

Ascension School Family Newsletter

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"For God gives those who please Him wisdom, knowledge, and joy."

Ecclesiastes 2:26

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Lunch Account Balances

May 8 will be the last day students may charge breakfast & lunch and on May 29 all lunch payment balances are due (no exceptions). If there is no money in their accounts they will not get a regular lunch. Official report cards are not distributed at the end of the school year unless all payment obligations such as these and tuition are completed.

Gr. K-4 Primary Fun Day

We thank our lead volunteer **Christi Collins** and her assistant this year **Michelle Fitterer** and all the parents who helped make the Fun Day a lot of Fun! This year was special with new t-shirts for all the students and quite nice weather.

Educators Earning Catechetical Certification Advancement

Our teachers of religion take extra coursework to prepare themselves to teach and share the Catholic faith with students. The following teachers were recognized after mass on Friday for achieving various levels of Catechetical certification this spring: Basic – Mrs. Roudebush; General - Mrs. Gaeke & Mrs. Campos; Advanced – Mrs. Shipman. Congratulation Teachers!

Save the Date First Communicants!

Eucharistic Procession and Devotion
Saturday, August 15th 6:00
Ascension Church

You will wear your special clothes and have a special place in the procession.

Please join us for a candlelight procession, Benediction and fellowship as parishioners of St Helen, Ascension and Immaculate Conception witness to our faith and worship our Lord.

More details will follow in July.

Media Center Dates

- May 12-14 - Last week to check out books
- May 19-21 - Students may still have class "visits", but no more books may be checked out.
- Fri. May 22 - **ALL** books need to be returned.

Mentoring Families

The PTO is recruiting "veteran" families to assist families new to Ascension school in the 2009/10 school year. Mentor program information and survey is enclosed. If you are currently a mentor family and would like to continue, please fill out a new questionnaire so that we can update our files.

Grandparents Program

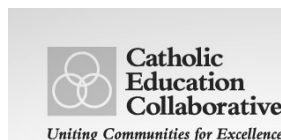
Grandparents Day I went well and we look forward to two more performances. On Tues. May 12 parents have the chance to see the students perform the Grandparents Day Program. All students are expected to attend the PTO performance. Students are to arrive at 6:45 pm in uniform that evening and go to their homerooms. The program begins at 7:00. Individual student participation on Tuesday night is rewarded with an out of uniform day on Wednesday.



Next Friday's A-J event begins at 12:00 when Grandparents will be treated to dessert in the PAC with the grandchildren. Ice cream and cookie desserts including sugar free options will be served. Students will escort grandparents through school on a tour of classrooms from 12:15-12:45 and then on to the PAC for the program. Grandparents will be seated to enjoy the program at 1:00. Some further reminders for all guests and participants:

- Grandparents should arrive between 11:45 - 12:00 and should go directly to the PAC. Students will meet their grandparents there.
- Please remember NO students are dismissed early and if Grandparents are planning to take the students home they could have a 40 - 45 minute wait for the students.

Summer School & Camp Opportunities



The Catholic Education Collaborative is sponsoring a Summer School Program this year. Families who have

requested information about summer programs or families of students who have recommendations from teachers that students could benefit from summer school will be getting application materials for the CEC Summer School today and next week Friday.

Carroll HS has already sent home a number of summer camp options. Next week we will have a flyer or web link with the CEC web site for other opportunities for summer school and summer camps within the Dayton Collaborative. Miami Univ. offers some one day weekend opportunities at St. Peter School and the School of Art & Design in Kettering - Flyer enclosed.

Confirmation Meeting Gr. 6 & 7 Parents

An informational meeting regarding Confirmation for Gr. 6 & 7 parents is planned for either Mon, May 11 at 7pm or Tues, May 12 at 8pm after the PTO Program. The orientation will cover the basic requirements, activities and planning involved with Confirmation.

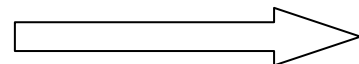
Pizza Party Contest in Support of Festival Used Book Sale

The Ascension Festival Committee is holding a pizza party for the classroom that collects the most used book donations for the festival book booth. The party will be held at a date to be determined. The contest begins on May 11, 2008 and ends on Fri, May 29, 2008. We look forward to receiving all your donations and thank you for your help. GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

Our condolences....

We extend our sincerest sympathy to Joe Schmidt and his family. Joe is our custodian at Ascension and his father passed away this week. Our teaching staff made a generous contribution to the American Diabetes Assoc. in memory of Joe's Dad.

Over Please...



Food Pantry - MAY 16 & 17



The next Food Pantry collection will be held next weekend, May 16 & 17. Your help is sorely needed as pantry stocks remain low. Especially needed this month are bar soap, jelly, muffin mixes, canned tuna, tuna and hamburger "helpers," Jell-O & pudding mixes, dish soap, and laundry soap.

Although our collections are routinely held on the third Sunday of the month, there are always marked boxes for the Food Pantry in the Brides' Room, located off the Narthex, for your donations any time. Thank you for helping your neighbors in need

Family Movie Night – on the lawn!

Quality family time and faith formation - besides enjoying popcorn and a movie at a price families can afford (free!), family units have time for discussion on the faith messages in the film and how these relate to family life and our call to live as disciples of Christ.

- **Fri, May 15, on the lawn behind School** (rain site cafeteria)
- "The Rookie" (G) Walt Disney
- Bring hotdogs for grilling & dish to share.
- 7 pm gather, 7:30pm movie followed by faith sharing.

Servers' Picnic By Knights Of Columbus

The Knights of Columbus extend an invitation to their annual altar server appreciation picnic to all altar servers in the Kettering area. It will take place on **Fri, June 26, from 1- 6p.m.** at the Christopher Club Pool on South Dixie Dr. Invite a fellow server to go with you. Parents and immediate family are welcome too. There will be swimming, games and food. Come and enjoy the fun! A count of those who will attend is needed to plan for enough food. So if you plan to attend please contact Deacon Vic at **253-5171 ext. 110** as soon as possible, but no later than noon on Mon, June 22.

Dayton Right to Life Fundraiser - May 9th & 10th

DRTL needs your help! With the economic downturn, donations are suffering - they are operating with a skeleton crew, with minimal hours of operation, trying their best to keep afloat and use funds wisely to help those in need. After this year's March for Life, their facilities were flooded due to frozen pipes bursting. Please be generous with your purchases/donations this year. 100% of the proceeds go to DRTL. Purchase roses for mom and grandma to thank them for giving you life. Vases will be provided at the Blessed Mother's altar if you would like to buy one for our Heavenly Mother, or to place one there as remembrance of your earthly mother who is no longer here, or does not reside in the area. Special price this year: 5 roses for \$11 or \$2.50 each.

Calendar

May	9	SA	First Communion option, 5pm
	10	SU	First Communion options, 9am, 12pm
	11	M	Gr. 6/7 Parents Confirmation Mtg., WC 118, 7pm
	12	TU	PTO Spring Program, PAC, 6:30-8pm Gr. 6/7 Parents Confirmation Mtg., WC 118, 8pm Child Prot. Class, St. Luke, Kramer Hall, 7-8pm
	13	W	Gr. 6 - Schuster Concert, 9:30am IAT Mtg., Rm106, 3-4pm
	14	TH	Mass, 9am Faculty Mtg, Rm202, 1:30-3:15pm St. Remy closing Mass & Celebration Early Dismissal, 1pm
	15	F	Grandparents Day #2, A-K, PAC, 1pm
	17	SU	1 st Eucharist Photograph/Reception, Church, 1pm
	16-17	S-SU	Ascension Food Drive, All Masses

Enclosures

CEC Summer School Flyer
for those who request or are recommended.)
Miami U summer School flyer
Girl Scout flyer (Gr. 1-8)
Mentoring Materials (K-7 Families)

Return Date

See details
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Quotation

"It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge."

Albert Einstein

