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The Good News at St. Hilary Parish

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St. Hilary Council 14551 at the Memorial Day Parade in Fairlawn.



Knight of the Year, Mike Pinter, with Knights of Columbus Director of Programs Mike Andy

Knights of Columbus honor those who serve

The Knights of Columbus put several parishioners in the spotlight recently for their contributions to St. Hilary Parish and the community. Awardees included Mike Pinter, Knight of the Year; the Dublikar Family, Family of the Year; Ben Gosche, Youth of the Year; and Fr. Michael Garvin, Spiritual Advisor of the Year. According to Grand Knight Don Roulett, the yearly awards are in keeping with the organization's focus on faith, families, youth and support of those seeking ordination.

Mike Pinter received recognition for his consistent support of the organization's many projects, most notable, its Coats for Kids campaign. He coordinates the program which provides coats for children whose needs appear on the Giving Tree at Christmas time. He serves a

number of roles in the St. Hilary's Council. He is the Program Director for Faith and a past Worthy Lecturer, which involves arranging for guest speakers. As Faithful Navigator, he guides Fourth Degree Knights, notable for their regalia worn for ceremonial occasions.

According to former Grand Knight Bernie Geary, "When there is a Knights of Columbus activity at our parish, Mike is usually there. You can see him at the Basketball Free Throw contest coaching the kids and keeping score, running the Soccer Shoot-Out or refereeing grade school soccer games. At other times you will see him selling raffle tickets to golfers at our charitable fundraiser or handing out beverages for the Parish Faith and Food Truck Festival. It seems like Mike is always

ready with new ideas for activities that allow Council members to be involved while providing benefit to our parish. He has a tireless spirit and gets a lot of things done. He is a huge asset to our council and for that we named him Knight of the Year for 2024."

As the Knights' Family of the Year, the Dublikars were recognized for their active participation in the parish. Together the couple started a ministry, Parents R.O.C.K. — Raising Our Catholic Kids, arranging for guest speakers and refreshments. Eric is a member of the Stewardship Committee and plays with the men's basketball group on Monday nights. The parish's Communications Manager, Angela is also involved in the Cookie Ministry, Children's Liturgy of the

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Family of the Year: (from left) Josephine, Angela, Giuliana, David and Eric Dublikar

Word, and is a Eucharistic Minister. Additionally, she coaches their daughter Giuliana's CYO basketball and volleyball teams.

Fr. Michael Garvin, Spiritual Advisor of the Year, was a second degree Knight for eight years prior to ordination last May. During that time, he often shared his journey to the priesthood with his fellow knights. During his deaconate year at St. Mark Parish he often came back to St. Hilary for Council meetings. Before seeking religious life, he was active in St. Hilary's Youth Group, where he sang and played piano as part of its 5:30 pm Mass ensemble. He is now Parochial Vicar of St. Charles Borromeo Parish in Parma. According to Grand Knight Don Roulett, the Knights of Columbus typically support seminarians and those preparing for religious life.



Youth of the Year, Ben Gosche

The Youth of the Year, Ben Gosche, is described as "faith filled and having a great moral compass." He is an altar server and eighth grader at St. Hilary School where he's a member of the Academic Challenge Team, which qualified for the National Tournament in Chicago last year. Ben also founded a Rubik's Cube Club in his first year at St. Hilary. He is an A student who takes both Advanced Math and Reading. Last year Ben served on the technology crew for the school's production of Peter Pan.



Spiritual Advisor of the Year, Fr. Michael Garvin, with former Grand Knight, Bernie Geary

"We have over 240 members and our mission is to support our pastor, parish and community. We are here to serve." said Don. The council supports not only the parish and school, but also charities in the community.

"When you think of time, talent and treasure," said Don, "we contribute a great deal to local charities such as Gennesaret, EMBRACE, and St. Vincent DePaul Society. We support over three dozen local charities based on the treasure we create from our annual raffle and golf outing. Part of it also goes to the St. Hilary



Former Grand Knight Bernie Geary receives the 2024 Star Council Award for Council 14551.

community and school scholarships," he said.

The St. Hilary's Knights of Columbus Council is also a winner, having received the 2024 Star Council Award recently from the Knights of Columbus national organization. The award recognizes outstanding achievement in membership, insurance and programming. To be so honored, the council must also have received the Fr. McGivney Award for membership growth, the Columbian Award for programs and charitable works, and the Founders' Award for insurance and fraternal benefits.

Join Knights of Columbus Council 14551

St. Hilary's Council is looking for new members. It is open to those men 18 and older. "In particular we are looking for younger members who will realize the difference they can make with just a modest amount of participation," said Don. The group meets on the first Tuesday evening of the month in the Spiritual Center.

If interested, contact Don Roulett at don.roulett@gmail.com or John Occhino at jsochinno@gmail.com.

Meeting the challenge to raise Catholic Kids



Pictured at left: Fr. Eric Garriss, Vocations Director for the Diocese of Cleveland, joined Parents R.O.C.K. as the guest speaker in October.

At a time when it's hard enough to raise children, raising them in the Catholic faith presents its own challenges. Angela Dublikar recognized this a few years ago, and after attending sessions of Parents R.O.C.K. (Raising Our Catholic Kids) with her sister-in-law at St. Paul Parish in North Canton, realized it was needed here at St. Hilary.

"We loved how it met us parents where we are in our faith and parenting journeys and gave us hope for how to raise our children in the Catholic faith given everything that is going on in our culture," said Angela.

Along with her husband Eric and Fr. Cameron Popik, Angela sought to start a group at St. Hilary in 2022. Parents R.O.C.K. fit with St. Hilary's five-year plan, which included "feeding our families spiritually and creating more events that bring community to our families and parents in the parish," she explained.

Fr. Cameron added, "After the annual clergy meeting for the Diocese of Cleveland, there were plenty of conversations about what to spend our resources and energy on. The bishops and priests heard a challenging presentation from Dan Cellucci, CEO of Catholic Leadership Institute, an apostolate providing leadership training and consulting to bishops and priests. All of the generations and individuals need pastoral care, both inside the parish

and outside of the parish community. Dan suggested that we consider the potential impact of the Millennial generation, due to their place in life (growing in adulthood, building families, etc.), among other reasons, as well." Parents R.O.C.K. has been one of our parish's responses to this important area.

"It is so important to have good and holy people who will walk the path of discipleship with us. Living out holy marriages and raising good sons and daughters is countercultural today so intentionally forming friendships with people who are also shooting for the same eternal prize is worth all of the time and energy that it takes.

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Fr. Cameron

I have been personally affected by these kinds of friends thanks to my parents' choices. I also love being involved with Parents R.O.C.K. because we get the opportunity to bring in a great Catholic speaker and disciple of Jesus, connecting with the larger church and who can inspire us to think bigger," said Fr. Cameron.

According to Angela, "In a world that constantly challenges our values

and beliefs, St. Hilary wants to be a guide and support for families navigating the journey of parenting and raising their children in the Catholic faith." Parents R.O.C.K. seeks to do just that by providing the opportunity for parents to socialize and build community and then to gain knowledge and insight from a Catholic speaker on relevant faith-based parenting topics.

Eric added, "Raising kids in the Catholic faith in today's culture is not an easy task. Oftentimes, the teachings of our faith are counter to what the culture wants us to believe is good and true. Parents R.O.C.K. provides an opportunity to hear and discuss topics that matter as Catholic parents. And the program is a great way to engage young families and parents at St. Hilary."

So far, guest speakers have included Jen Ricard, founder of Theology of the Body, Cleveland, as well as Bill and Margarita Selig, who have a marriage ministry in the NEO area, spoke on how they have engaged their children in the faith. Nationwide Catholic speaker Maggie Craig addressed the group on why she has remained Catholic, and Fr. Patrick Schultz spoke about the Eucharist.

This fall, speakers included Fr. Eric Garriss who encouraged us to help our children become saints in whatever vocation they chose, as well as Dr. Andrew Staron, professor of Systemic Theology at St. Mary Seminary, speaking on how the faith helps us to parent with hope.

The Parents R.O.C.K. Ministry has also hosted other events, like a golf night at Big Shots, and a night out at Foundry Social.



TOP TEN Reasons to Love St. Hilary School!

With so many wonderful attributes, it is difficult to name just one thing that stands out about our parish school! With that in mind, these pages share what may be the top ten reasons to love St. Hilary School!



Faith is the Foundation

At St. Hilary School, faith makes the difference in ensuring that the values taught at home are also emphasized at school. Prayer is part of each school day, Mass is part of each school week, and a faith-based theme guides each school year. Special faith-based programming and retreats occur regularly, as well. Living as Jesus by being kind and caring, serving others and developing good moral character is as natural for students as learning their academic subjects. Each person is created in the image of God and the expectation at the school is that each person be treated with human dignity. Although grounded in Catholic teachings, St. Hilary School openly embraces students of all faiths whose parents desire that a faith-based education be part of their formation.

Academic Excellence Shines

As a two-time nationally-recognized Blue Ribbon School, and poised to earn the designation for a third time, St. Hilary School has long been known as an academic leader in our area. Excellence shines throughout the school, and is evident in students' success both daily and as demonstrated in standardized testing. St. Hilary School is in the top tier among schools in the Diocese of Cleveland and outperformed Ohio public schools based upon MAP testing scores for Spring 2024, the most recent testing data available for comparison. Annually, 98% of St. Hilary School graduates continue their education at one of the local Catholic high schools, which consistently report that St. Hilary graduates are exceptionally well-prepared.

Leadership is Rooted in Tradition

Since 2018, Mrs. Jennifer Woodman and Mrs. Darcy Alexander have served in the roles of Principal and Assistant Principal, respectively, of the school that gave both of them their academic and spiritual foundations. Being alumnae of St. Hilary School makes serving as its leaders even more meaningful. Both are passionate about education and love building relationships with students, staff and parents to create a school culture and climate that exudes warmth while maintaining high expectations. Approachable and knowledgeable, Mrs. Woodman and Mrs. Alexander partner with Pastor Fr. Steve Brunovsky and the rotation of associate pastors who serve the parish to ensure that the school is in capable hands as decisions are made at all levels.

All Learners Are Welcome

St. Hilary School is committed to serving the needs of all learners. With differentiated learning in place in every classroom, curriculum can be adapted to provide individualized instruction for varied levels of ability. For students needing enrichment, a Think Tank program challenges the youngest students, while Advanced Math and English Language Arts classes are available for older students. More intensively, a team of over 20 provides support services for students who need additional assistance to be successful in school. These professionals include intervention specialists, tutors working within and outside classrooms, a speech language pathologist, occupational therapists, a school psychologist, an applied behavior analysis therapist, a school counselor, a school social worker, and aides who facilitate individualized support.

Faculty & Staff Transforms Lives

Educators are the soul of any school. At St. Hilary School, though, teaching is a higher calling, with teachers and educational staff not only training minds, but demonstrating a genuine personal interest in each student, shaping hearts and transforming lives for Jesus Christ. They go far beyond being dedicated to their profession, nurturing students and building character by modeling love, kindness and compassion. Additionally, the school's teachers and educational staff commit

many hours outside of the school day to work with students who need help, to lead clubs and other activities, to plan special events, to collaborate with and mentor colleagues, to serve on school committees, and much more. This dedicated team is an invaluable asset to the school.

Innovation Leads the Way

With a 64-year history, St. Hilary School takes pride in blending tradition and innovation for the benefit of its students. Second grade students still learn cursive, all students still recite the Pledge of Allegiance every morning, and traditional values abound. But coexisting with tradition are modern elements of instruction that lead the way to the future. Experiential learning allows students to fully immerse themselves in lessons. The school's science lab is a hub of inquiry and exploration, while its state-of-the-art digital communication studio provides the perfect backdrop for video production. Cutting edge technology, including Promethean ActivPanel boards and 1:1 Chromebooks, enables students to truly be 21st century learners. Students also have opportunities to challenge themselves with projects and to develop presentation, speaking and critical thinking skills.

Community is Like Family

Building on the tone set by its leadership, St. Hilary School has forged a community that is like a second family to its students, parents and staff. Supportive, loyal and loving, this community is bonded through commonality of values and so much more. The school community rallies around its members in both times of trial and times of celebration, lifting one another up and giving literal meaning to the idea that it takes a village to raise a child. Parental support and involvement are vital to the success of St. Hilary School. From the volunteers who staff the hot lunch kitchen daily, to room parents, to those who volunteer from home, each parent makes an important contribution to the school community. Parents assist with special projects, lessons and much more. Funds raised by parents support school needs and provide programming and amenities that enrich the students' educational experience. The school's Parents' Association is an important facilitator of both volunteer and fundraising support.

Clubs & Sports Are Plentiful

To develop its students as whole persons outside of the classroom, St. Hilary School also offers an array of extracurricular clubs and sports for students across grades K-8. Recreational and competitive activities enable all students to explore a new interest, hone a skill, or immerse themselves in a passion. Clubs are overseen by school staff at the end of the school day, covering a range of activities students enjoy. Led by parent volunteers, sports are offered in the evenings and on weekends, through the St. Hilary Parish Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) program, providing a full slate of sporting activities for students year-round.

Amenities Add Value

Beyond the fundamental school experience, several amenities add value to the St. Hilary School package. The Latchkey before-and-after-school care program provides an affordable child care option for working parents. A hot lunch program serves up daily meals that include made-from-scratch items and fresh salad choices to appeal to a variety of appetites. The school clinic is staffed by registered nurses during school hours and provides assistance with illness or injury, as well as some preventative screenings. Bus transportation is also provided by the Copley-Fairlawn, Highland, Revere, and Woodridge school districts, to assist parents in transporting students to and from school.

Funding Expands Affordability

EdChoice Scholarship participant. This move provided all students registering or re-registering for enrollment at the school the opportunity to receive an EdChoice Scholarship to offset a portion – and in some cases, all – of their St. Hilary School tuition. For those not qualifying for a full EdChoice Scholarship, the Angel Scholarship and other scholarships and tuition assistance complete the St. Hilary commitment to affordability by filling gaps between tuition and what is covered by the EdChoice Scholarship, significantly expanding access to a Catholic education at St. Hilary School for all children.

Explore the School

If you would like your child and your family to experience the benefits of a Catholic education at St. Hilary School, now is the ideal time to begin exploring all that the school has to offer. The school will host its popular Kindergarten Kaleidoscope program for prospective 2025-2026 kindergarteners and their parents on January 9, 2025 from 8:45-11 am. RSVP by December 26, 2024 to attend. An Open House on January 26, 2025 from 12-2 pm is open to all. Stop by to tour the school, visit classrooms and meet teachers. New Student Registration for 2025-2026 will begin online at www.st-hilaryschool.org on January 6, 2025. For more information about enrollment or to RSVP for Kindergarten Kaleidoscope, please contact Debbie Sinopoli, Director of Marketing & Admissions, at 330-867-8720, ext. 343 or dsinopoli@st-hilary.org.

CYO Hall of Fame Inductee Tim Shovlin raises the bar

As followers of Christ, we are called to give of our time, talent and treasure. Tim Shovlin has given all three by working with youth sports since arriving at St. Hilary Parish in 1993. For his nearly 30 years of service on the parish, community and diocesan levels, The Cleveland Diocesan Catholic Youth Organization (CYO) recently inducted Tim into its Hall of Fame.

His decades of service are his way of giving back, having participated in CYO sports as a youngster at Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Midland, Pa. “I don’t do anything different than was done for me. It’s the way my dad brought us up. He was mayor and the Little League Baseball Commissioner there. And we were all active in the church,” recalled Tim, who was an altar boy at 5:45 a.m. Mass.

A business trip brought Tim to Akron and to St. Hilary for Mass prior to his joining the parish with his wife Roseanne in the early 1990s. “I just loved the parish and was in town for the weekend,” he said. At the time, Tim was working for the Babcock and Wilcox Cincinnati office. Since coming to Akron, he has continued to work as a mechanical engineer for the same company in Barberton.



Tim and Roseanne Shovlin

When his own children expressed an interest in sports, the couple jumped in with both feet and became coaches for their kids’ soccer, basketball and baseball teams. He then served as the school’s Athletic Director for nine years.

He is most proud of his work on Horning Hall, completed in 1998. “I was lucky enough to help Fr. Yahner with the building committee for Horning Hall, a showcase for all parishes in the Diocese. CYO held its state basketball tournament there in its first year.” It is also used for school plays, assemblies and other school and parish functions.

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A few years later after the new gym became a reality, Tim started officiating basketball for the Ohio High School Athletic Association (OHSAA) because he wanted to learn all of the rules. “By 2007, I thought I was done,” said Tim, “my son had graduated from high school.” However, that changed when Nick Creme asked him to help with the CYO Officials Academy, which trains high school students to officiate basketball games for those in third through fifth grades, an activity he still enjoys. “I like working with young people. If I had retired in 2007 I would have missed working with them. Now I work with real young athletes and young adults—it’s hands-on training,” he said.

Then there’s the faith element. Tim explained, “The purpose of CYO is to



be Christian, inclusive of everyone—everyone is equally important to the team. We emphasize sportsmanship in a Christian environment.”

But that’s not all, through Tim’s association with fellow Catholic Nick Creme, he became involved with the Fellowship of Christian Officials (FCO), an interfaith and intrastate organization. “We come from all over the country and get together once a year for a retreat. We also have a prayer chain and receive semi-monthly devotional messages sent from Nick by email,” he added.

“Part of the motto of FCO is to ‘raise the bar’—to be a better person. It gives me a different perspective. There’s a lot more importance in raising the bar, or being a better Christian, than the game itself,” said Tim.

Giving back has continued to be a joy for Tim. “What I still enjoy to this day, is seeing young St. Hilary teams—kids and parents. It brings back memories of seeing my own kids play sports, and as Athletic Director, seeing those teams play,” he said. “And I am most grateful to all the St. Hilary people for all they have given as coaches and administrators, and the cooperation from the parish staff over the years, especially the late Fr. Yahner, Randy Malick, Pat Nugent, Karen Alestock.”

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Christmas Eve Masses

Tuesday, December 24

Masses at 4 p.m.* (Church), 4 p.m. (Horning Hall),
6 p.m., and 10 p.m.*

Christmas Day Masses

Wednesday, December 25

Masses at 9 a.m.* and 11 a.m.*

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