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SUNDAY MASSES

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon

DAILY MASSES

Mon., Tues., Wed., Fri.: 7:30 am
Thursday: 7:00 pm
First Saturday Only: 8:00 am
Civil Holidays: 9:00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 11:00 am to 12:00 Noon
(No Confessions on Holy Days of Obligation)

DEVOTIONS

Our Mother of Perpetual Help Devotion
Wednesday: After the 7:30 am Mass
First Saturday:
7:30 am Rosary and Litany of Loreto
8:00 am Mass
Chaplet of Divine Mercy after Mass
Eucharistic Adoration: Tuesday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, Aoril 5th Easter Monday
7:30 am **Pat Jankowski (Sandy & Gerry Gross)**

Tuesday, April 6th Tuesday within the Octave of Easter
7:30 am **Preservation of Religious Liberty/Health(Savel Family)**

Wednesday, April 7th Wednesday within the Octave of Easter
7:30 am **Kathy Shepherd (Her Neighbor & Friend)**

Thursday, April 8th Thursday within the Octave of Easter
7:00 pm **Seminarians of the Cleveland Diocese(Sandy & Gerry Gross)**

Friday, April 9th Friday within the Octave of Easter
7:30 am **Kaycee Smitek (Sue Hist & Marge Vida)**

Saturday, April 10th Saturday within the Octave of Easter
4:00 pm **For the People of the Parish (Pro Populo)**

Sunday, April 11th 2nd Sunday of Easter/Divine Mercy Sunday
8:00 am **Greta Schoen (Tom Schoen)**
10:00 am **Lucille Leifer (Daughter)**
12:00 pm **Ted, Laurie & Sophie Betlejewski/Health(Falencki Family)**

Divine Mercy Sunday, April 11, 2021
Prayer Service 3:00 pm

Parish Support for March 21

Total Mass Attendance 241/Facebook Views 167
4pm: 65 8am: 52 10am: 73 12pm: 51

Mail-In, Drop-Off & Mass
Offertory **$5465** Maintenance **$540** Global Solidarity **$66**
SVDP Society **$76** Catholic Relief **$206** Eastern Europe **$75**
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Total $8216
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St. Vincent/St. Frances PSR Program HELP NEEDED!

"God doesn't' call the qualified...God qualifies the called." The question isn't "are you being called?" You are.!
The question is "To what are you being called?" Because you are being called to something.

And, just maybe, this Fall 2021/22 school year, you're being called to make sure the flame of faith that shines in you is passed on to the next generation. And you know what? You-the person who cares enough to read this-may be the person to do that. He may just be calling you to catechetical ministry. If you are willing to give this kind of stewardship of time and talent, but want to know more about what is involved please contact Jackie Prosak at jackiesvdp@gmail.com or 440-324-4212

APRIL 4, 2021

Happy Easter!

I never thought that this pandemic and its "inconveniences" - that is what I foolishly called it last year - would last as long as it has. I thought that by July 4th, all would be back to normal. I was wrong. At the time I had "pop-up" Masses with whoever was there in the church through May. Now, I can see our attendance growing. It's good to see you.

Now with more of us coming out after having had our vaccinations, plus real Spring like weather, it feels more like Easter and a reason to glory in the Resurrection.

We have continued to do livestreamed Masses and other events on the website, Facebook and YouTube. We have really grown and gotten more professional over the past year.

I continue to pray for the sick and families with children at home. Many parents are still stretched thin with jobs and educating their children. Many families do not have all the tools to do what is expected of them. Pray for them and that they turn to God for consolation.

I have been making Hospital calls at Lorain Mercy routinely since before Thanksgiving. Before that I was only allowed in if I was called; and, if it was life and death. Usually death came. I saw my fair share of men in their 60's with Covid living on ventilators. At one time there were six men like that in the ICU and so many did not survive. Mid-November through mid-February were awful.

Next week for Divine Mercy Sunday we will have our usual **Divine Mercy prayer service at 3:00 pm**. After a year that could be called hellish, we are all in need of God's Mercy. Our words and actions, attitudes, anger and resentments have eaten at the souls of so many men and women. Appeal for His mercy. In the end, we all know that the only stable thing, the only thing we can count on in this life is the Mercy of God.

Fr. John Retar

Parishioners of St. Vincent de Paul:: Please take 10-15 minutes to fill out this survey from Catholic Leadership. This survey is free and is being used by our parish and the Diocese to recognize our strengths and weaknesses, and areas that we can grow in. YOUR helpful voices are needed. All multiple choice answers. We never see names or answers just the results as a whole. Father Retar greatly appreciates your participation. ***Please fill out no later than April 19*** The online survey is available at the link below. Paper surveys are available in the church vestibules, and can be returned in the designated boxes. https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/ka37ck0yc7 (Link can also be found on our Facebook and Website pages)

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THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS/WEST

Monday, April 12 - 7:00 pm
VIA Zoom - Bishop Roger Gries, Bishop Emeritus of Cleveland
Topic: Understanding Religious Orders

Benedictine, Carmelites, Dominicans, Jesuits, Franciscans… and this barely skims the surface of the religious orders. We've heard the names, but if someone asked you to explain who they are or what the difference is, could you answer? Well, we've asked Bishop Gries to help us unravel what the religious orders are and why there are so many different orders. Join us for this enlightening evening with Bishop Gries. We can't wait to see you there?

Limited to 90 computer Audience
Register in advance
www.theologyontherocks.wixsite.com/west

CCA Grief Support April 18th "In-Office" at 3:00 pm

St. Joseph Cemetery Avon, limited seating for social distancing (RSVP required) and "Virtual" at 5:00 pm

Catholic Cemeteries Association continues with our free monthly grief support groups on April 18th in two formats: In-Office(3pm) and Virtually (5pm). Meetings are open discussion format, surrounding a monthly topic or whatever is on your heart. They do not build off each other so you can stop in any month and fit right in. If you are not yet able to talk about your grief, come and listen and be in the presence of those who understand. The April topics are "Mother's Day Grief" and "Renewed Hope in the Midst of Grief". We offer a comfortable, private, and safe environment where you are free to explore your grief. RSVP: Rhonda @ rabrams@clecem.orrg or 216-930-4866

Our Grief Support Groups meet the 3rd Sunday of every month.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY (32789 Detroit Rd. Avon) **– Pre-Planning Seminar**

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Saturday, April 17, 2021, at 1 p.m. Come learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and special Savings Certificate. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event so we can make arrangements for proper social distancing. Attendees are required to wear a facial covering throughout the seminar. RSVP 216-641-7575 ext. 8

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