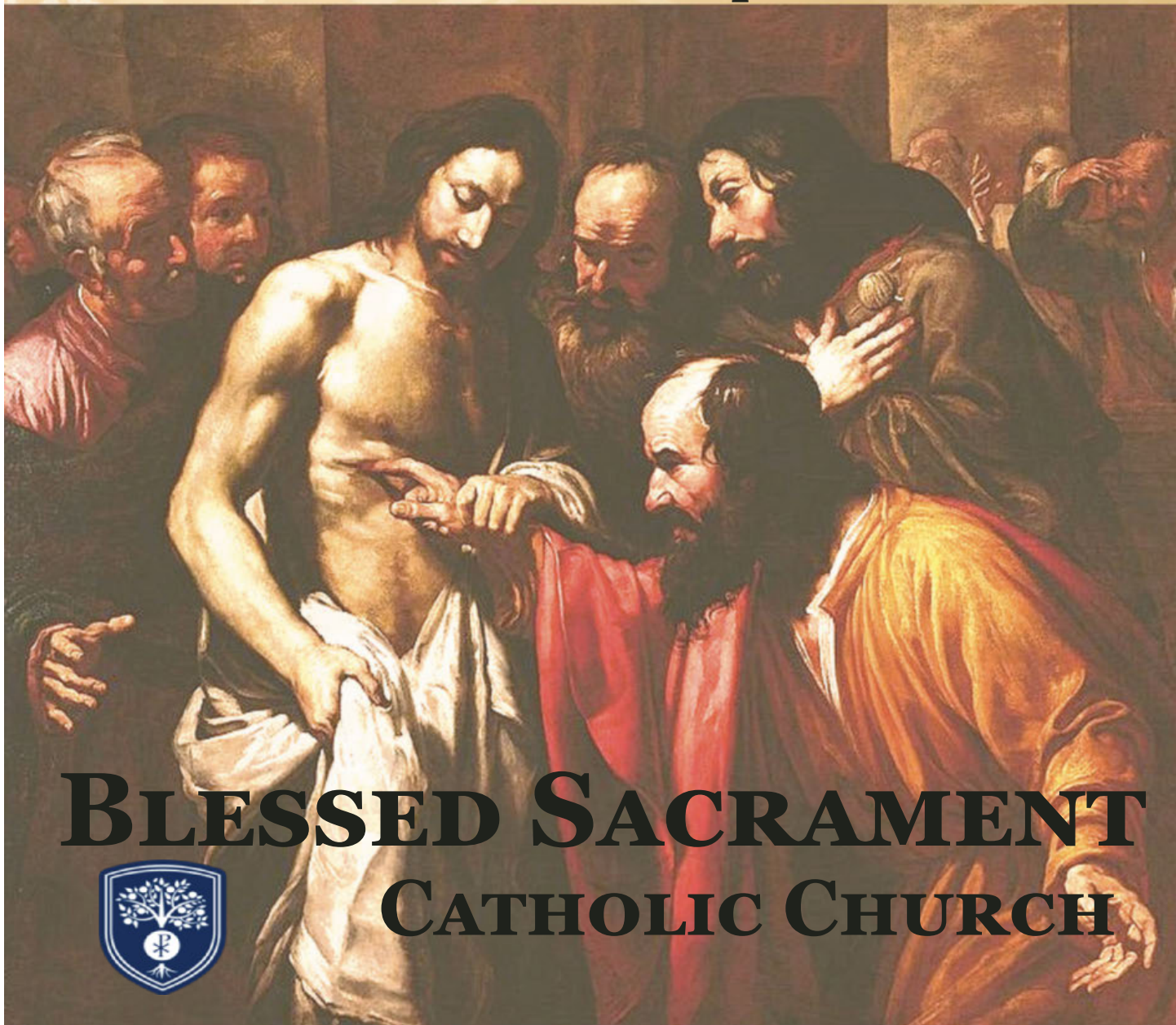


April 24, 2022



BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." - Jn 20:27

LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, April 24

9:00 Parish (Fr. A.)

11:00 †Sue Lohre & Ann Fritz (Fr. H.)

Monday, April 25

6:30 †Paul Haney

10:00 †Lois Shannon

Tuesday, April 26

6:30 †Pat Cahill

10:00 †Ann Carol Plunkett

Wednesday, April 27

6:30 †Ruth Scheper

10:00 †Paul Stall, Sr.

Thursday, April 28

6:30 †Ann Fritz

10:00 †Theodore & Elizabeth Nienaber

Friday, April 29

6:30

10:00 †Paul Haney

Saturday, April 30

10:00 †George Nuthall (Fr. A)

4:00 †Phil Ritter (Fr. H.)

Sunday, May 1

9:00 †Robert Schuler (Fr. A.)

11:00 Parish (Fr. H.)

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

EUCCHARISTIC 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

Corbin Barnett

Erin Woods

Larry Bischoff

Donna Epplen

Donna Cliff

Susan Neltner

Katie Clabough

Ruth Otto

Phyllis Lunnemann

Lou Fritz

Ralph Carr

Sean Davis

Juanita Hanna

Michael Weber

Virginia Carnage

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: @welcometobs.

FOR OUR DECEASED

May our risen LORD welcome our dead into His Kingdom.

CONGRATULATIONS

BAPTISMS: Luke Jacobs

WEDDINGS: Courtney Berling and Trevor Gronefeld

NEARLY 200 CHILDREN CELEBRATE SACRAMENTS

During the next three weeks nearly 200 of our parish children will celebrate sacraments of initiation—either first Holy Communion or Confirmation. Please keep our children and their parents in prayer during this time of final preparation. Parents are the primary teachers of their children in the ways of the faith. Daily modeling what it is to be faithful Catholic followers of Christ requires continued grace, God's gratuitous help. Parents need the support of our whole community as they fulfill their calling to bring their children to Jesus.

May our LORD bless the efforts of Catholic parents as they strive to model the faith. May God bless our children as they celebrate sacraments of initiation. Amen.

RCIA: TOUCHING JESUS' WOUNDED SIDE



“The Lord never tires of forgiving us. It is we who tire of asking for forgiveness.” (Pope Francis, March 18, 2013)

Today we celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday. In the Gospel, we hear the Risen Lord promise his apostles, “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven

them.” (John 20:22-23) The apostle Thomas was absent, and since he hadn’t seen Jesus he adamantly refused to believe he was alive. “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nail marks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” (John 20:25)

Does Jesus get angry with Thomas’ lack of faith? Quite the contrary. He appears again, a week after Easter Sunday, and says to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” (John 20:27) **Jesus draws us, no matter our sins or unbelief, right into his deep heart.**

The image of Divine Mercy was commissioned by the Polish nun, St. Faustina, who saw Jesus in visions. It is an image inviting all of us, again and again, back to the heart of our God who loves us, even unto death. His wounded side flows with blood and water to continually cleanse us and draw us into the unshakeable peace Jesus wants us each to have.

If you know someone who has a hard time forgiving themselves or someone else, invite them to come learn more about the heart of Jesus which never tires of forgiving us. For information on our RCIA, please contact Mirianna Asman at masman@bscky.org or 859-331-4302, ext. 37



VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

in the undercroft
April 26th 6-8pm
Let us celebrate achievements great and small. Whether you have volunteered 1 hour or 100s at the Parish or school we would like to celebrate you.

RSVP by 4/19 to Shannon Kurtzner
email - Shannon.Kurtzner@hotmail.com or
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Our Parish would not be the same without you and we are grateful for each one of you!

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STEWARDSHIP

GIFT OF THE MONTH

APRIL

The Rose Garden Home Mission requests diapers – sizes 4, 5, & 6, baby wipes, baby shampoo, wash, & lotion, and new or gently-used children's clothing - sizes 2T-6T.

Please leave your gifts in the bins near the church doors. Thank you!

REFLECTION

STEWARDSHIP OF THE PARADOX OF FAITH

Faith is truly a gift. We don't earn it, but we do need to nurture it. Even Thomas, one of the twelve apostles, struggled to believe what he was told about Jesus' resurrection from the dead: "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." *John 20:25*.

Is it any wonder that those of us who have not seen Jesus in the flesh sometimes struggle with doubt? God's goodness is beyond human understanding. Only through humility can we acknowledge and accept the incomprehensible wonder that is God. Scripture tells us: "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom." *Proverbs 9:10*. Fear of the Lord is the humble acceptance of our human weakness. Practicing humility and meekness is the best way to nurture our gift of faith, for our LORD tells us: "...my power is made perfect in weakness." *2 Corinthians 12:9*

May we grow in faith this Easter season as we seek to steward this great paradox.

BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE SEEKS COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE

Being the compassionate presence of the parish to grieving families requires the gift of empathy. Do you have this gift? Do you know someone else who does? If so, you can help us build our Bereavement Ministry, offering one of the Corporal Works of Mercy. Contact the Parish office: 859-331-4302.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

People donate to the parish mission in ways other than the Sunday collection. We are revising our financial stewardship bulletin box to more accurately reflect all donations. Please bear with us during this process. Financial reports will return to the bulletin soon.

ADOPT-A-PLOT

You, your family, prayer group, or club can "Adopt-a-Plot" on our campus for the summer. You may choose a large or small flower bed to maintain. You need only remove weeds and provide other basic maintenance, and you can care for your plot at times that are convenient for you. Together, let us be good stewards of our beautiful campus. For details, contact Anita Wagner: 513-324-9144 or RAW145@msn.com.



PLEASE DO NOT DONATE PERISHABLES

We regret that our food pantry cannot accept perishable gifts, like fresh fruit and vegetables, baked goods, etc. While these are healthy foods, we have no way of storing them, and they spoil quickly. We want to be good stewards of donations. Our storage space is limited, so we humbly ask that contributors give only what is requested.

Thank you to all who generously contribute to Saint Vincent de Paul's Food Pantry and our Gift of the Month Collection. Your generosity helps many in our community.

MICHAEL ELMLINGER ORDAINED A TRANSITIONAL DEACON



Congratulations to Michael Elmlinger (second from left) who has taken a big step in his journey to the priesthood. Please keep Deacon Elmlinger in prayer.

Dear Family,

Today is Divine Mercy Sunday

There will be Divine Mercy devotions today at Divine Mercy Parish in Bellevue. Confessions begin at 2:30pm. The Holy Hour starts at 3:00pm

Since I arrived here, I have wanted to visit with parishioners and pray with them. I thought I would start with those in their 80's and 90's. They have the wisdom of the ages with them and a great knowledge of the history of the parish. I would like simply to come over at a convenient time for them and pray the rosary. Please call the office and let me know if you would like me to come over.

Thanks to all who helped with Holy Week. The church looked great inside and out. You all do such a great job in taking care of this majestic place.

The gospels readings during this season of Easter are very moving and bring completion to Jesus' teaching. Our Blessed Lord spent 40 days finishing the training of the twelve apostles. Gradually, the scales fell from their eyes and they embraced the Faith in a more perfect way. Eventually their relationship with Jesus was so profound as to enable them to become martyrs.

Please pray for our converts who joined our church at the Easter Vigil. It takes **great courage to embrace the Faith. If you can, Please** send them a greeting. Sarah or Kathy can give you their addresses.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

APRIL 24, 2022

PRAY FOR LIFE: January 22, 1973, the U.S.

Supreme Court ruled in Roe v. Wade that abortion is protected under the U. S. Constitution, on the basis of a supposed right to privacy provided by the Fourteenth Amendment. This monumental decision repealed nearly every state law protecting unborn life and made abortion throughout pregnancy the legal default in the United States. In nearly 50years...the States

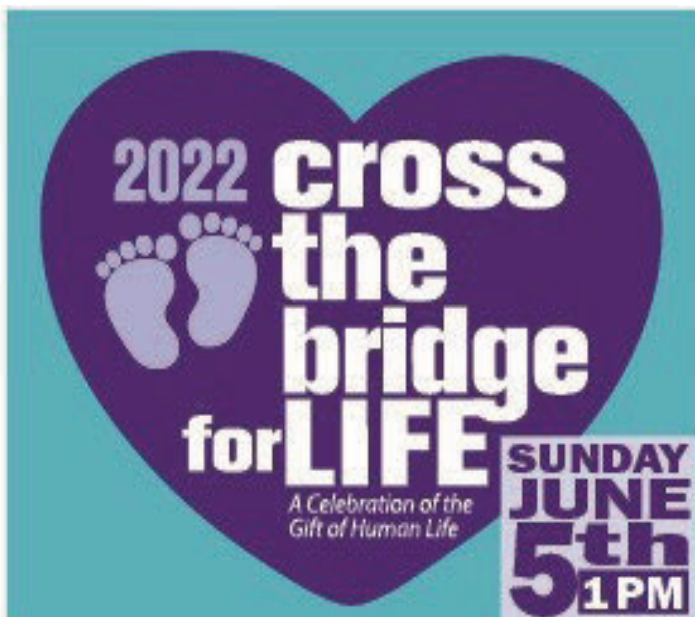
have enacted numerous laws protecting unborn life, only for many of them to be blocked by the courts. Now, in Dobbs vs. Jackson Women's Health Organization, the Supreme Court is considering the constitutionality of a Mississippi Law that would protect unborn life at 15 weeks gestation,...pre-viability..." Read more: Family Research Council Article at www.frc.org/prolife maps.



SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. CATHERINE OF SIENA (b. 1347– d. 1380)

Catherine of Siena was a Dominican tertiary and mystic who lived in Italy in the 1300s. She was known for her holiness, asceticism, and spiritual visions and was said to have received stigmata. She was also a reformer and political activist, and she was influential in religious and political affairs of the church. She was given the title of Doctor of the Church in 1970 by Pope Paul VI .



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BSS NEWS

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ROSE GARDEN CENTER FOR HOPE AND HEALING AND THE FRANCISCAN DAUGHTERS OF MARY has a need for help.

Our dental clinic is in need of dentists, extended duty dental assistants (EDDA), and dental hygienists. Retirees welcome!
We are planning to open our Health Ministry as soon as possible and need Registered Nurses to serve. The Health Ministry is a 4 hour a week (Tuesday 11am-3pm) walk in nurse clinic providing blood pressure screening and diabetic screening to the general population who come to the sisters' for food and material support. In the past it has been a very busy place. It was closed due to COVID but now we feel it is time to re-open. Call 859-261-0323 to

COV CATH GRADE SCHOOL FOOTBALL SIGN UPS

Sign up for Cov Cath's Colonels Youth Football (CYF) for 3rd through 8th grade now through April 30. CYF practices and plays home games on the Cov Cath fields. Teams play in the GCYL (Greater Catholic Youth League) with the parish schools feeding Elder, Moeller, Roger Bacon and LaSalle, while 7th grade team plays in NKY Middle School League. To register on-line or download the registration form, see our website at www.covcath.org, click on Athletics, click on Colonels Youth Football. Any questions, email Bob Morris, CYF President, at bmorris@covcath.org.



CHANGE A CHILD'S STORY: You can help make a difference for a child in the Kenton, Campbell, Pendleton, Harrison, Carroll, Owen & Grant County Family Court systems by becoming a volunteer for the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) program. To learn more about becoming an advocate for children who have experienced abuse and/or neglect, please join us for our CASA 101 Meeting on Tuesday, April 26th from 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. To sign up, please contact Jennifer Houser at 859-392-1792 or jennifer@casaforkidsnky.org.

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