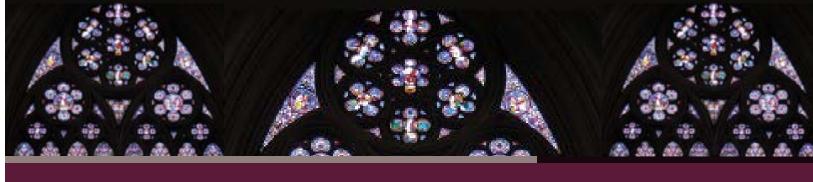


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## SPRING QUARTER NEWSLETTER 2017

### Dear Members of Seton Parish,

Each year as Lent rolls around, many of us draw up plans as to how we would like to spend the next forty days. It is a time that we are naturally drawn to spiritually renew our lives. It is a season of many graces, both for us and the church as a whole. There is nothing fancy about the way we keep the days of Lent. We are called to make it a time of prayer, fasting and giving alms. Here at Seton we try to offer opportunities for all of you to experience these fundamental aspects of Lent. We have a beautiful new Blessed Sacrament Chapel. I encourage you to make visits before the Blessed Sacrament during the Season of Lent. Jesus said to His Apostles – Remain here and keep watch with me. Spending time before the Blessed Sacrament could change your life. In addition, it is our deepest tradition that Christ is to be found in the poor, and so be sure you keep the Rice Bowl for your Lenten alms in a prominent place in your home. Finally, there are many ways that we can fast, so "Don't just give up chocolate for Lent!" I encourage you to sign up for "Best Lent Ever" at bestlentever.com, which is a free Dynamic Catholic Lenten program where you will receive daily emails as well as inspirational videos to help keep a very holy Lenten season. As we draw near the end of Lent, we are going to have our Parish Mission entitled "Treasuring Life." Lent indeed is going to be a time of many graces for us all. Don't miss out.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Jim Klima

# Treasuring Life

Once again, our parish will soon be hosting a major spiritual event for the Lenten season. Our parish mission will be entitled "Treasuring Life" and it will be held April 2nd -5th. Fr. John Graden and Joanne Kinney will be our facilitators for the mission. Fr. Graden was with us this past summer and invited us to participate and adopt a person in need from a third world country through the mission program "Unbound." Joanne Kinney has worked for many years in retreat ministry in the Buffalo diocese and continues in this ministry. They promise us a rich week that will touch our hearts, change our minds and boost our spirits. It will be a real chance for us to nourish our spiritual lives and to experience more deeply the presence of God in our midst.

It will feature some traditions that have been a part of our parish missions for years, such as the famous soup supper on Sunday evening with the rich variety of soups and breads that are truly meals more than soups. This is one of the hidden treasures of our parish missions over the years. From our meal, we will then move into the first presentation of the first night of Treasuring Yourself, and the invitation to see ourselves as precious in God's sight. On the second night, we will hear about Treasuring the Other, and how to live together as brothers and sisters in Christ. This will be a very timely talk in light of all the rancor in our world at this time. The third night will be Treasuring a Clean House, which is about care for our souls and all creation. This night will include a Reconciliation Service. Finally on the fourth night, we will hear about Treasuring the Church, for our Catholic church is a remarkable treasure standing for the ages as the presence of Christ in a troubled world. How appropriate this night will be in light of recent renovation of our church and all the treasures, down through the ages, that it holds and represents.

Plan now to hold open those nights to participate in our Parish Mission so that you may grow more deeply in the treasure of the faith that has been entrusted to you. It will be a wonderful way to prepare us for the riches of Holy Week that follow. Together on these days, we realize anew the many treasures God has gifted us with. Mark your calendars now.

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# Deacon GregWaybright

I was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate on November 26, 2016, by Bishop Fredrick Campbell at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Columbus, Ohio. I was born on June 8, 1959, in Columbus, Ohio. My parents, Charles and Ora Waybright moved the family to Reynoldsburg, Ohio, in 1964 where I remained until I was married to my high school, sweetheart Theresa Ann Lawler, on May 26, 1979, at St. Pius X Parish. We both attended and graduated from Reynoldsburg High School in 1977 (me) and 1978 (Theresa). We relocated to Columbus for a little over a year until we had a new home built in Reynoldsburg and moved back, and still reside there today.

Currently, I am the IT Manager at SBC Logistics in Obetz after a 35 year IT career at JCPenney. Theresa and I have four children: Marc Allen (37), Jennifer Kristen (35), Jessica Marie (30), and Sara Elizabeth (25). Marc, Jennifer, and Jessica are all married and Sara is in

college to be a nurse. Jessica and her husband Mike are members of Seton Parish and were married at Seton. We have five grandchildren, Madisyn, Emilie, Conner, Abbygale, and Hayleigh, all from our daughter Jennifer. I was a convert to Catholicism on December 18, 1982. I was raised Southern Baptist and came from three generations of what I referred to as Baptist "country preachers" in West Virginia. I believe this is one thing that intrigued me to look into the Diaconate. My wife Theresa was and is a member of St. Pius X since 1960, as was I since 1982.

I entered formation for the Diaconate in 2010. I was assigned to Seton Parish as a Deacon Intern in 2015, where I remained until ordination in November 2016. I really enjoyed my internship. The people at Seton Parish were all so very nice to me and accepted me as part of the family right away. Father Klima, Monsignor Fairchild (my wife's second cousin), Deacon Hector and Deacon Joe took me in and were great mentors to me during my time at Seton. Partly due to the untimely death of Deacon Joe Checca, I



was assigned to Seton Parish at ordination by Bishop Fredrick Campbell to fill an obvious need. I look forward to serving the Seton community for years to come and especially in our beautiful new worship space. My wife and I are now "empty nesters." We enjoy travel and spending time with family and friends. My wife and I were lucky enough to travel to Italy and Rome with St. Pius X in 2014 and I was able to return in 2016 for the Jubilee of the Diaconate. In 2014, we got within five feet of our Holy Father Pope Francis, which was an honor.

I currently enjoy being part of the RCIA team, Parish Council, Liturgy Committee and more. I was able to travel to Portsmouth for the food drive last year, which was amazing. The excitement of the young adults at Seton is very contagious! As I continue forward at Seton, I hope to meet many people and work with as many groups as possible.

I would like to thank all the people at Seton I have come in contact with over the last couple of years and look forward to meeting more. Everyone has made me feel right at home.

God Bless you all,

Deacon Greg Waybright

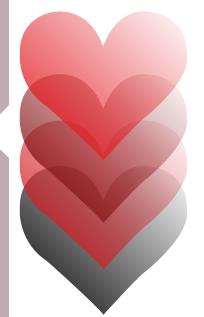


Love is in the air



Renewing vows

# Valentine's Day Dance





A Night out



Romantic dinner

# St. Vincent de Paul – Helping those in need

By Joe Kruger

Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society stand at the exits each month collecting your cash donations, but what is done with it? When Father reads the announcement at the end of Mass, he explains that the money is used to help the poor. Like we did for many years, we take it on faith that the money is used for good and give what we can. Unlike other outreaches in our parish, you don't see or hear much about St Vincent de Paul, so I'd like to share a little about what we do.

Though part of a larger international organization, each parish conference chooses how best to help the poor in their area. No act of charity is foreign to the society. Some conferences have food pantries, homeless shelters, thrift stores, dining halls, or pharmacies. All the assistance is provided person-to-person to those who are needy and suffering. Here at Seton, our small conference serves the often invisible poor of Pickerington by visiting them in their homes to show them the love of Christ, by listening to their stories, finding their needs, and providing financial assistance or referring them to other organizations. It's what Pope Francis has called building a culture of encounter with the poor. For many years now, and long before I volunteered, our conference has been helping others quietly and discreetly, maintaining the confidentiality and dignity of those we serve.

Last year, we received a phone call from a military veteran single dad who received a water shut off notice and needed help. His previous employer had gone out of business. He was starting a new job that week, but wouldn't get his first paycheck for a few weeks. He had enough in savings to pay all his bills except for the water. He was uncomfortable having strangers to his house and instead agreed to meet us at a public place. We assured him that we don't judge or discriminate, but he arrived with a folder of paperwork to reassure us that he wasn't somebody looking for a free handout. Temporary poverty resulting from job loss is very difficult for middle class folks who'd never been late on a bill before, and we strive to respect that.

In 2016, we were able to assist more than 90 families with food, clothing, shelter, utilities, furniture, prescriptions, medical bills, and other needs. Many of them are the poorest of the poor, and some needs were beyond our ability. Sometimes, we were only able to offer spiritual and emotional support and referrals. The poor have a lot to teach us about themselves and ourselves. Some of the advice we've offered to families were about resources whose existence we learned from previous families. Those we help are our friends and our neighbors, and we are led by Pope Francis to the art of accompaniment.

It's greatly rewarding when someone shows heartfelt joy for the assistance we'd offered after they had lost all hope. During a visit last year, we listened and talked, gently offering support, encouragement, and advice for nearly an hour with a young professional wife and mother who'd recently lost her job. When we asked what she needed, she said she just needed someone to reassure her that she'd be OK and that losing her job wasn't the end of the world. Even when giving financial assistance, we can see that the greatest gift we can give is our time, attention, and love. In Matthew 25, the Gospel calls us to corporal works of mercy for our own spiritual growth and salvation, and that is the mission and purpose of St Vincent de Paul. We could not do it without your continued generosity and prayers. If you feel called to join us in our mission, we need more volunteers. Please contact us at (614) 205-2347 or send an email to info@setonparishsvdp.org. Thank you!

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# Busy MOMS at Seton

If you aren't the parent of a small child, or perhaps, even if you are, you may not know about the many ways the MOMS (Mothers of Ministry at Seton) group is actively supporting families with young children in our parish. Their mission is summed up in this statement: "We are a group of mothers that assist families with young children through prayer, social support, meal sharing, and faith building."

The MOMS group was formed over 10 years ago, but was revived in 2013 by a core group of 4-5 mothers. Amanda Drouillard, one of the group's coordinators, commented that the MOMS group is like a second family to her. "Some people don't know or don't remember how difficult it is to get a family ready for Mass on Sunday. It can be exhausting, but once you're there, seeing a familiar face or hearing an encouraging word can really help, "she said. "We moved to Ohio from Michigan, so meeting other families with the same goals and values is very important to us." This group has a wide range of activities and ways for young families to interact with each other.

The first Wednesday of the month is Mom's Night Out. Mothers can enjoy a night out dining at a local restaurant, having a manicure or pedicure, or participating in a canvas painting

class. The group also organizes couple date nights, so that mothers and fathers can have a night out and get to know other couples in the group. On the second Thursday of the month, there is an evening Bible Study from 7:00-8:30 pm. The current program, "The Bible and the Virgin Mary," started in January and will last for 12 months. Each session is self-contained, so anyone who is interested can join at any time and children are welcome. The sessions are from the Formed website offered by the parish, so any missed sessions can be studied at home. For the children, there is a monthly devotional consisting of a lesson, a craft, and a snack, hosted in the



nursery, a local park or at a parishioner's home. Once or twice a month there is "Playtime in the PAC," where there is an open gym and fellowship. Preschoolers can bring their trikes and try to exhaust their boundless energy. For the past three years, they have thrown a "Happy Birthday, Jesus" party before Christmas. After a potluck dinner, they share birthday cake, engage in a craft, and let the children play.

The MOMS group is always looking for ways that the young children can volunteer within our parish and in the community. One of the ways the children serve the parish is by being involved with the Seton Garden Group, where they actively participate in tending to the flower garden under the flagpole at Seton. Another example was a special MOMS group volunteer night to help with the packing of food for the Portsmith Food Drive. It was tailored to the young children and was a huge success. They also provide desserts for every other Knights of Columbus Fish Fry. So when you see young children carrying trays to the trash or trying to pass out dessert, be patient!



The children have also have visited a local assisted living facility, putting smiles on the residents' faces. They have also provided meals and cards to the local fire departments as a way of showing support and appreciation."The mothers in this group are so generous with their time and how they can help one another. From providing the emotional support to bringing families meals after welcoming a new baby, having surgery or just needing the extra support, "commented Amanda. "The group is truly setting up the village that every family needs.""Not only has this group been a huge blessing for our family personally, but I see it as a blessing for the whole parish, "said Amanda. "Young families are coming back to Mass and are connecting with each other. They are the future of our parish and our Church." If you have young children and would like to join the MOMS group, email <a href="mailto:setonmomsgroup@gmail.com">setonmomsgroup@gmail.com</a>. Dates and times for all activities are posted on the group's Facebook page at <a href="mailto:www.facebook.com/groups/setonparishmoms">www.facebook.com/groups/setonparishmoms</a>.

