

SPRING 2025

Padua Ponderings

IT'S GOING TO BE A GREAT SUMMER!



PADUA SUMMER PARTY

JULY 12, 2025

The Padua Center is preparing for the Summer Party (formerly the Chicken Fest) to be held on the corner of Nebraska and Junction Avenues. Food Trucks, BBQ chicken cooked by Eric Lyons and the Padua Staff, games, entertainment, prizes and lots of fun are on the agenda for Saturday, July 12, 2025 from 11:00-4:00.

My5tery Music Drum Line and Band will entertain. Keith Carswell, of Chess and Sign Language will have chess set up and children and adults can enter into some great games. Children's games will be set up in the Ujima Park and Garden. Of course the kids will love the Bouncy House. Adults will enjoy the Bingo games, the BBQ chicken dinners, the food from the food trucks and some time for visiting and shopping at the Rummage Sale.

A number of vendors and crafters will also be present and add some real deals to the event.

In addition to the fun on July 12, 2025, there will be a raffle with the drawing at 3:45 at the conclusion of the party. With this mailing are order forms for buying raffle tickets and a list of wonderful prizes.

Prizes for the Padua

Summer Party

**1st Prize: 4 one-day tickets
to Cedar Point**

2nd prize: Beats Headphones

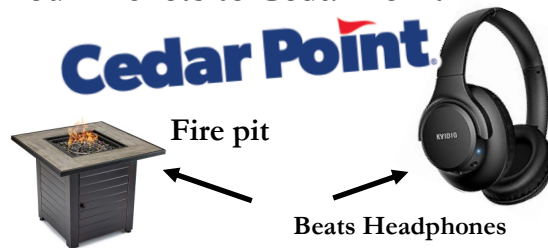
3rd prize: Firepit

Tickets are \$1.00 each

6 for \$5.00

Order form is included in this mailing.

Four Tickets to Cedar Point



Chicken dinner menu:

BBQ chicken Potato Salad

Sr. Ginny's Baked Beans Cupcake

Lemonade or water

Dinners \$12.00 Child: \$8.00

Age 13 or below

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Kwanzaa Park Neighbors' Meetings

Each month the Kwanzaa Park Neighbors meet at The Padua Center. Thanks to the leadership of Phyllis Toney and Annette Hannibal there is always a speaker or presenter and an update from the Police Community Service Officer. Each meeting ends with a raffle and always news of the neighborhood.

The meetings are open to anyone who wishes to join in conversations about how to improve the neighborhood.

Hoop House Roof Raising!

Did you ever hear about an Amish Barn Raising? All the Amish from miles around join together to help build a barn for another family. There is lots of work, excitement and good food while men, women and children come together and work together and share a meal as they help another family build a barn.

The Padua Center is going to have A **Hoop House Roof Raising** on Saturday, May 17, 2025. We are inviting all interested people to come from 9:00 am until finished (4:00 p.m.) to help replace the plastic roof on the Hoop House and to extend the Hoop House another 8 feet. **Come Join Us!**

At this event the Hoop House will be dedicated as the

The Roger Wickum Growing Center



CROCHET CLUB

Coming to the Nia After School Tutoring is lots of fun for these young girls who are learning how to crochet. Getting the chain stitch even and then moving to a single and double crochet stitch has been a challenge but they have really kept at it.

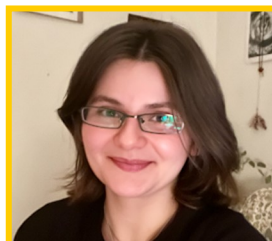


Buy Padua Center produce at the **Farmers' Market!** On Saturday mornings Oscar Shaheer sells Padua Produce straight from the garden!

Buying vegetables grown at The Padua Center is a great way to support the work of the Ujima Urban Agriculture Program.

With a grant from Toledo Grows The Padua Center was able to add new raised beds and obtain materials to re-cover the Hoop House. It will be a great growing season!

Thanks, Gardener Kasey!



**Isabel Abu Absi
selected as
Summer Camp
Director**

Isabel Abu Absi, a present volunteer at The Padua Center, has been chosen as the Summer Camp Director. Miss Isabel has the advantage of knowing The Padua Center and the children who come for the Nia Tutoring Program. She will have fun learning the new campers this summer.

Ms. Isabel will be developing the lessons for each day of the week, according to the "What's Cookin' at The Padua Center" theme. Mrs. Kim McFann has been busy setting up field trips and speakers to complete the plans.

This summer will be lots of fun with Miss Isabel!

Mark your calendar for Peaces of Art!

Our fall fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday, Oct 5, 2025 at The Sullivan Center. The dinner, silent auction and auction of Children's Art will be from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Watch for more information in August.

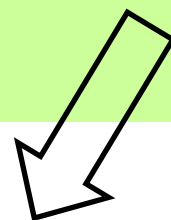


Crafts with Mrs. Kim

"What's Cookin'" at Summer Camp

The Padua Center 1416 Nebraska Ave. Toledo, OH 43607

Great Camps and Lots of Fun! Look Below!



June 2 - 6

Look What's Growing at The Padua Center!

Campers will get their hands dirty as they plant seeds in the ground, pull weeds, feed the chickens, and clean out the worm box! Then we will spend the summer watching things grow!

June 9 - 13

Building Peace in our World (VBS) at The Padua Center

"Who's my neighbor? If we want a peaceful world we will welcome everyone as my neighbor. Learning how to live in peace is the focus of this week.

June 16 - 20

Look who's creative at The Padua Center

Spending the summer immersed in art will be great fun...watercolor, yoga, dance, drawing and a trip to the Art Museum! What great fun!

June 23 - 27

What's Cookin' at The Padua Center?

Think about how much fun the campers will have learning how to cook! Pesto sauce on pasta, and kale chips, salads and desserts will all be prepared by the campers in the Cookin' week

June 30 - July 4

NO CAMP - holiday break

July 7- 11

Teaming up at The Padua Center (Sports)

Campers will have lots of fun experiencing a variety of sports. This week they will not want to miss.

July 14 - 18

Health - Look who's growing! (Health)

Learning how to take care of our bodies, and exercising will round out a week of healthy activities.

July 21 - 25

At the Metroparks (All week at the Metroparks)

July 28- Aug 1

The Sky is the Limit at The Padua Center

The summer camp experience will conclude with science, astronomy and everything scientific. It will be great fun!

All camps are free with only a one time \$20 registration fee per child! Breakfast and lunch served.

Would you like to sponsor a child or two for the summer camps?

Please enclose your sponsorship in the return envelope.



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Mission Statement

*The Padua Center,
is a Christian community-based presence
reaching out by empowering people at
all stages of life
to achieve their maximum potential
through education, support,
and community involvement.*

THANKS TO OUR DONORS—NOVEMBER 2024— MARCH 2025



Did you know that Panera Bread has a “Day End Dough-Nation” Program? Each night, at each Panera Bakery, all unsold bread and pastries are given to a designated charity. The Padua Center enrolled in the program in 2006 and has weekly received free donations. Some are shared with St. Martin de Porres Parish and the remainder is bagged in smaller bags and placed on bread racks on the front porch. There are many ‘regular’ people who come each week and get their supply of fresh bread.

So how much do they give? During 2024 Panera donated to The Padua Center \$26,422.12 worth of bread and pastries! That is a lot of good bread for our neighbors!

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The Laudato Si Group at St. Martin de Porres Parish held a “Seed Stratification” Workshop at The Padua Center in January. Janice Thomas, Royce Wicks, and Adrienne Castellanos all planted native seeds for a beautiful spring and summer garden. Andrew Sankowski led the activity.