



# The Marion Catholic Community



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



St. John the Baptist



Precious Blood



St. Rose



St. Sebastian



**JANUARY 23, 2022**

**THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

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Maria Stein, OH 45860

[www.marioncatholiccommunity.org](http://www.marioncatholiccommunity.org)

Phone: 419-925-4775

Office Hours: 9:00am–5:00pm (M–F)

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### WEEKDAYS

St. Sebastian.....5:30pm—Monday  
St. Rose.....7:15am—Tuesday  
Precious Blood..... 7:15am—Wednesday  
Nativity ..... 7:15am—Thursday  
St. John .....7:15am—Friday

#### SATURDAY MASS

St. John .....5:00pm  
St. Rose.....7:30pm

#### SUNDAY MASS

Nativity ..... 8:30am  
Precious Blood..... 9:00am  
St. John ..... 10:30am  
St. Sebastian ..... 11:00am

**HOLY DAYS** Check bulletin for schedule

#### BAPTISM SCHEDULE:

**Nativity**—1st Sunday at 12:15pm  
**St. Sebastian**—1st Sunday at 12:15pm  
**St. Rose**—2nd Sunday at 12:15pm  
**Precious Blood**—3rd Sunday at 12:15pm  
**St. John**—last Sunday after the 10:30am  
Mass at 11:45am

**PLEASE CALL THE OFFICE TO SCHEDULE BAPTISM. 419-925-4775**

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION:** will be at St. Sebastian Mondays, beginning at 8am.

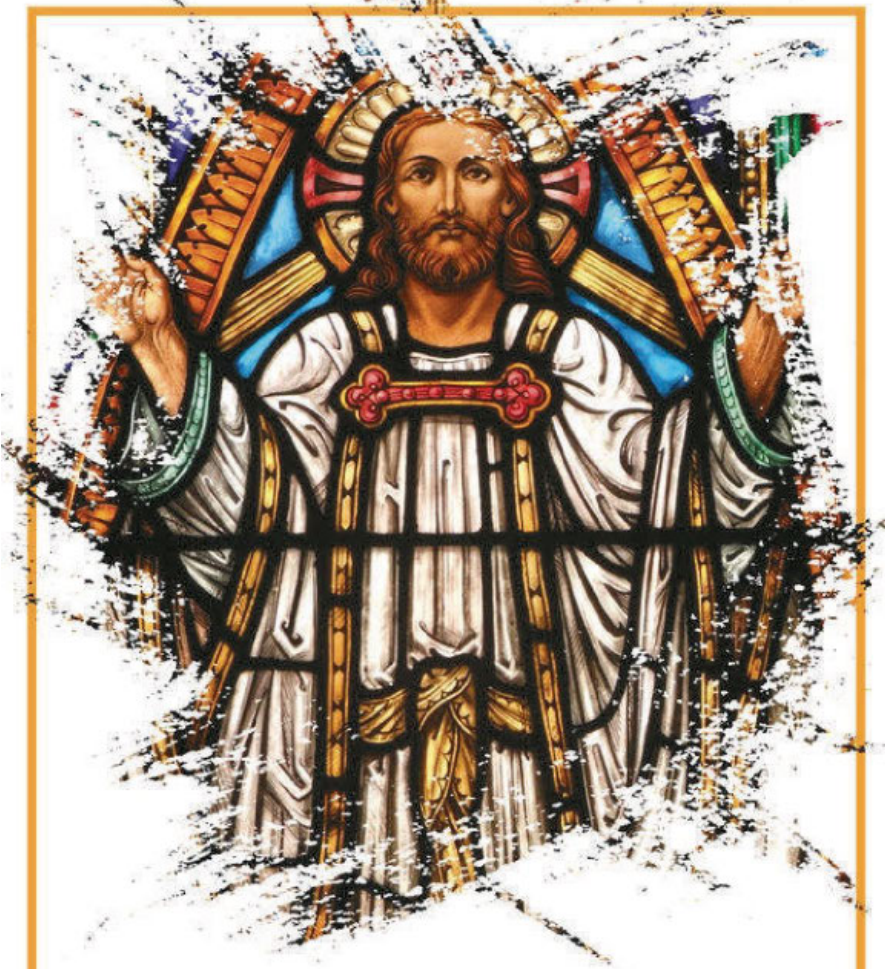
**RCIA:** For information or with questions, contact Carolyn Stucke at 419-268-8314.

**WEDDINGS:** Notify Pastor six months prior to the wedding.

**CONFESSIONS:** are Saturday afternoon from 3 to 4pm at Precious Blood, after the 5:30pm Monday Mass at St. Sebastian, (except the 3rd Monday) and after daily morning Mass, at each parish.

### MISSION STATEMENT

The members of the Marion Catholic Community, given life through the Holy Spirit in Baptism, are called together as a community of faith to praise and worship God our Creator and to proclaim in word and deed the Gospel message of Jesus Christ. As members of the Body of Christ we strive to serve all to provide an atmosphere of hospitality which enables all to respond fully to the life-long challenge “to do right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.”  
*Micah 6:8*



THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS UPON ME...  
- LK 4:18

3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL LIFE

### LITURGY OF THE WEEK

#### Pastor

Rev. Matthew Jozefiak, C.P.P.S.  
email: [matthewjozefiak@hotmail.com](mailto:matthewjozefiak@hotmail.com)  
Pastor's Residence .... 419-925-2030

#### Parochial Vicar

Rev. Kenneth Alt, C.P.P.S.  
email: [altkg5178@gmail.com](mailto:altkg5178@gmail.com)

#### Deacons

Steve Broering  
email: [stevnan7@frontier.com](mailto:stevnan7@frontier.com)  
Clif Perryman  
email: [deaconclif@gmail.com](mailto:deaconclif@gmail.com)

#### Parish Life Coordinator

Sharon Kremer  
email: [marioncathcom@gmail.com](mailto:marioncathcom@gmail.com)

#### Administrative Assistants

Joan Heitkamp  
email: [jrheitkamp@gmail.com](mailto:jrheitkamp@gmail.com)  
Sue Roeckner  
email: [sroeckner@hotmail.com](mailto:sroeckner@hotmail.com)

#### Youth Minister

Chris Wibbenmeyer - [cwibbenmeyer@marioncatholiccommunity.org](mailto:cwibbenmeyer@marioncatholiccommunity.org)  
567-279-1430

#### RCIA

Carolyn Stucke 419-268-8314

#### Counseling

Robert Skipper, M.Div., LPCC,  
LICDC  
937-299-9005 / 800-521-6419

#### Call for Prayer Contacts

#### Nativity BVM

Phyllis Thobe 419-852-5544

#### Precious Blood

Carolyn Homan 419-852-1083

#### St. John

Mary Eyink 419-733-0743  
Shelly Bruns 419-305-8940

#### St. Rose

Irene Bruns 419-925-4712

#### St. Sebastian

Ruth Bruns 419-268-1948  
Bertie Bruns 419-925-4679

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 24

5:30pm—Mass at St. Sebastian ..... †Walt Imwalle

#### TUESDAY, JANUARY 25

7:15am—Mass at St. Rose ..... †Mary Homan

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 26

7:15am—Mass at Precious Blood .. †Virgil & †Mary Thobe

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 27

7:15am—Mass at Nativity ..... †Dennis Dirksen

#### FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

7:15am—Mass at St. John..... Special Intention—Sanders Family

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

5:00pm—Mass at St. John..... Larry & Trudy Moeller—50th Wedding Anniversary;

..... †Lavern Kuess—Death Anniversary;

..... †David Hartings—Death Anniversary

7:30pm—Mass at St. Rose ..... †Brian Clune

#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 30

8:30am—Mass at Nativity ..... †Walt Stemen

9:00am—Mass at Precious Blood .. †Georgiana Weber—Death Anniversary;

..... †Sheri Pohlman—Birthday

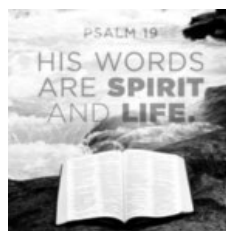
10:30am—Mass at St. John..... †David Heitkamp;

..... †Mary Alice Ahrens—Birthday;

..... †Dale Brackman;

..... L&D—Brackman Family

11:00am—Mass at St. Sebastian ..... For our Parishioners



**NOTE:** The 5pm Mass on Saturday and 9am Mass on Sunday will be live-streamed.

#### Readings for the week of January 23, 2022

Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/

Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18

Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Next Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/

1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

#### BULLETIN DEADLINE

Announcements **must** be submitted **in writing** by 9am on Monday of the week's bulletin. Changes to this schedule, due to holidays, will be indicated in the bulletin in the form of an announcement.

# STEWARDSHIP

## CLUSTER PARISH POSITIONS

### NATIVITY BVM

Parish Council  
 President..... Randy Otte  
 Business Manager ..... Sue Fortkamp  
 CRE ..... Tess Mescher  
 ..... [dtkka@reagan.com](mailto:dtkka@reagan.com)  
 Music Director..... Katie Hartings  
 Maintenance ..... Ron Stucke  
 Maintenance ..... Ryan Schmackers  
 CFL Hall Rental ... Carol Hemmelgarn  
 ..... 419-925-4667

### PRECIOUS BLOOD

Parish Council  
 President..... Mark Tangeman  
 Business Manager ..... Sue Roeckner  
 CRE ..... Missy Moeller  
 ..... [mis.moe@hotmail.com](mailto:mis.moe@hotmail.com)  
 Music Director..... Marian Heitbrink  
 Maintenance ..... Adam Kremer  
 Groundskeeper ..... Rick "Buck" Bruns  
 Basement Rental..... Joann Liette  
 ..... 567-644-2354

### ST. JOHN

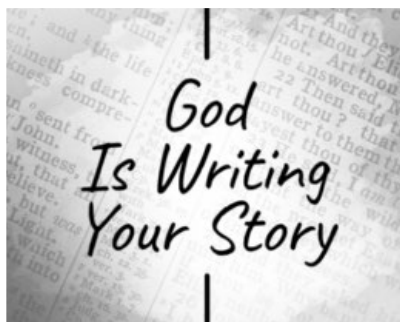
Parish Council  
 President..... Jake Heitkamp  
 Business Manager ..... Paul Gagel  
 CRE ..... Chris Wibbenmeyer  
 ..... [wibbenmeyerchris@gmail.com](mailto:wibbenmeyerchris@gmail.com)  
 Music Director..... Marian Heitbrink  
 Maintenance ..... Tom Feltz

### ST. ROSE

Parish Council  
 President..... Cory Ahrens  
 Business Manager ..... Sue Fortkamp  
 CRE ..... Carla Hartings  
 ..... [c\\_hartings@yahoo.com](mailto:c_hartings@yahoo.com)  
 Music Director..... Katie Hartings  
 Maintenance ..... Kevin Hartings  
 Maintenance ..... Jim Ungruhn  
 Basement Rental..... Kathy Buening  
 ..... 419-925-4710

### ST. SEBASTIAN

Parish Council  
 President..... Jesse Rose  
 Business Manager ..... Sue Roeckner  
 CRE ..... Judy Forsthoefel  
 ..... [jforsthoefel@hotmail.com](mailto:jforsthoefel@hotmail.com)  
 Music Director..... Doris Wilker  
 Maintenance ..... Kyle Koesters  
 Maintenance ..... Tom Wilker  
 Basement Rental..... Jodi Knouff  
 ..... 419-305-1570



## PRAY WITH US FROM HOME

Weekday Masses Livestreamed: Wednesday 7:15am—Precious Blood  
 Friday 7:15am—St. John the Baptist

Weekend Masses Livestreamed: Saturday 5:00pm—St. John the Baptist  
 Sunday 9:00am—Precious Blood

Website: [www.marioncatholiccommunity.org](http://www.marioncatholiccommunity.org)  
 Click on the Live Stream tab in the menu bar  
 MyParish App: Click on the Live Stream button  
 Facebook: Marion Catholic Community  
 YouTube: Marion Catholic Community  
 Roku: Marion Catholic Community  
 Channel is only live when we are streaming

## JANUARY 16TH COLLECTION TOTALS

### NATIVITY BVM

22 Adult Envelopes..... \$496.00  
 Loose Cash ..... \$249.00  
 First Offering..... \$1.00  
 Maintenance ..... \$50.00  
 Tornado Relief..... \$60.00  
Candle Offerings..... \$15.00  
 Total ..... \$871.00

### PRECIOUS BLOOD

37 Adult Envelopes..... \$1,138.00  
 Loose Cash ..... \$288.00  
 First Offering..... \$3.00  
 Maintenance ..... \$300.00  
Candle Offerings..... \$56.50  
 Total ..... \$1,785.50

### ST. JOHN

78 Adult Envelopes..... \$2,736.00  
 Loose Cash ..... \$223.00  
 First Offering..... \$36.00  
 Fuel Offering..... \$100.00  
 Candle Offerings..... \$121.00  
 Cemetery Dues..... \$840.00  
 Maintenance ..... \$270.00  
 Tornado Relief..... \$70.00  
 Total ..... \$4,396.00

### ST. ROSE

25 Adult Envelopes..... \$617.00  
 Loose Cash ..... \$86.00  
 First Offering..... \$3.00  
 Maintenance ..... \$200.00  
Candle Offerings..... \$23.00  
 Total ..... \$929.00

### ST. SEBASTIAN

11 Adult Envelopes..... \$850.00  
 Loose Cash ..... \$93.00  
 First Offering..... \$4.00  
 Maintenance ..... \$20.00  
Candle Offerings..... \$52.50  
 Total ..... \$1,1019.50

THANK YOU!

**ST. SEBASTIAN MINISTRIES**

Sun. Jan. 30, 11:00am ..... Sophia Fleck, Julia Homan

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Mon. Jan. 24, 5:30pm ..... Fr. Ken

Sun. Jan. 30, 11:00am ..... Andy Will

**LECTOR AND COMMENTATOR**

Mon. Jan. 24, 5:30pm ..... Sue Bruns

Sun. Jan. 30, 11:00am ..... Andy Will

**USHERS**

Sun. Jan. 30, 11:00am ..... Henry Kunkler, Ed McClurg

**OFFERTORY**

Sun. Jan. 30, 11:00am ..... Dean and Lynn Homan Family

**ROSARY**

Sun. Jan. 30, 11:00am ..... Willard and Bertie Bruns

**ST. ROSE MINISTRIES**

**SERVERS**

Sat. Jan. 29, 7:30pm ..... Jordan Hamberg, Alyssa Zizelman

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Tues. Jan. 25, 7:15am ..... Fr. Ken

Sat. Jan. 29, 7:30pm ..... Troy Mescher

**LECTOR AND COMMENTATOR**

Tues. Jan. 25, 7:15am ..... Treva Fortkamp

Sat. Jan. 29, 7:30pm ..... Brenda Hamberg

**USHERS**

Sat. Jan. 29, 7:30pm ..... Ben Bruns, Samuel Hoying

**OFFERTORY**

Sat. Jan. 29, 7:30pm ..... Ben and Laureen Bruns Family

**PRECIOUS BLOOD MINISTRIES**

**SERVERS**

Sun. Jan. 30, 9:00am ..... Isaac Moeller, Owen Moeller

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Wed. Jan. 26, 7:15am ..... Fr. Ken, Karen Hoying

Sun. Jan. 30, 9:00am ..... **Lora Pohl**, Natalie Pohl, Trevor Wynn

**COMMUNION TO THE SHUT IN'S** ..... Lori Kemper 567-644-9644

**LECTORS AND COMMENTATOR**

Wed. Jan. 26, 7:15am ..... Jim Hoying

Sun. Jan. 30, 9:00am ..... Nick Thobe

**USHERS**

Sun. Jan. 30, 9:00am ..... Ethan Kemper-E, Vic Klosterman-M, Jeff Pohl-M, Mike Voskuhl-W

**OFFERTORY**

Sun. Jan. 30, 9:00am ..... Vic and Pat Klosterman

**ROSARY LEADERS**

Sun. Jan. 30, 9:00am ..... Men's Sodality

**NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MINISTRIES**

**SERVERS**

Sun. Jan. 30, 8:30am ..... Drew Lause, Eve Mescher

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Thurs. Jan. 27, 7:15am ..... Fr. Ken

Sun. Jan. 30, 8:30am ..... Matt Guggenbiller

**LECTORS AND COMMENTATOR**

Thurs. Jan. 27, 7:15am ..... Linda Schoenlein

Sun. Jan. 30, 8:30am ..... Mike Broering

**USHERS**

Sun. Jan. 30, 8:30am ..... John Reichert, Ryan Schmackers

**OFFERTORY**

Sun. Jan. 30, 8:30am ..... John and Linda Huelsman

**ST. JOHN MINISTRIES**

**SERVERS**

Sat. Jan. 29, 5:00pm ..... Nick Ranly, Anthony Evers  
 Sun. Jan. 30, 10:30am ..... Hayden Poepelman, Adelyn Everman

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Fri. Jan. 28, 7:15am ..... Fr. Ken  
 Sat. Jan. 29, 5:00pm ..... **Frank Evers**, Hannah Mescher, Drew Seitz  
 Sun. Jan. 30, 10:30am ..... **Alex Barhorst**, Diane Homan, Joseph Wenning

**LECTORS AND COMMENTATOR**

Fri. Jan. 28, 7:15am ..... Cindy Moeder  
 Sat. Jan. 29, 5:00pm ..... Dave Wolters—Commentator, Anne Thobe—Lector  
 Sun. Jan. 30, 10:30am ..... Lucas Bertke—Commentator, Kevin Partington—Lector

**USHERS**

Sat. Jan. 29, 5:00pm ..... Kurt Heitkamp, Randy Homan, Paul Keller  
 Sun. Jan. 30, 10:30am ..... Darrin Poepelman, Gary Prenger, Joe Rethman

**OFFERTORY**

Sat. Jan. 29, 5:00pm ..... Doug and Jane Meyer Family  
 Sun. Jan. 30, 10:30am ..... Jacob and Maria Moeller Family

**ROSARY LEADERS**

Sat. Jan. 29, 5:00pm ..... Bill and Jean Garman  
 Sun. Jan. 30, 10:30am ..... Paul and Ruth Rutschilling

**CHILD CARE**

Sun. Jan. 30, 10:30am ..... Kristy Eifert and Children

**COMMUNION TO THE SHUT-IN'S**

Sun. Jan. 30 ..... Sharon Kremer 419-953-8448 or Lindsay Schroeder 419-733-6794

**CLUSTER NEWS**

**2021 CONTRIBUTIONS**—If you are in need of a copy of your 2021 contributions, please contact the office at [marioncathcom@gmail.com](mailto:marioncathcom@gmail.com) or 419-925-4775. \*We are not sending statements unless requested. Also, if you contributed ON Giving Tuesday, you should receive an email from Give Central for that donation.

**BAPTISMAL CLASS**—There will be a baptismal class on Monday, February 7th at 7pm in the St. Rose basement. Please call the parish office to register for the class at 419-925-4775.

**2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)**—This weekend, we will be listening to an audio message from Archbishop Schnurr explaining how our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal allows us to stand with the ministries that teach, feed, and heal throughout the archdiocese. This year, our goals are St. John-\$13,880, Precious Blood-\$6,192, Nativity-\$3,406, St. Sebastian -\$2,914, and St. Rose-\$2,767. Families will be receiving a CMA mailing from Archbishop Schnurr in the coming week or so. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card and envelope to Mass. For more information or to donate online, please visit [CatholicAOC.org/CMA](http://CatholicAOC.org/CMA). Thank you!

**PRECIOUS BLOOD VALENTINE SOCIAL**—Chickasaw Ladies, please join us for a Valentine Social with the Lady Sodality on February 13th in the church basement, after 9am Mass. Brunch will be served at 10:30am. This is a great way to socialize and visit with our friends and neighbors in Chickasaw. Please look for an invite in your mailbox soon. Please RSVP with your \$7 by February 6th. Hope to see you there! Any questions, contact Kim Bruns at 419-925-4690.

**PRECIOUS BLOOD MEN'S SODALITY**—Appreciation meeting is Wednesday, February 16th at 8pm at the VFW. All members are welcomed as we want to thank the volunteers who shovel snow and helped with fundraisers.

**ST. JOHN LADIES SODALITY**

- **Social evening**—will be held on Friday, February 18th at the Maria Stein Legion. A formal invitation was sent. Please contact Aubrey Wolters to RSVP at 419-564-4650. Also, reminder the \$5.00 dues will be collected or you may drop your parish offering envelope in the collection.
- **Raffle Items**—If anyone would like to donate items for the raffle, please contact Aubrey Wolters.
- **Rosary leaders**—If anyone is willing to lead the rosary for funerals, please contact Aubrey Wolters.
- **Wash servers' gowns**—Any ladies willing to wash servers' gowns, please contact Aubrey Wolters.

**BABYSITTERS NEEDED**—If you are interested in helping the babysitting during the 10:30am Mass, please contact Abby Bruns at 419-305-9250 by February 7th.

## CLUSTER NEWS

### FR. MATT'S LETTER

**WOODEN ANGELS**—If anyone would like the wooden angels that have been used in front of St. John church, please contact Aubrey Wolters at 419-564-4650.

**THANK YOU**—Bert Heitbrink would like to thank everyone who sent her Christmas cards.

**WELCOMING COMMITTEE**—we are looking for people interested in welcoming new people/families to our community. This would involve keeping the parish's and community information current. Mike Broering has volunteered to head up the committee. Please contact Mike at 419-925-4812 if you're willing to be of help.

### **CEMETERY DUES FOR ALL PARISHIONERS IN THE MARION CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

Cemetery dues will be collected in the months of January and February. Dues are \$10.00 per single person who is 21 or older or \$20.00 for married couples and families. You are NOT reserving a cemetery plot, but simply maintaining the cemetery. The cost for a cemetery plot for anyone who **has not** paid his/her dues is \$1,000.00 per lot for single persons or \$2,000.00 for married couples and families. If you are a member of a parish, you are to pay cemetery dues. There is an envelope in your mailed packet or you can use a plain envelope marked cemetery dues with your name and parish on it and drop it in the collection at Mass. Also, if you have paid dues, there is still a fee for purchasing a cemetery lot. Please contact the parish office or the head of the cemetery of your parish, if you have any questions. St. John—Sharon Kremer—419-925-4775, Precious Blood—Lester Homan—419-925-4314, St. Sebastian—Nick McClurg—419-925-4191, St. Rose—Nancy Zizelman—419-852-4411, Nativity—Matt Guggenbiller—419-305-2491.

Every assignment (now my 7<sup>th</sup>) I have had as a priest has had its joys and burdens. My first assignment in Dayton came with my pastor getting sick and was gone for 5 months and then had to retire. I was burdened with pastoring the parish and not even ordained one year. On certain days, I wanted to throw in the towel. Yet, with the help of a good staff, I survived and so did the People of God.

In our Old Testament reading, we hear about the people of Israel receiving a particular burden. During the reconstruction of the temple, they discovered an ancient Book of the Law. When Ezra the priest read it aloud to them, they first rejoiced, but they also wept because they knew how weak they were to obey all the Lord's commands. Nehemiah - who was the civil authority - gave them a help: he provided a meal of delicious foods and told them to eat and drink. "Do not be saddened," he said, "rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

Jesus received the greatest burden of all. By his ministry of teaching and healing and above all by his death, he would fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah: "to proclaim liberty to captives, and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free." His burden involved the salvation of every human being. Since his burden was the greatest, he received the greatest help: "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me..."

You and I have received a burden obviously not as great as Jesus or that of the people of Israel to whom the Lord gave a great burden of suffering. Even so, you or I might be tempted to walk away from our particular opportunity. I encourage you to remember the example of St. John Vianney. As a young man he undertook studies for the priesthood, but he found them extremely difficult. Moreover, he suffered from a chronic stomach problem which left him feeling weak and tired. He decided he just could not continue. His spiritual director recognized something special in John and said to him, "If you leave now, you are saying 'goodbye priesthood' and 'goodbye souls.'" Those words "goodbye souls" rang in his ears and he from that moment devoted every ounce of his effort to that goal - the salvation of souls. For over four decades he labored in a rural village and he brought thousands to Christ.

St. John Vianney accepted a particular burden, and the Lord gave him extraordinary help. You and I have also been given a burden, but also a joy, to bring souls to Christ. The Lord will not fail to give us the help we need.

**POWER HOUR OF PRAYER**—Everyone is welcome to join in a Power Hour of Prayer and Adoration every Thursday night, from 7pm to 8pm at St. Rose Church. The night will include prayers, music and private adoration. You may come and go as you please for all or a portion of the hour. Let's join together to pray for the needs of our country as well as our own personal intention. Also, if school is canceled Power Hour will be canceled.

# CLUSTER NEWS

# FORMED®

PICK OF THE WEEK

January 23, 2022

WATCH

### THE BIBLE COLLECTION - PAUL THE APOSTLE

The story of Paul's life acts as an incredible witness to God's mercy and love as he went from persecuting the Church to proclaiming it to all the nations! This film brilliantly captures portrays this great missionary saint!



### FORMED NOW! LETTERS OF ST. PAUL

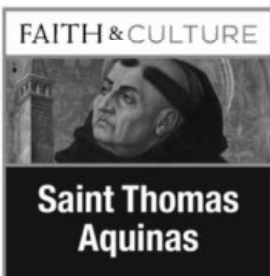
Outside of Jesus, the greatest teacher of the faith was Paul the Apostle. Join Dr. Gray and Dr. Barber as they discuss the great theologian known as the Apostle.

LEARN

LISTEN

### SAINT THOMAS AQUINAS WITH RANDALL SMITH

The Angelic Doctor is often associated with his Summa Theologica among his other great works. Join Drs Christopher Blum and Randall B. Smith as they explore some of the lesser known works of St. Thomas Aquinas.



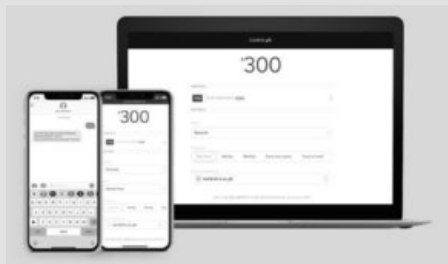
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To set up your free account visit [formed.org/signup](https://formed.org/signup) and select our parish.

## OUR NEW CHURCH APP!

From your Google/Apple Store, search for "The Church App" and then search for Marion Catholic Community. We invite you to then click the 3 bars on the left side of Our Parish to sign up.

Please visit "CONNECT WITH US" on our website to learn more.



## ONLINE GIVING

Did you know that you can make a contribution to your parish on via The Church App & website?

If you would like to make your contribution online, click give from the top toolbar of our website. You can also click give right from bottom of The Church App.

## Introducing the AMEN app!

The Amen app is the free Catholic prayer app that inspires your daily conversation with God through faithful meditations and nourishing Scripture. Please enjoy this latest offering from the Augustine Institute.

Click the QR to download OR Visit [amenapp.org/signup](https://amenapp.org/signup), the App Store, or Google Play (search: Amen Catholic)



**MARK  
YOUR CALENDAR!**

## MYM CALENDAR

### **High School D-Group**

Sunday, January 23rd  
7:00-8:30  
St. Aloysius Youth Room

### **Endow (JR/SR Ladies Only)**

Monday, January 24th  
7:00-8:30  
The Leerie - Minster, Ohio

### **Middle School Youth Night**

Sunday, January 31st  
6:30-8:30  
St. Aloysius Youth Room

### **Middle School Youth Night**

Sunday, February 6th  
6:30-8:30  
St. Aloysius Youth Room

### **Endow (JR/SR Ladies Only)**

Monday, February 7th  
7:00-8:30  
The Leerie - Minster

### **High School D-Group**

Sunday, February 13th  
7:00-8:30  
St. Aloysius Youth Room

### **Middle School Youth Night**

Sunday, February 20th  
6:30-8:30  
St. Aloysius Youth Room

### **Endow (JR/SR Ladies Only)**

Monday, February 21st  
7:00-8:30  
The Leerie - Minster

### **MYM HS/MS Bowling Party**

Saturday, February 26th  
8:00-10:00  
Plaza Lanes - Celina

## CLUSTER NEWS

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Instagram: marionyouthministries  
Facebook: Marion Youth Ministries

### **INTO THE DEEP 7th & 8th Grade Retreat**

All 7th & 8th graders are invited to join us at the "Into the Deep" overnight retreat on March 26th & March 27th. The cost of this retreat will be \$125, but a youth ministry subsidy is available in the amount of \$50 to make the student cost only \$75.

SCAN ME



### LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

For more information, please scan the QR code or visit the youth ministry page on our website.

Detailed information about the retreat will be available soon. If you are an adult & would like to chaperone, please contact Chris.

### **Damascus Family Night**

**Wednesday, February 16th 7-8:30pm  
St. Augustine Church**

All 6th-12th graders & families are invited to the Damascus Family Night of adoration, worship & a powerful message titled "Identity Crisis - Finding Your Worth in the Father" by Emily Knuth. This is going to be a great night!!!

To RSVP, please visit the youth page on our website or scan the QR Code above.

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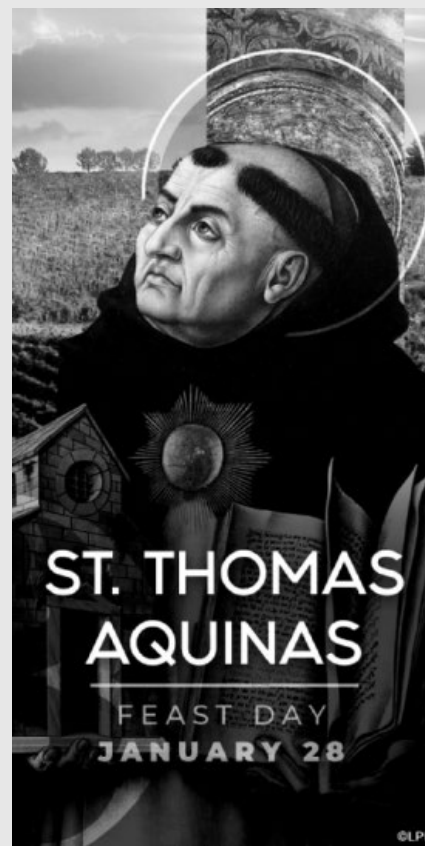
**YOUTH RETREAT**—The 23rd annual Life in the Spirit Seminar is March 18th-20th at the Maria Stein Spiritual Center. It is a great retreat for teens and young adults. This year's retreat theme is "Fearless! By your Spirit, We are Bold" Visit [www.LifeintheSpirit-Seminar.com](http://www.LifeintheSpirit-Seminar.com) for more information or to register. You can also register by mailing in a completed flyer, which can be found on the website. Registration deadline is March 6th. Please contact Kelly Horstman for more information at 419-678-8649.

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**ST. DYMPHNA PRAYER SERVICE**—The service begins at 2pm on January 23rd in the Shrine's Adoration Chapel and will include scripture, testimony, and relic veneration. May we be inspired by St. Dymphna's example and comforted by her merciful help. For more information, contact the ministry office at 419-925-4532.

**COUPLES NIGHT**—Marriage: Helping Each Other Reach Heaven will be presented by Father Dan Schmittmeyer, Vocations Director for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. This will be held at the Maria Stein Shrine, Sunday, February 13th with dinner at 5:30pm, presentation at 6:30pm. Registration is required. Tickets are \$40 a couple and can be purchased online at [mariasteinshrine.org](http://mariasteinshrine.org).

**MARRIAGE HELP**—Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you too. For confidential information about or to register for the April 1, 2, 3 program call 513-486-6222 or visit the website at [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)



## COMMUNITY NEWS

**“IT’S BACK” ST. SEBASTIAN 2022 FISH FRY**—March 4th at Romer’s Overdrive. For tickets contact Jesse Rose at 419-305-6695.

**ST. SEBASTIAN FISH FRY DONATIONS—AUCTION ITEMS NEEDED.** We are looking for items and/or donations to be auctioned off. Please contact Jesse Rose at 419-305-6695.

**MERCER COUNTY ESC PRESCHOOL PROGRAM**—will be accepting applications for typical children through January 31st. After the January 31st application deadline, a lottery will be conducted to fill openings. Tuition is \$180 per month. (Children currently enrolled as a typical in the 2021-22 school year MUST submit an application to be automatically enrolled for the 2022-2023 school year.) Visit the Mercer County ESC webpage to find the application and additional information. Any further questions, call the ESC at 419-586-6628.

**SEWERS AND GROWERS 4-H GROUP**—will be meeting Monday, February 7th at 7pm at the Knights of St. John hall basement. New members welcome to join at this time. Youth must be 8 years old by January 1st and in the 3rd grade or older to join.

**MARION LOCAL’S HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT COUNCIL**—will be selling Krispy Kreme Doughnuts after the New Bremen/Marion boys basketball game on February 4th. Cost will be \$10 per box (a dozen doughnuts). Your support is greatly appreciated!

**2022 MARION COMMUNITY BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SIGNUP**—Sign up for the Marion Community Baseball and Softball programs (for boys currently in grades K-8 and girls currently in grades 1-8 living in or attending the Marion Local school district), will be open through January 31st. Please visit [www.marioncommunitybaseball.com](http://www.marioncommunitybaseball.com) to sign up. There will be a \$25 additional charge for sign-ups after January 31st. On this website, students and adults will have the opportunity to sign up to play baseball or softball, umpire baseball or softball (\$30 per game for home plate and \$15 for bases, high school students or older preferred for Little League level games), become a committee member, be a coach and other volunteer opportunities involved with the program. **More committee members are needed.** Baseball players will be required to provide their own helmets starting this year. Please go to the website to get more details. Please contact [marioncommunitybaseball@gmail.com](mailto:marioncommunitybaseball@gmail.com), if you have questions.

**CHICKEN DINNERS**—Boy Scout Fried Chicken Dinner Fundraiser will be February 13th with pickup from 11am to 12:30pm at the Knights of St. John Hall. Thank you on behalf of the Maria Stein Boy Scout Troop 97 (For tickets, please contact a local troop member or call or text Doug Partington at 567-644-3812)

**2022 MERCER COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE ORATORY CONTEST FOR JUNIORS AND SENIORS**—Mercer County RTL will facilitate their annual Oratory Contest for all juniors and seniors in Mercer County. Contestants are asked to research, write, and present an original pro-life speech on abortion, infanticide, euthanasia, or stem-cell research that is 5-7 minutes in length. Contestants are to submit a video entry of their speech by February 20th to: [prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com](mailto:prolifegeneration.mercercounty@outlook.com). All contestants who submit a video entry will receive a \$100 participation prize! The top 6 contestants will be invited to present on March 6th at the Preferred Insurance Center in Coldwater, at 1pm. The prize amounts for the top 6 finalists who present on March 6th are as follows: 1st place: \$1,000, 2nd place: \$750, 3rd place: \$500, 4th–6th place: \$250. We ask that that all interested contestants e-mail [janellepoeppelman@hotmail.com](mailto:janellepoeppelman@hotmail.com) for a set of complete rules. Thank you!

**REDISCOVERING JOY; A SUPPORT GROUP FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS**—meets from 6:30pm to 8pm on the second Monday of every month at the R & R Fabrications, Inc meeting room located at 601 E. Washington Street in St. Henry. The entrance is on the west side of the R & R Fabrications building, off of Linn St. Upcoming speakers include: February 14th - Ron Schoen, author of the new book entitled, “Making the Most of My Second Chance.” March 14th – OSU Extension Agent, Denny Rethman, discussing gardening. In addition to monthly meetings, the group also offers a variety of social outings for members. For more information, please call or text Judy at 419-733-5629 or Mary at 419-678-8830. Email is also available at [rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com](mailto:rediscoveringjoy@yahoo.com). New members are always welcome.

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