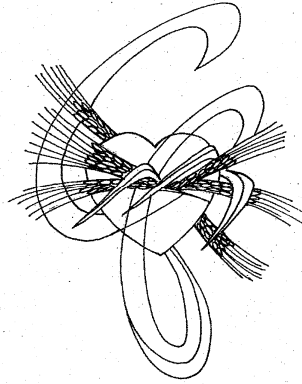


Sacred Heart Parish Community

500-550 Smith Rd. ♦ Fremont, OH 43420

(419) 332-7339



... embracing the stewardship way of life

Dear Parishioners,

Let us rejoice that the Lord speaks to us thus, “Fear not, I have called you by name, you are mine” (Is 43:1). How wonderful are these words! Jesus holds each of us in the depths of his Sacred Heart. We are known by Him, and he wants us to be known to each other as members of his mystical body, the Church. We provide this booklet, the Sacred Heart Parish Guidebook and Directory, for especially that reason.

Each of us has received special gifts from God. We should never doubt that. Through the sacraments of baptism and confirmation, the Holy Spirit has poured out upon each of us his seven spiritual gifts: knowledge, wisdom, counsel, courage, understanding, piety and fear of the Lord. These gifts are to be shared. That is what makes us good and faithful stewards of his blessings. It is in seeking to serve others that these gifts are revealed in us and developed.

At Sacred Heart Parish we are continually working to develop opportunities to put these gifts at the service of the Lord. Many of these ministries and organizations are listed here in this Guidebook. In reviewing them, perhaps you may find some that you find yourself attracted to. Don't hesitate to check them out.

To facilitate good stewardship, we have also hired a new Volunteer Development position at the parish, which is currently served by Mrs. Lisa Spader. She may be able to help you find the right service suited to your particular gifts. You may call her at the Parish Office or by her email lspader@sacredheart-fremont.org. Or she may call you!

We are grateful for the generosity of our sponsors listed in this book who make it possible for us to provide this booklet free of cost.

May the Lord bring you His Peace,

Fr. Bill

Sacred Heart Parish Staff

Rev. William Pifher Pastor
Deacon Thomas Ackerman Deacon
Mrs. Katie Mellor Elementary School Principal
Mrs. Rebecca Sorenson Coordinator of Religious Education
Mr. Richard Holland Operations Manager
Mrs. Anita Hotz Administrative Assistant
Mrs. Marjory Joseph Data Entry
Mr. Robert Fisher Plant Custodian
Mrs. Lisa Spader Volunteer & Service Development Person

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Telephone Numbers

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School Fax Number.....	419-332-1542
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Fr. Bill email.....	frbill.pifher@sacredheart-fremont.org
Web Page.....	www.sacredheart-fremont.org

Liturgical Celebrations

Lord's Day Liturgy	Saturday, 5:00 p.m. Sunday, 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., 11:00 a.m. Misa en Espanol: St. Joseph Church, 1:00 p.m.
Holy Days	Evening before at 6:30 p.m. Holy Day, 8:10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
Weekdays	Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 8:10 a.m. Thursdays, 6:30 p.m.

Confessions

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) is available every Saturday at 4:00 p.m. and on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Church, or contact Fr. Bill at the parish office to schedule other times for confession or counseling.

Office Hours

The Parish Office is open Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
and 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.

Sacred Heart School is in session, 7:55 a.m.-2:15 p.m.

Preschool and Extended Day Programs operate on the school calendar.

Elementary School Children's Christian Development Program is in session Wednesdays, 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Parish Vision

We, the Sacred Heart Parish community, united in faith, strive to worship, play and work together for the building of God's reign on earth.

Parish Mission Statement

Sacred Heart Parish is a Catholic community dedicated to giving praise to God through communal worship, Christian formation and service to others.

In support of this mission, we are committed to

- ✧ fostering prayer
- ✧ providing holistic education and formation
- ✧ providing support and enrichment for all parishioners
- ✧ identifying and responding to others in need
- ✧ reaching out to the inactive and the unchurched with Christ's message of love and salvation
- ✧ sharing with other faith communities
- ✧ being good stewards in the furtherance of these goals.

History of Sacred Heart Parish

Unique among the Catholic communities in Fremont, Sacred Heart Parish is the youngest and the only Catholic Church on the east side of the city.

In June 1956, Bishop Rehring appointed Fr. Leo A. Lehmkuhl to Fremont St. Joseph Parish as an assistant pastor with the duty of starting a new parish on the east side of Fremont. The new parish was officially established on September 8, 1956. Its area included the east side of Fremont to the borders of St. Mary, Clyde, and St. Mary, Tiffin. At the time the parish was formed, 2,200 persons were listed as members.

At first, Sunday Mass was celebrated in the Fremont National Guard Armory on East State Street, Fremont. On August 12, 1958, a new church and school building was solemnly blessed by Bishop Rehring. Sacred Heart School opened on September 5, 1958, with an enrollment of 360 students in eight classrooms. Due to the large enrollment, eight additional classrooms were constructed the following year. The Sisters of Notre Dame have been among the faculty of Sacred Heart School from its beginning.

During the first 12 years of the parish, Fr. Lehmkuhl served as “Father Sacred Heart,” encouraging its growth by building church, school, convent, and rectory. He implemented the vision of Vatican Council II, celebrating the first liturgy with the priest facing the people and inviting the laity into active ministry.

Fr. Bernard J. Shenk succeeded Fr. Lehmkuhl as pastor of Sacred Heart Parish on April 18, 1968. During his five years as pastor, he supervised the construction of a parish hall that was dedicated on November 28, 1971.

In 1972 Fr. Benedict E. Ringholz was appointed the third pastor of Sacred Heart Parish. The following year, the interior of the church was renovated in accordance with the directives of Vatican II. In 1977, the parish became part of the Pastoral Alliance and a collaborative pastoral staff was formed.

In 1980 Fr. Earl Loeffler was appointed the fourth pastor of Sacred Heart Parish and was privileged to preside over the parish Silver Jubilee Year. Growth and change continued to mark the parish and school community. In 1984 a pre-school program for 3 to 5-year-olds was established. To meet the needs of working parents, an extended-day program began in 1988.

Fr. Michael Ricker was appointed the fifth pastor of Sacred Heart Church in 1991. In 1993 the S.H.A.R.E. (Sacred Heart Alternative Readiness and Extended Day) Center moved into the renovated former convent. Visioning for the future continued: a parish five-year development plan was inaugurated; and the Fremont deanery began pastoral planning.

In 1995 Fr. Mark Herzog became Sacred Heart’s sixth pastor. During his administration, the parish five-year development plan was implemented. On September 15, 1996, the parish celebrated its 40th anniversary. In 1998 the Sacred Heart community inaugurated a capital campaign to build a new worship space and renovate existing buildings. The new church was dedicated on the feast of the Sacred Heart in June of 2000. Soon after, Fr. John Brennen celebrated his first Mass as a priest here in his home parish.

In 2006 we celebrated our Jubilee with many parish activities. The 50th Anniversary celebration began with Mass on January 15, 2006 with Bishop Leonard Blair presiding. The celebration year wrapped up in September with a parish picnic.

In July, 2006 Fr. William Pifher was appointed Sacred Heart’s seventh pastor.

Advisory Councils

Pastoral Council assists the pastor in long-range planning through study and consultation. It is the principal recommending body for the parish and consists of elected parishioners who serve a three-year term. The pastoral council meets on the third Sunday of the month in the rectory Lehmkuhl Room.

Debbie Chimahusky (2007).....	419-332-5203
Cindy Connell (2004)	419-334-3874
Jerry Dickman(2006).....	419-334-8815
Steven Foos (2004)	419-332-6990
Jerry Molyet (2006)	419-355-1366
Andrew Nagy (2005)	419-334-4079
Barbara Ohms (2005)	419-334-2737
Tom Picciuto (2007).....	419-334-8887
Jim Seiler (2007).....	419-334-9373

School Advisory Council advises the Sacred Heart School principal and pastor, making recommendations about policy and operation of the school. Each member is elected to serve a four-year term. The school advisory council meets on the second Thursday of the month in the rectory Lehmkuhl Room.

Michelle Hotz (2008).....	419-355-8909
Melanie Keegan (2007).....	419-355-1883
Scott McNair (2005).....	419-665-2737
Patrick Militello (2006).....	419-334-3384
Diane Riehl (2007).....	419-355-8727
Bill Steinberger (2006).....	419-355-1562
Leigh Ann Waggoner-Nason (2005).....	419-334-7829
Brandi Wammes (2008).....	419-334-3170

Fremont Central Catholic High School Advisory Council is composed of representatives from the parishes that St. Joseph Central Catholic serves. Two representatives from Sacred Heart are elected on a rotating basis.

Kendra Ochs (2007).....	419-547-0940
Mark Reineck (2007).....	419-332-5597
Dave Spader (2006).....	419-639-3358

Finance Advisory Council advises the pastor and operations manager about stewardship, development and financial concerns of the parish. The council assists with the parish budget, reviewing the total parish financial picture and updating the parish on the sacrificial giving program. Members are elected for a three-year term. Meetings are held during the third week of each month in the rectory Lehmkuhl Room.

Tina Bohannon (2008).....	419-334-7373
Cindy Connell (2006).....	419-334-3874
Mike Hartenstein (2007).....	419-332-7862
Steve Lagrou (2006).....	419-355-9511
Bob McCartney (2008).....	419-334-3124
Jeff Rosengarten (2007).....	419-332-7458
Rich Stein (2007).....	419-334-9063

Liturgical Ministries

...fostering prayer

Liturgy Committee fosters the spiritual life of parishioners by planning the liturgical celebrations. It is also responsible for the training of lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, greeters, gift bearers and altar servers, as well as creating a suitable environment for the church's worship. Members include representatives from the parish liturgical and music ministries. It meets on the second Monday of the month in the rectory Lehmkuhl room. Fr. Bill Pifher (419-332-7339) prepares the agenda and facilitates the meetings.

Adult Choir enhances the liturgy and encourages congregational singing by leading songs and responses at the Sunday 9:30 a.m. Mass and at certain liturgies through the year. The group practices every Tuesday from 7:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the church. All are welcome to join. Nancy Widman (419-332-1236) directs the adult choir.

Altar Servers are elementary, junior high and high school students who assist at the weekday, Saturday evening and Sunday morning Eucharistic liturgy, as well as at other liturgical celebrations. Training for this ministry usually begins in grade 4. Fr. Bill Pifher (419-332-7339) trains and Anita Hotz schedules the altar servers.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion are men and women who, after preparation and commissioning, assist in giving the Body and Blood of Christ to the worshipping assembly. Fr. Bill Pifher trains and Margie Joseph (419-332-7339) schedules these ministers.

Gift Bearers represent the assembly in presenting the gifts of bread and wine to the celebrant at the Eucharistic liturgy. Margie Joseph (419-332-7339) schedules interested persons for this ministry.

Greeters/Ushers offer hospitality to the gathering assembly and bring a sense of order to the assembly before, during and at the end of the liturgy. They also collect and deposit the Sunday offering. Contact persons are Scott & Laurie Young (419-332-2445).

Lectors are men and women who combine faith and reading skill to proclaim the scriptures at Mass and other liturgical services. Margie Joseph (419-332-7339) schedules lectors and Fr. Bill Pifher instructs persons interested in this ministry.

Liturgical Ensemble is a contemporary music group that assists the parish in praising God through song at the Sunday 11:00 a.m. and at other liturgical celebrations. This group practices on Wednesdays from 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. in the church. Please call Kim Jenkins (419-334-8492) or Anne Karcher-Molyet (419-639-2610) to join in.

Organist works in collaboration with the Liturgy Committee, the Adult Choir and Sacred Heart School to provide appropriate accompaniment for liturgical services. Eileen Bauer (419-332-3007) is the organist at Sacred Heart.

Sacristan works in coordination with the Liturgy Committee to prepare for liturgical celebrations. Don Hoffman (419-332-8619) serves the parish in this capacity.

Prayer Support

Prayer Line is a network of parishioners who pray regularly for the special needs of the community upon request. Anyone may ask for intercessory prayer for oneself, a family member or a friend by contacting a Prayer Line coordinator. Confidentiality is respected. Coordinators are Margie Wasserman (419-355-1625) and Sally Molyet (419-639-2939).

Sacramental Life

Baptism: Families expecting a child are invited to call the parish office. A special blessing is available for pregnant mothers who request it. Baptism preparation highlights the role of parents as first teachers of the faith for their children. Baptism is usually offered twice a month on Sundays, once during Mass and another time at 12:30 pm. Before the baptism of their first child, parents are required to attend one baptismal preparation session. Please call Fr. Bill for more information.

Confirmation preparation is now devised as a 2 year process that helps candidates for confirmation, their parents and sponsors to develop a more mature understanding of the mission of Christ that has been entrusted to us, the Church. Preparation includes a parent meeting, 2 sessions between the candidate and his/her sponsor, 2 retreat days, 20 hours of service, 4 special group sessions and regular Mass attendance. Year one begins in the 7th grade. For those in year two, usually 8th grade, 8 special group sessions are planned. Becky Sorenson (419-332-7339) coordinates this preparation.

Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Catholic children in second grade are prepared at Sacred Heart School and CCD to come to the Eucharistic table for the first time. Parents are given help to prepare their children for fruitful reception. Older children baptized in the Catholic faith but uncatechized will receive the necessary preparation and receive the Eucharist when they are ready. Cindy Benson (419-332-7102) and Becky Sorenson (419-332-7339) collaborate to prepare children.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Penance) is celebrated individually upon request, on Saturdays at 4:00 p.m., and before Mass on Thursdays. The Fremont area Catholic churches also host communal penance services during Advent and Lent. As part of their preparation for their first Eucharist, children in second grade receive age-appropriate catechesis for the sacrament of reconciliation. Parents are invited to a deeper understanding of the theology, history and contemporary practice of the sacrament so that they may support their children by word and example. Cindy Benson (419-332-7102) and Becky Sorenson (419-332-7339) coordinate preparation.

Anointing of the Sick is a sacrament of healing and spiritual strength celebrated by the priest when requested. Anyone who is seriously ill, preparing for surgery, of advanced age, or who suffers chronic serious illness may receive this sacrament. A communal celebration of the sacrament of anointing takes place in October and in May. The parish priest also visits homebound parishioners to celebrate the sacrament in October and May. Please call Fr. Bill Pifher (419-332-7339) as needed.

Marriage preparation should begin as soon as a couple makes a decision to marry and at least six months before the anticipated wedding date. Those interested in celebrating the sacrament of marriage at Sacred Heart participate in 4-6 preparatory sessions with the parish priest and attend an Engaged Couples Conference. If this is a second marriage for either or both parties, an annulment process may be necessary. Please call Fr. Bill Pifher (419-332-7339) for more information.

Annulment is a declaration by a church tribunal (court) that a couple's previous marriage lacked essential elements to be considered valid in the Catholic Church. A person seeks an annulment 1) to put closure on a former relationship, 2) to receive an internal spiritual reconciliation, or 3) to remarry within the Catholic Church. All information gathered as testimony is confidential and is only disclosed to tribunal personnel. Fr. Bill Pifher (419-332-7339) serves as advocate in this process.

Catholic Education

...providing holistic education and formation

Children's Liturgy of the Word offers children in grades K-2 an alternative to the Liturgy of the Word celebrated during the Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Mass. After the penitential rite, the celebrant invites children to leave the worship space with their catechist. In an informal setting, the children explore the meaning of the Sunday lectionary readings and rejoin their families after the prayer of the faithful. Becky Sorenson (419-332-7339) serves as coordinator.

Elementary School Religious Education (Children's Christian Development) offers students in grades K-8 from area public schools a comprehensive religious education program. Volunteer catechists invite young parishioners to grow in their relationship with Christ and the Catholic Church through liturgy, catechesis, and service in the context of community. Classes are held during the academic year on Wednesdays from 6:45 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Becky Sorenson (419-332-7339) is religious education coordinator.

Extended Day and Day Care Program (S.H.A.R.E.) provides care for children from ages 3 through grade 5 who are registered at Sacred Heart Pre-School or Elementary School. Childcare begins at 6:00 a.m. and ends at 6:00 p.m. on days when school is in session. Please call Jennifer Michael or Renee McNair (419-332-7190) to register.

Pre-School Program provides education for 3, 4, and 5-year-old children. 3-year-olds attend a morning session on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Four- and 5-year-olds attend a half-day session on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Please call Lisa Swaisgood (419-332-7190) to register.

Sacred Heart Elementary School, working with parents/guardians, aims to integrate our Catholic faith and tradition with a solid academic program to ensure the well-rounded education of students from pre-school through grade 8. Katie Mellor (419-332-7102) serves the school as principal.

St. Joseph Central Catholic High School is a collaborative effort of the Catholic parishes in Fremont to provide quality Catholic education to students in grades 9-12. It serves the Catholic population of Fremont and the surrounding area. Mike Gabel (419-332-9947) is principal.

Ongoing Formation

...providing support and enrichment for all parishioners

Baptism Preparation Team is composed of parents who share their faith and experiences with other parents bringing their children to Sacred Heart for baptism. Team members take turns attending the baptism preparation session and describe how they help their children grow in faith within the domestic church, the family. Please call Fr. Bill Pifher (419-332-7339) to join in.

Engaged Couples Conference is an experience-centered learning process for couples planning to marry in the Catholic Church. During the conference, engaged couples put into perspective and communicate with each other their individual and shared priorities, values and goals. Married team members share their experiences and the challenges of married life. In dialogue with each other, other engaged couples and married couples, the engaged couple internalizes certain values of Christian marriage. Engaged Couples Conferences are held either as an all-day Saturday session or in two evening sessions. Please call Laurie Young (419-332-2445) for more information.

Fellowship Sunday is an opportunity to build community after all the Sunday Masses on the second Sunday of each month from October through February. Parishioners are invited to gather in the parish hall for rolls, coffee, juice and conversation. Lisa Spader (419-334-2214) coordinates this event.

First Hour is a prayer breakfast for area high school students. The breakfast is held at St. Joseph High School Cafeteria on the first Friday of each month during the academic year starting in October. Volunteers prepare the free breakfast, and an invited speaker concludes the gathering with a 5-minute talk and closing prayer.

Knights of Columbus is a fraternal insurance and social organization open to all Catholic men 18 years and older who are in good standing with the Church. The K of C provides funds and manpower for charitable and community action programs, youth, the disadvantaged and area parishes. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of every month at the K of C Hall, 226 N. Park Avenue, Fremont. Jim Seiler (419-334-9373) is the contact person.

Men's Association is an organization open to all men of the parish. This group sponsors social, athletic and civic fundraising events, purchases sports equipment and supports other needs of the parish and school. Special events include a bratwurst and euchre tournament in November, a steak fry and card tournament in January, and the Sacred Heart 200 Club. Meetings are held on the second Monday of each month in the teachers' lounge. Rick Frank (419-334-8680) is president.

Lay Ministry Program is a diocesan formation program open to women and men who feel called to become more fully active adult Catholics in their parish communities. This holistic formation process incorporates prayer, reflection, teaching and group work under the guidance of well-trained catechists. Each of the 3 levels is a complete course of study supplemented by first-hand ministry observations and experiences. Sessions are located throughout the diocese and are held monthly for 7 months on Friday evening and Saturday; this program can also be taken as a Summer Institute and online year-long experience. Please call Fr. Bill (419-332-7339) or go to www.toledodiocese-spl.org.

Rosary Altar Society is an organization open to all women of the parish. The group provides support for the spiritual lives of its members by encouraging devotion to Mary and the Blessed Sacrament. Fundraisers finance items for liturgical worship and religious education. Ladies also provide assistance for various parish events. Meetings are held hall on the first Monday of each month. Joanne Barry (419-332-9315) is president.

Serra Club of Fremont Deanery is an organization of Catholic men and women in the Fremont deanery who promote vocations to priesthood and religious life through prayer, encouragement and deepening of their spiritual lives. Meetings are held at 7 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month at the St. Bernardine Home on Tiffin St. and the third Wednesday of each month at noon at DaVinci's in downtown Fremont. Tom Hoffert (419-332-3740) is president.

Small Faith-Sharing Communities provide a setting in which to prayerfully open ourselves to the grace of God and gather with others to share faith. Groups of 8-12 people meet in people's homes and are led by a facilitator. During the group gatherings, the participants read and reflect on the Scriptures, pray together, share each other's lives and faith, and respond in action. Small communities may meet for 6 weeks in the fall and spring or meet monthly throughout the year.

Social Concerns

...identifying and responding
to others in need

Bereavement Team ministers to parishioners who are suffering a loss through the death of a loved one. The team ministers through cards, phone calls and visits and also provides resource information to the bereaved in the parish bulletin and local newspaper. The bereavement team co-sponsors a Community Memorial Service on the last Sunday of April as a time to remember loved ones. Ruth Celek (419-332-9248) coordinates this team.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to the Homebound visit sick or disabled parishioners to pray with them and to show the community's concern for them. Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion bring communion each week or on First Friday to parishioners who request it. Please call the parish office (419-332-7339) to arrange visits.

Funeral Choir supports the bereaved family at a funeral by singing the hymns the family selected to celebrate the life of the deceased loved one. Nancy Widman (419-332-1236) directs this choir.

Funeral Luncheon Team prepares a meal in the school hall for a deceased parishioner's family and friends after the funeral. Coletta Miller (419-332-2782) coordinates this ministry.

Funeral Planning Team offers the family of a deceased parishioner the ministry of consolation. Members of the family are invited to plan the funeral rites in accord with the Order of Christian Funerals and to take an active part in the celebration of the rites. A parish funeral planner visits the surviving family and assists them in liturgy planning. Fr. Bill coordinates this team.

Giving Tree is Sacred Heart's form of participation in the Sandusky County Community Christmas project, which provides help for those who request it through United Way First Call for Help (419-334-2720). On the First Sunday of Advent, the Giving Tree is displayed in the narthex of the church. Parishioners are invited to take a tag from the tree, to purchase gifts for the persons identified on the tag, and to return the wrapped gifts for distribution. Please call Charmaine Longanbach (419-334-2543) to help.

Health Ministries/Parish Nursing promotes health and healing as part of the mission and ministry of the Sacred Heart community to our parishioners and the larger community we serve. Currently, parish nurses offer blood pressure screening from time to time and promote health and healing practices through education.

Heartbeat is a confidential crisis pregnancy agency that offers education, counseling and infant care items to families. Please call Sherry Sprouse at the Heartbeat office (419-334-9079).

Hispanic Ministry is an outreach of the Fremont Catholic churches to the Hispanic community. It includes the 1:00 p.m. Spanish Mass at St. Joseph Church each Sunday and summer sacramental preparation for the children of seasonal farm workers. Please call Sr. Roseria (419-332-4973) for more information.

Hospital Visiting Team visits Memorial Hospital to show the concern of the entire parish community for parishioners who are hospitalized. Each week the pastor visits hospitalized parishioners. Each day Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion from one of the Fremont parishes visit all Catholic patients at Memorial Hospital. Emergency visits are also made on request. Parishioners who are admitted to the hospital are asked to notify the parish office (419-332-7339).

Nursing Home Visiting Team provides a personal connection between residents of Countryside Continuing Care Center, Rutherford House and Sacred Heart. Residents at Countryside gather each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. to watch the pre-recorded Mass for Shut-Ins and to receive the Eucharist. Residents at Rutherford meet every Friday at 10:30 a.m. for a communion service or on the third Monday of each month for Mass. Kay Szymanowski (419-332-7441) leads the Rutherford House communion services. In October and May the sacrament of the anointing of the sick is celebrated at both locations. Carol Courtney (419-332-4926) coordinates the parish ministry to the sick.

St. Vincent de Paul Society is an international Catholic organization of lay persons that seeks, in a spirit of justice and charity and by person-to-person involvement, to help those who are suffering. The Fremont-Clyde-Green Springs conference is a collaborative effort of the parishes and institutions in this sector of the Fremont deanery. Barbara Ohms (419-334-2737) represents Sacred Heart.

Share & Care is a used clothing store located at 202 Lynn St. Area churches share the responsibility for sorting and displaying clothing and small articles at Share & Care, which is open 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. on Tuesdays and 12:00 noon-3:00 p.m. Thursdays. In April and October Sacred Heart parishioners team up to work on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sarah Seilheimer (419-332-2951) coordinates the parish team.

Social Concerns Team is committed to caring for persons in physical or emotional need. It also studies the church's social teaching and promotes programs, advocacy and education around peace and justice issues. Contact Fr. Bill if interested.

Welcoming Team contacts newly registered families or individuals to welcome them into the parish community and to acquaint them with parish ministries and programs. Jan Hazen (419-355-9062) serves as contact person.

Evangelization

...reaching out to the inactive and
the unchurched with Christ's
message of love and salvation

Christian Initiation of Adults and Children (R.C.I.A.) is a gradual four-step process designed to welcome new members into the Catholic Church and to invite all parishioners into ongoing conversion. Today's Rite of Christian Initiation recovers the early church's emphasis on conversion of heart leading to a dramatic single celebration of baptism, confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. At the same time, the Christian initiation process respects the experiences of baptism and formation that may have already taken place in those called to continue their faith journey in the Catholic Church. Fr. Bill Pifher (419-332-7339) coordinates a team of parishioners who accompany inquirers through this process.

Ecumenism

...sharing with other faith communities

Fremont Clergy Fellowship is an ecumenical organization of clergy from the Fremont area churches. It sponsors a Lenten series of evening prayer and preaching and supports the Fremont Clergy Emergency Fund. The organization also networks information about area agencies in need of help. The fellowship meets at 10:00 a.m. on the third Thursday of each month. Deacon Tom Ackerman (419-332-0826) represents Sacred Heart at this gathering.

Stewardship

...being good stewards in the
furtherance of these goals

Building and Grounds Committee oversees the development of our exterior buildings and landscaping . They both serve as hands-on volunteers and they discuss all proposals for improvement and upkeep. Contact Vince Snyder (419-332-3498) to serve on the committee, to volunteer for projects and to submit proposals or ideas.

Catholic Education Development Fund (CEDF) is an endowment fund that supports Catholic elementary and high schools in Sandusky County. Sue Berryman (419-355-8757) is the parish contact person.

Church Cleaning takes place weekly by a group of volunteers on a rotating schedule. Each person is part of a crew with 5-6 other people. Each crew is assigned to clean 4-5 weeks each year. The cleaning consists of vacuuming, dusting and general clean up and takes about 1 1/2 hours. Day and evening shifts are available. Janet Stayancho (419-334-4815) prepares the schedule.

Church Linens are picked up from the work sacristy drawers, washed and ironed, and returned to the sacristy by volunteers on a monthly schedule. Muriel Haynes (419-332-7722) heads this team.

Collection Counting Team counts and records the weekend collection on Monday mornings. Anita Hotz (419-332-7339) coordinates this team.

Festival is held each July as a social and fundraising event. This 3-day parish festival features rides, raffle, food, music and games. Chairpersons serve on a rotating 3-year basis. Festival chairpersons are Rick Holland (419-332-9558), Crystal Souders (419-355-1048) and Ruth Hoffman (419-332-9039).

Holiday Bazaar is held at Sacred Heart School each November. Area vendors display arts and crafts for sale, and parishioners prepare a lunch. Mary Mayle (419-334-8111), Jean Spader (419-639-3358), Rita Engeman (419-332-1073) Mark Reineck (419-332-5597) and Annette Stroud coordinate this event.

Pancake Breakfast is hosted by school parents each March in conjunction with Catholic Schools Week and the Sacred Heart School open house. Breakfast is served in the parish hall from 8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. School Board members coordinate this event.

Parish Registration/Census is recorded in the parish office when a new household joins Sacred Heart. The parish mailing list is generated from this data. Parishioners are encouraged to update the office when their address, phone number or other information changes. New parishioners may register by contacting a staff member or Fr. Bill (419-322-7339) at the parish office.

P.A.T.H.S. is an acronym for Parents And Teachers Helping Students. It is an organization open to all parents of students at Sacred Heart School and includes a leadership committee of four elected members. P.A.T.H.S. meets the first Thursday of the month. Elections are held at the end of the academic year for the following year. Jennifer Floriana (419-355-8820) chairs this organization.

Sacred Heart School Community Annual Fund seeks the assistance of individuals who are dedicated to securing the future of Catholic education. Support of this fund helps to provide innovative technology, teaching aids, and growth of the school endowment fund. Principal Katie Mellor (419-332-7102) coordinates this committee.

Sacred Heart School Endowment Fund was created to perpetuate, partially support and uphold the educational ministry of Sacred Heart. It provides a source of additional income for Sacred Heart School. Funds given for this purpose are invested under the supervision of a board of trustees. Kevin Yeckley (419-355-8311) chairs the board of trustees.

Spaghetti Dinner is a social and fundraising event held each spring in the parish hall. Larry & Elaine Fisher (419-334-8333), Steve & Sonya Lagrou (419-355-9511) and Jerry & Sue Cunningham (419-334-3586) are chairmen.

Vegas Night is a fundraising event sponsored by P.A.T.H.S. It is held in the parish hall in October. John and Lisa Spader (419-334-2214) are the chairpersons.

Parish Publications

Weekly Bulletin provides the parish with news of events in the parish, school and surrounding area. It also includes the schedule of liturgical ministers for the coming weekend and a list of staff members and their phone numbers. The bulletin is available at the doors of the church each weekend. Monday is the deadline for news items for the following Sunday. Anita Hotz (419-332-7339) is editor.

Parish Newsletter is mailed to each registered parishioner periodically during the year. It includes a letter from the parish priest, reports from parish teams, and announcements of interest to all. Anita Hotz (419-332-7339) is contact person.