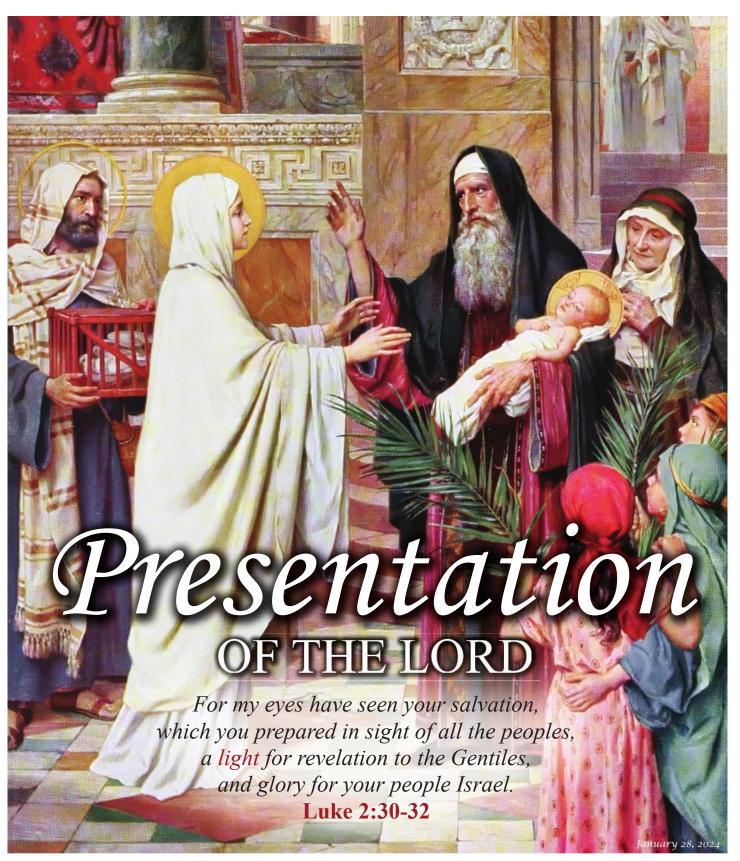
ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FAMILY of PARISHES



MASS TIMES

Monday

8:30 a.m.....St. Luke 9 a.m....Mary, Help of Christians

Tuesday

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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

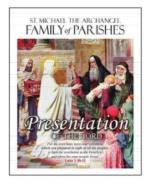
8 a.m. Latin N.O. Mass......St. Brigid 4 p.m.....Mary, Help of Christians 4:30 p.m.....St. Brigid 5:30 p.m....St. Luke

Sunday

8 a.m.....St. Luke
8:30 a.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
9 a.m.....St. Augustine
9:30 a.m....St. Brigid
10 a.m....St. Luke
10:30 a.m...Sacred Heart
11:15 a.m...St. Paul

ON THE COVER

Friday, Feb. 2, is the Feast of The Presentation of the Lord, also known as Candlemas, a name derived from observing the feast in candlelight and Simeon's prophecy that Jesus would be a "light of revelation."

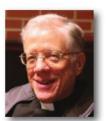


Pelcome to St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes, Our Family is comprised of six churches: Mary, Help of Christians in Fairborn, Sacred Heart in New Carlisle, St. Augustine in Jamestown, St. Brigid in Xenia, St. Luke in Beavercreek, and St. Paul in Yellow Springs. Two of our churches, St. Brigid and St. Luke, also have schools with preschool through eighth grades.

We are part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and were combined as a Family in July 2022 to be "Beacons of Light," an Archdiocese-wide, multi-year initiative to better array resources for spreading the Gospel far and wide. STMA Family staff are listed below and on subsequent pages dedicated to each church. Contact information for each church is also listed for help with baptisms, anointing of the sick, marriage, communion, reconciliation, registering, religious education, joining the Church, and other needs.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL STAFF

Fr. Jason Bedel, Pastor, 937-426-1733, ext. 6205 (see opposite page for photo)



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FLOCKNOTE

Our Family of churches uses Flocknote to help keep parishioners and staff informed via email and texts. Sign up is simple (no username or password required) via the methods below or QR code at right.

stma.flocknote.com | Text "stma" to 84576



JANUARY 28, 2024 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Beloved in Christ,

As we celebrate Catholic Schools Week Jan. 28-Feb. 3. it is an excellent reminder of the "Great Partnership." Teachers and administrators do not replace parents as teachers of the faith but partner with parents in this most important task of imparting the Faith to their children. At infant baptism, parents promise three times to be the first and best teachers of the Faith to their children. Our parishes exist to make disciples of Jesus Christ; our schools are our largest ministries; therefore, our schools exist to make disciples of Jesus.

Thursday, Feb. 1, is the Feast of St. Brigid. And this year is special. We celebrate 175 years as a parish and 150 years as a school. We will have a special school Mass in the afternoon on the feast day.

For the third time in three years, the Center for the New Evangelization at the Archdiocese will honor those in the field who work as evangelists. Our team here at the St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes will receive the award next Saturday. Congratulations team!

Thanks for your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for you.

> God Bless. Fr. Bedel



ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Announcements were moved here this week to make room for a letter from Archbishop Schnurr on page 14.

EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS DISCOUNT GOOD FOR SINGLE DAY PASS

The National Eucharistic Congress is a once-in-a-generation event scheduled for July 17-21 in Indianapolis. A 10 percent discount for the full event or a day pass is available online through Jan. 31. Discounted registraton is available at the following link (clickable if reading bulletin digitally) using the code **EMMANUEL**: www.eucharisticcongress.org

RESPECT LIFE CORNER

THANK YOU to the many who donated diapers for the preborn during Christmas. The 14,000 diapers collected will be given to help three local crisis pregnancy centers.

A 40 Days for Life kickoff rally is scheduled for 2 p.m. on Feb. 11 in Mama DiSalvo's parking lot. The Spring 40 Days for Life campaign runs from Feb. 14 to March 24. The location we focus on in the Dayton area is the. Members of the St. Michael the Archangel Family plan to be at Women's Med Center, 1401 E. Stroop Rd., Kettering, Fridays during the Spring campaign from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Call 937-307-5577 for more information. Sidewalk counseling training is scheduled for Feb. 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 425 Findlay St., Dayton. Sidewalk Advocates for Life will be offering expert advice and lunch will be provided. Email mchristie@daytonlife.org for registration or other information. A Pro-Life Gathering for Her is scheduled for 8 a.m. on Feb. 24 at St. Susanna Church, 616 Reading Road, Mason. The event begins with Mass, followed by coffee and conference presentations featuring national and local speakers. Event cost is \$40 and includes lunch, as well as priests available for confession. Registration/information is available at 513-728-7870 or: cincinnatirighttolife.org

CONGRATULATIONS to Mark and Jeannette Niezgodski, recipients of the Archdiocese's 2023 Respect Life Award. Archbishop Schnurr presented the award during a Mass in Cincinnati Jan. 14. The Niezgodskis, parishioners at St. Luke, led STMA efforts to defeat Issue 1 in 2023. Video of the award is availabe at the following link or via searching "2023 Respect Life Award" on YouTube: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lcgbdHgzsKo

CONFESSION

Monday 8 a.mMary, Help of Christians
Tuesday 7 p.mSacred Heart
Wednesday 5 p.mSt. Paul
Thursday 2 p.mSt. Luke
Friday 8:30 amSt. Brigid
Saturday 3 p.mMary, Help of Christians 3:30 p.mSt. Brigid 4 p.mSt. Luke
Sunday 8 a.mSt. Augustine

Call 937-372-3193 to schedule confession by appointment.

ADORATION

Monday

7 p.m.....Mary, Help of Christians (8 p.m. Benediction)

Tuesday

9 a.m.....St. Luke (6:30 p.m. Benediction) 7 p.m.....Sacred Heart (8 p.m. Benediction)

Thursday

9 a.m.....St. Luke (6:30 p.m. Benediction)

Friday

8:30 a.m.....St. Brigid (9:30 a.m. Benediction every Friday except first Friday when Benediction is 4 p.m.)

DAILY READINGS

Monday, Jan. 29 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Mk 5:1-20

Tuesday, Jan. 30 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Mk 5:21-43

> Wednesday, Jan. 31 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday, Feb. 1

1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/Mk 6:7-13

Friday, Feb. 2 Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

> Saturday, Feb. 3 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Mk 6:30-34

Sunday, Feb. 4

Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39

MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Mary, Help of Christians Church

954 North Maple Fairborn, Ohio 45324 **Phone:** 937-878-8353

Fax: 937-879-8800

Parish Website: mhcparish.org

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Max Roadruck

Staff

Assistant Director of Religious Education: Michael Barclay Administrative Assistant: Julie Sewell Business Manager: Patrick Morgan Director of Music: Kristen Kosey Annulments: Please call the Parish Office

Maintenance: Eric Rogalinski

Telephones:

Office/Rectory: 937-878-8353 RCIA: 937-878-8353

Religious Education: 937-830-8735 Music Director: 937-878-8092

Annulments: 937-878-8353 St. Vincent dePaul Helpline: 937-424-0951

Handy Helpers: 937-878-8353

Parish Office Hours: 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Mon. - Fri.)

Parish School of Religion:

Sunday, 9:45 - 11 a.m. (in Parish Center)

Parish Library:

For access, call 937-878-8353

Marriages:

Call the rectory at least eight months in advance so we can properly prepare for this joyous occasion.

Anointing of the Sick:

Available on request. Call the rectory office.

For Hospital/Home Visit:

Call the Rectory Office.



PRAYER REQUEST

If you would like to join our MHC PRAYER CHAIN or have a special prayer request, contact Julie at jsewellmhc@gmail.com or call the parish office 937-878-8353.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL **COLLECTS MONETARY**

donations at the doors after Mass on the 3rd weekend of

every month. Look for baskets at each of the doors marked for St. Vincent dePaul. St. Vincent volunteers will be holding the baskets. This week we will collect your favorite Dish Soap.

Mardi Gras/ Carnival Celebration



Parish Center for a Mardi Bring your family to the MHC Gras / Carnival Celebration. Join our MHC & Sacred Heart

PSR & RE youth & catechists.

During MHC PSR on Sunday, February 11. 2024 9:45am-1:00pm.

After PSR stay a little longer for more Fun, games and a free lunch.

King Cake, Mask Making, Hallelujah Banner, Burning Palms For Ash Wednesday Mass, Carnival Games, Food and More...Sponsored by: MHC Religious Education & The Knights of Columbus

SPEAK LIFE



Your Knights of Columbus Council's

The first ticket out will be at 6:00 p.m. Tickets



annual Winter Reverse Raffle will be on February 24th. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

are \$40 which covers 2 adults admission, heavy hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks and a chance to win prizes. A cash bar will be available. No one under the age of 18 is permitted to attend. The first ticket drawn wins \$100, last ticket drawn wins \$2250. Additional prizes will be awarded throughout the drawing. You need not be present to win. For tickets call PGK Frank Minnick @ 937-522-0866 or email FMINN@aol.com or any of our members PGK Jim McCoy @ 937-879-3570 or any of our members. You can also purchase tickets by mail. Just send a check for \$40 per ticket to us and we will send your stub back to you. You can send it to: K of C 3724 Reverse Raffle, Attn: Frank Minnick, 934 N Maple Avenue, Fairborn, Ohio 45324. Make Checks payable to: Fairborn K of C 3724

JOY CLUB: Our next meeting is



Monday, February 12 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Francis Hall. Come to enJOY an afternoon of cards, games or bingo along with

fellowship and refreshments with your fellow parishioners and friends.

Wear RED or PINK to celebrate Valentine's Day!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024 (CMA)

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are standing with local, Catholic ministries serving people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year! Please prayerfully complete your pledge card, make your checks payable to Catholic Ministries Appeal and mail your pledge card to 100 East Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 in the envelope provided in your information packet.

You may also bring your completed pledge card sealed in its return envelope to Mass. There will be a basket marked CMA in the gathering space. For more information about the CMA or to donate online, please visit https:// catholicaoc.org/cma Thank you!



Coffee and Goodies



Following 9:00a.m. Masses we will

have fresh coffee and homemade goodies for all to enjoy until 10:15a.m. All are welcome! Fellowship, community, joy, hope, and love for all who join us! This will run every Tuesday unless otherwise noted. No RSVP necessary. Michael Barclay will inform the group of cancellations. To register for cancellation notices email mbarclay@mhcparish.org.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME -



WWW.MHCPARISH.ORG



Welcome to all who celebrate the Mass with us today. May God's grace and peace fill us all so that we can serve one another in unity and love.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

To register, visit the parish office, the website or pick up reaistration form at front entrance of the church and drop it in the collection.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

D OF I WOMEN'S RETREAT



Marian 911 Circle of Daughters of Isabella at Mary, Help of Christians Church is

hosting their Annual Women's Spring Retreat on Saturday, March 9th from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m. The retreat is open to all women in the St. Michael the Archangel Family they must be 16 years of age and older. Registration fee: \$15.00 (Continental breakfast and Subway box lunch included). Location: Mary, Help of Christians Parish Center 934 North Maple. Fairborn. Retreat Master: Michael Barclay, Associate Director of Evangelization and Christian Formation. RSVP: to Amanda @ 937-620-0701 by March 4th. More information coming soon.

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers,



Sacristans, Ushers Please check the sacristy this weekend for the new ministers

schedule for February & March. It will also be mailed. If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date and time please call and find a sub. If you have any questions please call the parish office. Thanks for your continued involvement in ministry.

2024 Catholic Calendars

A few calendars are still available on the bulletin table in the Gathering Space. Please take one.

HOLY HOUR AND EUCHARISTIC



ADORATION: You are invited to spend a holy hour of prayer with adoration every

Monday each week from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the church. All are Welcome! Join us Monday, January 28.

ROSARY: Saturday afternoon before Mass @ 3:30 p.m. and Monday evening @ 6:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS: First Sunday of the month after 8:30 a.m. Mass. Third Saturday of the month after 4:00 p.m. Mass. Required Parents' Classes are on the second Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November at 9:45 a.m. in the Church. Parents must attend one of these classes. The next Baptismal Preparation Class is being held on Sunday, March 11 at 9:45 a.m. in the Church. Please call the parish office @ 937-878-8353 to advise us if you will be attending this class.

RECORD OF YOUR 2023 CHURCH



CONTRIBUTIONS/ TAX
STATEMENTS: A statement of your 2023 contributions will automatically be mailed around

the second week of January 2024 to any parishioner who has made any single contribution of \$250 or more during the year. (Please do not call to request a statement if you are in that category.) Anyone else wanting a statement should use the request form below or call the parish office @ 937-878-8353 from 9:30a.m.-4:30p.m. Monday through Friday. You may return your request form in the collection basket in your envelope.

2023 Contribution Statement Re	quest
AME:	
DDRESS:	
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27-4:00 p.m. Evelyn Vernon, off: MHC Choir

Sunday, January 28-8:30 a.m. For the Parish

Monday, January 29-9:00 a.m. Melissa White, off: Gerald &

Linda Hoke

Tuesday, January 30-9:00 a.m. Happy 98th Birthday Richard Prestel, off: Friends from MHC

Saturday, February 3-4:00 p.m. Mary Anne Meisenheimer off:

MHC Choir

Sunday, February 4-8:30 a.m. For the Parish

FINANCIAL SUPPORT THRU 01/14/24

Regular Collection & Loose Cash & Envelopes \$9,111.00

Capital Improvements Donation Collections

\$87.00

Total Collections For January 14, 2024 \$9,198.00

Church Renovation Project

Total Donations and Pledges as of 01/14/24 \$151,525.45

> THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

PLEASE REMEMBER MHC IN YOUR WILL

PARISH REGISTRATION UPDATE



If you are currently a Registration parishioner and any of your (or your family's)

information on file with us has changed. update your Parish Registration. The New Year is a wonderful time to make sure the MHC parish office has your correct contact information (phone, address, email). Have you moved, discarded your landline or have a new email address? If you have added a family member, be sure and let us know his/her full name, gender, and date of birth. To update, email Julie @ jsewellmhc@gmail.com or call the parish office at 937-878-8353. Thanks so much for your help.

COLLECTING OLD PALMS:

Do you still have blessed palms from last year? On Sunday, February 11th the Parish School of Religion will gather for a Mardi Gras Celebration before Lent begins. We will gather in the Parish Center for prayer at 9:55 a.m. After prayer, we will burn palms behind the Parish Center to make the ashes needed for Ash Wednesday Mass. All parishioners are invited to join us. Please put your old Palms in the Blue Bucket mark Palms located in the gathering space.

K OF C PARISH BREAKFAST SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2024

Our next breakfast is Sunday, February 4. We will start serving in the Parish Center Cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. and will continue until 10:45a.m. We will be featuring our same popular menus of scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, toast, omelets made to order, biscuits and gravy. You'll get all this for \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND MHC PARISH BLOOD DRIVE



TM Why donate my blood? Because one donation can save up to three lives! Because every 3 seconds someone needs blood! How else can you save three lives in less than one hour? Only 5% of the population donates 100% of the blood supply. Consider giving the gift of life at MHC's Blood Drive. It will

be held in the Parish Center cafeteria side, look for signs on Saturday, March 2 from 8:30 a.m.-12:15 **p.m.** Remember to bring a picture ID with SS# and eat a nourishing breakfast beforehand. Appointments are requested. To schedule an appointment visit www.donortime.com or call 1-800-

Parish Lent Books 2024



The Magnificat Lenten Companion Next Weekend

Lent is a time to refocus our hearts and revive our love of the Lord and one another. A Companion for the Forty Days of Lent (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) Designed in a convenient, easy-to-use format: Inspiring reflections from some of the most gifted Catholic writers for each day

- * Faith-filled essays
- * Prayers, poetry, and devotions
- * Meditations for the Way of the Cross
- * A treasury of spiritual insights

By spending a few moments meditating on the inspiring daily reflections and the short prayers that follow them, you will discover all that is true, good, and beautiful about the Catholic Faith. Let the profound yet practical insights you will find in this little spiritual treasury form and focus your spiritual life, filling it with new conviction and

Copies are provided by the parish and will be located in the Gathering Space soon. Please pick one up for your family and start a new Lenten tradition! If you need a large print edition we have a few copies.



SACRED HEART CHURCH/SACREDHEARTNC.NET

Sacred Heart Church

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Parish Office

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Michael Barclay

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Mike Engle, Buildings & Grounds buildings@sacredheartnc.net

Lorenzo & Veronica Fondon

Hispanic Pastoral Team hispanicministry@sacredheartnc.net

St. Vincent de Paul Society 937-845-3121

Bulletin Submissions

bulletin@sacredheartnc.net February 11 deadline is January30 February 18 deadline is February 7

To add or remove someone from the prayer or military list, call 845-3121 or email: Bulletin@sacredheartnc.net.





We are happy you are here! Welcome to our caring community of faith—united in our love of God and service to others. If you are interested in learning more or want to register, please call the Parish Office at 937-845-3121 or visit our website at: https://sacredheartnc.net.

Mass Intentions

Sunday, January 28, 10:30 Mass Soul of Fran Blair (Friends of Sacred Heart)

Sunday, Enero 28, 12 pm Mass Alma de Evangelina Garcia (Familia Perez)

Wednesday, January 31, 9 am Mass Intentions of the Pendleton Family (Carol & Dick Rinker)

Thursday, February 1, 9 am Mass Soul of Fran Blair (Carl Francis)

Friday, February 2, 9 am Mass Living & deceased members of Caponegro family (Virginia Kuepper)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Al Brunson, Frank Caponegro, Larry Engle, Rosalie Gillespie, Carol Graham, Terry Hamisch, Katie Horn, Kathy Jackson, Bryan Karjala, Peggy Kleimeier, Dan Kraus, Ann Long, Jim Mason, Javier Perez, Jr. Mary West and Mary Yates

Scholarship Opportunity

The Dayton Catholic Women's Club Scholarship was established in 2010 for the exclusive purpose of assisting graduating high school women of the Roman Catholic faith wishing to further her studies at an accredited technical school, junior college, community college or four-year college/university.

Completed applications are due March 8, 2024 by 4:00 p.m. Students can search and apply online for scholarships at **ScholarshipCONNECT**. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Brown at (937) 225-9965 or at mbrown@daytonfoundation.org.

Women's Night for Lent

Mark your calendar and save the date for the Women's Night for Lent Soup and Salad Dinner on Wednesday, February 21, in Father Paul Hall. Social time will begin at 6 p.m. and dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. A Lenten presentation by Virginia Kruepper and Luz Maria Perez will be at p.m.

This will be a great way to start Lent. Plan to come and bring your friends and neighbors. All women are invited. The cost is a free will donation.

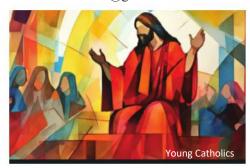
RSVP to Pat Kraus at 937-882-9428, the parish office at 937-845-3121 or on the signup sheet in the gathering space.



Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Join us in supporting these ministries! You can mail your pledge card or bring it to Mass next weekend. For more information about the CMA or to donate online, visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA.

Four Chaplains Memorial Service

The 50th annual Four Chaplains Memorial Service, a tribute to the heroic actions of four military chaplains during World War II, will be at St. Boniface in Cincinnati, on Saturday, February 3, at the 4 p.m. Mass. The memorial service music includes and hvmns memorialize and support veterans, prayers for current active-duty military personnel, a candle service, "Ringing of the Ship's Bell," and playing of "Taps." All veterans and active-duty military and their families are welcome. For information, stbonifacecincinnati.com or contact Bob Schinaman at 513-257-5703 or bobschinaman@gmail.com.



IGLESIA DEL SAGRADO CORAZON



Upcoming Events

- Jan 29 Meeting of Families, 7-8:30 pm
- Jan 30 Adoration & Confession, 7pm
- Jan 31 Mass, 9 am Coffee Klatsch, 9:45 am
- Feb 1 Mass, 9 am Patriotic Rosary, 9:30 am
- Feb 2 First Friday Mass, 9 am Feast of the Presentation Party, 7pm
- Feb 4 Religious Education Classes, 9 am Rosary before Mass, 10 am Mass, 10:30 am Mass, 12 pm (Spanish)
- Feb 6 Sacred Heart Ladies Club, 7 pm
- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday
- Feb 16, 23 Fish Fry, 5–7 pm Stations of the Cross, 7:14 pm
- Feb 19 Parish Office closed Presidents' Day
- Feb 21 Women's Night for Lent
- Feb 26 Blood Drive, 1 pm-6:30 pm



Proximos eventos



- Ene 30 Adoración al Santísimo Y Confesiones a las 7:00 pm
- Feb 2 Dia de la Presentación Del Señor (Candelaria)
- Feb 4 Clase de Catecismo
 A las 9:00am
 Misa 10:30 am Inglés
 Misa 12:00 pm español

Meeting of Families

Domingo de compromiso CMA

January 29, 7 pm-8:30 pm

Father Paul Hall

Join us for no commitment brainstorming session on future of Sacred Heart.

Light refreshments





Cantico de Simeón Lc 2.29-32

CRISTO, LUZ DE LAS NACIONES Y GLORIA DE ISRAEL

Ahora, Señor, según tu promesa, puedes dejar a tu siervo irse en paz, porque mis ojos han visto a tu Salvador, a quien has presentado ante todos los pueblos; luz para alumbrar a las naciones y gloria de tu pueblo Israel. Gloria al Padre, y al Hijo, y al Espíritu Santo. Como era en el principio, ahora y siempre, por los siglos de los siglos. Amén.



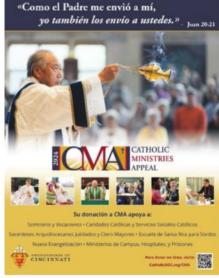
Celebrate Candlemas

Come and celebrate the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord and Candlemas with a pot luck

dinner on Friday, February 2, in Father Paul Hall from 7 to 9 p.m.

Bring a dish to share, the Baby Jesus from your Christmas nativity and personal candles to be blessed. Father Ambrose will bless your Baby Jesus and the candles. Dinner will be at 7:30 p.m. with a short feast day devotion at 8 p.m. followed by music, piñata and fellowship.

St. John Bosco
Pray for us.



La proxima semana será el fin de semana de compromiso para hacer una donación a la CMA para apoyar a los ministerios católicos de nuestra Arquidiócesis. Más que nadie en el mundo, la Iglesia Catolica enseña, alimenta y ayuda a sanar. Gracias por sus donaciones!

February in our month to fill the shelves.

Bethel Churches United Food Pantry



Please donate non-perishable food items, cleaning supplies, toiletries or paper products

Place donations in box in the Gathering Space.

Monetary donations in collection Mark envelope "food pantry"

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Contributions for January 14, 2024

	Weekly	YTD	Over/Short
Weekly Sunday & Holy Days	\$3,452	\$125,788	(10,077)
Weekly Maintenance	355	\$10,028	(5,255)
All Other Weekly	21	\$11,921	7,049
Total Revenue	\$3,828	\$147,737	(8,283)

SAINT PAUL CHURCH/STPAULYELLOWSPRINGS.ORG

St. Paul Church

308 Phillips St. Yellow Springs, Ohio 45387

www.stpaulyellowsprings.org

937-372-3193

Parish Email:

office@stpaulyellowsprings.org

Mark Danis, Deacon Brad Wilson, Business Manager Anne Shoup, Music Director

Mark Breza, Maintenance

St. Paul Cemetery Ken Struewing 937-767-1388



PRAY FOR US

Please pray for Juanita Richardson,
Emily Lyons-Hammond,
Candie Ayers, Martin Connolly
Patrick Gwin, Father Edmund
Hussey, Dolores Sizemore,
Sheila Suwalski, and all in need of
special prayers and healing.

MASS

Sunday, January 28 +Patti Ann Wilson Crescenzo (Dianne Lewis)

Wednesday, January 31 +Carmelo & Maria Ricciardi (Josephine Dunphy)

Thursday, February 1 +Robert Darrow (Ruth Darrow & Family)

Friday, February 2 +St. Paul Parishioners

Sunday, February 4 +Maria Phlips (Gail Chambers Family)

FEBRUARY 4 SCHEDULE

SACRISTAN: Cassie Ditmer USHER: Richard & Tami Whalen SERVER/S: Cassie Ditmer LECTOR: Desiree Powers EMHC: Patty Alexander

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

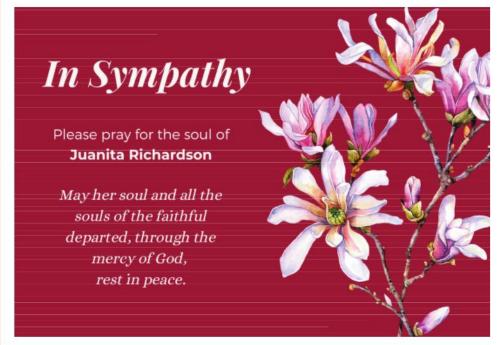
Following Mass on Feb. 11, the Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast at St. Paul in the Undercroft. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated. This fellowship breakfast will replace our regular coffee and donut Sunday.

FRIDAY LUNCHEON UPDATE

As January's weather is unpredictable, the luncheon for January was canceled. Therefore, our next Friday Luncheon will be on Feb. 16. Mary Pyper, STMA PSR Coordinator, will be our guest speaker and will talk about Lent.

ALTAR FLOWERS

Thanks to everyone for the donations to purchase the poinsettias for the altar. The flowers beautified the sacred space of the church. A hearty thank you to all the volunteers who helped decorate and take down the decorations.



ST. PAUL FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH JANUARY 14

Weekly General Collection for Jan. 14_____\$ 1,109.00
YTD General Collections_____\$82,728.75
Weekly Maintenance/Restoration_____\$10.00
YTD Maintenance/Restoration _____\$4,736.00
YTD Maintenance/Restoration Balance_____\$957.00
Total Income - Total Expense Surplus (Deficit)_____\$5,357.83

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Online donations can be made after clicking on "DONATE" at the top of church homepage: **www.stpaulyellowsprings.org**

Please note online donations are managed through Paypal and incur a 2.5 percent fee per transaction.

SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH

MASS

Sunday, January 28

+Mike Smith (Carol Smith)

Sunday, February 4

+Jacob Hess

(Happy Birthday from Maria Pacer)

February 4 Schedule

LECTOR: W. Germann SERVERS: J. Kasner, C. Meyer

COLLECTIONS

January 7: \$1,408

ROSARY

Pat Mach will be leading the Rosary each Sunday beginning at 8:40 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

PSR CLASSES

PSR classes will meet after Mass today in the church hall. Additional classes are Feb. 4, Feb. 11, Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 3, March 10, April 7, April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5, and May 12. Contact Della Weidel at **614-285-2293** with questions and/or to enroll your students, or to volunteer for teaching.

LADIES LUNCHEON

The St. Augustine Church Ladies will have a luncheon meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, at the home of Barbara Gallagher. Please plan to bring a salad or dessert to share. Sign the reservation sheet in the back of the church if you plan to attend.

HOLINESS IS WHOLENESS

BODY: Wash your hands often to prevent spreading germs.

MIND: Avoid or control the stressors you can

SPIRIT: Hug someone.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST TODAY

The St. Brigid Knights of Columbus are hosting their annual Pancake Breakfast at St. Augustine after Mass today in the church hall. There is no charge for breakfast, but donations will be accepted for the Jamestown Food Pantry (cash or canned goods). Everyone is welcome to attend!

FOOD PANTRY ACCEPTING FOOD, MONETARY DONATIONS

The Food Pantry has moved to The City of Zion Church, 260 S. Charleston Road. Hours are Thursdays 2-6 p.m., and the fourth Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Call 937-971-8067 to arrange donations or to schedule an appointment.

Monetary donations can be made to Greene Giving/Together Jamestown. Specific needs for the pantry are rice, potato flakes, spaghetti sauce, canned baked beans, Ramen noodles, personal care items, and paper products. If you know of someone who could make use of the food pantry or you want to volunteer at the Food Pantry, please let Carol Smith know.

VOCATIONS CROSS

A traveling cross and prayer for vocations is stored in the back of the church. Please consider taking the cross home for the week and praying for vocations.

What's Your Catholic IQ

- 1) The people who Mary has most often appeared to have been .
 - a) kings b) presidents c) children d) bishops
- 2) Mary appeared monthly for six months to three shepherd children in Fatima in 1917.

True/False

See answers below

1) c) The children often were poor, uneducated shepherds who did not realize at first that they were seeing the Blessed Virgin Mary. 2) True. In 1930, the Church recognized the children's visions of Mary in Fatima to be authentic and worthy of pious devotion.

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Carol Smith, Secretary/Organist Della Weidel, DRE Denny Goodrich, Maintenance



PRAY FOR US

Please keep the following in your prayers: Noel Ebert, Joan Ward, Mr. and Mrs. JC Ford, Bailey Brickner, Bill Bernard, Justin Coakley, Tom Baudendistel, Janet Wray, Father Charles Lang, Judy Hobbs, Ray Raflik, Ed Nienaber, Jennifer Reynolds, Mary Ellen Mergy, Tim Schornak, Heather Bonz, Sandy Coakley, Pat Staley, David Miller, Gene Robinson, Keith Lively, Mary Kaye Benanzer, Brian Steinmetz, Joe Hess, Catherine Sheridan, Janet Goff, James Burns, Patsy Stewart, Mike Cyphase, Nickie Sherwood, Curtis Love, Mike Wombles, Ann Marie Somers, Agnes Hausman, Linda Baker, Kathleen Kall, Marcy Wirsbinnske, Robert Mergy, Vicki Sage, Autumn Neville, Cindy Hamilton, Marge Albrecht, Mary Buschur, Lauren Williams, John Harris, Lisa Everman, Becky Hiser, Diane Miller, Jane Morris, Heather Klingensmith, Geneva Hommsteuter, Erin Sanderson, Patrick Huri, Al Elam, Jerry Pack, Kathleen Evans, Kolston Edwards, Dennis Donovan, Ron Harvey, Tyler Jaworski, Joseph Firestone, Madelyn Machen, Bud Hayward

Contact Carol Smith to add or remove someone from the prayer list.

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Bulletin Submissions

Articles and inserts must be submitted no later than ten days before bulletin date (Thursday of the week prior). Deadlines are subject to change due to holidays, vacations, or publisher requirements. Email submissions to:

tpeters@stbrigidxenia.org



Jelcome,

Whether you are passing through, or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to St. Brigid Catholic Church of the St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes. We hope you find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful. People often attend Mass at a parish for months or years without officially registering.

To be registered here at St. Brigid is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. It also simplifies sacramental matters like religious education, sponsoring a sacrament candidate, and planning/preparation of baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

Registration is easy and can be completed online via our website listed at the top of the next page. If you are a long-time member of St. Brigid, call or email us to make sure we have all your latest contact information. Our goal is to build stronger communication with our community.

PRAY FOR US

Waylan Gruber, Jerry Moeggenberg, Richard Downing, Cathi Sargent, Nancy Tucker, Joan Stallings, Vi Thomas, Jim Langan, Toni & Larry Charles, Lisa Hernandez, Jerry McCormick, Tyler Foster, John Garrity, Louise Marshall, Daniel Mayer, Ann Reed, Pearl Roberts, Kerry Wiersma, Brian Neville, Kiersten McCormick, Rita McCormick, Keenan McCormick, Jeff McBride, Jeff Brockert

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27 +Nancy Williams (Baxley Family)

Sunday, January 28 +John Settembrini (Family)

Tuesday, January 30 +Sean O'Brien (Eileen O'Brien) Wednesday, January 31 +Jacob Hess (Garry Buschur)

Thursday, February 1 +John Zaino (Garcia Family)

> +Sean O'Brien (Zaino Family))

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 3

Lector: Margene Robinson
Servers: Jacob Porta,
Izzy Eavers, Sheila Niyit
EMHC: Deacon Dennis Kall,
Carol Cassidy, Mike Rotterman

Sunday, February 4

Lector: Scott Jokerst
Servers: Rolando Nshimiyimana,
Kate Battista, Rylie Battista
EMHC: Deacon Mark Danis,
Jean Pierre Birikunzira, Gerry Harp

FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH JANUARY 14

The below information was not available in time for publication in the last bulletin. See the next page for the most recent financial information.

Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Collections Goal	\$680,000.00
Collections To Date	\$402,645.63
Amount Left to Reach Goal	\$277,354.37
Week 29 Collection	\$14,907.03
Tuition Assistance	\$1.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$567.00

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FISH & POKER CHIPS NIGHT SCHEDULED, ITEMS NEEDED

The annual Fish Fry and Monte Carlo Night is set for Friday, **March 1**, in the Parish Activity Center from 6-11pm.

Sponsors are needed! If you or your company like to sponsor the event, contact Nancy Severt at severtn95@gmail.com or 937-371-8035.

Silent Auction items are also needed! Ideas include restaurant gift cards or sporting event tickets. Any contributions are welcome. Please drop donations at the parish office by Feb. 9. Have an idea or question? Contact Lindsey Gnau at 513-602-1781 or isaacslm123@gmail.com

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Brigid School is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Most families who apply are expected to qualify for full scholarships following recent Ohio legislation. Contact the school at **937-372-3222** for more information.

CHAPEL HOURS

The chapel at St. Brigid, with a view of the tabernacle containing the Most Holy Eucharist, is open for private prayer and adoration weekdays (Monday through Friday) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call the parish office at 937-372-3193 upon your arrival for entry.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 28

- PSR in School 8:15 a.m.
- AHG Troop Mtg. in Lunchroom 4 p.m.
- Boy Scouts in Library 4:30 p.m.

Monday, January 29

 Adult Faith Formation in Lunchroom 7 p.m.

Tuesday, January 30

• Scripture Study in Library 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, January 31

• Marian Pray-ers in Chapel 1 p.m.

Friday, February 2

- Eucharistic Exposition 8:30 a.m.
- Confession in Church 8:30 a.m.
- Benediction 4 p.m.

Saturday, February 3

- TMIY in Lunchroom 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions in Church 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 4

- PSR in School 8:15 a.m.
- Boy Scouts in Library 4:30 p.m.
- Family Life 5th in School 6 p.m.



Ford Farewal

School Resource Officer Harold Matheson said goodbye to students, staff, and other members of the St. Brigid family Jan. 18, his last day at the school before retiring from the Xenia Police Department. Students lined the halls and parents honked their horns as Officer Matheson departed the school for the last time. (Courtesy photo)



ST. BRIGID FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH JANUARY 21 (WEEK 30)

Donations to the Church through automatic bank account transfers and/ or regular use of envelopes responds to our call to support our faith community. For information regarding automatic transfers, wills, and bequests for the Parish, please call the parish office. Setting up regular and recurring payments directly to St. Brigid Church removes the hassle of finding cash, writing checks, and using Church envelopes. For automatic "BILL PAY" through your financial institution, bank-issued checks can be sent to:

ST. BRIGID CHURCH, 258 PURCELL DR, XENIA, OH 45385

ACH payments for Sunday giving and school tuition assistance is available through Park National Bank. Contact Brian Sticka at **937-372-3193** for more information. Thank you for your continued financial support to St. Brigid Church.

Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Collections Goal	\$680,000.00
Collections To Date	\$410,617.65
Amount Left to Reach Goal	_\$269,382.35

Week 30 Collection	\$7,972.02
Tuition Assistance	\$160.00
St. Vincent de Paul	\$1,500.00

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BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please email St. Luke bulletin submissions with "Bulletin" in the subject line to:

saintluke@saintlukeparish.org

Feb. 11 Bulletin: due Jan. 30 Feb. 18 Bulletin: due Feb. 6 Feb. 25 Bulletin: due Feb. 13 March 3 Bulletin: due Feb. 20 (due dates usually fall onTuesdays) Telcome to St. Luke Church.
Childcare is available during the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Please join us in Kramer Hall after Mass for coffee, donuts and fellowship.
Our Welcome Committee will be in Kramer Hall after Mass the first weekend of every

month to help with registration. You can also call or visit the church office for registration forms, or visit our parish website:

www.saintlukeparish.org

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLY BAPTISM

Noah John Novotny (Jan. 14)

MOMS AND TOTS WINTER GATHERING

You are invited to join other moms and their children from our Family of Parishes at a gathering on Sunday, Feb. 4 in the Parish Center from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WELCOME COMMITTEE WEEKEND

The Welcome Committee will be in Kramer Hall after the weekend Masses Feb. 3-4. Please stop by to register or update your existing registration information.

SVDP COLLECTING FOOD NEXT WEEKEND

St. Vincent de Paul members are scheduled to collect nonperishable food items for Mary, Help of Christians Food Pantry Feb. 3-4. Children's snacks and regular sized canned goods are especially appreciated. Donations can be placed in Kramer Hall near the nursery. We are unable to accept expired items. Thank you for helping our Parish Family neighbors in need.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE

Please stop by the Fair Trade coffee booth in Kramer Hall after the Feb. 3-4 weekend Masses.

LEISURE CLUB MEETING

Please join us **Feb. 13**, at 1:30 p.m. in Bishop Ford Hall for a lunch and presentation on Disciples of Destiny. Please bring a dish to share. We will celebrate Mardi Gras and Valentines Day.

FEBRUARY SAINT MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us **Feb. 13** at 7 p.m. in Kramer Hall for our monthly Saint movie, featuring St. Francis of Assisi. All are welcome.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

There will be collections at Mass for the Church in Eastern Europe (Feb. 14, Ash Wednesday) and the School Ministry Initiative (Feb 18). Thank you for your support.

TROOP 85 1ST ANNUAL PASTA DINNER

Join us **Feb.11** in the Parish Center for a family-friendly pasta dinner with St. Luke friends. A pasta dinner with a choice of sauces, salad, bread, and ice cream for dessert will be served from 4:30 - 7 p.m. Free-will donations to support St. Luke's Boy Scouts are accepted and appreciated.

WEEKLY EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 8:30 a.m. daily Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Exposition will end with Vespers at 6 p.m., followed by Benediction, with the Blessed Sacrament reposed by 6:30 p.m.

Contact Teresa at 937-470-5633 for more information. Sign up at:

http://www.tinyurl.com/January2024Adoration

RAFFLE SPONSORS & DONORS NEEDED

St. Luke School PTO is hosting the 2nd Annual Roaring Reception and Silent Auction on April 20. Funds raised will not only help support school and staff needs, but will also help students through STREAM programs, like Robotics for the 2024-25 school year. Sponsorships Forms are available in Kramer Hall (due March 1). Auction donations are appreciated by April 11. Thank you for your support!

LAST SUNDAY COLLECTION

Members of the St. Luke St. Vincent de Paul Society will be in the church gathering space after all Masses Jan. 27-28 to receive monetary donations. Your continued generosity is appreciated.

WWW.SAINTLUKEPARISH.ORG

PSR REGISTRATION OPEN

We are here to partner with you to build a strong foundation of Faith so your child can know and live their Catholic Faith. Registration forms can be found in Kramer Hall, Jansen Center, or on our website, www.saintlukeparish.org, or by calling Mary Pyper at 937-426-1733 ext. 6306.

• PSR CLASSES for Grades 1 - 12

Classes are held every Wednesday 6-7:15 p.m. Please contact us if you have a child attending public school who would also like to receive religious education.

• EARLY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR AGES 3-5 YEARS

Classes meet every Sunday during the 10 a.m. Mass. It's lots of Fun and Faith for your little ones. Sign up TODAY!

• FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST COMMUNION

If you have a 1st or 2nd grade child who needs to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation or First Holy Communion, please contact us so they can be properly prepared to receive these important Sacraments this school year.

CONFIRMATION

We are still accepting registration for current 7th/8th graders, and for high school/college students, who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

LEARN LATIN WITH FR. LEE

Latin classes have resumed on Fridays in Kramer Hall 7-8 p.m. The schedule will be adjusted to accommodate holidays, Holy Days, etc. Please register for classes at:

https://www.saintlukeparish.org/latin-class

IRS TAX STATEMENTS

The 2023 tax statements will be distributed by Jan. 31.

LOST & FOUND CLEAN OUT

Please check the Usher's closet for any lost items. Items not collected by Jan. 31 will be donated.

PRECIOUS BLOOD PRAYER GROUP

We have extended our group meeting time. Please join us Saturdays from 1:30 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in St. Luke Church. All are welcome. Contact Divina at 937-829-8904 with questions.

THAT MAN IS YOU MENS GROUP

Take your Catholic faith up a notch, form lasting new friendships, and overcome whatever the secular world throws at you. There are two different meeting times to choose from: 1) Saturdays 7:30 - 9 a.m. in Kramer Hall (breakfast served), or 2) Wednesdays 6 - 7:15 p.m. in Jansen Center.

Contact Paul Madsen via pbmadsen@ sbcglobal.net or see the below TMIY website for more information:

www.thatmanisyou.org

MASS LIVE STREAM

A live stream of our Mass at 8:30 a.m. is available Monday through Friday and at 10 a.m. Sundays. Like "St. Luke Beavercreek" on Facebook to get notified. For those not subscribing to Facebook, go to St. Luke's website, saintlukeparish.org, and click on the little "f" (Facebook icon) on the upper right side of the computer screen. Scroll down to 'Videos' on your iPhone or 'Posts' if on a desktop computer.

KROGER COMMUNITY REWARD PROGRAM

Please consider enrolling in the Kroger Plus Card Community Rewards Program and/or designating St. Luke School to receive a percentage of your purchase every time you shop. Visit www.kroger.com and use code **80224**, or call the school office at 937-426-1733, xt. 6401, to participate. The school received nearly \$6,000 from the program last year.

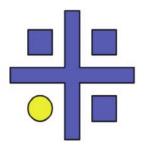
PARISH BOOK OF PRAYER

Parishioners are invited to write special prayers of petition in our Parish Book of Prayer. The book can be found in the church, under the Saint Luke icon. We remember all of the written intentions in our general intercessions at weekend Masses.

CHRISTMAS DONATION DEADLINE WEDNESDAY

Tree and decoration donations are being collected for next year's Christmas Bazaar. Items can be dropped off at the Jansen Center and a donation receipt can be provided.

Contact Patti Blakely at **937-545-8954** for more information. The drop off window **closes Jan. 31** and resumes next Fall.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 27 +Kenneth Kessler (Doug & Susan Mound

Sunday, January 28 +Agnes Schaefer (Pat & Wil Schaefer) +Eleanor Lavoy (James Lavoy)

Monday, January 29 +Edward Leider, Jr (Kathy Ross))

Tuesday, January 30 +Robert Kritzer (The Kritzer Family)

Wednesday, January 31 +Domenico Aracri (Luisa Uhlenhake)

Thursday, February 1 +Eugene Schumacker (Angie Garcia)

Friday, February 2 +Wil Schaefer (John & Beth Sletten)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT THRU 1/7 (WEEK 28)

Weekend Total \$30,710.01 Yearly Total \$803,906.55

FY Holy Day Total \$54,150.65

Regular and Holy Days

Total \$858,057.20

Budgeted

Each Weekend \$29,614.08 Total Budget thru Week 28 \$829,194.24

Non-Parish Collection(s)

Religious Retirement \$279.70

Miscellaneous Collection(s)

School Ministry Collection \$30.00





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January 24, 2024 Feast of St. Francis de Sales

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Today we celebrate the feast of St. Francis de Sales, principal patron of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. As a bishop and renowned confessor and spiritual guide, St. Francis de Sales led people to follow the Lord more devoutly, and his writings have inspired countless thousands over the past 400 years to walk the path of holiness. It is good for us to consider how we also can lead people to Christ in our time and place, particularly through the parishes of the archdiocese.

At this midpoint of the second year of Beacons of Light, most Families of Parishes have progressed through Phase 1, which is focused on leadership. The leadership principle states, "Pastors, in collaboration with parochial vicars, deacons and lay ministers, according to their proper roles and charisms, share responsibility for pastoral leadership. The spiritual, physical and mental health and ongoing support of ordained and lay leaders is vital for Families of Parishes."

Beacons of Light is a process of pastoral planning to best arrange all the resources of the archdiocese to proclaim the Gospel and make disciples in this particular time and place. The goals and aspirations of this process have their roots in the Great Commission given by our Lord to the apostles: "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:19-20). Thus, the purpose of Beacons of Light is perennial, and will endure well beyond my tenure as your archbishop or the terms of our pastors, parochial vicars, deacons, lay staff, or parishioner leaders.

The decisions regarding how to best arrange resources – human, financial, physical – to pursue our Godgiven mission will be discerned and made locally, specific to the circumstances and opportunities within each Family of Parishes. Leadership is and will continue to be essential to this process. Over the past eighteen months, Family Leadership Teams have come together, key staff members have been designated or are being hired, and leadership training has been provided. This is only the beginning. As the leadership principle of Beacons of Light indicates, there is an ongoing need for priests, deacons, and lay leaders to grow in skill and collaboration to discern the best steps toward missionary discipleship in their respective Families.

In the recent Parish Vitality survey that many of you completed, leadership was identified among the highest needs for the future of our parishes. Please pray for all the leaders – priests, deacons, and lay leaders – in our archdiocese that they may fruitfully encourage others to radiate the love of Christ to all. I am deeply grateful for all of you who, in this way, serve the mission of the Church in and through your parish and Family of Parishes. May God bless each of you as you continue this holy work.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr Archbishop of Cincinnati

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