

AMEN!



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FROM THE DESK OF FR. MARC SHERLOCK

Congratulations to Rev. Mr. Christopher C. Coleman [Deacon Chris!] who was ordained to the Order of Deacon on Saturday, April 30, 2005. Chris will reside with us this summer prior to his last year in the seminary. Chris will celebrate baptisms and witness marriages outside Mass as part of his new ministry. Chris is scheduled to be ordained a priest in May 2006.

Congratulations also to our parishioners who recently received Confirmation, First Eucharist and our seniors planning to graduate from high school and college.

Thanks to Nelda Schwab for her years of service as our Director of

Religious Education. Please plan to attend our "Thank You Reception" for her on Sunday, May 15, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass in the Parish Center on Broadway St.

We will dedicate our Phase II Building edition on Saturday, June 25, 2005 with a special 3:00 p.m. Mass. We will celebrate the Feast of the Birth of St. John the Baptist, our parish patron saint, at all the Masses that weekend. Bishop Carl Moeddel is scheduled to preside. Unfortunately, because of his recent health problems, Bishop Moeddel will probably not be able to join us. If not, I have invited our Dean, Fr. John MacQuarrie, to preside. That evening the second night of our annual Parish Festival will serve as the Re-

ception for our Dedication Ceremony.

Beginning July 1, 2005 we will have a new parish staff person – Director of Evangelization & Catechesis. I hope to be able to announce the name of the new staff person soon.

With this change we will also change the Education/Youth Ministry Commission to the Evangelization & Catechesis Commission. Our C.C.D. program, for students pre-school through grade 12, will now be called our Parish School of Religion [PSR].

It is an exciting time for our parish as well as a time of change. Pray that the Lord will continue to guide us as we enter into this new chapter of our parish family's life!

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ST. JOHN'S FESTIVAL NEEDS YOU!

★ Can you drive a nail? Operate a staple gun? Push a broom?
 ★ Carry an object? String a wire? Serve a hot dog? Count out
 ★ change? Shuffle a deck of cards? Sell ice to Eskimos?
 ★ Make a lemon shake-up? Give away goldfish? Say "we have
 ★ a BINGO!"? Sell Fleas? Hawk baskets? Pray for good
 ★ weather? Sing Karaoke? Dance in the street? Sell a ticket?
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 ★ If you can do any of the above, the St. John's Festival needs
 ★ you! Make sure that June 24, 25 and 26th are on your calen-
 ★ dar and come join us for our "Farewell To Broadway"!
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The Buck Stops Here by Cindy Griffin, editor

Change. A wonderful thing, but scary. I, for one, have never been good at change. I like my nice comfortable rut! But this is a season of change. At our house, we are preparing for the high school graduation of our son, Zach. This is a time of endings and beginnings. Out of high school, out of the house, into college and new experiences.

In today's Church, we are also being asked to make changes. New pope, new ways of doing things. On the local front, we say good-bye to Nelda Schwab, our DRE of the last 13 years and hello to a new staff member. These changes bring uncertainty, but also opportunities for growth and a stretching of ourselves. We need these challenges in our life to keep us from becoming stagnant. Can you imag-

ine if you'd never left home, or went looking for a new job, or added a new baby to your family? How different your life would be!

With summer coming, and perhaps a lazy day or two at the lake or in the woods, by the pool or on the porch, it's a good time to contemplate the changes in our lives. Those we have made and those we should think about making. Where is God calling us to change? Perhaps it is a new ministry that we are being called to? Or a class we could take to broaden our horizons? Perhaps we are called to spend more time with our families or to take the time to enhance our spiritual journey? Maybe we need to reach out to someone who is lonely, or who could use a helping hand with a project or just a few words of encouragement? Maybe the changes we need to make are even bigger like a new house, new

car or a new job?

Whatever our experiences may be, we know that we don't change all by ourselves. We need help from our family and our friends and most of all from our God. Prayer changes us. It gives us quiet and perspective. It stretches our edges and focuses us on what's important.

Have a great summer....sip some lemonade....contemplate your edges!

Gracious and Holy Father, Please give me: intellect to understand you, reason to discern you, diligence to seek you, wisdom to find you, a spirit to know you, a heart to meditate upon you, ears to hear you, eyes to see you, a tongue to proclaim you, a way of life pleasing to you, patience to wait for you and perseverance to look for you. Grant me a perfect end, your holy presence, a blessed resurrection and life everlasting. Amen.
St. Benedict of Nursia



RAISING OUR ROOF

We are finishing the final elements of our phase II building project and are developing our plans to move into the new facility as early as mid June.

The new facility is wonderful and provides much more space than our Broadway properties. The new building is over 18,000 sq ft plus we have a 2,500 sq ft garage. Also included is a 4,100 sq ft banquet facility, which will seat over 400 people. The Committee hopes everyone will be able to attend the 3:00 PM Mass on Saturday, June 25th for the dedication of our new facility.

It still looks like our phase II building project will come in under budget. In addition, through several generous donations, we are planning to purchase new tables & chairs for the banquet center, a sound system, and some other items that were not part of the original plans.

The buyer for the K of C house and Religious Ed/Parish Office is expected to close on the sale in July, while ReMax continues their efforts to sell the Broadway Chapel and Parish Center. A campaign is underway to retire the remaining debt from our phase II project. With continuing generosity from parishioners the parish hopes to pay-off this loan balance within 5 years.

We thank the parish for their prayers and support throughout this project and look forward to seeing everyone at the dedication ceremony on June 25th.

Phase 2 Building Steering Committee

Father Marc Sherlock

Steve McCrillis, Bruce Batty, Karen Beagle, Mike Drosch, Viv Wyen, and Dottie Zimmerman

WOMEN OF SPIRIT by Amy Puthoff

Even though the weather outside was anything but beautiful or delightful, the Women of Spirit didn't care. We gathered on Saturday, April 23 at the Transfiguration Center for a day full of Beauty and Delight led by Jane Steinhauer. Jane led us through a series of sense memories allowing us to remember wonderful events and times throughout our lives.

We continued the day with meditation and jour-

nalizing. The afternoon brought out our creative side with each of us making prayer bracelets...it's all the fashion rage! We welcomed existing and new members to our group and ended the day with a beautiful mass led by Fr. Larry Hemmelgarn where we all were able to participate in the homily.

Our next activity is a Progressive Meal on Sunday, July 31. Keep your eyes on the bulletin for more information.

The Women of Spirit would like to remind all the women of St. John's parish that we want to know what you think! Please feel free to join us at any time for as little or as long as you can. The group has a revolving membership and open to any woman in the parish who enjoys fun, fellowship, and an opportunity to learn more about themselves and their faith. Please contact Kathy McGrath at 667-4932

PROGRESSIVE MEAL

SUNDAY, JULY 31st

All women of the parish are invited to attend!!

or the parish office at 667-3419 for information on our next meeting. Our mission statement is to support, encourage and empower one another as we travel the spiritual journey, nurturing and celebrating our relationships with God.

MOM's Group Welcomes New Members!

By Christy Peters

St. John's MOM's Group has had a great year. We've kept really busy with meetings and activities. We have typically been meeting twice a month and for a small fee, have babysitters to play with the kids during our meetings. A big THANK YOU to Kim Browning and Jan Haley who have been just awesome with the kids this year! Some of the activities we participated in this year were: Hayride at Fulton Farm, family Halloween party, Christmas party, Valentine's Day party, spring egg gathering, animal visit by Bruckner Nature Center, and playing at the Troy Park. The MOMs also had a lot of fun getting together without the kids. Each month we met for MOM's Night Out. Some of the places we have gone are: LaPiazza (where we heard from a children's speech pathologist), Night Sky, Mamma DiSalvo's, The Melting Pot (where we had our annual Christmas ornament exchange), C'est Tout, Dublin Pub, Cold Water Cafe', and we also met for game night.

In addition to the get-togethers we have, we also have a dinner assistance program. Whenever one of the MOM's is injured and off her feet, or at home with a new baby, we take turns cooking her family dinner. And speaking as a new Mom

myself let me tell you its VERY helpful! We also have been meeting once per month at the Center for a scrap booking/craft night. Everyone comes with whatever scrap-booking/craft project they are working on and we share ideas, tools and snacks!

Though we don't have regular meetings during the summer, we still have several things planned to keep our sanity. June 14th we are going to Jay's Seafood for MOM's Night Out. June 18th we are having a scrap-booking/craft night at the Center. July 13th we are going out for MOM's Night Out (destination to be determined). July 23rd we are having a scrap-booking/craft night at the Center. August 16th we are going out for MOM's Night Out (destination to be determined). We also have impromptu gatherings throughout the summer where we will do a phone chain to inform everyone and then meet for lunch, or take the kids to a park, or a museum, or go swimming.

New members are always welcome! So if you or anyone you know would like to come and have some fun with us, or if you just want to be notified when we put together an event; please contact Christy Peters for more information at (home) 667-3071 or crispys104@aol.com.

ALL MOM'S INVITED!

- June 14th - MOM'S Night Out at Jay's
- June 18th - Crafts in the Center
- July 13th - MOM'S Night Out
- July 23rd - Crafts in the Center
- August 16th - MOM'S Night Out

Amy's Anecdotes by Amy Howe, Business Manager

Volunteers have been busy contacting those who have not yet made a pledge to reduce our debt for our Phase II Building. The weekend of May 14 & 15 has been designated as "Commitment Weekend." We are asking for all pledge cards to be returned by that time.

Completion of construction is drawing near! We have only a few weeks left. It is crucial for us to continue financial planning for the parish but can only accomplish this if we have a better idea of what we have to work with! In addition to our debt for our Phase II project, we still need your financial support to operate the parish on a day-to-day basis. We realize that we have asked a tremendous sacrifice

from each of you but are confident that our efforts will be fruitful for all. Please evaluate your level of sacrifice to your parish. Whether your sacrifice is in time, treasure, or talent - it is your efforts that will make our parish successful in its mission.

In a few short weeks, we will begin the process of moving into our new space! Our plan is to begin sorting, filing, and cleaning up the current offices and items in the parish center and chapel and begin moving the week of June 12th. There is much to do and we ask that you bear with us through this hectic time! If anyone is willing to help by providing boxes, trucks, trailers, etc. please contact me at 667-3419.

I have also received several phone calls recently regarding the use of the new Banquet Hall. We are currently reviewing the policies of other parishes as well as incorporating the requirements of the Archdiocese in order to come up with an agreement regarding this. It will at least be another month or so before this is complete. Again patience, please! It's just crazy around here right now!

**Working for the Lord
doesn't pay much, but
the retirement plan is
out of this world!**

Nelda's Notes by Nelda Schwab, DRE

My dear friends,
When I came to St. John's thirteen years ago, our '05 graduates were in kindergarten. Those born that year are completing 8th grade. Watching all the children grow up has been a wonderful part of my faith journey along side you.
Obviously, the group with which I have worked most closely has been the catechists. The gifts they bring to this ministry never ceases to amaze me. How blessed I am, how blessed our parish is to have these gifts given so generously shared with our children and youth.
Without doubt our best year in Adult Faith Formation has been the last couple of years. We filled the church with

Matthew Kelly and with Frank Runyeon. Susan Conroy inspired many in revealing the spirit of Mother Teresa as she shared her stories of working alongside Mother. Our first annual 'Celebrate Marriage' in collaboration with St. Pat's was a wonderful event. 'Why Catholic?' is in the hands of a very strong planning team. It holds the promise of being a strong renewal/growth in faith opportunity for the parish.

I do not know what the future holds; I know Who holds the future. I do know that you will always hold a special place in my heart. Ustedes tienen un lugar especial en mi corazon.

Erma's Experience by Erma Hagan, Parish Secretary

As June is quickly approaching, we are anticipating the move to our new offices. We are very excited about our new space. We will not be stumbling over each other any more.

The office will be in much disarray for a while. Please be patient with us. We will be learning to use a new phone system. If you get cut off on the phone, please give us a

call back. We won't know where things are or know which room is where for a while. I think I will even get lost in the new building at first. When I walked through it for the first time last week, it was overwhelming. It is big and beautiful.

We are a little up tight right now in the office. We have a lot of packing and throwing away to do. If we don't answer the phone, we are busy

packing. Please leave a message and we will get back to you ASAP.

There will be many challenges moving into the new facility. The biggest one will be scheduling meetings. It will be very important that every committee get meeting schedules and number of people on the committee turned into the office, as soon as possible. Rooms will be assigned on a first

come first serve basis. If I don't have your schedule, you will not have a meeting room.

I want to thank all you wonderful people that helped in any way to get our new facilities. It is such an honor to belong to a parish with so much love and commitment to serving the Lord.

WORD SEARCH

Find Some ECP Teachers Of The Past!

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Salutations From Sally by Sally Minnich, ECP Director

My how time flies when you're having fun. Not only has this school year sped by, but so have the past 25 years! It's hard to believe that a whole generation of children have passed through the doors of the Early Childhood Program. It tugs at the heart to see former students reaching new milestones: First Communion, Confirmation, graduation, marriage, and even parenthood. We have already had children in the program whose parents had attended the program during the early years. It will be a bittersweet moment as we leave all the happy memories of our fun-filled days here at the Broadway

center and move into our brand new facility. Though the thought of the move itself is rather overwhelming, we look forward to settling into our new classrooms and seeing our playground take shape.

I would like to thank Bruce Batty and Deb Seger who introduced me to the world of grant writing. We are extremely grateful to the Miami County Foundation for the grant of \$5,000 we received recently. This will pay for our Little Tikes Playcenter and monkey bars on our new playground. I would like to thank Mike Drosch for sharing his expertise as we coordinate the details of our

playground planning. This is also a good opportunity to express our appreciation to the Building Steering Committee who had the daunting task of trying to build a new parish center with limited funds while meeting the needs and wants of diverse parishioners. Their countless volunteer hours are finally coming to fruition. The next generation of preschoolers is ready to enjoy the bright new facility.



Are you a committee chair or the head of a ministry group at St. John's? Please be aware that all groups will be asked to schedule their meetings, etc. into the new facility. Spaces will be assigned according to group size. The parish office needs to know this. If you are not on the parish calendar, you will not have a space. These spaces will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis so don't delay, do this today! Call Erma or Sandy at 667-3419.

Just a reminder: Choir members are always needed at encouraged by our music ministers. If you are interested in singing with the 8:00 Traditional Choir, please call Jim Wolfe at 667-4034. If you think the 10:30 Contemporary Choir is more your speed, please call Bill Griffin at 698-5590. Trained voices are not necessary, only a desire to lead others and raise your voices in praise of your God!

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AT SHEPHERD GRADUATION



WE'RE PROUD OF YOU!

Jordan Sharpe and Allysson Trent were among over 160 youth recognized at Immaculate Conception Church on Sunday April 17 for the 'Youth in Ministry Award'. Co-sponsored by Knights of Columbus and Dayton Sierra Club, this annual event recognizes youth in the area that are actively involved in service to their parish. Other nominees who were unable to attend the event included Angela Drexler, Christina Haley, Kara McClurg, Bobbie Robinson and Carolyn Trick. Recipients received a certificate and medal for their contributions.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT FOCUSES ON THE REAL WORLD

The tenth grade class was treated to two days of 'Surviving the Real World' hosted by the Junior/Senior youth group. The weekend focused on the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit, and was truly a spirit-filled weekend. A big thank you to Erma Hagan, who once again made sure that all were fed healthy and delicious meals. Thanks to the retreat leaders that included Angie Drexler, Kara McClurg, Jordan Sharpe, Katelyn Wilson, Carolyn Trick, Christina Haley, Ben Shearer, George Leshner, Andy Beam, Meg Walling, Sarah Wiltshire, Kelley Ratermann, Morgan Dynes, Michael Moore, Matt Bashore, Matt Cass and Elayne Trick. Also thank you to the 10th grade teachers: Barb Walling, Cindy Griffin, and Jim and Jeri Layer. One last big thank you to Joe Seger who helped with overnight patrol!

CONFIRMED IN THE SPIRIT

Congratulations to the following young people from St. John's who were confirmed by Archbishop Pilarczyk on April 17th!

Andrea Alvarez, Kevin Cox, Michael Dever, Lori DiSabatino, Lee Dynes, Jake Dziedzic, Erin Eaton, Rebecca Griffin, Nicky Hanus, Andrew Lammers, Casey Layer, Nick Makley, Lauren Miller, Phillip Monnier, Johnny O'Brien, Andrew Ortel, Daniel Quinn, Andrea Ratermann, Christopher Renner, Lauren Sharpe, Daniel Smith, Eric Tudor, Melanie Vagedes, and Chelsea Walling

SPRINGMEADE MINISTRY NEWS

BINGO AT SPRINGMEADE WAS A SUCCESS! St. John's youth who helped with Bingo throughout this school year were honored at a pizza party in April at SpringMeade Nursing Facility. The Activities Director thanked them for their dedication and help each month. There were 30 youth in each of grades 6-12, and 8 adult parishioners, who helped during one month or more this year. Thanks to all of you who spent time with the residents!

SpringMeade has ongoing activities each month that could use the assist of young people 12 years and older who would like to volunteer. There is a special need during the warmer months of summer to take residents outside to sit or be walked around the pond in wheelchairs. Residents enjoy being read to, having help with letter writing, playing cards or working a puzzle, and just chatting. If anyone—youth or adult—is interested in volunteering, please consider calling Vicky at SpringMeade at 667-7500.

HELP NEEDED

Ladies of St. John is planning for another garage sale in May, to be held on May 26-27. They need HELP on Sunday, May 22 (time to be around 4:00 or 5:00) to carry all the donated items from the van garage into the Center for unpacking and pricing during the week. If you can help, contact Jan Haley at rjhaley@bright.net.

Buy One Iced Tea, Get One Free Iced Tea

St. John's Festival

June 24, 25 and 26, 2005
 Limit One Free Iced Tea per Customer with This Coupon
 Redeemable at the Iced Tea/Lemon Shake-up Booth

St. John's Festival

**BUY ONE CHILDREN'S GAME TICKET,
GET ONE FREE!**

Redeemable at the Ticket Booth
 Limit One Free Ticket per Customer With This Coupon

June 24, 25 and 26, 2005

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Calling all youngsters ages 4 through 4th grade! Vacation Bible School at St. John's will be held July 25-29. The theme this year is "Serengeti Trek". More details will be in the bulletin as the time grows near. Make sure to mark your calendars now and plan to attend!



CLOTHESLINE MINISTRY

GINGHAM CLOTHESLINE is a mission program associated with Ginghamburg Church and operates with the help of St. John the Baptist Church, as well as several other surrounding churches. The Clothesline, as many people know it, accepts gently-used clothing year round to re-sell to the community and also to provide free clothing to those in need. It's become known as the "best thrift store" in this area where there is always a sale going on. Every week, selected items are discounted 50% to make room for new ones. Name-brand clothing can be found for \$1 and \$2. Some brand new pieces, with tags still on, can be bought for \$2 and \$3. Bedding, shoes, purses, belts, canvas bags and totes, and sleepware can be found along with men's, women's, and children's clothing and coats. The Ladies of St. John have taken this program as a ministry. Our parish receives a donation check quarterly from The Clothesline based on the number of hours our parishioners work during that period. During last year, the Ladies of St. John received \$4400, which is used to help offset fu-

neral luncheon expenses for parishioners, fund scholarships for high school seniors and adults, purchase household items for the parish house and our kitchen in our new facility. The Clothesline is always in need of clothing that can be resold. Donations can be dropped off anytime during store hours: Wednesday 2-8 p.m., Thursday and Saturday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Friday 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Parishioners, who can clerk during store hours or help out on Wednesday mornings to price and hang clothing, are always needed and welcome. Call Barb Batty at 667-6655 (office) and 698-7155 (home) or Jan Haley at 667-1189 if you have questions or can help out for even one hour or one month a year. No amount of time is too little. Consider stopping by The Gingham Clothesline on Second Street in downtown Tipp City to shop, to work, or to drop off your slightly-worn clothing donations.

BUY ONE HOT DOG, GET ONE FREE

St. John's Festival

June 24, 25 and 26, 2005
 Limit One Free Hot Dog per Customer With This Coupon
 Redeemable at the Main Food Booth

St. John's Festival

**BUY ONE BINGO CARD,
GET ONE Free BINGO CARD FREE**

JUNE 24, 25 AND 26, 2005
 Redeemable in the Bingo Hall
 Limit One Free Card per customer with this Coupon

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CLIP AND SAVE! IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS!

- May 22 - Senior Mass and Brunch - 10:30 am Mass
- May 22 - St. Vincent - meet by van garage, leave at 6:45 pm
- May 26-27 - Ladies of St. John Garage Sale
- June 25 - Dedication of Phase II –3:00 pm
- June 24-26 - Parish Festival
- June 26 - St. Vincent -meet by garage, leave at 6:45 pm
- June 26 - July 2 - Youth at YNIA
- July 24 - St. Vincent -meet by garage, leave at 6:45 pm
- July 25-29 - Vacation Bible School
- July 31 - Progressive dinner -Women of Spirit –see bulletin
- August 28 - St. Vincent -meet by garage, leave at 6:45 pm