

# SS. Edward & Lucy News

SS. Edward and Lucy Parish is a Catholic community in Eastern Geauga County

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## GENERATIONS OF FAITH

by Darla Hollowell

Generations Of Faith (GOF) begins on Friday, September 13 and Sunday, September 15. This year during the openings, we will be delving in to the "Seven Pillars of The Catholic Faith" as described by Matthew

Kelly. The children will then go to their individual classes to study them further. The adults will meet with Fr. Burkley and study the "Passion and Purpose" program, also written by Matthew Kelly. This will help us

prepare for his visit August 9, 2014. So why not bring your favorite picnic food and join us for Generations of Faith beginning in September!

Month	Church	Friday 6-9 pm	Sunday Noon-3 pm	Pot Luck
September	St. Edward	13th	15th	Picnic Foods
October	St. Lucy	11th	13th	Pasta Night
November	St. Edward	8th	10th	Grandma's Favorite Recipe
December	St. Edward	13th	15th	Holiday Cookie Bar or Side Dish
January	St. Lucy	10th	12th	Soups or Sandwiches
February	St. Edward	14th	16th	Salad Bar (We will provide the lettuce)
March	St. Lucy	14th	16th	Meatless Meals
April	St. Edward	11th	13th	Appetizers

## OUR POPE OF A NEW WORLD

### Jorge Mario Bergoglio FRANCIS "Francis rebuild my church"

by Mike Hanish

Before a new Pope was even needed, Matthew Kelly chose Francis of Assisi as his first Saint to talk to us about in his book *Rediscover Catholicism* (chapter eight, pages 91-94). Mr. Kelly talks about people that lived the authentic life.

I too find Francis to be something special. His inspiration has carried on since the thirteenth century and is easily related to by many. Francis gave up the riches he was born into so that he could answer Gods call to rebuild Church buildings and the Church. He supported the poor and helped them to rebuild their Chris-

tian lives. A man that truly loved nature, and yes, he is the statue found in my garden and his creation of the Nativity scene is placed under our tree at Christmas. Francis of Assisi's life was the example of being Saintly.



Jorge Mario Bergoglio elected Pope March 13, 2013 at 4:05 pm, chose the name Francis, the first Pope to

use the name of Frances of Assisi. As the election came to a close, Cardinal Claudio Hummes, a dear friend of Jorge Bergoglio, came to him and gave him a hug saying "my dear friend don't forget the poor." This immediate thought by Bergoglio was of Francis of Assisi and so would be his choice of names. The name fits this Holy man to perfection; he too is a man who gives us the spirit of peace. Pope Jorge Mario Bergoglio is a man of poverty, the man who loves and safeguards Creation just as his inspiration Francis had years before him. Whether it's the Franciscans or the Jesuits there is a reason why these men live authentic lives following in faith. Get to know our new Pope Francis.

Good changes are coming. Our Church and I are looking forward to it.

# AN IMITATOR OR IMPOSTER, WHO AM I?

by Mike Hollowell

Maybe I am writing this to ease my mind as I look into the mirror of my soul. Jesus tells me to “imitate Him” (Eph. 5: 1-2), to “love my neighbor as myself” (Matt. 22: 34-40), “to lose my life to gain it” (Matt. 16: 24-28), and “to serve others as He served others” (John 13: 1-15). I ask myself, “Have I fallen short of this mark?”

On the surface I tell myself that, except for a few lapses, I have accomplished this. However, as I look through the clouds I begin to see my shortcomings on how I have fallen short to imitate Christ and to love **MY** fellow brothers and sisters at SS. Edward & Lucy in Christ.

As I read The Book of Acts I now see how the early Christians lived out God’s commands to imitate Him. The early church was not caught up with accumulating material items. Instead, they used their resources (time, talents, and treasures) to meet the needs of their fellow Christians. **“There was no needy person among them all, as the resources were distributed to each according to need.”** It was “not about me” but about “community, us, the Body of Christ, the bride, **MY** brothers and sisters at SS. Edward & Lucy who I worship God with, and **YOU**, who I sit next to in the pews”. (Acts 2: 42-47 & Acts 4:32-36).

I am convicted! I admit that many times I have treated **MY** brothers and sisters at SS. Edward & Lucy as mere acquaintances! I know I extend a helping hand around Thanksgiving and Christmas and put money in the collection basket, but am I really reaching out to help **MY** brothers and sisters in Christ to carry their burden and to meet their needs as Jesus does? Am I living the Corporal Works of Mercy?

Lord, forgive me for the times I have been an imposter and help me to be a genuine imitator of You.

## THE NEED TREE

I am confident that I am not the only one at SS. Edward & Lucy who has had this conversation before. The excuses are easy to come by to jus-

tify our actions and to remain where we are. However, I would like to offer an alternative course of action to becoming a genuine “imitator of Christ”.

During Advent both churches display a Christmas tree that contains the Christmas needs of people in our area. We help meet their needs by purchasing the gifts listed on the leaf of the tree. Under the direction of Gordon Mathies, our parish community of SS. Edward & Lucy will be launching a similar program called **“The Need Tree”**. This program is designed specifically to help meet the needs of **OUR** brothers and sisters at SS. Edward & Lucy throughout the entire year.

Our needs are far reaching. Our elderly brothers or sisters may simply need love and companionship, a way to get around town to shop or to get to a doctors appointment, assistance in understanding their insurance and medical coverage, paying bills, or doing minor repairs around the house.

Others in our church may need someone to baby sit their kids, food, clothing, help finding a job after being laid off, a car to replace the one that just broke down, help to send their child to a Catholic school, or simple companionship with another family in a similar situation.

The sick at our church need prayers, someone to help prepare meals and clean up a little while in the hospital or laid up at home, or just an ear to listen to them or a hand to hold theirs.

These are but a few examples of **OUR** needs that exist at **OUR** parish. On the other hand, many individuals and groups within our parish would love to become more involved to help those in need. However, a major barrier exists in that we do not have a way to match up the daily needs of our parishioners with those in our parish who can help to carry their cross.

**The purpose of “The Need Tree” is to connect those within our parish who are “in need” with those “who can help meet those needs”.**

## HOW IT WORKS

At each church, the needs of our parishioners will hang on **“The Need Tree”**. A person in need will simply call 440-693-4006 or e-mail [www.theneedtree@gmail.com](mailto:www.theneedtree@gmail.com) and advise us on what your need is. If you receive no response within a reasonable amount of time, you can call 440-693-4094 or the office at 440-548-3812. Your identity will be kept anonymous unless otherwise requested.

Once your need is registered, it will be placed on **“The Need Tree”** at each church. Your leaf on the tree will have a number on it. Should those attending Mass or a stewardship group wish to help meet your need listed on the leaf, they will simply call 440-693-4006 or email [www.theneedtree@gmail.com](mailto:www.theneedtree@gmail.com) and obtain the pertinent contact information. They will then contact you and work out the details.

We will also be keeping a list of those in our parish that have a specific skill or trade and would like to help those in need in our parish. Simply call 440-693-4006 and let us know. As needs come in we will attempt to match up your skill with those in need. Please remember this is volunteer work done freely.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to working together as one Body of Christ as we strive to become genuine “imitators of Christ!”

*Always believe in God, because there are some questions even Google can't answer.*

*No one ever injured their eyesight by looking on the right side of things.*

*Don't worry about the family that ignores you and acts like you don't matter, love the ones who are always there for you no matter what.*

## GEM FOR REFLECTION

submitted by Fr. Burkley from "Guideposts"

On the back of our church bulletin, the various staff members are listed. One Sunday I read a new entry that at first puzzled me. Listed below "pastor" was the designation "ministers". That's strange, I thought. Besides our pastor, we didn't have any "ministers". Then I read who the ministers were. Typed neatly across the page were the words "The Congregation".

It took a minute for those words to sink in. I had never thought of myself as a minister. Since that day, however, I have tried to take my ministerial responsibilities more seriously. I've made more phone calls, pitched in to help more often, and made more of an effort to keep up with what's happening in the lives of fellow parishioners.

Now when I look out at the many families sitting in the pews around me, I feel a deepening bond growing between me and them. It's a beautiful sight - seeing 300 "ministers" - in one congregation.

*Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face. - Ronald Reagan*

## JULY 28, 2013 MIDDLEFIELD SUMMER PARADE

by Mike Hanish

Rain did not stop the SS. Edward and Lucy float from participating in this year's Middlefield Parade. The farmers are well blessed this year with the rain, that's for sure. Everyone that helped build and rode on the wagon found out why they call them "FLOATS". Those of us sitting at the side of the street wished we were sitting up on that wagon, too. Our float was one ray of sunshine as it traveled down the parade route. I heard many say it was the best float in the parade. Maybe a lot of that had to do with the candy being handed out by our volunteer walkers. At the end, to show his appreciation the Lord sent us a beautiful rainbow to thank all those who helped. Nice job!



*Don't be so quick to judge. You never know when you might just find yourself walking in that person's shoes.*



## MENS DAY

by Mike Hanish

Twenty three men of SS. Edward and Lucy met in May at Mary Yoder's Restaurant. Breakfast and social time was enjoyed by all. We invite all men of our parish to attend with us. We are planning our next get-together in October. We would like to have you there. Watch for place and time to be announced.



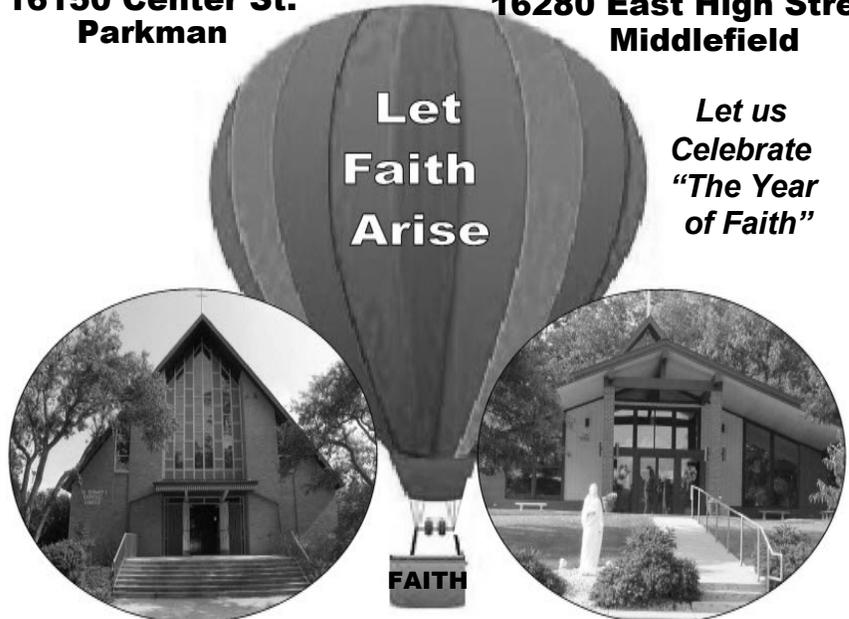
*Peace is the result of retraining your mind to process life as it is, rather than as you think it should be. - Wayne W. Dyer*

# OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, September 29  
Noon-5:00 pm

**St. Edward Church**  
16150 Center St.  
Parkman

**St. Lucy Mission**  
16280 East High Street  
Middlefield



*Let us Celebrate  
"The Year  
of Faith"*

**The Parish Community of  
SS. Edward and Lucy**

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