



Calhoun Corner

From the Principal's Pen...

Dear Friends,

Summer is definitely here; in the halls of Corryville Catholic School we are still very busy with summer school.

The school year ended with great joy on June 6 followed on June 7 with the 8th Grade Graduation Prayer and Brunch. I always have a great feeling of excitement and pride as I watch a class move on at the end of the year.

You can look into the faces of each child and recall the years gone by. They have experienced the ups and downs of being a student, many more ups than downs. I hope and pray we have given them the skills needed to walk into the next part of their lives—"high school."

It is amazing and a privilege to be part of a child's growing years. I see the growth that happens from year to year and some-

times from day to day. Their minds are open to receive and understand all about this world of ours; sometimes there are special "aha" moments of "so that's how I put letters together to sound out words" - of "that's how a tiny seed grows" or "that's what I can do to put Peace in my life."

Learning how to learn for life and knowing Our Good God is what we are about.

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Corryville Catholic is a consolidated school including:

- Assumption
- Holy Name
- Mother of Christ
- Sacred Heart
- St. Andrew
- St. Monica-St. George

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Graduates Achieve Success

On Saturday, June 7, 18 members of the Corryville class of 2008 graduated in a beautiful, prayerful ceremony attended by their families and friends. The ceremony ended with this wish from the congregation for the graduates: *Know that our God is good—may you walk in God's goodness now and forever. Amen.*

Of the 18 graduates, 11 will be attending these Catholic high schools:

- St. Xavier—4
- Purcell-Marian—3
- Roger Bacon—3
- LaSalle—1

These students received high school financial aid totaling \$184,400!

Since the Choices for Children Program started in 2000, 109 students have graduated from Corryville. Of the 109, 84 enrolled in Catholic high schools; 90% received financial assistance.

From the Corryville classes of 2001 to 2004, 54% enrolled in college.

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Spotlight on...St. George Class of '53

On Friday, June 6, 2008, 17 members of the St. George Class of 1953 met at Mt. Notre Dame Convent to celebrate the Double-Nickel (55th) anniversary of their graduation on June 6, 1953.

While the fact of this reunion may not seem newsworthy, what is remarkable is that this is the 10th time members of this class have met for an anniversary celebration.

Much of the credit for these reunions goes to their 8th grade teacher, Sr. Mary Elaine Tarpy, SNDdeN. To show their love and gratitude, in 2007 the class of '53 presented a plaque in honor of Sr. Mary Elaine for the Chapel Memorial Wall at Mt. Notre Dame. The plaque reads: "Sr. Mary Elaine Tarpy, in thanksgiving for our favorite teacher whom we love like family with admiration and appreciation.. St. George Class of 1953"

Originally there were 43 members of the class. The four who are deceased were remembered by name in the liturgy that began this year's festivities. After dinner Robert Hauck, who flew in from Florida for the reunion, presented a plaque to Neil Schmidt in appreciation for his communications that have kept the class informed about each other over the years. (see picture below)



The initiative behind most of the reunions and other gatherings has been provided by Charlene Boehmer Asbach strongly supported by Rosemary Minello Meibers.

The class of 1953 is a wonderful example of the spirit that these graduates experienced at St. George School and that is still alive and well at Corryville Catholic School!

We look forward to seeing the class of 53 along with other St. George graduates at our St. George reunion on September 28.

Note: Corryville Catholic is happy to host individual class reunions. For more information, contact Shirley Speaks, Director of Development, at 513-349-8751 or shirleyspeaks@gmail.com

A Prayer of Celebration

In May the Corryville school community gathered for a Celebration of Sacraments in honor of Corryville students who were baptized or received First Communion during the 2007-08 school year.

The students who were baptized are Yaire Wheeler, grade 1; Amaryah Wheeler, grade 3; and Dashawn Wheeler, grade 8. Those who received First Communion are pictured here: Dezaray Brewster,

St. Ignatius Church and Angel Prince, Holy Name Church.



Calling All Alumni

Watch the mail for an invitation to your reunion!

St. George classes of 1930 through 1977—Sunday, September 28!

Corryville Catholic classes of 1978 through 2008—Sunday, October 19!

The Year in Review



At the annual luncheon hosted by the Sisters of Notre Dame at Cintas Center, Corryville students pictured here performed for the guests.



Corryville alum, Wendell Taylor '04 shown here with Choices for Children director Dr. Joseph Speaks, was the featured speaker.



Solomon Wilcotts, former defensive end for the Cincinnati Bengals, visited Corryville this spring to speak with students and then graciously signed autographs.

Mr. Ron Gielegem, one of the adult mentors, who meets with 8th graders weekly is pictured here in his plane. Each spring he offers 8th grade students the opportunity for a plane ride as part of the Young Eagles Program at the Butler County Airport.



Shown on a recent visit to Corryville are Amber Gary '94 and Robert Gary '84 with Sr. Mary Ann and Sr. Marie



These candid pictures were taken at the graduation celebration.

Recognition Banquet Honors Students

In late May 38 students were honored at Corryville's Recognition Banquet.

These students and their parents were guests at a delicious dinner. Following that, certificates were presented for

- good citizenship
- perfect attendance
- A and B honors
- 100 or more points in the Accelerated Reading Program

A New Way to Support Corryville Catholic

Corryville Catholic has joined the Meijer Community Rewards Program. In order to participate, all you need to do is shop at any Meijer store and Corryville will receive cash rewards from your purchases.

First, however, you must apply for and receive a Meijer 1 Card; this is not a credit card or a debit card. It is a store customer card which will be scanned at checkout; then you can pay with cash or a debit card. Or if you prefer to get a Meijer credit card you may use that also.

You can get an enrollment application from any Meijer store. When enrolling you will need Corryville's code number: 497116.

There is no pressure to join; it's just an easy way to support CC.

Mr. Harold Thomas, for whom Corryville's library is named, presents one of the Accelerated Reading awards while Sr. Mary Ellen, director of the AR program, looks on.



Principal Sr. Marie Smith is pictured above with three recipients of Good Citizenship awards.

From Marketing Committee

This spring the Corryville Catholic School Board marketing committee conducted a parent survey. The committee was very pleased to receive responses from 68% of Corryville parents.

A synopsis of the results showed that 60% learned about Corryville Catholic from a relative or friend.

When asked to name all the reasons why they chose Corryville, the responses were as follows:

- 74% - small class size
- 70% - religious education

- 66% - curriculum
- 62% - discipline
- 56% - Catholic values
- 55% - uniforms
- 52% - location near home or work
- 52% - character development
- 46% - high school scholarship opportunities
- 45% - personal attention from faculty

When asked what they like best about Corryville Catholic, the three main answers were faculty's commitment to children, small class size and religious education/values.