

## Notices/Events Involving the Family

Please remember to keep **Fr. John** in your prayers for a safe trip home to Germany and back to the St. Isidore the Farmer, Family of Parishes.

**Follow The Star: Christmas at St. Charles** Join your family and friends for the “Follow the Star: Christmas at St. Charles,” a celebration in preparation for the feast of Christmas. The residents of St. Charles Senior Living Center are opening their doors to the community from 12:30 to 7 p.m. Dec. 16 and 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Dec. 17 with events for all ages.

- Cookies and Milk with St. Nicholas at 1:30 p.m. Hear the story of the real St. Nick.
- Hayrides around the property from 1:30 to 4 p.m. and 5:30 to 7 p.m. weather permitting.
- Mass at 4 p.m. in Assumption Chapel followed by a glowing procession to the live nativity.
- Stations of the Nativity display depicting 14 moments surrounding the birth of Jesus.
- Polar Express electric train display with our magical conductor Brother Tim Cahill.
- Festival of Trees\* presented by local parish youth groups and religious education programs. Visitors vote on favorite tree by dropping \$1, \$5, \$20 or \$100 in the donation box by the group’s tree. The winning group will receive prize money to be used for their ministry.
- Beautiful decorations created for St. Charles by a host of decorating angels.

Sunday, Dec. 17 will be a day of reflection and prayer from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the Stations of the Nativity at 1 and 2 p.m., and A Festival of Lessons and Carols at 4 p.m. in Assumption Chapel.

St. Charles Center is located at 2860 U.S. Route 127 in Carthage, Ohio. Watch our Facebook page for more information at Follow the Star: Christmas at St. Charles.

*\*Trees decorated by Our Lady of Guadalupe CCD, Immaculate Conception School Students, and Immaculate Conception CCD will be in the Festival of Trees. They are working hard on decorating their trees and would love to have our parishioners come out to support them and help their tree win!*

**Scholarship Donation Credit** Individual taxpayers and pass-through entities can claim a credit for monetary donations made to an eligible scholarship granting organization (SGO). The credit equals the lesser of \$750 or the total amount donated to SGOs during the tax year. If you are filing a joint return and both you and your spouse make eligible donations, each of you can claim this credit (up to \$1,500 total). Beginning in tax year 2023, the credit may also be claimed for donations made on or before the unextended return due date, but the same contribution cannot be used to claim the credit in two tax years.

## **SCRIP CARDS FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS!** (Immaculate Conception School)

Christmas is quickly approaching, and there are not many more days to order your gift cards from the IC School Scrip program! The **very last order that we will be sure to get before Christmas** will be placed at **9 a.m. Monday, December 11**, so get out your list, check it twice, and get that order in! We will still be selling cards in stock after weekend Masses December 16th and 17th, and at the rectory through noon on Dec. 22 for last minute gift giving, but you won’t be assured of getting the exact cards you want unless you order them!

The IC School Scrip program donates between \$10,000 and \$20,000 a year and our **ALL** our profits go **ONLY** to IC School. We have already given \$18,000 this year and would like to give more. We make between 40-50% of our profit during the Christmas season, so please support this worthwhile program that directly benefits your children here at IC School!  
***Thanks for your support and have a Very Blessed Christmas!***

**St. Isidore the Farmer Staff News** After extensive search for a Director of Evangelization, we can officially say that we have found one. Deacon Charlie Salway will be our new Director of Evangelization for the St. Isidore Family. Dcn. Charlie brings with him nearly 50 years of project management experience with the same construction company. He also has many years of service and commitment to the church which includes; Religious ED (Confirmation catechist), Knights of Columbus (chaplain & past grand knight), IC Festival, IC renovation (chair and liaison), IC School (parent advisory), ICY (youth minister), and Ordained to the Diaconate in 2019.

Deacon Charlie will begin his new position on Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024.

**Congratulations Deacon Charlie and welcome to the team!**

**Family Parishes Church Decorating** Decorating is preferred after Sunday, Dec. 24th 9am Masses but Fr. John is allowing trees, garland, and empty cribs to be in place on Friday Dec. 22nd after morning Mass. No Christmas lights should be turned on until Christmas Eve Mass. All statues and poinsettias can be in place after 9am Mass on Sunday, Dec. 24. If no Mass at your church, then you can decorate after the last Mass of the week.

**St Teresa Christmas Decorating will be held on Friday, Dec 22<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00am. All are welcome.**