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# *Parish* NEWS

## *Past & Present*

*"A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good..."*

*-Luke 6:45*



Dear Friends:

Sometimes, when I am walking around our parish, I think back to 35 years ago, 1987, when I was first assigned to Our Lord Christ the King Parish as a teaching associate [I was a teacher at McNicholas High School]. The church, the school and the rectory were all the same as they are now. But there was no parish center with a gym [the gym was where the school offices are now], and there was, of course, no Cross and Crown Atrium [which is only a few years old].

Now, fast-forward to 2011, when I came back to this parish as pastor. Many things had changed, but, at the same time, it felt very much like coming home. This was not only because so many of the families I had known years ago were still here [and, in some cases, still sitting in the same pews as they were when I had left in 1991!], and that most of the buildings were the same, but there was something more than that. The spirit of this parish was still filled with excitement and caring. People still treasured being part of this community. The liturgies were still beautiful and reverent. And, most importantly, it was still clear that Jesus, Christ the King, was still the center of life here.

From our founding in 1926, through 1987, when I was first privileged to be here, to today in 2022, this parish has truly been a light of faith for so many people. I am so grateful to be a small part of that great heritage. Think of it: almost 100 years of faith, family, and parish life! We are blessed to be given such a gift. So, however long we have been here, let's live as grateful believers, sharing our gifts with one another, as a continuation of the beautiful heritage we have been given.

God Bless You,  
Father Ed



*Our Lord Christ the King  
& Cardinal Pacelli*

CATHOLIC PARISH & SCHOOL

### The Gift of the Easter Vigil

#### *A Reflection by Deacon Don*



I asked a few parishioners recently if they had ever attended the Easter Vigil. The answers I expected were "Yes" or "No." The answers I received were, "What's the Easter Vigil?" I am afraid this response may not be uncommon.

An understanding of the Easter Vigil best begins with a look at our Holy Week liturgies, which are among the greatest treasures of our Catholic faith. Surprisingly, the Sacred Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday) has been celebrated as we know it only since 1955, when Pope Pius XII elevated the Triduum to the dignity and solemnity that we experience today. It is good for us to know this because Pius XII, as our school children are well aware, was Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli when he visited Cincinnati in 1936 and blessed the cornerstone of our school.

The Easter Vigil (the *Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord*) is regarded as the Easter celebration beyond all others and the summit of the Triduum and of the Church year. It is celebrated after sunset on Holy Saturday and includes so many of the inspiring traditions of our Catholic liturgy.

The celebration begins in darkness with the entrance of the Easter Candle, from which are lit the candles of the congregation until the church glows with new light. The altar is surrounded by colorful spring flowers and the sanctuary is cloudy with incense. The celebrants are adorned in gold vestments and the choir leads the Gloria and Alleluia for the first time since before Lent. Bells echo throughout the chorus.

Our readings review the history of our faith, after which we welcome new members into the Church through Baptism and Confirmation. They receive their First Communion when they celebrate the Eucharist with the congregation. Often the Hallelujah Chorus accompanies the end of this magnificent celebration.

In 1988 I experienced the beauty of the Easter Vigil for the first time, when I joined the Church as an adult candidate for Confirmation and so it holds an important place in my heart. The Easter Vigil is a gift that I encourage you to give to yourself and your family this year. I am certain that you will be uplifted by it, as I am each spring. Father Ed and I look forward to celebrating Christ's resurrection with you.

### Holy Week Services

#### **Holy Thursday, April 14**

Mass at 7:30 pm

Church remains open until 10:00 pm

#### **Good Friday, April 15**

Service at 1:30 pm

Church remains open until 6:00 pm

#### **Holy Saturday, April 16**

Easter Vigil at 8:30 pm

#### **Easter Sunday, April 17**

Mass at 8:30 am, 10:30 am and 12:15 pm (No 5:00 pm Mass)



## Parish Life

### Catching Up with Some VBPs! Very Beloved Pastors

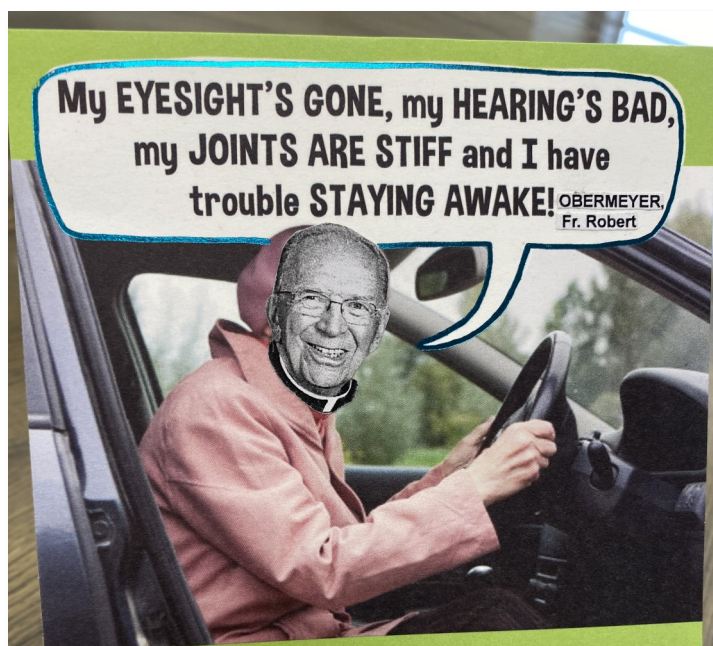
Christ the King wouldn't be what it is today without the pastors who nurtured and guided our parish throughout the years. The patience, leadership, and vision they have brought to this community have radically transformed it in material and spiritual ways.



**Father Gerald Haemmerle**

**Father Bob Obermeyer**, 87, lives at Otterbein Senior Community in Lebanon, Ohio. He fills in for priests who need help, mainly at St. Luke's in Beavercreek and Mt. Notre Dame High School. When the weather is good, he golfs twice a week. He says, "Each day I pray and meditate, work out and sing, read and laugh." He says hello to all and treasures his memories from Christ the King.

**Father Gerald Haemmerle**, 80, is officially retired but still very independent. He lives at St. Leonard's Retirement Community, a Catholic facility in Centerville, Ohio. He serves as chaplain to St. Leonard's 600 residents. He says he is "quite happy" to serve in this capacity as well as being involved with the sacraments. He has many fond memories of Christ the King and wishes you all peace and joy.



**Fr. Bob Obermeyer still has his sense of humor**



*"Temples of God are erected not only of stone and mortar, but also of untold hours of planning, worry, and generous sacrifice cemented together by love for God and parish co-operation."*

**-Archbishop Karl Alter in a letter to our founding pastor, Edward Quinn, on the occasion of the Dedication of the church on May 22, 1957.**

# Parish News

## Thank you from the Fish Fry!

The "Comeback Fry" was a great success thanks to the efforts of many volunteers and our fearless leader, **Tara Veith**. The Pacelli Gym was packed with guests who came to taste our savory Fried Cod, Grilled Salmon, Roasted Vegetables, Cole Slaw, French Fries, Mac & Cheese, Homemade Clam Chowder made by **Tina Finke**, and lots of baked goods for dessert. We are grateful to the patrons who came to dine with us and the volunteers who made this event possible! See you next year!!!



Thank you for your generosity to our very first #GivingTuesday campaign!

We raised \$54,672.30 and now we will be able to light the night. The electrical work to illuminate the tower will begin in May. We can't wait to see the transformation!

## St. Ann Sodality: A Tradition of Service

*"They have loved O the Lord, the beauty of  
Thy House, and the place where  
Thy Glory dwelleth."*

St. Ann Sodality, the original women's group at Christ the King, was founded in 1927. According to church archives, St. Ann Sodality was formed to give the women of the parish a way to contribute to the church and school while making social connections with one another. Today, the group continues to flourish with a service and a social aspect.

When you attend Mass, you may look around and notice the candles that adorn the altar, the beautiful flowers arranged for Christmas and Easter, or the crisp white linens spread across the altar. All of these items are funded by St. Ann Sodality through donations they procure from parishioners at different times during the year. You may not realize that a group of women from St. Ann Sodality, called the Sacristans, meet weekly at church to clean it and make sure that it is prepared for all liturgical celebration and sacraments.

The members of St. Ann Sodality also enjoy socializing and meet for dinners twice a year. There are currently about 60 members and all women of the parish are invited to participate. "I enjoy the mix of women from all generations and how we come together and represent the church and do some good," said Kelly Vaughn, a former president and current sacristan.

**Twice a year, St. Ann Sodality collects donations for the flowers that adorn the altar at Christmas and Easter.**



**Our Sacristans take care of church and ensure that it is prepared for all liturgical celebrations and sacraments**

All women of the parish are invited to join St. Ann Sodality. Please contact current president **Mary Kay Bohman** at [marybohman9@gmail.com](mailto:marybohman9@gmail.com).

## Thank You for Making Our Church Beautiful!



## Shhhhh! Quiet Bags Receive an Upgrade

Did you know CTK Quiet Bags are available in the Vestibule? These bags contain various books and toys that are appropriate for young children to look at and work with while they are present in the church at Mass. Recently, the "Quiet Bags" were upgraded with new children's Mass Kits.

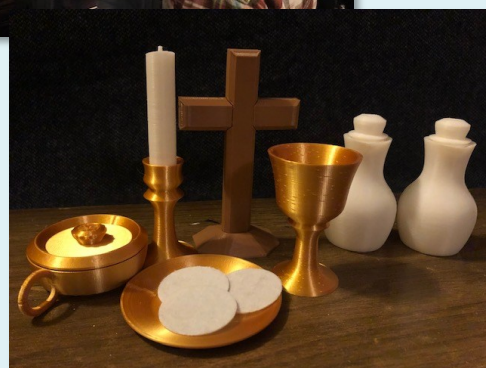
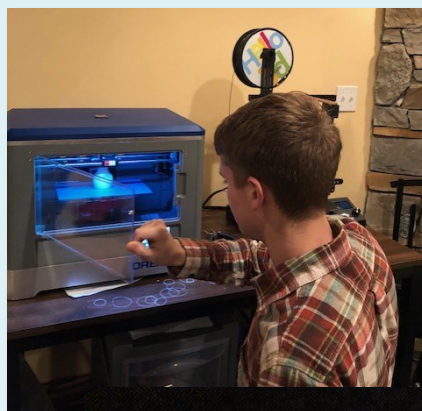
**Dominic Daley**, 2016 Pacelli Graduate and Engineering student and the University of Cincinnati, volunteered his time to 3D print Mass kits for the Quiet Bags over Christmas break. The kits contain a chalice, paten ciboria, cruets, crucifix, candle, hosts, and a felt stole.

Dominic said, "I have been designing and 3D printing for a long time. Before I had my own printer I would have to wait days to use the one at the downtown library. Now that I have my own printer, I can design more complex objects, and have them physically take shape within hours."

**A Mass Kit includes a chalice, paten ciboria, cruets, crucifix, candle, hosts, and a felt stole**



**Quiet Bags help little ones stay occupied during Mass**



**Christ the King  
CONNECTOR**

News & Updates from Around the Parish

*Are you receiving our weekly email newsletter, **The Connector**? It delivers every Monday morning and is a great way to stay abreast of news and updates from around the parish. Email **Alisa Fisher** at **fisher\_a@olctk.org** to sign up.*

# Cardinal Pacelli School News

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## *Mrs. Cento Reflects on Her Journey from Past to Present*

When I was a young girl, the oldest of six in my family, I was always the one in charge. Some of my siblings refer to me as “bossy.” During the summers, the whole neighborhood would play school in which I was the teacher. It wasn’t until I had four children of my own that I made the decision to go into education. It seemed like I was living my childhood dream without ignoring my responsibilities as a parent.

So off I went to a community college in Houston, TX where we lived at the time. Taking my ACT at the age of 27 was a bit of a struggle since I had not seen any type of test in nine years. But all was good, and I began my college career attending night school while my husband corralled our four children and chauffeured them to all their after-school activities in my absence. We had a very busy life. We were going to school, doing homework, and working both in the household and out. Looking back, I cannot believe how successful we were, and we were so busy and tired, we didn’t even have the time to complain. I was a juggler, but we knew no different.

I was lucky enough to move back to Cincinnati where I grew up, but we landed in Kentucky of all places. To a Cincinnati, Kentucky was the state you travelled through to get to Florida! The joke was, “Leave your shoes on the bridge when coming across the river.” I was able to finish my education degree at NKU and got my first job in a Catholic school in Southgate, KY. Teaching first grade was a dream but so was teaching second, third, sixth, seventh, and eighth. I spent 22 years at St. Therese and with each grade level move, I learned more and more about teaching. I learned that I too was continuing to get an education and that teaching was not just the content in the classroom but consisted of many other things like communication, collaboration, planning, and organization. These were critical components for success in the educational community. I realized that I loved this diversity, and I set back out to school at Xavier University and NKU for my administrative degree to be a principal. You see, I like to know

EVERYTHING that is going on. Some may call me “nosy.” What better way to know everything than to be in a leadership role at the school?

I first became an Assistant Principal and later found myself here at Cardinal Pacelli School. I believe there have been about 15 of us leading this ship since Cardinal Pacelli School was established in 1927 with a school enrollment of 108. It seemed like I was destined to be at a school on the east side. I had grown up on the west side of Cincinnati, went to school in Northwest Cincinnati, taught and raised by children in Northern Kentucky, and now being Principal on the East side of the city seemed like a natural progression. I had to educate myself on so many things along my journey. Not just the geography of my surroundings, but people, schools, families, and expectations within our community.

As I complete my 7<sup>th</sup> year at Cardinal Pacelli School as Principal, I still see myself as a learner of new things every day and one who has the opportunity to be involved in all aspects of the growth and the prominence of the school. Today I see “bossy” as leading and decisive and “nosy” as interested and involved. Although I am still a juggler today, it is slightly different. Instead of just being a parent of four young children, I have added the responsibility of grandparent of 11 and an educator and leader of 376. As I look back at the past 30 years, all I can say is, “God is Good and life is getting better!”



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## From the Pacelli Gym to Madison Square Garden, Miles McBride Achieves His Hoop Dreams!

Miles McBride, Cardinal Pacelli Class of 2015, was drafted to the NBA's New York Knicks in July 2021. The 21-year-old point guard lives in Dobbs Ferry, New York. We caught up with him recently to see how his basketball career took him from Catholic schools in Cincinnati to the realm of professional sports in New York City.

At Cardinal Pacelli, Miles played basketball from 3rd through 8th grade. As a 3rd grader he played "up" with the 4th graders, but from 6th-8th grade he played with his class. His mother, Kim McBride, said, "They won the CYO Championship each year and in 8th grade his team also won the West Side Tournament. It seemed like the team won just about every tournament they played in."

After graduating from Cardinal Pacelli, Miles attended Archbishop Moeller High School in Kenwood. There he led the basketball team to two Division I State championships. As a senior he was named to the Ohio Prep Sportswriters Association Division I Ohio All-State First Team. USA Today named him All-USA Ohio First Team. Moeller became the first Division I state champion to go undefeated since Zanesville in 1995.

Miles went on to play for two years at West Virginia University, leaving after his sophomore year to enter the NBA draft. His major was in Sports Psychology and Coaching, and he says he plans to finish the degree someday. During his time at WVU, he was named to the Big 12 All-Freshmen Team and Academic All-Big 12 Rookie.



**Miles playing for the NY Knicks at The Toyota Center in Houston on December 16, 2021**



**Miles, with his family, receives a life-changing call.  
He has been drafted to the NBA.**



**Miles playing in orange and blue once again!**

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"I think being drafted was one of my proudest moments so far. Only 60 people a year get drafted so hearing my name called was one of the greatest feelings ever," said Miles.

He says one of the greatest challenges of being an NBA player is the schedule. "We play 82 games a year, so there is a lot of travelling to cities across the U.S. I love meeting new people, but it has also been challenging to get settled into my new home [in New York City] when I'm on the road so much."

Miles believes the key to success is staying motivated and disciplined. "Preparation is very



**Miles with his Pacelli basketball team**



important because it gives me the confidence to go out and perform well." In the preseason that preparation includes a daily routine of individual workouts, team practice, lifting, film, and recovery. The team has a practice facility in West Chester County, and they play their games at "the Mecca" Madison Square Garden.

Miles recalls his time at Cardinal Pacelli as being full of friends, sports and activities. His favorite times of the year were Catholic Schools Week and Olympic Day. When asked about what advice he would give to a student pursuing a goal, he said, "Keep God first. When things get rough just keep going and trust that it won't last forever. Don't be afraid to ask questions because being able to communicate well will only make you more successful."



**"Keep God first. When things get rough just keep going and trust that it won't last forever."**



# Cardinal Pacelli School News

## Monsignor Quinn Scholarships

In a tribute to the founder of Our Lord Christ the King Church and Cardinal Pacelli School, academic scholarships are awarded to four sixth grade students each year. Father Ed Smith, said, "Monsignor Quinn cared deeply about Catholic education, and it was very important to him to establish a school at Christ the King."

Monsignor Edward Quinn founded Our Lord Christ the King in 1926 and over the following decades initiated the construction of the church and school buildings that are used today. The school was named after Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli who blessed the cornerstone in October 1936. Pacelli, a friend of Quinn, was visiting Cincinnati as papal Secretary of State. Pacelli went on to become Pope Pius XII, so this was a great honor for the parish and school.

On February 8, 2022, after the All-School Mass, Father Ed announced the winners of this year's Monsignor Quinn Scholarships: **Jack Hebbeler, Abigail Jagers, Isabelle Payne and Emily Pickup.**

The scholarship is open to all sixth graders at Cardinal Pacelli, and is based on academics, an essay and teacher recommendations. Hebbeler, Payne, and Pickup were awarded partial \$500 scholarships for two years, and Jagers was awarded a full scholarship for two years. "We are very proud of our students for this great accomplishment," said Father Ed.



The recipients of the 2022 Monsignor Quinn Scholarships are (left to right) Abigail Jagers, Isabelle Payne, Emily Pickup, and Jack Hebbeler. They are joined by Fr. Ed Smith and Principal Terri Cento.



On October 31, 1936 Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, standing center, blesses the new school, with Fr. Quinn kneeling just to his left.

## Why is our school named Cardinal Pacelli?

Cardinal Eugenio Pacelli, Vatican Secretary of State, happened to be visiting the United States at the time the school was being built.

When Father Quinn was attending a dinner with Pacelli at Mt. St. Mary Seminary, he asked him if he would like to bless the new school's cornerstone. To everyone's surprise, Pacelli said yes and arrangements were made in haste. He blessed the cornerstone on October 31, 1936, but the decision to name the school after him was not made until several months later. Pacelli went on to become Pope Pius the XII.

# The Pacelli Village Project—An Investment in Our Future

By now you may have noticed construction activity taking place in the upper parking lot at Cardinal Pacelli School. **The Pacelli Village Project** will transform our field and playground into a dynamic activity and learning space. The project will benefit current students and faculty and attract prospective families who are seeking an optimal environment for their children. We still need additional funding if you are interested in supporting the effort. Below is a summary of the project.

## About the Pacelli Village

In 2021 a small group of school parents, administration, and parish members put together a master plan for the outdoor space at Cardinal Pacelli school. The working plan was coined the “Pacelli Village” project. This includes a new outdoor learning area, a turf playfield, upgraded playground, and a large hard-surface area for basketball and other activities.

## Fundraising Efforts

The projected budget to complete the project is approximately **\$750,000**. We’ve been able to secure pledge commitments totally approximately \$650,000. Fundraising efforts involved a school-wide campaign with approximately 70% of families participating, bourbon raffles, out of uniform days, and a contribution from the Athletic Commission.

## Project Timing

**Phase 1** of the project is well underway. This includes excavation of the site, installing perimeter retaining walls, removing learning trailer, installing turf field, and new playground equipment. Phase 2 will begin after we secure the balance of funding. That includes installing the hard-surface play area, outdoor learning center, landscaping, and protection barriers.

## What We Need

**\$100,000!!!** The Archdiocese requires us to have all funding secured before construction begins. If we can close the \$100,000 funding gap, we can complete both Phase 1 and Phase 2 this winter/spring. Our goal is to unveil the project at JuneFest, but we need your support!

## Interested in Learning More or Supporting the Project?

Contact **Ryan Rybolt**, [ryanrybolt@gmail.com](mailto:ryanrybolt@gmail.com), or **Patrick Shiels** [shiels.patrick@gmail.com](mailto:shiels.patrick@gmail.com).



**The playfield prior to construction**



**Phase 1 of the Pacelli Village Project**

A special thanks all who have supported the project and to the design/construction committee:

**Scott Lovdal, Brian Albanese, Tim Bayer, and Perry Frey**



**Help make the Pacelli Village Project a reality! Donate here**



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***Friday, June 3 & Saturday, June 4***

**June 3—Adults Only, 7:00 pm-Midnight**

**June 4—Everyone Welcome, Noon-11:00 pm**

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