

Monsignor Schmit CYO Athletic Complex

“Did You Know?”

- The complex is built on 35 acres of Diocesan owned cemetery land which is being leased to the CYO program for \$1 per year.
- Ground was broken on September 30th, 1998. Softball first pitches were May 17th, 1999 and football and soccer games were first played at the Complex in September 1999. Bishop Hoffman blessed and dedicated the Complex on September 17th, 2000.
- Prior to the complex being built the CYO soccer games were played at Schneider Road Soccer Complex, St. Anthony (Temperance), Regina Coeli, Little Flower and other parish fields; CYO football games were played at the old CYO fields (Parkside & Bancroft), St. Patrick of Heatherdowns and Cardinal Stritch High School; CYO softball games were played at the old CYO fields, St. Pius, Little Flower, Interlake, St. Patrick of Heatherdowns and Toledo City Parks.
- The complex parking lot has spots for 900 cars.
- The complex has been built through both personal and corporate donations. The fields are named by those who donated between \$25,000 and \$100,000 to the project.
- The complex has underground drainage and an underground irrigation system.
- There has been a little more than \$2,500,000 spent thus far on the complex. The CYO is still paying on a loan, so donations are still being accepted and the pavers (bricks) in the main entrance may still be purchased.
- The complex as you see it today is not complete. Remaining to be done once additional funds are available includes concrete walkways.
- Approximately \$15,000 is spent annually to keep the turf at the complex looking great. All of the grass is treated (fertilized) five times each year.
- The contractor who put in our fields (Athletic Field Services) was also the contractor for 5th/3rd Field (Mud Hen Stadium) in downtown Toledo.
- Four of the eight softball diamonds were converted to stone in 2019.
- **Let’s all be thankful for the many people who made this dream a reality and never take “our” beautiful complex for granted.**