

# ST. PATRICK OF HEATHERDOWNS



**St. Patrick of Heatherdowns**

*A Vibrant Catholic Community*

## **Mission Statement**

St. Patrick of Heatherdowns is a vital part of the Catholic Church, united in one faith, one baptism, committed to the proclamation of the good news of Jesus Christ in word and sacrament. We worship together as the Body of Christ, we minister to one another in the spirit of the Gospel and we reach beyond ourselves to those in need of our time, talent and treasure. We become the living presence of God in love and service.

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CONTACT INFORMATION

Website: www.toledostpats.org

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CORE STAFF

Table listing core staff members including Reverend Dennis G. Walsh, Reverend Vicente Antonio Vera, Mrs. Sharon Christy, Mr. Ron Prebe, Miss Sarah Hofkes, Mrs. Rita Hoff, Mr. Edmund Mitchell, Mrs. Debora O'Shea, and Mrs. Michelle Kravetsky.

Table listing additional staff members including Ms. Mary Miller, Mr. Michael Christopher, Mr. Wayne Baker, Mrs. Jeannie Rife, Mrs. Rebecca Reamer, Mr. Matthew Faltys, Deacon Joel F. Junga, Deacon David J. Karpanty, and Deacon Joseph H. Kest.

Box containing LITURGY SCHEDULE and RECONCILIATION information.

Box containing OFFICE HOURS information.

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION**

The contraceptive mandate imposed on health plans by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) violates freedom of conscience, which is guaranteed by the First Amendment and several federal laws. The Bill of Rights says we are free to live by our religious beliefs. Forcing all of us to buy coverage for sterilization and contraceptives, including drugs that induce abortion, is a **radical incursion into freedom of conscience.**

**Never before in U.S. history has the federal government forced citizens to directly purchase what violates their beliefs.** The Supreme Court recently declared in the Hosanna-Tabor case that the Constitution gives a priority place to Freedom of Religion. HHS created this mandate after Congress asked it to develop a list of services all health plans should provide without co-pay. Instead of keeping with the prevention of diseases like breast cancer, sexually transmitted diseases and gestational diabetes, **HHS took it upon itself to include sterilizations, contraceptives and abortion- inducing drugs.**

**Even states with similar mandates have a broader conscience exemption,** or at least allow employers to self-insure or to choose a plan without prescription drug coverage if they have a conscientious objection to underwriting abortion, contraceptive and sterilization. This mandate forces virtually all insurance plans to offer such services.

**If the Administration will not rescind this violation of the First Amendment, Congress must do so.**

*—from the Diocese of Toledo Web Site—*

Please contact the United States Council of Catholic Bishops at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/religious-liberty/conscience>. This web site will direct you to contacting your congressman and senators, as well as give you more detailed information. As Catholics we must preserve the religious freedom that our parents and grandparents fought so hard to defend and protect for us.

**February 6, 2012 through February 10, 2012**  
7:00 a.m. E. Franckhauser & C. Held

**Saturday, February 11, 2012**  
4:30 p.m. J. Christy, D. Fulton, & S. Wagner

**Sunday, February 12, 2012**  
7:30 a.m. J. Butler, C. Meehan, & C. Shriver

9:30 a.m. A. Bruckner, V. & B. Reamer

11:30 a.m. D. & M. Lay, C. Wymer

**THEOLOGY ON TOAST**

Theology on Toast is offered by the Little Sisters on the second Wednesday of every month. On February 8, Pete and Eileen Ueberroth will speak on "The Power of Prayer". On March 14, Fr. Chuck Denny will share "Stories from My Life as a Priest". The talks are presented at the Sacred Heart Home, 930 S. Wynn Road in Oregon. Registration with rolls and coffee begins at 9:30 am. For more information, please call Alice, 419-698-0405.

Stewardship of Treasure	
Sunday, January 22, 2012	
Last Week	\$17,348.77
Automatic	\$0.00
Weekly Tithe	\$209.45
Joyful Noise	\$59.12
Weekly Budget	\$19,500.00
Year-to-date	\$578,017.81
Budgeted-to-date	\$639,000.00

**Thank you for your support to St. Pat's!**

**MARRIAGE MINISTRY INFORMATION NIGHT**

Please join us on Friday, February 10 at 7 p.m. for some wine, cheese and information on new areas of growth in our ministry to engaged and married couples. If you would like to help with engaged couples, as marriage mentors or simply like to socialize with other "young marrieds" or "long-timers"...we hope to see you. We have some ideas to share AND we would like to hear about your needs and wants. Please RSVP by February 9th to 419-381-1540 so that we can plan on adequate refreshments! What do you think?

**THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**MASS SCHEDULE**

<b><u>MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6</u></b>		
7:00 a.m.	Virginia and Joseph Kest	
8:45 a.m.	P. Anthony Pancone	
<b><u>TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7</u></b>		
7:00 a.m.	For All Parishioners	
8:45 a.m.	Ted Szewczykowski Family	
<b><u>WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8</u></b>		
7:00 a.m.	Marian Whitman	
8:45 a.m.	John Pletcher Sr. Max Veitch	
<b><u>THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9</u></b>		
7:00 a.m.	For All Parishioners	
8:45 a.m.	James D. Hipp	
<b><u>FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10</u></b>		
7:00 a.m.	For All Parishioners	
8:45 a.m.	Mary Beth Slowinski	
<b><u>SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11</u></b>		
4:30 p.m.	Benny Wodarski Sophie Jackson	
<b><u>SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12</u></b>		
7:30 a.m.	Lester Stevens Russ Cronin	
9:30 a.m.	Anne Fitzgerald Stefan and Stephan Winkler	
11:30 a.m.	Ron Banas and Lorelei Myerholtz	

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12**

9:00 a.m.	Preschool	Classrooms
9:30 a.m.	C/L/W	Cafeteria
10:30 a.m.	Fellowship Sunday	
	Scout Sunday	Cafeteria
1:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Emmaus Rm.
1:00 p.m.	CYO	Gym
3:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts	Cafeteria

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

11:30 a.m.	Nursing Home Group	Crites Rm./HFC
3:00 p.m.	Play Practice	Large Rm./HFC
5:00 p.m.	Basketball	Gym
6:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts	Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	CRHP	Crites Rm./HFC
7:00 p.m.	K of C	Large Rm./HFC
7:00 p.m.	K of C Ladies	Upper Rm./HFC
7:00 p.m.	Break Forth	Emmaus Rm.
7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Council	Conference Rm.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

9:15 a.m.	Rosary	Chapel
1:00 p.m.	Bible Study	Emmaus Rm.
2:30 p.m.	Bereavement Group	Emmaus Rm.
3:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Church
3:00 p.m.	Play Practice	Large Rm./HFC
5:00 p.m.	Girl Scouts	Crites Rm./HFC
5:00 p.m.	Basketball	Gym
6:00 p.m.	Wolf Den	Cafeteria
6:30 p.m.	8th Grade Grad Comm.	Crites Rm./HFC
7:15 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8**

3:00 p.m.	Children's Handbell	Church
3:00 p.m.	Play Practice	Large Rm./HFC
3:15 p.m.	Girl Scouts	Crites Rm./HFC
3:15 p.m.	BB Dance Practice	Upper Rm./HFC
5:00 p.m.	Basketball	Gym
6:00 p.m.	Edge	Large Rm./HFC
6:15 p.m.	FFF	Classrooms/Church
		Conference Rm.
7:00 p.m.	Rosary	Chapel

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 9**

3:00 p.m.	Children's Choir	Church
3:00 p.m.	Play Practice	Large Rm./HFC
5:00 p.m.	Basketball	Gym
6:00 p.m.	Handbell	Church
6:30 p.m.	Tiger Cubs	Crites Rm./HFC
7:00 p.m.	CRHP	Emmaus Rm.
7:00 p.m.	Liturgical Choir	Church
7:30 p.m.	Boy Scouts	Cafeteria

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10**

5:00 p.m.	Basketball	Gym
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**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11**

7:45 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Church
8:30 a.m.	CYO	Gym
3:00 p.m.	Reconciliation	Church

**DIRECTOR OF OUTREACH MINISTRIES  
RITA HOFF**

**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Special days of the year can be challenging and stressful, especially the first year of losing someone we care about. The anticipation of the day to come can be full of anxiety for us. Customary traditions have ended, never to be celebrated the same way again. We may need to plan to celebrate in our own way.

Our speaker, Susie Waible-Rose, Bereavement Ministry Team from St. Rose Parish, will present "Surviving Valentine's Day with a Broken Heart." Join us on Tuesday, February 7, 2012 from 3:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m. in the Emmaus Room. Our mission is to offer support to people who are grieving the death of a loved one. With caring support, we provide spiritual, emotional, and social comfort. For further information, please contact Rita Hoff at 419-724-4675 or email at [rita.hoff@toledostpats.org](mailto:rita.hoff@toledostpats.org).

**FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR**

Reminder next weekend February 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> is Feed Your Neighbor weekend! Several people have asked me questions like... "Where does the food go?" "Who receives the food?" "What do they use my monetary donation on?". Some of the food stays here at our own Food Pantry to be used for emergency calls we receive from families within our parish boundaries. The majority of the food is taken down to the Providence Center on Broadway Avenue in South Toledo. The Center distributes the food to 100 families every week. The monetary donations are used by the Aurora Gonzales Center in providing other services and resources to these same families that are receiving the food. So as you can see, all the food and money are going directly to families for an overall balance of needs and we all know how much it takes to provide for a family in these trying times. Thank you so very much for your kindness and generosity to others.

**CAREGIVER WORKSHOP**

Are you tending to the everyday needs of someone who is frail or debilitated? We will be offering a four week series workshop here at St. Pat's. This workshop can help you make life more comfortable for your family member and yourself. Discussion includes coping, friends and family, spiritual aspects, positive experiences, end of life care, expectations, and the future. The workshop will be presented by Hospice of NW Ohio in partnership with the Area Office on Aging. We will meet on Thursday evenings March 8, 15, 22, 29 at 6:30-8 p.m. in the Emmaus Room. The workshop is free, but you must register and commit to attending all four sessions. Deadline to register is March 1<sup>st</sup>. Please call Rita Hoff at 724-4675 or email [rita.hoff@toledostpats.org](mailto:rita.hoff@toledostpats.org).



**FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY  
RAFFLE TICKETS**

The first drawing is on February 12th. Don't miss out!  
Tickets are going fast!

Also there will be two drawing in December. A Special Christmas Drawing to make up for the drawing missed in January.

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES  
FAMILY CONNECTION'S ADOPTION PROGRAM  
PRESENTS:**

**"ADOPTION INFORMATION TRAININGS 2012"**

Toledo- Catholic Center, 1933 Spielbusch Ave. Toledo  
Thursday April 19, 2012 - 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Toledo - Catholic Center, 1933 Spielbusch Ave., Toledo  
Thursday August 23, 2012 - 6:00 pm - 9:00 p.m.

Learn about Catholic Charities Domestic  
Infant Adoption program & about Home Studies!

The Information Trainings are FREE, no charge!

To register for any of the Adoption Information Trainings or for more info on adoption please e-mail [kmotsinger@toledodiocese.org](mailto:kmotsinger@toledodiocese.org).

**DIVORCED & SEPARATED RETREAT**

A Divorced & Separated weekend retreat will be held February 10-12 at Our Lady of Consolation Retreat House. The retreat is titled "Becoming a Beloved Daughter or Son." The retreat center is located at 321 Clay St in Carey, Ohio. For further information, please call Monica Martinez at 244-6711, ext. 505.

**BLENDED FAMILIES**

More than half of us are living in Blended Families today. We think we know what it takes to live in a house with my kids, your kids, and our kids. But just like marriage, divorce, or death of a spouse, we now find ourselves in unknown territory. In the beginning it can be frustrating, exhausting, and sometimes we can have small glimmers of a real family. We will be hosting a 5 week series on Thursday evenings in March from 7-9 p.m. in the Conference Room. The series is free, confidential, informative, and fun! If you could use some helpful hints on 'how to' with your Blended Family, please contact Rita Hoff at 724-4675 or email [rita.hoff@toledostpats.org](mailto:rita.hoff@toledostpats.org). Look for details in next week's bulletin!

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

DIRECTOR OF LITURGY  
RON PREBE



Looking for some excitement during this long winter season? Join the Choir(s). Handbells rehearse at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday and Liturgical Choir at 7:15 p.m. Do you play an instrument? We are always looking for instrumentalists for both solo and ensemble playing. *All are welcome!*



ST. PATRICK OF HEATHERDOWNS COUNCIL  
#14155

Our next Meeting will be on Monday, February 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Large Room of the HFC. The ladies will join us for the Rosary at 6:45 p.m. and meet elsewhere in the HFC.

You too can have an **“Experience of a Lifetime.”** Do you want to become a part of an organization that promotes Faith, Family, and Fraternity? Maybe you should consider joining the Council here at St. Pat’s! The next opportunity is Tuesday, February 7 at St. Jude Council on Airport Hwy. Pick up a copy of our monthly newsletter, **The Knightly News**, in the narthex. For further information contact GK John Spears at 419-841-5486 – [babsmour@bex.net](mailto:babsmour@bex.net), or PGK Ray Darr at 419-382-0054 - [radar1618@aol.com](mailto:radar1618@aol.com).



To better understand the mission here at St. Pat's, please read the following description:

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul Society (SSVdP) is a nonprofit organization that provides direct assistance to anyone suffering or in need. We offer a lifeline to those in want of food and clothing, rent assistance, medical aid, help with addiction or incarceration, employment and shelter.

The motto of the St. Vincent de Paul Society is "no act of charity is foreign to the Society".

The lay volunteers known as Vincentians hear the call to provide help to our fellow man. We field many calls from the needy within our parish boundaries each and every week. And through your donations we are able to provide a hand up to those who are suffering.

If you've ever thought of serving, please let us know we'd like to talk. You can call Barb Dixon at 419-381-1540 and she can tell you about the variety of opportunities.

PASTORAL ASSOCIATE  
SHARON CHRISTY

*“Rising very early before dawn, Jesus left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed.”*

I can appreciate Jesus’ escape before the hustle and bustle of the day to pray. I am up around 6 a.m. most days so I have a chance to pray my rosary. It seems if I don’t get my prayer time in before the day starts, I just run out of time. I’d like to say it is a perfect prayer time, full of quiet and reflection, but I don’t always get there. Sometimes I’m so tired still it seems like I’m just saying the words and not meditating on their full impact in my life. Sometimes I’ve had a really interesting dream, and it’s difficult not to go back to that dream as I say my Hail Mary’s over and over. Once in a while my youngest gets out of bed to come “pray” with me. Often my girls stop to chat as they are up getting ready for school.

I used to get frustrated at these distractions, wondering why I am bothering to wake up early to pray with my God only to have all these other distractions interrupt our time together. But I’ve come to realize that these moments are sacred. Children, distractions, to-do lists, are all a part of our human life. And what is the Rosary all about, after all, but the human events in Jesus’ life. As my six year old cuddles up to me and tells me he is already on the 5<sup>th</sup> mystery when I am still on the 1<sup>st</sup>. it is a reminder that Mary, too, held Jesus on her lap while she prayed to her God and finished her work for the day. I now cherish the time that my girls come to talk while I am praying, as it reminds me how Jesus must have had many talks with his mother as he grew up, growing in grace and wisdom.

Having time for silence in our world isn’t easy. The TV is almost like a god in my home sometimes, always on (except during dinner!), always distracting us. Cell phones keep us in constant contact with the outside world, and it is difficult to stop checking my work emails, even when I am at home and should be focusing my attention on my family.

Today’s gospel reminds us that even Jesus faced these distractions in his life. But Jesus always put the priority on his Father. Jesus did not think anything, including his ministry, was more important than the time he spent in communion with his Father. So I challenge you this week to seek out that quiet time each day to be with your God. Lean on him in your sorrows and trials, and rejoice with him in the good. Discover the joy in a close and personal friendship with your God!

JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2012  
TRIP SCHEDULE

ORDER DATE	ORDER PICK-UP
February 6, 2012	February 10, 2012
February 13, 2012	Sat/Sun – February 18/19, 2012
February 27, 2012	March 2, 2012

**DIRECTOR OF YOUTH MINISTRY  
EDMUND MITCHELL**

**YOUNG ADULTS**

Want to help change lives, spread the Gospel, and have a blast hanging out with other young adults while doing it? Join the Youth Ministry Core Team! If you love God and care about the youth of our parish, get in touch with us about being on Core Team. Core Team volunteers help out in lots of ways, and there is training offered as well. They put on skits, lead small groups, have the opportunity to teach a night, share their witness, play games, help plan for retreats, and more! Contact Edmund, or pick up an application in the Narthex under the bulletin board.

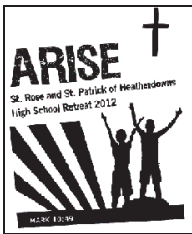
**LIFE TEEN YOUTH GROUP**

High School Youth Group

What do you believe in? What do you live for? Love? Happiness? Justin Beiber? Science? Nothing? True love? Mission Impossible XVII? Truth?

**Come to Life Teen every Sunday from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the Holy Family Center.** We all need something to believe in, but what should we put our faith in? This semester is about faith, and we are going to be figuring out what faith is and is not and what in the world we should be putting our faith in.

**SPRING RETREAT FOR HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH**



Forms are in the Narthex and on the Parish website under the Youth tab on the High School youth ministry page.

February 24-26 is our first high school retreat at the Lial Retreat center. This year's retreat is combined with St. Rose youth group. If you've never been to youth group,

retreats are a great way to get to know everyone and build great friendships. Be ready to get messy, games, food, music, fun, and prayer, all with awesome friends.



**Steubenville Summer Youth Conference: The Eighth Day  
June 29 – July 1**

Registration has opened for the Steubenville youth conference! This year's theme is The Eighth Day! Check out Franciscanyouth.com for more information. Contact Edmund to get your forms and reserve your spot for this amazing summer trip! Limited spots so be sure to contact Edmund soon.

**EDGE MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP**

**EDGE this Wednesday, from 6:00-7:45 p.m.** If you are in Middle School, come have a blast with Catholic kids your age. Join our group of Catholic awesomeness. Grades 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> welcome!

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE  
SARAH HOFKES**

**FAMILY FAITH FORMATION:** There is a prayer service in the Church this week at 7:20 p.m. Please join us in prayer. Dismissal will take place from the Church.

Our first Music Practice went great. A big thanks to Ms. Ranes for helping us lift our voices in prayer. We are looking forward to more opportunities to sing as a large group at the Ash Wednesday Mass, and at Music Practices in March and April!

Also, mark your calendars: February 29<sup>th</sup> will be our next Family Night!

**SACRAMENT PREP:** Remember to turn in your special request forms for First Eucharist by February 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**READINGS FOR THIS WEEK**

- Sunday:** Jb 7:1-4, 6-7 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23  
Mk 1:29-39 Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6
- Monday:** 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13 Mk 6:53-56  
Ps 132:6-7, 8-10
- Tuesday:** 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30 Mk 7:1-13  
Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11
- Wednesday:** 1 Kgs 10:1-10 Mk 7:14-23  
Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40
- Thursday:** 1 Kgs 11:4-13 Mk 7:24-30  
Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40
- Friday:** 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19 Mk 7:31-37  
Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15
- Saturday:** 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34 Mk 8:1-10  
Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22
- Sunday:** Lv 13:1-2, 44-46 1 Cor 10:31-11:1  
Mk 1:40-45 Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11



**FEED YOUR NEIGHBOR  
WEEKEND  
February 11th and 12th**

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SCHOOL NEWS

#### TANZANIA: THE GREAT ADVENTURE

In their first presentation of Tanzania, on September 23, 2011, Gisela and Don Stiles described the geography of Tanzania, highlighting world-famous sites such as the plains of the Serengeti, Mount Kilimanjaro, Lake Victoria and Lake Tanganyika. The students of St. Patrick of Heatherdowns were introduced to the school and children of St. Francis de Sales School in Ipuli on the outskirts of Tabora. To become better acquainted, pen pal letters have been exchanged between the two schools in grades 4-8.

For the second presentation, on November 11, 2011, Gisela and Don discussed the history of Tanzania, including Prehistoric History and Paleo-anthropology, Arab Slave Trade and Culture, Explorers and their Discoveries, Colonization by Germany and England, Independence in 1964, and current events in culture and politics. Each classroom created a quilt square for an Americana History Collage. Subjects include; United States holidays, Catholic saints, local and regional history. This quilt is currently on display in the church narthex. An identical quilt was sent to St. Francis de Sales Mission School, in Ipuli.

The third presentation was on January, 13, 2012. Don and Gisela discussed daily life in Tabora; commercial activities, shops and markets, food, clothing, meal preparation, children at school and play, and housing. Included were samples of a typical meal: ugali, beans, greens, rice, and chips. There was time for questions and answers about the contents of the pen pal letters that the children have received. Unique food and games mentioned by the children at St. Francis de Sales Mission School were discussed.

Our project for Daily Living will be the collection of items, such as school newspapers and newsletters, church bulletins, school papers and projects, etc. that can be sent to St. Francis de Sales Mission School, in Ipuli for the students to see. This will allow them to have a better understanding of our daily lives.

Art teacher, Mrs. Nowicki, is working with the students at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns to create art projects that represent Tanzania. The projects are: Preschool - Elmer because he's an elephant and elephants live in Africa; Kindergarten - The Spider Weaver, legend of Kente cloth story illustration; 1<sup>st</sup> - Mud cloth with Adinkra designs/Masai Adornment; 2<sup>nd</sup> - Ostrich egg vessel, (ostriches are native to Africa and prehistoric Africans made these); 3<sup>rd</sup> - Talking Drums; 4<sup>th</sup> - Bakota reliquary dolls; 5<sup>th</sup> - Tinga Tinga painting of Tanzania with patterns of Africa and animals native to Africa; 6<sup>th</sup> - Kuba Beaded and Stamped Mask; 7<sup>th</sup> - Kikuyu Initian Shields; 8<sup>th</sup> - Initiation Mask from Zaire. Upon completion, these art projects will be on display at St. Patrick of Heatherdowns School.

Our fourth presentation will be the Mission of the Catholic Church in Tanzania on May 11, 2012.

Don and Gisela will be giving a presentation on Tanzania and their foundation, Universal Initiatives, on February 15, 2012, at the Servant Leadership Center located at 1618 W. Sylvania in Toledo. For more information about the Stiles, and their foundation,

#### 2012 GEOGRAPHY BEE

The St. Patrick's school competition of the 2012 National Geography Bee was held at St. Patrick on Thursday, January 12<sup>th</sup>. The competition is held every year here at St. Pat's to determine which student has the best knowledge of basic and specific geographic skills. This student is then allowed to take a written test to determine if he/she is eligible to participate at the state level. In order to narrow the field of capable students to ten, each homeroom from fourth through eighth grade holds a preliminary competition. Once the top ten students are selected, the bee is staged in front of the entire school and the elimination process takes place. This year the competition was stiff, but eighth grader Shaun Sager came out the winner. This is quite a feat for Shaun since he also won in his sixth and seventh grade year. Way to go, Shaun! Good luck with the state test.

Other finalists who competed on January 12<sup>th</sup> were Michael Henry, Megan Ohlinger, Sapphire Holdston, Brody Hood, Bethany Sager, Brenton Bay, Maddie Kramer, Aaron, Mariasy, and Jay Denman.

#### SCIENCE FAIR SUPERIORS

Molly Pierce  
Mark Parker  
Alexa Carr  
Adam Bruckner  
Abigail Turner  
Courtney Mahaney  
Kyle Shaffer  
Bailey Simon  
Selena Taha

These 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will have the opportunity to compete in the district science fair at the University of Toledo in March. They all received a superior rating from the judges at our annual Science Fair on Thursday, January 19<sup>th</sup>.