



# THE VOICE

A Praying, Teaching, Caring, Serving Sign of God's Presence

## Roman Missal Changes

*Submitted by Fr. Chris Worland*

When I came to Ascension nearly 7 years ago, I remember feeling somewhat overwhelmed by the amount of activity that happens here. This is even true of the liturgy. We have Children's liturgy of the Word, RCIA dismissal for adults and RCIA dismissal for children. We have three different choirs: Traditional, Contemporary and Children's choir. These are just the regular things that happen each Sunday. We also celebrate all the RCIA rites, the sacrament of baptism and the sacrament of healing on a regular basis in our liturgies. This does not even include highlighting parish organizations from time to time, or special blessings for anniversary couples or expectant parents. There are times when I tell the servers that I feel like I need a card on my forearm similar to professional quarterbacks, just so that I know where everyone is supposed to be.

This was a tremendous challenge for me when I first experienced this change. I was not used to juggling nearly this much in the liturgy. However, after experiencing the wonderful worshipping community at Ascension, I would not have it any other way. The liturgy at Ascension does a good job of capturing Christ's life that is present here.

This year in December, the entire English-speaking church will experience a significant change. The Church in America and all English-speaking countries will begin using a new translation of the Roman Missal. While the actions of the Mass will remain the same, the priests' prayers and the people's spoken and musical responses will see significant changes. For those who remember Mass in the late 1960's and early 1970's, some of these changes will be familiar. For others, the transition will be more difficult. Someone on our pastoral council asked this question "What's wrong with the current translation." The short answer is "nothing".

Hopefully, this short example will help to explain. When we hear the readings in Church on Sunday we use a translation of scriptures, which is very close to

the New American Bible (NAB). The NAB is a fine translation; however, it is a dynamic interpretation. This means that the NAB translates the ancient texts written in Hebrew and Greek into English by looking at the meaning of the phrases and translating them into English. When I study scripture, I prefer to use the New Revised Standard Version (NRSV) of the bible. The NRSV is a literal interpretation. This means that it translates the ancient languages of the original text into English more literally, that is word for word.

Our New translation of the Roman Missal will be a more literal translation of the Latin text. This literal interpretation is meant to preserve the original prayers (some of which go back to the 8<sup>th</sup> century). Some of the changes are meant to preserve the scriptural references in the prayers or responses. (i.e. Lord I am not worthy to have you enter under my roof – Mt 8:8)

This is naturally going to be a challenging transition. We've been using the same responses since 1973. My hope and prayer for this community and the Church throughout the world is that the experience may be similar to mine in coming to Ascension. The transition was challenging but it was well worth it in the long run.



## Food Pantry Update

*Submitted by  
The Neighbor to  
Neighbor Food  
Pantry Ministry*

Many thanks to the parishioners who donated food and other items to help all of the needy families! In 2010 we assisted 1397 families. The Christmas baskets allowed us to help an additional 156 families. Your continued support is greatly appreciated. Thanks again and may God bless all of you.

\*Photo by Tom Rafferty



## Welcome Christy Shanklin

*Submitted by Cathy Magness*

Father Chris and the parish staff are pleased to welcome Ascension's new business administrator, Mrs. Christy Shanklin. Christy replaces Deacon Tom Platfoot who retired earlier this month after ten years of service.

Christy and her husband, Larry, live in the Huber Heights area where they have "too many dogs," as they are breeders of Cavalier spaniels and cockapoo dogs. They also have two horses which assist Christy in maintaining her sanity and stress relief. When her father passed away earlier this month, "One of the first things I did was brush my horse." Christy and Larry raised three daughters, Laura, Carolyn and Katie, and they now are enjoying the thrills of being grandparents to five grandchildren, all age three and under!

Prior to coming to Ascension, Christy was the business manager, since 2006, at AFS Technology located in Tipp City. For several years before working at AFS, she and Larry owned and operated Miller's Grove and Catering which is located in the northern part of the Miami Valley. They provided facilities and catering for large company functions with several thousand people in attendance, "so I'm used to juggling a lot of balls." She is accustomed to working in an environment with several priorities and the thrill of not knowing what fire needs to be extinguished next. Sounds like she will fit well in the Ascension environment, doesn't it?

Christy and her husband attend St. Christopher Church in Vandalia where she has volunteered for several ministries, including religious education and social activities. In her free time, Christy enjoys riding her horses. "I used to ride a bike until I got a horse." She also used to show her horses and has won many ribbons, both regionally and nationally. In addition to the horses, Christy enjoys spending time with her dogs and preparing them for their "forever homes." In the past, she used to play violin and guitar and played in the guitar Mass in St. Boniface in Piqua.

When asked what Christy hopes for the future, she stated she would like to see the Catholic Church increase the amount of adult education available and to enhance the spiritual life of families, such as helping families pray together. Christy then added, "I would also like to figure out how to add two hours to every day." Wouldn't we all, Christy, wouldn't we all?



## Farewell To Tom Platfoot

*Submitted by Sr. Carol Gaeke, O.P.*

Tom Platfoot, our Business Manager for the past 10 years, retired on April 7<sup>th</sup>. Tom was the one behind the scenes managing our finances and making sure our buildings and grounds were in tip-top shape.

Organizing projects as vast and obvious as a new roof or repaving the parking lot were his more observable contributions but the smaller ones of making sure leaks were repaired and dead trees removed were essential to keeping our parish property such a place of beauty. He also initiated our key fob system that gives access to the many parishioners who need to use the facilities and insures the safety of the people and buildings.

Tom is the one who handled all of those behind the scenes responsibilities such as making sure all volunteers with children and youth were fingerprinted and took part in the child protection program. He also made sure we were within our budget and was the liaison with the stewardship commission and the festival committee. He also had to keep abreast of the many Archdiocesan and state regulations to keep us within the guidelines and within the law.

In addition to being our Business Manager Tom is a permanent deacon in the Archdiocese. He brought that sense of service that is the hallmark of being a deacon to his ministry here at Ascension. When we asked Tom what he wanted as a going away present and celebration from the parish he said that he did not want anything as he did not want parish finances being spent on a luncheon or gift for him but we could take the money and make a contribution to St. Vincent de Paul in his name. To honor him the staff had a pot luck luncheon and gave him "gifts" that cost little or no money, such as old, used golf balls for his hobby, a "gold" watch from a dollar store, and a gag gift for Christmas since he will miss the faculty and staff Christmas White Elephant exchange.

We will miss Tom's sense of humor and kindness and we wish him well as he moves into retirement where he plans to play a lot of golf, take up cooking and organize his thousands of slides onto the computer as well as play with his grandchildren. In Tom's name we have made a donation to the St. Vincent DePaul Society. Tom, we wish you many of God's blessings as you move into the next stage of life and we are grateful to you for all you have done for the people and staff at Ascension.

## WANTED



### Basket Booth Donations

Festival 2010 was the first year for the basket booth. The basket booth showcased more than 50 themed collections including athletic, patriotic, and romantic getaways. Each collection display varied in shape and size from a buckeye to corn hole boards.

For Festival 2011 we would like the basket booth to be even better! We are in need of donations to fill our baskets. Here are some possible themes to think of when considering a donation:

- Romantic- bottle of wine, wine glasses, box of chocolates, video rental gift card...
- Athletic- hat, t-shirt, sports ball, water bottle, tickets to a sporting event...
- Movie Night- popcorn, candy, video rental gift card, pizza gift card...
- School Supplies- pencils, crayons, markers, glue sticks, scissors, school box...
- Scrap-booking- paper, scissors, ink pads, stickers, adhesives, scrap-book...
- Backyard BBQ- tongs, spatula, apron, grocery store gift card, marinade sauces...
- Yard Care- gloves, gardening tools, planters, hose nozzle, home good store gift card...

These are just a few ideas. Consider what you would like to see available in a basket. Chances are someone else would love to bid on a basket just like it!

Need help filling your basket? Think of all of the places you patronize; the salon, the grocery store, the movie theater, the restaurant, the pet groomer, your place of employment, etc. Tell us who helped you and we will do the advertising for them. All donations are tax deductible. We will be accepting donations until **June 19**.

With your help, we look forward to a bountiful basket booth at the 2011 festival. If you have questions, please contact us.

**Carla Swartz at 937-626-6029 or**  
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**pcheftoni@aol.com**

## Martha and Mary Ministry Marks One Year

*Submitted by Lauren Boyd and Linda Miles*

This May marks the one-year anniversary of the Martha and Mary (M&Ms) Ministry at Ascension. This past year the M&Ms have hosted eight events including a High Tea, An Afternoon with Mother Theresa, Tour of the Holy Land and Seder Meal. Attendance at the events has ranged from 28-60 women, with about 157 women participating in at least one event in the past year. Pictures were taken to document each event and a wonderful Martha and Mary scrapbook was created. The scrapbook is displayed at all events.

To kick off the second year the M&Ms have planned another High Tea. The event will be on **Sunday May 22, from 2-5pm** in the Witzman Center and will include a May crowning in the church. This year's guest speaker is Mary Cummins Wlodarski, pastoral associate for Holy Trinity Church in Dayton. Mary was also the speaker for the 2010 Led by the Light Retreat. She is a warm, humorous speaker with an amazing ability to connect scripture to our daily lives. Her topic will be "Mothers, Daughters, Sisters Friends... The Power of Relationships."

All women are invited to attend, so please invite your mother, your daughter, your sister, your neighbor, your coworker, and any woman you would like to join you in this celebration. Food and drink will be provided. Hats, gloves and boas are welcome! Please bring a baby item to donate to the Elizabeth New Life Ministry. To RSVP please contact **Lauren Boyd, Lmboyd26@yahoo.com, 237-1716** or **Carla Swartz, cjswartz@yahoo.com, 626-6029**.



**\*Please Bring Your Own  
Tea Cup and Saucer\***

### Submitting Articles for the VOICE

If you would like an announcement or article in the VOICE please contact **Lauren Boyd** at **Lmboyd26@yahoo.com**



Students in the elementary and middle school grades are observing Lent with a variety of activities, including reconciliation services, Stations of the Cross, and participation in Operation Rice Bowl. Many of the classes are also working on projects in conjunction with their ministry connection.

Sixth-two students received First Reconciliation. Now they are preparing for First Communion in April and May. Parents attended a meeting in February and received materials to use in preparing the children at home. The children will gather for their Jesus Day retreat on April 16 and 29 and for a family session, "A Walk Through the Mass" and practice in the church on April 29, followed by an ice cream social.

Confirmation was celebrated on February 15. We had 68 students receive the sacrament during a Mass celebrated by Archbishop Pilarczyk. It was followed by a reception downstairs in the Witzman Center. Thanks to all the seventh grade students and their parents who helped with the reception this year. Congratulations to the "Peacemakers of the Month" for January: Sam Matheson and Mallory Stewart both in Gr. 4 and for February: Will Bowling and Jacob Woolf both in Gr. 2.

### **RE REGISTRATION**

Registration for the 2011-2012 religious education classes will begin on Sunday, April 10. Students who are currently enrolled brought home a re-enrollment form in the April Family Envelope on April 3 and 4th, 2011. All others should stop by the RE Office to complete a registration card or call the RE Office at 254-0622. Young children must be three years old by September 30, 2011 in order to enter the Early Childhood Program. Fees are due at the time of registration. Families experiencing financial need may apply for a full or partial waiver of fees.

Early Childhood classes for children age 3-Kindergarten take place in the school on Sunday mornings during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Classes for children in Grades 1-5 are held on Monday afternoons, 4:15-5:30 p.m. Students in Grades 6-8 have a choice of times: Sunday mornings, 9:45-11:15 a.m. or Monday evenings, 6:30-8:00 p.m., but class sizes are limited, so early registration is advised.

There will be no increase in fees. Beginning on May 10, fees for the 2011-2012 school year will be: one child, \$85; two children, \$170; each additional child \$40; non-parish member, \$170 per child. Families who register and submit full payment by May 9

will receive a discount by paying: one child, \$75; two children, \$150; each additional child, \$35. Early registration is encouraged!

Parents of children entering the first grade in public school in August or who are home-schooled should register their child now for religious education in order for the child to receive First Communion in second grade. Any questions, please call the **RE Office at 254-0622.**



### **Red Ribbon Week Poster Winners**

The Ascension Knights of Columbus sponsored a Red Ribbon Week poster contest. Some of the winners are eligible for the next level of district competition. **Rachel Ollier & Amber Butler** were the top winners in the 12-14 age group and **Mandi Weitz & Maggie Ollier** had the top posters in the 8-11 age group. Winners in all divisions received Cold Stone Creamery gift cards donated by the KofC Our Lady of the Light Council 14891. We thank Ms. Wheeler, our school counselor, and KofC Youth Chairman Kyle Constantinides for organizing the contest.

#### **6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grades**

1<sup>st</sup> place – Rachel Ollier – 7<sup>th</sup> grade, 12 years old  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Amber Butler – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 12 years old  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Mitch Weitz – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, 12 years old

#### **3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades**

1<sup>st</sup> place – Mandi Weitz – 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, 9 years old  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – McKenz Bennett – 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 9 years old  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Sara Sommers – 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 9 years old  
Honorable Mention –

Ethan Moyer, 3<sup>rd</sup> gr., 8 years. old,  
Heather Schwarzman, 5<sup>th</sup> gr., 10 years old

#### **K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grades**

1<sup>st</sup> place – Maggie Ollier – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 8 years old  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Morgan McDaniel – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 7 years old  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Abby Gunderson – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, 7 years old  
Honorable Mention –

Alydia Lawson – 1<sup>st</sup> gr., 6 years. old,  
Gavin Boyd – K, 5 years. old,  
Carlee Harath – 2<sup>nd</sup> gr., 7 years. old.

## Jr. High Fasts for Japan

*Submitted by Joe Ollier*

Every year Catholic Relief Services sponsors a 24 Hour Food Fast to raise funds for its efforts to fight hunger around the globe, and every year for the last decade or so, Ascension Youth Ministry has participated in that fast. This year, 18 of our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders gathered in the Witzman Center on April 8 and 9 for 24 hours of fasting, prayer, service and active learning centered around the theme of peace and hunger. Prior to the Fast, participants solicited donors to sponsor their time without food and ended up raising almost \$850. In light of the extreme need in Japan as a result of the recent tsunami, we decided that we would dedicate that entire amount to CRS's efforts in Japan.

Friday night of the Fast was filled with fun activities that helped us see the connection between war and hunger. In many parts of our world warring factions fight over control of the food supply, and in others refugees put strains on the food supplies of the countries to which they flee. Our closing prayer on Friday night caused us to reflect seriously on the differences between our wants and needs in light of the fact that somewhere in the world a child dies from hunger every 3 seconds.

Saturday morning was all about service. This year we worked at the Life Enrichment Center, located just east of downtown. The LEC houses a variety of agencies that serve the poor in Dayton, providing food, education, and health services to hundreds of people right here in our own community. Run by a coalition of local churches, the LEC depends entirely upon volunteer service and donations, since all its services are free. We spent our time helping them prepare their facilities for a Bike Shop and preschool Safety Village they hope to open by the end of April. Many of the homeless in Dayton depend on bicycles for transportation, and so the Bike Shop will offer free bikes and bike repair to those in need. The Safety Village will teach children how to use their bikes safely in their neighborhoods.

On Saturday afternoon, as we got hungrier, we reflected on how hunger can be used as a weapon, on how the seemingly endless cycle of armed conflict and hunger can be solved, and on how each person can impact the world for good. Some participants were surprised at how hard it was to go 24 hours without food, while others found their physical hunger easier to handle than being deprived of their iPods and cell phones, which were also banned for the entire Food Fast. Still others were impacted by the activities and prayer. After the Fast, one 8<sup>th</sup> grader told

his Mom that never again would he open their pantry at home and say, "There's nothing to eat." We broke our fast with the Eucharist at 5:00 Mass and then shared a simple soup supper with parents and family. If you'd like to donate to Catholic Relief Services efforts in Japan, simply go to [www.crs.org](http://www.crs.org). If you'd like to be a part of the truly amazing ministry of the Life Enrichment Center, go to [www.daytonlec.org](http://www.daytonlec.org) and check out their volunteer opportunities.



## Called to Glory in Indy - NCYC 2011

*Submitted by Joe Ollier*

Indianapolis is about to be invaded, and we're part of the charge! **November 17-19** of this year, over 20,000 teens will fill Lucas Oil Stadium for the National Catholic Youth Convention. NCYC is 3 days of incredible music, cool workshops, amazing speakers, and awesome prayer and liturgy. You've never been to Mass until you've been to Mass with 20,000 teenagers! For many of our youth, NCYC has been the highlight of their high school years, and we're excited to be sending a group again this year. The last time NCYC was in Indy, in 2001, Ascension sent a great group, and has followed that up with increasingly larger groups to Houston in 2003, Atlanta in 2005, Columbus in 2007, and Kansas City in 2009. We're looking forward to returning to Indy with a busload of kids and adult chaperones.

If you missed the Info Meetings for NCYC in April, you can still be a part of this amazing time. Registration forms are available at the church doors and online at our website, [www.ascensionkettering.org/education-formation/youth-ministry/](http://www.ascensionkettering.org/education-formation/youth-ministry/). And while you're there, check out the official promo video (look for the Ascension group in their red t-shirts dancing in the ballroom) and our own videos from Kansas City 2 years ago. The registration deadline is **Friday, June 3**. Make sure to get a seat on this bandwagon – this is an opportunity you definitely don't want to miss!

## Pedro's Story – Part of a Larger Story

*Submitted by Brother Hugo Bastida, S.M.*

The tragic, senseless beating in Dayton last year of Pedro, a young migrant worker, was a reminder that immigrants among us are very vulnerable. The youngest of nine children, Pedro came from a small farming town in Central Mexico. He came to the U.S. ready and willing to take up the back breaking work of a migrant laborer to send money back to his impoverished family. He worked hard doing roofing and construction labor. Some employers took advantage of him, often not paying the agreed upon wage or not paying at all. But Pedro still felt hopeful. Little by little he was making progress. Then one day, after wiring \$500 of his hard earned wages to his family, four men approached him and told him to hand over his wallet. Pedro speaks little English, and when he hesitated, one of the men, wielding a bat, swung for Pedro's head with all his might. As Pedro crumpled to the ground, the thieves pounced on him and continued to punch and kick him, knocking out his teeth. They robbed Pedro of all the money he had – \$100 – and left him for dead on the side of the road. The next thing he remembers is waking up in the hospital. After being treated for several days, he was discharged. He had no money, no family or friends who could help him, and nowhere to go. He was put on the streets with rubber tubing dangling from his head to drain blood from his swollen brain. The hospital staff gave Pedro \$1.50 for transportation and a suggestion: "try Su Casa." Su Casa Hispanic Ministry was founded in 1997 as a grassroots movement initiated by the only church providing Catholic Spanish services at that time: Saint Charles Borromeo Church in Cincinnati. The parish saw the need to help the waves of new immigrants arriving in the area from Mexico and Latin America to find the resources and information they needed. It came under the umbrella of Catholic Charities of South Western Ohio in 2005. Daily the staff encounters victims of violence, hungry families, pregnant women who need a doctor, parents looking for a way to get prescription for their children, and desperate workers with immigration issues. Here Pedro was fed, given shelter and had follow-up medical treatment arranged. Through them Pedro was able to get dentures to replace the teeth that were knocked out.

Pedro's story as an immigrant being a victim of human insensitivity and cruelty is not untypical. Immigrants often suffer poverty here in the US because they are victims, as Cardinal George of Chicago says, of a "broken immigration system which harms both

our nation and immigrants." There is a small fixed quota for the number of immigrants given work visas from each country. As an example, the average wait for a family-based visa for a Filipino is 22 years. One woman whose mother petitioned for her over 13 years ago is still waiting for her permit. Since she is in the category of "unmarried children," and is now over 30 years old, she is living out of wedlock so that all her years of waiting are not canceled. To get an interview to obtain a US tourist visa costs about \$100 and then the applicants are often refused if they are not professionals, do not own property, and do not have substantial savings. That is why the US Conference of Catholic Bishops consistently promotes that the immigration system be fixed so that people, who are hard-working and honest, can have a way to immigrate legally. Our country was built by our immigrant ancestors. Each individual immigrant, documented or not, deserves just and humane treatment. Remember Pedro when you think of immigrants. They are children of God, just like all of us.



### Pancake Breakfast

The Hospitality and Welcoming Committee hosted the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Sr. Agnes Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, November 21, 2010 in the Parish Activity Center (PAC). The event was held after the 8:30am and 10:30am Masses. The Committee would like to thank all of the parishioners who attended. Special thanks to the Knights of Columbus and Boy Scouts for their assistance.

\*Photo by Tom Rafferty

## So many wonderful women, so few awards . . .

The Women's Guild officers met recently to review all of the nominations for the 2011 Women of the Year. This was a banner year with a large number of women being nominated. While it is wonderful to have so many nominated, it increases the difficulty in the decision-making process! Each nomination was reviewed and discussed with the utmost awe and respect, for truly there are some amazing women at Ascension! Finally a decision was made in selecting the three honorees. As per tradition, these women will be announced and honored by the Women's Guild at this year's Mother-Daughter Banquet to be held on May 4 in the PAC. All women of the parish are invited. Hope to see you there. And remember, if the person you nominated was not selected this year, nominate her again next year!



### Annual Mother Daughter Dinner

**Wednesday May, 4 2011.** Doors open at 5:45pm, dinner will be served at 6:15pm.

All Women of the parish are invited to attend. No Daughter? Bring a friend!

The main dish and table service will be supplied by the Women's Guild. Please bring a covered dish to serve at least 12 people. Donations of \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for ages 3-10 will be used to help defray costs.

No reservations necessary. Please contact **Carla Swartz 626-6026** or **Toni Gibson 258-0409** if you have any questions.



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**Tickets will be sold after Masses**  
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For more information check  
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## Catholic High School Scholarships Awarded

Ascension Parish announces the 2011 winners of the Fr. Witzman, Ascension PTO and Knights of Columbus Lady of the Light Council Scholarships.

The Witzman Scholarship is available annually to any student from Ascension Parish planning to attend a Gr. 9-12 Catholic High School next school year. Three scholarships were awarded for \$600 apiece. The winners are **Anna Schlegel** (Carroll High School, Freshman, planning to continue at Carroll next year); **Anthony Pellegrino** (Ascension, 8th Grader, planning to attend Alter High School); and **Kristen Wehner** (Ascension, 8th Grader, planning to attend Carroll High School.) The Fr. Witzman Scholarship was founded in 1986 with the estate of founding Pastor, Fr. Arnold Witzman. In addition to the winners of the high school scholarships over 40 children of Ascension families have received elementary school and religious education tuition assistance for the 2010-11 school year through the Fr. Witzman and Education Ascension Funds.

The Ascension PTO scholarship is awarded annually to three 8th graders of PTO member families plan-

ning to enroll in Gr. 9 at an area Catholic High School. The winners of the PTO Scholarships are **Nicholas Schlegel, Megan Weitz, and Jenna Dirksen** who all plan to attend Carroll High School. These three students will receive \$400 towards Catholic high school tuition. The Ascension Parent Teacher Organization contributes well over \$15,000 annually to projects that build up the Ascension School Community. Selection of the scholarship winners was based upon the students' academic effort, extra-curricular involvement, financial need, and essays on the topic of people in their lives who have been an inspiration.

This year, the Ascension Knights of Columbus Lady of the Light Council initiated two scholarships of \$250 apiece to an 8<sup>th</sup> grade boy and girl to attend one of the three Dayton area Catholic High Schools - Chaminade Julienne, Alter or Carroll High School. The scholarships were awarded based upon essay entries demonstrating how well they understand and will exemplify the core values the Knights of Columbus convey - Charity, Unity, Fraternity and Patriotism. This year's winners of the K of C essay scholarship are: **Stephanie Ryan** and **Patrick Shiner** who both plan to attend Carroll High School.



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