Pastor’s Corner

Reaching for Tomorrow:
We Give Thanks for a School Building Like New

When I was in the sixth grade in 1955 at Immaculate Conception School in the Clintonville area of Columbus, our school building, which was built in 1925, underwent expansion. I was born right before the “Baby Boom” generation came along after World War II; and by 1955, the children of the first waves of that Boom were already in school. To make room for them, the parish added several classrooms – and a beautiful new gym! Our old gym was a dinky little place and it was awfully exciting to look forward to playing in the new gym in seventh and eighth grades.

I am sure that our kids have the same sense of anticipation about our new school construction that I had back then. The second floor of this building and all the improvements and expansion of the existing structure are now complete – and everyone can see how truly magnificent it is. God has greatly blessed our St. Paul Parish with this new and additional space for learning. Both the day students of St. Paul School and the students enrolled in the Parish School of Religion, along with their teachers and families, will greatly benefit from this blessing. And these new digs will benefit other parishioners with new possibilities for meeting space and in ways that we cannot yet foresee.

An incredible effort produced this amazing achievement of “Reaching for Tomorrow.” I want to thank all our donors for your marvelous generosity. It betokens your trust in the future of Catholic education in Westerville. It is also phenomenal that you helped us to complete a project totaling $9.7 million. This includes $3.2 million cost for Phase 1 (the renovation of the existing structure, completed in the summer of 2016) and $6.5 million cost for Phase 2 (the second floor and other new construction, now being completed). And all this has happened just seven years after the dedication of the nationally recognized third edition of the Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. By the way, we welcome additional donations and pledges to help finish paying for the “school building like new.” Please contact me personally or our outstanding Parish Development Director, Dana Forsythe, to donate or pledge – or to increase your pledge. Both of us can be reached at 614-882-2109.
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You can also donate or make a pledge via WeShare. Simply go to the WeShare link that can be found on the home page of our parish website. Thank you for your consideration.

I would also like to thank all who gave of their time, talent and energy to this worthy endeavor. We owe perpetual gratitude to anyone who designed, engineered, built, supervised, oversaw, volunteered, updated technology, facilitated, raised money, donated in kind, worked behind the scenes, and/or served on the Thursday Construction Committee. We are grateful as well to all the students, faculty, administration, staff, and parents of St. Paul School and the St. Paul Parish School of Religion for their patience, cooperation, and suggestions. You were all part of a GREAT WORK.

I have in my heart to say a special word of encouragement to the present and future parents of the children who will benefit from this project. St. Paul is a Catholic Parish and a Catholic School. I ask that you do your part to form your youngsters in the Catholic faith. I am painfully aware that more than a few of you find it challenging to bring your family to Sunday (or Saturday evening) Mass. Participating in the Eucharist on the Lord’s Day is the most basic activity of the Catholic faithful. If this is not part of your routine as a family, your children will most likely not be Catholic when they grow up. It’s as simple as that. Sending them to Catholic school or to PSR is not magic. You need to be a part of the equation of raising your kids Catholic by worshipping on Sunday, praying as a family, and getting involved in serving the poor and sick and others in need.

If you send your little ones to St. Paul School because it is safe and provides an excellent education, that is not reason enough. Unless you have the sincere desire to pass on the faith to your offspring, you are missing the first and most important reason for the existence of a Catholic school. Catholic schools will eventually vanish unless more parents take seriously their responsibility to participate in the life of the parish church. The same goes for PSR parents. I am a “glass is half full” kind of guy and so I trust that you Moms and Dads will do your sacred duty to instill our precious faith in your sons and daughters and thus help make worthwhile all the sacrifice that went into the “Reaching for Tomorrow” campaign.

“Reaching for Tomorrow” is all about leaving a Legacy. Those of you who have a share in this monumental task have made it possible for Catholic education to endure and to thrive in the Westerville community. This state-of-the-art facility will prepare students to succeed in every way in their future. It will also help our school to be competitive in a cultural environment where education is prized. We can all be proud of what we have accomplished together. At the same time, it is also humbling for us to know that we have participated in God’s holy work of spreading the Gospel to our youth and to the community and the world for generations to come. Congratulations and may God bless you!

Sincerely in Christ the Teacher,

Fr. Charlie
Have you heard? We’re bringing Alpha to St. Paul’s!

So, what exactly is Alpha anyway? Alpha is a series of sessions exploring the Christian faith, typically run over eleven weeks. Each session looks at a different question regarding faith and is designed to create conversation. Alpha is run all around the globe, and everyone is welcome. No two Alphas look the same, but they generally have three key things in common: food, a presentation and good conversation!

Whether it’s a group of friends gathered around a kitchen table, or a quick catch-up over coffee and cake, food has a way of bringing people together. It’s no different at Alpha. We start with food, because it’s a great way to encourage community and get to know one another. The talks are designed to engage and inspire conversation. Generally just thirty minutes in length, the talks can be “live” or viewed as a video. They explore the big issues around faith and unpack the basics of Christianity, addressing questions such as Who is Jesus? and How can we have faith? Probably the most important part of any Alpha is the opportunity to share thoughts and ideas on the topic, and simply discuss it in a small group. There’s no obligation to say anything and there’s nothing you can’t say. It’s an opportunity to hear from others and contribute your own perspective in an honest, friendly and open environment.

The St Paul Alpha team is going to work hard this summer in preparation for our parish’s inaugural fall program. Our mission is to bring guests a Christian faith experience that is both meaningful and memorable. Alpha will begin with approximately 200 guests and about 65 volunteers on Sunday evenings, August 26 through November 4 in the Parish Activities Center. There will be eight regular sessions, a “double session” with two talks and a Saturday day retreat. After enjoying a delicious catered meal, participants will watch a video about a key aspect of the Christian faith narrated by founder Nikki Gumbel. Following the video, each small group will move to a designated room in the school to discuss that evening’s topic. Sessions will start at 6:30 p.m. and run until the completion of the discussion phase.

Because we expect many parishioners to be interested in Alpha, registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis from a link on our parish website (please refer to Upcoming Events) beginning June 9-10. Participants will be assigned to a table with seven other guests, a table host and table helper. Volunteers will welcome the guests to dinner and guide the small group through the discussion phase after the video and serve the meals buffet-style. The Alpha Team will lead the large group through prayer, music, announcements and the presentation of the video.

It is important to note that there will also be a smaller Alpha winter session, held on Thursday afternoons beginning on January 3. Registrations for the winter session will also be accepted beginning June 9-10. Additionally, we are beginning to plan a young adult Alpha program for the winter, as well as another large spring program.

While there is no registration fee to attend Alpha, donations are appreciated. We suggest $40.00, but participants should give what they feel called to give. Finally, if you have the interest, time, and talent, we still have openings for table and hospitality volunteers for both the Fall and Winter programs. If you have any questions about the program, would like to volunteer or would like more information, please refer to the parish website (www.stpaulcatholicchurch.org) or contact Jeff Adair, Pastoral Associate and Alpha Coordinator, at either jadair@stpacc.org or 614-882-2109 extension 232.
A MORNING OF PRAYER AND REFLECTION

Thursday, August 2
9:30 am -12:30 pm
in the St. Peter Room
(located upstairs in the church, next to the elevator)

Presented by:
Mary Reichley, D. Min.
(Our former Pastoral Associate from 2005-2016)

Contemplative prayer seeks him “whom my soul loves.” It is like entering the Eucharistic liturgy: we “gather up” the heart, recollect our whole being under the prompting of the Holy Spirit, abide in the dwelling place of the Lord which we are, awaken our faith in order to enter into the presence of him who awaits us. We let our masks fall and turn our hearts back to the Lord who loves us, so as to hand ourselves over to him as an offering to be purified and transformed.”

Catechism of the Catholic Church 2709, 2711

What is Contemplation?
History, Theology & The Practice of Centering Prayer

The morning will include time for silent prayer and conversation.

Registrations accepted through Monday, July 30. Please register on our parish website (www.stpaulcatholicchurch.org) or contact Annette in the Parish Office at 614-882-2109 or aramos@stpacc.org.

Walking with Purpose, a Catholic Women’s Bible Study, is coming back to St. Paul’s this September!

This past year we had over 150 women grow in their faith during our Opening Your Heart study and we hope you will join us this year!

Walking with Purpose aims to bring women to a deeper, personal relationship with Jesus by offering individual study materials and small group discussion that link the challenges of everyday life with solutions given through the teachings of Jesus and the Roman Catholic Church.

The 22-week foundation course, Opening Your Heart, is ideal for all women, regardless of past Bible study experience. Classes meet for about 90 meetings weekly and break during holidays and when school is not in session. Opening Your Heart will be offered along with Keeping In Balance (for those that participated this year) on Monday evenings as well as on Tuesday mornings.

Free childcare will be available for those attending.

“It’s been a great program and I am glad to be a part of it! I think it was a spectacular idea to start this kind of community in our large parish. It not only makes it feel smaller and more intimate, but recognizing people at Mass and being more involved made me realize that this was something I needed!” -- St. Paul participant

Registration information and cost will be available in the bulletin and on the parish website later this summer.

www.stpaulcatholicchurch.org

For questions please contact Jeff Adair,
Pastoral Associate at 882-2109 or via e-mail: jadair@stpacc.org
Deb Levy 614-404-7667
Colleen Brandt 614-946-4718
Kellion Donnelly 614-209-8827
www.walkingwithpurpose.com
With the renewed faith formation encouraged by the Second Vatican Council, the Church began the process of composing a new catechism. The Catechism of the Catholic Church was started in 1968 and brought to completion in 1992. Its purpose is to present ‘an authoritative exposition of the one and perennial apostolic faith’. This universal Catechism was well received by Catholics around the world. Master Catechist Mary Koors will lead a study of the Catechism giving parishioners an opportunity to delve more deeply into the truths of our faith. New participants are welcome!

A Study of the Catechism of the Catholic Church

The revelation of God comes to us through the two streams of Scripture and Tradition. Grounded in Scripture and Tradition, the Church professes, celebrates, lives and prays faith in her daily life. Taught by Master Catechist, Mary Koors.

Year Two: The Morality We Live & All Held Together in Prayer

* New Participants Welcome*

Part Three: The Morality We Live

Tuesdays 9:30 am – 11:00 am ~ September 18, 25, October 2, 9, 16, 23, 2018
Wednesdays 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm ~ September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2018

Part Four: All Held Together in Prayer

Tuesdays 9:30 am – 11:00 am ~ January 15, 22, 29, February 5, 2019
Wednesdays 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm ~ January 16, 23, 30, February 6, 2019

Register online at stpaulcatholicchurch.org and click on the WeShare button or return the registration form below along with your payment.

----------{(Clip and return to Annette Ramos, St. Paul Parish, 313 N. State Street, Westerville OH 43082)----------

Year 2 Registration Form

Registration and Fees due by September 1, 2018

___ I would like to attend Part Three on Tuesday morning_____ Wednesday evening_____
___ I would like to attend Part Four on Tuesday morning_____ Wednesday evening_____

Name ___________________________________________ Parish__________________________
Address________________________________________________________________________
City/State/Zip___________________________________________
Home Phone_________________________________ Cell Phone_________________________
Email (Very Important!)________________________________________________________

Cost for this year is $40 per part ($80 per year), payable to St. Paul the Apostle.

*Early Bird Discount: Sign up for both Year 2 sessions by August 1st for just $70.00*
St. Paul the Apostle Parish
NEW Sunday Preschool Program!

We are pleased to share with you exciting changes coming to the Sunday Preschool Program! Beginning in the fall of 2018, our Sunday Preschool Program will be restructured:

† There will be **NO CHARGE** for this program.
† The program will feature a mixed age catechesis.
† Curriculum will vary from year to year and will be based on the graded course of study provided by the Columbus Diocese.
† Children who are age 3 by September 30 of the current year, age 4 and age 5 (and not in kindergarten) are encouraged to participate. Students must be toilet-trained.

Studies have shown there are advantages for students to learn in a mixed-age environment. Older children in mixed age groups learn compassion, patience and problem-solving skills as they interact with younger children. Younger children find themselves encouraged by older students and learn to model and participate in more complex activities. When considering Catholic education for preschool aged children, this philosophy is a natural companion to the teachings of Christ. “For we are all one in Christ Jesus.” 1 Corinthians 12:12.

Children will have the opportunity to learn through scripture, sensory play, music, literature, art, gross motor activities, and a variety of other ways. This program will continue to work in partnership with parents of young children, as their primary faith educators, to enhance their children’s faith-building experiences.

Volunteers are vital to the success of the Sunday Preschool Program. If you are interested in serving as either a teacher or an aide, please visit the parish website to download a volunteer registration form.

**Children must be registered prior to attending so that we have adequate teachers and materials!**

PSR registration packets can be found online and are also available in the PSR office. To register for the Sunday Preschool Program (and all PSR classes), please refer to the parish website (www.stpaulcatholicchurch.org) and click on the Parish School of Religion link.

Kindergarten PSR classes for the 2018-2019 school year will be offered on Tuesday evenings from 4:45 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. Tuition for Kindergarten PSR is $150.

Please note that we encourage all children in Kindergarten through 4th grade to participate in our Children’s Liturgy of the Word program, offered during our 9:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Mass times.
THANK YOU to all those who offered their time to share their faith with our students and served as teachers, aides, music leaders, hall monitors, office workers, or provided child care for our volunteers this past year in our Parish School of Religion (PSR). Our PSR ministry relies on over 170 volunteers on a weekly basis to help more than 800 children grow in their Catholic faith and prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. We appreciate all that our volunteers have done and pray that everyone enjoys a restful summer break!

We are thankful that many of our volunteers are returning for the 2018-2019 school year and thank so very many for their continued years of service. Nonetheless, we still need additional helping hands to ensure another successful year for our youth. Will you please take time to prayerfully consider sharing your faith with the children of our parish?

Our volunteer needs for Tuesday evenings (4:45-6:30 p.m.) are as follows:

- Kindergarten: 2 co-teachers
- 1st Grade: 5 co-teachers and 3 aides
- 2nd Grade: 4 co-teachers and 2 aides
- 3rd Grade: 5 co-teachers and 3 aides
- 4th Grade: 1 co-teacher and 3 aides
- 5th Grade: 1 aide
- 6th Grade: 2 co-teachers
- 7th Grade: 2 co-teachers
- 8th Grade: 1 co-teacher and 1 aide
- Childcare for children of volunteers: 1 sitter
- Hall Monitor: 3 needed

Our volunteer needs for Wednesday evenings (6:30 - 7:45 p.m.) are as follows:

- 1st Grade: 2 co-teachers and 2 aides
- 2nd Grade: 6 co-teachers and 5 aides
- 3rd Grade: 4 co-teachers and 3 aides
- 4th Grade: 1 co-teacher and 1 aide
- 5th Grade: 2 co-teachers and 1 aide
- 6th Grade: 3 co-teachers and 2 aides
- 7th Grade: 2 co-teachers and 3 aides
- 8th Grade: 8 co-teachers and 2 aides
- Special Needs Aides: 4 volunteers
- Hall Monitors: 5 needed

We need catechists! Grow in your faith while helping our children grow in theirs! If God is calling you, please call us at 614-882-5045!

Who Me?  Author unknown

And God said, “Go, be a CATECHIST.”
And I said, “Who....Me?”
And God smiled, “Yes!....You!”
And I said:
“But I’m not ready yet.
I’ve got company coming.
And I can’t leave the kids.
And you know there’s no one to take my place.”
And God smiled, “Are you sure?”
And God said, “Go, we need CATECHISTS.”
And I said, “But I don’t want to!”
And God smiled, “I didn’t ask if you wanted to.”
And I said: “Listen, I’m not the kind of person
to get involved in teaching.
Besides, my family won’t like it.
And my neighbors – what will they think?”
And God smiled, “I know well!”
And yet a third time God said,
“Go, be a CATECHIST!”
And I said, “Do I have to?”
And God smiled, “Do you love me?”
And I said: “Look, I’m scared!
The kids are going to hate me!
And I can’t take it all by myself.”
And God smiled, “Where do you think I’ll be?”
And God said to me, “Be a CATECHIST!”
And I said, “Here I am, God! Send me!”
After 11 months, we have successfully completed the construction of the second floor addition to our school. The expansion gives us an additional 26,000 square feet. The new space will provide both our day school and Parish School of Religion (PSR) with 13 new classrooms to house our youth in grades 6-8. Each room is equipped with state of the art technology including a classroom audio system and an interactive panel display. These classrooms also feature a dedicated space for foreign language, enrichment, art, two science labs, a makerspace for use by students that will enhance our STEM infused (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) curriculum and much needed meeting spaces for students, faculty and parish ministry groups. Both middle school and elementary art classes will have new spaces conducive to creation and imagination. These are just a few of the highlights of our school renovation and expansion that will secure the future of Catholic education in our community for many years to come.

In addition, the installation of an elevator in the Miller Hall Breezeway will now connect the PSR and Youth Ministry offices with the school building. The exterior of the buildings has also been given a facelift with tuckpointing, painting, weatherproofing and the removal of dated mechanical equipment. We would like to again thank everyone who has made a pledge or donation. The pledges raised over the last several years have allowed us to complete this huge endeavor. Nonetheless, our need for fundraising for our Reaching for Tomorrow campaign continues. Additional pledges will provide the funding for the finishes and furnishings needed to complete the interior of the entire second floor in addition to the installation of the stained-glass windows that were preserved from our former church building. Also noteworthy are the plans to recognize all donors who have made gifts of $6,000 or more to the campaign on a donor recognition wall that will be placed in the main lobby of the school.

While most of the work is complete, there remains a few summer projects to ensure that our school building will be ready for students when they return to school at the end of August including converting the Multi-Purpose Room from temporary classrooms into a dedicated Band Room and creating a greatly needed Teacher’s Lounge. If you have any questions about our Reaching for Tomorrow Campaign, please contact our Parish Development Director, Dana Forsythe, at either dforsythe@stpaulk8.org or 614-882-2109.

God bless and thank you.
The education of children and young people is such an important task in forming them as free and responsible human beings. It affirms their dignity as an inalienable gift that flows from our original creation as children made in the image and likeness of God. And because education truly forms human beings, it is especially the duty and responsibility of the Church, who is called to serve mankind from the heart of God and in such a way that no other institution can.

Pope Francis

The 2017-2018 school year has quickly come to an end! We want to thank you for your faith, trust, and commitment to the mission of St. Paul School. Our school is sustained by your belief in Catholic education values. We continue to respect the sacrifices each of our families make to send their children to St. Paul School, and we will continue to put your children first in everything we do! Our school staff, parish families, and volunteers have played a huge role in making this school year a success.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) recently published an article entitled, “The Catholic School Advantage: Forming Children for College and Heaven.” The article cites many advantages for choosing a Catholic School education including the fact that Catholic schools form children for a personal and living encounter with Jesus Christ. Our mission of teaching, living, and learning in the Light of Christ exemplifies the living encounters our students and staff have with Jesus throughout the school day. The foundation of our school day is formed by a strong faith-based curriculum that strengthens our understanding of what Jesus teaches us and how we can use His teachings in our daily lives. We learn, pray, and grow together knowing that we are all part of God’s family and we each play a unique part in the creation of a Christ-centered community and world.
We look forward to welcoming our families back to the 2018-2019 school year with a renewed spirit of enthusiasm and appreciation for our St. Paul School learning environment and the people who worked so very hard to see us through the completion of our Reaching for Tomorrow project. Many doors will be opened next year including the doors to our new Middle School addition. Our students will be blessed to have the opportunity to learn in expanded spaces that support 21st Century teaching and learning. Our Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) program will further expand into our new maker spaces equipped with cutting edge technology and curriculum focused on problem solving and collaboration. Students in grades 5-8 will be conducting experiments in spacious new, cutting edge science labs that support the advancement of scientific knowledge and exploration. Our band will have a newly expanded space that will support the continued growth of our music program. We are grateful to the very many people who worked so very hard to see this project through to the end. Their unselfish commitment of time, energy, and financial support has not gone unnoticed. Their support has secured our greatest and best inheritance for our children: St. Paul School.

As we close this school year, we wish our eighth grade students all the best as they continue their journey of faith, knowledge, and life. Eighth grade graduation is a time for celebration and reflection on the impact a faith based education has in the lives of our St. Paul graduates. I would like to also take this opportunity to congratulate all students of St. Paul School! I wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable summer. Please be sure to take time as a family to talk, play, and pray together. I look forward to seeing you all in August. And to those families who are not returning to our school, you will continue to be in our prayers as you make your journey on to new places.

God Bless!
Kathleen Norris, PhD
Principal – St. Paul School

O God of all beginnings and endings,
We praise and thank you for the gift of this school year.
It has been a time filled with grace and blessings,
With challenges and opportunities, joys and sorrows.

The days have passed quickly, O Lord.
The weeks, the months, the seasons, the holidays and holy days,
The exams, vacations, breaks, and assemblies,
All have come forth from your hand.

Give us the rest and refreshment we need this summer.
Let our efforts of this past year bear fruit.
Bring all our plans to a joyful conclusion,
And bless us, according to your will,

With the fulfillment of our summer hopes and dreams.
Watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead,
And guide each day as you have done this past year.
Help us return to school with a new spirit and a new energy.

May we continue to grow
In age, wisdom, knowledge and grace
All the days of our lives.
Amen.
(Unknown Author)
St. Paul Youth Ministry offers many ways for youth to grow in their relationship with Christ and connect with other Catholic teens by building relationships, participating in service activities and social events and being a part of the greater Christian community. This summer there will be a variety of opportunities for those in Grades 6-12 to share their unique gifts with our parish and diocese while serving others, having fun and learning to live as disciples of Christ in today’s world.
So, what are couples saying about St. Paul’s Marriage Ministry Program, “Six Dates for Catholic Couples”?  

“It was really fun talking to each other without the kids interrupting.”  

“Thanks for helping us reconnect.”  

“We’re thankful to have a parish that is interested in couples so they don’t lose their way.”

These are just a few of the comments from recent attendees of our parish’s new Marriage Ministry program, *Six Dates for Catholic Couples*. Based on the popular idea of date nights for married couples, this six-evening program provides a format and atmosphere that is both social yet couple oriented. Couples register with the intent of focusing on their spouse and their relationship with one another.

Each “date night” begins with a casual meal and time to meet other couples. Babysitting is provided and the cost of the entire program is minimal to remove any financial obstacles.

After the meal, one of the couples on the planning team introduces the evening’s theme. A short video is then shown to provide more depth and clarity to the theme. Next each couple is sent off on their own to enjoy their date night. Many breakout rooms are set up to provide privacy for the couples’ intimate discussion. Conversation outlines and suggested questions are also provided. These aids are based on the evening’s theme and help guide the couples’ time together.

Each of the six date nights conclude by inviting the couples to gather again in the large group to wrap up the evening. A preview of the next date night is offered by the team couple, ending with a prayer and blessing for the couples.

St. Paul’s Marriage Ministry was initially formed by several couples in the parish who approached Father Charlie and Susan Bellotti requesting an Adult Education program geared specifically to supporting, nurturing and celebrating the sacrament of marriage. A core group was then given the task of researching available faith based programs that would realize this vision. The final draft of *Six Dates for Catholic Couples* was reviewed in the spring of 2017. With Father Charlie’s approval, a team was formed and the work of planning the first session proceeded throughout the summer. Registrations then premiered in September of 2017.

The response to the initial six week session of *Six Dates for Catholic Couples* was truly overwhelming, attracting couples who have been married as few as five years and as many as 50+ years. Several couples unfortunately had to be placed on a waiting list due to the lack of available space. This led to our offering a second session in February through April 2018. The Marriage Ministry is hoping to offer a third session in the future.

Couples who have attended *Six Dates* have requested more sessions with a similar format. The Marriage Ministry is considering how best to meet these requests.

If you would like additional information about St. Paul’s Marriage Ministry or *Six Dates for Catholic Couples*, please contact Deacon Carl Jerzyk at either 614-392-5304 or cjerzyk@stpacc.org.
Gospel Trail Wants to Help You!
August 1-3 (9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Our Middle School Youth Ministry Team is gearing up for their August 1-3 Service Mission during which time they want to help those individuals or families who need assistance with various home projects.

With adult supervision they will be available to help with yardwork, light painting, cleaning, small construction projects, decluttering, and moving. Through this service mission our youth will come to truly understand that in serving others, they are serving God.

If you or someone you know could use some help, please let our Youth Ministry Office know. We will be accepting a limited number of applications on a first come, first served basis. Please complete the form below and place it in the offertory basket at Mass or drop it off at the Parish Office. In the meantime, should you have any questions, please contact Youth Minister Brad Romantic at either 614-882-2537 or bromantic@stpacc.org.

Gospel Trail Work Request Form
(Completed registration forms are due by Sunday, July 1.)

Please print your name or the name of the person who has a project:
Address:
Phone #:

Please describe the work that needs to be completed:

What is the day and time you would like help?

We are looking forward to being His hands and feet and serving YOU!
When is Gospel Trail?
Gospel Trail is a Service Mission that will take place from 9:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on **Wednesday, August 1** through **Friday, August 3**.

Where will Gospel Trail take place?
There will be various work sites within Westerville, New Albany, and Columbus.

Is there a fee to participate in Gospel Trail?
The $75 registration fee for the three-day Service Mission is due by July 1.

What kind of service work is involved?
Expect to be involved in MANY different projects that may include yard work, cleaning, painting, meal preparation, encounters with those served at the St. Lawrence Haven, and more! Crews will be assigned to various projects throughout the day. There will be a morning shift (9:30 – 1:00) and an afternoon shift (from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.) Everyone will regroup for lunch (provided by Youth Ministry) and get together at the end of the day to share what we learned and for prayer.

What if I don’t have any experience?
It really doesn’t matter. Youth will be grouped by age and teamed with people who do have experience!

Are overnights involved?
No! We ask that all youth arrive at St. Paul’s at 8:15 each morning so we can attend the 8:30 a.m. Mass before heading out to work. Youth will need to be picked up at the Church of the Resurrection at 5:00 p.m.

How will volunteers get to their work destinations?
Adult volunteers (age 25 and older) will transport and supervise all work teams in private vehicles.

Who’s supervising those who are on Gospel Trail?
There will be a 1:6 (at minimum) adult to student ratio for this three-day Service Mission. All adult participants will complete the VIRTUS safe environment requirements.

How do I sign up?
Registration forms can be found via the **WeShare** tab on the parish website and are due by July 1. Clear your schedule for August 1-3 so you can join us! We are accepting a limited number of registrations, so please don’t wait to submit your form and payment!

I have another question that isn’t answered on this sheet!
Please call or email Youth Minister Brad Romantic at 614-882-2537 or bromantic@stpacc.org to learn more about our plans for Gospel Trail! **There will be an information meeting (for parents and youth) on Sunday, July 8 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. in the St. Peter Room (located upstairs in the Church).**
God of every time and place, you hold each moment and shape each day; open our eyes to see you at work, walk beside us wherever our journeys lead, and strengthen us as your disciples in every area of our lives. Amen.

Looking for a Special Gift?

If you need a special gift for a wedding this summer, stop in our Marian Gift Shop and you will find a wide assortment of beautiful unique gifts for the bride and groom. In addition to rosaries with wedding rings for the Our Father beads, Mr. & Mrs. key chains, marriage blessing plaques, “With This Ring” trays for the wedding bands, and family Bibles, there are outdoor wind chimes, statues and stepping stones – and much more! New items arrive weekly!

The Marian Gift Shop is open from 8:30 until 2:30 on Sundays; 9:15 to noon on Mondays and Fridays; 2:00 until 7:00 on Wednesdays; 2:00 until 6:00 on Saturdays. The gift shop is closed on Tuesdays and Thursdays. If you have a question, please call the shop at 614-882-5257.

Bringing ALL Generations Together!

Nationally known Catholic inspirational author, comedian, storyteller, teacher, and singer Doug Brummel, with of LiGhteN UP Ministries, will be coming to St. Paul’s on November 12-13. Doug teaches, inspires, entertains, and evangelizes using fundamental teachings of the Catholic Christian tradition and has the unique ability to take these teachings of the Church and frame them in the context to which audiences of all generations and backgrounds can relate.

To learn more about Doug’s wise, witty, and fun celebration of faith and family, please refer to www.DougBrummel.com.

In the meantime, please be sure to save the dates!