PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK
Call the Parish Office:
• To request the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.
• When a parishioner is hospitalized
• Unable to attend Mass.

Our Extraordinary Ministers are available to visit the homebound and bring Communion to them.

RECONCILIATION
Wednesday, 6:00-6:30 p.m.
Saturday at 3:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. & Seasonal Services

MARRIAGE
Call the Parish Office at least 6 months prior to your wedding.

BAPTISM
Call the Parish Office

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Rosemary Kuhr, Office Manager
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.
Call the Parish Office to register or check out our website.

CURRENT PARISHIONERS
Moving? New email? Contact the Parish Office.

MASS SCHEDULE
Saturday ......4:30 p.m.
Sunday...........8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
Weekday & Holyday - See Bulletin

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We Love God. We Love Others. We Make Disciples.
Priest’s Mass Intentions

Monday, February 21
8:30 a.m. Doris Schindler / Jimmy & Jan

Tuesday, February 22, School Mass
8:30 a.m. Lois Wurzelbacher / Burke Family

Wednesday, February 23
8:30 a.m. Louie Burwinkel / Mom & Dad

Thursday, February 24
8:30 a.m. Bob & Dot McDonald / Becky Flesch

Friday, February 25
8:30 a.m. Bob Toepher / Schuler Family

Saturday, February 26
4:30 p.m. Gene Beaupree / Sue Tragesser

Sunday, February 27
8:30 a.m. Joan Moeves / Don & Mary Lou Veerkamp
11:00 a.m. For the Parish

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, February 26, 4:30 p.m. Mass
Servers: L. Collins, W. Meyer, N. McCroskey
Lectors: Kathy Re, Jim Zeisler
Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Middendorf, Bob Engel, Carolyn Engel, Annette Arzman

Sunday, February 27, 8:30 a.m. Mass
Servers: G. Mignery, L. Mignery, D. Harrell
Lectors: Bob Reynolds, Nancy Kautz
Eucharistic Ministers: Drew Wolterman, Rose Putnick, Lynn Kist, Bill Kist

Sunday, February 27, 11:00 a.m. Mass
Servers: A. Nichols, D. Vanden Eynden, A. Burke
Lectors: Jack Hart, Tim Lees
Eucharistic Ministers: Eileen Molulon, David Benkert, Michael Hayes, Michelle Burke

Stewardship

February 20, 2022
7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

“But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back…” (LUKE 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn’t change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

First and Second Honor Students from Moeller High School

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We extend our sincere sympathy to the families of:

Frank John Rieder

May God give them strength during this difficult time.
THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 21
8:30 a.m. Daily, Chapel
9:15 a.m. Adoration, Chapel
9:15 a.m. Martha’s Group, GS
7:00 p.m. Rosary, Chapel
7:00 p.m. Regnum Christi, Brides Room

Tuesday, February 22
8:00 a.m. Adoration, Chapel
8:30 a.m. School Mass, Church
7:00 p.m. End of Life Worship, GS

Wednesday, February 23
8:00 a.m. Adoration, Chapel
8:30 a.m. Daily Mass, Chapel
9:15 a.m. Women’s Bible Study, Chapel
6:00 p.m. Reconciliation, Chapel

Thursday, February 24
8:30 a.m. Daily Mass, Chapel
9:00 a.m. Joseph’s Group, YM Room
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday, February 25
6:30 a.m. Encounter with Christ, YM Room
8:30 p.m. Daily Mass, Chapel

Saturday, February 26
6:15 a.m. That Man Is You, GS
11:00 a.m. Legion of Mary, Brides Room
3:00 p.m. Reconciliation, Chapel
4:30 p.m. Mass, Church

Sunday, February 27
8:30 a.m. Mass, Church
9:45 a.m. RCIA, Chapel
9:45 a.m. Sunday School, Jr. High
11:00 a.m. Mass, Church

PREPARE TO HEAR GOD’S WORD

Readings for February 27, 2022
Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7/84
Praise no one before he speaks.

1 Corinthians 15:54-58
God gives us victory through our Lord Jesus Christ

From the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks

SECOND SUNDAY COLLECTION DATES

3/2 Ash Wednesday
4/15 Good Friday, Holy Land Shrines
5/1 Catholic Relief Services
5/29 SVDP
6/26 Holy Father’s Collection
7/31 SVDP
10/2 Respect Life Sunday
10/23 Mission Sunday
10/30 SVDP
11/6 Collection for Military Services
11/20 Catholic Campaign for Human Development
12/11 Retirement Fund for Religious

An announcement will be made after each Mass the week before as a reminder.

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2022?

Married couples celebrating a significant wedding anniversary (25, 40, 50, 60, 65, 70, 75) in 2022 are invited to request a congratulatory certificate from Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr. These certificates will be distributed here at ______ (parish) on ______ (date: choose a day after July 26th) at ______ (Mass time). Contact the Marriage & Family Evangelization team at aramirez@catholicaoc.org, or visit our website https://www.centerforthenevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources before June 15 to request your certificate.

Golden Anniversary Mass 2022
Married Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2022 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses:
August 13, 2022, 4:30 p.m.: Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton
Celebrant TBD

August 14, 2022, 11:00 a.m.: St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati
Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Celebrant
Visit our website at https://www.centerforthenevangelization.org/marriage-family/resources/wedding-anniversary-certificate-request before June 15 to complete the form to register for one of the Masses.
**Terri’s Tid-bits**

DID YOU KNOW we are collecting old palms? Bring your palms to church and place in the container by the Welcome Center. The palms will be burnt on Tuesday before Ash Wednesday, then the ashes are used on Ash Wednesday.

DID YOU KNOW the Create the Good Committee is collecting Easter items? The collection boxes are by the Welcome Center.

DID YOU KNOW the PA Food Pantry is in need of canned fruit, canned mixed vegetables, spaghetti sauce, men’s and women’s deodorant, bar soap and tampons? Items can be placed in the bins in the Gathering Space. Thank you for support of this important ministry.

**Vacation Bible School**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

Vacation Bible School 2022

All children ages 4 through 4th grade are invited to attend VBS at St. John’s the week of **July 18th - 22nd**. More information about registration will be available in the Spring.

**Interested in volunteering?** Contact Cathy Hale (cathyknueven@hotmail.com) or Tyler Castrucci (tcastrucci@stjohnsdr.org).

The parish staff and your Worship Commission warmly invite you to mark your calendars for three special Lenten events!

—2/22, 3/15, 3/22 (all are Tuesdays)
—7-pm in the Main Church at St. John the Baptist
—Bring the whole family! (suitable for children, not just adults)
—Fellowship and refreshments following each presentation

**Lenten Event #1: Shroud of Turin: The Possible Burial Cloth of Christ**

The Church doesn’t declare the Shroud of Turin a relic of Christ’s Crucifixion, but has left that up to science. Since being discovered, it has become the most examined ancient artifact in the world.

While exploring one of only 100 full-size photographic reproductions of the Shroud from the 1978 STURP investigation, we’ll explore what modern scientific evidence today tells us about the man in the Shroud, and what he experienced on the day of his crucifixion. Presented by Dave Staples, Instructor for School of Faith, and Mission Speaker on the Shroud of Turin.

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**Stewardship of Finance**

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**Shelterhouse**

The ShelterHouse team is looking for a family/group willing to serve dinner at a local shelter. If you are interested, please call Lisa Severt at 513-309-8067 for more details.
Gospel Reflection
By: Rob Sander


Do you allow the Gospel to reach you?

The teachings of the Gospel are radical and subversive, particularly to those who have wealth, status, and power. The reason Jesus attracted so many followers during His life is because His teachings undermined the culture of power and dominance of His time. Jesus did so against the ruling empire of the day which was Rome, and against the religious authority (elders, scribes, sadducees, etc.). The message of the Gospel is supposed to be the same today; however, we like to water it down, or gloss over it, and lose the main message and new way of being the Gospel calls us to. For me, it is largely because I tune out assuming I know the whole story, as I have been hearing it since I was a child. I know I am not alone in that. Many Christian people also dismiss major messages of the Gospel because it does not fit with the way they are living. There is always a need to convert and change as we make ready for the Kingdom of God. Too many Christians (including Catholics) are too comfortable with what the Gospel says. If we are really listening and taking the Gospel seriously, it should shake us out of our modus operandi, and lead us to encounter God in new ways.

Luke’s Gospel in particular, highlights the more radical, and new ways that Jesus calls us to live in. Today we hear about loving enemies and how to treat those who mistreat you. Jesus talks about judging and condemning others as well. Jesus was non-violent and teaches us to be non-violent. “Turn the other cheek” is not just an expression or a saying. In the ancient world if you turned the other cheek after being slapped by a religious “superior” in the ancient Jewish subculture, they literally would not strike you again. The left hand was considered unclean in that culture and by turning your face away from their right hand it took away their power over you. All of these other sayings in the Gospel reading have meaning that are relevant and subversive to the power structures of Jesus’ time. Jesus teaches us to use compassion, and non-violence rather than revenge and violence without excusing the mistreatment or sweeping it under the rug. It is our job to use the same ideas and apply them to our lives today. All people require compassion and sometimes it needs to be compassion applied in a creative and radical way. We are all sinners striving for happiness amidst our own imperfection, but when we choose understanding, mercy, and forgiveness over judgment and condemnation (including over those who have different beliefs or ideas than us), we liberate ourselves and others a little more.

I challenge you this week to find a radical message of compassion, understanding, mercy and non-violence in the upcoming week’s Gospel reading.

Do you respond to mistreatment with revenge, and evil or do you respond with compassion, mercy and understanding? Who in your life follows Jesus’ way of being subversive and radical in their conversion and that of the world around them? How can you make the Gospel relevant for you? How can you listen more deeply to what Jesus calls you into?

Cincinnati Catholic Alumni Club
Invites single Catholic men and women to a WINE TASTING, SUNDAY, February 27, 2-5pm, Purcell K of C Banquet Center, 3617 Glenmore Ave. Contact Larry at 513-520-1323, or Don at 513-574-8573

Natural Family Planning
New Onsite Class begins Monday, March 7, at 6:30 pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, Knights of Columbus Hall (Acree Hall), 5876 Veterans Way, Burlington, KY 41005. For more information, or to register for a class, go to www.ccli.org, or call 471-2000.
“Ask me anything!” Do you have a question about Catholicism? AMA is a weekly column where Pastoral Associate, Tyler Castrucci, answers your questions about the faith. Submit your question to tcastrucci@stjohnsdr.org

Question: What does the Church teach about forgiving others?

Answer: The famous Christian author C.S. Lewis once quipped that “Everyone says forgiveness is a lovely idea, until they have something to forgive.” I think we can all certainly relate to this concept in our own lives. The task of forgiveness becomes even more difficult in direct proportion to the number and severity of offenses committed. As is true of most questions of morality and righteousness, the best places for guidance to turn to are Sacred Scripture and the Magisterium of the Church. In Matthew’s Gospel, Jesus memorably speaks about the “binding and loosing” of sins: “If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother” (Matthew 18:15). Here we see Jesus telling His disciples that they should attempt to resolve any disputes directly with the offending party, in private. How rare this has become in an age of social media calumny and Twitter rants! Indeed, we can see some basis for the Church’s principle of “subsidiarity” which is the concept of allowing individuals to have prime responsibility in their affairs over the interference of higher-ups or the state (cf. Catechism of the Catholic Church 1894). Memorably, this passage of the Gospel culminates in Peter asking, “Lord, how often shall my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times? Jesus said to him, “I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven.” (Matthew 18:21-22).

Clearly, we are called to always forgive, regardless of severity or number of repeated offenses. Living a committed life as a missionary disciple of Christ is challenging, and the teaching to forgive always is one of the greatest examples of this. While the concept of forgiveness is certainly present in many other religions, including the ancient Judaism which Christianity is the fulfillment of, Jesus (as usual) heightens the stakes. He takes the teachings of the Old Law and makes them radically more demanding, cutting us to the heart. The Catechism beautifully states that “Love, like the Body of Christ, is indivisible; we cannot love the God we cannot see if we do not love the brother or sister we do see (CCC 2840). We can relate this idea to the Our Father, which we pray in every Mass. This central prayer of our faith, given to us by Jesus, has us asking God to forgive us our sins in the same manner that we should forgive others: totally and from the heart. God the Father is love, and therefore when He forgives us (as in the Sacrament of Reconciliation), He forgives us completely from His loving heart. Likewise, Jesus is teaching us to not just pay lip service to forgiveness, but to forgive from the heart and strive to be “perfect as (our) heavenly Father is perfect” (Matthew 5:48). So while it is “not in our power to not feel or forget an offense” (CCC 2843), when we become radically forgiving in our personal lives, we enter into deeper communion with each other and the Church as disciples of Christ.
2022 Fish Fry
March 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th
April 1st and 8th

4:30-7:30 PM
Drive-Thru ONLY

COME AND ENJOY FRIED COD, BAKED COD, FISH TACOS, NYPD PIZZA, BEER-BATTERED SHRIMP, POPCORN SHRIMP, CHEESE STICKS, HOMEMADE MAC AND CHEESE, BAKED POTATOES, GREEN BEANS

Proceeds go to St. John’s Help-A-Student Fund
Do you want to experience God’s love, power and presence? The Life in the Spirit Seminar is a life-transforming experience where you will discover Christ’s personal and unconditional love for YOU. Listen to dynamic teachings where you can encounter Christ personally and also experience the gifts of the Holy Spirit. This seminar will take place on 5 consecutive Wednesday evenings (March 23 - April 20) from 7 – 9 pm at St. Ignatius Parish in Loyola Hall, 5222 North Bend Rd., Cincinnati, Ohio 45247. For more info or to register, call Mary Ann at 513-378-4431 or Lighthouse Renewal Center at 513-471-5483. Visit our website at www.LRC1.org or on Facebook at www.facebook/lrc1.org.

**Library Spot**

Today we will take a look at another book of reflections. This week’s book is *Sauntering Through Scripture: A Book of Reflections* by Genevieve Glen, O.S.B. The Scriptural stories are familiar from hearing them many times and from reading and rereading them, yet Sister Genevieve helps us encounter them anew with a fresh new look. The physical book from the word “sauntering” in the title, and the cover (color, font, and white space), puts us in a relaxed mood ready to encounter the people and stories of the Bible in our own lives. Sister Genevieve’s reflections are well-written, engaging, and inspirational. Together we will encounter the transforming message and the mercy of God in Jesus Christ!

Cincinnati Right to Life is once again hosting the annual Heartbeats for Life 5K to support life in Greater Cincinnati. The culture of death is becoming stronger in the United States and Heartbeats for Life provides Pro-Life Cincinnati with an opportunity to meet like-minded individuals and support the incredible work of Cincinnati Right to Life. Please visit CincinnatiRightToLife.org to purchase tickets and find out more!

**Corpus Christi—Pre-Lenten Prayer Service**

Corpus Christi will host an evening of scripture, reflections, prayer and music in preparation for the season of Lent on Wednesday, February 23 at 7p.m. Bill Marshall and Deacon Larry will be our guides in an evening of new songs and reflections that allow us to remember the journey we have traveled and the one that lies ahead.

Part of the evening will be a candlelight procession as we remember and pray for the people who no longer journey with us on this side of heaven.

Mark your calendars… February 23 at 7p.m…. Corpus Christi Church.
Create the Good is BACK!!

On March 29th we invite the whole family for a fun night of service in the school gym from 7:00-8:00pm.

Create the Good is a way for us to reach out to our greater community. We collaborate with local charities, who are already responding to those in need, and support them with our time and goods.

This night is an opportunity to strengthen our St. John’s community.

We will be collecting items to make Easter Baskets for the children of Hope's Closet. We have done this the last 2 years and the families were so grateful.

We will need the following donations:
Easter buckets, girl & boy toys under $5, coloring books, crayons, markers, sidewalk chalk, playdoh, puzzles, bubbles, books for children, card games, $5 StarBucks, Amazon Gift Cards (for the teens), beach towels, LOTS of Pre-wrapped Easter candy or a monetary donation.

Please drop off donations in the back of church in the bins marked: Create the Good. Last day for drop off is Sunday, March 27, 2022. Thank you so much for your generosity!

Hope's Closet: Hope’s Closet exists to enrich the lives of families that are impacted by children’s services. They strive to build intentional relationships to restore broken families as they LOVE displaced children and their families, PROVIDE encouragement, support, and material needs, and INSPIRE hope in a loving God.

Any questions please feel free to contact: Jill Mignery: migsjill123@gmail.com, Suzi Roth: suzir1971@gmail.com, Lisa Severt: superwomanamg@gmail.com or Heather Smith: hbsmith35@gmail.com
We thank everyone who has participated in the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our generous gifts let us impact the stories of thousands through six important Catholic ministries right here in our archdiocese. Additionally, 50% of all pledges in excess of our parish goal will go to the support here in our parish, so please be as generous as you can. For more information or to donate online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!