

The **BREAD OF LIFE** CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

**Family Newsletter
Summer Edition**

August 2025, Issue No. 4

SIX PARISHES ONE MISSION

**Christ the King, Infant of Prague, St. Aloysius Gonzaga, St. Benedict,
St. Leo the Great, Ss. Peter and Paul**



Calendar Events

August Events

Aug 16 - Summer Fest, Noon - 11 PM at IOP

Aug 19- Party in the Parking lot, 6:00 PM at St. Al's

Aug 24 - BW Chicken Dinner Drive Thru, time TBD, at St. Al's

Aug 26 - Night of Musical Reflection, 7 PM at CTK

September Events

Sept 6 - Shred - It, 11 AM at CTK

Sept 7 - Back to School Mass/Blessing of the Backpacks,
10 AM at St. Ben's

Sept 11 - Alpha begins, 6:30 PM, See Bulletin for details

Sept 14- St. Ann's Sodality Luncheon & Basket Raffle
10:30 AM, Salvatore's Italian Gardens

Sept 21 - Spaghetti Dinner, 2 - 6 PM at IOP

Sept 28 - Buffalo Bills Tailgate Party,
12:30 PM - End of Game, at SSPP School Gym

October Events

Oct 1 - Eucharist Glory Book Discussion WK 1, 6:30 PM
at CTK, Continues: Oct 8, 15, 22

Oct 4 - Clothing Exchange, 9 AM at SSPP School Gym

Oct 11 - Oktoberfest, 6 PM at IOP

Oct 18 - Meat Raffle, 6 PM at St. Leo
-SSPP School Fall Fest, 4 - 10 PM at SSPP Parking Lot

Oct 19 - Spaghetti Dinner, time TBD, at St. Al's

Oct 30 - The Rocking Chair Prophet Book Discussion WK 1,
6:30 PM at SSPP, Continues: Nov 6, 13, 20

November Events

Nov 1 - The Solemnity of All Saints, Holy Day of Obligation
- Vendor & Craft show, 10 AM - 3 PM at St. Leo

Nov 2 - Ecumenical Service, Time & Location TBD

Nov 15 - Meat Raffle, time TBD, at St. Al's

Nov 26 - Vigil Mass for Thanksgiving Day, 7 PM location TBD

Nov 27 - Thanksgiving Day

St. Al's Invites you:

Wednesdays - Bible Study, 9:15 AM - 11:45 AM

Thursdays - The Mass Explained 9:15 AM - 11 AM

For more information on these weekly St. Al's events,
contact Cynthia Harder at 716-836-7630



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Key

CTK: Chris the King

IOP: Infant of Prague

SSPP: Ss. Peter & Paul's

St. Al's: St. Aloysius Gonzaga

St. Ben's: St. Benedict

St. Leo: St. Leo the Great

TBD: To be determined



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Interview with our Pastor, Fr. David Bellittiere

Written by Melinda Montaperto

It has been wonderful to get to know the priests serving our Bread of Life Family, and we wrap up this series of interviews with our Pastor, Father David Bellittiere, who has been serving as our pastor for over two years. During this time, he has been dedicated to bringing us together, and fostering a deeper appreciation for personal and communal prayer, and the Sacraments. I recently had the privilege of sitting down with him for an awesome interview, so that we could all get to know him a little better.



Father David was raised by his Italian mother and father, along with his four siblings. His mother grew up in New York City, and his father in Buffalo, where they met and opened a grocery store. He describes his mother as an excellent cook who introduced him to many international foods. In his words, both his parents were very faith-filled people and very wise. They taught him to always be learning, as they both always were, right up to the day they passed away, both at the age of 93.

He first felt the call to the priesthood in grammar school, being surrounded by wonderful priests at St. Benedict, his home parish and grade school. That call waned a bit when he entered High School at Bishop Newman. Being unsure about where the Holy Spirit was leading him, he entered Erie Community College, where he earned his associate's degree in business. Shortly after that, he felt the call to at least try the seminary. He entered Wadhams Hall Seminary, where he earned a degree in Philosophy. After taking some time to discern this holy vocation, he continued onto St. Cyril and Methodius Seminary in Orchard Lake, Michigan, where he received his Master's degree in Divinity.

A special time in his journey was at Wadhams Hall Seminary, where he practiced Life in the Spirit. This was a time of deep prayer and meditation, where he asked the Holy Spirit for one gift. That gift was for healing, not just physical healing, but also mental, spiritual, and emotional healing. This helped propel him forward, with a deep love for this healing ministry through the movement of the Holy Spirit.

He told me that his biggest inspiration for preaching is indeed the Holy Spirit. That is not hard to believe, as he continually asks and encourages his staff to pray and follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He also said that his favorite part of being a priest is bringing people to Christ. This is sometimes through healing, preaching, administering sacraments, helping them resolve problems, or being a listening ear when needed. He especially loves doing this through retreats. He also feels very humbled when people come to confession, trusting him to be God's Healing instrument, as he confers God's grace within the Sacrament. He is edified by how it shows their love for God.

Some other fun things about our Pastor, Father David, is that he would like to someday travel to the original Basilica of the Fourteen Holy Helpers in Germany, which is known for its healing ministry. He believes that the Holy Spirit can really help us all through the many situations of life, and that we should look to the Saints, who offer great wisdom in their writings. He loves it when people read and pray with the great writings of the Saints. When asked what his favorite food was, he said he can't choose just one, but rather ALL FOOD! (Except liver and brussel sprouts). He says this is because of his mother, who never forced him to eat anything, but always encouraged him to at least try new things. We look forward to continuing to get to know our Pastor, as we grow in faith and our love of God, thanks to his guidance and shepherding of our Family.

Bread of Life Catholic Community Pillars

Many folks have asked, “What are Pillars?” and “What are they doing?” This is a brief explanation of the work of our six pillars. Each pillar will be highlighted in more depth in future newsletters. A very special thank you to the more than 60 lay volunteers who are serving on Pillars. Most Pillars meet monthly and work on a variety of ministry initiatives and projects under the direction of our pastor, Father David.

What is a Pillar? A pillar is a committee that looks at specific ministry or administrative initiatives in our Family.

Who is on a Pillar? Lay volunteers from our six parishes sit on the pillars. Most pillars have between 12 and 16 people on them. These individuals are energetic, creative, and dedicated to serving the Lord and the people in our Family.

What are the six Pillars?

Liturgy: Liturgy is the primary way we worship God. This pillar makes sure we have the very best worship taking place in our Family. Priority is given to the dignity of each celebration, focusing on good ministry, music, and participation. Among the things they do is helping plan liturgies for weekly Masses as well as for special ones such as Christmas and Holy Week.

Spiritual Life: Spiritual life works hand in hand with Liturgy. They focus on fostering a relationship with Jesus through para-liturgical experiences, retreats, devotions, and any activity within the family that will help bring people closer to God. The “Life in the Eucharist” program last Fall and the upcoming “33 Days of the Eucharist” are two of the examples of their work.

Forming Intentional Disciples: This pillar helps parishioners of all ages: families, children, teens, mid-life, seniors, and RCIA candidates grow in their faith. This can be sacramental preparation for our younger members and such things as Bible Studies, senior programs, and women’s and men’s ministries. This past spring, more than 85 young people were confirmed in our Family, and more than 15 people were brought into the Church through the RCIA program.

Stewardship: This pillar is all about our wonderful lay volunteers. How can we invite, encourage, support, and train both our new and seasoned lay volunteers? Stay tuned for the new “Family Volunteer Brochure” that highlights the many ministry opportunities in our parishes. On a practical side, this Pillar will also help coordinate a Family fundraising schedule so multiple events aren’t held on the same day or weekend. Wouldn’t it be fun to be able to enjoy all the great things our Family does?

Outreach/ In reach: This pillar looks at how we respond to the spiritual and physical needs of those in and outside our Family. It also focuses on evangelism, bringing the “Good News” of Jesus to others. “Radical hospitality” has been embraced with a new “Greeters Ministry,” “Hospitality Sundays,” “Bereavement Ministry,” and the Lenten “Journey of the Heart Retreat.” Gatherings of our Family’s outreach volunteers have helped support and encourage the many volunteers who serve those in need in our community.

Administration: The business activities of our parishes and Family come under this pillar. Things such as business systems, computers, facilities, and finance, etc. - this group of dedicated lay volunteers looks at how to best use our resources to serve the Lord. The dedication, expertise, and humility that our many lay volunteers bring to their work are inspiring. They devote countless hours to our Family, our parishioners, and our community, generously sharing the gifts the Lord has abundantly given them with all of us.

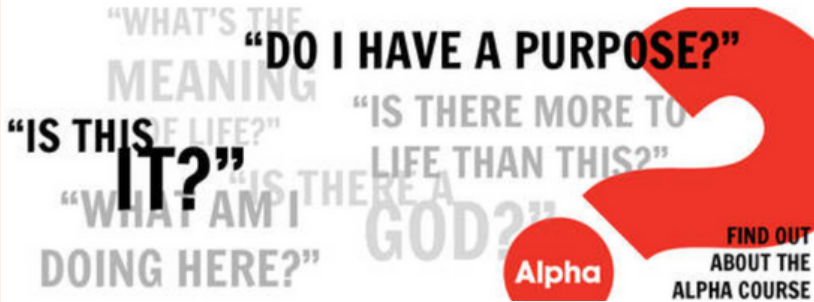
Alpha

Coming to the Bread of Life Catholic Community this Fall



Mark your calendars now for Alpha, a dynamic series that explores our faith and fosters connections and fellowship among those who attend. This 11-week experience begins with a shared meal, a creative video presentation, and time for discussion of the topic each evening. Believers of all ages will enjoy learning about and growing in their faith!

Alpha is a welcoming environment open to all, including those who are curious about the faith and those wanting to deepen their understanding of their faith. Join us for a safe space to grapple with questions of life without judgment or expectations. Questions like- "Is there more?" "Who is Jesus?" This is a great series to invite family members and friends to, for engaging conversations about their faith and Jesus.



Dates: Thursdays: 6:30- 8:00 pm
Beginning Thursday, September 11
through Thursday, November 20

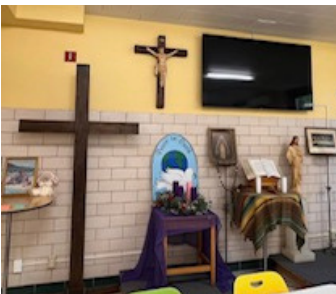
Watch the bulletin and website for
more details!

BLCC: Summer Programs

Vacation Bible School



Ss Peter & Paul Summer Camp



Evangelization and Humility

Written by Deacon Bill Hynes

In *Mere Christianity*, CS Lewis made this observation: “Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man, he will be what most people call ‘humble’ nowadays: he will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what *you* said to *him*.”

There is real power in humility. It is the power of attraction. That powerful attraction of humility is at the beginning of the Gospel and the beginning of every spiritual journey. That is why it is necessary for evangelization.

It is no accident that the humble St. Therese of Lisieux is the patroness of the missions. Humility and evangelization go together. Pope Francis made this connection clear in the homily he gave on St. Therese’s feast day in 2013:

“The church, Benedict XVI told us, does not grow through proselytism, it grows through attraction, through witness. And when the people see this witness of humility, of gentleness, of mildness, they feel the need that the Prophet Zachariah spoke of: ‘We want to come with you.’...That’s why a nun, so humble, but so trusting in God, a nun like St. Therese of the Child of Jesus was named Patron of the Missions, because of her example which makes the people’ we want to come with you! “

People sometimes confuse the words proselytism and evangelization. Proselytism is “coming on too strong”. It is arrogant, demeaning, and unappealing. It is always ultimately rejected. Evangelization is humble to its core. Evangelization listens to others and responds with the compassion of Christ. It follows the attractive model of Jesus.

There is a misunderstanding that we must guard against. Contrary to what many modern people think, humble people are not silent about their faith. Far from it! St. Therese of Lisieux did nothing but speak and write about Jesus. She never held a job or worked in a soup kitchen, or went on a service trip. She is a saint precisely because she proclaimed Jesus through words.

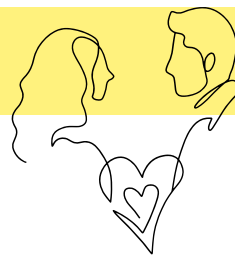
As CS Lewis noted, the truly humble person is attentive. As a result, others feel free to reveal themselves on a deeper level. It is on that level that evangelization can take place. Humble people cut through the superficiality that ensnares so many people today.

We can all learn to grow in the virtue of humility. How? By giving thanks to God more often. After all, the humble person realizes that every good thing he or she has, comes from God

and is directed back to God. The more we thank God - at Eucharist (which means thanksgiving), in our personal prayers, and in our daily conversations - the humbler we become.

Then, with the grace of God, others will say in the words of the prophet Zechariah and Pope Francis, “we want to come with you....”





IS YOUR MARRIAGE BREAKING YOUR HEART?

Someone once said, “Marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth”. In our society, with the pressures of conflicting demands and too little time, personal relationships are often taken for granted. With all the distractions, we easily forget that strong, caring, loving relationships take work.

Without attention and care, marriages wither. Couples slowly and quietly drift apart or are torn apart by terrible words and actions. Many are married in name only, or just stay together “for the sake of the kids”. For many, it has been ages since they knew the joy of a loving relationship. When infidelity, alcohol abuse, or drug dependency is involved, the situation may seem even more hopeless. Retrouvaille (a French word that means rediscovery) is a program that helps couples put the pieces back together and rebuild loving relationships.

Retrouvaille begins with a weekend experience in which husbands and wives are helped to re-establish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. This part of the program is presented by three married couples and a priest. The team couples, who have experienced disillusionment, pain, anger, and conflict, offer hope as they share their personal stories of struggle, reconciliation, and healing. Couples will find courage and strength in the realization that they are not alone in their struggle. The weekend is not a spiritual retreat, not a sensitivity group, not a seminar, nor is it counseling. Couples will not be asked to share their problems with anyone else. However, they are encouraged to put the past behind them, to look beyond the hurt and pain in order to rediscover each other in a new and positive way.

Couples dedicated to the enrichment of their marriage meet on a monthly basis at CORE (Continuing Our Retrouvaille Experience) for continued support and fellowship.

For more information, call 716-474-9371 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com. All calls are confidential, and pre-registration is required.

My attendance in the program helped me to realize all the good in my life I was missing. The tools and support gave me the strength and the will to fight for our marriage. Hearing the presenting couple's stories of despair to renewal gave us hope for a better future. Using the Retrouvaille program as the catalyst, our marriage turned the corner. Six years later, our marriage is stronger than ever. We know how to navigate through the tough spots and celebrate the little things that we once took for granted. The spiritual aspect of the program helped me to realize that I need God in my life. With God, all things seemed to fall into place. It was not easy by any means, but the rewards have far outweighed the efforts. I now have God as the centerpiece of my life. I have my wife, my family, my home, and more importantly, the peace and joy that all these blessings bring. Our continued involvement with the Retrouvaille ministry keeps us closer as a couple. Helping other couples find the hope for their marriage is rewarding. All the people we meet and the friends we made help fill our lives with joy and purpose. - Joe R.



SAINT'S CORNER

Saint Louis Martin 1823-1894

Saint Zélie Guérin Martin 1831-1877

Written by Carol Mathner

Saint Louis and Saint Zélie are the parents of St. Thérèse of Lisieux, a Carmelite nun, and are the first and only married couple canonized by the Catholic Church.

Louis was born into a military family in Bordeaux. He desired to join a religious community, but unfortunately, he was not admitted because he did not know Latin. He then trained to become a watchmaker and moved to Normandy. There he met a highly skilled lace-maker, Zélie Guérin, whose father was in the military, and she too was unable to enter religious life. They accepted that God had other plans for them. Married in 1859, they were blessed with nine children, though two sons and two daughters died in infancy. The other five daughters became nuns. Louis managed Zélie's lace-making business. She then died in 1877 from breast cancer, when their youngest, Therese, was only 5 years old. Louis moved the family to Lisieux, where he had family to help raise his children.

He was a devout Catholic who taught his children the importance of prayer, charity, and faith. In his love of the Eucharist, he was known for a deep devotion to the Real Presence of Jesus Christ in the consecrated Bread and Wine. He encouraged his daughters to pursue religious vocations. Louis struggled with poor health most of his life, but never lost hope and trusted in God's plan for his life.

Throughout their marriage, Louis and Zélie would take walks daily, visit different churches, and spend time praying before the Blessed Sacrament. Louis and Zélie were devoted to each other, to their children, and to their Catholic faith. They cared for relatives, neighbors, the poor, the sick, and the dying. They showed that marriage can be a starting point of a journey to holiness made in the company of a spouse. They understood that God meant for marriage and family life to be a vocation, a call to holiness. They are the patron saints of families and were canonized by Pope Francis in 2015. Their feast day is July 12, their wedding anniversary.

Neither of them wrote a book. But their words have been passed down to us through encouraging, faith-filled letters sent to their daughters and between the two of them.

“Soon we'll have the happiness of family and its beauty that brings us closer to Him (God),”

St. Louis Martin

“We must dispose ourselves to accept generously the will of God, whatever that may be, since it always is what is best for us.” St. Zélie Martin



THANK YOU FOR A SUCCESSFUL CHICKEN BBQ!

The Knights of Columbus Council 11168 would like to thank the parishioners of St. Leo the Great for making our chicken barbeque a success. We sold 350 dinners and donated an additional 50 to St. Luke's Mission of Mercy. Proceeds will help support the charitable works of the Knights, which includes support for various youth programs, seminarians, right to life, Catholic Charities, Special Olympics, the Buffalo Diocese and more in addition to the donation to St. Luke's. Practical Catholic men who want to put their faith into action and find out more about joining us are welcome to our next general membership meeting at St. Leo the Great August 21 at 6:30.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS CORNER

Written by Carol Mathner, Parish Nurse

Tick season is here! Now through September is prime time for ticks, which live in grassy areas, fields, and woodlands. Ticks perch on blades of grass, waiting for a person or animal to brush by so they can grab on, and can transmit diseases like Lyme Disease. So, if you have been bitten by a tick and develop a rash, fever, stiff neck, muscle aches, joint pain, swollen lymph node, or flu-like symptoms, call your physician promptly.

Not every tick carries disease, but it is best to take precautions to avoid being bitten, especially when camping, hiking, or out in any field.

- Wear shoes, not sandals, long pants tucked into socks, a long-sleeved shirt, and a hat.
- Stick to trails, avoid walking through low bushes and long grass.
- Keep dogs leashed so they don't venture where ticks may be.

Use an insect repellent with at least 20% DEET. The concentration determines how long DEET protection lasts. 10% = 2 hours, 30% = 5 hours. Avoid products with both DEET and sunscreen, as sunscreen needs to be applied more often.

After spending time in a wooded or grassy area, inspect yourself, your children, and your dog for ticks. Shower as soon as you come inside. Scrub your skin with a washcloth, as it can dislodge ticks that have not attached yet. If you find an attached tick, take tweezers and grab the tick by the back of the head, pulling it up and away from your skin. Don't twist it. Take a photo to show your doctor and flush it down the toilet. After handling the tick, wash your hands with soap and water, along with the area around the bite. Another resource is YouTube for how to remove ticks.

A small red bump often appears at the site of the bite, but disappears after a few days. This does not mean the tick has transmitted a disease.

Take precautions and enjoy the outdoors! Be healthy and safe this summer!

Summer 2025 Golf Tournaments

Christ the King



St. Leo the Great



SUMMERTIME!

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Summertime Celebrations!

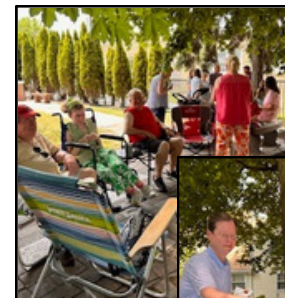
St Benedict's Feast Day



St. Aloysius Gonzaga Summerfest



Ss. Peter and Paul Church Music on Main & Founder's Day



The Journey of Infant of Prague

WRITTEN BY FRANCINE MACKOWIAK



Almost eighty years ago, a seed of faith was planted in the heart of Cheektowaga.

In 1946, under the leadership of Archbishop John Francis O'Hara - then Bishop of Buffalo - three new parishes were established to serve the spiritual needs of a rapidly growing community. One of these was the Infant of Prague Parish, dedicated to the Divine Infant Jesus of Prague, a powerful symbol of humility, love, and divine protection.

A tentative site was chosen - a wide, open field full of promise and quiet grace. On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, 1946, beneath

the canvas of a white tent, the first Mass was celebrated. One hundred and fifty parishioners and friends gathered in prayer and thanksgiving. There were no pews or stained-glass windows - only folding chairs, fresh air, and the unwavering faith of a community ready to build something lasting.

Soon after, a temporary structure was brought from the Niagara Falls Air Force Base to replace the tent. Though modest, it became a cherished spiritual home, serving the parish until the completion of the permanent church in 1947. That original church building still stands today as the Divine Grace Chapel, a quiet reminder of the parish's humble beginnings and enduring devotion.

As the parish flourished, so did the need to educate its youngest members in the Catholic faith. On February 3, 1947, Infant of Prague School officially opened its doors, using the former church building as its first classroom space. The Sisters of St. Francis lovingly staffed the school, bringing their wisdom, care, and dedication to generations of students.

The school community grew quickly, and in April 1949, construction began on a new, dedicated school building, further solidifying the parish's role as not only a place of worship but a center for learning, family, and faith.

As Infant of Prague Parish continued to grow in faith and numbers, it also blossomed into a lively center for community life, where prayer and play went hand in hand.

In a creative and community-minded move, four bowling alleys were installed in the basement of the school, giving parishioners and students a place to gather, socialize, and enjoy friendly competition. The sound of rolling balls and falling pins became a joyful echo beneath the classrooms above, a reminder that laughter and fellowship were just as essential as lessons and liturgy.

As the popularity of the bowling alleys grew, four more lanes were added, and this time, they were moved to a larger space within the parish gymnasium. That space would later be named Msgr. Henesey Hall, honoring one of the parish's most beloved shepherds. The hall became not only a place for recreation but also for countless parish events, dinners, dances, and celebrations over the decades.

The spirit of Infant of Prague Parish remained vibrant and strong into the 1950s, as the parish continued to grow in both numbers and faith. With the community outgrowing its original worship space, plans were made to build a larger, permanent church that could better serve the needs of the faithful.

The Journey of Infant of Prague...Continued

On October 28, 1959, the Feast of Christ the King, parishioners gathered once more in unity and prayer as ground was broken for the construction of a new church building. It was a powerful and symbolic day, honoring Christ's eternal reign and the bright future of the Infant of Prague Parish.

After nearly three years of dedication and hard work, the new church was officially dedicated on June 10, 1962.



With soaring ceilings, sacred art, and space to welcome all, it stood as a testament to the enduring love and commitment of the parish family, a spiritual home built on decades of faith and devotion.



Through the decades that followed, Infant of Prague continued to evolve. As neighborhoods changed and the Catholic community grew in new ways, the parish merged with Mother of Divine Grace Church, welcoming many new believers and families into the fold. The merger brought not only more parishioners but a renewed sense of unity, shared history, and purpose, strengthening the bonds of faith that connected everyone under one spiritual roof.

Though much has changed over the years, from buildings and programs to faces and names, the heart of Infant of Prague has remained the same: a parish rooted in the love of Christ, alive with community spirit, and open to all who seek grace, peace, and belonging.

As Infant of Prague Parish reflects on nearly eight decades of faith, fellowship, and service, a clear truth emerges: this community has always been built on more than brick and mortar. It has been built on generosity, resilience, and an enduring commitment to Christ-centered living.

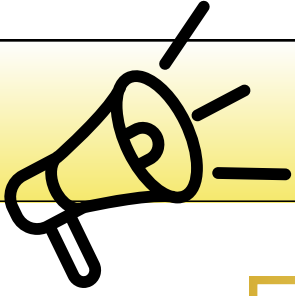
From that first open-field mass beneath a canvas tent in 1946, to the construction of schools, sanctuaries, and community halls, building, fundraising, and dedication have been constant companions in the parish journey. Each generation has offered its time, talents, and treasure, ensuring that Infant of Prague would remain vital, active, and ready to serve.

As we honor almost 80 years of grace-filled history, we look to the future with faith and anticipation. The mission continues - not only to preserve what has been, but to grow, to welcome, and to bring spiritual blessings to those who walk through our doors now, and those yet to come.

May Infant of Prague Parish always be a place where hearts are lifted, faith is nourished, and Christ is encountered; in every mass, every classroom, every gathering, and every act of love.

Together, we move forward - rooted in the past, alive in the present, and inspired by the promise of the future.





CHECK OUT OUR SCHOOLS!

Ss. Peter and Paul School – Classical Education Rooted in Tradition

Saints Peter and Paul School is building Faith, Minds, and Hearts through a **K-8 Classical Education Model rooted in Catholic Tradition**. Students spend their days learning integrated subjects - where literature aligns with the era of history they are studying, and art and music reflect that time period. Math and science programs exceed New York State standards, and upper-grade Dialectic-stage students are also trained in critical thinking and logic. This holistic approach to education focuses on developing the whole individual.

Along with the core curriculum, students participate in chorus, acting classes, intramural sports, and engaging activities with community helpers. These partners include Cornell Cooperative Extension, Monkey See, Monkey Do Reading Program, and virtual field trips sponsored by the New York State Agricultural Agency.

We offer our well-established, play-based **Pre-K program** for children ages 3 to 5, with half-day, two-day, and full-day options to meet the diverse needs of families. Rooted in early childhood best practices, our Pre-K program emphasizes social-emotional development, hands-on exploration, and joyful learning.

In addition, we are proud to offer an **accredited Montessori program**, opening for the 2025-26 school year, for three to six-year-olds. This program is available in half-day and full-day formats. This thoughtfully prepared environment helps children develop independence, concentration, and a love of learning through tactile, purposeful activities. The Montessori approach lays a strong foundation in practical life skills, early math, literacy, and social development - always within the context of our Catholic faith.

Weekly Mass and monthly para-liturgy enrich the Catholic tradition that is woven throughout the curriculum and daily school life.



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CTK School emphasizes the development of the student academically, spiritually, physically, emotionally, socially, and ethically. The core subjects offered are religion, reading, language arts (including phonics, handwriting, and spelling), math, science, Algebra 1, Biology, and social studies. As part of our curriculum, we also offer Art, Latin, Spanish, Music, PE, and Technology.



Our faith-based education provides a safe, nurturing, and challenging environment for all who attend. Investing in your child's future by choosing CTK School provides a solid foundation for their life. CTK School promotes Catholic faith and values. CTK has an excellent core curriculum **based on rigorous NYS and Diocese of Buffalo standards**. The School is Accredited by the Middle States Commission on Elementary and Secondary Schools



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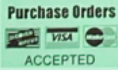
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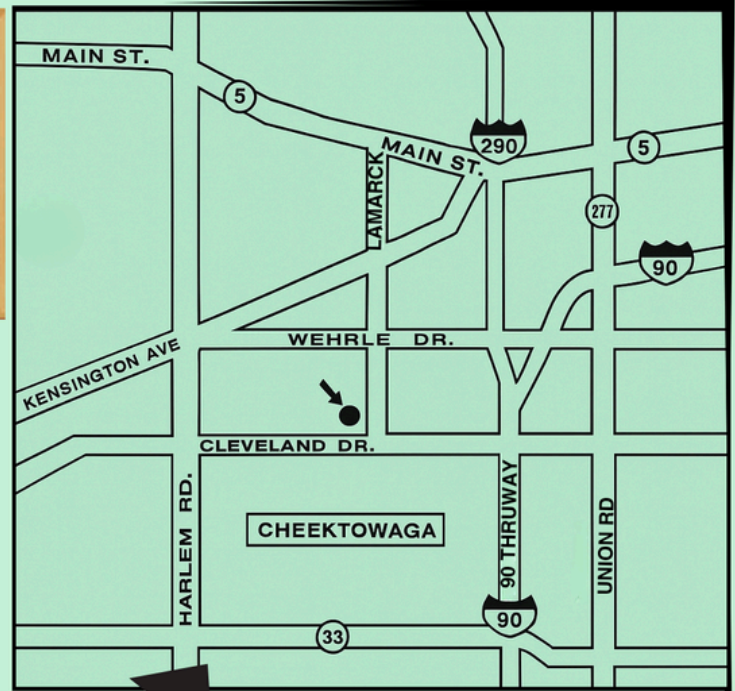
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