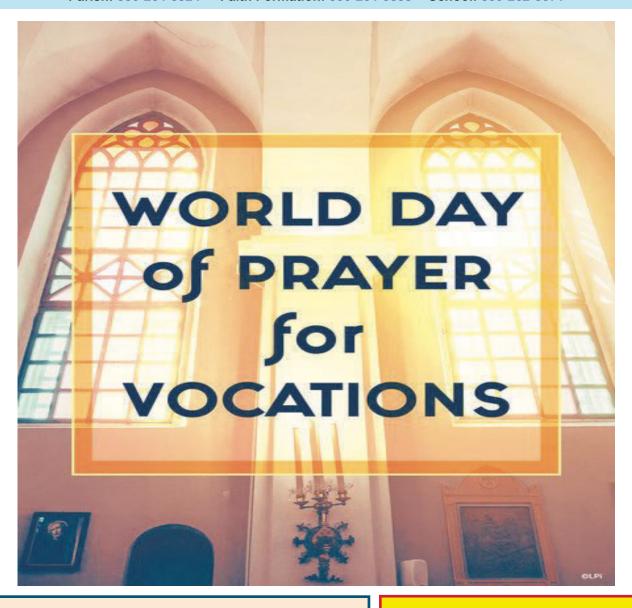
## St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception

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Beloved Family:

There is nothing worse than becoming used to the magnificent! Fr. John Riccardo speaks these words in the latest episode of his Thoughts from the Trailer podcast. His direct reference point is the fact of our identity as God's beloved adopted sons and daughters, drawn from the Second Reading for Mass on this Fourth Sunday of Easter (1John3:1-2).

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Earth Day is Monday, April 22

Let us thank God for all of creation and pray to be good stewards.

PASTOR: Rev. Stephen P. Moran PAROCHIAL VICAR: Rev. David Chojnacki DEACON: Bob Zerrer PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: Camille Horvath MUSIC: Ivy Meyer FAITH FORMATION: Sarah Nussbaum

#### **Mass Schedule and Intentions**

Sunday, April 21

8:00am Mass—Joseph & Mary Kacsandi †

9:00am Confessions

11:00am Mass—Mary Richey †

(live stream available)

1:00pm Spanish Mass @ St. Agnes in Orrville

5:00pm Mass—Pro Populo

Monday, April 22

7:00am Mass—Peter Sinh Le †

9:30am Mass at Danbury nursing home

Tuesday, April 23

7:00am Mass—All Souls 9:00am Adoration Opens

Wednesday, April 24

9:30am Mass—Doris Massaro †

10:00pm Adoration Closes

Thursday, April 25

7:00am Mass—Landon Ellerbrock

Friday, April 26

7:00am Mass—Mandy Mast & Family

Saturday, April 27

3:00pm Confessions

5:00pm Mass (First Communion)—Jack Craig †

(live stream available)

Sunday, April 28

8:00am Mass—Russ & Betty Hamilton †

9:00am Confessions

11:00am Mass—Ronald Kelley †

(live stream available)

1:00pm Spanish Mass @ St. Agnes in Orrville

5:00pm Mass—Pro Populo

# Do You Know Someone who would like a Summer job?

We need help to get our school building cleaned and prepared in June and July for August re-opening.

If so, call Parish Office at 330-264-8824

### **REQUESTS for PRAYERS**

#### **Prayers for the Deceased**

Finn McCarter

## Please remember in your prayers the following people:

Mary Lou Alto, Jenni Avina, Al Barta, Denise Biro, Diana Boldman, Kay-Leigh Botha, Marilyn Bresson, Deb Brookshire, Danny Butts, Shirley Catanzarite, Robert Collian, Rachel Conrad, Linda Cutter, Ginny Dowin, Samuel Fannin, Pat Gash, Linda Sue Grassman, Marilyn Greco, La Sonya Griffen, Taylor Harasti, Marc Haven, Lottie Hosfeld, James & Dianne Howell, Michael Hungerman, Sebastian Hutchison, Karen Iannarelli, Ted Iannarelli, Carole Jackson, Lauren Johnson, Kagen Jones, Paul Kauffman Jensen Keller, Rene Knack, Ben Kroger, Nick Leppla, Mike Mang, Tom Messier, Stephen Messner, Chuck Monaghan, Karen Morris, Art Nolletti, Laura Norman, Camille Olsen, Skip Olsen; Joseph Pagniano, Elaine Peeples, Mark Pyles, Robert Raines, Michele Richmond, Paul Ritchie, Sandy Schweniman, David & Heather Septer, Tom Shaffer, James Sheehan, Russell & Mary (Rowan) Slutz, Rosemarie Smith, Judy Snader, Deb Stein, Pat Suchan, Deborah Drouhard Sword, Laura Thacker, Bethany Tomassetti, Bonnie Tomassetti, Joyce Tomassetti, Stacey Tomassetti, Howard & Judy Vaeth, Eric Van Vooren, Judy Viator, April Wade, Sean & Laura Wade, Mike Warther, Linda Weyhrich, Patricia Woodside

#### **Prayers for Those Who Serve:**

Capt. Sean Curry, Capt. Gary Anthony DiVito, LCDR Lauren Elkins, Col. Daniel Fowler, Capt. Chad Grimes, PO2 Andrew Hawley, Specialist Donato Havourd, CW2 Scott Heuchling, A1C Tyson Jones, SN Zachary King—US Navy, Staff Sgt. Wallace Lytle, Col. Jonathan Marion, Sgt. Ed Schafrath Jr, LTJG Jillian Stuckey, Sgt. Taylor Winstead, Chief Kyle Winters, Lt. Johnna Zadra-Winters

#### FINANCIAL NEWS 4/14/24

 Regular Collection weekly goal:
 \$20,000.00

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 \$10,660.50

 Electronic Giving
 \$4,196.00

 Total
 \$14,856.50

 Major Repair:
 \$355.00

#### WEEKLY SCHEDULE

(PH=Parish Hall ● RLL=Rectory Lower Level ■ LIB =Library ● YR=Youth Room

• GYM=School Gym)

Monday, April 22

Noon Women's Chaplet of Divine Mercy (LIB)

5:00pm COW Newman Night (PH)

Tuesday, April 23

6:30am Men's Prayer Group (PH)

7:00pm Knights of Columbus 4th Degree (HALL)

Wednesday, April 24

7:00pm AFF—The Chosen (PH)

7:00pm Middle School Youth Group (YR)

Thursday, April 25

7:00pm Choir Rehearsal (Church)

Friday, April 26

3:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy (ZOOM

7:00pm Praise & Worship (PH)

Saturday, April 27

8:30am PPC Retreat (Church, PH)

Sunday, April 28

9:00am Recitation of Rosary (Church)

9:30am PSR—Parish School or Religion (School)

11:00am RCIA (PH)

Noon Flame of Love Cenacle (Church) 7:00pm High School Youth Group (PH)

## MAGNIFICAT SCHOLARSHIP

Graduating Senior?
Apply Now

Applications available outside the faith formation office in the parish hall

APPLICATIONS DUE APRIL 22 TO THE FAITH FORMAITON OFFICE

Questions? Email Michaela msheehan.stmarywooster@gmail.com

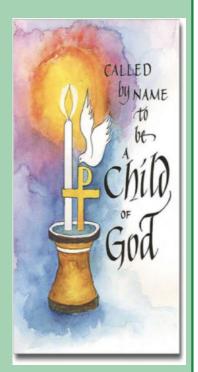


### **Pre-Baptismal Session May 7**

Planning a baptism or expecting your first child? Please register for our next prebaptismal session on Tuesday, May 7, at 7pm in the lower level of the rectory. Sessions are for parents (mandatory) and godparents (optional) and last about an hour and 30 minutes.

If it has been more than five years since you attended, please register!

Contact the Faith Formation Office at 330-264-5838 for more details.



## **Graduating seniors:**

Please come to our Graduation Mass May 5th at 5pm! Graduates will be recognized and families/ friends are invited to a special reception after Mass! Register using the QR code to the right:





# The CHOSEN

Join other parishioners as we watch Season 3 of The CHOSEN.



Continuing
Wednesdays
through May 22
7:00 pm
in the Parish Hall

## We will show all eight episodes of Season 3

- Watch the life of Jesus from a whole new perspective.
- The Chosen is based on true stories of the Gospels of Jesus Christ.
- "I was moved to tears. . .and worship, as I watched." anonymous



# In the News: St. Mary School "Growing in Character, Faith and Knowledge"





St. Mary School
offers
before- and
after-school
care for our families.

Hours are:
7am to 8:45am
and
3:30pm to 5:30pm
to accommodate our
working parents

The kindergarteners loved learning how to make shapes on their geoboards. Some of our students were very creative while designing their creations.

St. Mary School is looking for an additional intervention specialist for the 2024-2025 school year

You must have a current Ohio Teaching License in intervention.

Hours are flexible

If you are interested in joining our St. Mary team, please email, Laura Marvin at: Stm\_lmarvin@tccsa.net





PRINCIPAL: Mrs. Laura Marvin SCHOOL OFFICE: 330-262-8671 DAYCARE & PRE-SCHOOL: 330-262-2752 SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.stmwoo.org SCHOOL FACEBOOK: stmarywooster1

#### Readings for the Week of April 21

**Sunday:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations Acts 4:8-12/Ps 118: 1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28,

29 (22)/Jn 3:1-2/Jn 10:11-18

Monday: Earth Day

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/

Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert,

**Bishop and Martyr** 

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/

Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen,

**Priest and Martyr;** 

Administrative Professionals' Day Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/

Jn 12:44-50

Thursday: St. Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/

Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Arbor Day

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/

Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Weekday

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/

Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32

(26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

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#### Pastor's Column (continued from cover) . . .

I believe it would be nearly impossible to be excessive in our effort to approach the Eucharist with awe and amazement—but do we? April is referred to as the month of the Holy Eucharist. There is no month within the year when we are not called to exercise the highest level of care and reverence toward the Blessed Sacrament. Therefore, extending into the next weeks, we will be drawing attention to the appropriate manner in which to present ourselves for Holy Communion.

In this installment, I address the issue of the proper interior disposition of the Communicant. The following is drawn from Guidelines for the Reception of Communion, issued in November, 1996 by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops:

As Catholics, we fully participate in the celebration of the Eucharist when we receive Holy Communion. We are encouraged to receive Communion devoutly and frequently. In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession. In this case, the person is to be mindful of the obligation to make an act of perfect contrition, including the intention of confessing as soon as possible (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.

Following a survey that we distributed within the last six or so months, we have made efforts substantially to increase the availability of the Sacrament of Penance. If we are going to identify something as important, it only makes sense that scheduling reflect this. It is, after all, understandable that the "traditional" Saturday midafternoon time block is impractical, for many people nowadays. We now offer Penance after 8am Sunday Mass every week and after First Friday and First Saturday Mass each month. Moving forward, there is potential for further times to be added. Neighboring parishes are also varying times. I am aware, for example, that Sacred Heart Church in Wadsworth has a period of Confessions on Saturdays beginning at 11 am. In my experience, there is always quite a line of individuals waiting.

Sacred Scripture attests: "...at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:10-11) Surely, if the name of Jesus evokes awe and reverence, His physical Real Presence in the Eucharist ought all the more to lead us to praise and worship.

Let His Peace be with you. Theyhan



## **GABRIEL PROJECT**

## **Meals for Moms**

We provide home-cooked meals for moms who have had a new baby.

Volunteers sign up to make an occasional meal and bring it to the church kitchen where it will then be delivered to the family.

If you are a person who enjoys cooking and helping others, then please consider joining our volunteer list.

For more information or to sign up, please contact Jenifer Boros 330-465-0777 or jenboros 7@gmail.com.

## Gabriel Project is in Need

The following specific items are needed for the moms we serve:

• Cribs (no drop sides); swings; infant carrier car seats; pack and plays; and bouncy chairs.

#### We will also take:

• Beds (twin-queen), small table and chair sets; end tables; and rocking/glider chairs.

If you have any of these items that are in good shape and you would like to make a donation, please contact Sandy Howard at 330-620-6290 or howiedobie@yahoo.com.

**The stone rejected by the builders has become the cornerstone.** Psalm: 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29 (4/21/24)

## Catholic Daughters of the Americas, Court Wooster #1073

All women of the parish are invited to attend our meeting on Thursday, May 2 at 1 pm in the St. Mary's Parish Hall. We would like your input, so you're all welcome to come.



Socialization and refreshments after the meeting

### **NOW HIRING!**

We are seeking a SCHOOL CUSTODIAN.

Please bring your resume and complete your application at the Parish Office.

## VETERANS CAN GET MEAT FOR MEMORIAL DAY

Buehler's, in conjunction with the Wayne County Veterans Service Commission, is distributing vouchers for holiday meat to veterans in time for Memorial Day celebrations and remembrances.

Vouchers are available for Wayne County veterans, those on active duty and surviving spouses of veterans.

Sign-up runs through May 3. Only one voucher per household, and they may be picked up between May 13 and May 24 and must be used by June 7.

To register, go to the Wayne County Veterans Service Commission office at 356 W. North St. (lower level) Monday through Friday from 8:30am to 4:30pm or call 330-345-6638. THOMAS C. CAPEK Insurance Services LLC

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