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ASCENSION SUPER SUMMER FESTIVAL

This year's festival is being headed by a committee consisting of Tom and Sharleen Rafferty, Mike McGrew, Ralph Hinders, Tim and Donna Sheetz, Jeanette Meyer, Bret Fisher, Matt Teleha, Steve Carusone, Kevin

Cochran, Tim Stevens, and Dan Accrocco, as senior advisor.

The theme for this year's festival is **Ascension 2008 Summer Festival – The Ride of a Lifetime**. The winner of the contest was Abby Schmidt, Ascension school student.

The committee is striving to make this year's festival a family friendly event. The hours will be from 6:00 PM to 11:00 PM on Friday, June 20; 1:00 PM to 11:00 PM on Saturday, June 21 and 1:00 PM to 10:00 PM on Sunday, June 22.

There will be a special raffle for the children. Bring a canned or non-perishable item for the needy in our area and receive a chance on a bike.

The main raffle prize is \$10,000 cash or \$1,000 a month for one year. There will also be a drawing for \$1,000 on Friday evening and Saturday evening.

There will be walk-in Texas Hold-Em on Friday evening, Bingo on Saturday and Sunday, and the usual games of chance.

As in the past we will be looking for all those delicious home-baked goodies you have donated in the past.

The committee is looking for Ascension members and friends to help make this year's festival a success. If you would like to be a part of the festival, please contact one of the committee members or leave your name and number at the church office.

INTO THE FUTURE

One year ago we began a new pastoral plan for Ascension parish. The goal was to develop a plan that would help Ascension grow with the new demographic and economic realities facing our parish. Because of this, a number of changes are on the horizon. The commission structure of the parish has changed. There are now 5 commissions: Education, Welcoming and Hospitality, Worship, Discipleship, and Stewardship. These commissions have developed a series of action items to address in the next 5 years. There have also been staff changes. One of

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2008 WOMEN OF THE YEAR

Every year since 1976, Ascension Women's Guild has been honoring three women as Ascension's Women of the Year. This year's Women of the Year were announced at the annual Mother/ Daughter Dinner on May 7.

Our first Women of the Year recipient, **Marilyn Steinbruegge**, has dedicated herself to Women's Guild for many years. She served as treasurer of Women's Guild and has been active with Christian Women's World Day of Prayer, the Holiday Bazaar, our December Dine-Out and Mother/ Daughter Dinner. She was instrumental in the Women's Guild ministry of providing meat trays to our parishioners who have lost a loved one. Marilyn and Al, her husband of 57 years, have been parishioners since 1955.

Cecilia Accrocco was our second honoree. Cecilia, her husband Dan and son Joey have been parishioners since 1996. She is active in many church ministries and school activities. She is a 7:00 a.m. Mass server, laundered and repaired servers' albs, and has been an RCIA sponsor. For approximately the past 12 years she has chaired the Festival Brat Booth. These are just a few of the ways she has given her time and talent to our parish.

Our third and final recipient, **Tina Schlegel**, has also given generously of her time and talent to Ascension. Tina is currently Ascension School PTO president and has served on the Education Commission, in addition to being a lunchroom mom and library volunteer. She is active in Elizabeth Ministry and Parents in Prayer. Tina and her husband Dave have five children, Anna, Nicholas, Marie, Samuel and Teresa. They have been members of Ascension since 1997.

Congratulations to our newest Ascension Women of the Year!



THEOLOGY ON TAP DAYTON SOUTH SERIES BEGINS IN JULY

Theology on Tap (ToT) is a lecture and discussion series for people in their 20's and

30's, single or married. It is sponsored by the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Offices of Evangelization & Catechesis and Youth & Young Adult Ministry, and Catholic parishes in Dayton, including Ascension ToT will meet at the Fox and Hound Restaurant in

Centerville for food and drink and lively discussion about things that matter to young adults and the Catholic faith. Join us on Thursdays in July:

July 10 - *How to Find Your Prince or Princess without Kissing a Lot of Frogs: Keeping Your Head and Heart Working Together*, Presenters: Dan & Vickie Wade

July 17 - *Voting Your Conscience: How You Can Promote the Common Good this Election Year*, Presenter: Fr. Kenneth Overberg, SJ

July 24 - *Viewing Pornography: Who Does It Hurt, Really?* Presenter: Deacon Steve Durkee, LPCC, CADC, SAP

July 31 - *Why I Became a Catholic: Converts and "Reverts" Tell Their Stories*, Presenters: A Panel of New and Returning Catholics

There is no charge for attending. Food and drink is on your own, however. All young adults are welcome. For more information, contact Jim Murray 253-5171 or jmurray@ascensionkettering.org.



SCHOOL NEWS

Eighth Graders celebrated their graduation Tuesday night, June 3.

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 preparing the students. We congratulate the following 8th grade graduating students:

Emily Baldwin
Caine Barber
Alexa Bergin
Michael Byrd
Gabrielle Carter
Mint Cherdchoosilpa
Austin Cox
Zachary Cross
Derek Farrell
Erica Goulart
Michael Gross
Sarah Hachey
Evan Hay
Corbin Kinney
Alex Kreider
Collin Kremer
Caleb Lawson
Josh Loeffelholz
Courtney Magoto

Jennifer McGarry
Jonah Nassmacher
Joseph Nelson
Kyle O'Brien
Marcus Raiff
Bianca Riviello
Brianna Roudebush
Daniel Sawyer
Maura Schaaf
Nicole Schwartz
Kyle Shelton
Stephanie Shubert
Matt Speyrer
Dabrielle Stevens
Alex Ulrich
Christine Vandagriff
Xuan Quyen Vu
Peter Wallace
Brandon Wehkamp

ONE BREAD - ONE BODY COLLABORATIVE

The cooperation between Immaculate Conception, St. Helen's and Ascension continues to grow, and now we have a name: *One Bread, One Body*.

Once again members of the three parishes gathered for Mass at St. Helen's on Memorial Day. Immaculate Conception will host the July 4th celebration and Ascension will host the Labor Day celebration. These holidays are a good opportunities to gather together. However there are a lot of other examples of cooperation between our three parishes.

a. Theology on Tap. Our partnership will sponsor "Theology on Tap" for four weeks beginning July 19 from 7-9 p.m. at the Dayton Mall Fox & Hound. This is an evangelization effort designed to reach out to young adults.

b. Eucharistic Celebration. Planning continues for the Eucharistic celebration scheduled for October 11 at St. Helen. The event will begin at 6:45 p.m. with prayer and a neighborhood procession.

c. Schools. The three schools will conduct a combined in-Service training session for teachers on August 12. The subject will be Religious Education.

d. RCIA. As a result of the success of this year's RCIA retreat, the three parishes' RCIA programs will hold a combined Lenten retreat again next year.

e. Combined Reconciliation Services. The three parishes will conduct one combined reconciliation service in Advent and two in Lent. Dates and sites are to be determined.

f. Eucharistic Minister Training. Planning is underway to begin conducting tri-parish Eucharistic Minister training.

g. Seniors Outing. Seniors from all three parishes have a combined trip planned to Bogstown, IN during July.

h. St. Helen/Immaculate Conception Lenten Mission. St. Helen and Immaculate will conduct a joint Lenten Mission the week of March 23-29. Ascension parishioners are welcome to attend.

i. Liturgy of the Word. With help from Ascension, both St. Helen and Immaculate have now instituted Children's Liturgy of the Word program.

j. Why Catholic: St. Helen and Ascension is preparing for another unit of Why Catholic which provides a way for small communities to learn about the rich Traditions of the Catholic faith.

As we continue to work together, may we be a more unified force for Christ in our world.

GOD AND COUNTRY

On June 25, 2007, I officially became an Eagle Scout. It was a long journey with a satisfying end. In the process of organizing my Eagle Court of Honor a great debate arose.

At my Court of Honor, I planned to honor my grandfather with a flag that was flown over the U.S. Capital. A certificate accompanied the flag stating it had officially flown over the capital on a certain day. The certificate also had a personal message, "This flag was flown in honor of Marcel Larochelle, my grandfather, for his dedication and love of God, Country, and family." The architect of the capital, who oversees these flags and certificates, censored out the word "God." My family and I worked with Congressman Turner to fight this censorship. In the end, the ruling was overturned. Congressman Turner introduced legislature to allow mention of God on flag certificates. The bill passed the Senate and is in the House of Representatives.

You could say all of this rose up as a result of my grandfather. He is a man of great faith, an outstanding role model. One memory I will always have of him is how a conversation on any subject could be converted to a conversation on faith. I am sure to get into a theological or philosophical discussion whenever I visit him in New Hampshire. I didn't understand this when I was younger, but it is something I greatly admire today.

Once our family decided to speak out on the issue along side Congressman Turner, my life became one of chaos. After a local news shooting and being warned by Turner's office that this had the possibility of going national, nothing happened. It was the calm before the storm. Within four days I was invaded with media requests.

I had mixed emotions. I was nervous about being distracted from school and sport commitments. At the same time I was excited, full of conviction to stand up and speak out. I also realized I was playing a small role in the scheme of things. I knew I needed to keep things in perspective - that this was about God.

One night after talking as a family about what we could say yes to, as far as media went, we prayed. Right there in the basement we said a prayer that the Holy Spirit would guide and use us as instruments. It was a time to remember that God was using us for His plan and not for my plan or my parents'.

This plan was visible in hindsight. Months before my family and I became involved, Turner's office already discovered the censorship and was slowly battling it. His office even sent in flag requests with religious references to find out what would go

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FIRST COMMUNICANTS 2008

Elizabeth Carusone
 Caroline Delaney
 Trace Jordan
 Noah Koenig
 Sydney Mason
 Marissa Pellegrino
 Cara Snider
 Abigail Steineman
 Allison Steineman
 Sebastian Walling
 Caleb Whitney
 Justin Shiverdecker
 Jackson Taulbee
 Zachary Moore
 Jacob Hosford
 Danny Hosford
 Cassidy Bereda
 Karissa Crespo
 Nathaniel Fitterer
 Jaret Fraley
 Madison Giner
 Benjamin MacLeod
 Elysia Smith
 Makayla Snyder
 Abigail Stitt
 Taylor Ulrich
 Zachary Westgerdes
 Jacob Brown
 Cameron Joly
 Calvin Unroe
 Heather Schwarzman
 Maria Schlegel
 Marina Stevens
 Andrew Barbaro
 Connor Blatt
 Andrea Canestaro
 Bobby Rowlands
 Ryan Dahlinghaus
 Justin Dirksen



Benjamin Knab
 Josh Miller
 Jayden Moebius
 Nathan Nigl
 Cara Stedman
 Alexis Stewart
 John Balog
 David Abrams
 Jacob Berry
 Jonathan Doepker
 Nikki Gazzo
 Nicholas Gilmore
 Joshua Griffith
 Julieanne Ryan
 Brandon Bowling
 Erika Callahan
 Mattaus Tracy
 Alex Barbadora
 Kaylie Collins
 Clara Dew
 Kevin Draper
 Ben Kochensparger
 Gabrielle LaMontagne
 Bobby Magoto
 Jeremy Mezera
 Christian Nadeau
 Tiffany Perez
 Kayla Petrick
 Cameron Weitz

CONFIRMANDS 2008

Chelsea Arnold	Jeffrey Kremer
Daniel Bach	Michael LaCivita
Emily Baldwin	Caleb Lawson
Caine Barber	Josh Loeffelholz
Alexa Bergin	Courtney Magoto
Zachary Berry	Jennifer McGarry
Stephanie Bierley	Alexandria Meyer
Maria Breitenstein	Hope Mezera
Michael Byrd	Taylor Myszka
Gabrielle Carter	Jonah Nassmacher
Kerry Carter	Joseph Nelson
Brandon Chmiel	Kyle O'Brien
Austin Cox	Jason Oxley
Zachary Cross	Joshua Oxley
Kurtis Davis	Jose Perez
Jacob Deis	Leon Pietrantonio
Kenneth Elsbernd	Marcus Raiff
Derek Farrell	Bianca Riviello
Edward Fleitz	Juan Rodriguez
Abigail Flohre	Brianna Roudebush
Erica Goulart	Daniel Sawyer
Matthew Green	Maura Schaaf
Michael Gross	Nicole Schwartz
Sarah Hachey	Kyle Shelton
Nick Haughey	Stephanie Shubert
Evan Hay	Matt Spreyer
Stacey Honious	Dabrielle Stevens
Matthew Howland	Emily Stewart
Elyse Imhoff	Alex Ulrich
Ian Imhoff	Christine Vandagriff
Corbin Kinney	Anne VonderBrink
Samantha Klawon	Ashley Voskuhl
Colleen Kochensparger	Xuan Quyen Vu
Alex Kreider	Peter Wallace
Collin Kremer	Brandon Wehkamp

NEW ASCENSION PARISH E-NEWS LIST SERVE



A new parish e-mail list serve has been set up to help keep Ascension parishioners informed of the latest news and events in our faith community. The Ascension Parish E-News is just one simple step in increasing the level of communication to parishioners. The new parish strategic plans calls for evaluation and implementation of various methods of communication to parish members. Ascension Parish E-News emails will go out a couple of times a month to help keep you aware of all the wonderful and important happenings in our parish. To subscribe, just send an email to: list-parish-subscribe@ascensionkettering.org or visit our parish web site for the link on our home page: www.ascensionkettering.org

GOD AND COUNTRY

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through. It is amazing how the Holy Spirit put my flag request and Turner's battle together. It is amazing how both pieces came together in God's time.

I recently went to San Diego to an annual national Boy Scouts of America convention. At the Duty to God Breakfast, I was presented the National Certificate of Merit. I am grateful for the honor of receiving the award and that I could do my part in all of this. But I also have a strong sense of humility, that there are bigger issues in this world than my own trivial everyday matters. I am humbled I could contribute just a little to a cause greater than my own. God seems to work things out in His time exactly as He has planned.

~ Andrew Laroche, Eagle Scout
Ascension Boy Scout Troop 167

“WOW!” DESCRIBES ORDINATION

Fr. Ed Pratt celebrated his first Ascension Mass on May 25. After the opening hymn, his first word was “Wow!” He was ordained May 17. Fr. Chris shares he “was pleasantly surprised at how many people from Ascension came. Not only did we send two busses down, but there were at least that many who drove themselves. It was great support for Fr. Ed.”

“Wow!” describes what many experienced. Cathy Magness shares, “When the new priests were lying prostrate and the choir sang the Litany of the Saints, I could literally feel the presence of the Holy Spirit and communion of Saints blessing these young men. Awesome!” Sue Graham was struck by Archbishop Pilarczyk's homily, “you are now the man in the middle, the link between God and his people.” Sue reflects, “An awesome responsibility – one Fr. Ed is most capable of!” Vera Stewart was touched, “to see Fr. Chris dress Fr. Ed in the chasuble, the welcome of one friend to another into the holy priesthood they share.” “Vesting Fr. Ed was a tremendous honor,” says Fr. Chris, “He is a good man and will make an excellent priest.” Mike Wager reflects on the vows, “Their commitment is to God alone, to serve Him the best in whatever capacity the bishop sees fit. It is awe-inspiring to witness this commitment to serve God's people.”

“Fr. Ed literally glowed with the Holy Spirit,” recalls Barbara Furyk-Olson. Her son Andrew says, “The number of priests was quite overwhelming.” For Jerry and Georgie Kassam the laying on of hands

by the priests was impressive, “It seemed to say go forth and do as we have done.” Sharleen Rafferty, organizer of the bus trip shares, “I was impressed by the huge smile on Fr. Ed's face as he was ordained.”

Wendi Mulligan met Stan Gockel, pastor of a Presbyterian Church in Bellbrook and formerly Chaplain of Mount Pleasant Retirement Village in Monroe, OH. Ed interned with him as part of his seminary training. Wendi reflects, “Stan knew the meaning of the ordination; it probably brought back memories of his own. As we gathered around Fr. Ed at the reception, we felt like Ed was part of our Ascension family; to share in the joy of his journey. Pastor Stan was on the sidelines, tears streaming down his face. Sometimes there are no words to say what is in your heart, only tears of joy.”

Fr. Ed shares his gratitude, “Thank you to my Ascension family. Your presence at the Cathedral was incredible. Father Chris and I determined that close to one third of the congregation at the Cathedral were from Ascension. As I leave for my first assignment, (St. Albert's in Kettering, July 1) I want to say thanks for your gifts, support, love and prayers over my last three years on the journey to priesthood. Ascension is a special place, filled with the loving presence of God. I was blessed to be sent here and minister to such a wonderful community and work with such a great staff. I was blessed to have Father Chris as my mentor—and friend. God Bless You All!”

INTO THE FUTURE

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Jim Murray's new responsibilities is to monitor the implementing of the new plan, while Joe Ollier has been hired as the new Youth Minister.

Beginning in August, the commissions and the pastoral council will begin meeting on the same night. Our hope is that this will improve communication between commissions and the pastoral council. In addition, as all the commissions and pastoral council pray together, we will continue to be reminded of the wide range of ministries that our parish continues to provide. These ministries are made possible because of the many good people of Ascension who give of themselves everyday. Consequently, a big part of the plan also includes calling forth new leadership potential in the parish for these ministries.

In the near future, we will be providing the details of the plan on the parish web site at www.ascensionkettering.org – stay tuned for details.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

Many of the RE students celebrated sacraments of initiation during April and May. Twenty-eight children received the Eucharist for the first time at weekend Masses; and thirty-one students were confirmed by Fr. Dave Brinkmoeller. Sixth grade students and their parents met to begin the two years of preparation to receive Confirmation in 2010. One RCIA student was 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 April 27.

Congratulations to the **Peacemakers of the Month** for April: Andrew Snider (Gr. 4) and Mallory Stewart (Gr. 1); for May: Ni Ni Denker (Gr. 1) and Jack Brunswick (Gr. 1).

Perfect Attendance awards were earned by the following students: *Early Childhood* - Emma Meyer; *Grade 1* - Samantha Cummings, Genevieve Paulick, Quintin Petrick, Marina Ragland, Samuel Matheson; *Grade 2* - David Abrams (2nd yr.), Jacob Berry (2nd yr.), Justin Shiverdecker (2nd yr.), Ben MacLeod; *Grade 3* - Alexis Davis, McKenzie Cummings (2nd yr.), Riley Myszka (3rd yr.); *Grade 4* - Ashlyn Ivan (2nd yr.), Nicholas MacLeod, Trent Paulick; *Grade 5* - Michael Curliss (2nd yr.), Joel Shiverdecker (4th yr.), Gabrielle Abrams (2nd yr.), Staci Deis (2nd yr.), Alex Heindl; *Grade 6* - Cecelia Deis (3rd yr.), Payton Myszka (4th yr.), Paul Stewart (3rd yr.); *Grade 7* - Kevin Ivan (2nd yr.), Jazmin Perez, Olivia Doepker; *Grade 8* - Emily Stewart (3rd yr.), Jose Perez, Zachary Berry. *Congratulations to these students and their parents!*

RE REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2008-09 school year can be accomplished by calling the Religious Education Office (254-0622). Fees are: 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.

CHRIST'S LIGHT IN COMMUNITY

Ten parishioners from Our Lady of the Light (NSL) met Bill Bell and Javier Hopun as they arrived at the airport in Lima, Peru for a 10 day visit in May. The people of NSL welcomed them and treated them as family. Bill and Javier stayed at the Parish house where they experienced the continuous activity that goes on every day from about 9:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Some of the highlights of parish life at NSL included a community wedding, where eight couples were married, a street Mass followed by the blessing of many houses in the community and the youth group's Mother's Day program.

The new church is already a landmark even though the building is not complete. The NSL community worships in their church that has no roof or windows. They are trying to raise funds to complete the roof, but this may take 4 years since their resources are very limited. With two priests, five paid employees, and a very limited budget, NSL serves a community of about 5,600 families spread over 14 chapels. In addition to being the spiritual center of the community, NSL hosts medical and legal services, a small drugstore, library with six computers with internet, a children's library and a mini-soccer court. Javier stated that *"the dedication and commitment of the volunteers that organize and run the pastoral ministries and the chapels is just amazing."*

Bill and Javier met with the Parish Council and the leaders of the ministries and the chapel communities. All agreed that it is important to continue this twinning relationship. A proposed covenant to renew the relationship was approved and will be signed by the committees of both parishes. Javier expressed the feelings of Ascension's Twinning Committee when he said, *"I look forward to working with our brothers and sisters at NSL and hope we can continue learning from them and somehow reciprocate the many gifts they provide to us."*



Bill Bell stands tall beside his friends in the community of Nuestra Senora de la Luz Parish.

YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

TEENS CHALLENGE PEERS TO GET A L.I.F.E.

High school teens active in the youth ministry small Christian community, L.I.F.E. Groups (Living In Faith Experiences) were recently asked to share the top reasons they are involved and why other parish youth should join a L.I.F.E. Group. These faith sharing groups meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays September through May on parish grounds or in volunteer homes. Here are some of their responses:

Evan Pridmore remembers he chose to get involved because, *"High school students*



visited my 8th grade class to tell us about the L.I.F.E Groups." Evan, now completing his junior year, shares he enjoys the variety of topics his group has covered, most recently on the Theology of the Body for teens. Caroline Heider says, *"It's so much fun hanging out with people your age and finding countless connections between God, Faith, and... well, L.I.F.E!"* Meagan Niezgodski reflects that, *"my L.I.F.E Group is like my L.I.F.E team. Every meeting we come together with friends to work through L.I.F.E, the good and bad together."* Jenny Barbadora shares *"L.I.F.E Group is a way to remember the importance of taking God on your journey,"* Jenny goes on to say, *"you will become a stronger Catholic teenager."* Besides faith sharing on issue important to teens, Brandon Barber also enjoys the service his group has done, *"We served hot chocolate to people waiting to get into St. Vincent Hotel one extremely cold evening."* Andrew Becker shares *"our group enjoyed the backyard cookouts at our leaders' home. We had fun building community."* Alyssa Hopun shares enthusiastically, *"After the first meeting, you won't be able to wait to*

come back! L.I.F.E Meetings will become highlights of your weekend, guaranteed."

To learn more about the L.I.F.E Groups and other youth ministry opportunities at Ascension. Call the Youth Office 253-1997 or visit the parish web site: www.ascensionkettering.org

CATCH THE BUILDING SPIRIT THIS SUMMER!

"Our love should not be just words and talk, it must be true love which shows itself in action." John 3:18

"Catch the Building Spirit" is one of the long-term activities sponsored by Ascension's Discipleship Commission. CTBS is a collaboration among Miami Valley Catholics and Presbyterians, and Habitat for Humanity, to build houses for low income families. Families moving into the homes must complete 350 hours of work on their own, and other houses. In addition, they need full-time employment, good credit history and attendance at financial management workshops held by Habitat.

Construction on this year's house on Clement Avenue in Dayton began in April and will be completed around Labor Day.

Ascension has provided volunteers (minimum age 14) and financial support for the project for the past six years, but new energy is always needed. Enthusiasm is more important than skill! Volunteers are needed for everything from general construction tasks to painting, planting, or providing lunch for workers. General work hours are Tuesday-Saturday, 8:00-4:00 and Wednesday evenings, 5:30 – dark. Volunteers can sign up on-line at www.daytonhabitat.volunteerhub.com.

Raising the money for each year's house is as big a job as actually building it. Approximate cost for this year's house is \$60,000. Presbyterians and Catholics have each pledged to raise \$30,000. A display board in the Witzman Center provides an opportunity for you to support this effort. By selecting an envelope listing the cost of a particular building material, parishioners can experience a real sense of involvement with the project. A tax-deductible donation is a great gift that helps increase the quality and quantity of housing for low income families.

Contributions may be dropped in the offering basket or sent to: Catch the Building Spirit, Catholic Social Action Office, 266 Bainbridge Street, Dayton, OH 45402. For additional information, contact Ascension's liaison, Sue Koverman, at 439-1202 or skoverman@zoomtown.com

FATHER PAT TONRY TO GIVE PRESENTATION



I think you will agree that we are blessed to have Father Pat Tonry with us to help with Masses here at Ascension! On **Monday, July 21**, at 7:00 p.m. in the Witzman Center, Father Pat will present, *“Stirring the embers into flames: Bringing the Holy Spirit into everyday life.”* With his

talent for story-telling, his sense of humor and his love for the Lord, the evening promises to be spiritually enlightening!

The event is open to all adult parishioners; and child care will be available by advance reservation. The presentation will be followed by light refreshments. If you have questions or need more

information, contact Deacon Vic at the Parish Office.

Father Pat is a Marianist priest whose current full-time assignment is the spiritual director for the Marianist Mission Office located in Dayton. The Marianist Mission is an international organization which distributes religious material and messages in support of mission work throughout the world. Prior to his assignment with the Mission, Father Pat was pastor for 10 years at St. Joseph’s Church in Eldersburg, Maryland, a parish similar in size and demographics to Ascension. Prior to his ministry in Maryland, Father Pat served as rector at the University of Dayton, worked as provincial and assistant for religious life of the former New York Province, and taught high school for 17 years in Cleveland, in Mineola, New York and in Rio Piedras, Puerto Rico.

Parishioners frequently state that they would like to see more opportunities for year-round adult faith formation at Ascension. There have been numerous recommendations to provide opportunities to attend one night presentations on spiritual topics. To that end, we have asked Father Pat Tonry to kick off what we hope will become an annual (maybe semi-annual) event.

Mark your calendar – Monday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.
- *The Spiritual Development Committee*



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