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FOR THE FULLER LIFE OF OUR ASCENSION FAMILY



'Bingo' Ralph Hinders and Matt Miller with new Festival sign that Matt donated.



Pizza Party on May 2 page 8

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**ASCENSION
SUPER
SUMMER
FESTIVAL
JUNE 26, 27, 28
FAMILY + FRIENDS +
FESTIVAL = FUN**
Thanks to Luke Sheidler,
an Ascension School

student who is this year's theme contest winner and honorary festival chairman.

The 2009 Festival Executive Committee includes Fr. Chris Worland, Tom and Sharleen Rafferty, Ralph Hinders, Donna Sheetz, Jeanette and Alexandria Meyer, Brett and Melanie Fisher, Matt and Jennifer Teleha, Kevin Cochran, Marguerite Wallace, Tim Stevens and Chris Staub.

This year's Grand Prize is \$10,000 cash or \$1,000 a month for 12 months (\$12,000) with \$500 cash for the seller of the winning ticket to be drawn Sunday evening, plus Friday and Saturday evening winning ticket of \$1,000 will be drawn each night with \$100 to the seller. Tickets are available in the narthex, parish office or at Thursday evening bingo. Tickets are \$5 each or a book of 6 for \$25.

There will be a special Children's Raffle for a bike donated by Pepsi. All they need to do is bring a canned good or non-perishable for our food pantry to receive a chance.

We are also planning another "special raffle" in our new recyclable "Green Booth". Look for more information in the church bulletin.

On Friday, we will have "Walk-In" Texas Hold 'Em. Bingo on Saturday and Sunday. (Note: No Bingo on Thursday, June 25.)

Yes, we have a beer garden, soft drinks, lemonade, cotton candy, desserts, and plenty of good books to read, many fun rides, plus games of chance and games for adults and kids. You name it, and we've probably got it!

When you drive by church, notice the new festival sign we have this year, which was donated by Vinyl Graphics Division of Carl's Body Shop, owned by Matt Miller and a member of our parish.

Your support is vital to help make this year's festival a success and family fun event. Volunteer work forms will be in the back of church on Sunday, June 14 or you can contact any of the festival committee mentioned above.

Please keep us in your prayers and pray for good weather!
Thank you and God bless.

ASCENSION BIDS FAREWELL TO PARISH SECRETARY



When Diane Oliver began her tenure as Father Witzman's secretary in 1979, there was no computer, no internet, no voice mail, no fax machine. Instead Diane worked with carbon paper, mimeograph machines (remember that smell??), typewriters that were just beginning to make corrections,

and she had to write phone messages on those pink "While You Were Out" memo pads. Not only was Diane unaware of where office technology would take her, she certainly did not anticipate the number of years she would be working for Church of the Ascension. Diane's last day as parish secretary will be June 30, 2009, after 30 years of service. I asked Diane to answer some questions for readers of *The VOICE*.

Question: How did you come to get your job?

"I started at Ascension on January 2, 1979. Mary Alice Zapf, a friend of my parents (Tom and Claire Poe), was Fr. Witzman's secretary. She was leaving and thought I might be interested in the job. Well, 30 years later, here I am!"

Question: What was your job like when you first started?

"To be truthful with you when I first started, my job was boring. I answered phones and doors, did the bulletin and cut checks (by hand in those days and only those that Fr. Witzman gave me). When Fr. Witzman had extra help on Sunday and his cook was ill, I would cook dinner for them. Now that's what I call a secretary. (This was before Women's Lib!) I remember I almost quit when Fr. Witzman would get short with me; Fr. Stretch is the one who would always talk me into staying."

Question: How many priests have you worked with over the years? Can you name them?

"I have worked with four pastors: Fr. Witzman, Fr. Rudy, Fr. Dave and Fr. Chris. The associates I worked with were Fr. Paul Wagner, Fr. Chris Rohmiller, Fr. Ken Gerth, Fr. Jeff Fulmer, Fr. Jim Hoffbauer, Fr. Jim Wedig, Fr. Ron Nuzzi, Fr. Steve Angi, Fr. Del Staigers, Fr. Mark Meyer, Fr. Ed Burns and Fr. Ed Pratt. (I hope I didn't forget anyone.)"

Question: Tell us a little about your family.

"My husband, Lee and I have 4 children and 9 grandchildren (4 girls and 5 boys). My daughter, Toni is married to Dan Shaffer and lives in Russia, Ohio. Toni works at a bank and Danny is a dairy farmer. My daughter, Jennifer, is married to Jack Heinlein and lives in Batavia, Ohio. Jennifer is in hospital administration in Batavia and Jack has his own construction company. My son, Tim, is single and lives in Atlanta, Georgia. Tim is in retailing. My son, Jeff, lives in Columbus, Ohio and is a senior biostatistician at Abbot Labs."

Question: What will you miss the most upon retirement?

"ARE YOU KIDDIN?! I will miss the staff and the wonderful parishioners I have come to know and love - especially my good buddy, Bingo Ralph."

Question: Are there any special memories that stand out?

"That would have to be the day that Fr. Rudy walked into my life. What a change. He taught me so very much and made me grow. I'll always love him for that. He had such a devotion to the Blessed Mother and I think that is the reason I get to Mass on Sundays a half hour early so that I can say the rosary."

Question: Of course we all want to know what are you going to do in your retirement?

"I can finally do housework on any day of the week not just on Saturdays. And hopefully I can visit my favorite shrine, 'The Casinos' in Las Vegas."

Question: Do you have a message for the parishioners?

"I keep telling myself I'm not going to cry, I'm going to celebrate, but who am I kidding? I was reading the answers to these questions to my husband, Lee, and I broke down. I don't know how I will handle the day I leave. God has blessed me so very much with a wonderful and supportive husband and super children and grandchildren and my extended family at Ascension. It's hard to believe that 30 years have passed by so quickly. Thank you to Fr. Chris, the staff and the beautiful people of Ascension. Your presence has been a gift to me. Keep me in your prayers."

- Diane Oliver

And so after 1560 bulletins published, thousands upon thousands of checks written, and likely one million phone calls answered, Diane will leave behind a clean desk (there really is a desk under there) and big shoes to fill. We will miss you, Diane!

- Cathy Magness

Irish Retirement Prayer

*May you always have work
for your hands to do.
May your pockets hold
always a coin or two.
May the sun shine bright
on your windowpane.
May the rainbow be certain
to follow each rain.
May the hand of a friend
always be near you.
And may God fill your heart
with gladness to cheer you.
- Author unknown*

CENSUS 2009

Thanks to all who have returned your census forms. This knowledge will be used in our future planning to satisfy the changing needs of our parishioners. It gives us a better understanding of the make-up of our membership. A second mailing will go out in June. Returning your forms ensures accurate updates and reduces expense of follow-up mailings.

REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

Did you know that refugees relocating to the U.S. are to become self-sufficient within 5 months? This includes housing, clothing, enrolling in English classes, locating employment, learning health care systems and other services, shopping, transportation, etc. Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley (CSSMV), a designated resettlement agency, has assisted over 345 refugees since 2006 from Russia, Sudan, Rwanda, Vietnam, Burma, Burundi, Congo, and Iraq. This year's total is expected to reach 200.

Lynn Adams from CSSMV recently presented to our One Bread, One Body collaborative on the resettlement process and refugee needs. Through the Ascension Discipleship Commission a group of parishioners have formed to extend the welcoming spirit of our parish family to local refugees. Projects in development include education of parishioners, collection of household items and school supplies, identifying volunteers for apartment cleaning and transportation, and prayer. We are excited about the Spirit-driven energy which has arisen to create a place where people on the move are treated with respect, welcome and dignity. Watch for more details to come.

WE WELCOME ...

- Joseph & Andrea Carr, Robertann Dr.
- Denise Hall, Beaver Ridge Dr.
- Nicole & Edward Harrington, E. Lakengren Dr.
- Jared Bruggeman & Carrie Thobe, Bascule Bridge Dr.
- Mary Ann Kiger & Erik Rogers, Ghent Ave.
- Michael & Julie Malesko, Royston Dr.
- Patrick & Jennifer McClure, Oakley Ave.
- Marc & Christina Molnar, Pershing Blvd.
- Lazaro Pages & Helena Duque-Pages, Stone Mill Ct.
- Charles Schmalstig, Wilmington Ave.
- Bret & Emily Simpson, Primrose Pl.
- David & Erin Spencer, Lamour Lane
- Robert & Sydney Trejo, Mangrove Way
- Kenneth Zimmer, Danube Ct.

PARISH STAFF

Rev. Chris Worland *Pastor*
 Rev. Pat Tonry, SM *Weekend Associate*
 Deacon Vic Hildebrand *Pastoral Associate*
 Deacon Dan Kraus
 Jim Murray *Director of Ministry & Catechesis*
 Joe Ollier *Coordinator of Youth Ministry*
 Sr. Agnes Kramer, CDP *Pastoral Associate*
 Tom Platfoot *Business Manager*
 Diane Oliver *Parish Secretary*
 Wendi Mulligan *Evening Secretary*
 Dave Timpone *Music Director*
 Diane Larochelle *Organist / Choir Director*

SCHOOL

Brent Devitt *Principal*
 Connie Wahle *Administrative Assistant*
 Sr. Maureen Heavey, RSM *Administrative Assistant*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE

Sue Graham *Coordinator of Religious Ed*
 Katherine Wagner *RE Programs Assistant*
 Cyndy Pellegrino .. *Early Childhood Coordinator*
 Maryellen Fargey *Sacramental Prep Coordinator*

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THANK YOU, PAULA



Paula Saintignon will be retiring as the director of Ascension's contemporary choir. She has been volunteering in this position for 19 years, and has loved every minute of it. "It has been very rewarding directing the contemporary choir. The members are like family." Paula and her husband, Doug, have been members of the Ascension parish for 27 years. They have three children, Josh, Ana and David.

Paula's love for music began at a young age. She took piano lessons in elementary and high school and was a member of the choir in high school and college. After teaching herself how to play the guitar, she began taking classical guitar lessons from Jim McCutcheon. "I come from a musical family," Paula says. "My mother has a beautiful voice and plays piano. She encouraged all six of her children to take music lessons."

In August 1990, Paula began her position as director of the contemporary choir, taking over for Kathy Lindahl. This is when the choir changed from being called the "Folk Choir" to the "Contemporary Choir." The choir would rotate performing at the 9:00 a.m. and noon Masses. Now you can hear the choir every other week at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. In the contemporary choir, singers are accompanied by several musicians playing instruments including the guitar, piano, flute, cello, trumpet and percussion.

Although Paula is stepping down as the director, she will still be sharing her talents with the Ascension parish by continuing to sing and play guitar for the choir. Paula would like to thank everyone involved with the choir for the "gifts they bring." "I am very grateful for the members of the choir who have helped out tremendously while I have been director. I am also grateful to the congregation and the support that they give the choir by singing with us at liturgies."

- Lauren Boyd

WOMEN OF THE YEAR 2009

Our first Women of the Year recipient, **Ruth Henry**, joined Ascension in 1996. Before becoming a parishioner, she planned trips and helped with preparing food for the Leisure Club meetings. She has counted money for the Ascension festival. Currently she helps provide food and serves luncheons for St. Mary's residents, donates her time at Bingo and is a greeter at the 10:30 Mass. She is an active volunteer at Kettering Hospital every Monday.

Ruth is the mother of four grown children and the grandmother and great grandmother to many.

The person who nominated her states, "I have always admired her for her caring, loving, giving qualities. She is a strong person. I am lucky to have her for a friend. She is a mentor for me in how to grow old gracefully."

At the young age of 88, Ruth Henry is a very active, involved person and an example of how to live a good Christian life.

Diane Borchers, our second Woman of the Year recipient, as described by one of those who nominated her, exemplifies what it means to be a praying, loving, teaching, welcoming, giving sign of God's presence at Ascension. She gives so willingly and generously of her time, her possessions and herself. She exhibits the love of Christ to everyone she meets, not only at Ascension, but in every aspect of her life. Her life reflects her Christian faith. She is truly inspirational.

She is involved in Sunday liturgy as a lector, is active in Christ Renews His Parish, has completed the Lay Pastoral Ministry Program, and has been part of the RCIA team. For the past two years she has planned and been in charge of the Ascension women's retreat, Led by the Light held in October.

In addition to sharing her time with us here at Ascension, she is truly a gift to her family. She is a strong and loving caregiver to her 90 year old mother who still lives on the family farm in Ft. Loramie. She travels to the farm most Sundays to care for her mother and give other family members a day off.

Diane has a nurturing quality that transcends any obstacle, she is always willing to share and witness her faith. Her love for God is contagious.

Our third recipient, **Jettie Stark** is a reflection of God's love and truly lives out the call to care for others. She is always gracious and unassuming, ready to help when called upon. She is a person with a kind word and friendly smile. She has given

unselfishly of her time for many years serving as a hospitality person for many events in our parish. She is quick to say yes to serving and does not put herself in the limelight.

Jettie is a Eucharistic minister and has volunteered at coffee and donuts, at bingo, in the school lunchroom, and helped with the funeral ministry. She has been a member of the RCIA team for more than 12 years doing many of the behind scene tasks. Currently Jettie is part of the Led By The Light Retreat Team, has participated in Christ Renews His Parish and has been involved in the nursing home ministry. She has made meals and visited parishioners who have had surgery or who are ill.

ASCENSION SCHOOL GRADE 8 COMMENCEMENT

Eighth Graders celebrated their commencement Tuesday night, June 2. We thank all the teachers through the years who have prepared these students to this point. We thank especially **Mrs. Gaeke & Mrs. Melvin** and parents for your role in guiding the students through their 8th grade year. We congratulate the following 8th grade students as they head on to high school:

Aaron Abbott	Katherine Ochs
Olivia Anderson	Jessica Petrie
Karoline Baldasare	Victoria Petrie
Sara Balog	David Saintignon
William Barbaro	Abbey Saurine
Katherine Beach	Michael Schamel
Maria Bete	Rachel Sheidler
Nicholas Bova	Caitlyn Shiner
Nicole Collins	Garrett Shipley
Lucas Cron	Tyler Snider
Catherine Devitt	Alexandra Sniezek
Andrew Eberly	Salvatore Sparaco
Allison Hachey	Ashlyn Steineman
Aaron Haney	Olivia Teleha
Nathaniel Hemmert	Julia Ulrich
Zachary Keller	Katherine Via
Richard Koesel	Elizabeth Wagner
Selena Lambert	Cory Wallace
Alexandra Manfreda	Christopher Wehner
Brian McLaughlin	Thomas West
Kristen Menke	Bethany Whitford
Kevin Menke	Marisa Whitford
A.J. Michalo	Katherine Wilhelm
Joseph Minardi	Zachary Zwiesler
Wesley Nash	

FIRST COMMUNION 2009

Taylor Achs	P.J. Kosir
Mitchell Applegate	Luke Kremer
Kayla Begley	Emily Liput
Annie Bete	Yasmin Little
Tommy Bridgman	Madison Littman
John Luke Brun	Rachel Manning
Jack Brunswick	Samuel Matheson
Morgan Callahan	Colin Maxwell
Jonah Carter	Emmaline Meyer
Joseph Carusone	Genevieve Paulick
Justin Chmiel	Kalik Pavliga
Jenna Cicatello	Jessica Perez
Elizabeth Clary	Quinton Petrick
Joseph Connell	Marina Ragland
Tyson Cooper	James Rhone
Cami Copeland	Dominic Satalia
Samantha Cummings	Marco Satalia
Brystal Daniel	Joshua Sawyer
NiNi Denker	Justin Schmidt
Kaylee Dicke	Travis Schmidt
Conor Doyle	Emily Schneider
Mason Eckley	Brennan Shanesy
Katie Elam	Andrew Sliper
Christine Fortener	Madeline Sobecki
Anthony Foster	Sarah Sommers
Emmalyn Friel	Mallory Stewart
Lauren Galloway	Austin Thayer
John Gantner	Andrew Trickett
Sarah Graham	David Trimbach
Caroline Greene	Cullin Walsh
Tyler Hanby	Brandon Weber
Molly Hart	Kyle Wehner
Jordan Hill	Aaron Weiser
Timothy Hosford	Jacob Westgerdes
Samuel Hunter	Nicholas Whittaker
Madison Hurwitz	Nicholas Wilkins
Madison Jansen	Joey Wittman
Gavin Kinney	Jennifer Wonderly
Robert Klawonn	Joel Wydman
Jack Knapke	



VISITING NUESTRA SENORA DE LA LUZ

One does not need to travel all the way to Peru to get a sense of the spirit of the parish of Nuestra Senora de la Luz. Visit through the website www.Panaluz.com to spend a few minutes with the people of our twinning parish. Go to the section of "fotografias" and click on "Ver Fotos" for any one of the four albums. There are two sets of pictures showing the process and progress of the construction, one set taken during the 27th anniversary celebration of the parish and another set featuring pictures of the parishioners during various times in their parish life. For those who want to try out their Spanish language skills, there are other pages on the website concerning the history and workings of the parish.

Visiting NSL in person, though, is an unforgettable and beautiful experience. Norma Colussi has made several trips to Lima and she will continue to visit the people there whenever it is possible. Her latest trip was from May 22 through June 9. In addition to visiting NSL and meeting with the people there, she went to Father Joe's new parish in the mountains and also spent time with Johnson's family.

Javier Hopun made the journey to NSL last year with Bill Bell and he is returning June 9 with his daughter, Alyssa. They will spend a week with the people of NSL working on possible ways to help the twinning experience grow in scope for Ascension and NSL.

Padre Maximo and the twinning committee of NSL recently signed the new covenant with Ascension. He sent it to Ascension with a letter outlining the theme of the parish mission for lent next year, a theme that incorporates the importance of twinning across borders. They will emphasize the need for reconciliation wherever it is needed to overcome obstacles to freedom, love, peace and justice. The inspiration and guidance for this comes from the address of His Holiness, Pope Benedict XVI at the "Inaugural Session of the 5th General Conference of the Bishops of Latin America and the Caribbean", focusing on the section concerning "Disciples and Missionaries". The Holy Father's speech made on May 13, 2007 can be found on the Vatican website, www.vatican.va.

Anyone travelling to Peru can visit Nuestra Senora de la Luz. Donna McGarvey's daughter and family took the necessary information and directions with them on their recent trip to Lima. All are welcome to make contact with NSL. Anyone interested in being involved in the twinning relationship in any small way can call Steve Mueller at 299-8035 or Lois Keil at 299-0257 (or call the parish office and leave a message for the twinning committee).

RE REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2009-10 school year can be accomplished by calling the Religious Education Office (254-0622). Fees remain the same: one child, \$85; two children, \$170; each additional child, \$40. Fees are due at the time of registration. Families experiencing financial difficulty may request a full or partial waiver of fees. Children who will be entering the first grade in the fall should be registered now in order to receive First Communion in the second grade. Parents of school-age children who have never been baptized or received First Communion are encouraged to contact the RE Office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Many of the RE students celebrated sacraments of initiation during April and May. Thirty-three children received the Eucharist for the first time at weekend Masses; and twenty-seven students were confirmed by Archbishop Pilarczyk. Sixth grade students and their parents met to begin the two years of preparation to receive Confirmation in 2011. Four RCIA students were baptized, confirmed, and received First Communion at the Easter Vigil.

Religious education classes observed the end of the school year with closing liturgies, presentation of certificates, and catechist recognition. Early Childhood students ended their year with a short program in the PAC, followed by a family picnic. The final session for Children's RCIA took place on May 17.

Congratulations to the Peacemakers of the Month for April/May: Jenna Cicatello (Gr. 2) and Maddie Sobecki (Gr. 3).

Perfect Attendance awards were earned by the following students: Early Childhood – Emma Meyer (2nd yr.), Caitlyn Wehner; Grade 1 – Zoe Mason, Emma Sheppard, Dustin Walling; Grade 2 – Genevieve Paulick (2nd yr.), Marina Ragland (2nd yr.), Brennan Shanesy; Grade 3 – David Abrams (3rd yr.), Jonathan Doepker, Benjamin Knab, Sebastian Walling, Benjamin MacLeod (2nd yr.), Sydney Mason, Allison Steineman; Grade 4 – Maeve Curliss, Ashton Dicke, Riley Myszka (4th yr.); Grade 5 – Ashlyn Ivan (3rd yr.), Molly MacLeod, Nicholas MacLeod (2nd yr.), Eric Knab, Halle Mason; Grade 6 – Ernesto Perez, Joel Shiverdecker (5th yr.); Grade 7 – Tiffany Hill; Grade 8 – Jessica Collins, Jazmin Perez (2nd yr.), Kevin Ivan (3rd yr.), Betsy Jones, Maggie Jones, Elizabeth Spencer. *Congratulations to these students and their parents!*

HIGH SCHOOL HomeLIFE GROUPS: *Building the Church One Teenager at a Time*

The skateboarders at Indian Riffle Park got an unexpected

surprise from the skies on Sunday, May 17, as a rocket parachuted gently into their midst. A few minutes later they were chasing another, and when the young man who retrieved it returned it to us, we were ready to launch one last time. You never quite know



what to expect when it comes to youth ministry. But the rocket's red glare wasn't the only thing in the friendly skies at the park. The air was also filled with Frisbees, volleyballs, and cornhole bags, the sounds of laughter and encouragement, and the tantalizing aroma of grilled hot dogs and hamburgers as our high school HomeLIFE groups gathered to celebrate another program year.

The 8th graders who came that night to check things out found themselves part of a group of young people who hail from dozens of area neighborhoods and seven different high schools. Though their schools might be bitter rivals on the athletic field, these young people are united by something far deeper – their relationship with Jesus Christ. Many of those present credit their HomeLIFE groups with helping to foster that relationship. HomeLIFE groups, small Christian communities for teens, are an integral part of Ascension's commitment to help young people grow as disciples of Christ, and those who participate often find their lives changed. Meagan, a sophomore at Beavercreek, commented that lots of things are difficult about being a teenager, but at HomeLIFE she feels "comfortable and understood." Carroll senior Allison says that because of her HomeLIFE group, "I understand now the feelings of others more and I try to be more open with people about my faith." Said one sophomore, "I never really followed through with my faith, until I started LIFE group. Now I am not only going through the motions but now I'm actually performing what I learn." Adam, a graduating senior, commented that his group has "shared four great years ... It has been a lot of fun

and I am sad it's ending...I would recommend these groups to anyone."

Almost 15 years ago, Pope John Paul II issued a challenge to the Church, saying,

"This is what is needed: a Church for young people, which will know how to speak to their heart and enkindle, comfort, and inspire enthusiasm in it with the joy of the Gospel and the strength of the Eucharist; a Church which will know how to invite and to welcome the person who seeks a purpose for which to commit his whole existence; a Church which is not afraid to require much, after having given much; which does not fear asking from young people the effort of a noble and authentic adventure, such as that of the following of the Gospel" (John Paul II, 1995 *World Day of Prayer for Vocations*).

In many ways, HomeLIFE groups answer that challenge. By providing a safe place where young people can be comfortable in their own skins, where they don't have to worry about what people think of them, where they are loved and accepted for who they are, a place where they are challenged to live the gospel, HomeLIFE groups meet young people where they are and then take them further than they ever dreamed.

How do we do that? First and foremost, credit must go to our amazing corps of volunteers, adults who have answered the call to put their love for young people into action. Also, we have parents who encourage (and sometimes require) their young people to give HomeLIFE a chance and often make great sacrifices to make youth ministry a priority. And of course, we wouldn't exist without young people who aren't afraid to be challenged to grow in their relationships with their families, their friends, and their God. If you're a high schooler or adult who'd like to be part of this exciting ministry, grab a brochure from the doors of church or contact Joe Ollier at jollier@ascensionkettering.org.



NEW SPRING SOCIAL EVENT DRAWS A CROWD

About 150 people gathered in the Witzman Center on Saturday, May 2 for an evening of pizza, games and social time.

The event, sponsored by Ascension's Parish Council, was designed to bring parishioners together outside of the traditional Mass setting, according to Karen Westgerdes, who was part of the team that coordinated the event.

"Too many times we sit in the same pew every Sunday and we know the people who sit around us, but we don't get to know people who sit on the other side of church," Westgerdes said. "An event like this really helps build community by bringing people together who wouldn't normally meet."

The pizza and game social was also designed to revive the tradition of a community event in the spring.

Years ago, Ascension hosted a talent show night. That turned into a volunteer recognition dinner and eventually the Spring Fling, which ended its run about three years ago. All of those events were geared toward adults while this latest pizza and game social was designed to bring together parishioners of all generations.

Westgerdes hopes the social continues as an annual event.



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