
SS. Edward & Lucy News

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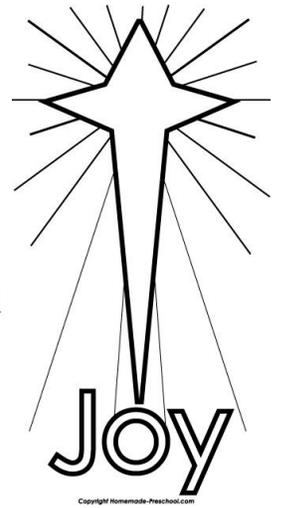
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MAKE CHRISTMAS REAL THIS YEAR!

by Fr. Burkley

We always approach Christmas looking forward to beholding the glory of the Lord, but that is only part of the feast. We are not really vibrant Christians until this mystery is brought forward in us. The birth of the Lord must take place in each of us if it is to be fruitful. Our human nature can be like the stable inhabited by the ox of passion and the ass of prejudice; animals that take up a lot of room and which

we too often feed. And it is there, between them, pushing them out, that Christ must be born, and in their very manger he must be laid - and they will be the first to fall on their knees before him. That's the joy of Christmas!



THE ROSARY MAKING GROUP

by Maria Cocco

The Rosary Making group from SS. Edward and Lucy celebrated our two year anniversary of making rosaries November of this year. These past two years have been a wonderful experience for our members. We were blessed to be able to share our Rosaries with many individuals and groups both locally and across the globe. We sent over 1000 rosaries to Father Frenandes in Cameroon, Africa. But that was just the start. We have provided rosaries to the Mission Office of the Sisters of Notre Dame, a Life Teen group in Toledo, and our own Generations Of Faith group. We have provided our Cluster Parish, St Helen with rosaries for the sick and jail ministries, the prayer shawl ministry as well as their PSR group. As each rosary moves from our hands to others we pray the devotion to our Blessed Mother increases. We believe this powerful prayer can change our world.

We have had some pretty special guests join us over the past few years. We were blessed when Father Fernandes joined us on one of his trips through Ohio. We were also blessed to have Don Anna share with us his talent of making rosaries, which he told us he has been doing since being a young man.

We have made a few road trips. We ventured to Canton to visit Rhoda Wise's House and Grotto. And last Christmas Season we took a trip to the Historic Nativity Display in Kirtland where they display over 620 Nativity crèches. Who knows where next year may take us.

But it's not all work. We enjoy our time together in fellowship and look forward to our monthly get togethers. We range in age from 10 to 75 and welcome anyone interested in joining us. Actually two of our members are home schooled and use this time as their religion class. Our group

meets the 3rd Thursday of every month at St. Edward's Rose Hall at 8:30 AM for about 2 hours. If you are interested in seeing what we are all about feel free to stop by for any or all of the meeting time. You do not need to stay the entire time but we allot this amount of time so we can produce a reasonable amount of rosaries. All are welcome irrelevant of age. If you home school and would like to participate please know you are welcome.

We also want to offer our rosaries to individuals or groups that may want or be in need of rosaries. If you, a family member, friend or a group that you know may want rosaries please reach out to Maria Cocco at 440-821-1222 and we would be happy to supply them to you.

And may we always remember to Pray "Hail Mary, full of Grace! The Lord is with thee."

LIVESTRONG: A Golden Opportunity for Cancer Survivors

by Marie Williams

If you are a cancer survivor, there is a treasure waiting for you nearby. Whether you are receiving treatment now, or dealt with cancer years ago and are now considered cancer free, LIVESTRONG is for you. And age doesn't matter.

The LIVESTRONG Foundation is nationwide, providing support for the many aspects of cancer survival. Here at home, the Geauga YMCA offers a fabulous, 12-week LIVESTRONG fitness program, **FREE OF CHARGE**, to local survivors. There are two sessions a year, spring and fall, and cost is covered by donations and fundraising events. Instructors are specially trained for this program, and they are fantastic! They treat participants with respect, enthusiasm, and compassion, and they all have a great sense of humor.

After my brush with cancer last spring, I met with a nurse practitioner to follow up. She recommended LIVESTRONG. I contacted the YMCA and was able to join the session that started in late August. I met

privately with two instructors to give them basic information about myself and my cancer experience. When the class began a couple of weeks later, they did a fitness assessment. Then the fun began!

Classes are small. There were only eight of us in my group, with 3 instructors – so it was almost like having personal trainers twice a week. They gave us a sampling of different fitness techniques: strength and balance training using machines and free weights, 2 types of yoga, line dancing, Zumba, water aerobics, stability ball activity, barre exercises, and more. I found myself doing things I never dreamed I would do. And you know what? It was FUN! At the end, we had a final assessment and all of us were amazed at the improvement in our performance.

It was interesting to hear each participant's story. Talk about inspiring! We cheered each other on and laughed a lot. I found that I have at least two left feet when it comes to line dancing. Another gal got in

the pool for the first time in 40 years and said she felt like a little kid again. As I am writing this, I only have one session left and I hate to see it end. I will miss the camaraderie and bonds that we made. Not to worry – some of us are already planning to meet at the Y in the future.

I hope this inspires other cancer survivors to give LIVESTRONG a try. You won't be sorry.

For more information or to sign up for future LIVESTRONG sessions at the Geauga YMCA, contact Nicole Wilson at nwilson@clevelandymca.org. The next session begins in February and applications are being taken now.

To learn more about the LIVESTRONG Foundation itself, check out their website: <https://www.livestrong.org/>

“LIVESTRONG was founded on the principle that unity is strength, knowledge is power, and attitude is everything.”

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP VISITS ST. EDWARD RELIC ROOM

by Lisa Kepich



Recently our high school youth group visited the relic room at St. Edward as part of their discussion about saints. They enjoyed learning about the lives of the saints whose relics are displayed there, as well as the differences between first class, second class, and third class relics.

For those parishioners who are unaware, St. Edward is blessed to house a wonderful collection of saint's relics. The relic room is located across from the cry room and the relics are available for viewing whenever the church is open. There are second and third class relics from many saints, as well as a couple first class relics of Our Lord Jesus Christ. The next time you are at St. Edward, take some time to view the collection!

LET US RUN TO MARY

by Grace Emmanuella Palumbo, age 11

Hi! My name is Grace Emmanuella Palumbo and I am happy to say that I am a member of SS. Edward and Lucy Parish! I just finished server training and it was awesome! Deacon Greg taught me how to serve and he was so nice! But let me tell you a little story about how I finally got to go to server training. So, we (the Palumbo family) used to live in Mentor but on April 1st, we moved to Middlefield. In Mentor, we went to St. John Vianney parish and I wasn't old enough to serve, and then we moved out here. I didn't think I was old

enough so my mom took my older sister, Gianna, to server training. A little after she left, I was really upset because I wanted to go. Now, we have a statue of the Blessed Mother in our front yard that is about 4 ft. tall, and I remembered that in the Memorare, it says, "Remember O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to thy protection, implored thy help, or sought thy intercession was left unaided." So, I started praying to her, really hard, that for some reason Mom would come back (like if she

forgot something) so I could go with her to watch...just to watch! And just a little later, Dad came and said, "Grace! Mom will be here in 5 minutes to pick you up for server training!" I was shocked! Now every time I am on the altar, I thank Mary because without her, I would not be up there, or at least not for a year or two! So, if you ever need help, ALWAYS pray to the Blessed Mother! Like St. Francis said, "Let us run to Mary, and as her children, cast ourselves into her arms with perfect confidence!"

WORKS OF MERCY DURING THE SUMMER OF 2019

by Marcia Mikolaj

During our Confirmation Rite-of Enrollment class in April, we students were asked to demonstrate 'Works of Mercy' during the summer of 2019. While money isn't required to show mercy, we were each provided with \$5.00 and asked to use it towards our own selection of a Work of Mercy and also to write about our choices and experiences.

Audrey Avalon: I used my \$5 to buy school supplies for the less fortunate who can't afford the buy them. I chose to do this because it is hard for the less fortunate to get their school supplies. Another reason I did this was to help students be prepared for school. Overall, I used my \$5 dollars in this way because every kid should be able to have school supplies.

Hanna Neikirk: It was used toward the Buddy Walk which is a fundraiser that support the Down Syndrome Association. I chose this because I want to help kids with Downs Syndrome. I also want to be there for them. They need just as much love and support as us.

Nick Kepich: I donated the \$5 to the Geauga Hunger Task Force. I chose this

group because many people are unable to afford their own food. By donating, the group is able to donate more food.

Madeline Shirkey: Warren Soup Kitchen -I used this money to buy candy to make goodie bags for the kids at the Soup Kitchen. I will be giving them the bags the next time we go to the Soup Kitchen for Halloween/Trick or Treating. I chose the Warren Soup Kitchen because we have been there before and I love helping there. We usually bring extra treats for the kids when we go. We have made Easter Eggs and goodie bags before. The kids love them.

*Works of Mercy are important and is something the Church is very involved in.

*Works of Mercy help us grow closer to God.

Natasha Soplata: I sent it to the Food Bank in Burton. I did this because when I went there with my Grandma to help out, I saw that there were lots of people that went there for food. And there were some things like food items that they had run out of when I last helped. This is why I

want to donate that five dollars to them even though it isn't that much.

Aaron Pestyk: I used my five dollar bill for my neighbor who recently had a dog who passed away so I gave them the five dollars. I chose this because her dog died and I felt bad so I gave her five dollars. I did it to be grateful and I did it because I wanted to. I respect the Works of Mercy-doing stuff for other people.

Thank you to our students! May God Bless all who show others kindness and Mercy in any form.



THE PALUMBO'S GOT THEIR FARM!

by *Gianna Thérèse Palumbo, age 13*

Hi! My name is Gianna Thérèse Palumbo. I am 13 years old and I live in Middlefield but I used to live in Mentor. I never thought I would live on a farm but God surprised me! When I was little and as I grew up, my dad would tell me how nice it would be to live on a farm. He made it sound amazing, which it is! On Oct. 15, 2018, Mom called my siblings and I to the kitchen. She started by telling us how much she and Dad have wanted to live on a farm and that they have been looking for 8 years to find the right house and land. She said they found a house in Jefferson and we were moving! She told us that we all needed to pack and the next day that was just what we did. We packed and packed and packed and we put our house up for sale and had some showings. Then one day Mom said we could go see the house! We were so excited! So we all went because they were having a home inspection. A few

days later, Mom and Dad told us there were some things wrong with the house. They said the biggest problem was that it didn't have enough well water. Mom and Dad decided to let that house go. They said we had to completely place ourselves in God's hands. If we sold our house and didn't find another house in time, we would have nowhere to go! Soon enough, Mom and Dad found another house and bought it because it was perfect for our family even though it needed some repairs. Finally, on April 1, 2019 (April Fool's Day!), we moved in! One week later, Dad got a cow. A few weeks after that, we got a calf and chicks. Now we have fresh meat, milk, eggs, and vegetables. We are so happy here on the farm with our dogs, cat and kittens, cows, pigs, and chickens. God has blessed us!

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

GENERATIONS OF FAITH

@ St. Lucy, Sunday, December 8

Starts with Penance Service @ 12:30 pm
Generations of Faith Noon-3:00 pm.

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Friday, December 13, 7:00 pm

Advent Penance Service @ St. Edward

Saturday, December 14 & 21

4:15-5:00 pm @ St. Edward

7:15 pm @ St. Lucy

Wednesday, December 18

7:00 pm @ St. Lucy

Monday, December 23

7:00 pm in the Chapel

CHRISTMAS EVE December 24

4:00 pm Children's Mass @ St. Lucy

6:00 pm Vigil Mass @ St. Lucy

12:00 Midnight Mass @ St. Edward

CHRISTMAS DAY December 25

8:30 am @ St. Edward

10:30 am @ St. Lucy

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