



Confirmation

In Celebration of Our Confirmandi

By Laurie Huff, Director of Religious Education

Congratulations to our newly Confirmed young men and women who on Monday evening, April 8, were strengthened by the Holy Spirit-completing their final step of Christian initiation!

As the Holy Spirit breathes life into your heart and soul hold close the words of St. Catharine of Siena – "Be who God meant you to be and you'll set the world on fire!"



School Play



Summer Parish School Of Religion



Rejoice and Be Glad!

With joyful hearts our ministerial team is gearing up for the 2019 catechetical summer program, "Rejoice and Be Glad," scheduled for two consecutive weeks:

**Monday through Friday,
June 3-June 14
8:45 a.m.-12:00 noon**

This special ministry is designed to provide faith formation for our Catholic youth who attend public schools, grades one through eight. During our time together students participate in the rich treasure of religious instruction, prayer experiences, exploration of the word of God found in sacred Scripture, Liturgical Music Appreciation and Catechetical Art Enrichment.

It is our hope that your family will be able to join us this June!

For further information on how to register, please call the Parish Office at 661-2000.

We look forward to your presence during the beautiful days of early summer!



It's Time for Our Annual "LUCKY 11s" Major Award Raffle

Grand prize is \$3,0**11**, second prize is \$1,0**11** and third prize is \$5**11**.

We will hold the Drawings at Martinfest on **11**-9-19.

PLUS, we will have eight \$1**11** Earlybird Drawings held on:
5-**11**, 6-**11**, 7-**11**, 8-**11**, 9-**11**, 10-**11**, and two on **11**-9 at Martinfest.

Be sure to return your tickets immediately to be included in all **11** of these drawings!

You can purchase them all at once or turn them in monthly.

Or sell them to a friend!

Please return your tickets to the parish office or drop into the Sunday collection.

Please mark your envelope: Major Award.

You don't want to miss out on any of our **11** Drawings.

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Pastoral Council

Present at the March 28, 2019, meeting were: Mary Jo Betz, Eileen Duffy, Kris Schwarte, Gina Rider, Laurie Huff, and Fr. Terry Hamilton. Absent: Lou Winston, Margie Hammitt, Cathy May, Debbie Weitz, Angie Bley and Jason Fightmaster.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Parish Life: Parish Life Activities began this year with our annual Wedding Anniversary Celebration on February 10. We celebrate milestone marriages of 25, 30, 40, 50, and 60+ years. Father blessed the couples and acknowledged them for their commitment to the Sacrament of Marriage. A celebratory breakfast was served to the couples along with their family members and parishioners. A little over 100 were in attendance, consisting of 12 anniversary couples. Our Volunteer Appreciation Dinner was held on March 2. A large crowd was treated to dinner, fun and fellowship in appreciation for their work in various ministries here at St. Martin. On April 8, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be received by our 7th and 8th Graders, administered by Archbishop Schnurr. Afterwards, a reception will be held for the newly-Confirmed. April 20, is the evening of the Easter Vigil Mass. A reception will follow Mass to welcome our new Catholics. April 21 is Easter Sunday, after 11:30 a.m. Mass, we will hold our annual SMOT Easter Egg Hunt. Thousands of plastic eggs will be filled with goodies for the children to find. May 4, is Jesus Day, the day upon which the children who will receive the First Eucharist will gather to practice for their celebration on May 5. Our annual Parish Picnic will take place on May 10, at Stricker's Grove. May 20 is our 8th grade Graduation. Following an early evening Mass, we will hold a reception for the graduates and their parents.

Spiritual Life: Bible Study – We just finished our study of the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians and are starting his second letter. Adult Faith Formation – On April 5, the AFF ministry will be presenting the “Social Justice Stations of the Cross” as part of our Lenten observance. Possible Autumn activities include a talk about Pope Francis’ Apostolic Exhortation, *Gaudete et Exsultate* (Rejoice and be Glad). This document contains a wonderful exposition of the Beatitudes according to St. Matthew’s Gospel. Another possible activity we are contemplating is parish mission which will hopefully involve Bishop Binzer and may also have a children’s mission as part of the endeavor. Book Club – We had an interesting discussion of our most recent book, *Hillbilly Elegy*, by J.D. Vance. Interestingly, much of the book was set in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati – a fact which gave the story a great deal of relevance. Our next book will be *The Other Wes Moore*, by Wes Moore. This nonfiction work is another autobiographical anthropological study.

Finance: Fr. Terry reported that the auditor from the Archdiocese was present at the March meeting of our Finance Commission. She reported the findings and recommendations from the audit that was done here at SMOT in November. No major changes have come about due to the audit, but some details in how different funds are collected and reported have been made.

Youth Report: Our Fish Frys have been very busy thus far. Our Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts are involved in the running this annual Lenten event.

Athletics: An AED will be purchased and hung in our Parish Center hallway. A flyer was distributed for the Matt Kammerer Memorial Scholarship. Any 8th Grader interested needs to submit an essay. The essay should be 300-500 words on the impact of being an SMOT athlete and the effect it has had on them now and will in the future. The deadline for essay is April 1. Boys Basketball season has ended. 5th Grade came in first place in their league. Four teams qualified for post-season division tournament. 7th and 8th Grade lost in the semi-finals; 5th Grade came in 2nd place; and 6th Grade came in 1st place. Girls Basketball held the Westside Classic tournament. Games were held at both St. Martin and St. Lawrence. SMOT 8th Grade won the tournament for their grade level. 5th/6th Grade and 8th Grade are both currently in first place for their league and 7th Grade is in second place; closely behind the first-place team. Softball sign-ups were held. There will be three teams – 1st/2nd Grade, 3rd/4th Grade and

7th/8th Grade. There were not enough girls signed up to fill a 5th/6th Grade team, so 5th/6th Graders will play with Our Lady of Lourdes. At our next meeting, nominations will be made for all Board Members, except president, which is a two-year term, and Sports Coordinators. Several Council members commented on the successful seasons and the positive things happening with athletics this year. Laurie suggested that someone on the Athletic Board take on the task of sending information and photos to Donna Broerman to be included in our parish newsletter, *Tour Talk*, so that this positive news can be shared with the parish.

Outreach: No report

Property and Grounds: Fr. Terry reported that the installation of the new boiler is going well. The switch over from the old system to the new should happen in the next few weeks. The property committee solicited bids for repairing some brick work on the newer end of the Yellow School building. Two bids were presented to Pastoral Council; one from B.A. Klaene and Son and one from Hummel Restoration. The Council voted to approve the bid from Klaene. The bid was the lower of the two, and the company has done work for our parish in the past.

Education/Principal: Laurie Huff, DRE and Fr. Terry reported that although our school Open House was postponed from its original date due to weather, turnout was good on the rescheduled date. Registration is ongoing, current enrollment numbers are close to the numbers we had at this time last year. The school play, *Willie Wonka*, will be held April 5 & 6.

DRE/Liturgical Ministries: Parish School of Religion Confirmation Preparations and First Communion Investiture have taken place. Rite of Sending and Rite of Election were held on March 10. We had the privilege to celebrate with our Catechumens, their Godparents and the parish community. Congratulations to our Elect, Nancy Magoteaux and Jessica Meguire, chosen by God and blessed by the Church to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist this Easter season! “The Light Is On For You.” On March 19, SMOT once again took part in the Archdiocesan celebration of the sacrament of Reconciliation with the initiative, “The Light Is On For You.” We had a steady and fruitful response. Evening of Discernment – Tuesday, March 19, beginning with prayer and a reflection by our Athletic Spiritual Liaison, Kevin Bonecutter, followed by one-on-one interviews with members of the parish community. This special gathering afforded candidates the opportunity to consider the role the Holy Spirit plays in understanding God’s will in their lives and their readiness to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on April 8, with the Most Reverend Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. The Celebration of Palm Sunday, April 13/14. It is our hope to have large number of participants for the special palm and banner procession that will take place, honoring Jesus’ entrance into Jerusalem. Holy Week Celebrations – Mass of the Lord’s Last Supper on April 18, followed by Compline. Good Friday Service on April 19, followed by Stations of the Cross and the beautiful prayerful music of our choir. Easter Vigil on April 20, followed by a reception welcoming our new Catholics. Easter Sunday, April 21, Mass times 8:00 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m. A banner procession will take place in honor of the gift of Jesus’ Resurrection. First Eucharist will take place on Sunday, May 5, at 11:30 a.m. Mass. Twenty-one Candidates will celebrate the gift of the Eucharist for the first time. May Crowning – Tuesday, May 7, at 7:00 p.m. Summer Parish School of Religion Program is scheduled for June 3 through June 14. Our Parish School of Religion Ministerial Team is gearing up for our 2019 Catechetical summer program, “Rejoice and Be Glad” with joyful hearts.

New Business: It is time to look at Council make-up for next year! In addition to needing a recording secretary, the position of Parish Life is may possibly be open beginning August 2019. We will speak to our current representative before our next meeting to determine if this spot needs to be filled, as well.

Our next Pastoral Council Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 23, at 6:15 p.m., in the Red School.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

By Angela Birkhead-Flight,
Music & Liturgy Director

Preparing for Pentecost

Last year at this time, I wrote an article that explained three reasons to celebrate Pentecost. First, Pentecost fulfills Jesus' promise to never forsake His own. He sends the Holy Spirit to be with us always. Secondly, Pentecost launched the global proclamation of the Gospel and is thus considered the Birthday of our Church, and lastly, Pentecost is a pointer that history is inexorably moving towards the restoration of all things. The bridegroom has come; his bride is making herself ready.

Like any celebration, to fully experience the joy of Pentecost, one must prepare. Sometimes the outer trimmings help us to enter the joy of any season, so I encourage you to treat Pentecost with the same care that you do Christmas, Thanksgiving, and birthdays. Decorate! Bake cookies! Send cards!

In addition to preparing ourselves outwardly, this year the parish will be offering a special opportunity to prepare our inner selves. On Monday, June 3, at 7:00 p.m., we will be celebrating Evening Prayer with Eucharistic Adoration to help us place ourselves in a state of prayer the week before Pentecost. If you have not yet attended one of our vesper services, do come. It is an hour of prayer and song in the presence of the Lord. If you have been able to attend in the past, please bring a friend! I hope to see you all there!



For the intentions of Mary, Mother of God, patroness of our country.

For guidance and wisdom from the Holy Spirit.

For all those who have died in service to our country.

For God's blessings and continued guidance for all our St. Martin graduates (grade school, high school, and college) as they begin a new phase in their lives.

In thanksgiving for the faculty and staff of St. Martin parish and school for their tireless efforts in nurturing and developing the lives of our students.

That all of our students, faculty and staff will have a safe and enjoyable summer.

For all those who work with their hands as we celebrate the Feast of St. Joseph the worker on May 1.

For God's blessings on all those who are searching for employment.

For all those in nursing homes, those who are homebound, and those who are suffering from depression or loneliness.

For our Heavenly Father's blessings on all those who represent motherhood in our lives.

That St. Philip and St. James may lead our parishioners to be a community of love, reconciliation, healing and hope.

For all recipients of our parish healing/prayer blankets for their physical, mental and spiritual needs.

For all the sick of our parish, especially those with debilitating diseases, for those who take care of them, and for those searching for cures.

For all those praying for the Ministry of Praise intentions and their special needs.

For the special needs of all members of our Parish and their families, the special intentions in our Parish Intention Book, and those prayers entrusted to our prayer chain.

Memorial Mass Fund

For the Memory/

Intention of:

Pat Waples
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Patricia Moning
Kerry Fitzpatrick
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WELCOME

New Parishioners

John & Erin Timme



Parish Picnic



Gather your family and join us...

Friday, May 10

5:00-10:00 p.m., at Stricker's Grove
11490 Hamilton Cleves Road, 45013

Rides open promptly at 6:00 p.m.
Hamburgers, Hot dogs and brats
prepared by our Boy Scouts
will be available for purchase.
Coolers are welcome.

*****Please note that adult beverages
are not permitted to be
brought into the park.*****

*****Children under sixteen years of age
should be accompanied by
a responsible adult.*****

**We look forward
to seeing
everyone there!**



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