



the confessor

a newsletter from the parish family of St. Edward, Granville

a letter from our pastor...

October brings with it the fullness of autumn color and the final harvestings of the year. And so it is with the Church year as we begin to look toward Advent and the waning days of the Church's calendar for the year 2010.

In October we honor the Blessed Mother as Our Lady of the Rosary. October 4th is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi and the annual blessing of the animals. October 13th will see the feast day of our patron saint, Edward the Confessor, whose aid we count on. That is also the date that I'll be having knee replacement surgery on my old good, now bad, knee. If all goes as planned, I should once again be going to a rehab facility and then home for continued therapy and later, to an outpatient facility to continue rehab. Laddie will keep guard.

During my absence, Msgr. Schneider, Fr. Ronnie and Fr. Colopy will be covering for Masses here and at Denison. I'm most grateful for their assistance. I had several dates open for the surgery, but since one of them was our patronal feast, I thought that was a good day to have it done. "Hint, hint, St. Edward."

I mention this to ask for your renewed prayers that all will go as well as last year's surgery. With the recent experience of my brother Kevin's illness, I am ever more

cognizant of the power of prayer. (At the time of this writing he has made significant improvement.) As I have said to a number of you regarding the knee surgery, "The good thing is I know what's coming this time and the bad thing is I know what's coming."

Compared to the suffering of so many people we all know, this is a small matter, but it does make one appreciate all those who care for and minister to the sick, especially those who carry the Eucharist to them.

This past summer has seen the illness of both of my brothers, my good priest-friend, Fr. Ted Thomas, and a mutual friend of ours from seminary days. I guess you could say it has been "the summer of my discontent," but I know this too will pass and that the Good Shepherd will lead us and all those we love to a greener pasture – that is, on this earth for a while longer.

May Our Lady, St. Francis and good St. Edward pray for us all and our parish.

God bless,

Msgr. Paul P. Enke, Pastor



Our chapter of the Knights of Columbus continues to support the St. Vincent Haven homeless shelter and encourages all fellow parishioners to volunteer at and support the shelter. Our recent golf outing contributed over \$10,000 to the shelter. *Thanks for supporting this event!*

Future Events

- Sept. 23: 7 p.m., social meeting. All families & community members welcome. The speaker will be Lori Carlson, president of Licking County Humane Society, in honor of St. Francis, patron saint of animals.
- Sept. 25: Oktoberfest at Lazy River Campgrounds, 2340 Dry Creek Road, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Our K of C Council 10876 will be selling food and beverages: Brats, Hot Dogs, Sauerkraut, German Potato Salad, Apple Dumplings and American/German Bier. There will be games and activities for children and adults. Profits from this event benefit many charities. Accordion music will be provided by our own Tony Skufca. Open to the public and everyone is invited to join in the fun.
- Oct. 3: Donut/Welcome Sunday
- Nov. 13: Spaghetti Dinner in the Parish Hall at St. Edward's.

A Parishioner's Perspective...

Submitted by Tim Miller

After the passing of my father recently, my family and I celebrated his life at Sunday Mass and then found an idyllic spot just outside the doors of St. Edward's to sit, reflect, pray and find peace.

The "spot" is our very own Rosary Garden, which can be found just steps away from the west entrance to our beautiful church. Thanks to the hard work of the Women's of St. Edward's and their friends, the Rosary Garden was created in 2007. In addition to the beautiful flowers and trees, the Garden features a fountain and benches that offer a perfect place to get away from whatever day-to-day pressures you may have.

Of course, you can pray the Rosary by walking along the stone "beads" that make up the garden, but that is not a requirement. You can just sit and think. Each "bead" of the Rosary is a commemorative stone that can be inscribed to a loved one or special event. It's inspiring to walk along and think about the many people memorialized by our fellow parishioners, imagine the good lives they led and think about those who have been special to us.

If you haven't yet visited this special place, please do so. You will find it a place of inspiration.

Be a part of the newsletter: All parishioners are invited to submit articles from their own perspective describing something that makes St. Edward's special to them. Please send your articles to timmiller@columbus.rr.com If you need help drafting an article, please send along your notes & thoughts and we will be glad to help.

September 12th



On behalf of the Women of St. Edward, Merilee Wagner and Suz Shook presented Fr. Jude with a check to assist the women of his parish seeking a better life.

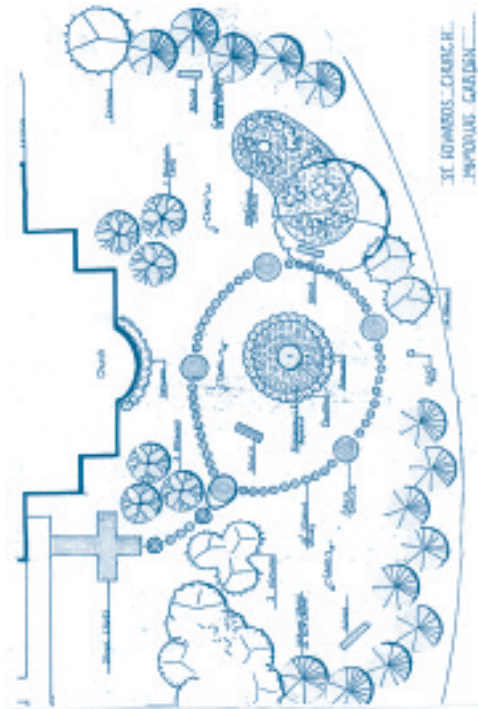
Volunteers Sought for Rosary Garden

By Mickey Smith

Dedicated in the summer of 2007, the Rosary Garden continues to develop as a significant part of The Church of St. Edward the Confessor. The grace, dignity and peace of it has warmed the hearts of not only our congregation but those of the whole community. I've smiled as I have watched people come sit quietly on a bench; wiped tears from my eyes as I've watched someone stop at a particular stone and bless themselves; quietly laughed as I've watched children run their hands in the water of the fountain or walked the rosary beads with their parents at their side. I've warmed inside as people tell me what a special place it is.

It does take work, though, to maintain the Garden. In reality the trees have not yet become firmly established and need to be nurtured regularly. This summer has been especially hard on the new False Cypress and Green Junipers planted this spring. I hope they make it! The perennial bed requires watering, weeding and pruning weekly. The plantings at the Statue of Our Blessed Mother and around the fountain require ongoing care. A small group of people has been doing the work these past three years and need to be recognized for their efforts.

Anyone who would like to become part of this group should make themselves known at any of the monthly Donut Sundays. We are part of the Stewardship roster and *would welcome your help.*



Connecting Bricks Available
There still are Connecting Bricks available if you would like to have someone remembered in the garden. Order forms are available in the kiosk of the Gathering Space and at the Stewardship Welcome Table at any Donut Sunday.

Women
of St. Edward

Rejoice & Renew Brunch

October 10th
Noon to 2:30 p.m

Join us for fellowship, food, door prizes and the opportunity to hear 3 speakers reflect on the theme "Rejoice and Renew." Women (age 12 and older) are invited to celebrate our gifts & renew our spirit as children of God.

Barb Scholten and Lisa Maurer from our parish will share their thoughts on "Rejoicing as Women of Faith" in the home, church, workplace and community.

Mary Fran Cassidy, Director of Religious Education at St. Brigid in Dublin, will present her thoughts on "Renewing Your Spirit."

There is no charge for the brunch but reservations are required. Sign up on the poster in the Gathering Space or contact Barb Hinterschied at hinterg@windstream.net or 587-4099 by October 3rd.

Come rejoice with us.

Choir Prepares for
Christmas Season
By Julia Parker
Director of Music/Organist

Christmas rehearsals have begun! We hope to involve many more children in the joys of music during the 30 minute prelude to the 5 p.m. Children's Mass this year. Choir volunteers will be teaching the PSR students songs for this performance. Children in grades 2 - 6 will be taught by these volunteers: Beth Spieles, Deb Butt, Sandy Wolfe and John Matula. What a great way to add a meaningful touch to the excitement of Christmas Eve!

Now is the time for children, junior high and high school students to become involved in making a joyful noise unto the Lord. St. Edward's parish needs you to help the angels accompany the heavenly singing and ringing around the baby Jesus.

High School students and adults of every age, if you are not currently singing in the choir which supports the singing assembly at the 10:45 a.m. Mass, please consider joining the group. You and the men and women of this parish are needed and will be welcomed by those already in the choir. We think of ourselves as a vital, small-group ministry.

Choir Notes



New Music Ministry: Bell Ringing

The sound of bells has played an important role in spreading the good news of the Gospel over the ages. Bells are used in some liturgical actions, and bells have rung from towers to announce events to surrounding communities. Bell choirs or teams were developed to play tuned bells inside. We are in the process of forming some bell teams here in our parish. Consider giving it a try, and enjoy the sport of handbell music-making.

Ringling handbells cultivates our musical talent. Children and adults nurture that God-given talent which can provide a life-time of music-making. We learn, improve and grow as a team, which is as strong or good as the weakest member. We grow together in Christian community with the goal of

musical perfection.

It is interesting that some of the best ringers are folks who have very limited singing abilities. Bell ringing provides a means for them to develop their musical skills. Bill Miller is in the process of gathering those interested and seeing how we might organize in these early stages. Classes and practice times will be scheduled to accommodate the greatest number of ringers. It would be great if we could organize several teams from middle school age through adult age. Some parishes have very active ringing choirs of retired folks.

If you might be interested in learning how to ring English Handbells, contact Bill Miller at wkmiller@sbcglobal.net or 614-439-0096.

Top 5 Reasons to Join the Choir

5. The choir has a party once each year and I like parties.
4. They never pass the collection plate in the choir loft.
3. Julia keeps repeating that Psalm verse about "Make a joyful noise to the Lord..." and I want to see if she really means it.
2. Intellectual stimulation: making music requires the use of both sides of the brain simultaneously [and when it's Mozart, my IQ goes up 10 points!]
1. It's good stewardship of my God-given time and talent; a way I can show my thanks to God for His watchful, loving care of me, my family and my loved ones.

Consider Stewardship



Stewardship is a way of life that needs constant renewal and transformation. As each summer comes to a close and our children go back to school, this time of year has always been one of looking forward to a new year, reflecting on the changes we need to make in our lives and resolving to follow through on those changes. Consider the following suggestions to make stewardship a way of life. Have a blessed New Stewardship Year!

- *Stewardship of Prayer:* Resolve to strengthen your relationship with the Lord. Notice how often you pray and what hinders you from praying. Commit to short, daily prayer times.
- *Stewardship of Family:* Resolve to set aside more time to stay connected with your family. Eat dinner together, schedule regular dates with your spouse, plan family outings and go to Mass together.
- *Stewardship of Health:* Resolve to get those medical and dental checkups. Adopt healthier eating habits. Add exercise and other physical activity to your daily routine.
- *Stewardship of Possessions:* Resolve to possess a little more “lightly” this year. Consider ways you can reduce the amount of all that stuff you own. Distinguish between those items that are necessary and those that are considered luxurious and unnecessary.
- *Stewardship of the Parish Family:* Resolve to serve the St. Edward faith community in some way this year in a ministry such as liturgy, outreach or faith formation.
- *Stewardship of Money:* Resolve to examine and live within your annual budget. Reprioritize your financial goals to ensure that the Lord comes first in your spending. Take positive steps to improve your financial health.
- *Stewardship of Work:* Resolve to be faithful to your daily, work-related tasks and offer them up to the Lord. Cultivate your skills. Deepen your knowledge. Be mindful of how you are building the Kingdom of God in your vocation.
- *Stewardship of Mind:* Resolve to keep your mind active. Commit to being more informed on the issues of the day. Read the Bible. Familiarize yourself with the Church's social teachings.
- *Stewardship of Neighbor:* Resolve to be a person of hospitality, to make time and space for others who enter your life. Be more aware of those times when a neighbor, co-worker, fellow parishioner or stranger needs a moment of kindness or a little attention.
- *Stewardship of the Poor:* Resolve to live with more compassion and in solidarity with those less fortunate. Remember the poor in prayer and commit to helping relieve, in some way, the plight of those who are impoverished or marginalized.



Parenting through Prayer

*By Drew Snyder
Youth Ministry Director*

Every parent seems to agree that raising a child in high school isn't easy in today's world. It comes with a whole host of challenges ranging from media use to dating to faith involvement. And although I have never raised a teenager, I can certainly sympathize with this concern as I think about all of trials I put my parents through.

Many times, or so my mom has said, getting through to me was like getting through a two-ton safe. No matter what approach she or my dad used, nothing seemed to work well, especially when it came to "getting me" to want to come to Church. Needless to say, it was quite a surprise when my parents discovered I was beginning to take more and more of an interest in my faith toward the end of high school. It hardly made sense. How could an apathetic teenager go from faithless to faithful? I still don't fully know the answer, but I'm convinced that along with my parents' faithful example and encouragement, their persistent prayer was a powerful catalyst behind my change of heart.

This rings true with my experience working alongside young people and seeing how



A group of students and leaders enjoying last year's Spring Retreat.

effective prayer can be. Why is it so effective? Well, in one sense, it has to do with God's plan for our salvation and our interdependent cooperation in that plan. But in another sense, I think it has to do with the reality that when we pray, we're taking matters out of our own hands and putting them into the hands of the One who has the real power to make change happen.

This is why I was so excited a few weeks ago when we hosted an informational meeting for high school parents. Following the meeting, a few parents and I had an impromptu conversation about coming together to pray and talk about some of the challenges of raising teenagers. What made the discussion so exciting was that it inspired

more than just a "good idea", but rather a deep realization of an invaluable truth. That is, through the challenges we face in life, we have support in one another and most of all in a God who passionately desires to come to our aid. As I walked away from that conversation thinking about the youth of our parish, I couldn't help but smile as I remembered my mom praying for me.

This fall, we are hoping to start up an event where parents can come together to chat and pray for their teenagers. If you're a parent who would be interested in this, please contact me at drew@saintedward.org or 740- 587-3254 for more information.

Respect Human Life Committee

This committee was established years ago by our bishop when the practice of intentionally killing preborn babies was legalized in our country. Parishioners called to respond to this injustice are invited to join this committee.



McGhee Sextuplets

On June 9, 2010, sextuplets were born to Rozonno and Mia McGhee of Columbus. In early August, they arrived at their North Side home. It is difficult to imagine the demands of caring for six infants! To help with their expenses, a special collection was taken on September 18-19 and a benefit dinner is scheduled for Oct. 2. We hope everyone remains sensitive to the needs of this special family.

Prayer on the Square

The Sanctity of Life Church Coalition of Licking County organized "Prayer on the Square" for noon on Oct. 9, 2010, at the gazebo on the courthouse square in downtown Newark, Ohio. The schedule calls for the Rosary to be recited at noon followed by a prayer service. Everyone is invited. The Sanctity of Life Church Coalition of Licking County includes representatives from four Catholic churches and a number of Protestant churches. Members of the coalition realize that Christian disunity enables the evil of abortion.

40 Days for Life

Beginning in 2004, this campaign has been joined by believers of many denominations to expel the demon of human sacrifice from our society. The 40 day period of prayer and fasting from September 22 until October 31 tracks Biblical history where God used 40-day periods to transform individuals and communities. By praying and fasting privately and by maintaining silent vigils at the Cleveland Avenue abortion facility, we seek God's favor to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life. <http://40daysforlife.com/about.cfm>

Walk 4 Youth

In an effort to replace funds lost when chastity-based educational programs were defunded, Heartbeats of Licking County is sponsoring a two-mile walk. St. Edward parishioners are invited to join this effort by becoming walkers or sponsors. Information about this walk and the educational program, Relationships Under Construction, may be found at <http://www.heartbeats-olc.org/>

Respect Life Month

The Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops provides bulletin materials for us to use during October, Respect Life Month. We hope everyone gives prayerful consideration to the sacred gift we have been given and to our sacred duty to use it well.



Join us on the first Monday of each month at 7pm in the lounge for our business meeting followed by social time. All women of the parish are welcome to attend. We welcome your fellowship & fresh perspective.

Lighthearted Scripture

Meets on the 4th Monday of each month starting 9/27 in the Lounge at 7pm. *If you can not make it this month but would like to participate please contact Merilee.*

Contact: Merilee at 587-3443 or mtwagner12@mac.com

Santa's Attic: 11/6

Shop for gently used Christmas Decorations in the parish hall. Elves needed! If would like to help out please contact Merilee.



Ask Eddie

Q: If you're sincerely sorry for your sins and confess them in your own heart without going to Confession, aren't you already forgiven?"

A: The power to forgive sins was one Christ gave to his apostles. After he rose from the dead Christ said to the apostles, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." (Jn 20:22-23).

We can be truly sorry for our sins – that is essential for forgiveness – but we can't forgive our own sins. We can't absolve ourselves. That is a power reserved to God alone. Through Christ that power was conferred on his apostles and their successors, the bishops, and their helpers, the priests. Confession is not an option. It is the ordinary (normative) means through which sins are forgiven.

Q: If the Ten Commandments forbid the use of images why does the Catholic Church allow it?

A: The Jews were forbidden to have images under the Old Covenant (with a few exceptions) because the temptation to worship the image was strong for them. But, as C. S. Lewis says, it was the destiny of that people to be turned from

Parish School of Religion

The new 2010-11 P.S.R. school year is underway. Our staff and catechists are committed to three goals this year:

- Continuing to faithfully support parents in their role as the primary educators of their children in the Catholic faith.
- Continuing to be the best we can be in our roles of "faith teachers" each week they are in our classes.
- Focusing on helping all our children grow closer to Jesus and become more faithful disciples!

We welcome a new program for our Catechists' use in the combined PreK/K Sunday

class, Allelu, which nurtures younger children's natural tendency to seek a relationship with God and reinforces a strong sense of community and love.

We are also using a new edition of our Grade 1-6 textbooks with many welcomed improvements, especially a section titled Project Disciple, which will aid us in accomplishing our goals.

Late registrations are still being accepted by calling 587-4160 or e-mailing reled@saintedwards.org.

The schedule for this year is:

Grade Pre-K/ K	Sundays during the 10:45 a.m. Mass
Grades 5, 6, 7 & 8	Sundays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.
Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4	Wednesdays from 5:15 to 6:15 p.m.
Grades 1, 2, 3 and 4	Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.

the thing that resembled God to God himself. When God the Son becomes incarnate and becomes the express image of the invisible God (Heb 1:3), our relationship to images changes. The prohibition of images is discovered to be provisional until the true incarnate Image appears. Images are now permissible since God himself has become a kind of image in

Christ. Thus our images of God are now windows into his Incarnation rather than fertility images, figments of our imagination, or idols. We do not worship images. We see through them to the Incarnate God and his saints, who are also images of Christ.

Preschool Update

By Linda Foley, Director

We cannot find the words to express how pleased we are with our new classes! It has been a pleasure meeting all of the boys and girls and their families. Our 6th year of operation welcomes 50 preschoolers, and this year we have added an afternoon Kindergarten Enrichment program for 15 morning kindergarteners.

We have taken tours of the inside and outside of the church. At circle time we have been going over our classroom rules, prayers, songs and finger plays. The children are working hard to learn each other's names and we go around the circle and thank God for each new friend. It's great to learn so much about each and every one of them.

John Lang has helped repair items for the opening of classes and the Robertson family donated money to have cabinets built in the preschool office. Autumn will be filled with visits from the Fire Department, learning fire safety, celebrating the changing seasons and Halloween. We will learn that spiders and bats all have a purpose here on God's Earth. Celebrations for Thanksgiving and Christmas are being



planned with academic and religious goals in mind.

We continue to be blessed with staff who dedicate their talents and time to enhance children's lives. Linda Foley and Nancy McDonough return as teachers with teacher assistants Chrisi Rogerson, Beth Flowers, Tish Perulfi, Kathy Frank and Katie Blubaugh. Traci Hedstrom is now teaching our Kindergarten Enrichment Program. Cecilia Shomaker is a teacher assistant for the Pre-K class, and Kelly Beckett, Leigh Priano and Karen Markgraf have joined us as substitutes. We say good-bye to Jane Ludwig, who is now teaching for Granville Schools, Jennifer McClow now working full time elsewhere; Pam Szekely, who has moved with her family to Pittsburgh.

Please feel free to contact me at 740-587-3275. You can also visit our web site at www.saintedwardspreschool.org or access it through the parish website.

State Inspection

We had our state inspection for the preschool and were found to be 100% compliant.

Openings:

We have two openings for our morning three-year-old program and an opening in our afternoon Pre-K class for this current school year.

Campbell's Labels for Education

Labels are being collected from parents, friends and parishioners. You can drop them off in the red net basket in the Parish entry or at the preschool office. Thanks to all who help to save these labels. We had enough labels to earn a free listening center with six head phones and many types of balls for our playground. Parishioner Tricia Hock and her sons have been organizing this project. To see what labels we can use, go to www.labelsforeducation.com.

Your Time & Talent

are always welcomed to help our school provide the best possible program for the children. We always need someone to hang our artwork, cut out projects, read stories and clean toys.

Religious Education

RCIA: Tuesdays at 7 pm in the parish hall

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about Catholicism? Join now. The current inquiry period has begun.

RCIA is a journey of discernment, faith formation & conversion for a variety of people – the unbaptized, those already baptized in another Christian tradition, & also for baptized Catholics who have not completed their sacramental initiation through reception of First Eucharist & Confirmation.

Catholics Returning Home

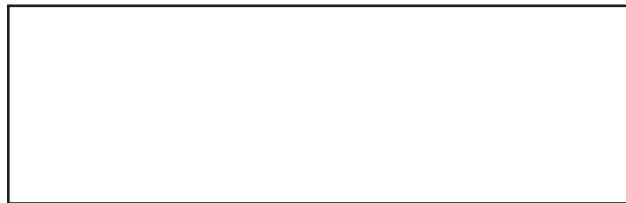
This ministry (6 week series) is conducted for inactive Catholics seeking a non-judgmental and conciliatory way to “re-connect” to the Church begins Oct. 10. If you know of someone from among your family and friends interested in returning to an active practice of the faith, please contact Mike Millisor at 587-4160 or at reled@saintedwards.org.

Religious education inquiries?
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Vacation Bible School

St. Edward's participated in the 27th annual Granville Ecumenical Vacation Bible School (June 14-18 at First Presbyterian). This year's program, Baobab, featured music, crafts, bible stories and recreation, A wonderful time was had by all our children and volunteers. *Special thanks goes out to the St. Edward's representatives who helped with this year's planning, Beth Flowers, Tish Perulfi and Kate Cummiskey.*

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