



## Christ the Servant School Endowment Fund

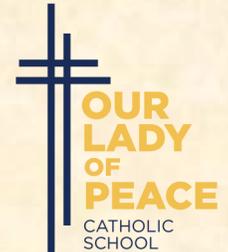
Current Market Value \$71, 856.00

Anniversary Gifts \$10,580.00

**\$82,436.00 Total**

Again, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

THANK YOU for your generosity of spirit and your kind expressions on the occasion of my 45th Anniversary. It is with pride that I have been able to serve as the pastor of Christ the Servant Parish and Our Lady of Peace School.



### Education

“As servants of Christ, our mission is for the educational outreach of all through the development of mind, body and spirit. Our ministry embraces the comprehensive education and formation of children, youth, and adults within our parish, including those most underserved within our neighboring community.”

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Article from the Canton Repository

### Christ the Servant Teaching Corps is designed to give student teachers more in-class, hands-on experience.

CANTON Monsignor Lewis Gaetano need only to stick his head inside the doorway and the roomful of kindergartners erupts with joy. As the kids rush to greet him, some reach up for hugs while others are content to cling to his long legs.

Teacher Darcie Bell has some help in restoring order in the form of Walsh University senior Meghan Brickner, who’s student-teaching through the Christ the Servant Teaching Corps.

“I love working with kids,” Brickner said. “I’m learning classroom management and how to work with this population of kids. I’d love to return.”

Now in its second year, Christ the Servant Teaching Corps is a partnership between Walsh University and Our Lady of Peace Catholic School at 1001 39th St. NW, which is operated by Christ the Servant parish, where Gaetano is pastor.

Christ the Servant Teaching Corps is designed to give student teachers more in-class, hands-on experience, particularly with students from under-served communities. In turn, it affords more small-group settings and gives the classroom teacher assistance while he or she shares expertise with the aspiring teachers.

Bell, a fourth-year teacher at OLOP, said she wishes the program existed when she was a student.

“They’re getting invaluable experience, working in classrooms every day,” she said.

“They’re here 20 hours a week. A lot of programs don’t do that. I think it’s amazing.”

#### Shared Vision

Created by Gaetano and Professor Jeannie DeFazio, chair of Walsh’s education department and an intervention specialist, it is the latest chapter in their shared vision to serve children who are in most need of assistance. The two previously started an after-school program at the former St. Paul parish, which merged with the former Our Lady of Peace Church to create Christ the Servant parish.

“In 2009, Jeannie and I were at Walsh, and we saw a real need to help, in particular, Hispanic children, and children living in the northeast quadrant,” Gaetano said.

The program enlisted student volunteers from Walsh and subsisted on a grant from the Aultman Foundation. It ran for two years.



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“We were kind of in limbo for while,” Gaetano said.

DeFazio said Teaching Corps programs have been successfully done in other states but less so in Ohio. Three years ago, she and Gaetano pitched the program to Walsh President Richard Jusseaume, who offered his support. They also garnered support from the Paul and Carol David Foundation.

Gaetano said 97 percent, OLOP’s 189 students live at or below the federal poverty level. Fifty-seven percent live in single parent homes.

Though 85 percent of students attend OLOP through Ohio EdChoice scholarships, Gaetano said, it has never been his intention to accept EdChoice just to keep the doors open.

The school, which is kindergarten through fifth grade, is no longer part of the Holy Cross Academy Catholic Schools.

“I wanted us to redefine our mission as a school and a parish,” he said, noting that last year, Christ the Servant parishioners raised \$13,000 for school uniforms. The parish also is active in assisting Refuge of Hope, a food and clothing ministry that recently purchased the former St. Paul’s Klocker Hall.

“That aligns so well with Walsh’s mission and what we expect of our student teachers,” DeFazio said.

This year, 12 Walsh students are participating in the Teaching Corps, including two graduate students, eight undergrads, and two full-time teachers who are working toward a master’s or additional licensure.

Candidates must demonstrate an understanding of the Catholic worldview of education as a mission, an ability to collaborate and a commitment to Catholic social teaching and diversity. Those accepted receive benefits ranging from a 50-percent reduction in tuition, stipends or a salary to assistance with books and fees.

Participants also sign a “covenant” as a sign of commitment to the program’s expectations. Only two students have withdrawn since 2016.

“One of the issues of the trauma of poverty is abandonment,” Gaetano. “If a teacher doesn’t show up, these kids want to know why.”

Passion for teaching

“We’ve been very selective,” DeFazio said. “It’s been an individual journey for each one. We’ve had people who are so committed. We’ve been very fortunate. They realize that it’s not just teaching but a vocation.”

“You don’t have to be Catholic,” Gaetano added. “But you need a strong moral compass to be with our kids, and you have to be able to handle diversity. I don’t want any teacher to be what they don’t want to be ... We want it to work, but we don’t want it to work at the expense of our kids.”

Matt Bentley graduated from Walsh with a degree in political science aspiring to be a lawyer, that is, before he started volunteering as a tutor at OLOP.

The Minerva native is completing his second year as a full-time teacher through the Teaching Corps.

“Coming here every day, being the with kids, it’s just fun,” Bentley said. “We have our tough days, but we get to work with kids and seeing the challenges they go through. Those are the kind of things that make it worthwhile.”

“I planned to study business, but this truly is my life and passion,” said fellow teacher Erica Hicks, who is completing her first year as a full-time teacher.

Hicks said she is grateful that the program enabled her to practically apply what she’s learning in graduate school.

“It’s helping me to grow and to gain more professional knowledge,” she said.

Gaetano said the OLOP of 2018 is different from the school of years past, and that he’s made sure that his teachers receive professional development to equip them to work with today’s students.

“I have found the parish very supportive, but it was challenging for them,” he said. “We were the suburban school of the 1950s. I’ve been open in that I feel we’ve abandoned urban areas, in terms of Catholic education. We’ve had a tuition model.”



## Success up, problems down

Diane Suba, who is winding up 46 years as a teacher at OLOP, has been at the school since she was a 5-year-old student. Assisting her is student teacher Adrienne Bastas, a GlenOak grad.

"The demographics of the school have changed, but kids are kids," Suba said. "Having a second teacher in the class is a real advantage."

"Mrs. Suba and I do a lot of co-teaching," said Bastas, who graduated from Kent State. "I came to Walsh for the licensure program. I thought (Teaching Corps) sounded amazing. I've gotten so much real-life experience."

Tricia Burton, a teacher who is pursuing her master's degree, came to OLOP through the program. She, too, has a student teacher, Clare Sonby, a Walsh senior.

"It's a phenomenal program," Burton said. "I can give my students more one-on-one instruction."

"Tricia has been incredible," Sonby said. "She's everything I want to be in a teacher. I'm developing a lot of classroom management skills."

OLOP Principal Rick Hull, a veteran educator who's worked in several local public systems, said he believes the program has been a factor in improved third-grade reading scores because it enables small-group instruction.

"The hardest thing to do is differentiate into small groups," he said. "It's easy to say, hard to pull off. Once you put a second person in class, it becomes easier. Differentiated instruction is making a difference in the students. They're able to have guided reading groups and individualized work."

In 2015, just 23 percent of OLOP third-graders passed the fall reading test. This year, the success rate was in the mid-50s, Hull said, adding that some new students are as much as a year-and-half behind when they arrive.

Hull said that as students improve, behavioral problems are declining.

"Because they're not frustrated," he said. "Our performance is going up. We do a progress assessment every six weeks. All of it is a team effort."

Hull said the Christ the Servant Teaching Corps puts Walsh on the cutting edge of teacher preparation.

"They leave with two full years of experience, working with kids who need a lot of intervention," he said. "We don't want to turn out teachers the old-school (method). They're much more prepared now."

To learn more, contact DeFazio at 330-490-7332, or email to [jdefazio@walsh.edu](mailto:jdefazio@walsh.edu).

Article from the Canton Repository

### Library renamed for long-time Stark County teacher

CANTON TWP. Denise Weber describes the young people she taught at the local Multi-County Juvenile Attention System campus over the past four decades as a "gift."

But as it turned out, she apparently was the gift to them and other staff members. The institution has named its library in the Judge John R. Milligan Campus as the Denise M. Weber Library.

"I am totally honored," Weber said after the dedication ceremony last week. "I did not expect this at all. They kept saying, 'You have been a gift to us.' But the real gift has been them to me. I have been privileged to be a part of kids' success."

Multi-County Juvenile Attention System is a correctional agency that serves Stark County and four other counties. While juveniles are incarcerated for crimes or other offenses, they receive academic instruction as if they were attending a traditional school. Canton Local School System provides the staff for the instructional program.

The local Multi-County Juvenile Attention System campus, in the 800 block of Faircrest Street SW, is comprised of three components: Stark Attention Center, Community Corrections Facility and the Residential Treatment Center. The latter component houses the library.

Weber started her career at Multi-County Juvenile Attention in 1978. She was away for one year when she taught at an elementary school within the Canton City school system.

"I came here and fell in love and never left," Weber, 60, said.

#### Nontraditional environment

Weber earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Walsh University. In the past, Weber was a reading instructor. More recently she has been an intervention specialist. It appears this will be her final year on the staff.

"She is going to finish out the school year with us," said Dale Rush, principal of the academic program at Multi-County. "She will teach summer school for us. We are reducing (staff) through attrition."

As a teacher, Weber would hold classes in all three divisions of the local Multi-County campus.

"At any one time, traditionally, we have 50 to 60 students a day," Rush said. "It is a nontraditional environment with at-risk kids. A lot of them have trauma in their lives. All the staff here, we choose to be here. All of our teachers could teach in any school in the state."

As a teacher, Weber is certified to instruct elementary school, and in the fields of learning disabilities, behavioral disorders and reading.

"There is no one that has been here longer than her," Rush said. "Mrs. Weber's dedication to the youth at Multi-County far exceeds anything we normally see. This is not just a job for her. This is her life. Mrs. Weber has earned the right to have the library named after her because of her commitment. I don't know that any educator will spend 40 years at Multi-County again."

Strong bond

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The honor of the library dedication was bestowed on Weber as a surprise. Now there is lettering on the wall spelling out her name.

"She deserves this," said Elizabeth Weber, Denise Weber's daughter. "I always try to be half the teacher she is."

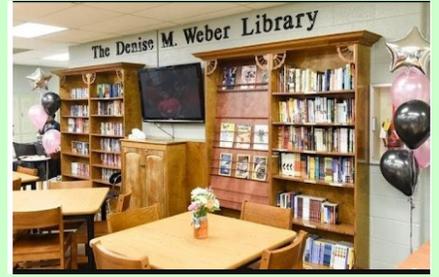
The daughter is a teacher at Mount Hope Elementary School in Holmes County.

Many of the residents at Multi-County are placed there by the criminal justice system and struggle academically. Many of the Multi-County residents, Rush said, are likely alienated from school.

"The way you overcome that is through relationships," Rush said. "You create a safe environment. You create a relationship that is respectful. The way Mrs. Weber interacts with the students makes them feel safe. School has a negative feeling for a lot of the kids that come here. A lot of them are academically behind. And we try to get them caught up."

Weber said instructing youths who are in the criminal justice system can present challenges that teachers may not encounter in traditional schools.

"These kids have really been special to me," she said. "I just feel this is where I am supposed to be. The relationships that I have established over the years with the kids has been a gift to me. I like to say, 'We can't do much about our past. But from this day, we go forward.'"



**Social Concerns**

“As servants of Christ, we will strive to be the presence of Christ to our parish and the wider community, providing counsel, assistance, and hope as we live the Gospel of God through our practice of the Corporal Works of Mercy. We offer our gifts with kindness and respect, enhancing opportunities for fellowship and mutual support, led by Christ’s example of hospitality, diversity and inclusiveness.” Social Concerns Pastoral Secretary: John Cihon [jchon@mpwservices.com](mailto:jchon@mpwservices.com) or Teresa Golden McClelland [teresa-efg@sbcglobal.net](mailto:teresa-efg@sbcglobal.net)

We had another strong week for our food drive. We collected 408 lbs. in food, clothing was 73 lbs. and toiletries were 69 lbs. That made our total 550 lbs. When we get over 400 lbs. of food, that's really great. Catholic Charities will be very happy when we deliver to them. Thanks everyone for making this possible.

**Liturgy**

“As Servants of Christ, through the various Liturgical Ministries, we offer our gifts to one another with the mutual kindness and respect, providing and enhancing opportunities for prayerful worship and celebration.” Liturgy Pastoral Secretary: Chris Thomas [cfthomas1@att.net](mailto:cfthomas1@att.net) or Mike Reed [mreed@christtheservantparish.org](mailto:mreed@christtheservantparish.org)

**Mass Intentions**

**Tuesday June 12**

**9:00 AM Stevin Svik by Veronica Svik**

**Wednesday June 13**

**9:00 AM Mary Rose Bushway by Alan & Barbara Digianantonio**

**Thursday June 14**

**9:00 AM Donna Wackerly by John & Joyce Schumacher**

**Friday June 15**

**9:00 AM Living and Deceased Members of Christ the Servant Parish**

**Saturday June 16**

**4:30 PM Gemma and Donald Duplain  
Wilbur Adams by Adams Children**

**Sunday June 17**

**9:00 AM Vic Morgese-Joseph Clouse by Ed & Flo Meyer  
Antonio DelGato by Wife and Family  
11:00AM Josephine Prestier by Family  
Bob Stewart by Jan and Family  
6:30 PM John Cobett by Josephine Cobett**

**Parish Life**

**Parish Life Pastoral Area Mission Statement**

As servants of Christ, through the various Parish Life ministries, we offer our gifts to one another with mutual kindness and respect, providing and enhancing diverse opportunities for fellowship, mutual support and ministry to our Parish community, led by Christ’s example of hospitality and inclusiveness.” Parish Life Pastoral Secretary: Andrew Sarachman [acsarachman@christtheservantparish.org](mailto:acsarachman@christtheservantparish.org)

Parish Meeting Events for the Week Ahead

**Sunday June 10**

Grief counseling 2pm lower level rectory  
New Beginners Alcoholic Anonymous meeting in the Seton Hall 7-8pm

**Tuesday June 12**

Seniors group 2-4 Gathering Rm  
Garden Club 7pm Gathering Rm

**Wednesday June 13**

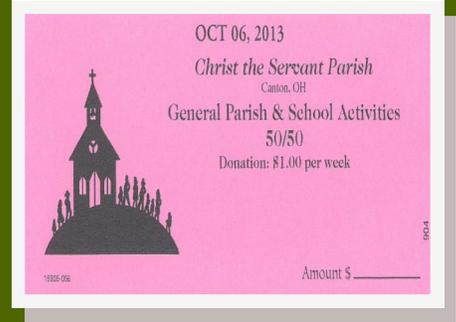
Bible Study 10am Gathering Rm.  
Men's Club meeting 7pm Gathering Rm

**Thursday June 14**

Respect Life Committee meeting 7pm  
Gathering Rm

**General Parish and School Activities 50/50**

Every Monday a winner will be drawn the winner will be posted in the following weeks bulletin.



Put a dollar in the envelope to participate. The envelopes are found in your Stewardship Packets.

5/27/2018 #63240 was drawn , but did not play and would have won \$115.00

**Bishop's appeal**

Goal \$70, 451.00  
Committed \$85,969.00  
Difference \$15,518.00  
Percent 122.0%  
Households 381

The 2018 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church is underway! This important annual fund raising campaign unites Catholics throughout the six counties of our diocese in a spirit of compassion and charity to serve the needs of others. In 2017, Catholic Charities provided help and hope to over 11,000 of people in Portage and Stark Counties. Your generosity and support for the Bishop's Appeal helps to change lives. . . one family at a time. To make your gift to the 2018 Appeal online, visit [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org).

6 tickets remaining for the men's club Indians game bus trip. Friday July 6th vs the Oakland A's. Includes seat on the bus, your game ticket, beverages and a sack lunch. Must be 21 to attend. Contact Steve Laliberte 330.323.9480 to reserve your spot.



**Christ the Servant Parish Stewardship**  
**W/E 5/27/2018 \$11,022.00**  
**W/E 6/3/2018 \$14,298.00**

**For stewardship or any other donations to the parish or school, please make checks payable to Christ the Servant Parish— Thank you**

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Greetings to our Parishioners, Alumni of Our Lady of Peace, and Friends,



Time does not stand still here at Christ the Servant Parish or Our Lady of Peace Catholic School, and so my hope is that this letter finds you and your loved ones well. As we begin our *2018 Week of Giving* we have much to be thankful for. Both our parish and school are vibrant experiences of community life, and we continue to grow in spirit and number.

I was privileged to celebrate my 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 18, and believe me, I can look in the mirror and I know that time has not stood still. However, what a privilege it has been to return to my home parish and home school for these past 9 years; and I do emphasize the word “home.” I can still remember beginning to serve Mass for Msgr. Marceau; Sister Ann Marie making me square numbers for detention, going off to Central Catholic for high school and then the Seminary; returning for my first Mass at Our Lady of Peace in May of 1973.

I shared with our parishioners that I wanted the occasion of my 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to be a celebration of our life as a Catholic Community here at Christ the Servant, including our continuing commitment to Catholic Education at Our Lady of Peace. Our mission has continued to evolve from the very first days in 1952, reflecting the changing landscape of Canton, until today – remaining faithful to the evangelization of God’s Beloved within the current landscape of our missionary outreach.

As we continue to secure the evolving mission of our school for our parish community and to the underserved and under-represented within the City of Canton, we have continued to modestly grow our Christ the Servant School Endowment Fund with the Diocese of Youngtown. Currently, we have 201, K-5 students registered at this time for the 2018-2019 school year, with our formal second enrollment period beginning in June. Our hoped-for enrollment is 240, which would bring us to 2 classes per grade level with a general capacity of 20+ per class. As of April 27, 2018, our Christ the Servant School Endowment Fund is \$71,856.00. I have asked that all donations for the “*2018 Week of Giving*” and any gifts for my anniversary be designated for the Christ the Servant School Endowment Fund, with the goal of reaching \$100,000.00 this year.

It is my hope that you will continue to share the 66-year heritage of our mission here at Christ the Servant Parish and Our Lady of Peace with conviction. You each are part of that living legacy.

In Christ the Servant and Our Lady of Peace,

Rev. Msgr. Lewis F. Gaetano



## Congratulations to our 2018 parish Graduates

**Hoover High School**

Arthur Bodenschatz

Casey Budgake



Please send us your graduation information and photo, so we can publish the news in the bulletin.

Send to:  
kkraft@christtheservantparish.org



## St. Thomas Aquinas

Sophia Soehnlen

**University of Cincinnati**

Jule Sarachman MSN

Women’s Health Nurse

Practitioner board certified