



The Marion Catholic Community



Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary



St. John the Baptist



Precious Blood



St. Rose



St. Sebastian



JANUARY 30, 2022

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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Maria Stein, OH 45860

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. John5:00pm
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

FULFILLED



[He said to them],
"Today this Scripture
passage is fulfilled in
your hearing."

LUKE 4:21



WORSHIP & SPIRITUAL LIFE

LITURGY OF THE WEEK

Pastor

Rev. Matthew Jozefiak, C.P.P.S.
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Pastor's Residence 419-925-2030

Parochial Vicar

Rev. Kenneth Alt, C.P.P.S.
email: altkg5178@gmail.com

Deacons

Steve Broering
email: stevnan7@frontier.com
Clif Perryman
email: deaconclif@gmail.com

Parish Life Coordinator

Sharon Kremer
email: marioncathcom@gmail.com

Administrative Assistants

Joan Heitkamp
email: jrheitkamp@gmail.com
Sue Roeckner
email: sroeckner@hotmail.com

Youth Minister

Chris Wibbenmeyer - 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 31

5:30pm—Mass at St. Sebastian †Vernon Rutschilling—Birthday

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:15am—Mass at St. Rose L&D—Lochtefeld & Kremer Families

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2

7:15am—Mass at Precious Blood .. †Maurice Jutte

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 3

7:15am—Mass at Nativity †Cletus Barhorst

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4

7:15am—Mass at St. John †Walt Pohlmann

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5

5:00pm—Mass at St. John †Ivo Walterbusch—Birthday;
..... †Dick Bruggeman—Birthday;
..... †Dan Eilerman—Birthday;
..... †Deacon Carl Franzer—Birthday &
Death Anniversary

7:30pm—Mass at St. Rose †Lavern Bruns

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 6

8:30am—Mass at Nativity †Margery Hueing
9:00am—Mass at Precious Blood .. †Andy Kramer—Birthday;
..... †Urban & †Irene Zahn
10:30am—Mass at St. John †Ruth Mueller;
..... †Jim & †Joan Pleiman;
..... L&D—Clune Family;
..... †Doug Heitkamp
..... †Virgil & †June Bertke—(Virgil's
Death Anniversary)

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 30, 2022

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
Monday: 2 Sm 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30—19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Thursday: 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13
Friday: Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/
Lk 5:1-11

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
 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
 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
 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
 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
 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
 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 23RD COLLECTION TOTALS

NATIVITY BVM

26 Adult Envelopes..... \$710.00
 Loose Cash \$141.00
 First Offering \$2.00
 Maintenance \$50.00
 Fuel Offerings..... \$100.00
 Total \$1,003.00

PRECIOUS BLOOD

39 Adult Envelopes..... \$1,340.00
 Loose Cash \$251.00
 First Offering \$22.00
 Maintenance \$100.00
 Tornado Relief..... \$80.00
 Candle Offerings..... \$3.50
 Total \$1,796.50

ST. JOHN

89 Adult Envelopes..... \$4,630.00
 Loose Cash \$341.00
 First Offering \$7.00
 Cemetery Dues..... \$450.00
 Maintenance \$1,115.00
 Christmas \$25.00
 Total \$6,568.00

ST. ROSE

21 Adult Envelopes..... \$576.00
 Loose Cash \$75.00
 First Offering \$21.00
 Maintenance \$20.00
 Solemnity of Mary..... \$10.00
 Candle Offerings..... \$44.50
 Total \$746.50

ST. SEBASTIAN

13 Adult Envelopes..... \$855.00
 Loose Cash \$167.00
 Candle Offerings..... \$28.00
 Total \$1,050.00

THANK YOU!

ST. SEBASTIAN MINISTRIES**SERVERS**

Sun. Feb. 6, 11:00am.....Lydia Kuess, Natalie Kuess

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Mon. Jan. 31, 5:30pmFr. Ken

Sun. Feb. 6, 11:00am.....Deacon Steve

LECTOR AND COMMENTATOR

Mon. Jan. 31, 5:30pmJerry Will

Sun. Feb. 6, 11:00am.....Sue Bruns

USHERS

Sun. Feb. 6, 11:00am.....Gabriel Bruns, Randy Kuess

OFFERTORY

Sun. Feb. 6, 11:00am.....Rick and Roxann Ahrens Family

ROSARY

Sun. Feb. 6, 11:00am.....Donna Bills, Lisa Seitz

ST. ROSE MINISTRIES**SERVERS**

Sat. Feb. 5, 7:30pm.....Laney Greenwood, Wyatt Greenwood

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Tues. Feb. 1, 7:15amFr. Ken

Sat. Feb. 5, 7:30pm.....Deacon Steve

LECTOR AND COMMENTATOR

Tues. Feb. 1, 7:15amJanie Luebke

Sat. Feb. 5, 7:30pm.....Dave Hamberg

USHERS

Sat. Feb. 5, 7:30pm.....Bob Homan, Mike Homan

OFFERTORY

Sat. Feb. 5, 7:30pm.....Brian and Marlene Gagel Family

PRECIOUS BLOOD MINISTRIES**SERVERS**

Sun. Feb. 6, 9:00amAudrey Winner, Claire Winner

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Wed. Feb. 2, 7:15amFr. Ken, Mary Ann Homan

Sun. Feb. 6, 9:00amDeacon Steve, Joann Liette, Randy Liette

COMMUNION TO THE SHUT IN'SMary Ann Homan 419-925-4615**LECTORS AND COMMENTATOR**

Wed. Feb. 2, 7:15amSharon Siegrist

Sun. Feb. 6, 9:00amNick Thobe

USHERS

Sun. Feb. 6, 9:00amRick Bruns-M, Ken Schlarman-M, Jerry Schulte-E, Mike Voskuhl-W

OFFERTORY

Sun. Feb. 6, 9:00amSteve and Trisha Barlage Family

ROSARY LEADERS

Sun. Feb. 6, 9:00amCaring Ministry

NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY MINISTRIES**SERVERS**

Sun. Feb. 6, 8:30am.....Peyton Otte, Mia Wolters

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Thurs. Feb. 3, 7:15am.....Fr. Ken

Sun. Feb. 6, 8:30am.....Eric Prenger

LECTORS AND COMMENTATOR

Thurs. Feb. 3, 7:15am.....Cheryl Dirksen

Sun. Feb. 6, 8:30am.....Julia Tuente

USHERS

Sun. Feb. 6, 8:30am.....Craig Tuente, Jim Wuebker

OFFERTORY

Sun. Feb. 6, 8:30am.....Dean and Lori Homan Family

ROSARY LEADER

Sun. Feb. 6, 8:30am.....Linda Schoenlein

ST. JOHN MINISTRIES

SERVERS

Sat. Feb. 5, 5:00pm Katelyn Ashman, Luke Ashman
 Sun. Feb. 6, 10:30am..... Carter Jones, Cayden Jones

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

Fri. Feb. 4, 7:15am Fr. Ken
 Sat. Feb. 5, 5:00pm **Frank Evers**, Erin Griesdorn, Randy Homan
 Sun. Feb. 6, 10:30am..... Ann Garmann, Greg Garmann, Dave Wolters

LECTORS AND COMMENTATOR

Fri. Feb. 4, 7:15am Dave Wolters
 Sat. Feb. 5, 5:00pm Kim Habodasz—Commentator, Derek Pierron—Lector
 Sun. Feb. 6, 10:30am..... Lucas Bertke—Commentator, Lee Heitkamp—Lector

USHERS

Sat. Feb. 5, 5:00pm Gregg Barthorst, Kerry Bruns, Harry Heitkamp
 Sun. Feb. 6, 10:30am..... Matt Eifert, Eric Eyink, Jeff Heitkamp (Jeanna)

OFFERTORY

Sat. Feb. 5, 5:00pm Eric and Karyn Bruggeman
 Sun. Feb. 6, 10:30am..... Ted and Jenny Jones Family

ROSARY LEADERS

Sat. Feb. 5, 5:00pm Karen Tangeman and Karrie Will
 Sun. Feb. 6, 10:30am..... Gary and Lisa Bertke

CHILD CARE

Sun. Feb. 6, 10:30am..... Melissa Utrup and Children

COMMUNION TO THE SHUT-IN'S

Sun. Feb. 6 Linda Fesenmyer 567-356-1446 or Angie Bertke 419-925-4822

CLUSTER NEWS

2021 CONTRIBUTIONS—If you are in need of a copy of your 2021 contributions, please contact the office at 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.

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.

SON MINISTRY RAFFLE WINNERS—Harry & Phyllis Homan—\$50.00, Jerry & Karen Tangeman—\$25.00 and Gary & Lisa Bertke—\$25.00. Congratulations!

MINISTRY SCHEDULES—The new schedule is in the entrance of church. Please take a copy with you. If you can't make your scheduled time, please find someone to fill in for you. Thank you to all of our volunteers.

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS:

The Marion Catholic Community would like to wish Larry and Trudy Moeller a Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary, being celebrated on January 29th.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION—

On February 19th and 20th, 24 women from our community will be attending the Welcome Retreat. Eucharistic Adoration will be held throughout the retreat. If you would like to take an hour to pray for the those attending, our church, our country, or our world, please call/text Cheryl Dirksen at 419-790-8810, or there are sign up sheets in the entrances of each of our churches.

PRECIOUS BLOOD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING—

is February 7th at 8pm in the church basement. All are welcome.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT ROSARY AT PRECIOUS BLOOD—

is scheduled for Wednesday, February 2nd. The rosary will start at 7:30pm. Everyone is welcome.

CLUSTER NEWS

FR. MATT'S LETTER

2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

—Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2022 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are standing with local, Catholic ministries serving people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year! For more information or to donate online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

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.

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.

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.

The ancient Greeks tell about a man with a "perfect" wheat field. People admired it because every stalk was exactly the same height. When asked how he achieved it, he replied, "Simple. If a grain sticks its head above the others, I cut it off!"

Jesus' relatives and friends wanted to do something similar in today's Gospel. They had known him for thirty years and gotten used to the "carpenter, the Son of Mary." But now he stood up, read the great messianic prophecy and declared its present fulfillment.

To go against people's expectations, to stand up to the popular culture provokes resistance. It did for Jesus and it will for us. If we lift up our head, we do risk being cut down.

Today's culture has at least three characteristics that can never be reconciled with the message of Jesus. The most obvious is secularism which not so much denies God's existence, but says that even if he does exist, he is irrelevant to our lives. Sure, we invoke him on solemn occasions, but our everyday media - newspapers, television, magazines, movies - avoid references to him as if he were someone of marginal importance.

Along with secularism comes relativism - the belief that "you have your truth and I have my truth," but there is no objective truth to measure either claim. Relativism changes the meaning of a beautiful word: tolerance. It used to mean respecting the other person and listening open-mindedly to their opinion. But now it requires something more - saying from the start that their opinion is just as good as one's own or anyone else's. In other words, there is no truth, no objective standard. By asking for such "tolerance" they in effect demand unconditional surrender before sitting down at the same table.

Finally, because of relativism, what matters most is politics - not just national politics but every level: school, family, parish, etc. Politics is the means by which we decide whose opinion will prevail. The most astute, the best organized - in a word, the strongest - win the day.

Politics, relativism, secularism set the moral standards for our society. Objective criteria scarcely matter. What counts are how people feel about it. And who has the cleverest slogans to influence popular feeling. And whether one is in the "mainstream" (that is, with the most powerful).

Jesus did not flow with the current of his day. When the moment arrived, he stood up. He resisted the surrounding culture. Well, that was Jesus, but I'm just an ordinary, weak, human being. But I take some inspiration from Jeremiah. Being only a boy, was afraid to speak. But God said to him:

*Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,
before you were born I dedicated you,
a prophet to the nations I appointed you.
But do you gird your loins; stand up and tell them all that I command you.*

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.

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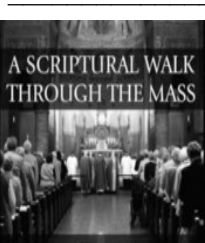
PRECIOUS BLOOD VALENTINE SOCIAL—Chickasaw Ladies, please join us for a Valentine Social with the Lady Sodality on February 13th in the church basement, after 9am Mass. Brunch will be served at 10:30am. This is a great way to socialize and visit with our friends and neighbors in Chickasaw. Please look 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 419-305-4268.

ATTENTION NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY PARISHIONERS!—In the next week, you will be receiving a letter and chicken dinners tickets to sell for the 175th Anniversary of our parish. This is a fundraiser for our Anniversary Celebration which will be held on September 11th. Save the Date! Please watch the bulletin for more special events taking place leading up to the Celebration.

DONATIONS APPRECIATED—For my FCCLA project, we are making fleece tie blankets for the James Cancer Center to give people to keep them warm as they are receiving chemotherapy. Any donations such as materials for fleece blankets would be greatly appreciated. You can contact me at 419-584-6982. Thanks and God Bless! Haley Kuess

FCCLA/TRI-STAR—The FCCLA group from the Tri-Star Early Childhood Education class is collecting donations for the Our Home Family Resource Center in Celina. They will be collecting shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, bar soap, toilet paper, dish soap and laundry detergent. A donation box is in the back of the each church through February 11th. The donations will benefit families in Mercer County in financial need. Thank you in advance to all that donate.

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.



For Catholics, the Mass is entirely familiar, but often not well understood. Scripture scholar and well known author Dr. Edward Sri takes listeners on a journey through the sacred liturgy that is sure to help Catholics experience the Mass more fully as the most powerful and important prayer of the Church. Dr. Sri examines the historical and biblical roots of the words, prayers, actions, and gestures contained within the Mass in order to arrive at a deeper understanding of their significance.

<https://watch.formed.org/talks-sacraments-mass/videos/a-scriptural-walk-through-the-mass-by-dr-edward-sri>

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SON MINISTRY (Blakely Georgia)

—A team of ten volunteers made the twelve-hour drive to Blakely over the MLK weekend to work with Br. Jason Muhlenkamp and C-Hope Ministries. With tools in hand, they successfully completed numerous large projects that benefited Holy Family Catholic Church and the homeless of the area. Projects included groundwork and drainage to alleviate water damage to the inside of the church, which is built on a slab. They gutted and rebuilt a bathroom and demolished and replaced the rear deck and stairs of a mobile home used for temporary housing for the homeless. They replaced rotted flooring and support beam of the rectory's rear porch, replaced flooring in the main bathroom of the church, and painted seven rooms and halls in the church, church annex, and rectory. The skill, energy, and generosity of these volunteers were truly amazing. SON Ministries covered the \$5,000 cost of materials for these projects and the volunteers paid for the cost of travel and food. Our community is truly blessed to have such dedicated people willing to put their faith into action. If you are interested in joining a future mission trip, contact Dcn. Clif Perryman.

The volunteers who participated in this year's Mission Trip were: Alice & Hank Kaiser, Bec & Nick Thobe, Mike Broering, Larry Hemmelgarn, Jerry Moeller, Jack Albers (Montezuma), Mike Rethman, and Dcn. Clif.

SHRINE, SPIRITUAL CENTER, AND AREA CHURCH NEWS

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.

MYM CALENDAR**Middle School Youth Night**

Sunday, January 30th

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

\$5/person + cost of extra food/drinks

High School D-Group

Sunday, February 27th

7:00-8:30

St. Aloysius Youth Room

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OUR WEBSITE

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**CLUSTER NEWS****YOUTH MINISTRY**

Instagram: marionyouthministries
Facebook: Marion Youth Ministries

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 under the calendar section of this page.

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.

LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE

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

JUNIOR & SENIOR LADIES

Join us for the upcoming Endow Series Over the span of 6 weeks. We will journey together through St.JPII's Encyclical, Letters to women. Experience Endow's Inspired approach Accompany, read, and discuss the study with your small group.

For more info & permission slip, visit the youth page on our website.



July 31st -
August 8th, 2023

More info coming
soon

2022 LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

The 23rd annual Life in the Spirit Seminar will be held March 18th-20th at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. This is a great charismatic retreat for teens and young adults. This year's theme is "Fearless! By Your Spirit, We are Bold." More info can be found at lifeinthespiritseminar.com or by contacting Chris Wibbenmeyer, Youth Minister. There are flyers in the youth room. The deadline to register is March 6th.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 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, if you have questions.

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. 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 janellepoepelman@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. New members are always welcome.

COMEDY NIGHT!—Are you ready for some good, clean fun to brighten up your winter? Kenn Kington is a Christian comedian who will be performing at the Niswonger Performing Arts Center in Van Wert, February 19th at 7:30pm. Tickets can be purchased on the website at www.vanwertlive.com or by calling Niswonger. Profits from the performance will benefit the House of Hope, a sober living facility for men and women in Mercer County.

MARION TWP. BRANCH LIBRARY—

- Start your February off with "Blind Date With a Book". Adults, during the month of February, check out one of the wrapped mystery date books. Read the book, fill out the "Rate Your Date" slip and return it to be entered in to win a gift certificate.
- "Take Your Child to the Library Day" is Saturday, February 5th from 9:30 to 11:30 am. Stop in for activities and crafts to do with your child. No pre-registration required.

"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 PRE-SCHOOL 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.

MARION LOCAL ELEMENTARY—is conducting kindergarten registration for the 2022-2023 school year. Information about registration has already gone home with preschool students at Daycare Discoveries, Chapel Hill Preschool, and well as the ESC Preschool located in Marion Local Elementary. If your child is not registered with one of these preschools and will be attending kindergarten at Marion Local next year, please contact the elementary office at 419-925-4595 for registration information.

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.

DOUGHNUTS ANYONE? 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!

February 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
6 8:30am NBVM 9am PB 10:30am SJ 11am SS	7 5:30pm Mass SS Conf. after Mass SS 8am-5pm Euch. Ad. - SS 7pm Baptismal Class at SR basement 8pm PB Parish Council meeting	1 7:15am Mass SR 7pm Griefshare PB basement 7:30pm RCIA @ S	2 7:15am Mass PB	3 7:15am Mass NBVM 7pm-8pm Power Hour Prayer and Ad- oration SR	4 7:15am Mass SJ	5 3pm Confessions PB 5pm Mass SJ 7:30pm Mass SR
13 8:30am NBVM 9am PB 10:30am SJ 11am SS 10:30am PB Ladies Social	14 5:30pm Mass SS Conf. after Mass SS 8am-5pm Eucharistic Adoration SS	8 7:15am Mass SR 7pm Griefshare PB basement 7:30pm RCIA @ SJ	9 7:15am Mass PB	10 7:15am Mass NBVM 7pm-8pm Power Hour Prayer and Ad- oration SR	11 7:15am Mass SJ	12 3pm Confessions PB 5pm Mass SJ 7:30pm Mass SR
20 Women's Welcome Retreat at PB 8:30am NBVM 9am PB 10:30am SJ 11am SS	21 5:30pm Mass SS 8am-5pm Eucharistic Adoration SS 6:15pm Candlelight Prayer and Benediction	15 7:15am Mass SR 7pm Griefshare PB basement 7:30pm RCIA @ SJ	16 7:15am Mass PB	17 7:15am Mass NBVM 7pm-8pm Power Hour Prayer and Ad- oration SR	18 7:15am Mass SJ 6:30pm St. Anne's Ladies Social	19 7am Women's Wel- come Retreat at PB 3pm Confessions PB 5pm Mass SJ 7:30pm Mass SR
27 8:30am NBVM 9am PB 10:30am SJ 11am SS	28 5:30pm Mass SS Conf. after Mass 8am-5pm Eucharistic Adoration SS 6:30pm to 8pm Adult Ed classes at PB	22 7:15am Mass SR 7pm Griefshare PB basement 7:30pm RCIA @ SJ	23 7:15am Mass PB	24 7:15am Mass NBVM 7pm-8pm Power Hour Prayer and Ad- oration SR	25 7:15am Mass SJ	26 3pm Confessions PB 5pm Mass SJ 7:30pm Mass SR

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