



# ST. BARNABAS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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MARCH 20, 2022

## MASS SCHEDULES

### Weekdays

8:30 AM

### Saturday

5:00 PM

### Sunday

7:00 AM

9:00 AM

11:00 AM

1:30 PM Chin Mass

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**Fr. Guy Roberts**

Pastor

**Fr. Eustace Thang**

Associate Pastor

**Jerry Matthews**

Deacon

## CONFESSION

**Friday**

9:00 AM

**Saturday**

4:00 PM

Confessions are also available by appointment.



## 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF LENT



Jesus said to them in reply, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were greater sinners than all other Galileans? By no means! But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" - Lk 13:2-3

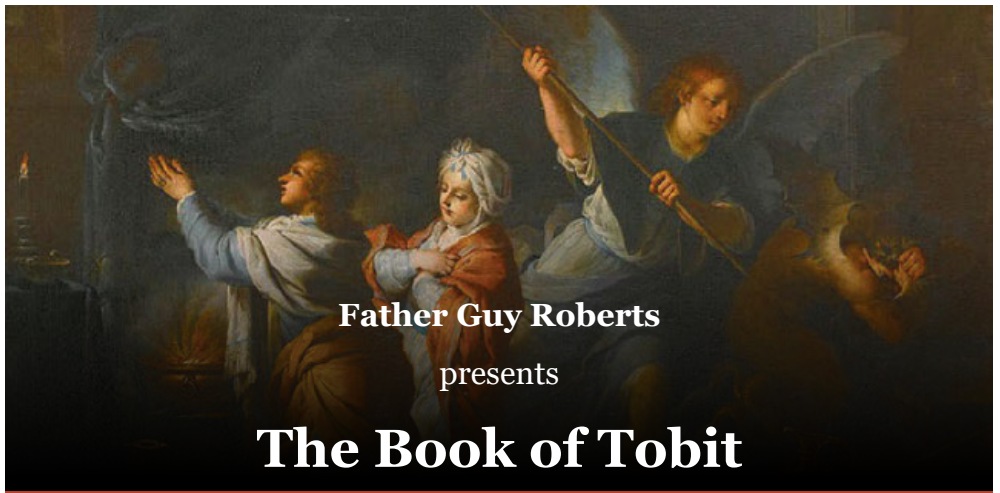


The Lord  
is merciful.

PSALM 103

### MASS INTENTIONS

- Sat March 19**  
5:00 PM Santa Maria Attaldo / Family
- Sun March 20**  
7:00 AM Parish  
9:00 AM Ann Milano / Tony-Sara Milano  
11:00 AM Santina Gallamore / Family
- Mon March 21**  
8:30 AM Kathy Rogier / Larry Nord
- Tue March 22**  
8:30 AM Edward Ditlinger / Don Ditlinger
- Wed March 23**  
8:30 AM Fred Staggs / Family
- Thu March 24**  
8:30 AM Norb Dzienciol / Zalewski Family
- Fri March 25**  
8:30 AM Shirley Carroll / Jeff-Rhonda Ford
- Sat March 26**  
5:00 PM John Kirch Sr / Matilda Holloran
- Sun March 27**  
7:00 AM Parish  
9:00 AM Phil Hammerschmitt  
Paul-Fran Corsaro  
11:00 AM Kathryn Martin Cole / Mom-Dad



Father Guy Roberts  
presents

## The Book of Tobit

For four weeks during Lent, Fr. Guy will offer talks on the Book of Tobit.

The focus will be on the mystery and grace of Holy Matrimony, as a sign of Christ's love for His Bride, the Church.

All who are interested in learning more about the Sacrament of Matrimony and the Book of Tobit are welcome to join us inside the church on:

**MARCH 24 and 31**  
**7:00 - 8:00 PM**



# LENT

STATIONS OF THE CROSS  
(EVERY FRIDAY IN LENT)

2:10 PM with the school

5:30 PM Haka Chin

7:00 PM English

*(Inside the church)*



## St. Barnabas Holy Hour

April 7, 2022 at 7:00 pm in the Church



*"Jesus has remained in the Sacred Host for us so as to stay by our side, to sustain us, to guide us. And love can only be repaid with love." - St. Josemaria Escriva*



## The Sign

God spoke to Moses from the burning bush, and told him to go and lead the people of Israel out of slavery in Egypt, to the land promised to the descendants of Abraham. Moses then said, “What if they ask me your name?” God responded, “**I AM** is my name.” God is beyond all titles, for they all fall short. Whatever labels or definitions we might have for God cannot sufficiently describe Him, for He is the source of all titles, existing before all that is. So, God simply reveals Himself as “I AM.” He is most perfectly revealed, not by a title, but by His self-revelation to us through countless acts of love and mercy.

We have a very beautiful crucifix above our altar here at St. Barnabas. I’m told it was custom made in Italy. It is a very realistic depiction of our Lord Jesus, giving His life on the cross for our salvation. But did you ever notice that something is missing? There is no sign over Jesus’ head. The Scripture tells us Pilate had a sign placed over Jesus which said, “Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews” (most crucifixes simply display the Latin acronym, which reads **INRI**). Pilate did not really believe Jesus was the king of the Jews. By giving Jesus this title, and crucifying Him, Pilate was mocking the Jewish people, showing his power over them. Meanwhile, the Jews took offense at the title, because they had outrightly rejected Jesus as the long expected Messiah King. Yet, there is tremendous irony here: for while the sign above Jesus’ head was one of contempt and rejection, it actually declared the greatest truth of who Jesus is! He is the true King, not only of the Jews, but of all who believe in Him as Lord and Savior.

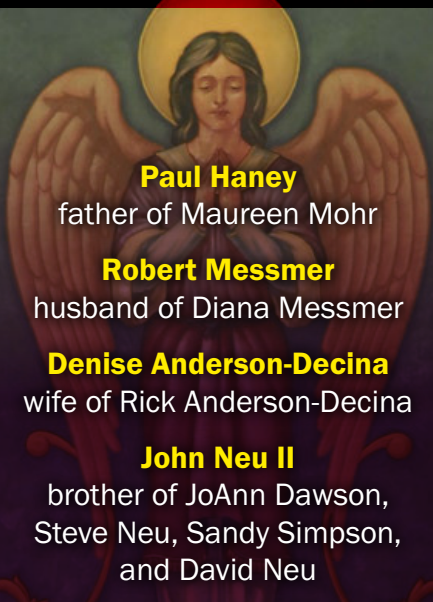
Since our crucifix has no sign, we are invited to place our own there. What sign do we place above Jesus’ head? Who is He to us? In our second reading, St. Paul calls Him a “spiritual rock.” This recalls Moses and the people of Israel wandering in the desert for forty years. On one occasion they were out of water. To ease their thirst, God caused water to flow from a solid rock, to refresh and sustain His people on their journey to the Promised Land. Paul implies this, along with the daily manna (the bread from Heaven), were Christ’s presence with His people, centuries before He came in the flesh. In the Gospel, Jesus casts Himself in the role of the gardener, who intercedes on behalf of the fig tree which bears no fruit. He promises to do all He can to make it fruitful before taking the drastic action of cutting it down.

Jesus once referred to Himself as the “sign of Jonah,” for just as Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and nights, so Jesus would be in the earth three days and nights before rising from the dead. He once asked His Apostles, “Who do you say **I AM?**” Do we give Jesus His true name, “I AM” as revealed to Moses? Do we listen to Jesus and come to know Him truly through a life of faith and love? Or, do we place our own labels on Him? What do we think of Jesus? Who is He to us? Is the sign we place on Jesus self-serving? Have we created our own definition of Him which is self-affirming? Have we created a Jesus who only comforts, but never challenges us? Have we made Jesus into a friendly mascot, who asks nothing of us except to “be nice?” Or is our Jesus the greatest teacher, who reveals to us the hidden things of God, and calls and equips us to become Saints, to share eternal life in His Kingdom? Is our Jesus the one who sends us in His name to cast out darkness and evil, and to bring light and salvation to the world?

Perhaps it is providential that our crucifix has no sign. Perhaps it is better to remove the signs we have placed upon Jesus, and to recognize that He himself is the sign God has sent to us. The words of God the Father to Peter in last week’s Gospel are meant for us as well: “This is my Son. Listen to Him!” Lent is a time to put away our labels, and signs, and definitions of who we think Jesus is, and to listen to what He declares of Himself. There is no need of a sign placed above the head of Jesus. The Son of God, hanging upon the cross for us, says it all, without the need of words. There, He declares to us, “This is who I AM!” What does Jesus upon the cross say to you this day?

Fr. Roberts

**REST IN PEACE**



**Paul Haney**  
father of Maureen Mohr

**Robert Messmer**  
husband of Diana Messmer

**Denise Anderson-Decina**  
wife of Rick Anderson-Decina

**John Neu II**  
brother of JoAnn Dawson,  
Steve Neu, Sandy Simpson,  
and David Neu

**Stewardship for February 2022**

Envelope Gifts	\$87,718.11
Visitor's Gifts	\$2,418.39
ACH Gifts	\$28,834.34
Faith Direct	\$63,631.25
<b>Total Gifts</b>	<b>\$182,602.09</b>

**Other Donations:**

Aid to Church in Eastern Europe	\$592.00
Black and Indian Missions	\$416.00
Building Fund	\$320.00
Church in Latin America	\$25.00
Criterion	\$1,012.00
Food Pantry	\$60.00
Fr. Sciarra	\$292.00
Other Donations: Myanmar	\$400.00
Other Donations: School	\$770.00
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## Celebration of Greg Beckham

Sunday March 20 - 12 noon - Cafeteria

The parish has rescheduled the celebration of Greg Beckham in appreciation for his 24 years of service to our parish as our director of facilities. Doors open at 12 noon in the cafeteria on Sunday March 20. Our program will get underway at about 12:30 pm. We will have Handel's ice cream and cookies. So mark your calendar and join us as we celebrate Greg. No RSVP needed.




## Volunteers Needed for 30 Minute Project (Work Can Be Done at Home)

With this year's Covenant Renewal, parishioners will identify parish ministries they would like to share their time and talent with. We need volunteers willing to assist in connecting these parishioners to those ministries. You will get everything you need to make these connections, including suggested email language to make the connections. It is estimated this volunteer project will only take about 30 minutes of your time and can be done in the comfort of your own home. It is a simple but impactful project, as it will ensure our parishioners are engaged in the work our Lord calls them to do.

Contact **Tom Hosty**, parish director of operations, at [thosty@stbindy.org](mailto:thosty@stbindy.org) or **317-882-0724 ext. 253** to help out.



# LENT PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD

# Turn in Your Covenant Renewal Pledge Form at Mass

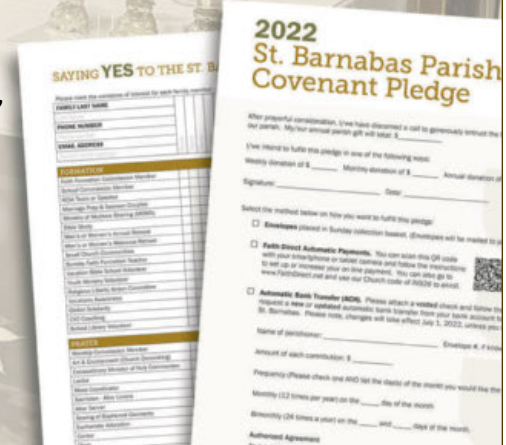
## March 19-20

All families will be invited to have one family member bring forth their Covenant Renewal Pledge Form to the altar to place in a basket during the weekend Masses of March 12-13 and 19-20. So please remember to bring your completed Pledge Form to turn in at Mass.

If you forget, extra copies of the Pledge Form, along with pens, will be in the pews to assist you.

Extra copies of the Covenant Renewal Guide and Pledge Form can also be found on our parish website at [www.stbindy.org](http://www.stbindy.org).

Thank you!



Catholic Relief Services carries out the commitment of the Bishops of the United States to assist the poor and vulnerable overseas. We are motivated by the Gospel of Jesus Christ to cherish, preserve and uphold the sacredness and dignity of all human life, foster charity and justice, and embody social and moral teachings of our faith.

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all.

Take a Rice Bowl home with you and make a commitment as a family to learn more about those struggling around the world and how you can make a donation during Lent that will make a difference. PICK ONE UP THIS WEEKEND or anytime during Lent. They are available in the narthex.



### UKRAINE

We are all aware of the recent war raging in Ukraine. Your help is needed in Ukraine where there are already more than 2.9 million people in need of assistance. There is great risk of additional suffering both within Ukraine and for those who may flee to neighboring countries for safety. CRS and partners need immediate support to meet both ongoing needs, as well as those related to families forced to flee their homes as the situation intensifies.

The situation there is rapidly unfolding, and they cannot do this work without your help. When you donate, you provide immediate assistance for your Ukrainian sisters and brothers affected by this crisis.

Your prayers and support will make such a difference. Please give a vital gift today!

# Growing in FAITH™

Discovering hope and joy in the Catholic faith.

March 2022

St. Barnabas Parish  
Indianapolis, Indiana

## One Minute Meditations

### The Commandment imbalance

Of the Ten Commandments – God’s most important laws – only the first three address how we are to respect the Creator of the universe. The other seven detail how we are to treat each other. It is one more way God lets us know how very much He wants us to love one another.



### Just adore

Do you ever run out of things to say during your prayer time? Or worse, do you ever get weary of saying the same things over and over? Why not just sit in silent adoration of the one who loves you more than you can imagine? What words can be better or more appropriate than that?

*“Then you shall delight in the LORD, and I will make you ride on the heights of the earth; I will nourish you with the heritage of Jacob, your father, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken”*  
(Isaiah 58:14).



## 3 ways to become holier during Lent

Jesus said, a disciple *“when he is fully taught will be like his teacher”* (Luke 6:40). Lent is our chance to shed the worldly baggage that keeps us from becoming more like Christ. Consider these ideas for routing out sin and embracing virtue:

**Remove the wooden beam.** We delight in pointing out the sins and shortcomings of others. This is the sin of detraction, disclosing someone’s faults and failings to others without an objectively valid reason. We can use the season of Lent to search for our own faults and remove them instead.

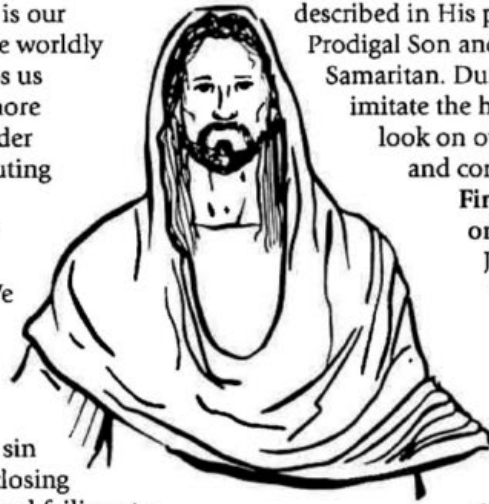
**Look like Christ.** Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI said that we all crave

being looked upon with love. Christ looks upon us with pure love, as described in His parables of the Prodigal Son and the Good Samaritan. During Lent, let’s imitate the heart of Christ and look on others with empathy and compassion.

**Find the sacred in the ordinary.** St.

Josemaria Escriva taught that there is a call to holiness that can be lived by sanctifying our everyday life. He said, “Carry out the little duties of each moment: do

what you ought and concentrate on what you are doing ... There is no other way, my daughters and sons: either we learn to find our Lord in ordinary, everyday life, or we shall never find Him.”



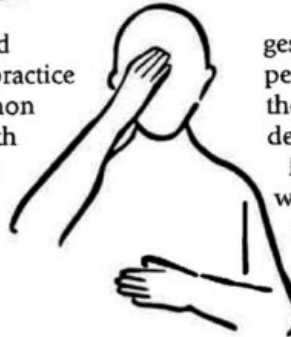
## Why Do Catholics Do That?

### Why do Catholics make the Sign of the Cross?

Back in the second century when this practice began, it was common to honor a ruler with a gesture of respect. Whether bowing down on one knee or touching the forehead, such

gestures were ritual ways to honor a person of great power. The Sign of the Cross became one such devotion to the Holy Trinity.

Now a prayer in itself, each time we make the Sign of the Cross we express respect for God and request His blessings for ourselves.



## "Giving up" or "giving for?"

Lent implies deprivation and uncomfortable penances, but it can be more meaningful. Consider turning your offerings into gifts of gratitude for God's gifts:

**Give time in prayer:** God, who created the universe, wants to spend time with you. Whether it's reading Scripture, praying the Rosary, or attending daily Mass, know that God is delighted you're spending time with Him, and will give you all the graces you need to stay close to Him.

**Give small gifts with great love:** St. Therese of Lisieux was expert at turning small sacrifices into



powerful deeds by her love. Our Lenten sacrifices, entrusted to God, do immense good that we'll see fully in Heaven. Whoever knew that our simple Lenten offerings can be part of God's saving work?

**Give half your cloak:** According to legend, St. Martin of Tours gave half of his cloak to a cold beggar. That night, Jesus appeared to St. Martin in a dream, wearing the cloak. When we serve others, it is Jesus who ultimately receives our gift.

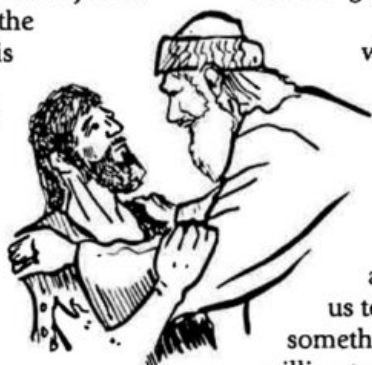
### from Scripture

### Luke 15:1-3, 11-32, The Father's heart

In this Gospel reading, Jesus told the story of the Prodigal (or reckless) Son. It goes like this. One day, the younger son demanded his father to give him his share of the estate. He left to squander it far from home.

When his money was gone, his situation grew desperate and he returned to his father, humbled and asking for mercy. The father was overjoyed to have his son back and threw a huge party. The older son, however, resented his brother's welcome and complained to his father that he didn't get a reward to celebrate

his obedience—and he was the "good one!"



Jesus promised that when we approach God with a truly repentant heart, we can always come home. It's not that God wants us to feel bad, but, like any parent, he wants us to understand we did something wrong and be willing to change. Through this parable, Jesus shows us that God is a loving, generous Father whose deepest nature is merciful, forgiving love. We are reminded that we can always come home.

### Q & A How can I get over my fear of Confession?

For many Catholics, going to Confession is unsettling. Facing and admitting our faults to another person – even in a confidential setting – is uncomfortable, even painful. In this case, the priest is acting in the person of God and it takes courage and humility to present ourselves before God. In Confession we say to God, "Please forgive me for intentionally rejecting You and Your love."



If you feel uncomfortable while waiting in the Confession line, it's a good sign. It means your conscience is healthy and working. Remember that God sees us standing in line and He is ready to welcome us back. He isn't angry or brooding, or smug because our poor choices proved He was right. In fact, when we are sincerely repentant, He and all of heaven celebrate because we're returning to Him (Luke 15:10). When the priest says the words of absolution, imagine God embracing you, saying, "My child, your sins are forgiven you... Go and sin no more." We receive powerful graces, and are asked to make amends where possible. Rejoice in the chance to start again.

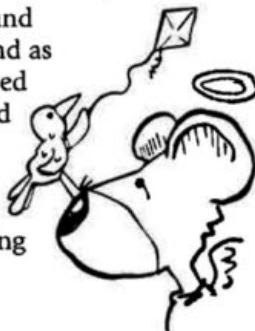
### Feasts & Celebrations

**March 2 – Ash Wednesday.** First day of Lent. Ashes from burnt palms are placed on the forehead as a sign of penance. Ash Wednesday is a day of abstinence from meat and fasting – one regular meal and two smaller meals that together don't equal a full meal.

**March 5 – St. John Joseph of the Cross (1734).** St. John joined a group of Franciscans called the Reform of St. Peter of Alcantara. Despite his elevated position and spiritual gifts, he remained humble, doing menial tasks around the monastery.

**March 8 – St. John of God (1550).** Originally, St. John was a soldier known for his violence and immorality. After nearly dying in battle, he converted and dedicated his life to serving the poor and sick.

**March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (c.461).** Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having established the Church there.



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 (Unless noted Bible quotes and references are from the Revised Standard Version and the New American Bible)

★ **WINNER** ★

**Envelope 687**  
**February Jackpot of \$270**

There were 108 eligible players for the month.

**Playing the  
50/50 Drawing**

Every month is \$5, to play 12 months is \$50 (a bonus of 12 months for the cost of 10). For anything less than \$5, it is reflected as an increment of 1.00. For example, if a player has contributed \$3 instead of \$5 for a month, that player shows a value of 0.60, which is not eligible for that month's drawing and will carry over to the next month. If that same player contributes \$2 the following month, then the player has \$5 credit and becomes eligible for that month's drawing.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** Contributing more than \$5 per month **DOES NOT** get you extra chances in a month. **EACH PLAYER GETS 1 ENTRY PER ELIGIBLE MONTH.** If you contribute \$10 or more per month, you are buying a month or months ahead.

Please contact Steve Looney via email at: [looneys1995@sbcglobal.net](mailto:looneys1995@sbcglobal.net) with any questions.

**ATTENTION Ladies...**

The Women's Annual Retreat (NOT Welcome!!) is searching for 3 - 4 new committee members to plan the next retreat.

If you are interested in helping plan the next retreat please contact Joe Sheehan at [jsheehan@stbindy.org](mailto:jsheehan@stbindy.org).

Previous committee members are most willing to provide guidance and advice.

Thank you and God Bless!



Spring is right around the corner and so is our 5K... registration for our **Love Your Neighbor 5K Run/Walk** is now open! Participants can run or walk in person on Saturday, April 23rd at 9am at White River State Park on a paved trail through the park, or virtually any time and anywhere April 16– 30.

**How can you help?** Register for the event. Become a sponsor for the event. Make a donation. Sponsor a student from one of the Catholic High Schools – we have a special student rate.

This is a great opportunity to get some fresh air and exercise and support the neighbors we serve. All proceeds from this fun fundraiser go directly to support SVdP's programs that combat hunger, poverty and homelessness.

Please go to our website [www.svdindy.org/neighbor](http://www.svdindy.org/neighbor) to register and/or **SVdP Indy 2022 5K Sponsorship Packet** to sponsor.

We can only continue to support the ever-evolving needs of our community if we are in this together. This is a perfect opportunity to ... **Love your Neighbor!** Questions? Darlene Sweeney [dsweeney@svdindy.org](mailto:dsweeney@svdindy.org).

**2022 Race for Vocations**

**Friday, May 6 | Mass for Vocations & Pasta Dinner**  
**6:30pm @ SS. Peter & Paul Cathedral - Indianapolis**

The Mass will be at 6:30pm at SS. Peter and Paul Cathedral in Indianapolis (1347 N Meridian St, Indianapolis, IN 46202). All are welcome! You do not have to be running or walking in the race to attend. The Paster Dinner will follow the Mass and be hosted by the Knights of Columbus at McGowan Hall (1305 N Delaware St, Indianapolis, IN 46202).

**Saturday, May 7 | Race for Vocations Mini Marathon & 5k + Post Race Party**

After the race is finished, join us in Military Park for the Post Race Party for some food, drinks and fellowship with the Race for Vocations Team!

For more information and to register please go to [raceforvocations.org](http://raceforvocations.org).

**July 2022 Bishop Bruté Days**

Bishop Bruté Days is a retreat for young men who will be entering grades 9-12 who are seeking to grow closer to Christ and who may be open to the possibility of a vocation to the priesthood. The retreat gives young men the opportunity to spend three days with the Bishop Bruté college seminarians learning about prayer, service, scripture, and the awesome gift of our Catholic faith. Enrollment is LIVE on our website for the July 5-7, 2022, retreat. It usually fills up quickly and space is limited. Register at <https://heargodscall.com/bishop-brute-days-registration>



### Remember Our Ill Parishioners and Their Caregivers

Pam Bauer	Sue Kavanaugh	Tammy Schell
Jilly Bond	Garry Kegley	Anthony Schell Jr.
Owen Bostock	Shirley Kennedy	Vincent Schell III
Bob Boyle	Don Kratz	Lexie Shoulta
Joe Bova	Norma Largent	Harper Slagle
Samantha Brown	Alice Lee	Burnell Small
Jean Bultman	Debbie Linton	Michelle Snyder
Tom Cisco	Asher Long	Dennis Stephenson
Mary Combs	Theresa Mascola	Steve Taylor
Mike Congleton	Barb Mathauer	Rob Thomas
Marlene Conn	Phil McInnes	Kathy Tichenor
Rosemary Cox	Barbara Miller	Luke Tolbert
Becky Dale	David Miller	Mimi Toombs
Isaiah Dale	Steve Miller	Carmen Viegas
Lyle Davidson	PJ Milto	Rick Vining
Tom Demko	John Paul Morris	Rita Wagner
James Egold	Eli Padgett	Marvin Wagner
Steve Elsworth	Bonnie Pickard	Dorothy Walker
Carl Endris	Theo Quillen	Sherry White
Beverly Fox	Diane Quillico	Angela Whittman
Linda/Steve Godfrey	Judy Rossman	Larry Williams
Charlie Johnson	Heather Schaefer	Barry Yovanovich

**And please keep praying for Msgr. Tony Volz**

*Contact our Pastoral Associate or the Parish Secretary to be added or taken off the list.*

### Caregiver Group

Support groups for caregivers of older adults. The groups are not disease specific. (Sponsored by Catholic Charities, the groups are open to all.)

**VIRTUAL: Thursday March 24, April 28 from 4:15 - 5:30 PM**

**Registration required to receive Zoom link.**

**Tuesday: April 19 from 5:30 - 7 PM**

In person at St Jude's, 5375 McFarland Road. **Registration required.**

**Thursday: April 21 from 1 - 2:30 PM**

In person at the Catholic Center, 1400 N Meridian Street.

**Registration required.**

Contact Monica at [mwoodsworth@archindy.org](mailto:mwoodsworth@archindy.org) or 317-261-3378.

The central Indiana Knights of Columbus are holding an all- night vigil for life on Friday, April 1st from 7pm to Saturday, April 2nd at 7am. This is part of 40 Days for Life and will be held in front of the Planned Parenthood on 86th and Georgetown....**Archbishop Charles Thompson** will kickoff the vigil with Stations of the Cross and Rosary at 7:00pm. All are invited as we pray and stand up for Life! IMPD will do frequent drive bys and we will have a tent, lanterns and battery operated candles. It is a safe environment and at least two Knights are covering each hour.

For more information please contact Larry at [life@indianakofc.org](mailto:life@indianakofc.org)

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## INDIANA CATHOLIC CONFERENCE (ICC)

The Indiana Catholic Conference is the public policy voice of the Catholic Church in Indiana. "The teaching and spreading of her social doctrine are part of the Church's evangelizing mission." Each year the ICC identifies specific legislation to address that relate to the social teachings of the Catholic Church.

Currently HB 1361 is under consideration. **HB 1361 allows Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)** recipients a higher threshold of value of motor vehicles and other assets for program eligibility. The bill provides, for purposes of the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families program (TANF), that a TANF assistance group that has qualified for and is receiving assistance under TANF does not cease to qualify for assistance under TANF due solely to an increase in the value of the resources so long as the resources are valued at not more than \$10,000.

The Church's concern for the wellbeing of the poor and emphasis on solidarity provides firm ground for supporting this bill.

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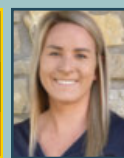
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