Washington, Ohio 44854		
Fr. James Brown Fr. Kevin Moebius		

TUESDAY	DEC. 12	7:00 - 8:30 pm
<b>St. Richard, Swanton</b>		
333 Brookside Dr, Swanton, OH 43558		
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### SEPT 16 Magnificat Breakfast

Our Lady of the Lake Chapter  
NEW location: St. Peter Catholic Church,  
430 Main St., Huron, OH.

**Speaker: David Boardwine**

**Starts 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM**

Cost \$20. Mail check (Magnificat) & registration to  
Hortensia Clevenger, 316 Wexford Dr. Huron, OH  
44839

- Must be received by SEPT 8

(There is no registration at the door.)

**Online registration** is \$22, see link: <https://huronmagnificat.weebly.com/next-magnificat-meal.html>

## Diocese of Toledo Charismatic Prayer Meetings

### MONDAY:

\*\*\*Call contacts with any questions\*\*\*

NEW: Assumption - Holy Trinity, with Fr. Walter Tuscano  
Mass @ 6:15, Prayer Group following at 6:45/7:00 p.m.

**Judy Cole** (419) 602-0627

Huron, St. Peter's 7:00-8:30 p.m.

Women's Prayer & Scripture Meeting  
**Diane Dudenhofer** (419) 602-0627

Port Clinton 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Joan Nunnery** (440) 390-0054

### TUESDAY:

Ottawa Areawide (SS Peter & Paul in chapel) 7:30 p.m.

**Sharon Rump** (419) 615-3513

### WEDNESDAY:

Toledo, Epiphany of the Lord, St. Thomas Aquinas chapel 6:30 p.m.  
Emmaus Community (after the 6 pm Mass) Enter in door at top of handi-  
cap ramp. Cancelled if the same day as a Night of Healing event.

**David Bland** (419) 322-8282

### THURSDAY:

Defiance, Beacon of Love 7:00 p.m.

St John (Basement: Sts Mark & Matthew room)

**Sandy Diehl** (419) 770-0057

Toledo, SS. Peter/Paul 7:00 p.m.

**Candy Cordova** Hispanic (419) 377-8053

### FRIDAY:

Defiance, St. Mary Hispanic (EVERY Fri.) 6:00 p.m.

**Fela Trevino** (419) 784-4508

### SATURDAY:

Fremont, St. Jos. Hispanic 7:00 p.m.

**Raul Gonzales** (419) 332-9252

### AREA CONTACTS:

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Fremont, **Judy Good** (419) 366-1025

Lima, St. Gerard, **Jerry & Sharon Laurent** (419) 331-1763

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**Emmaus Prayer Group**


Wednesday, 6:30 pm  
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**SS Peter and Paul Spanish Prayer Group**

**728 St. Clair St. Thurs., 7:00 p.m.**  
Everybody welcome  
Mateo 11:28-30