HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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A YEAR IN REVIEW

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Celebrating 75 Years!

More than 75 years ago, Holy Family Parish celebrated its first Mass in the Stow Workman High School cafeteria. Fr. Howard E. Sammon led the service, attended by 68 parishioners. A cafeteria table, raised on blocks of wood, served as the new parish's first altar.

Throughout the years, Holy Family has grown to become a dynamic parish, now more than 10,000 members strong. Still, to truly know Holy Family Parish, one must look back throughout the past 75 years.

A tent was rented to accommodate nearly 300 people

Fr. Denk joins Ron Martin as three little ones dance away

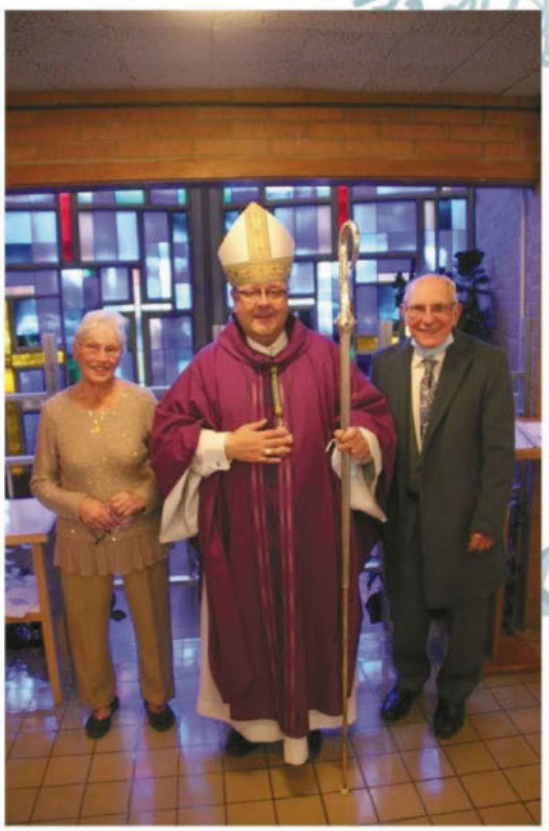
2021 began to feel a bit more "normal once again! This year, Holy Family Parish is celebrating the 75th Anniversary. The celebration began this past August when Holy Family hosted an Anniversary Picnic welcoming everyone back to Mass once again!

Nearly 300 people attended and enjoyed music by Steel Drum Director from Archbishop Hoban High School, Ron Martin. Summer fare was enjoyed and Handel's provided the delicious and famous Handel's Pops for dessert.

Thank you to our incredible Parishioners for making this summer picnic so much fun!

Celebrating 75 Years!

On Sunday, November 28th, the parish marked its 75th anniversary. Bishop Edward Malesic took time to celebrate Mass and visit with parishioners. He asked everyone to think about all who have gone before them, those who built the church, school and family of faith at Holy Family. Much of what the parish has was a gift from others, he said, reminding everyone that they also should leave it as a gift for future generations.



Marge Walkman and Vic Dandrea with Bishop Malesic

The Wagner Family enjoyed the reception in the Lower Church Hall after Mass

It's the perfect time to look back at our most memorable moments.

Life Teen Service Project: November 20-21, 2021

the Peter Maurin Center

Life Teen has partnered with the Peter Maurin Center in Akron to cook and serve a meal for PMC guests every other month. On Saturday, teen volunteers prepared lasagna, garlic bread, and salad. Some teens participated from home by baking desserts. On Sunday, a new group of volunteers traveled to PMC to serve the meal. In addition, volunteers assisted with PMC's clothing ministry. The teens enjoyed talking to the guests and look forward to returning to PMC in January.

Religious Education

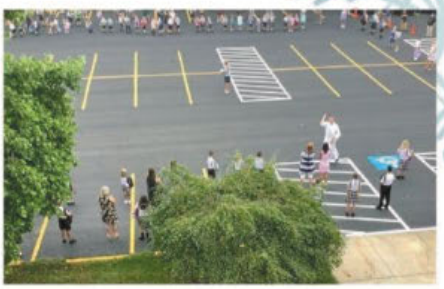
Clockwise from left: In April, second grade students display the monstrances they made at Jesus Day before the celebration of First Communion; in June, children learn about the Paschal candle before making their own at Catholic 365: A VBS on the Liturgical Year; in October, PSR students dress up as saints to celebrate All Saints Day.

RCIA

As church, we journey with our catechumens and candidates through the season of Advent. As God tells us through the prophet Isaiah, "I am the Lord, your God who grasps your right hand," let us prayerfully take their hands and share in the joy and excitement growing in their hearts as they approach the reception of the sacraments at the Easter Vigil. Please keep in prayer: Alyssa, Anthony, Elaine, Jase, Jason, Jay, Jenn and Pam.

HOLY FAMILY SCHOOL SPOTLIGHT

It is difficult to believe that Christmas has come and gone! It has been a very busy school year here at Holy Family School, as we emerge from our "pandemic year" that was last year. We began the school year with our traditional Blessing of the Bookbags. Father Andy joined us for our opening of school assembly and said a special blessing for our students and their bookbags as we began another exciting school year.



Fr. Andy blessing the bookbags

Our Student Enhancement Committee also planned and participated in Get Your Teach On's, Rock Your School Day on October 21st. This national event brings educators from across the country together to participate in this educational movement that is energizing the K-8 teaching community. Teachers were encouraged to create an outside-of-the-box educational experience designed to engage their students and bring learning to life in their classrooms. Holy Family School planned an action-packed Rock Your School Day. This year our theme was a carnival theme. Our middle school students planned an amazing carnival for our K-8 students complete with some amazing prize opportunities donated by our awesome parents. We met with our buddy groups, Panther Pals, where students are placed on teams from grades K-8 with our eighth-grade students serving as our leaders. We had a great snack from the Kona Ice truck which was fun even in the rain. Finally, we ended the day with a very exciting game of Hungry, Hungry Hippos Live played by our teachers. It was a great day for everyone!

Miss Alestock (left) and Mrs. Skinner(right)

Our students in first and second grade participated in a great morning of cardio drumming in early October. Students were joined by Kellie Dziemianzuk, owner of Tyrannosaurus Flex Fitness for an hour long session of drumming and dancing. A great time was had by all and we were all exhausted at the end!

We also continue to host many different opportunities for our students' development in addition to strong academics and faith formation.

what a year it was!

We are so excited to bring our clubs back this year after a year off from the pandemic. Our PAWS Service Club maxed out in a day. Our Future Catholic Teachers' Club students can be seen during their free time volunteering in the younger grades. Our Student Council students have been hard at work planning many projects around the school including a middle school dance and other activities for our students. Our SHOP and Recycle Service Clubs have been busy helping around the school! We even have a newly formed STEM Club for our students in three through five which has been a big hit!

With all of the exciting things happening here, we invite you to come meet our family. Our school will be hosting its annual Open House on Sunday, January 30th.We invite everyone to come and see the great things that are happening here at Holy Family School. If you are interested in joining our school family, please join us for Open House or contact Mrs. Franklin at: kfranklin@holyfamilyschoolstow.org for a private tour.

I am looking forward to seeing what the year 2022 brings for our students. I hope everyone has a blessed new year and thank you for your support for our wonderful school!

On Tuesday, November 30th, Holy Family School took part in **#weGiveCatholic** on **#GivingTuesday,** which is a one-day, 24 hour global campaign dedicated to giving back.

The results are in and what an impact **#weGiveCatholic** can have thanks to our generous supporters! From the teachers, staff and students at Holy Family School, along with Fr. Rosing and Mrs. Hawk Frank, **THANK YOU** for your overwhelming generosity.

Holy Family School was able to raise $16,260! Have a blessed holiday season and we'll see you next year!

The Holy Family Parents' Club is having their annual Main Event! Save the date for Saturday, April 30th and sail the night away to live music, dinner, drinks, dancing, auctions, raffles and so much more!

Visit hfsmainevent.com to learn more!

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