

<u>COLLECTIONS:</u>	<u>Collected</u>	<u>Expected</u>	<u>Variance</u>
Week of April 20 <sup>th</sup>	\$ 14,690	\$ 15,000	(\$ 310)
Fiscal Year to Date (July 07- June 08)	\$745,018	\$675,000	\$70,018

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday –	Acts 16: 11-15 Jn 15: 26-16: 4
Tuesday –	Acts 16: 22-34 Jn 16: 5-11
Wednesday –	Acts 17: 15, 22-18: 1 Jn 16: 12-15
Thursday –	Acts 18: 1-8 Jn 16: 16-20
Friday –	Acts 18: 9-18 Jn 16: 20-23
Saturday –	1 Cor 15: 1-8 Jn 14: 6-14
Sunday –	Acts 1: 1-11 Eph 1: 17-23 Mt 28: 6-20

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

**Praying for vocations**

In his recent address to seminarians, religious and young people, Pope Benedict stated, “Dear young people, finally I wish to share a word about vocations. First of all my thoughts go to your parents, grandparents and godparents. They have been your primary educators in the faith. By presenting you for baptism, they made it possible for you to receive the greatest gift of your life. On that day you entered into the holiness of God himself. You became adoptive sons and daughters of the Father. You were incorporated into Christ. You were made a dwelling place of his Spirit. Let us pray for mothers and fathers throughout the world, particularly those who may be struggling in any way – socially, materially or spiritually. Let us honor the vocation of matrimony and the dignity of family life. Let us always appreciate that it is in families that vocations are given life.” And to add to these beautiful words of our Holy Father it is through families that we continue to foster vocations by our works and prayers. Each Sunday many of you have probably noticed that we send a vocation prayer kit home with a different family to pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

As we celebrate with one of our own parish sons today, Deacon Marty Bachman, I would like this to stand as a reminder for all of us of both the need for more priests and religious and the need for more families/individuals to pray for an increase for priests and religious. If you would like to sign up to be one of the families/individuals that receive the vocation kit at Mass please contact Mary Ellen Kreutzer at 574-0895. Please accept my challenge and sign up as a family/individual and pray for vocations. And please continue to pray for Deacon Bachman and his classmates as they continue their journey toward priestly ordination.

Blessings,  
*Fr. Eric*

**Additional Adoration and Devotions:**

The favorable response to recent additional times of Eucharistic adoration and devotion indicates that our parish is hungry for more devotional prayer and worship of our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. Because of this, St. Jude is offering additional times of adoration on the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays each month.

Exposition will take place immediately before the normally scheduled Tuesday evening Confessions. Adoration and devotions will continue during and after the Sacrament of Penance, concluding with Benediction.

Make plans to bolster your prayer life with this mid-week opportunity for confession and worship of our Eucharistic Lord this month on April 29, beginning at 7 pm.

**MAY CROWNING:**

Please join the St. Jude School Children in the Celebration of May Crowning. We will be honoring our Holy Mother Mary on May 1<sup>st</sup> at 1:00 p.m. in the church.

**HEALING TEAM MEETING:**

The Healing Team will meet Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> in the undercroft after the 8:30a.m. Mass. We will be planning our next healing Mass for June 6<sup>th</sup>.

**YOUTH MASS:**

Make plans to attend May's Youth Mass on Sunday May 4th at 7pm. Father Eric will be our celebrant. Enjoy refreshments after in the back of church.

**ATTENTION PSR SECOND GRADERS**

**FIRST COMMUNION PICTURES ARE HERE AND MAY BE PICKED UP AT THE CHURCH OFFICE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 A.M. TO 4:30 P.M.**

**WEDDING BANNERS 1<sup>ST</sup> TIME:**

Tiffany Swigert of St. Jude and Joe Sparhawk of St. Jude.

**CLASSIC MOVIE NIGHT:**

St. Jude will host a 'classic' movie night for our older audience on Thursday, May 22<sup>nd</sup> in the undercroft at 7:00p.m. There will be more details to follow but for now mark your calendars and plan on attending.

**Bundle Sunday** – Just a quick note to remind everyone that St. Vincent de Paul's Bundle Sunday will be on Saturday the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May and Sunday the 4<sup>th</sup> of May. The truck will be open

at 8:00 AM both days and close at 6:00 PM on Saturday and 2:00 PM on Sunday. If you have a donation of a large furniture item we suggest you call St. Vincent de Paul directly and have the item picked at your home. The phone number to call is 421-CARE (2273). Thank you for your donations to St. Vincent de Paul.

### **SPRING TIME IS HERE:**

St. Jude Boy Scout Troop 871 Annual Flower sale is to be held on the following weekends. May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> and May 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be a large variety of hanging baskets and annuals available both weekends just in time for spring planting and Mother's Day. Please come out and support our boys.

### **Online contributions:**

We are now offering to our parishioners, the ability to make donations through the use of credit card or Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). It's an easy, convenient and safe way for your Sunday offering. You may make a onetime contribution or set it up the way you usually donate; weekly, monthly or annually. For parishioners who still want to put something in the basket as it goes by, or for the school families your next set of envelopes will have a box you can check to indicate an electronic contribution. Visit our home page at [www.stjudebridgetown.org](http://www.stjudebridgetown.org) and following the instructions. If you have any questions concerning this please contact the Parish Business Office.

### **ROSARY ALTAR INSTALLATION LUNCHEON...**

Installation of Officers and Luncheon to be held Sunday May 18, at Kenning's Circle "K" Restaurant, 6166 Bridgetown Rd., following 11:00 a.m. Mass. Payment must accompany reservations - \$5 R/A members, \$15 for non-members. Prepaid reservations may be made by dropping an envelope marked "R/A Luncheon" in the Sunday collection basket, in the white box in the vestibule, bring it to the May meeting, or mail to Mrs. Irma Sand, 2729 Werkridge Dr., Cincinnati, OH 45248-3930. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, May 13. **Reservations and/or cancellations cannot be accepted nor refunds issued after May 13.** For general information call Joyce Franz, 598-9643 or Irma Sand, 451-3640

### **THIRD ANNUAL FAMILY ROSARY RALLY:**

Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00 p.m. at Elder High School Stadium. Music, Rosary, Benediction Lasting about 1hr. Free parking, Handicap Access to Stadium

### **THANK YOU FROM THE BAKER'S:**

We would like to thank everyone for all the love, support and prayers. It has helped us so much during this difficult and scary time. Love, Susie, Matthew, Sarah and Megan.

### **FOOD FOR THE BODY/FOOD FOR THE SOUL:**

The body needs a source of energy through out the day to exist. The soul has essential needs as well that needs to be nurtured. One way to nurture the soul is reading The Catholic Telegraph. Throughout the year, The Catholic Telegraph will keep you informed about our faith through stories that make up the fabric of our lives. These are your stories about your church. So subscribe today by calling (513)421-3131 ext496 and we'll sign you up immediately and bill you for \$24 for a year subscription. For food for the soul, read and subscribe to The Catholic Telegraph today.

### **Respect Life – Pro-life Feminism:**

Susan B. Anthony (1820-1906), abolitionist and early leader of the women's suffrage movement, opposed abortion, saying: "Sweeter even than to have had the joy of caring for children of my own has it been to me to help bring about a better state of things for mothers generally, so their unborn little ones could not be killed away from them."

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### **MUSIC AND WORSHIP CORNER:**

#### *Music Ministry Mass Schedule*

5/4	4:30 – Cantor	8:30 – Cantor	11:00 - Choir
5/11	4:30 – Youth	8:30 – Choir	11:00 – Children
5/18	4:30 – Cantor	8:30 – Cantor	11:00 - Choir
5/25	4:30 – Cantor	8:30 – Cantor	11:00 – Choir
6/1	4:30 – Children	8:30 – Cantor	11:00 - Choir

### **Hallelujah Chorus**

On May 4 at the 11:00 Mass for the Feast of the Ascension of the Lord, the choir will be singing the Hallelujah Chorus from 'The Messiah' during the Preparation of the Gifts. If you're able, be sure to attend that Mass to hear G.F. Handel's choral masterpiece.

### **Contemporary Vespers Service**

This Tuesday evening, St. Jude will celebrate Evening Prayer featuring contemporary music during Eucharistic Adoration between 7 and 8 pm. This Vespers service will include music from the parish mission last Fall.

St. Jude hosts Eucharistic adoration all day Friday, and the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday evenings each month. When there are 5 Tuesdays in a month, the 5<sup>th</sup> Tuesday celebration will feature praise-and-worship music. These services will be especially family-friendly, balancing the

traditions of our faith with the best in contemporary Christian music. Take the time with your family and friends, and make this Tuesday evening prayer and worship part of your own faith life.

### **VOCATIONS VIEWS:**

**Something to Consider:** The Spirit of truth is within you. You are not alone. Reflect on how God is calling you at this time in your life. (Jn 14:15-21)

**Ordination:** Yesterday, Saturday, April 26, 2008, Archbishop Pilarczyk ordained 10 men to the Order of Deacon, including St. Jude native Marty Bachman. Please join the entire parish in congratulating Marty in person with refreshments in the undercroft after the 8:30 Mass this weekend.

Marty and his seminary classmates are all transitional deacons on the journey to ordination to the diocesan priesthood. This is the largest ordination class since the seminary group that included Fr. Eric, Fr. Geoff Drew, and Fr. Kyle Schnippel (now the Archdiocese Director of Vocations). 3 of the 10 new Deacons are from the Diocese of Toledo with the other 7 being from our Archdiocese. Keep them in your prayer. We share our gratitude and say thanks to these men for answering the call.

**Fast Fact:** The University of Dayton's Marian Library and Research Institute ([www.udayton.edu/mary/](http://www.udayton.edu/mary/)) houses the world's largest collections of printed materials on the Blessed Virgin.

**Retrouvaille:** Retrouvaille is a Catholic program for marriages that have lost some of their spark, for marriages having communication trouble, and even those on the edge of separation and divorce. For more information, visit [www.cindayretrouvaille.org](http://www.cindayretrouvaille.org). Be sure to include the marriage and the single life in your prayer for vocations.

**Remember in Prayer:** Kevin Kahmann, a seminarian at Mt. St. Mary's studying for priesthood for the Diocese of Covington, KY. Pray for all discerning God's call.

*Written by Rev. Mr. Ed Pratt, V Theology, Mt. St. Mary's of the West Seminary*

**Parish Vocations Kit Sign-Ups:** Support vocations and bolster your family prayer life by having the 'Vocations Kit' in your home for a week. The Vocations Kit contains a crucifix, candles, prayer guides, rosaries, and other holy helpers to help your household pray that more men and women respond to the call to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated religious life. Sign up for the Vocations Kit by calling Mary Ellen Kreutzer at 574-0895 or e-mail [mek574@aol.com](mailto:mek574@aol.com).

**Prayer for Priestly and Religious Vocations:** Heavenly Father, Your divine Son taught us to pray to the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into His vineyard. We earnestly beg You to

bless our Archdiocese and our world with many priests and religious men and women who will love You fervently, and gladly and courageously spend their lives in service to Your Son's Church under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We pray that their lives may always be centered on our Eucharistic Lord; that they be always faithful to the Holy Father; and that they may be devoted sons and daughters of Mary, our Mother, in making You known and loved; and that all may attain Heaven. Bless our families and our children and choose from our homes those whom you desire for this holy work. Amen.

### **PTO NEWS:**

**“Volunteers don't necessarily have the time, but they have the heart.”**

The goal of the St. Jude PTO is simple: Create a better school and promote increased educational values for our children. The PTO has helped create an atmosphere where the principal and teachers can accomplish their instructional goals and objectives. The result: our children have the highest opportunity to achieve their highest potential.

As the end of the school year approaches, it is a time of transition for a few of the PTO board members. These positions include President, Vice President and Corresponding Secretary. We are passionate about the mission of the PTO. However, term limits outlined in the by-laws require some of us to pass the baton. It is time for others to accept the challenge and bring new energy, excitement, and ideas to the board.

We realize a first reaction may be “I do not have time.” It may seem overwhelming at first, but there are other board members, past members, and wonderful parents willing to help at all times. The support of the St. Jude community has been and is amazing. It will be a new challenge, but with a plan, strategy, organization skills and the support from friends and family, you can make it happen. Volunteers are the precious resource and lifeblood of St. Jude School. The contributions and good work of the PTO must continue for our school to continue to progress.

There are so many good reasons to get involved. Most can be summarized in three words: Make a difference.

Affect the learning success of the children of St. Jude,  
Support our teachers and principal who affect the lives of our kids every day, Have fun getting to know and work with new people.

Please consider this opportunity to contribute to the success of St. Jude. If you have any questions, please call Kim Cole (574-8801;kimberly.cole@53.com)or Chris Hoferer 941-2149 [tomhof@fuse.net](mailto:tomhof@fuse.net)).

**BINGO WORKERS FOR FRIDAY, May 2nd:** Tina Martini, David & Jennifer Carey, Tom & Chris Hoferer, Sonny Ulm, Sherri & Greg Martin, Eric & Mary Ann Beiter, Tad & Micki Deutenberg and Linda Maurer. CALLER: Steve Martini

**AREA HAPPENINGS:**

**St. William** grade school reunion, class of 1963, will be held on November 22, 2008. Help us locate you! Call Terry Quinn Mohl at 859-331-7886. Thank you!

**Manna Outreach Food Pantry**, celebrating its 10th anniversary, invites you to A Night in Vegas with Mike Davis at the Meadows on June 8, 2008 at 5PM. Tickets are \$25.00 per person (includes buffet dinner and entertainment). For more information & tickets, please contact Mary Lou Zeek 574-0863 [marylou@juno.com](mailto:marylou@juno.com)

**Seton High School** is hosting a Parent-2-Parent Internet Safety informational night on Wednesday May 7 at 7:00 p.m. in the Seton Performance Hall. For more information call 471-2600 ext.199

**Elder High School Color Guard** will have information clinics on May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. for more info call Mariann Grove at 941-8494

**St. Joseph Cemetery** will have a candlelight Prayer Service on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00p.m. in the St. Joseph Mausoleum. Fr. Jim Meade will be the celebrant. Please call 251-3110 if you plan to attend.

**SERVERS FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28<sup>th</sup>:**

Monday-	6:30 a.m. Joseph Miller, Calvin Williams
Tuesday-	8:15 a.m. Frank Burdsall, Adam Bross
Wednesday-	8:15 a.m. Tori Weber, Taylor Maas
Thursday-	8:15 a.m. Anthony Bauer, Alex Fredrick
Friday-	8:15 a.m. Christopher Walters, Cameron Jameson
Saturday-	8:30 a.m. Jacob Tiernan, Daniel Armstrong 4:30 p.m. Timmy Kramer, Eric Bachus, Nicholas Gibbs
Sunday-	8:30a.m. Johnny Lane, Jacob Snell, Lydia Fischesser 11:00a.m. Abby Lamping, Erin Glankler, Ellen Rielag

**CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK:**

MONDAY-April 28

7:00 St. John Bosco Youth group (U)

7:30 Rosary

7:30 Parish Council (mr 1)

**TUESDAY-April 29**

- 7:00 Confessions
- 7:30 Boy Scouts (café)

**Wednesday-April 30**

- 11:30 Legion of Mary (mr)
- 1:00 Seniors (mr)
- 3:00 Confessions
- 7:45 Shepherds

**THURSDAY-May 1**

- 9:00 Women's Prayer (Kitchen)
- 1:15 May Crowning
- 6:30 WYD Mtg. (U)
- 7:00 La Leche Group (Kitchen)

**FRIDAY-May 2**

- 9:15 Exposition
- 7:00 Bingo

**SATURDAY-May 3**

- 7:00 Men's Prayer (mr)
- 7:00 Women's Prayer (U)
- 3:30 confessions

**SUNDAY-may 4**

- 10:55 Preschool (S)
- 1:00 Baptism

**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK:**

**MONDAY-April 28**

- 6:30 –Priest Intention

**TUESDAY-April 29**

- 8:15 –Virginia Fallon-Tom & Jan Wernke

**WEDNESDAY-April 30**

- 8:15 –Ruth Satzger-Rosary Altar

**THURSDAY-May 1**

- 8:15 – Bruce Elchynski-Anniv Rem-Family

**FRIDAY-May 2**

- 8:15 – Bill Broxterman-Angie Broxterman

**SATURDAY-May 3**

- 8:30 – Bernard Weidner-Family
- 4:30 – Tony Beard, Jr.-Boy Scout Troop 420

**SUNDAY-May 4**

- 8:30 – Patricia Vetter-Anniv Rem-Earl & Marion Morgan
- 11:00 – Julius Braun-Ruthann Hein
- 7:00 – living and deceased of the parish

### **HONOR ROLL:**

**ELDER HIGH SCHOOL: First Honors-** Christopher Doran, Christopher Corbett, Richard Otis, Kevin Gade, Adam Seibert, Ryan Niehauser, Daniel Bross, Kyle Wall, Bryan Scheck, Jacob Bell, Zachary Brothers, Stephen Blake, Kevin O'Brien, Andrew Reder, Anthony Miliano, Bryan Peters, Robert Busche, Nicholas Beiler, John Kenning, Jared Niehauser.

**SECOND HONORS-** Criag Schafer, Nicholas Chouteau, Alex Cruse, Taylor Heil, Kirk Ridder, Kyle Hughes, Michael Curtis, Ryan Schumann, Jefferson Reid, Eric Toepfer, Maxwell Martini.

### **BOOSTER NEWS:**

**BULLDOG BASKETBALL – SUMMER SKILLS CAMP** – For boys and girls basketball players currently in 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grades. St. Jude will be holding a summer long skills camp Monday and Friday mornings in the new gym from 10am – 1pm. Camp begins Friday, June 13<sup>th</sup> and ends July 25<sup>th</sup>. Come work on individual skills this summer to improve your game. Guest instructors include Joe Schoenfeld, head coach at Elder High School. Camp cost is \$20 (not included in the family plan, separate fee), which includes a camp T-shirt. Sign-ups will be April 20<sup>th</sup> in the undercroft following 11:00 am Mass. Specific camp times will be based on the number of sign-ups. Any questions, please contact John Dressman at [j\\_dressman@yahoo.com](mailto:j_dressman@yahoo.com). This camp is not intended to take the place of any high school or other camp players want to attend

### **FESTIVAL 2008 – IT TAKES EVERYONE!**

**With less than 6 weeks to go...THE UPPER LOT STILL NEEDS WORKERS.** Please consider one of the following shifts:

**Sat night:** Quarter Push: 6-9 or 9-12, Color Wheel: 9-12, Barnyard banter:9-12, Penguin Fly 9-12

**Sunday:** Quarter Push: 8-11, Tic-Tac-Toe/Kerplunk: 8-11, Color Wheel: 5-8, or 8-11, Football Toss: 2-5, 5-8 or 8-11, Pick a winner: 8-11, Barnyard Banter: 8-11, Penguin Fly: 5-8 or 8-11, Glow/Light ups: 7-11. We are also looking for a fun team to chair the new Obstacle Course Race for the entire weekend - it will be exciting and lots of fun! Please contact Micki @941-4015 or Jenny @941-0476 or e-mail [jcarey8382@hotmail.com](mailto:jcarey8382@hotmail.com), if you can help! Thanks in advance!

The Upper Lot Chairs would like to thank the following volunteers who have answered the

called to make St. Jude's Kid's lot the best in the west!

A HUGE THANK YOU to: Eve Scheible, Jane & John Shoener, Julia Lane, Emily Sparks, Tim & Kristie Bushman, Michelle Bley, Angela Schunk, Marilyn Ulm, Vicky Durant, Peggy & Joe Walters, Jenny & Mark Friedmann, Tom & Lisa Duerk, Michelle Peters, Karen Busche, the Kuderer Family, Denise Murray, Kathy Reid, Holly Gibbs, Youth Group and Cindy Weidner, the Boy Scouts, the Rickett Family, Paul Seiler, Chris Seger, Deena Koch, Ann Poynter's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Girl Scout Troop, Kathy Godar's Brownie Troop, Tina Martini's & Lori Rodger's Daisy and Brownie Troop, Brian & Mary Hatch, Kim & Dan Holiday, Lynn Heckman, Traci Amend, Colleen Klosterman, Julie Dalton, Shellie Vornhagen, Wendy Carswell, PSR Families & Isaak Isaak, Chris & Donna Miliano, Vicki & Allan Calenge, Karen Auciello, Sharon Bellman, Kathy Mitchell, Lori Rodgers, Kristy Johnson, Jaime Byrne, Cara Kramer.

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!** PS - We apologize if we inadvertently left off anyone's name but we thank you!!!

**Festival Bid-n-Buy:** Planning a vacation, weekend get-away or a purchase for your patio or yard. Take a look at what we have at the BNB this year on the parish website: [www.stjudebridgetown.org](http://www.stjudebridgetown.org)

## **2008 Education Commission Candidates**

St. Jude Parish will be electing 3 new members who will serve 3 year terms on the Education Commission. Elections will be held the first and second weekends in May. Please take time to review the bios of the 4 candidates who are running for the Education Commission.

### **Tom Tressler**

My wife Sally and I have been parishioners at St. Jude since 2003. We have three children: Matthew (age 8, 3rd grade at St. Jude next year), Ryan (age 6, 1st grade at St. Jude next year) and Megan (age 4, preschool). I am 39 years old and have worked as a physical therapist for the past 15 years. I am currently the Physical Therapy Supervisor at the Good Samaritan Outpatient Center on Glenway Avenue and have worked there on the West Side for the past 11 years. I am currently active in St. Jude Bingo, chairing an annual booth at the Festival, helping at Oktoberfest, cafeteria helper and assisting with coaching on some of our children's sports teams.

If elected to the Education Commission, I feel I would be a great advocate for many of the younger families in St. Jude Parish: those families with young children that are just starting their St. Jude educational experience. I would love to help foster a school and parish environment that emphasizes community. I firmly believe that the children's Faith development begins at home but is reinforced and enhanced through both the church community and the school environment for the children. The recent growth in our parish and school is exciting and will require a team approach to help make decisions that will be the most beneficial to our children's education.

## **Jen Long**

My name is Jen Long. My husband Greg and I have been parishioners of St. Jude for 10 years. Our oldest son, Justin, is currently in Kindergarten here at St. Jude. Our son Kyle is 4 and Ryan is 19 months.

After graduating with a degree in Elementary Education, I spent 9 years teaching at Holy Family School in Price Hill. While at Holy Family, I obtained my Masters of Education in Curriculum and Instruction. After having our children, I decided to cut back my hours to focus on raising them. I now work part time as a tutor for Northwest Local School District. I enjoy volunteering here at St. Jude and also at Creative Preschool where I serve on the Board.

My husband and I have been very pleased with our son's St. Jude experience. We are excited to be apart of such a vibrant, growing community. I would like to be able to bring my experience to the Education Commission, which has brought so many positive changes to our school and ultimately to our children. I am committed to ensuring that the children of St. Jude continue to receive the best education possible.

## **Stefanie Godbey**

My name is Stefanie Godbey and I am excited to become more involved in the St. Jude community. I feel my personality and talents can best be utilized by serving on the Education Commission. My husband Aron and I are new parishioners to St. Jude. I have been involved with RCIA since September 2007 and was confirmed March 22, 2008 at the Easter Vigil.

Our son Matthew will be in afternoon kindergarten at St. Jude in 2008-2009. Aron and I are thrilled that Matthew is going to receive a wonderful Catholic education. Our daughter Elizabeth became an angel in heaven January 15, 2007. Our faith has continued to guide us through these last 15 months.

I am currently employed as an audiologist at *The Place for Better Hearing* in Western Hills. I hold a Bachelor of Science (1996) and a Master of Arts (1998) from the University of Cincinnati. I work with hearing impaired children and adults.

I am committed to ensure that St. Jude remains a pillar of excellence for faith and education. I hope that my work with the Education Commission can only further the wonderful learning environment that St. Jude has already established.

## **Dave Gibbs**

My name is Dave Gibbs and I have been a member of St. Jude Parish since 2001. My wife, Holly, and I have two children attending St. Jude School, Nicholas in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade and Julia in the 1<sup>st</sup> grade. I have Bachelor's Degrees in Computer Science and Mathematics. I am employed as an Escalations Manager for Hewlett-Packard Corporation.

I have been involved in coaching at St. Jude, as well as volunteering at bingo and the parish festival. I am also part of the committee overseeing up-dates to the St. Jude website.

When I was approached and asked to run for the Education Commission, I was hesitant. After reflecting on the education that I received from attending Our Lady of Victory School and Elder High School, I came to the realization of how important a Catholic education was to me. I believe that one of the greatest gifts we can give to our children is a Catholic education. Based on this, I decided that I would like to be more involved in setting the direction of this educational gift that we all want for our children. I believe with out the constant stewardship of teachers, principals, pastors and parents that the gift we desire for our children will be lost.

## **BOOSTER NEWS:**

### **BULLDOG BASKETBALL SUMMER SKILLS CAMP SIGN-UPS**

It is not too late to sign up for the summer skills camp. I will be accepting registration forms (available on the Boosters' website) until May 12th; cost is \$20.00, a separate fee from the family plan or sports sign up fees. Checks payable to St. Jude Boosters. Please send forms to John Dressman, 3939 Von Rissen Ct., Cleves, Ohio, 45002 or drop off forms on May 12th at the concession stand at Field #1 between 6:30 and 8:00pm. Any questions e-mail me at [j\\_dressman@yahoo.com](mailto:j_dressman@yahoo.com).

### **Final Fall Sports Sign Ups**

The final Fall Sports Sign Up for 2008-2009 School year will be Thursday, May 8th, from 7:00-8:00 PM in the Undercroft. The Fall sports covered by this sign up are Soccer (1st-8th grade), Football (K-8th Grade), Girl's Volleyball (3rd - 8th grade), Golf (Boys 7th & 8th grade), and Cheerleading (K-8). Fees are \$45.00 per sport, or \$360.00 for the Family Plan, which covers eight (8) sports sign ups. There is also a \$25.00 Booster Fee per family, which is payable now, even if your family is not playing any fall sports. After the sign ups, plan on staying for the Booster Meeting at 8:00 in the Undercroft. It is Election night, so stick around, vote for the candidates and see what the new Booster board has to say.

**May Booster Meeting** - Come join us on May 8, 2008 at 8:00 pm in the Undercroft for our monthly Booster meeting. It is election night for the new Booster Board and a chance to say a big "Thank You" to some departing members. Please plan on attending, casting your vote and saying "Thank You" for the impact the departing members have had on our parish!

**Field Use and Practices During Mass** - Please be advised that the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and Fr. Eric have an explicit policy which forbids practice and use of the St. Jude Athletic fields during any Mass and specifically until 12:00 Noon on Sundays. It has come to the attention of Father Eric and the Athletic Boosters that a team has practiced on the fields during the 11:00 AM Sunday Mass. Please make sure that this practice ceases immediately per the Archdiocesan rules

**Girl's Summer Volleyball Camp** hosted at Saint Jude for incoming grades 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup>. Saint Jude players will receive a \$10 discount on their individual registration. This camp is open to the public, so register ASAP since space is limited. Please see the St. Jude Girls Volleyball page on the St. Jude web site for the registration form. Please note that the instructional girl's volleyball league in November this year will be offered for 4<sup>th</sup> graders AND 3<sup>rd</sup> graders ... IF we can get enough coaches to cover all teams. Please spread the word about this new opportunity for 3<sup>rd</sup> graders and let me know if you are interested in coaching.