

SAINT SAVIOUR

CATHOLIC CHURCH

MAY 30, 2021
THE MOST HOLY TRINITY



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MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday: 4:00 p.m.—St. Saviour

Sunday: 9:00 a.m.—St. Saviour

Sunday: 11:00 a.m.—St. John

Weekday Mass 8 am:

Monday, Tuesday Thursday and Friday at St. Saviour

Holyday: As Announced

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 pm—St. Saviour

Sundays 1/2 hour before Masses

REGIONAL OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Friday

8:00 a.m.—noon · 1:00 p.m.—4:30 p.m.

PLEASE CALL THE REGIONAL CHURCH OFFICE FOR INFORMATION REGARDING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

- Sacrament of Baptism
- Sacrament of Marriage
- Pastoral Care of the Sick
- Information about the Catholic Church
- New Parishioner Registration
- Changes to Parishioner Registration Information or any other questions



SUNDAY

9:00 A.M. MASS AT ST. SAVIOUR **Donny Gilreath**
 11:00 A.M. MASS AT ST. JOHN **Pat Keeler**

MONDAY— Memorial Day

8:00 AM MASS AT ST. SAVIOUR **Pat Schlegel**
 Regional Office Closed

TUESDAY

8:00 AM MASS AT ST. SAVIOUR **Wilma Appleman's Health**

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

8:00 AM MASS AT ST. SAVIOUR **Joan Marcoe**

FRIDAY

8:00 AM MASS AT ST. SAVIOUR **Bob Bergen**

SATURDAY

4:00 PM MASS AT ST. SAVIOUR **Nancy Huneke**

SUNDAY

9:00 A.M. MASS AT ST. SAVIOUR **Region 11**
 11:00 A.M. MASS AT ST. JOHN **John McIntosh**

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

Dianne Buckner, Fr. Matt, Pat Schmaltz, Gayle Niemann, Jim Angel, Sheila Wenning, Jim Hull, Chuck Gates, Roni Whitacre, Isla Wilp, Jack Long, Jan Long, Fr. Ray Kellerman, Tom Valerius, Loretta Metzger, Candace Joerger, Wilma Appelman, Charlotte Wimmers, Ben Freeman, Charlotte Rice, Jeanie Cain, Julie Bosse, Amber Barrett, Rosemary Foster, Helen Scott, Roger Kob, Sister Mary Kay, Katie Lawhorn, Jeanne Biondo, Fr. Tim, Marian Osterman, Clare Willenbrink, Ruth Niehaus, Judy Kuethe, Ann Belew, Don Belew, Scott Braun, Mary Sue Loftus and Madison Seyfried, Charlie Vonderhaar



DAILY MASS PROPERS

Monday, May 31—The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Entrance: Come and hear, all who fear God; I will tell what the Lord did for my soul.

Responsorial: Among you is the great and Holy One of Israel

Communion: All generations will call me blessed, for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

Tuesday, June 1—Saint Justin, Martyr

Entrance: The wicked have told me lies, but not so is your law: I spoke of your decrees before kings, and was not confounded.

Responsorial: The heart of the just one is firm, trusting in the Lord.

Communion: I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Thursday, June 3—Saint Charles Lwanga and Companions, Martyrs

Entrance: As gold in the furnace, the Lord put his chosen to the test; as sacrificial offerings, he too them to himself; and in due time they will be honored, and grace and peace will be with the elect of God.

Responsorial: Blessed are those who fear the Lord.

Communion: How precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his holy ones.

Friday, June 4

Entrance: Turn to me and have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am alone and poor. See my lowliness and suffering and take away all my sins, my God.

Responsorial: Praise the Lord, my soul!

Communion: To you I call, for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words.

Sunday, June 13, 2021

A special time at MVP Sports Bar & Grille to benefit St. John Parish

Watch for further details.



**MUSIC FOR THE LITURGY FOR
MAY 29 & 30, 2021**

Entrance Hymn: All Praise and Glad Thanksgiving

V1. All praise and glad thanksgiving to God the Father be: the Font of all things living, who reigns eternally. (to refrain)

Refrain: Praise to God forever be, One in life, in Persons three: Mighty God, saving God, God eternal Trinity!

V2. Christ Jesus, we adore you, the Son of God most high; with thanks we sing before you, who came for us to die. (to refrain).

Responsorial Psalm: Blessed the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Communion: Glory and Praise to Our God

Refrain: Glory and praise to our God, who alone gives light to our days. Many are the blessings he bears to those who trust in his ways.

V1. We, the daughters and sons of him who built the valleys and plains, praise the wonders our God has done in ev'ry heart that sings. (to refrain)

V2. In his wisdom he strengthens us, like gold that's tested in fire. Though the power of sin prevails, our God is there to save. (to refrain)

V3. Ev'ry moment of ev'ry day our God is waiting to save, always ready to seek the lost, to answer those who pray. (to refrain)

Closing: Eternal Father

V1 Eternal Father, strong to save, whose arm has bound the restless wave, who bids the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep: O hear us when we raise our plea for those in peril on the sea.

V2. O Christ, the Lord of hill and plain o'er which our traffic runs a-main by mountain pass or valley low; wherever, Lord, your loved ones go, protect them by our guarding hand from ev'ry peril on the land.

V3. O Spirit, whom the Father sent to spread abroad the firmament; O wind of heaven, by your might, save all who dare the eagle's flight, and keep them by your watchful care from ev'ry peril in the air.

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GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest,
and on earth peace to people of good will.
We praise you, we bless you,
we adore you, we glorify you,
we give you thanks for your great glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.
Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Prayer for Vocations

Almighty Father,
You have created us for some definite purpose.
Grant us the grace to know the path
You have planned for us in this life
and to respond with a generous "Yes."

Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations.
May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal.

Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests.
Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church.

We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

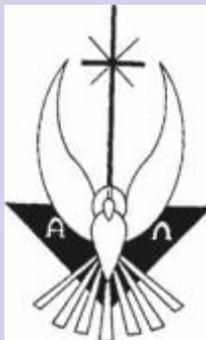
I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,

All bow
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate
of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.
He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored
and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.



2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

We thank everyone who has participated in the 2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our generous gifts let us impact the stories of thousands through six important Catholic ministries right here in our archdiocese.

Thanks to your generosity, \$30,645.00 has been pledged, which is **146%** of our goal of \$20,945!!!

Additionally, 50% of all pledges in excess of our parish goal will go to purchase liturgical items such as chalices, candles, etc. for our parish.

Again, **THANK YOU!!**

For more information or to donate online, please visit www.AOCstewardship.org.



**WELCOME TO OUR NEW PASTOR
Fr. Michael Cordier**

Fr. Cordier begins July 1st. Fr. Cordier was ordained in 2002. He was parochial vicar at Guardian Angel after his ordination. He was pastor of the region of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and St. Andrew in the Milford - Miami Township area and is currently pastor of the region of St. Raphael, St. Joseph and St. Charles Borromeo in the Springfield, Ohio, area.

He graduated from Moeller High School in 1975 and Xavier University in 1979. He worked in business as a computer programmer for 17 years before entering the seminary. He looks forward to meeting all of you. In this time of transition, please pray for him and he will pray for you.



DO YOU REMEMBER HOW IT FELT TO BE TOGETHER??

We are looking forward to
seeing you IN church!

With the obligation for attending Mass
returning on June 6, 2021,
we'd like to share some helpful information
about attending Mass in person.

Please see the last page of this week's bulletin
for more information.

If you have any questions, please call the
Regional Office at 791-9004 or email
Bishop Joe at
bishopjoe@blrchurch

ANNIVERSARY OF PARISHIONERS' DEATHS

The Bereavement Committee is listing the anniversary of a Parishioner whose funeral was held at St. Saviour in the last five years. We see this as a way to continue to support the family. You may want to send them a card or call them to let them know you are thinking of them.

Stella M. Binggeli—May 30, 2020
Vera K. Berlage—May 31, 2017
Audrey C. Stegmoyer—May 31, 2017
Norma M. Ghory—June 3, 2017



Focus on Mary for 33 days

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is celebrating its bicentennial with a 300-mile "parade" for Mary.

It's the longest Marian pilgrimage in the United States. The observance began on May 9 at the Our Lady of Fatima Shrine in Russells Point, Ohio.

Pilgrims continue to will escort a statue of Our Lady of Fatima throughout the diocese. The route threads back and forth through concerts, celebrations and three dozen parishes. One of them will be St. Gertrude, which plans a vigil Mass at 4:30 pm with a concert at 7:00 pm on June 12.

Events this week include Rosary and prayers at St. Benedict in Dayton, Rosary at the Marian Shrine at Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception in Dayton, Mass at St. Mary of the Assumption in Springboro, Holy Hour & Rosary at St. Frances De Sales in Lebanon, and procession by the Knights of Columbus at Our Lady of Sorrows in Monroe with a reception to follow.

The capstone will be a reconsecration of the archdiocese at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains on June 19. A family concert will follow on Fountain Square.

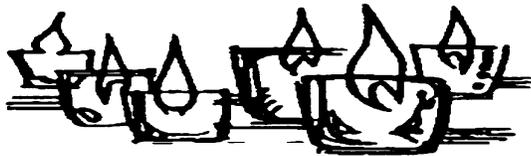
Catholics are invited to participate individually, doing everything from praying the 33 Days of Morning Glory booklet to walking as a Statue Guardian pilgrim. Booklets are available in the back of church.

For a map and more information, go to www.mary2021.org or 200.catholicaoc.org/events. There's also a Marian Pilgrimage Facebook page.



VIGIL LIGHTS LIT THIS WEEK

Intention	Donor
In memory of Laura Conroy	Mom & Dad
In Memory of Oliver L. Harris, Jr.	Wendy Carter Harris
My Daughter Theresa	Mom
My BFF Jan & Ed	Cookie
My daughter Isla	Mama
Bob, fight that cancer	Your Family
Son	Mom
Niece	Aunt
Family love & understanding	A family member
For my Mom	Son
Jason	Loving Family
All family members to reconcile	JME
Family Peace	Parishioner
Prayers for Judy	Jim
Good Health for Marc	Your Friends
Good recovery for Fred	Barb
Son & Family	Mom & Dad
My sister Judy	Cookie
Baby Hengehold	Moorman Family
Special Intention	N.J.
Thomas Burns, Sr.	
May 15, Anniversary	Margie Burns
Continued Prayers for Father Tim	The Theurings



CAMPING ANYONE?

A few of us are trying to organize a parish campout. We would like to invite anyone who is interested in camping to come and join us. The weekend will be July 16-17-18 at East Fork Lake State Park in Ohio. We will be in loop D. If interested please make your reservations by going online at East Fork Lake State Park campground.

Hopefully, we will have a good turn out. Depending on numbers attending, activities will be planned. Any questions or suggestions, please contact Dottie or Mike Hathorn at (h) 513-984-1516, (c) 513-703-4790 or (c) 513-300-4150 or Tom Camp at (c) 513-615-3197 or email THC8902@aol.com

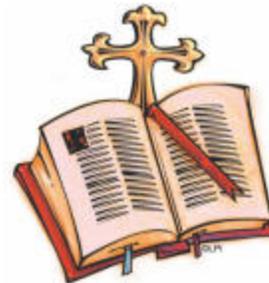


PRAY FOR THOSE WHO HAVE DIED

Please pray for all who have died, especially Lois Brandstetter, Bob Brown, and those who are grieving the loss of a loved one.

Readings for the week of May 30, 2021

Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20
 Monday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [6]/Lk 1:39-56
 Tuesday: Tb 2:9-14/Ps 112:1-2, 7-8, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 12:13-17
 Wednesday: Tb 3:1-11a, 16-17a/Ps 25:2-3, 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [1]/Mk 12:18-27
 Thursday: Tb 6:10-11; 7:1bcde, 9-17; 8:4-9a/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 12:28-34
 Friday: Tb 11:5-17/Ps 146:1b-2, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10 [1b]/Mk 12:35-37
 Saturday: Tb 12:1, 5-15, 20/Tb 13:2, 6efgh, 7, 8 [1b]/Mk 12:38-44
 Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 [13]/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26



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THANK YOU

TO OUR SPONSORS

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

to the following people who this week are celebrating their anniversary:

Please remember in your prayers those who have lost their spouse.

- Jerry (D) & Pat Gruter—May 30, 1952
- Bob & Mary Koenig—May 30, 1964
- Joseph & Kim Graves—May 30, 1997
- Darin & Susan Abrams—May 30, 1998
- Pete & Rosemary Serger - May 31, 1974
- Gene & Sue Medl - June 1, 1963
- Joseph & Jennifer Kobos - June 1, 2002
- Jim (D) & Judy Donnellon - June 2, 1956
- Ed & June (D) Fritz - June 2, 1962
- Tim & Sue Hanneken - June 2, 1984
- James (D) & Sharon Lambert - June 3, 1961
- Robert & Marie Jacobs - June 3, 1967
- Scott & Dana Brians - June 3, 1995
- Russ & Marlene O'Brien - June 4, 1983
- Tim & Anne Bonn - June 5, 1982
- Ron & Sherri Satterfield - June 5, 1993
- Tony & Katie Mappes—June 5, 2009

Would you like to see your anniversary listed here?
Please just email lindas@stsaviourparish.org. or call Linda at the Parish Office 791-9004

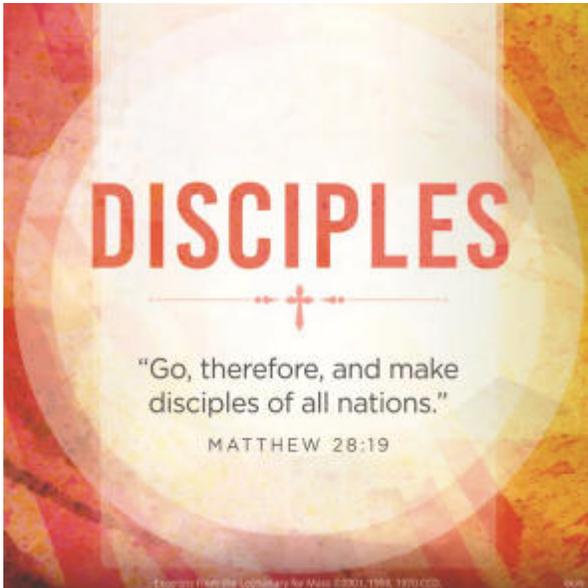


BEACONS OF LIGHT

Archbishop Schnurr has announced the next phase of pastoral planning in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, called "Beacons of Light." The process is designed to foster vital parish life throughout the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, leading all to radiate Christ in our homes, places of work, schools, parishes, and the wider world. For more information about "Beacons of Light," please visit <https://catholicaoc.org/beacons>. We will continue to update you. Please pray that we will be open to the Holy Spirit at this important time. Thank you. God bless you!!

Let us pray,

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that your Church may always remain that holy people, formed as one by the unity of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, which manifest to the world the Sacrament of your holiness and unity and leads it to the perfection of your charity. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever.
Amen.



The Finance Commission has set our weekly budget amount for 2020-2021 at \$7,000.00

Week of 05/10/2021—05/16/2021

Envelopes and loose	\$4,914.40
EFT	\$1,590.00
Total	\$6,504.40



**To prepare us for next week
(Solemnity of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ)**

The readings are:
Exodus 24:3-8
Hebrews 9:11-15
Mark 14:12-16, 22-26
Catechism Guide

1st Reading—The liturgy: celebrated by those who, in various ways, participate in the one priesthood of Christ.
(+1140-1144, 1368)

2nd Reading—Christ's paschal sacrifice: New Covenant sealed in his blood.
(+610-614, 1362-1365, 1390, 1403)

Gospel—Christ's presence and paschal mystery in the Church's liturgy.
(+1084-1090)

MISSION PRIEST

Fr. Sherit Thomas of the Missionary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle (MST) will join us for the Masses on June 19 and June 20 to speak with us about the missionary efforts of MST. Most of the MST missionaries preach the gospel in Northern part of India where the population is predominately Hindu and Muslim. The members of MST undertake various humanitarian and charitable activities and ministries to share the love of Christ. Working among the poor, working with people with HIV-AIDS, running training and rehabilitation centers for the mentally and physically disabled, caring for the aged and the destitute boys and girls, running non-formal and formal centers of literacy, empowering the poor women with various self-financing programs, and educating the street children and rag pickers are some of their apostolates.

MST has only a few income-generating programs and depends on God and the contributions and support from the Christian countries. Any amount that you contribute will ease the pain of the suffering, brighten the lives those live in darkness and give hope to the less fortunate. For more information, please visit www.mstworld.org. Thank you for your generosity.



YOUTH GROUP NEWS

We are better with you than we are without you, and so are you. Any school ... All Saints, St. Vincent Ferrer, and any other parish, and your friends! 7th & 8th grade for Junior High Youth Group; 9th -12th grade for High School Youth Group and Highschoolers of the Well (HOW).

Please visit us at www.allsaints.cc Parish Life\Youth Ministry

This weekend and every weekend we have so much for which to be thankful. On this last weekend in May, we set aside some extra reflection time to say our prayers of thanksgiving for those men and women who gave their full and last measure to keep us safe and to maintain our freedom. Thank you to all who served, serve, and will serve! "... O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave"! Thank you Dear Lord for blessing us with such courageous and selfless people. Thank You Dear Lord for Your words of good news we read and hear in each week's Gospel. And thank You Dear Lord for Your words today (Matthew 28:16-20) which remind us and encourage us to "...Go therefore and make disciples of all nations ..." and which comfort us "...And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age". God Bless America! He does! Thank you Dear Lord!

**Junior High Youth Group
THAT WAS GREAT!**

Last week we gathered Junior High kids from lots of schools for lots of fun and lots of food and lots of Faith. The heat was overcome by the Annual Water Balloon Toss... and some surprise extra tosses. The food was Cicada-less & tasty. The fun was abundant. The Faith sharing, with some teachin' & preachin' and tellin' & sellin', was wonderful. Imagine a whole bunch of Junior High folks on the bricks in front of our beautiful Church, on a warm Spring evening, praying to and talking about Pentecost, The Holy Spirit, and their role as evangelists! Jesus surely had a big smile on His face as He watched these young folks! So did they. So did we! We gotta do that more!

HOW

HOW wonderful!
Last Monday night was "HOW handprint night". For the past 14 years, high school seniors have, on about the last HOW gathering of the year, placed their white-paint handprint on the Youth Room wall. We have lots of handprints! Each has a story which we fondly recall, and we will long remember. We are blessed by those who joined us.

This year's group of seniors was outstanding in many ways. They lead the Celebrate Life Event, they worked through the social distance, mask, and temp-check to gather during cold weather in the Church's North Wing instead of in the Youth Room, they lifted up each other, welcomed all comers, and made long, steady, faith-filled strides forward. May God bless this Senior Class of Highschoolers of the Well. May God bless all who have left their mark and their handprint this year and in years past. May God continue to bless them as they strive forward with their Faith. Thank you Seniors. We will miss you!



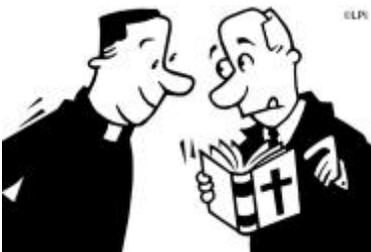
QUESTION AND ANSWER



Why don't Catholics add the "For yours is the Kingdom..." prayer at the end of the Our Father like the Protestants do? Where did it come from?

The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer that you refer to is called a doxology, which is a prayer of glory and praise. This particular doxology we do use in the Mass. After the Our Father, the priest prays the prayer that begins, "Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil..." and the people respond with the doxology. The doxology is not found in the Bible, in either Matthew 6:9-13 or Luke 11: 2-4, but it is very ancient. It was first found in "The Didache," also called "The Teaching of the Twelve Apostles," which dates probably from about the year AD 90. It was a letter of instruction to early converts to Christianity. Protestantism dates only to the sixteenth century, so the doxology is actually a Catholic prayer. Some scholars and the catechism (§ 2760) indicate that the doxology was connected to the celebration of the Eucharist and was not used apart from it.

Remember, both the Lord's Prayer and the Eucharist were part of the "mysteries of faith," things taught only to believers. Ironically, a remnant of a prayer used during the celebration of the Eucharist has come to be used widely by many Christian churches that do not celebrate the Eucharist! Truth is indeed stranger than fiction!



Vacation Bible Camp Committee

COVID-19 sure put a damper on Vacation Bible Camp!! We had to cancel for the summer of 2020. Due to the uncertainty of what would happen for 2021, we have decided to plan for Vacation Bible Camp to return in the summer of 2022.

Those who have helped in the past know how much planning it takes to organize a program like this. However, the work planning this event is nothing compared to the joy and happiness it brings to all those who help and all who participate!!

In order for VBC to take place and be successful, it takes a lot of wonderful and responsible adults and teens. If you are interested in helping with the planning, or volunteering to help during the event, please contact Jenny Edmonds at jennye@blr.church or call the regional office at 791-9004.

Working together, we can radiate the light of our Catholic faith with our youth as they enjoy stories, laughter, games and activities!!!

May God Bless you! Thank you!

PARISHIONERS IN THE MILITARY -- --KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

For those in the military, if you would like to receive e-mails from parishioners, please share your e-mail address with us at lindas@blr.church

1st LT JACOB BARNHORST	CHRIS BELAIR
SrA LOCHER, RAY E	MORGAN MATTSTEDT
EDWARD SAURBER	ANTHONY TAYLOR
SGT. TROY THOMAS	JOHN VIDOUREK
BRENNAN & JACOB WOOD	KEITH DAMRON



NEW GUIDELINES FOR MASS

Good day everyone!! On May 13, 2021, the Diocesan Bishops of Ohio decided that the general obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (including the Saturday/Vigil Mass) is to be reinstated. This will take effect in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati the weekend of June 5-6, 2021. As has always been the case, those who have a serious reason are exempt from attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation. This includes those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immuno-compromised or ill, as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of contracting the coronavirus in a large group of persons. Nevertheless, these persons should observe the Lord's Day and are encouraged to spend time in prayer on Sunday, meditating on the Lord's passion, death and resurrection; an appropriate way to do this is through viewing a broadcast of the Sunday Mass. Masses that are broadcast through various media are not intended as a substitute nor do they fulfill the obligation for the persons who are able to gather for a Sunday celebration and other Holy Days of Obligation. Instead, they are intended for the sick, home-bound, the imprisoned, etc., who are unable to attend Mass in person.

The obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days is not something God asks of us out of his own necessity to be worshipped, but rather a gift to us for our spiritual well-being, eternal salvation and formation in our relationship with God and one another. To that end, Saint John Vianney rightly asserts, "There is nothing so great as the Eucharist. If God had something more precious, He would have given it to us." The Eucharist is the greatest gift Christ left to the Church—the gift of Himself. There is no substitute for Mass celebrated in person.

Until the statewide mask mandate changes effective June 2, 2021, it is expected that masks are worn at all times in church. Priests, deacons, readers, and cantors may (if socially distant from others) remove their mask while speaking or singing, but masks must be worn while in procession throughout the church and especially during the distribution of Holy Communion. Please continue to leave your mask in place when you are in line to receive Communion and please do not remove it until you step to the side and then you may lower your mask to take Communion and then please immediately put your mask back in place.

Some of the ribbons marking off pews have been removed. Guidance from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati allows this. We realize that some parishioners may prefer to be socially distanced so some of the pews remain marked off with ribbons.

For more information, please see <https://resources.catholicaoc.org/offices/divine-worship-and-sacraments/worship-resources/worshiptogethersafelycovid19> and <https://www.ohiocathconf.org/Portals/1/Bishop%20Statements/Lifting-Dispensation-letter-5-13-19.pdf>.

As we reflect on our Lord's goodness and mercy in the midst of the sacrifices made during the coronavirus pandemic, we ask Saint Joseph to intercede for us, that through his fatherly protection and care, we may experience a renewal of faith in the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

Please feel free to call the Regional Office at 513.791.9004 or email Bishop Joe at bishop-joe@blr.church if you have any questions. Please join us as we continue to pray for an end to the coronavirus, for those who have suffered in any way from the effects of the virus, and for first responders.

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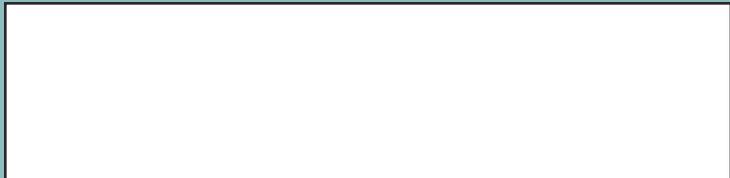
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