

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FAMILY *of* PARISHES

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life."

John 3:14,15

Jesús dijo a Nicodemo: "Así como Moisés levantó la serpiente en el desierto, así tiene que ser levantado el Hijo del hombre, para que todo el que crea en él tenga vida eterna."

Juan 3, 14 y 15

The Brazen Serpent
by James Tissot, circa 1899



4TH SUNDAY OF
LENT

March 10, 2024

MASS TIMES

Monday

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

Tuesday

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

Wednesday

8 a.m.....St. Brigid
8:30 a.m.....St. Luke
9 a.m.....Sacred Heart
6 p.m.....St. Paul

Thursday

8 a.m.....St. Brigid
8:30 a.m.....St. Luke
8:30 a.m.....St. Paul
9 a.m.....Sacred Heart

Friday

8 a.m.....St. Brigid
8:30 a.m.....St. Luke
8:30 a.m.....St. Paul
9 a.m.....Sacred Heart (1st Friday)

Saturday

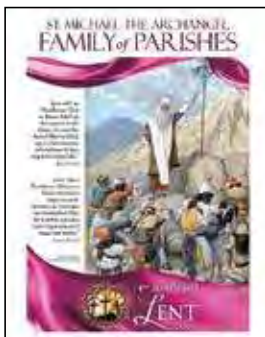
8 a.m. Latin N.O. Mass.....St. Brigid
4 p.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
4:30 p.m.....St. Brigid
5:30 p.m.....St. Luke

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
12 p.m.....Sacred Heart (Spanish)

ON THE COVER

The snake in this week's gospel message exemplifies the benefit and dangers of graven images. The bronze snake later became an idol that had to be destroyed (see 2 Kings 18:4).



Welcome 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.

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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.

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



MARCH 10, 2024
FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Beloved in Christ,

Please join me for my talk on the Gospel of St. Mark as the grand finale of my three-part series on Lent tomorrow (March 11) at 7 p.m. The idea is that we will have a more fruitful experience of the Gospel at Sunday Mass as we continue to hear from St. Mark (and St. John to fill in because St. Mark is so short) for the rest of this liturgical year.

Please plan to bring the family to all three nights of our Lenten Mission beginning next Sunday (March 17). More information is on page 14.

Extra opportunities for Confession/Penance/Reconciliation will be in the context of our Lenten Mission. All five of our priests will be offering the sacrament most evenings.

Was Father wearing **pink** today? The fourth Sunday of Lent is known as Laetare Sunday because of the first word of the entrance antiphon, "Laetare," which means "Rejoice" in Latin. We are 21 days from Easter, and halfway through Lent. Along with rose vestments, the liturgical norms allow for instrumental music and flowers decorating the altar even in the middle of the desert of Lent.

The biblical number 40 is important. Please participate in 40 Days for Life to pray for the end of the killing of the innocents in abortion. Members of St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes cover Fridays from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Simply show up and pray or sign up here:

www.40daysforlife.com/en/dayton

40 Hours Devotion is Friday to Sunday morning before Palm Sunday (March 22-24). Simply show up and pray in the presence of our Eucharistic Lord exposed in the Blessed Sacrament at St. Dominic Chapel on St. Luke's campus, or sign up at via the link information on page 14.

As usual, Dr. John Bergsma kills it with his latest Bible Basics video at:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=6RT3_dCqLoo

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

Blessed Lent,

Fr. Bedel



Fr. Bedel helped welcome guests during a recent fish fry at Sacred Heart. The Lenten dinners are scheduled to continue Fridays at Sacred Heart from 5 to 7 p.m. through March 22.

CONFESSION

Monday

8 a.m.....Mary, Help of Christians

Tuesday

7 p.m.....Sacred Heart

Wednesday

5 p.m.....St. Paul

Thursday

2 p.m.....St. Luke

Friday

8:30 a.m.....St. Brigid

Saturday

3 p.m.....Mary, Help of Christians

3:30 p.m.....St. Brigid

4 p.m.....St. Luke

Sunday

8 a.m.....St. 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, March 11

Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday, March 12

Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday, March 13

Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday, March 14

Ex 32:7-14/Jn 5:31-47

Friday, March 15

Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday, March 16

Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday, March 17

Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33



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Office of the Archbishop

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March 4, 2024

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

There is no doubt we live in polarized times. Virtually every topic seems to be fodder for political division. In such times, our Catholic faith can be tested even more intensely than usual, especially when our faith runs up against public policy. Of course, Catholic teaching is not just for the United States in the 21st century; it is universal and enduring. When we strive to live our Catholic faith and pursue the common good, our work can alternatively be praised or attacked ... and sometimes both at the same time.

We experience this dynamic regularly in our advocacy for the unborn and pregnant mothers in need, for example. Now, we are facing vitriolic backlash online and even in some mainstream media for our care for our migrant brothers and sisters who, like everyone else in our communities, are children of God.

Our nation has a broken immigration system. Our nation's migration and border policies fail us. For decades, the U.S. Catholic bishops have urged Congress and administrations of both parties to revamp immigration law and processes in a way that restores order and promotes human dignity. To be clear, this does **not** mean that we condone unlawful immigration or advocate for open borders. However, in the midst of a broken system and broken world, we **do** always advocate for every person's God-given dignity.

As faithful Catholics, we have a responsibility to carefully discern between provocative narratives and the truth of the Church's work with migrants and refugees in need. The objectification of any human being or set of human beings is not in keeping with the commandment to love one another.

Through our parishes, schools, and social services agencies in which migrants find themselves, the Church provides an opportunity for us to leave behind political agendas and offer the goodness of basic human interactions inspired by the faith and charity which come from God. Any of the thousands of volunteers and supporters who help make our humanitarian work possible can attest to the great gift this has provided for their own faith journeys and our communities. Working with migrants and refugees is a wonderful way to put our Catholic faith into action, just as is serving any other person in need.

The types of services for which migrants are eligible varies greatly depending on their immigration status. In providing support for migrants and refugees, it is important to clarify what

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the Church does and does not do, especially through our local charitable agencies, Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio and Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley.

- We provide humanitarian assistance to **anyone** who comes through our doors should we have a service for them. This may involve food assistance, case management and mental health counseling, all supported through private philanthropy.
- We do not aide or assist in any unauthorized entry into the United States.
- We provide legal refugee resettlement. This federal program, which has existed for over 40 years, partners with local agencies to resettle those who have been identified by the United Nations and thoroughly vetted by the U.S. government. “Refugee” is a formal designation given to a minority of U.S. migrants who have demonstrated a well-founded fear of persecution for their race, religion, nationality, political opinion, or membership in a particular social group. When a refugee is qualified for permanent resettlement, it is established through multiple federal agencies that they cannot return to their country of origin and that they pose no threat to our national security. Our agencies transparently receive federal and local funds to assist in this work.
- We provide case management services to unaccompanied minors to ensure that they are safe and free from exploitation and human trafficking. Those children that receive these services are placed by the federal government in our area, and we have no role in directing them here. Our Catholic Charities is assigned their cases and receives federal funds to assist in this work as well.

If you have a concern about immigration law or practice, please address it with your government representatives. But always remember your deepest calling as Christians: “whatever you did for one of these least brothers [and sisters] of mine, you did for me” (Matthew 25:40).

Sincerely yours in Christ,



Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr
Archbishop of Cincinnati

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P. S. If you would like to learn more about this topic, please consult the following resources:

- Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio’s [“Frequently Asked Questions on Catholic Charities and Migrants”](#)
- Catholic Charities USA’s [“FAQ’s on Our Service to Immigrants”](#)
- U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops’ [Justice for Immigrants Campaign](#)

RADIATE CHRIST

MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Mary, Help of Christians Church

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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

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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 COLLECTION CHANGE FOR MARCH & APRIL.



So as to not compete with the St.
Michael the Archangel Family
Lenten Almsgiving, our MHC St. Vincent
de Paul will collect funds for the poor of
our area on the First & Third Weekends in
April. They will have No Collection in
March. In May, we will return to the third
Sunday for collection. We are praying for
your intentions. We hope that we can
continue to count on your generosity and
we thank you very much for what you do
for those in need. **This week we will
collect Bar Soap**



D OF I PAINTING EVENT



Daughters of Isabella
invites anyone in the
family of parishes to our
painting event on Sunday,
April 28 from 1:00-4:00p.m.
in the Parish Center at Mary, Help of
Christians. The cost is \$35 which is due by
April 1. Please call Amanda 937-620-0701
to RSVP. This is open to men and women
age 14 and older. No experience
necessary. All painting supplies will be
provided. It is a pre drawn 11X14 canvas
of a cardinal in between two birch
trees. Painting instructions provided by
Paint Parties with Kimberly. Snacks and
soft drinks can be brought in.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS



Traditional Stations of the Cross
@ MHC will be held every
Friday at 7:00p.m. in the Church
during Lent. If you haven't
prayed the Way of The Cross for
a few years please consider joining us for
this beautiful devotion honoring the
Passion and Death of Christ. The
devotion originated in imitation of the
early Christian practice of visiting the
scenes of Christ's passion in the Holy
Land.

SPEAK LIFE

integrity is doing
the right thing
even when no
one is watching.



JOY CLUB: Our next meeting is
Monday, March 11 at 1:00 p.m. in
St. Francis Hall. Our annual Chili
Luncheon come to **enJOY** an
afternoon of cards, games or bingo along
with fellowship and refreshments
with your fellow parishioners and
friends and lots of Chili!



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2024 (CMA)

If you have not yet made
your pledge, please consider doing so
this week. 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. For more
information about the CMA or to donate
online, please visit [https://
catholicaoc.org/cma](https://catholicaoc.org/cma)
Thank you!



REMEMBER TO SPRING FORWARD THIS WEEKEND SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024



We "spring forward" at 2:00 a.m.
on the second Sunday in March
by setting our clocks ahead one
hour and thus changing to Daylight
Savings Time. Spring is Coming!!!

PLEASE NOTE:



On Palm Sunday weekend, March
23 & 24 the 4:00 p.m. & 8:30 a.m.
Passion liturgies begin in the
Gathering Space for the blessing
of the palms.

K OF C PARISH BREAKFAST:



Breakfast will be Sunday,
March 10. We will start
serving in the Parish Center
Cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. and will
continue until 11:00 a.m. \$10 for adults, \$5
for children under 10. Come and join your
fellow Knights and Parishioners for some
good food and even better company.

REST IN PEACE PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

all our
parishioners, relatives, and friends
who have died, especially, Dorothea
Meade, mother of Alan Meade and
mother-in-law of Dottie Meade.



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 registration form at front entrance of the church and drop it in the collection.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Marian 911 Circle of Daughters of Isabella
Life, Death and Living at Mary, Help of



Christians Church is hosting their Annual Women's Spring

RETREAT NEW DATE on Saturday, March 23rd 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.

REMEMBRANCES/ MEMORIALS



The "Flowers on Easter" envelope inserted in your Feb-March section of parish offering envelopes

is specifically for Easter flowers. If you wish to memorialize someone, please **PRINT** their name(s) on the blank lines on the back of the provided envelope, or **PRINT** the name(s) of those to be remembered on a plain envelope with your name. **We ask that you please limit your entries to 6**, or feel free to use collective groups such as "the friends and families of Mr. and Mrs. Jones." (Donation of \$10.00 is appreciated, but not required.) The memorials will be published in a subsequent bulletin inserts.

Envelopes can be placed in the Sunday collection basket or turned in at the parish office. Thank you for your kind donations.

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, March 11.*

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 10 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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MARCH 15TH 7:00PM



Pray the traditional Stations of the Cross at MHC with some of

our young parishioners, as they reenact each station through drama and shadow effects. Just like the other Friday nights in Lent, the Stations will be prayed in the church. This will be a moving, prayerful event that will enhance your experience of Lent and Holy Week. Please come to the stations on March 15 and support our youth.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 9-4:00 p.m.

Charles Zimmerman, off: Family

Sunday, March 10-8:30 a.m.

For the Parish

Monday, March 11-9:00 a.m.

Vic Berberich, off: Dave & Pat Banaszak

Tuesday, March 12-9:00 a.m.

Dorothea Meade, off: Friends from MHC

Saturday, March 16-4:00 p.m.

Ellen Dunn, off: Carolyn Marth

Sunday, March 17-8:30 a.m.

For the Parish

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

THRU 02/25/24

Regular Collection & Loose Cash & Envelopes	\$5,968.28
Capital Improvements Donation Collections	\$25.00
Total Collections For February 25, 2024	\$6,993.28
Church Renovation Project	
Total Donations and Pledges as of 02/25/24	\$152,745.45
Almsgiving Weeks 1 & 2	
SVDP MHC Conference	\$3,851.50
Brigid's Path	\$527.00

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

PLEASE HELP DECORATE THE CHURCH FOR EASTER



On Holy Saturday, March 30 we will decorate and clean for Easter at 8:30 a.m. **We will need many people to clean, dust, set up, and decorate the church.** If you can help even a few hours it would be greatly appreciated.

Good Friday Morning Prayer



Join us for Morning Prayer on Good Friday, March 29, 2024 at 9:00AM. Our Holy Thursday all night Adoration will end with Morning Prayer led by Deacon Max Roadruck.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD DRIVE:



St. Vincent de Paul requests your support in a FOOD DRIVE to be held on Holy Thursday, March 28 and throughout Holy Week.

The St Vincent de Paul pantry, from which we collectively serve the poor of Fairborn, has been providing needed support over the past year. Your food donations to the pantry can make a real difference in how many we can serve and how much we can

offer..

We need laundry and dish detergent, toothpaste and shampoo.

We also need cereal, spaghetti and spaghetti sauce, boxed macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, and canned food such as baked beans, fruits and vegetables.

Please leave any donations for the pantry in the vestibule of the church, before or after Holy Thursday Mass.

There is a spiritual opportunity to meet Jesus in serving the poor and disadvantaged. This is why St. Vincent de Paul has lasted for such a long time and continues to be active in our commitment to assist the poor. May God bless you every one.

K OF C DINNER FOR FYI:



The Knights of Columbus in Fairborn (Council #3724) is hosting a fundraiser dinner for Family & Youth Initiatives on Saturday, March 16 at 5:30 p.m. at Mary Help of Christians Parish Center. The night will begin with a pulled pork dinner (and sides), made from scratch by the Knights of Columbus. Dessert and drinks are included with the price of admission. Tickets for the event are \$15 per adult,

and \$5 per child (16 & under), with a maximum group price of \$40 per family. Register by emailing erica.stefanow@fyiohio.org

All attendees will have an opportunity to purchase a bouquet of fresh flowers from our "Bloom Bar." Each bouquet will be \$10 with a collection of beautiful flowers selected personally by the attendee. All proceeds from the event will benefit the mission of Family & Youth Initiatives.

LECTOR/READERS PRACTICE:



ATTENTION: LECTORS!!! There is a practice scheduled for Saturday, March 23 from 11:00AM-11:30AM for all who are involved in readings for Holy Week. You can pick up your Holy Week folders with the readings at that time. Anyone that cannot make this time will need to call the parish office @ 937- 878-8353 to arrange to pick up your folder.

LAETARE SUNDAY



Laetare Sunday is the traditional Latin name for the 4th Sunday of Lent. Laetare means to rejoice. Lent's sober violet is softened with rose-colored vesture, as we relish in this foretaste of Easter. This is a custom originating as a symbol of joy and hope that we have reached the middle of this somber Lenten Season. This is the only Sunday of Lent we display flowers. Outside the worship place, however, nature offers the starting of additional signs of spring. Easter is rapidly approaching!

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE COLLECTION



If you would like to donate to the Holy Land Collection on Good Friday at The Passion of The Lord Service, after you have venerated the cross, you can place your donation or envelope for the Holy Land in the baskets by the cross marked Holy Land collection. Holy Land envelopes are in your envelope pack for (March—April). Thanks!



**MHC PRESENTS SHADOWS
STATIONS OF THE CROSS 2024**

**Mark your calendar for
Friday, March 15th 7:00 PM.**

Pray the traditional Stations of the Cross with some of our young parishioners, as they reenact each station through drama and shadow effects. Just like the other Friday nights in Lent, the Stations will be prayed in the church. This will be a moving, prayerful event that will enhance your experience of Lent and Holy Week. Please come to the stations on March 15 and support our youth.

Stations of the Cross

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
FAMILY OF PARISHES
LENTEN MISSION
2024



Featuring
FR. NATHAN CROMLY

*Ohio native and nationally known
speaker, writer, retreat leader, explorer,
innovator, and educator*

MARCH 17
Saint Luke Church

MARCH 18
*Mary, Help of
Christians Church*

MARCH 19
Saint Brigid Church

See the back of this flyer or scan the QR code below for more details. An **RSVP by March 13**, via the QR link or calling your parish office, is needed for all attending the dinners and/or children's activities.



LENTEN MISSION SCHEDULE

*The below schedule applies to each evening of the Mission.
More specific details for each church will be listed in future communications.*

Eucharistic Exposition and Adoration: 4 – 5 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: 4 – 6:30 p.m.

*Dinner: 5 – 6:15 p.m.

*Childcare: 6:15 – 8 p.m. (Ages 6 months to 5)

*Children's Program: 6:15 – 8 p.m. (Ages 5 to 12)

Welcome/Introduction to Vespers: 6:30 p.m.

Vespers 6:35 – 6:55 p.m.

Father Nathan Cromly: 7 – 8 p.m.

Refreshments: 8 – 8:30 p.m.

Please **RSVP by **March 13** via the **QR** code (on front of this flyer) or calling your parish office if planning to attend dinner. An **RSVP** by **March 13** is required to reserve childcare or children's program slots. Neither are guaranteed for families that do not RSVP by March 13.*

ABOUT FATHER CROMLY

Father Nathan Cromly is a nationally known speaker, writer, retreat leader, explorer, innovator, educator, and he is totally devoted to Our Lady. Born and raised in Toledo, Ohio, he has joyfully served as a Catholic priest of the Brothers of Saint John since 2007, and currently ministers in Denver, Colorado. Father Nathan's teaching and dynamic witness has touched the lives of tens of thousands of teenagers, married couples, families, and business professionals. He is the President and Founder of the Saint John Institute, whose ministries have been inspiring, equipping and engaging Catholics since 2003.



Sacred Heart Church

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St. Vincent de Paul Society

937-845-3121

Bulletin Submissions

bulletin@sacredheartnc.net

March 24 deadline is March 12

March 31 deadline is March 19

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, March 10, 10:30 Mass

Soul of Rick Lambright
(Bethany Hall)

Sunday, Marzo 10, 12 pm Mass

Alma de Ma. Del Carmen Alfaro Hernandez
(Claudia Avalos)

Wednesday, March 13, 9 am Mass

Intentions of the Seibert Family
(Mary Yates)

Thursday, March 14, 9 am Mass

Soul of Tyler Morrow
(Pat & Dick Kraus)

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Eucharistic Ministers Meeting

Father Ambrose has requested a short meeting with all Eucharistic Ministers to discuss some changes and updates. The meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. on March 12 before Adoration.

Good Friday Collection

Pope Francis has asked us to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Through this collection, you stand in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land as a witness of peace, supporting Catholics there in parishes and schools, maintaining Christian shrines and caring for refugees in the Holy Land.



\$30,000 Milestone Reached



The St. Vincent de Paul Card-making Ladies are celebrating a huge milestone! Thanks to your generous support for our greeting cards these past eleven and a half years, we have just surpassed \$30,000 in donations to St. Vincent de Paul. An amazing feat considering the suggested donation is only one dollar per card. As you know, these funds are used to help the less fortunate in our New Carlisle area. So we want to express a big **thank you** to everyone who has supported this very worthy cause with monetary and card donations.

We will have cards available at the weekly fish fry on Fridays during Lent. And as usual check out the card rack in the church gathering space, especially our beautiful Easter cards.

Decorate Church for Easter



On Holy Saturday, March 30, we will decorate the church for Easter beginning at 9:00 a.m. Your help is needed. Many hands will make the work go quickly. If you can help even for a short time, it will be greatly appreciated.

Easter Vigil Carpool Drivers

We are seeking some parishioners who plan to attend the 9 pm Vigil Mass at St. Luke on Holy Saturday, March 30 and have room in their car for additional passengers. There are several people who want to attend the Vigil Mass but are unable to drive at night and would appreciate a ride. If you can help, please call Dave Fleischman at 937-207-0352.

Sign up to sing!

Archdiocesan Choir

The Archdiocesan Choir offers opportunities to join with the Cathedral Choir and Brass in singing for ordination Masses this spring. This is a great way to serve our local church and participate in joyful solemn liturgies at the Cathedral Basilica. Sign up for the Diaconate ordination on April 27 and/or the Priesthood ordination on May 18. For information or to sign up, go to <https://www.thecatholictelegraph.com/sign-up-to-sing/95172>.

IGLESIA DEL SAGRADO CORAZON



Upcoming Events

- Mar 5 Reconciliation Service, 7 pm**
Sacred Heart Ladies Club, 7 pm
- Mar 12 EM Meeting with Fr Ambrose**
6:30 pm
Adoration & Confession, 7pm
- Mar 13 Mass, 9 am**
Coffee Klatsch, 9:45 am
Video Presentation, 10:15 am
- Mar 14 Mass, 9 am**
Patriotic Rosary, 9:30 am
- Mar 15 Fish Fry, 5-7 pm**
Stations of the Cross, 7:15 pm
- Mar 16 First Communion Pictures, 2 pm**
- Mar 17 Religious Ed Classes, 9 am**
Mass, 10:30 am
Mass, 12 pm (Spanish)
- Mar 17-19 Lenten Mission**
St Luke's -Mar 17, 4-8:30 pm
Mary Help -Mar 18, 4-8:30 pm
St Brigid - Mar 19, 4-8:30 pm
- Mar 21 SH Families Meeting, 7 pm**
- Mar 25 Blood Drive, 12:30-6:30 pm**
- Mar 28 Mass of the Lord's Supper,**
7 pm (bilingual)
- Mar 29 Celebration of the Lord's**
Passion, 7 pm (bilingual)
- Mar 30 Decorate Church for Easter**
Easter Vigil, 9 pm (St. Luke)
- Mar 31 Easter Sunday**
No RE Classes
- Apr 2 Sacred Heart Ladies Club, 7 pm**



Proximos eventos

- Marzo 16 Dia de Fotos y Practica Para**
candidatos de Primera
Comunion 2:00 pm
- Marzo 17-19 Misión de Cuaresma**
- Marzo 24 Domingo de Ramos Mass**
12 pm español
- Marzo 28 Jueves Santo**
- Marzo 29 Viernes Santo, 7 pm**
- Marzo 31 Domingo de Pascua**
Misa 12:00 pm español

Stations of the Cross

March 15 & 22, 2024
7:15 pm in the Church

Día de Fotos y Práctica para
candidatos de la Primera Comunión

Sabado 16 de Marzo
En la Iglesia Sagrado Corazón
a las 2:00 P.M.

Por favor vestirse con su ropa de Primera
Comunion para la fotos!

Les recordamos que el día de fotos y práctica para los candidatos de Primera Comunión será el día 16 de Marzo a las 2:00 pm en la Iglesia Sagrado Corazón. No será necesario llenar una forma ese día. Una semana después se les entregará una memoria y una forma para que puedan ver las fotos en la computadora o televisión de su casa y decidir cuales fotos desean comprar. Si tienen preguntas por favor hablen con Luz María Perez.

Easter Flower Donations

To make a donation for flowers to beautify the sanctuary for the Easter Season in memory of a loved ones or just to give thanks to God for all he has done, please place your offering in an envelope marked "Easter Flowers" along with the name of the person(s) you wish remembered and put it in the collection basket or drop off at the parish office. The donation list with the remembrance will be published after Easter.

FOR GOD SO
LOVED THE WORLD

THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, SO THAT EVERYONE WHO BELIEVES
IN HIM MIGHT NOT PERISH BUT MIGHT HAVE ETERNAL LIFE.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
MISIÓN CUARESIMAL
2024

MARZO 17
Iglesia San Joaquin

MARZO 18
Iglesia Maria Auxiliadora de San Joaquin

MARZO 19
Iglesia Santa Brigid

Horario de cada Noche:
Español: 7:00pm - 8:30pm
Sacramento de Reconciliación: 7:00-8:00pm
*Cena: 2-6:15 pm
**Cuidado de Niños: 6:15-8 pm (Pádelas y Inocencia Tallar)
*Programa para Niños: 8:15-9 pm (Dulces y Caramelos)
Misa con adoración a las Virgenes: 8:30 pm
Viernes: 6:35-6:55 pm
Padre Nathan Cromley: 7-8 pm
Barridos: 8-8:30 pm

Les recordamos que este año la Misión Cuaresmal será los días 17, 18 y 19 de Marzo. Para más información ver el poster y escanear el código QR para registrarse ó llamar a la oficina parroquial al 937-845-3121.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL
SAMPSON PARISH
LENTEN MISSION
2024

MARCH 17
Saint Luke Church

MARCH 18
Mary Help of
Christians Church

MARCH 19
Saint Brigid Church

Featuring
FR. NATHAN CROMLEY
*His voice and authority know
spiritual truth, reveal hidden aspects
of our faith and culture.*

See the link at the top or scan the QR code to see the menu items. An RSVP by March 14 via the QR link (adding your contribution) is needed for all-standing (or flowers and children's admission).

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Contributions for February 25, 2024

	Weekly	YTD	Over/Short
Weekly Sunday & Holy Days	\$3,320	\$156,109	(7,866)
Weekly Maintenance	235	\$12,006	(6,439)
All Other Weekly	134	\$12,880	7,000
Total Revenue	\$3,689	\$188,300	(7,305)
BCU Food Pantry	\$320	St Vincent de Paul	\$589
Replace stolen items	\$944		



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4 de marzo de 2024

Mis queridos hermanos y hermanas en Cristo,

No hay duda de que vivimos en tiempos polarizados. Prácticamente todos los temas parecen ser alimento de la división política. En tiempos como estos, nuestra fe católica puede ser puesta a prueba aún más intensamente de lo habitual, especialmente cuando nuestra fe choca con las políticas públicas. Por supuesto, la enseñanza católica no es sólo para los Estados Unidos en el siglo XXI; sino es universal y duradero. Cuando nos esforzamos por vivir nuestra fe católica y buscar el bien común, nuestro trabajo puede ser elogiado o atacado... y a veces ambas cosas al mismo tiempo.

Experimentamos esta dinámica regularmente en nuestra defensa de las madres embarazadas necesitadas y los bebés no nacidos, por ejemplo. Ahora, nos enfrentamos a una reacción fuerte en línea e incluso en algunos medios de comunicación tradicionales por nuestro cuidado de nuestros hermanos y hermanas migrantes que, como todos las demás personas en nuestras comunidades, son hijos de Dios.

Nuestra nación tiene un sistema de inmigración roto. Las políticas migratorias y fronterizas de nuestra nación nos han fallado. Durante décadas, los obispos católicos estadounidenses hemos instado al Congreso y a las administraciones de ambos partidos políticos a renovar las leyes y los procesos de inmigración de una manera que restablezca el orden y promueva la dignidad humana. Para ser claro, esto **no** significa que aprobamos la inmigración ilegal o que abogamos a favor de fronteras abiertas. Sin embargo, en medio de un sistema roto y un mundo quebrantado, **sí** abogamos siempre a favor de la dignidad otorgada por Dios a cada persona.

Como fieles católicos, tenemos la responsabilidad de discernir cuidadosamente entre las narrativas provocativas y la verdad de las obras de la Iglesia con los migrantes y refugiados necesitados. La cosificación de cualquier ser humano o conjunto de seres humanos no está en consonancia con el mandamiento de amarnos unos a otros.

A través de nuestras parroquias, escuelas y agencias de servicios sociales en las que se encuentran los migrantes, la Iglesia nos brinda la oportunidad de dejar atrás las agendas políticas y ofrecer la bondad de las interacciones humanas básicas inspiradas por la fe y la caridad que provienen de Dios. Cualquiera de los miles de voluntarios y colaboradores que ayudan a hacer posible nuestro trabajo humanitario puede dar fe de la gran bendición que esto les ha brindado a sus propios caminos de fe y a nuestras comunidades. Trabajar con migrantes y refugiados es una manera maravillosa de poner nuestra fe católica en acción, tal como lo es servir a cualquier otra persona necesitada.

Los tipos de servicios a los que los inmigrantes tienen derecho varían mucho según su situación migratoria. Al brindar apoyo a los migrantes y refugiados, es importante aclarar lo que la Iglesia hace y lo que no hace, especialmente a través de nuestras agencias caritativas locales, Caridades Católicas del Suroeste de Ohio y Servicios Sociales Católicos del Valle de Miami.

RADIATE CHRIST

- Brindamos asistencia humanitaria a **cualquier persona** quién entra por nuestras puertas si tenemos un servicio para ellos. Esto puede implicar asistencia alimentaria, gestión de casos y asesoramiento sobre salud mental, todo ello apoyado a través de filantropía privada.
- No ayudamos ni asistimos en ninguna entrada no autorizada a los Estados Unidos.
- Ofrecemos reasentamiento legal de refugiados. Este programa federal, que existe desde hace más de 40 años, se asocia con agencias locales para reasentar a aquellos que han sido identificados por las Naciones Unidas y examinados minuciosamente por el gobierno de Estados Unidos. “Refugiado” es una designación formal otorgada a una minoría de inmigrantes estadounidenses que han demostrado un temor fundado de persecución por su raza, religión, nacionalidad, opinión política o pertenencia a un grupo social en particular. Cuando un refugiado califica para el reasentamiento permanente, se establece a través de múltiples agencias federales que no puede regresar a su país de origen y que no representa una amenaza para nuestra seguridad nacional. Nuestras agencias reciben de manera transparente fondos federales y locales para ayudar en este trabajo.
- Brindamos servicios de gestión de casos a menores no acompañados para garantizar que estén seguros y no sean víctimas de explotación ni trata de personas. Los menores de edad que reciben estos servicios son colocados en nuestra área por el gobierno federal y no tenemos ningún papel en traerlos aquí. Se asignan sus casos a nuestras Caridades Católicas y también reciben fondos federales para ayudar en este trabajo.

Si tienen alguna inquietud sobre las leyes o prácticas de inmigración, comuníquense con sus representantes gubernamentales. Pero recuerden siempre su llamado más profundo como cristianos: “Les aseguro que cada vez que lo hicieron con el más pequeño de mis hermanos, lo hicieron conmigo” (Mateo 25:40).

Sinceramente suyo en Cristo,



Reverendísimo Dennis M. Schnurr
Arzobispo de Cincinnati

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PD: Si desean obtener más información sobre este tema, consulten los siguientes recursos:

- Caridades Católicas del suroeste de Ohio, [“Preguntas frecuentes \(FAQ\) sobre Caridades Católicas e Inmigración”](#)
- Catholic Charities USA, [“FAQ’s on Our Service to Immigrants”](#) [Preguntas frecuentes sobre nuestro servicio a los inmigrantes]
- Conferencia de Obispos Católicos de Estados Unidos, [Campaña Justicia para los Inmigrantes](#)

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March 24 Bulletin: **due March 13**

March 31 Bulletin: **due March 20**

April 7 Bulletin: **due March 27**

April 14 Bulletin: **due April 3**

PRAY FOR US

Please pray for Carolyn Huey,
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, March 10

+Mary Jenkins (Lauretta Donley)

Wednesday, March 13

+Carmelo & Maria Ricciardi

(Josephine Dunphy)

Thursday, March 14

+Robert Darrow

(Ruth Darrow & Family)

Friday, March 15

+Rebecca Wilson

(Kathy Schopmeyer)

Sunday, March 17

+William Scaramuzza

(Scaramuzza Family)

MARCH 17 SCHEDULE

SACRISTAN: Patty Alexander

USHER: Richard & Tami Whalen

SERVERS: Matthew & Daniel Williams,

Cassie Ditmer

LECTOR: Maggie Heston

EMHC: Vickie Hoomes

STATIONS TO INCLUDE SOUP & BREAD NIGHT

Stations of the Cross is scheduled for 6 p.m. Fridays, with a a soup dinner following the final Stations devotion on **March 22**. We will provide the soup; you can bring bread or dessert. Please sign up in the undercroft so we know how much soup to make. We hope you can join us!

EASTER CLEANING

Every year before Easter, we clean the church before decorating it with beautiful Easter flowers. The cleaning will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, **March 30**. Someone will be there all morning, so drop by any time to lend some help.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Can I think of a time in my life when I didn't recognize Jesus?

How patient am I when I am praying?

Who in my life is feeling hopelessness and despair? How can I help?

EASTER FLOWERS

Donations are being accepted for the cost of the Easter Flowers. Please put your donation in an envelope marked "Easter Flower Offering." Clearly print the names of your loved ones and place the envelope in the collection box.

DONUTS & FELLOWSHIP TODAY

Join us today in the undercroft for coffee, donuts, and fellowship following Mass.

FINAL VIRTUE DISCUSSION

The Cardinal Virtue series is scheduled to conclude with a final discussion from 10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m. next Sunday (March 17).

FRIDAY LUNCHEON

The next luncheon will be held in April. Please take this time to focus on Lent.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

Liturgical ministry is an excellent opportunity to fulfill your baptismal call of service to one another. Our liturgies utilize the talents and gifts God has fully given this community. Whether participation is through "behind-the-scenes" preparation and planning, or through a public role of service within the Mass, parishioner contributions help our liturgies to be truly life-giving celebrations. Please prayerfully consider joining one of these ministries: Alter Server, Lector, Usher, or Greeter.

If you are interested in a liturgical ministry, or want more information, call, or text Kathy Sanders at 937-272-0413.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Financial support information for Feb. 25 was not available at the time of bulletin publication. Look in next week's bulletin for updated financial information.

Setting up regular and recurring payments directly to St. Paul 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 the church mailing address listed at the top left of the page. **Online donations** can be made after clicking on "DONATE" at the top of church homepage (listed at top right of page). Please note online donations are managed through PayPal and incur a 2.5 percent fee per transaction.

SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH

MASS

Sunday, March 10

+Bob Knecht (Kendra Knecht)

Sunday, March 17

+Germann Family

(Willie and Cindy Germann)

March 17 Schedule

LECTOR: E. Miller

SERVERS: Je. Hoke, J. Beatty

COLLECTIONS

February 25: \$537

ROSARY

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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS & MEATLESS SUPPER

Thanks to the PSR students for leading Stations of the Cross last Friday. Thanks to the PSR parents for providing the delicious soups and grilled cheese for the meatless supper and to all the others who brought salads and desserts to share.

HOLINESS IS WHOLENESS

BODY: Be alert whenever you get behind the wheel.

MIND: Trust your intuition.

SPIRIT: Give a donation to charity.

PSR CLASSES

PSR classes will meet after Mass today in the church hall. Additional classes are 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.

VESPER SERVICE TUESDAY

There will be a Lenten Vesper Service **March 12** at 6 p.m. Please plan to attend.

LADIES LUNCHEON THURSDAY

The St. Augustine Church Ladies will hold a lunch outing at 12:30 p.m. on March 14, at Red Lobster in Beavercreek. Carpools will leave the church at 11:45 a.m. Please sign the sheet in the back of the church if you plan to attend.

SENIOR CENTER, LUNCHEON TUESDAY

The Jamestown Senior Center is open. Bingo is on Friday from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. Euchre is on Tuesdays with limited seating. Reservations are necessary. Call Tim Brickey at **937-376-5486, xt. 125**, for reservations and/or information. Seniors 50 and older are invited to the next luncheon at the Center scheduled for **March 12**. Reservations are required.

JAMESTOWN FOOD PANTRY

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.– noon. No appointment is needed for Saturdays. 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.

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Denny Goodrich, Maintenance



PRAY FOR US

Please keep the following in your prayers: Robert Sherlock, Robert Gifford, Lisa Mitchell, Cathy Claypool, Noel Ebert, Joan Ward, Mr. and Mrs. JC Ford, Bailey Brickner, 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, Patrick Huri, Geneva Hommsteuter, Erin Sanderson, Al Elam, Jerry Pack, Kathleen Evans, Kolston Edwards, Dennis Donovan, Ron Harvey, Tyler Jaworski, Joseph Firestone, Madelyn Machen, and Bud Hayward

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

What's Your Catholic IQ

1) Catholics can get married during Lent.

True/False

2) We abstain from _____ on Fridays during Lent.

a) salt b) meat c) ice cream d) candy

See answers on page 14

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Welcome,

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

Luann Starbuck, Dr. Lee & Delores Esprit, Waylan Quigley, Jerry Moeggenberg, Cathi Sargent, Richard Downing, Nancy Tucker, 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 Brockert, Jeff McBride,

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 9
+James Patten (Baxley Family)

Sunday, March 10
+Daniel Natzke
(Baxley Family)

Tuesday, March 12
+John Zaino
(Jim Dicarlo)

Wednesday, March 13
+Vicente Manzon
(Garcia Family)

Thursday, March 14
+John Tkacik
(Ron & Susan Yakkell)

Friday, March 15
+Rosann Young
(Baxley Family)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 16
Lector: Margene Robinson
Servers: Rolando Nshimiyimana,
Garrett Hollon, Cassidy Peters
EMHC: Dennis Kall,
Mike Rotterman, Stephen Berent

Sunday, March 17
Lector: Tom Pestak
Servers: JohnPaul Wilson,
Jacob Park, Nathalie Matumaini
EMHC: Deacon Mark Danis,
Gerry Harp, Keith Gruhot

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST FRIDAY SIGNUP ONLINE OPTION

We now have an easy way to sign up for First Friday Adoration! An online option is available using SignUpGenius via the QR code on the right, a link listed on the right side of the **St. Brigid website** homepage, or the web address below (clickable if reading digitally). A signup sheet will still remain on the table in the church as well.

signupgenius.com/go/60B0E49ACA723AB-FA7-48350176-first#/



First Friday Sign Up



The deadline to take part in St. Brigid PIE's annual flower sale is **Wednesday (March 13)**. School parents should have received an email with ordering instructions. Anyone else wishing to support PIE can order flowers with this QR and entering order code **1FCD20**. Flowers will be delivered on May 11, just in time for Mother's Day! Call 937-329-0700 with any questions or concerns.



THIS WEEK

Sunday, March 10

- PSR in School 8:15 a.m.
- Fellowship Sunday & KofC Pancakes in School 10:30 a.m.
- Boy Scouts in Library 4:30 p.m.

Monday, March 11

- Adult Faith Formation in Lunchroom 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 12

- Scripture Study in Library 6:30 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal in Church 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 13

- Marian Prayers in Chapel 1 p.m.

Thursday, March 14

- Confirmation Rehearsal in Church 6 p.m.
- Stations of the Cross in Chapel 7 p.m.

Friday, March 15

- Eucharistic Exposition 8:30 a.m.
- Confession in Church 8:30 a.m.
- Benediction 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, March 16

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

Sunday, March 17

- No PSR
- Confirmation in Church 2 p.m.



175TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

2024 marks 175 years that St. Brigid Parish has been an active part of the Xenia community and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. In the vestibule, before and after Mass through March 24, members of the 175th Anniversary Committee will distribute a save-the-date handout explaining an Anniversary Mass with the archbishop, followed by brunch, here on June 9.

The handout will also have information about a catered gala dinner in our PAC on Sept. 28. A beautiful booklet highlighting our history over the past 25 years will be available to purchase for \$5.

ST. BRIGID BLOOD DRIVE BIG SUCCESS

Solvita, the organizer of the the blood drive at St. Brigid on Feb. 26, reported that 104% of the drive goal was met. The next drive at St. Brigid is scheduled for June 24 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Appointments are preferred via the below link or calling 937-461-3220. www.donortime.com

5K WALK/RUN

Save the date! The St. Brigid 5k Walk/Run will be Saturday, **April 27!**

SECOND MASS ADDED FOR EASTER

Two Masses are scheduled for Easter Sunday, the first at 9:30 a.m. and the second at 11 a.m.

K-8 TRACK & FIELD REGISTRATION OPEN

The East Catholic Striders' CYO (3rd-8th grads) track and field team is open to St. Brigid and St. Luke students and parishioners through April 17.

The Striders' popular juniors program for kindergarten through 2nd grade is open to all interested families through April 30. All practices are at Archbishop Carroll High School. Visit the below link for registration and other information.

www.patriotyouthathletics.com

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross is scheduled for Thursdays during Lent at 7 p.m.

FINANCIAL CORRECTION

The Lenten Almsgiving collection for St. Vincent de Paul was incorrectly listed in the previous bulletin. The correct collection amount is \$3,221.41.

ST. BRIGID FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH MARCH 3 (WEEK 36)

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:

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Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Collections Goal	\$680,000.00
Collections To Date	\$484,115.52
Amount Left to Reach Goal	\$195,884.48
Week 36 Collection	\$10,789.99
ACH - Monthly	\$3,858.00
WeShare - Monthly	\$2,971.70
PayPal - Monthly	\$548.20
Total	\$18,167.89
Week 36 Special Collections	
Good Friday	\$30.00
Tuition Assistance	\$80.00
Ash Wednesday	\$6.00
Easter Flowers	\$230.00
SVDP	\$45.00
Maintenance Fund	\$620.00
Almsgiving (Habitat for Humanity)	\$1,525.00

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March 24 Bulletin: **due March 12**
March 31 Bulletin: **due March 19**
April 7 Bulletin: **due March 26**
April 14 Bulletin: **due Apr. 2**
(due dates usually fall on Tuesdays)

Welcome 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

KofC LENTEN FAMILY FISH DINNER **FRIDAY**

The Beavercreek Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a fish dinner in the Parish Center on March 15 from 5:15 to 6:45 p.m. Dinner will include haddock, sides, beverages, and desserts. Cost is \$15 (Adults), \$6 (Children under 12), Free (Children under 3), and \$30 (Family Max).

PTO ROARING RECEPTION & SILENT AUCTION TICKETS

Tickets and details for St. Luke PTO's Roaring Reception & Silent Auction on April 20 are now available online by visiting: onecause/stlukesilentauktion2024

In-person tickets must be purchased by April 12. Funds raised will support school needs & students through STREAM programs like Robotics for the 2024-25 school year and beyond. We still need sponsors and donated auction items, which should be sent to the St. Luke School office no later than April 11. Thank you for your support!

LENT VESPERS

All are invited to join in praying Vespers on Sunday evenings during Lent. The call and response prayer style of prayer integrates the Psalms with the Christian mystery in a beautiful, communal, and participatory way. Experience and pray Vespers with us every Sunday evening in Lent at 6:30 p.m. in the Church. Everything you need to pray with us will be provided. "Listen to us, O Lord, and have mercy, for we have sinned against you."

ELIZABETH NEW LIFE CENTER ALMSGIVING

Next weekend's almsgiving collection will be in support of ENLC efforts to empower individuals and families to choose life through intervention, education, and support services. Please prayerfully consider supporting this organization.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

The Stations of the Cross are one of St. Francis of Assisi's gifts to the Church. Through them, he invited all Christians to make a mini-pilgrimage and walk the Way of the Cross. We invite you to join us **Fridays at 7 p.m. during Lent** as we take this opportunity to reflect on the suffering and death Jesus' endured for you.

Join us this Friday as we pray through fourteen of the pivotal moments during Jesus' Passion. "We adore you o Christ and praise you. Because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world."

PALM COLLECTION

A palm collection basket is located in Kramer Hall and Jansen Center for anyone wishing to return last year's palms. The palms will be collected for burning after Easter.

SAINT MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us Tuesday, March 26, at 7 p.m. in Kramer Hall for our monthly Saint movie, featuring St. Andre Bissette. All are welcome.

2024-2025 SCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN

Registration is now open for the 2024-2025 school year for PreKindergarten - Eighth Grade. If you have a new incoming student, please be sure to register them as soon as possible. Current students are automatically re-enrolled for the new school year. Saint Luke School is an EdChoice provider, which means every student is eligible for a state sponsored scholarship of at least \$650. We would love to hear from you to discuss how we can assist you in the spiritual and academic development of your student. You can call the school office at **937-426-8551** with any questions or to schedule a personal tour. Thank you for choosing Saint Luke School for your child's Catholic Education.

40 HOURS DEVOTION SIGN UP

Go deeper in your prayer life and unite with Christ by spending time in Eucharistic Adoration, held in St. Dominic Chapel, after the 8:30 a.m. Mass on Friday, **March 22**, continuing until Benediction at 7 a.m. Sunday, **March 24**. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be recited on Friday at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m., and on Saturday at 3 p.m., and 6:45 p.m. The Blessed Sacrament will be temporarily reposed 4:30 – 6:40 p.m. on Saturday during Mass. Please stop by Kramer Hall March 16-17 after Mass to sign up or visit:

<http://www.tinyurl.com/40Hours2024>

EASTER MEMORIAL PLANTS

Remember a loved one while helping to decorate the church for the Easter Season. Memorial plants can be requested with a suggested \$15 donation by calling with the parish office at 937-426-1733, xt. 6201, **no later than March 15**.

SPRING PLANT FUNDRAISER

The school is hosting a Spring Plant Sale during the month through March 19. Orders can be placed online (link below) or by picking up an order form from the church or school offices.

<https://www.fundraiseit.org>
Websale# 1FF81A

LEISURE CLUB TO FEATURE YOUTH CHOIR TUESDAY

Join us March 12 for an afternoon of fellowship and the musical stylings of the St. Luke School Youth Choir, starting at 1:30 p.m. in Bishop Ford Hall. Please bring a dish to share. *(Event will cancel if school closes for inclement weather).*

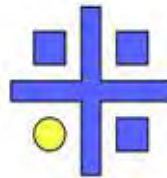
LENTEN BLOOD DRIVE: GIVE YOURSELF

One pint of blood can save up to three lives! Donate blood **March 16** from 9 a.m. to noon in the Parish Center (school cafeteria). Eligibility information can be found at www.solvita.org/blood-donation/blood-donation-requirements.

You can sign up by calling 937-461-3220 or at www.donortime.com. Contact Diana Agpaoa at 937-838-4208 with questions. Walk-ins are welcome if space is available.

FACILITY RESERVATION FORMS

Scheduling forms for events taking place from July 2024 to June 2025 will be emailed to St. Luke organization contacts beginning in March 2024. As a reminder, parish and school events take priority.



ADORATION

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS at 9 A.M. Vespers-6 p.m., Benediction-6:30 p.m. Scan this QR code to sign up, or go to: www.tinyurl.com/March2024Adoration



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 9
+Shirley Mancz (Anonymous)

Sunday, March 10
8 a.m. Mass:
+Priscilla Bolhayon (Juvy Khouzam)
10 a.m. Mass:
+Toni Howe (Schumann)
(Marilyn Raeth)

Monday, March 11
+Liz Thaman (Anonymous)

Tuesday, March 12
+Cathy Dreyer
(The Gooding Family)

Wednesday, March 13
+John Guiliano
(GUILIANO Family)

Thursday, March 14
+Mark Ahles
(wife, Debbie & daughter Rose Ahles)

Friday, March 15
+Christine Volz
(Cousin)

ON THE CALENDAR

KofC Lenten Fish Fry Dinner
Mar 15
5:15-6:45 p.m. in Parish Center

Fair Trade Booth
Mar 16-17
After Mass in Kramer Hall

Latin Class with Father Lee
**Weekly classes are paused until after Lent.*

Archbishop Carroll High School Fish Fry/St. Pat's Fest
March 8-9

Lenten Pietra Fitness Series
Tuesday's & Thursday's
6:30 p.m. in Gilligan Hall
Lenten Stations of the Cross

Friday's, 7 p.m. in Sanctuary

Lenten Vespers
Sundays, 6:30 p.m. in Sanctuary

Chaminade Julienne H. S. Fish Fry
March 16, 6-11 p.m.

STMA Family Lenten Mission
March 17-19
(St. Luke hosts March 17, at MHC March 18, at St. Brigid March 19)

St. Luke School PTO Roaring Raffle & Silent Auction
April 20
Walnut Grove Country Club

St. Luke Vacation Bible School
June 3-7

FINANCIAL SUPPORT THRU 2/18 (WEEK 34)

Weekend Total	\$35,009.21
Yearly Total	\$971,559.11
Holy Day Total	\$54,235.65
Regular and Holy Days	
Total	\$1,025,794.76
Budgeted	
Each Weekend	\$29,614.08
Total thru Week 34	\$1,006,878.72
Non-Parish Collection(s)	
St. Vincent	\$20.00
Eastern Europe	\$5,550.50
St. Vincent Almsgiving	\$2,003.00
Miscellaneous Collection(s)	
School Ministry Collection	\$6,573.00

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SMAFP STATIONS OF THE CROSS SCHEDULE

Mary, Help: Fridays 7 p.m.
Sacred Heart: Fridays 7:15 p.m.
St. Brigid: Thursdays 7 p.m.
St. Luke: Fridays 7 p.m.
St. Paul: Fridays 6 p.m.



LENTEN ALMSGIVING NEXT WEEKEND

The almsgiving recipient for **March 16/17** is Elizabeth's New Life Center, a leader in promoting responsible sexual values and alternatives to abortion throughout Southwest Ohio. Without prejudice to religion, age, race, gender, marital status, or income level, ENLC assists thousands of individuals annually through our intervention, prevention, education, and support services. For 35 years, its focused on its mission to empower individuals and families to choose life by showing them the compassion and love of Christ in all that we say and do.

LENTEN SERIES SCHEDULE

Tomorrow (March 11): **The Mark of Lent w/ Fr. Bedel**
Week 5: Parish Mission w/ Fr. Nathan Cromly
Week 6 (March 25): FORMED Presents "Embraced in Mercy & Paschal Mystery"
**All sessions held in St. Brigid lunchroom at 7 p.m. except for week 5*

THIRD SCRUTINY NEXT WEEK

For the Fifth Sunday of Lent, select Masses will include a celebration of the Third Scrutiny. This ritual relies on the raising of Lazarus to draw attention to our death in sin. Through the sacraments, Jesus shares his very life with us and brings us to new life. Please consider making Confession a part of this Lent and pray for our Elect.

LENTEN MISSION MARCH 17-19

The SMAFP Family Lenten Mission kicks off at St. Luke on March 17, moves to Mary, Help of Christians on March 18, and then concludes at St. Brigid on March 19. This year's featured guest is Fr. Nathan Cromly, an Ohio native and nationally known speaker, writer, retreat leader, explorer, innovator, and educator. The schedule is the same for each night of the Mission with Fr. Cromly speaking each night.



An RSVP is needed by Wednesday (March 13) for anyone planning to attend any of the dinners or children's activities. Scan the QR code above or call your parish office to RSVP.

Visit daregreatthings.org for more information about Fr. Cromly.

FAMILY FEUD NIGHT TONIGHT

The theme for the March 10 SMAFP Youth Group Night is Family Feud Night. The Sunday evening meetings are 6-8 p.m. at St. Luke, featuring fellowship, fun, food, and faith, are open to all middle and high schoolers (grades 6-12). For more information, contact Becca Elrich via email belrich@saintlukeparish.org or 937-426-1733, xt. 6303.

CATHOLIC IQ ANSWERS FOR PAGE 9 QUESTIONS

- 1. True)** *However, some dioceses and parishes discourage weddings during Lent. Also, weddings are forbidden on Good Friday and Holy Saturday (see "Congregation for Divine Worship 1988 Circular Letter Concerning the Preparation and Celebration of the Easter Feasts" n. 61 and 75).*
- 2. b)** *We avoid eating meat on Fridays as a form of self-denial. Many use the money saved by eating simpler and less expensive meals to help those who are poor.*

40 HOURS DEVOTION

March 22-24

St. Dominic Chapel@St. Luke Parish

The Lord spent 40 days in the desert to prepare for his ministry, passion, and death. Join us as we give 40 hours to Jesus in anticipation of Holy Week, beginning 9 a.m. after Mass on Friday, March 22, and continuing until Benediction at 7 a.m. on Sunday, March 24.

All are welcome to sign up for an hour (or half hour) or more with our Lord Jesus using the QR code at right, the link below, or by calling your parish office. Note, those under 21 must be accompanied by an adult over 21 between 9 p.m. and 7 a.m.

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