

## LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

## MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, March 20

**9:00** †Virginia Freiermuth, A.M.

11:0 Parish

Monday, March 21

**6:30** †Pat Cahill

10:00 †Barbara Whaley

Tuesday, March 22

**6:30** Sophie and Tanner Ferderer, Sp. int

10:00 †Paul Schutte, A.M.

Wednesday, March 23

**6:30** †Myrtle Horgan

10:00 †Rich Hergott, A.M.

Thursday, March 24

**6:30** †Dave VanHorn

10:00 †Bill Kathman Sr., A.M.

Friday, March 25

**6:30** †Lois Shannon

10:00 †Paul Hemmer

Saturday, March 26

10:00 †Paul Holtmeier

**4:00** †Michael Gigliotti

Sunday, March 27

9:00 †Robin Kayiatos

**11:00** Parish

**BAPTISM:** Preparatory classes are required. Please call the office (331-4302) to register.

## **SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Thursday before First Friday, 10:30a.m. & 3rd Tuesday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

**MARRIAGE**: Contact the parish at least 6 months ahead. One party must be a parishioner.

#### **COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:**

Contact Parish Office, 331-4302

#### **EUCHARISTIC EXPOSITION:**

Wednesdays, 10-4 p.m., Rosary & Benediction at 3:30p.m.

**ROSARY**: The rosary is prayed at 9:30 a.m. before every 10 a.m. weekday Mass, unless there is a funeral Mass. Rosary is also prayed at 3:30 Wednesday afternoons in front of the exposed Blessed Sacrament.

## LET US PRAY

## FOR OUR SICK

Stew & Joy Riche Connie Darpel Corbin Barnett Phyllis Lunnemann Lou & Ann Fritz Erin Woods Larry Bischoff Ralph Carr Donna Epplen Sean Davis Donna Cliff Juanita Hanna Susan Neltner Michael Weber Katie Clabough Virginia Carnage

**Ruth Otto** 

If you or someone you know would like to be added to our prayer list, please contact the Parish Office. We also have a prayer group through our Facebook page:
@welcometobsc.

## **FOR OUR DECEASED**

James Osterman

## LENTEN FASTING AND ABSTINENCE

During Lent, healthy Catholics age 14 and older are required to abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday of the season. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, healthy adult Catholics (ages 18-59) are required to fast, limiting food to one full meal with minimal food at the other two.



#### LENTEN FRIDAYS

7 p.m.: Way of the Cross 7:30 p.m.: Confessions

## B.S.C.'S S.V.D.P. PANTRY NEEDS YOU!

Our Saint Vincent de Paul pantry is depleted on a few items. Immediate needs include: **SMALL SIZE ONLY PLEASE:** Peanut Butter, Jelly, Canned Fruit, Toothbrushes, and Bars of Hand Soap. **NO SHAMPOO PLEASE.** Thank you for your continued support of the Pantry.

## **NEWS AND FORMATION**

#### PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD:

#### ADSUMUS, SANCTE SPIRITUS

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,

## Office Information

in the communion of the

and ever. Amen

Father and the Son, for ever

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## FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Family,

SYNOD

I hope Lent is going well for you. Please remember that if you have not been able to keep your Lenten resolution, then forget it and take up something more doable. I am receiving a lot of positive feedback about the Search program. It is never too late to come here and watch one of the presentations. Of course, you can watch the talks at home as well on your computer.

We had a staff meeting on Friday. I am putting out a call for volunteers for the following places where we need some help:

- 1. The Adopt a Plot Program. Please consider watching over a very small patch of our campus grounds throughout the summer. One of the reasons we have such a beautiful campus is because so many people help to make it nice. I am always happy for young couples when they get married here in the summer because this campus is so beautiful. Please call Michele Garvey if you can help out.
- 2. Spring and Fall cleanup. We need help each year to spruce things up and take them down. I am looking for someone to chair one of the two seasonal days for this outside maintenance.
- 3. I would like to bring back our Children's Liturgy. This involves two people on Sunday's at Mass who are willing to meet with children while the readings are being read at Mass. It takes about 15 or 20 minutes. Then the children are brought upstairs to be reunited with their families.
- 4. Babysitting. It would be nice if we had some volunteers who would provide baby sitting in the church undercroft while the 9:00 Mass is going on. This would make it easier for parents to pay attention at Mass.
- 5. Sacristy helpers. We could use some volunteers to pick a daily Mass each week where they would help set up for Mass and then put things away. If you come to daily Mass, please consider helping out at one of the Masses each week. This will be the beginnings of an Altar Society that I would like to establish named after St. Therese of Lisieux.
- 6. Our RCIA team could use some help after Easter. We still meet with the converts after Easter to emphasize the fact that they have joined a family. So can you help with the welcoming? Perhaps you could have the converts over for dinner. Perhaps you could write a letter of welcome right now, and we could give them the letter as a surprise at the Easter Vigil when they receive their sacraments. Please contact our RCIA coordinator, Mirianna Asman, about this.

Thanks for all that you do to build the family of Blessed Sacrament. And thanks, too, to all of the staff and volunteers who made our retreat for the Confirmation students so successful this past Sunday.

All God's Blessings, Father Damian

## **STEWARDSHIP**

## GIFT OF THE MONTH

#### MARCH

Regional School Programs is the only program of its kind in KY, providing a variety of educational services to students with existing barriers to success in traditional classrooms and school settings. RSP helps kids succeed despite the obstacles and hardships in their lives. Kids who don't always get fed at home need quick snacks on weekends when they don't have school lunches. Please help with donations of: Cereal (high fiber/low sugar), Pop Tarts, Peanut Butter (small jars), Microwave Popcorn, Goldfish and Cheez-it Crackers (small packages), Cheese or Peanut Butter Cracker Sandwiches, Cereal Bars, and **Chef Boyardee Canned Pasta.** Please leave your donations in the bins near the church doors. Thank you!

## REFLECTION

### STEWARDSHIP OF OUR MISSION

"This is what you shall tell the Israelites:
I AM sent me to you." With these words, God sent Moses to do what would have been impossible for Moses alone. While God rarely uses a voice from a burning bush to speak to people, he does give each of us stewardship of an important mission.

Does God need a burning bush to get my attention?

How has God communicated my mission to me?

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Annual Budget: \$1,319,968.00

Support Needed Weekly: \$25, 384

Last Week's Collection: \$10,354.85

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## THE SEARCH: QUESTIONS OF THE WEEK

## What do you think?

- Some people see faith and science as incompatible. What does the prevalence of people of faith, and even members of the clergy, in various scientific fields have to say about this?
- "If you're doing science, you're looking for the truth, and the Church is all about truth." Fr. Paul Mueller, SJ, Vice Director, Vatican Observatory.
- "Faith and reason are like two wings on which the human spirit rises to the contemplation of truth; and God has placed in the human heart a desire to know the truth - in a word, to know himself." *Pope Saint* John Paul II



**The Search** is a 7-part video series with prayer and discussion. The videos can be found online at **Formed.org.** To register for your free Formed account, go to the site, type in the name and address of our parish, and follow the prompts.

You can still join a study group. Call the parish office for help finding a group: 859-331-4302.

Join our online discussion group: Find **BSC Book Talk 1** through our Facebook page:
<a href="https://www.facebook.com/">https://www.facebook.com/</a>
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For more information, contact Rosanne Thomas: rthomas@bscky.org

### ADORATION IS LIKE OCEAN WATER!

Well, it's very simple! When we adore Jesus in the Host, we adore him at once physically present in the Host and just as real, spiritually present within us. Heaven is at once on the altar and in our heart. We are like one of those lovely sponges plunged into the ocean. We are in the water, but the water is also in us: Jesus said, "Abide in me, and I in you." We let ourselves be filled on every side, outside and inside, by the love of our God. What is our role? It, too, is simple. Let us remember the words of St. John: "Jesus came to His own and His own received Him not." If the lovely sponge retracts, closes itself, it cannot absorb the water that is offered to it. Let us ask the Holy Spirit to help us open ourselves to the love offered in us and in front of us. Let us receive it. let us allow ourselves to act, let us abandon ourselves with confidence, "entirely awakened, in faith, to the creative action of God in us". Let us receive this offered love as much as possible, so that the over-saturated sponge that we become may overflow upon others. Let God love you. Come to Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesdays 10:30 to 4pm and let God love you.

THE INTERNATIONAL MISSION NEEDS **COLLECTION** will be conducted in our Church next week. This Second Collection supports five Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The agencies provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees and proves Christ's love and respect to all people. Your donation will help train catechists in parishes and provide access to bible study groups, secure workshops and seminars to parishioners so they can live their faith amid challenging circumstances. The donations help with pastoral care, help build places where the faithful can worship and also help to preserve holy places where Jesus walked and taught many thousands of people. Your support helps missions throughout the world. Your gift will help give hope to Jesus in Disguise. Please give prayerful consideration to the Collection next weekend and give generously from your heart.

## R.C.I.A.: What are the "Scrutinies"?



Today at the 9am Mass we witness the First Scrutiny, where the Elect (the unbaptized people who are becoming Catholic) prepare for Baptism. **Please keep our Elect, Susan** 

## Feldhaus, in your prayers on your faith journey.

One of the most powerful moments of the Scrutinies is how they begin. After the homily, the Elect are invited to come forward with their sponsors and to kneel down. Then, the whole assembly is invited to pray for them in silence. It is a very solemn moment. This community has cared for these elect for some months now on their journey. At Sunday 9:30 Mass dismissal, we have sent them to reflect more and more deeply on the Word of God, and expressed to them our longing for the day on which they would join us at the table of the Lord. Now we pray for them in this sacred silence, deeply asking God to protect them and heal them in the weeks ahead.

In silence, the priest lays his hands for a brief moment on the head of each of the Elect. It is a solemn act of calling down the Spirit of Jesus to be with them and protect them. Questions about RCIA? Contact Mirianna Asman, <a href="maissangeology">massan@bscky.org</a>, 859-331-4302, ext. 37.

#### **HOLY LAND CREATIONS**

The weekend of March 26 & 27, representatives from the Holy Land will be here to offer hand-carved olive wood religious objects before and after all the Masses. Christians are fleeing the Holy Land in droves and those who remain are struggling to hold on to their homes and make a living. Your support by purchasing olive wood items, will help spread the Gospel through the Holy Land and throughout the world. **Only** 

CASH AND CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED



Blessed Sacrament Parishioners,

This Thursday, our second graders will be participating in a retreat to prepare themselves for their First Holy Communion. This milestone Sacrament is a very important and holy day for Catholic children because they are, for the first time, receiving the sacred Body and Blood of Jesus. At the retreat, Parish and school staff will help our students prepare to receive Holy Communion for the rest of their lives, which makes them one with Christ. Please keep our students in your prayers as they continue on their faith journey!

There is no school on Monday, March 21 for a teacher-in-service day.

Thank you and God Bless!

Mr. Dan Steffen Principal, Blessed Sacrament School

## **Upcoming School Events**

3/21	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development
4/1	First Grade Stations of the Cross
4/14-24	NO SCHOOL - Easter Break
4/24	First Communion - Group 1
5/1	First Communion - Group 2
5/10	Confirmation
5/25	8th Grade Graduation
5/26	Last Day of School (dismissal at 11:30)

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THESE BSS 7TH GRADERS WHO MEDALED AT THE REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR!

Lucy Middendorf - 1st place (Animal Sciences)

Ruth Maier - 1st place (Behavioral & Social Sciences), American Psychological Association Award, Broadcom Masters

Alexis Abdrabbo - 2nd place (Behavioral & Social Sciences)

Ella Epplen - 3rd place (Behavioral & Social Sciences)

Jack Dusing - 1st place (Computer Science)

Michael Eubank - 1st place (Energy & Transportation)

Will Adair - 1st place (Environmental Management)

Jackson Eilers - 1st place (Physics & Astronomy)

Ben Kunkler - 2nd place (Physics & Astronomy)

Finn Carran - 3rd place (Physics & Astronomy)

Paisha Parks - 1st place (Plant Sciences),

Lemelson Early Inventor Prize, US Metric Association Award

Kate Wells - 2nd place (Plant Sciences)



## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

On Thursday, March 31st from 6pm-9pm St. Vincent de Paul – NKY will host Creative Compassion: A Night of Art for Our **Neighbors in Need** presented by Trivaco at the Drees Pavilion in Devou Park. Proceeds benefit our ministry of direct service (emergency financial assistance, food, and basic necessities) to those struggling to make ends meet. Admission is \$65/person and includes heavy appetizers provided by McHale's Catering and 2 bar tickets. Live auction includes artwork created by local artists using thrift store finds. Silent auction and thrift store boutique also available. Tickets available online at www.svdpnky.org home page. For more information, please contact Lou Settle at 859-446-7727 or lou.settle@svdpnkv.org

FT. MITCHELL SENIORS will meet on Monday, 3/21 at 12:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Undercroft. Please call Bob Shumate at 859-331-9415 for more information.

## DCCH CARE FOR KIDS RAFFLE

DCCH Center for Children & Families is a Diocesan organization located in Fort Mitchell. They provide residential treatment for survivors of child abuse and neglect, foster care and adoption services, targeted case management, and outpatient therapy for Kentucky's most vulnerable children and families. They need your support and help, especially now.

Their **Swing Into Spring** fundraiser is their biggest fundraising effort of the year. It includes a "Care for Kids" raffle drawing. Tickets are \$20 each for a chance to win \$10,000, \$2,500, or \$1,000. The event is virtual this year with an online auction April 20-24, concluding with a live online program and raffle drawing the evening of Sunday, April 24. Check the church bulletin or go to DCCHCenter.org for more information on the event.



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