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My First Three Months...

By Reverend Anthony Coci

My first three months as pastor have been excitingly chock-full of ministry and engagement. It is energizing to see our parish alive with baptisms, weddings, and young people. My goal is to expound upon these areas and continue to grow our parish. Pastoral Council members and I recently attended the Toledo Diocesan Conference "Acts XXIX" hosted by Fr. John Riccardo. Bishop Thomas invited Fr. Riccardo and his team to lead our parishes in a renewed way of thinking and planning for the future. The conference was based on reacquiring a biblical worldview, cultivating strong leadership, and prayerfully discerning God's plan. The Conference ended with some reflection questions for each of us to pray over and discuss as we seek the best ways to serve you and others in our parish community. We are in the initial stages of this process, so please pray for us.

Fr. Riccardo shared a story about a woman who was very distraught and on the verge of suicide. He politely asked her if he could share his worldview with her, and by the time he was done she was in tears and realized that she has meaning, purpose, and an identity as a follower of Jesus Christ. Fr. Riccardo then told us that we must be able to articulate our Christian worldview in about 5 minutes to modern people so that they can understand the Christian proclamation. He then gave as a rubric. The story needs to answer four questions: Why is there something rather than nothing? Why is everything so messed up? What, if anything, has God done about it? If He has done anything, then how should I respond? Then he boiled it down to four words: Created, Captured, Rescued, and Response.

With that in mind and seeing as how I am still getting to know most of you, I would like to share with you part of my story based on this four-point structure. First, why is there something rather than nothing? I answer this from the standpoint of gift; my life is a gift. I did not create myself, but rather I received my body and soul. I grew up with a loving mother, father, and two brothers. We

played a lot of family games, like euchre. Mom made birthdays and holidays special by inviting a lot of people over to celebrate. Dad imparted to me his love for the great outdoors with a passion for fishing and hunting. There are a lot of things that I did not create that I am the beneficiary of in my life, and for these and many others I am truly grateful. Second, why is everything so messed up? I answer this question by sharing one or two hard times in my life, and how I managed through them. For example, junior high school was a tough time for me. It was an awkward growth period for me, and I was bullied. I disdained going to school. My parents asked me if I wanted to switch schools, and I said yes. This shift from the public to the Catholic school was a pivotal moment that set me on course to become a priest. I do not know if I would be where I am at today without the suffering of my past. Hence, I share with people that God did not create suffering. That is a result of sin, which is a cancer that has been spreading throughout human history, but where there is suffering is great opportunity to experience great love. Third, what has God done if anything about it? For me this is where the Cross makes sense. If God is going to communicate to us, which I believe He has and is, then He is going to do so in a way that we can understand. He is going to speak to us in a human way. He was born into the ancient religion of Judaism, where all the great prophets foretold his coming. He came as a baby, had friends, shared stories, worked hard, was rejected, died, and rose from the dead. He was an average man like me sharing average things like me, but he did something extraordinary for me. He conquered death. He did battle on the Cross for me, so that I may have the opportunity to live on past death. When I meditate upon the Cross I cry because I know I am not worthy, but he loves me despite my unworthiness. As I gaze upon the crucified Christ, the words of the Gospel ring true in my heart, "No greater love has this than to lay down one's life for one's friends," (John 15:13). Fourthly,

if God has done anything about how messed up the world is, then what is my response? My response is to love Him with all my heart, mind, strength, and soul, which means I will love Him, and I will love everyone and everything He has created. What can I return to God for His love to me? Roses? No. A Maserati? No. The only thing I can return to God is a perfect life of love. But I am not perfect; therefore, I need help to make my love perfect (i.e. Jesus). In the Catholic Mass I join myself to Jesus Christ in a perfect offering back to the Father, which is His very Son. Only Jesus can return perfect love back to the Father. The more I conform my life onto to Christ, then the more love I begin to experience. God revealed how He wants to be loved, which is found in the Mass by the obedience of our hearts to a life of sacrifice united to His Son. In summary, I find my purpose, my meaning, my identity in my relationship to Jesus, and no one can take that away. By sharing our stories in the context of our Christian worldview we can awaken others to their ultimate identity as beloved sons and daughters of God.

I look forward to sharing stories as we journey together as brothers and sisters in Christ over these upcoming years. Many of you I have already met, and the remainder I look forward to sharing fellowship at church, around your kitchen tables, and out-and-about in public. (I'm about a third through my "Fr. Anthony-Parishioner Meals" list, so if you have not yet received a call from me, please stay tuned because it is coming. Thanks for your patience.) Please be assured of my continued prayers for you and commitment to our parish family!

In Christ,

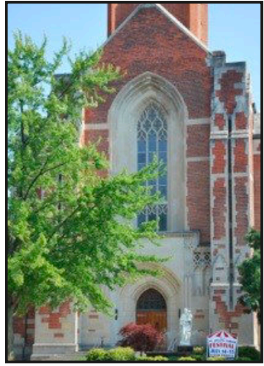
Fr. Anthony



Rev. Anthony Coci and Bishop Daniel E. Thomas after Fr. Anthony's Installation Mass in Early September.

Through the Open Door...

Welcome New Parishioners!



Tom and Carol Atkin are transferring from St. Pius X in Sycamore. Tom went to Mohawk and is an engineer at National Machinery. Carol graduated from Hopewell Loudon

and is a Certified Pharmacy Technician at Mercy Hospital.

Also transferring from St. Pius X in Sycamore are **Bryan and Sue Brause**. Bryan is a self-employed farmer, and Sue is a customer sales representative. They reside in Sycamore, OH.

Scott and Stacy Borgio reside on Sycamore Street in Tiffin, and they are transferring from St. Joseph Parish in Marblehead. Scott is a CPA for Fruth & Company, and Stacy is an occupational therapist. They have three children, **Isabella, Ross, and Thomas**.

Brandon and Kelly Bouillon recently transferred from St. Aloysius Parish in Bowling Green. Brandon graduated from New Riegel and is self-employed contractor. Kelly is a graduate of Hopewell Loudon is a business consultant for ACCENTURE. They live on Davis Street with their two sons, **Greyson and Paxton**.

Lucretia Breidenbach is transferring from All Saints Parish in New Riegel. She graduated from Hopewell Loudon and is retired. She has two adult sons, Eric and Troy.

Chris and Natalie Clinger are transferring from St. Pius X in Sycamore. They now live on Briarwood Drive.

Kathy Dandurand grew up at St. Mary Parish, and she graduated from Columbian High School and Heidelberg University. Kathy is currently self-employed and resides in Tiffin.

Tom and Denice Daniel are transferring from All Saints Parish in

New Riegel. Tom is a self-employed contractor/builder, and Denice is a secretary for their business, Daniel Enterprises Inc. Their son, **Al**, also recently registered at St. Joseph. He is a 2016 graduate of Hopewell Loudon and plans to marry **Allison Osborn** in November. He works as a mechanic for BD Diesel.

John and Logan Demith were also recently married and have registered their membership. John grew up at St. Joseph Parish, and is the son of Timothy and Catherine Demith. Logan is from Findlay, OH.

Joe Hartzell is transferring from St. Mary Parish. He is a retired floor covering installer. Joe currently resides on Davis Street.

Ryan Kinn is transferring from St. Wendelin Parish in Fostoria. He is a graduate of St. Wendelin High school and is currently a dentist. Ryan recently married **Laura Wahl** at St. Joseph Church, and they reside in Tiffin.

Benjamin and Jacklyn Krugh are transferring from Our Lady of Consolation in Carey. They both work for Kasai North America, and they have two sons, Killian and Atticus.

Megan Pfeiderer, and her son, **Lochlan**, are transferring from St. Pius X. Megan is currently a teacher at Calvert Elementary. Her husband is an accountant, and they have three children. Evelyn, Liam, and Lochlan, who all attend Calvert Catholic Schools.

Adam and Jenna Recker were recently married and have registered their membership. Adam is the son of Rick and Amy Recker, and he is a graduate of Calvert High School. Both Adam and Jenna graduated from Findlay University, and they reside in Bellevue.

Transferring from Immaculate Conception Church in Port Clinton is **Rose Riester**. She graduated from Calvert High School and currently resides at the Willows of Tiffin.

Sandra Sherman resides in Green Springs, OH. She was formerly the office manager for Buckeye Trailers, Inc, and she is now a graduate student.

Dave and Augusta "Gidge" Sours are transferring from New Riegel All Saints Parish. They currently reside on SR 587 in Fostoria, with their daughter, **Josie**.

Larry and Lynna Stanton are transferring from St. Mary Parish. Larry is a 1963 graduate of Calvert and is a retired electrician. Lynna is a 1970 graduate of Calvert and is a retired nurse.

Logan and Kelsey Wickham were recently married at St. Joseph and have registered their membership. Logan graduated from Columbian, and Kelsey grew up at St. Mary Parish and graduated from Calvert. They live on Country Road 50.

John and Berneice Willman recently transferred from St. Mary Parish. John is a graduate of Calvert High School, and he is retired. Berneice is a graduate of New Riegel High School, and she is a retired nurse. They have three adult children.

St. Joseph Parish Financial Report

Fiscal Year Report July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022

RECEIPTS-PARISH	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
Sunday & Holy Day Collections	\$757,020.67	\$703,941.17	\$668,014.16	\$641,880.17	\$628,277.47
Christmas & Easter Collections	88,339.45	89,207.62	83,707.84	73,840.24	85,381.49
Mass Stipends & Stole Fees	12,385.97	14,868.97	13,426.83	2,976.21	14,433.88
Votive Candles	7,637.04	7,596.64	5,540.16	4,673.04	4,679.89
Flower Fund Donations	4,943.85	4,492.00	4,049.80	4,326.55	4,403.35
Maintenance Collection	10,214.06	12,278.09	14,730.98	9,596.25	11,434.65
St. Joseph the Worker	28,418.83	37,971.25	30,226.92	19,892.50	31,955.68
Tuition Assistance	4,053.67	5,560.49	4,645.25	4,026.60	3,960.05
Initial Offering	1,628.39	1,766.27	2,339.05	2,023.45	1,147.75
St. Joseph Festival	88,353.63	65,767.66	72,576.76	73,468.09	86,746.34
Jewelry Sales	19,425.31	0.00	8,893.19	19,347.80	18,118.15
Reverse Raffle	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	17,477.23
Special Projects Fund	19,870.00	39,066.11	17,383.19	116,489.02	27,592.78
Stained Glass Window Fund	18,423.44	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Requests/Memorials/Gifts	63,059.25	13,716.67	94,375.45	291,071.54	31,432.11
Rental Income	2,500.00	1,080.00	2,345.00	3,450.00	3,955.00
Religious Education (Youth & Adult)	5,948.00	8,650.56	8,520.44	9,064.00	5,149.95
Other Parish Income	9,318.63	77,177.00	23,483.97	16,781.85	14,052.28
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$1,141,540.19	\$1,083,140.50	\$1,054,258.99	\$1,292,907.31	\$990,198.05
EXPENDITURES-PARISH	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
Priest Salary	\$40,973.04	\$40,157.04	\$39,616.08	\$38,722.08	\$37,740.00
Parish Employee Payroll	159,690.89	143,373.26	140,373.41	135,835.45	131,937.02
Utilities	42,259.41	37,605.78	35,174.47	48,485.99	38,015.13
Altar, Sanctuary & Liturgical	8,210.93	8,663.53	8,123.89	8,967.34	11,614.37
Religious Education	28,915.67	27,568.96	27,821.44	28,298.02	28,217.74
Flower Fund Distribution	3,301.10	2,591.00	4,078.83	4,278.02	4,341.50
Administrative Expenses	25,918.22	25,210.38	23,049.99	27,126.40	26,261.06
Maintenance	24,757.54	16,943.97	15,887.94	19,641.10	17,909.63
Diocesan Assessments	67,410.00	67,495.00	48,232.02	65,199.00	60,243.00
Household Expenses	343.97	1,048.46	2,899.36	2,251.37	2,793.36
Parish Activities & Programs	9,644.38	11,912.77	11,490.19	12,112.48	15,624.62
Charitable Distributions	28,313.96	29,324.87	22,771.11	23,220.51	31,333.49
Insurance & Property Taxes	34,785.40	27,851.80	27,641.20	25,533.09	24,788.42
Capital Improvements	27,037.06	27,999.84	568,592.02	216,880.49	52,023.76
Parish Subsidy to CCS	400,000.00	400,000.01	400,000.01	400,000.00	417,477.23
Other Expenses	3,161.74	3,306.98	3,396.52	0.00	347.37
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	\$904,723.31	\$871,053.65	\$1,379,148.49	\$1,056,551.34	\$900,667.70
NET INCOME/(LOSS)	\$236,816.88	\$212,086.85	(\$324,889.50)	\$236,355.97	\$89,530.35
CASH	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
Starting Cash, 7/1, Parish	\$1,472,460.63	\$1,271,538.68	\$1,470,524.16	\$1,230,995.60	\$1,153,197.40
Net Income/(Loss)	236,816.88	212,086.85	(324,889.50)	236,355.97	89,530.35
Diocese Collections Not Sent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Courtesy Exchange/Transfers	26,339.37	(11,164.90)	125,904.02	(3,172.59)	(11,732.15)
ENDING CASH, 6/30, Parish	\$1,735,616.88	\$1,472,460.63	\$1,271,538.68	\$1,470,524.16	\$1,230,995.60

The 2021-2022 Fiscal Year ended very strongly. Because of your continuous financial support, we are able to begin another fiscal year with very positive numbers!

2022 St. Joseph Festival Report

	TOTAL INCOME	EXPENSES	2022 NET	2021 NET	2020 NET
RAFFLES					
Main Raffle	\$35,297.16	\$18,446.92	\$16,850.24	\$26,282.38	\$19,336.91
Super Raffle	\$17,762.00	\$442.89	\$17,319.11	\$19,639.73	\$22,767.69
50/50 Raffle	\$8,998.00	\$3,137.00	\$5,861.00	\$1,555.00	\$1,416.00
TOTAL RAFFLES	\$62,057.16	\$22,026.81	\$40,030.35	\$47,477.11	\$43,520.60
GAMES					
Bingo	\$5,811.41	\$3648.75	\$2,162.66	\$2,570.05	-\$798.03
Black Jack	\$719.00	\$0.00	\$719.00	\$1,422.00	\$0.00
Cake Wheel	\$3,397.28	\$0.00	\$3,397.28	\$2,393.00	\$0.00
Can Crusher	\$778.50	\$290.80	\$487.70	\$0.00	\$0.00
Coin Toss	\$695.90	\$100.29	\$595.61	\$0.00	\$0.00
Fish Pond	\$494.90	\$720.55	-\$225.65	\$121.99	\$0.00
Instant Games	\$1,828.80	\$480.00	\$1,348.80	\$2,810.70	\$1,485.75
Kiddie Korral	\$1,807.50	\$47.00	\$1,760.50	\$1,742.70	\$0.00
Over/Under	\$383.51	\$101.25	\$282.26	\$124.35	\$0.00
Ring Toss	\$1,599.00	\$0.00	\$1,599.00	\$1,852.40	\$0.00
Surprise Boutique	\$601.75	\$0.00	\$601.75	\$733.25	\$0.00
Teen Tic Tac Toe	\$627.30	\$80.14	\$547.16	\$42.24	\$0.00
Texas Hold'em	\$370.00	\$0.00	\$370.00	\$460.00	\$0.00
TOTAL GAMES	\$19,114.85	\$5,468.78	\$13,646.07	\$14,272.74	\$687.72
RIDES					
Pony Rides	\$355.00	\$0.00	\$355.00	\$356.00	\$0.00
Spartan Express	\$593.00	\$0.00	\$593.00	\$575.00	\$0.00
TOTAL RIDES	\$948.00	\$0.00	\$948.00	\$931.00	\$0.00
ACTIVITIES					
Car Show	\$790.00	\$161.50	\$628.50	\$381.00	\$370.00
Credit Card Booth	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00	\$18.00	\$281.00
General Store	\$4,930.93	\$400.00	\$4,530.93	\$4,638.77	\$4,100.35
Woodcarving Auction	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$730.00	\$0.00
TOTAL ACTIVITIES	\$5,935.93	\$561.50	\$5,374.43	\$5,767.77	\$4,751.35
MISCELLANEOUS					
Advertising	\$0.00	\$3,717.94	-\$3,717.94	-\$2,569.74	-\$2,999.26
Booth Sponsors	\$2,100.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	\$2,260.00	\$1,709.00
Covid Supplies	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$151.32
Donations	\$5,953.47	\$0.00	\$5,953.47	\$8,994.85	\$13,643.67
Entertainment	\$0.00	\$2,550.00	-\$2,550.00	-\$2,325.00	\$0.00
Security	\$0.00	\$814.23	-\$814.23	-\$716.16	\$0.00
Set-Up/Maintenance	\$0.00	\$1,067.41	-\$1,067.41	-\$823.09	-\$426.65
Yard Signs	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	-\$450.00
TOTAL MISC.	\$8,053.47	\$8,149.58	-\$96.11	\$4,820.86	\$11,775.44
FOOD					
Bratwurst	\$2,833.00	\$1,519.26	\$1,313.74	\$1,114.94	\$0.00
Chicken Dinners	\$6,402.00	\$3,073.77	\$3,328.23	\$2,553.48	\$3,721.20
Chicken Noodle Soup	\$2,489.80	\$477.00	\$2,012.80	\$818.66	\$0.00
Funnel Cakes	\$3,055.80	\$0.00	\$3,055.80	\$2,970.66	\$0.00
Lunch Stand	\$10,226.85	\$4,387.70	\$5,839.15	\$6,696.45	\$0.00
Pop	\$1,746.75	\$405.66	\$1,341.09	\$0.00	\$11.35
Food Vendors	\$525.00	\$0.00	\$525.00	\$930.00	\$1,300.00
TOTAL FOOD	\$27,279.20	\$9,863.39	\$17,415.81	\$15,084.19	\$5,032.55
GRAND TOTAL	\$123,388.61	\$46,070.06	\$77,318.55	\$88,353.67	\$65,767.66

Recent Sacraments at St. Joseph Church

Baptism

Ankini Ankiambom. Born June 14, 2022. Daughter of Victor and Hilda (Chiatu) Ankiambom.

Iboisi Nanguo Ankiambom. Born Aug. 31, 2020. Daughter of Victor and Hilda (Chiatu) Ankiambom.

Colson John Arbogast. Born June 27, 2022. Son of Rush and Jaclyn (Black) Arbogast.

Lola Grace Beck. Born Nov. 30, 2021. Daughter of Evan and Jennifer (Meier) Beck.

Nicolas Nathaniel Beres. Born May 17, 2021. Son of Nathaniel and Joanna (Edwards) Beres.

Sophia Marie Beres. Born May 17, 2021. Daughter of Nathaniel and Joanna (Edwards) Beres.

Kenna Dian Bordner. Born June 13, 2022. Daughter of Brent and Jessica (Phillips) Bordner.

Annamae Jane Brickner. Born April 30, 2022. Daughter of Adam and Emilena (Daniel) Brickner.

Harland Thomas Brickner. Born Feb. 13, 2022. Son of Aleksander and Clare (Sullivan) Brickner.

Brook Nathan Craddolph. Born May 28, 2022. Son of Toussaint Michael and Brittany (Reser) Craddolph.

Mia Ann Davidson. Born Jan. 12, 2022. Daughter of Cole and Brittany (Adelsperger) Davidson.

Madelyn Catherine Decker. Born June 29, 2021. Daughter of Brady and Stephanie (Shunk) Decker.

Isaac Elbert Frankart. Born June 3, 2022. Son of Mathew and Monica (Kizer) Frankart.

Graham Denison Hayes. Born May 28, 2022. Son of Thomas and Erin (Graham) Hayes.

Hailey Lea Hess. Born Feb. 2, 2022. Daughter of Zachary and Michelle (Miller) Hess.

Henry Michael Kaczmarek-Schlapman. Born May 23, 2022. Son of Conor and Olivia (Olinger) Kaczmarek-Schlapman.

Hazel Anne Scarbro. Born Oct. 29, 2019. Daughter of Brandon and Jessica (Steinmetz) Scarbro.

Josie Rose Sours. Born May 26, 2022. Daughter of David and Augusta (Elchert) Sours.

Kendall Rae Stewart. Born June 15, 2022. Daughter of Jordan and Aleta (Daniel) Stewart.

Beckam Kley Wilson. Born March 28, 2022. Son of Shawn and Hanah (Kocher) Wilson.

Paxton David Bouillon. Born May 13, 2022. Son of Brandon and Kelly (Hopple) Bouillon.



Weddings

May 14, 2022. Logan Hunter Wickham & Kelsey Jordan Hendrix.

May 28, 2022. Caleb Michael Runion & Samantha Elizabeth Beckley.

May 28, 2022. Adam Richard Recker & Jenna Ann Hoppe. (Validation)

May 31, 2022. John Luther Demith & Logan Kaye Dible. (Validation)

June 4, 2022. Daniel Edward Cole & Samantha Marie Lichtenberger.

June 18, 2022. Matthew Joseph Boes & Kaylyn Marie Goshe.

July 30, 2022. Marcus Andrew Somers & Morgan Nicole DeWitt.

August 20, 2022. Travis John Arnold & Kimberly Ann Hohman.

September 3, 2022. Parker Carl Holben & Gabrielle Mae Schmucker.

September 16, 2022. Tanner Gregory Smith & Sophia Marie Volpe.

September 24, 2022. Ryan Kinn & Laura Anne Wahl.

Deaths

Rogelio L. "Roger" Booc, 81. Died May 14, 2022

Warren Jerome Cummings, 96. Died September 8, 2022.

Stephen G. Ecos, 89. Died July 23, 2022.

Joseph B. Elchert, 72. Died August 24, 2022.

Betty Lou (Shultz) Feasel, 94. Died August 6, 2022.

Howard Frazier, 94. Died August 9, 2022.

Mary Ruth (Arnold) Frisch, 96. Died September 13, 2022.

Sharma F. (Thompson) Heyman, 95. Died May 6, 2022.

Ann Marie Kummerer, 81. Died September 16, 2022.

Mary "Jean" Overmier, 70. Died July 17, 2022.

Francis James "Jim" Pahls, Jr., 81. Died September 10, 2022.

David L. Recker, 66. Died June 1, 2022.

Kathleen Sue (Detterman) Reiderman, 77. Died June 1, 2022.

Robert S. "Bob" Reiderman, 77. Died July 7, 2021.

Dolores Ann (Clouse) Rider, 88. Died May 9, 2022.

Terence W. Robinson, 75. Died May 27, 2022.

Mary Ann (Haubert) Sanchez, 93. Died May 23, 2022.

Rita M. (Kummerer) Schank, 97. Died September 14, 2022.

Joseph Arthur Scherger, 85. Died September 5, 2022.

Marjorie A. Segura, 83. Died September 20, 2022.

Charles Leon Shuff, 65. Died June 9, 2022.

Edward "Ed" Lee Sours, 60. Died September 13, 2022.

Gerald J. Tiell, 92. Died May 23, 2022.

Lina L. (Krupp) Weimerskirch, 96. Died July 28, 2022.

John Urban Wurm, 75. Died July 6, 2022.

Richard A. "Butch" Zoeller, 74. Died June 17, 2022.

School Foundation & St. Joseph Cemetery Financial Reports

SCHOOL FOUNDATION	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
Balance at beginning of period	\$369,865.52	\$309,197.28	\$275,232.50	\$271,092.46	\$ 256,363.85
Plus: Income July 1-June 30	24,610.24	63,950.22	35,412.75	4,140.04	14,728.61
Less: Expense July 1-June 30	62,040.86	3,281.98	1,447.97	0.00	0.00
Balance at end of period	\$332,434.90	\$369,865.52	\$309,197.28	\$275,232.50	\$271,092.46

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
Balance at beginning of period	\$239,633.06	\$242,458.88	\$239,655.09	\$243,877.00	\$234,877.22
Plus: Income July 1-June 30	88,060.71	71,018.80	76,167.20	148,658.98	89,821.22
Less: Expense July 1-June 30	94,605.14	73,844.62	73,363.41	152,880.89	80,821.44
Balance at end of period	\$233,088.63	\$239,633.06	\$242,458.88	\$239,655.09	\$243,877.00

Parish Statistics "Status Animarum"

	2021-2022	2020-2021	2019-2020	2018-2019	2017-2018
Number of Parishioners	4,172	4,233	4,220	4,229	4,234
Number of Households	1,735	1,742	1,744	1,757	1,771
Baptisms (includes RCIA)	56	34	30	62	43
Confirmations (includes RCIA)	35	31	27	37	35
First Communion (includes RCIA)	33	30	31	41	31
Marriages	16	19	15	18	20
Funerals	69	74	62	63	69
Religious Education Program (CCD)	81	107	103	114	95
Average Weekly Mass Attendance	1147	844	1,098	1,078	1,124

Celebrate Life Fundraiser

Welcomes Margie Christie



Margie Christie will be the guest speaker at Tiffin Right to Life's 7th Annual Celebrate Life Fundraiser Dinner to be held Saturday,

October 29 at the Chandelier in Tiffin. The event will begin at 5 pm.

Mrs. Christie is the Executive Director of Dayton Right to Life. Over her past 13 years with the organization, she has served on the Board of Directors, as the volunteer coordinator, Director of Advocacy and Programs, and finally Executive Director in 2019. In 2017, she joined the executive directors of Toledo, Cincinnati and Cleveland Right to Life groups to form the Right to Life Action Coalition of Ohio (RTLACO), the state's fastest growing pro-life advocacy group. She is currently the President of RTLACO.

She has helped to draft several pieces of pro-life legislation and has provided testimony on many pieces of state

legislation to protect the unborn and other vulnerable members of our community. She is also a member of the CAANE (Collaboration Against Abuse, Neglect & Exploitation), a multi-disciplinary team in Montgomery County, OH focused on elder abuse issues.

Mrs. Christie is a 1989 graduate of the University of Dayton. She and her husband Dan are parents of 4 adult children.

Tickets for the *Celebrate Life* Event are \$25. Reservation forms are in the bulletins and on Tiffin Right to Life's facebook page or on the website www.righttolifetiffin.org.

In addition to the speaker and a delicious meal, there will be a 50/50 raffle, cash bar, exciting raffle and door prizes. All proceeds will be used to continue the vital work of the organization, including support for mothers and their children, providing public messages and educational information about life issues.

"Covered in Love"

Blanket Ministry Starts 8th Year



St. Joseph Church "Covered in Love" blanket ministry is about to begin its 8th year. To date, over **750 blankets** have been made and donated to the needy in Seneca County and beyond. This year we will be adding baby blankets and will need some sewers to help with these. They will be donated to Hope Medical for mothers who need help in caring for their babies. This ministry is not possible without generous donations from groups and individuals.

If you would like to donate your time in making the blankets, please contact **Laura Haines at 419-937-6681**.

Monetary donations can be placed in the collection basket in an envelope labeled "blanket ministry" or dropped off at the rectory. Thank you for any help you can give or have given in the past!



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Jewelry Sale Time!

Our next Jewelry Sale fundraiser is coming up Thursday, November 10 to Saturday, November 12 in the Old Gymnasium. Shopping hours are 9 AM-6 PM on Thursday, 9 AM-7 PM on Friday, and 9 AM-3 PM on Saturday. Thousands of pieces of bright and sparkly jewelry will be beautifully displayed on over 70 tables, all at only \$2 per item. Come see what treasures you can find!

Proceeds of the sale benefit Calvert Catholic Schools and the Missions. Donations of jewelry, sandwich baggies



or paper lunch bags are accepted year-round and may be dropped off at the parish office.

Many people are needed to help with the set-up and sale. Please say "yes" if you are asked to help. In fact, you don't even need to wait for a call as new volunteers are always welcome. If interested in helping with the set-up or sale, please call the parish office at 419-447-5848 for more information. This is a great service hour opportunity for students! Watch for informational flyers at Calvert.

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