

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

Family of Parishes



Jesus
was taken up into
heaven

May 12, 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

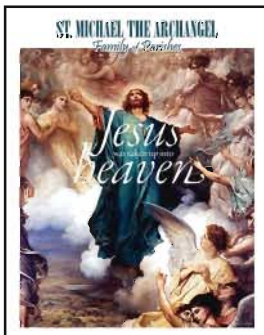
8:30 a.m. Latin N.O. Mass.....St. Luke
4 p.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
4:30 p.m.....St. Brigid
5:30 p.m.....St. Luke

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

May 12 is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord in SMAFP's Ecclesiastical Province.



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 the Evangelist** 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 of 2022 to be "Beacons of Light," an Archdiocese-wide, multi-year initiative to better array resources for spreading the Gospel far and wide. SMAFP staff are listed below and on subsequent pages dedicated to each church.

SACRAMENT RELATED CONTACTS

Communion

Please contact your parish office at the number below to request Communion outside of Mass.

Anointing of the Sick

Please contact your nearest parish office at the number below.

Baptism & Confirmation

Please contact your parish office at the number below.

Holy Orders

Please call your parish office at the number below to explore the possibility of a vocation to the ordained priesthood, diaconate, vowed religious life for women and men, or for information on lay

Matrimony

(& Declarations of Nullity)

Spencer Hargadon

Adult Faith Formation Coordinator
937-426-1733, xt.6304
shargadon@smafp.org

Becoming Catholic

Please contact Spencer Hargadon via the information above.

Parish Office Phone Numbers

Mary, Help of Christians
937-878-8353

St. Augustine, St. Brigid, & St. Paul
937-372-3193

Sacred Heart
937-845-3121

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937-426-1733, xt. 6201

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May 12, 2024

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

Beloved in Christ,

I learned this week that Archbishop Schnurr received a post-operation diagnosis of stage 3 small bowel cancer. His doctor noted that, generally speaking, the Archbishop's health is excellent, and that is certainly a source of optimism for the success of his pending treatment, including a regimen of chemotherapy over the next six months. Please keep Archbishop Schnurr in your prayers.

Please also keep Fr. Ambrose in your prayers this week as he is on retreat, as well as the seven men to be ordained priests for the Archdiocese next Saturday the 18th (more details on page 4). May they be humble servants of the Lord in their new ministries as they accept their first assignments.

Speaking of the newly ordained, our very own Fr. John Grusenmeyer will offer his first Solemn Mass of Thanksgiving at 3 p.m. at Sacred Heart in New Carlisle on May 19, the day after ordinations. All are welcome. Congratulations!

Finally, but certainly not least, thanks Mom! A very happy Mother's Day to all mothers!

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

Happy Ascension,

Fr. Bedel



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, May 13

Acts 19:1-8/Jn 16:29-33

Tuesday, May 14

Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

Wednesday, May 15

Acts 20:28-38/Jn 17:11b-19

Thursday, May 16

Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Jn 17:20-26

Friday, May 17

Acts 25:13b-21/Jn 21:15-19

Saturday, May 18

Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Jn 21:20-25

Sunday, May 19

Acts 2:1-11/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13/Jn 20:19-23

Sacred Heart parishioner to be ordained priest next week

The following is an excerpt from a Catholic Telegraph profile of seven men scheduled for ordination to the priesthood at Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains on **May 18 at 11 a.m.**, including Sacred Heart's own Deacon John Grusenmeyer.

Where are you from, your home parish, what's your family like, etc?

I grew up on the farm with my extended family in Miami County, near Tipp City. I loved being on the farm from the cows, to our pond and creek to play in, to being surrounded by my family. We still attend Sacred Heart in New Carlisle where I spent my whole life growing up in the choir with many of my family members. One of my favorite memories is the couple of years I was able to sing in the tenor section with my grandpa Jim. My father, Tony, farmed with his brothers, and my mom, Julie, was a choir teacher at Tecumseh High School for 30 years. I have one older brother, Andy, who has followed in our father's footsteps.

When did you first begin to discern your calling to the priesthood?

I am extraordinarily grateful for my time living in Saint Paul's Outreach while I attended college at The Ohio State University pursuing a degree in Agronomy. While living in this Catholic community I grew in my faith and deepened my relationship with Jesus. My senior year, I went on retreat in Minnesota and I remember thinking and praying a lot about what I would do post-graduation. My plan was to go back to the farm, grow all my own food, and raise a family, but to my surprise, by the end of the week I realized God



Deacon John Grusenmeyer

was asking me to look into religious life! Of course, at the time, I thought, "sure I will look into it," then go back to the farm. Yet, little by little my conviction grew as God continued calling and I took each step-in faith. I knew that, in the end, my joy and salvation lay in following God's will, which meant I needed to trust him in faith.

Who has been a mentor for you along the way?

First, my family has been a witness to the faith. My grandma Rita was a strong witness growing up. My parents also gave me a strong faith through their witness, especially my mother who offered her sufferings to the Lord through an aneurysm and the glioblastoma that took her life in 2012. Further in college, I thank many of the friends that I lived with in Saint Paul's Outreach who helped me to grow deeper in my faith life.

READ THE FULL PROFILE AT:
[thecatholictelegraph.com/
meet-john-grusenmeyer/95938](http://thecatholictelegraph.com/meet-john-grusenmeyer/95938)

EMHC'S TO BE RECOMMISSIONED JUNE 1-2

The feast of Corpus Christi is coming soon! ALL extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion - both those who help distribute at Mass and those who take Communion to the sick - need to be recommissioned at Mass the weekend of June 1-2.

The recommissioning will take place during all Masses that weekend. Those who would like to become an extraordinary minister, or would like a refresher and an opportunity to pray about the role, can come to one of three training sessions listed below. If unable to attend a Mass that weekend, please contact Fr. Ambrose at 937-878-8353 to arrange an alternative recommissioning.

TRAINING SESSIONS:

Tuesday, 5/28, 6 p.m. at Sacred Heart
Wednesday, 5/29, 6 p.m. at St. Luke
Saturday, 6/1, 10 a.m. at St. Brigid

KNIGHTS COLLECTING FLAGS FOR RETIREMENT

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Ford, Fourth Degree Assembly 2982, will be conducting a flag retirement ceremony 6 p.m. on June 14 at St. Luke's Bishop Ford Hall. Collection boxes will be at St. Paul, St. Brigid, and St. Luke until June 13 for parishioners who have flags they want retired. Flags may also be dropped off on the day of the retirement ceremony.

Everyone is welcome to come to the ceremony. There's plenty of parking and the building will be open if weather becomes a factor. This is a great opportunity for children to see how to properly pay respect to the flag.

Becoming Saints: A Vision Statement Reflection



By Fr. Matthew Lee,
Parochial Vicar

The vision statement for our family of parishes sets the bar high: we are all called to Sainthood.

This is the ultimate goal for every disciple of Christ, and while it may

seem rather lofty (because it is), it is most certainly attainable. The surest path to becoming the Saints we are all called to be is holiness.

Holiness is a fancy church term that boils down to one simple method: striving to grow ever closer to God every day,

striving to love God more every day, and striving to strengthen our relationship with God every day. It is a simple method because, by doing any of the three components of this method, we are in fact doing the other two components.

For example, if we are striving to grow closer to God, we do that by loving Him more and strengthening our relationship with Him. If we are striving to love God more, we do that by growing closer to God and strengthening our relationship with Him. If we are striving to strengthen our relationship with God, we do that by seeking to grow closer to Him and to love Him more.

As with so many Catholic concepts, all of these facets are related and sustain the others. By embracing the idea of becoming Saints via the methodology of holiness, we find ourselves more and more open to the mission Christ gives us (*Matthew 28:19-20*).

SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH

MASS

Sunday, May 12

+Helen, Elden and Steve Brock
(Ann Brock)

Sunday, May 19

+Schomak Family
(Donald & Janet Schomak Estate)

May 19 Schedule

LECTOR: D. Miller

SERVERS: Je. Hoke, Ca. Beatty

COLLECTIONS

April 28: \$1,182

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers for this week were furnished by Barbara Gallagher in honor of all St. Augustine mothers.

ROSARY

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

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 May 14. Reservations are required.

HELP NEEDED

Help is needed to plant flowers in the beds this spring and to weed and water throughout the growing season. If you are willing to help, please let Paula Goodrich or Carol Smith know. Dates will be arranged for planting and weeding and watering will be on an as-needed basis.

GRADUATE RECOGNITION

If you are graduating from high school or college this year, please let Carol Smith know as soon as possible.

HOLINESS IS WHOLENESS

BODY: : Swimming is a great low-impact, aerobic exercise.

MIND: Think of problems as opportunities for growth.

SPIRIT: Look for the greatness of God in ALL things.

VISION, COFFEE, & DONUTS NEXT SUNDAY

Plan to stay after Mass on May 19 for coffee and donuts in the church hall. Fr. Ambrose is scheduled to present the vision statement for our family of parishes.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

St. Augustine Church will be serving the Community Meal on Thursday, June 27. Help is needed with serving, clean up, and making homemade cookies. Watch for further details. Everyone is invited to the Jamestown United Methodist Church that evening for dinner and fellowship.

St. Augustine Church

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Carol Smith, Secretary/Organist

Della Weldel, DRE

Denny Goodrich, Maintenance



PRAY FOR US

Please keep the following in your prayers: Roger Schulze, John Brickner, Robert Sherlock, Robert Gifford, Lisa Mitchell, Cathy Claypool, Joan Ward, Cathy Ford, Tom Baudendistel, Father Charles Lang, Judy Hobbs, Ray Raffik, Ed Nienaber, Jennifer Reynolds, Mary Ellen Mergy, Tim Schomak, Heather Bonz, Sandy Coakley, Pat Staley, David Miller, Gene Robinson, Keith Lively, Mary Kaye Benenzer, Brian Steinmetz, Joe Hess, Catherine Sheridan, Janet Goff, James Burns, Patsy Stewart, Mike Cyphese, Nickie Sherwood, Curtis Love, Mike Wombles, Ann Marie Somers, Agnes Hausman, Linda Baker, Kathleen Kall, Marcy Wirsbinske, Robert Mergy, Vicki Sage, Autumn Neville, Noel Ebert, Cindy Hamilton, Marge Albrecht, Mary Buschur, Lauren Williams, John Harris, Lisa Everman, Becky Hlser, Diane Miller, Jane Morris, Heather Klingensmith, Geneva Hommsteuter, Kolston Edwards, Erin Sanderson, Patrick Huri, Al Elam, Jerry Pack, Kathleen Evans, Dennis Donovan, Ron Harvey, Tyler Jaworski, Joseph Firestone, and Madelyn Machen

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

What's Your Catholic IQ

1) Before he died on the cross, Jesus said to Mary: "Woman, behold your son" and then to the disciple John: "Behold, your _____."

a) sister b) friend c) aunt d) mother

2) Miraculous appearances of _____ made the towns of Fatima, Lourdes, Knock, and La Salette famous.

a) Mary b) Jesus c) the Pope d) Adam and Eve

ANSWERS: 1. d) St. John Paul II, following Church teaching, explained how Jesus made Mary the mother of all disciples; Christ gave us the gift of a mother, who thus becomes our mother too. 2. a) Throughout history Mary has continued to care for Christians through her intercessory prayer and occasionally by appearing around the world to call people to prayer and conversion.

MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Mary, Help of Christians Church

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Administrative Assistant: Julie Sewell
Business Manager: Patrick Morgan
Director of Music: Kristen Kosey
Maintenance: Eric Rogalinski

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RCIA: 937-878-8353

Religious Education: 937-830-8735

Music Director: 937-878-8092

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:

Please call the parish office
immediately after getting engaged to
begin required pre-nuptial preparation.

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 MAY 18-19

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** one
package of saltine or Ritz crackers.



SPEAK LIFE



CORPUS CHRISTI RECOMMISSIONING OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS



The feast of Corpus Christi is
coming soon! **ALL** extraordinary ministers
of Holy Communion - both those who help
distribute at Mass and those who take
Communion to the sick - need to be
recommissioned at Mass the weekend of
June 1st and 2nd. The recommissioning
will take place during all of our Masses
that weekend. **If you would like to
become an extraordinary minister, or
would like a refresher and an
opportunity to pray about the role, you
can come to one of our three training
sessions: Tuesday, 5/28, 6:00pm at
Sacred Heart, Wednesday, 5/29, 6:00pm
at St. Luke, Saturday, 6/1, 10:00am at
St. Brigid.** If you are unable to attend a
Mass that weekend, please contact Fr.
Ambrose to arrange an alternative
commissioning. **If you are interested in
becoming an Extraordinary Minister at
MHC please let us know after the
training so we can get you on the
schedule.**

CAUTION



Starting Monday, May
20th the front parking lot
will be getting resurfaced
and sealed. Both back gates will be
open for entrance and exit.

Please be careful!

JOY CLUB: Our next meeting is

Monday, June 10 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.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES AND GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS MARRIED COUPLES CELEBRATING A SIGNIFICANT WEDDING ANNIVERSARY



Silver 25th, 40th Golden 50th,
60th, 70th or 75th during 2024

You are invited to request a
congratulatory certificate from
Archbishop Schnurr. You should

contact the parish office @ 937- 878-8353
no later than July 12, 2024. For **"golden"**

couples, there will also be a Golden
Wedding Anniversary Mass on Saturday,
September 7, 2024 at St. John the Baptist,
Tipp City at 4:00 p.m. Celebrant: TBD. &
Sunday, September 8 at 11:00 a.m. at the
Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains,
Cincinnati. Celebrant: Archbishop Dennis
M. Schnurr. Certificates will be sent to
those who contact the parish office with
their information. Registration is required
to attend one of the Golden Jubilee
Wedding Anniversary Masses.

MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS FEAST DAY (MAY 24)



Our parish is under the
patronage of Mary, Help
of Christians. This year, on
the feast day (May 24), we
will host a Parish Feast
Day Celebration. Let us

celebrate the goodness that Mary, Help
of Christians has bestowed upon us for
over 160 years. We hope that many of
you from the whole family of parishes
can join us as we celebrate our Blessed
Mother with a Rosary, Mass, and a
reception! The Rosary will begin at
5:30p.m. in the church followed by
exposition at 6:00p.m., and mass at
7:00p.m. We will have some tasty finger
foods with a small sharing about our
wonderful parish! Please come join us
for a great night!

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

FESTIVAL FOOD DROP OFF:

To help defray some of the ever rising food expenses. We are asking for donations of specific food items needed for our Festival Booths again this year. Some of the booths use specific brand name items so please get that specific item. Each week we will have different items that are needed. **Week Four:**

Hidden Valley or Kraft Ranch & Kraft Zesty Italian dressing any size
10oz, 12oz Styrofoam cups with lids
Hot/Cold



Thank you in advance for your support in making this year's Festival a huge success. You can drop off your items at the Parish Office or at Church. We will have a blue bin marked **Festival Food Items located by the Bride's Room door.**

MEMORIAL DAY DECORATIONS AT OUR CEMETERY



With Memorial Day approaching, many of us will want to honor our loved ones with flowers and flags at their gravesites. Please remember that at our parish cemetery, decorations placed on loved one's gravesites for Memorial Day should be removed after a period of seven days. If you are unable to return to the cemetery to remove your items, the city will remove them for you (our cemetery is part of the Fairborn cemetery). Only the concrete pads/ledges may be used for pots and other decorative items, so as to reduce the city's mowing and trimming time. Thanks for helping us comply with the city's policies in order to keep our section of the cemetery looking nice. Blessings to all as we celebrate Memorial Day!

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, May 13.**

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, May 12th 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.

GARDEN BLESSING

"Let the earth Bless the Lord".



Daniel 3:74

Join us as we celebrate our beautiful MHC Parish Garden with a garden blessing on **Monday,**

May 20 after morning Mass on the Feast of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church. The Garden is located behind the Parish Center near the playground. All are welcome!!!



We wish all our mothers a happy and blessed Mother's Day!

Saturday, May 11-11:00 a.m.

St. Vincent de Paul Conference

Saturday, May 11-4:00 p.m.

Eugene & Alice O' Brien, off: Family

Sunday, May 12-8:30 a.m.

For the Parish

Monday, May 13-9:00 a.m.

John Maiorano, off: Carol Maiorano

Tuesday, May 14-9:00 a.m.

Chuck Gilbert, off: Ed & Joan Gulbransen

Saturday, May 18-4:00 p.m.

Michelle Laughner, off: Carol Maiorano

Sunday, May 19-8:30 a.m.

For the Parish

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

THRU 04/28/24

Regular Collection & Loose Cash & Envelopes	\$5,258.08
Capital Improvements	\$25.00
Total Collections For April 28, 2024	\$5,283.08

Church Renovation Project

Total Donations and Pledges as of
04/28/24 **\$153,761.45**

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

ASCENSION OF THE LORD



REMINDER: The parish office will be closed **Monday, May 27**, for the Memorial Day holiday and there will be a Mass Monday morning at 9:00 a.m.



A BABY ASKED GOD

A baby asked God, "They tell me you are sending me to earth tomorrow, but how am I going to live there being so small and helpless?"

God said, "Your angel will be waiting for you and will take care of you."

The child further inquired, "But tell me, here in heaven I don't have to do anything but sing and smile to be happy."

God said, "Your angel will sing for you and will also smile for you. And you will feel your angel's love and be very happy."

Again the child asked, "And how am I going to be able to understand when people talk to me if I don't know the language?"

God said, "Your angel will tell you the most beautiful and sweet words you will ever hear, and with much patience and care, your angel will teach you how to speak."

"And what am I going to do when I want to talk to you?"

God said, "Your angel will place your hands together and will teach you how to pray."

"Who will protect me?"

God said, "Your angel will defend you even if it means risking its life."

"But I will always be sad because I will not see you anymore."

God said, "Your angel will always talk to you about Me and will teach you the way to come back to Me, even though I will always be next to you."

At that moment there was much peace in Heaven, but voices from Earth could be heard and the child hurriedly asked, "God, if I am to leave now, please tell me my angel's name."

God said, "You will simply call her, "Mom."

In Honor of Our Mothers

ASCENSION

OF THE LORD



All you peoples, clap your hands; shout to God with joyful cries.
For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared,
the great king over all the earth.
Psalm 47:2-3

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St. Vincent de Paul Society
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Bulletin Submissions
bulletin@sacredheartnc.net
May 26 deadline is May 14
June 2 deadline is May 21

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, May 12, 10:30 a.m. Mass

Soul of Mary Skorczewski
(Barbara Harshbarger)

Sunday, Mayo 12, noon Mass

Alma de Salvador Negrete
(Irma Negrete)

Wednesday, May 15, 9 a.m. Mass

Soul of Robert Addeo
(Luz Maria Perez)

Thursday, May 16, 9 a.m. Mass

Soul of David Lee
(Carolyn Marth)

PRAYER REQUESTS

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



Adoration
of the
Blessed Sacrament

Tuesdays, 7 pm – 8 pm
Confession Available



First Mass and Reception for Father John Grusenmeyer

Deacon John Grusenmeyer will be ordained to the Priesthood on Saturday, May 18, at 11 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains in Cincinnati.

He will celebrate his first Mass at Sacred Heart on Sunday, May 19, at 3 p.m. All parishioners are invited to attend the Mass and celebrate his ordination at a reception in Father Paul Hall in the parish center.

Roast pork, dessert and beverages will be provided. Please bring a salad or vegetable dish to share. The meal will start at approximately 5 p.m. with light snacks available during the First Blessings and pictures after Mass.

Guest Book in Gathering Space

There is a guest book in the gathering space for you to write a personal message to Father John Grusenmeyer who will celebrate his first Mass as an ordained priest at Sacred Heart on Sunday, May 19 at 3 p.m.

Tradition of the First Mass

A new priest's first time presiding at Mass usually takes place at his home parish on the day after his ordination. It's often especially elaborate, because priest friends and mentors, seminary companions, and parish servers are eager to take part, and parishioners, family, and friends want to be present for the historic day.

First Blessings

After the ordination liturgy and the first Mass comes a uniquely Catholic custom: the reception of the new priest's first blessing. When a priest celebrates his First Mass, it is an opportunity for the faithful to gain an additional grace from receiving the first blessing of a newly ordained priest. First blessings are customarily given when first Masses are celebrated, but they may be given up to a full year after ordination.

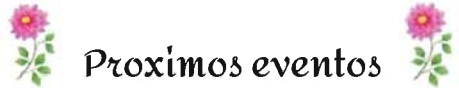
The faithful kneel to receive the blessing. Frequently upon receiving it, people will kiss the palms of the newly ordained priest in recognition of the sacred character of his priesthood and of the hands that now hold the Eucharist and confer the sacrament. It is a sign of reverence but is not a requirement.

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Upcoming Events

- May 14 Adoration and Confession, 7 pm**
- May 15 Mass, 9 am**
Coffee Klatsch, 9:45 am
- May 16 Mass, 9 am**
Patriotic Rosary, 9:30 am
- May 19 Mass, 10:30 am**
Mass, noon (Spanish)
Mass, Fr. John, 3 pm
First Mass Celebration, 5 pm
- May 20 Blood Drive, 12:30—6:30 pm**
- May 27 Memorial Day**
Parish Office closed
- May 29 Marian Celebration & Games**
- Jun 2 Rosary before Mass, 10 am**
- Jun 4 Sacred Heart Ladies Club, 7 pm**
- June 7 Sacred Heart Feast Day**
First Friday Mass, 9 am
Mass, 7 pm



Proximos eventos

- Mayo 14 Adoración al Santísimo Y Confesiones 7:00 pm**
- Mayo 19 Misas**
10:30 am inglés
12:00 pm español
3:00 pm inglés P. John



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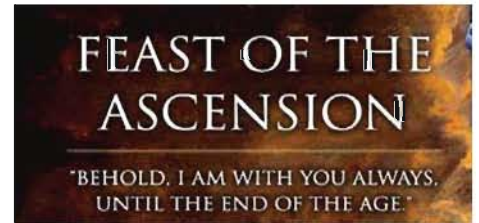


Después de decir esto, Jesús fue llevado al cielo. Mientras ellos lo miraban, una nube lo tapó y no lo volvieron a ver. Estando todavía con la vista fija en el cielo, dos hombres vestidos de blanco aparecieron junto a ellos y les dijeron: Galileos, ¿por qué se quedan mirando al cielo? Este mismo Jesús, que ha sido llevado al cielo, volverá de la misma manera que lo han visto irse. Hch 1:9-11



Baptisms

Congratulations
to Lucio & Vianney Avendaño-
Botello on the Baptism of their
daughter Keylani. Keylani
received the Sacrament of
Baptism on Saturday, May 11,
2024 at Sacred Heart.



FEAST OF THE ASCENSION

"BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS,
UNTIL THE END OF THE AGE."

Today's readings describe the Ascension of the Lord Jesus to his Heavenly glory after promising to send the Apostles the Holy Spirit as the source of Heavenly power and commanding them to bear witness to Him throughout the world. But the ascended Jesus is still with us because of His promise, "I am with you always; yes, to the end of time." He is with us at all times and in all places, releasing the energy of the Holy Spirit upon the earth.

The ten day period from Ascension Thursday through Pentecost Sunday represents the final stretch of the Easter season.

Many Catholics prepare for Pentecost by praying the Novena to the Holy Ghost, in which we ask for the gifts of the Holy Spirit and the fruits of the Holy Spirit. This novena can also be prayed at any time during the year, but it is traditionally prayed beginning on the Friday after Ascension Thursday and ending on the day before Pentecost Sunday to commemorate the original novena—the nine days that the apostles and the Blessed Virgin Mary spent in prayer after Christ's Ascension and before the descent of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost.

Our Lady of Fatima Sacred Heart Pilgrimage

We are hosting our traveling Our Lady of Fatima statue home pilgrimage from May 12 through October 13. A sign-up sheet is in the Gathering Space so you can sign up to take the statue home for a week. Each family will pick up the statue at Sunday Mass and return the statue before 10:30 Mass the following Sunday. We ask that you pray a Hail Mary, a decade or the whole rosary together at the beginning or end of the day. Books and resources accompany the statue.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Contributions for April 28, 2024

	Weekly	YTD	Over/Short
Weekly Sunday & Holy Days	\$3,735	\$196,828	(\$9,313)
Weekly Maintenance	910	15,896	(7,292)
All Other Weekly	25	14,296	6,904
Total Revenue	\$4,670	\$227,019	(9,701)
Holy Land Shrines	\$307	St Vincent de Paul	\$701
Catholic Relief Services	\$720		

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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

Ken Williams, Luann Starbuck, Dr. Lee & Delores Esprit, Waylan Quigley, Jim Langan, Jerry Moeggenberg, Cathi Sargent, Richard Downing, Nancy Tucker, Vi Thomas, Tina Gwin, Toni & Larry Charles, Lisa Hernandez, Jerry McCormick, Tyler Foster, Mary Ross, John Garrity, Louise Marshall, Daniel Mayer, Ann Reed, Pearl Roberts, Kerry Wiersma, Brian Neville, Kiersten McCormick, Rita McCormick, Paula Myers, Keenan McCormick, Jeff Brockert, Jeff McBride, Michael Lewis Mustano, Sr.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 11
+Ralph Vieson (Vieson Family)

Sunday, May 12
+David Root, Kris Lewis, Kay & John Hatfield (Family)

Tuesday, May 14
+Roberta Berman
(Greg & Jessica Baxley)

Wednesday, May 15
+John Zaino
(John, Marie & Alex Mortacia)

Thursday, May 16
+Charlene Wolff (Ken & Mary Williams)

Friday, May 17
+Dr. & Mrs. N.J. Birkbeck
(Tom Birkbeck)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, May 18
Lector: Mary Williams
Servers: Cooper Chamberlin,
Lily Chamberlin, Need volunteer
EMHC: Deacon Dennis Kall,
Stephen Berent, Tony Chitwood

Sunday, May 19
Lector: Tom Pestak
Servers: Rolando Nshimiyimana,
Skylar Grothaus, JohnPaul Wilson
EMHC: Deacon Mark Danis,
Abigail Neal, Keri Neal

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHAPEL NOW OPEN AFTER DAILY MASS

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.

Doors will normally be unlocked after daily Mass, but please call the parish office at **937-372-3193** if they are locked or other assistance is needed.

NO FIRST FRIDAYS DURING SUMMER

Effective June 1, Adoration on Fridays will be for one hour following the 8 a.m. Mass. All-day Adoration is scheduled to resume in late summer/early fall if there are enough sign-ups to sustain it.

All-day Adoration is currently scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays at St. Luke in Beavercreek. See the top right of page 13 for details.

Around Campus



(Above) The theme of this year's spring concert at Central State University was "Songs of the Cinema." (Left) The poster Nathan Harpenau created for the Knights of Columbus "Keep Christ in Christmas" Poster Contest placed second in the state of Ohio. State Secretary and Archdiocese of Cincinnati KofC representative Mike Felerski visited Council 1801 in April to present the award.

(Right) Students from all grades took part in the school's annual May Crowning ceremony May 1 to honor Mary, Queen of Heaven and Mother of God. The centuries-old tradition of setting aside May as the Month of Mary is believed to have roots in ancient Greece and Rome.



THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 12

- PSR in School 8:15 a.m.
- Fellowship in Lunchroom 10:30 a.m.
- Boy Scouts in Library 4:30 p.m.

Monday, May 13

- Adult Faith Formation in Lunchroom 7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 14

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

Wednesday, May 15

- Marian Prayers in Chapel 1 p.m.

Thursday, May 16

- Eighth Grade Play at Central State 6 p.m.
- Choir Rehearsal in Church 7 p.m.

Friday, May 17

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

Saturday, May 18

- Confessions in Church 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 19

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

ST. BRIGID FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH MAY 5 (WEEK 45)

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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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	\$597,698.96
Amount Left to Reach Goal	\$82,301.04
Week 45 Collection	\$10,668.05
ACH - Monthly	\$4,130.00
WeShare - Monthly	\$2,884.20
PayPal - Monthly	\$527.95
Total	\$18,210.20
Week 40 Easter Special Collections	
Catholic Relief Services	\$705.00

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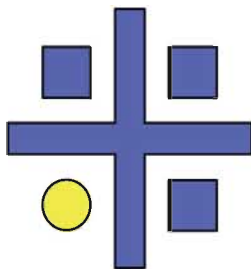
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(due dates usually fall on Tuesdays)

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

HOLY BAPTISM

April 28

Evan John Olenick
Audrey Olivia Uwamahoro

IN SYMPATHY

April 21

Martha Siegrist,
Mother of Mickey Dickman

SHOW CHOIR TO ENTERTAIN LEISURE CLUB **TUESDAY**

Any SMAFP member who is 55 and over is invited to our next Leisure Club meeting on **May 14** in St. Luke's Bishop Ford Hall at 1:30 p.m. The Kettering Show Choir will provide the entertainment. Please bring a potluck dish to share.

BOOSTERS REQUESTS DUE **WEDNESDAY**

The St. Luke Boosters provide funding to parish organizations throughout the year. The funding is made possible through various sponsored events hosted at St. Luke. Fund request forms for 2024/2025 are due no later than May 15. To request a form, please email Mark at: markniezgodski@yahoo.com

SAINT MOVIE NIGHT **TUESDAY**

Please join us Tuesday, **May 14**, at 7 p.m. in Jansen Center West for our May Saint Movie Night featuring St. Gerard Majella, patron saint of pregnant women and those wishing to get pregnant.

Mark your calendars for the next movie on June 11 featuring St. Joan of Arc.

WOF SPEAKER SERIES EVERY TUESDAY

Women of Faith will be welcoming a new speaker every Tuesday when they meet at 10 a.m. in Kramer Hall.

Family, friends, and neighbors are all welcome!

CALENDAR

Catechist Evening of Reflection
w/ Deacon Kevin LeMelle
May 13, 5:30 p.m.
Kramer Hall

Saint Movie Night
feat: St. Gerard Majella
May 14, 7 p.m.
Jansen West

Fair Trade Coffee Booth
May 11-12, Kramer Hall

Monthly Novena
May 16-23, 9:30 a.m.
St. Dominic Chapel

Pietra Fitness Eastertide
May 16, 6 p.m.
Gilligan Hall

SVDP Drive Thru Drop Off Day
May 18, 10 a.m.
Bishop Ford Hall

**Farewell Mass for St. Luke
School Principal**
May 23, 8:30 a.m.

Eucharistic Pilgrimage
July 1-2, St. Brigid

Vacation Bible School
June 3-7

Gospel Road Mission Trip
June 9-15, Harlan, KY

Youth Ministry Cross Training
June 24-25

Lenten Mission
March 16-18, 2025



miserando atque eligendo

The Pope's Prayer Intentions

FOR THE FORMATION OF
RELIGIOUS AND SEMINARIANS
MAY 2024

We pray that religious women and men, and seminarians, grow in their own vocations through their human, pastoral, spiritual and community formation, leading them to be credible witnesses to the Gospel.

HOLIDAY CLOSING

All St. Luke offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day.

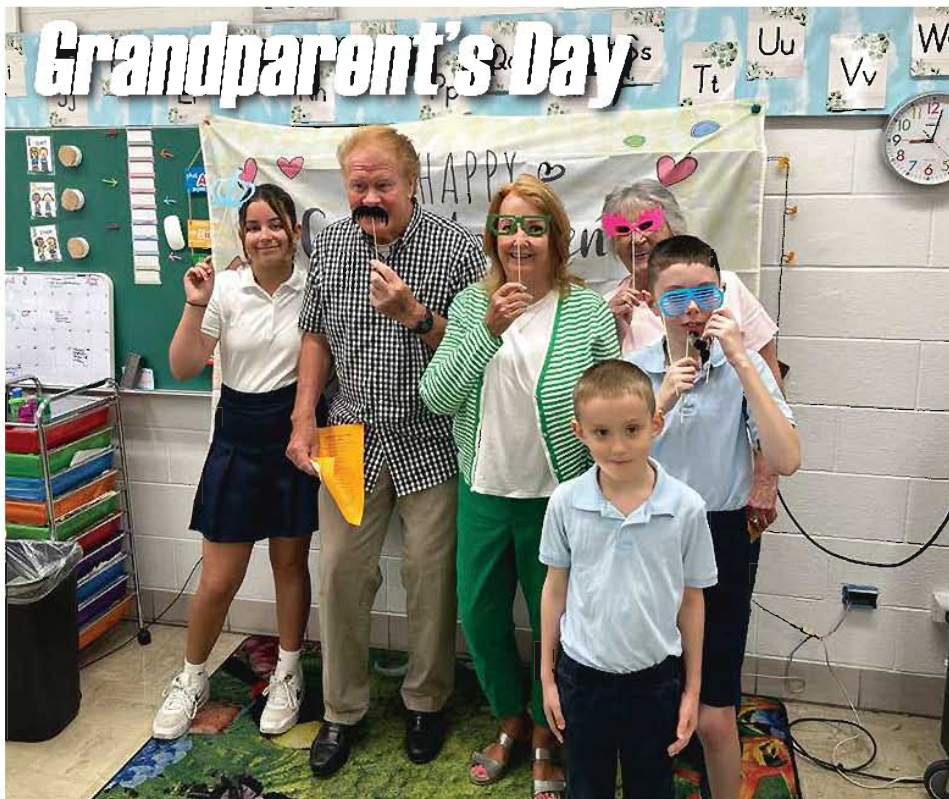
CONFIRMATION

Congratulations to the Confirmandi of St. Luke Parish who have completed their Sacraments of Initiation by receiving confirmation on May 5.

RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT ST. LUKE LIBRARY

Catholic books, DVDs, references, and periodicals can be checked out from the Jansen Center library. The center is open Monday through Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., and Sunday 9 a.m. - noon.

For more information, call 937-426-1733, xt. 301.



Students enjoyed some family time Monday during St. Luke School's annual Grandparents' Day.

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/May2024Adoration



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 11
+Alice Abate (Pat Schaefer)

Sunday, May 12
8 a.m. Mass:
+Richard Saben (Don & Ann Adams)
10 a.m. Mass:
+Margaret Eismann
(Jim & Marian McGrath)

Monday, May 13
+Bill Schulz (Russ & Jackie Smith)

Tuesday, May 14
+Brian Rutherford (living)
(Irene Rutherford)

Wednesday, May 15
+Chas Eddingfield (living)
(Mary Beth Bedel)

Thursday, May 16
+Will Schulz (Don & Maureen Kocarek)

Friday, May 17
+Joan Anderson
(Jeannine & Michael Arber)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT THRU 4/21 (WEEK 43)

Weekend Total	\$25,856.89
Yearly Total	\$1,219,031.96
Regular and Holy Days	
Easter	\$40.00
Total Holy Days	\$55,025.65
Regular and Holy Days	
Total	\$1,274,137.61
Budgeted	
Each Weekend	\$29,614.08
Total thru Week 41	\$1,273,405.44
Non-Parish Collection(s)	
St. Vincent	\$20.00
Good Friday	\$274.70
Catholic Relief Services	\$268.00
Catholic Telegraph	\$5.00
Miscellaneous Collection(s)	
School Ministry Collection	\$145.00

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MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, May 12

+Irene Maresca (*Connie Richeson*)

Wednesday, May 15

+Deceased members of the
Charles & Beatrice Alexander Family
(*Patty Alexander*)

Thursday, May 16

+St. Paul Parishioners

Friday, May 17

+Holy Souls in Purgatory (*Danis Family*)

Sunday, May 19

+Irene Maresca
Anne Scaramuzzo (Scaramuzzo Family)

May 19 SCHEDULE

SACRISTAN: Vickie Hoomes
GREETER: Rebecca Andorfer
USHER: Richard & Tami Whalen
SERVERS: Matthew & Daniel Williams
and Vickie Hoomes
LECTOR: Jessica Gleisner

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for Jack Erwine, Nellie Geis, Carolyn Huey, Martin Connolly, Candie Ayers, Emily Lyons-Hammond, Patrick Gwin, Father Edmund Hussey, Dolores Sizemore, Sheila Suwalski, Sheila Kilgore and all in need of special prayers and healing.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH APRIL 28

General Collection for April 28	\$1,956.00
Online Donations - April 2024	\$3,155.75
YTD General Collections	\$130,548.75
Weekly Maintenance/Restoration	\$20.00
YTD Maintenance/Restoration	\$6,905.00
Maintenance/Restoration Balance	\$988.00
Total Income - Total Expense Surplus	\$23,013.37

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Feast Day: May 13

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