

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, July 16

4:00 †Phil Ritter (Fr. H.)

Sunday, July 17

9:00 Parish/Anniversary of Fr. Augustine's Ordination (18 years)(Fr. A.)

11:00 †Mike Jacob (Fr. H.)

Monday, July 18

6:30 †Charlie Haney **10:00** †Sally DeJaco

Tuesday, July 19

6:30 †Eileen & Gerald Steffen

10:00 †Mark Grant

Wednesday, July 20

6:30 †Don Toebbe

10:00 †Sam Arnsperger, Sr.

Thursday, July 21

6:30 †Anna Marguerite Styers

10:00 †Frances "Pat" Gebauer

Friday, July 22

6:30 †Angela Thompson

10:00 †Sharon Hemsath

Saturday, July 23

10:00 †Jack (John) Crowe

4:00 †Nadia Ursic, A.M. (Fr. A.)

Sunday, July 24

9:00 Parish (Fr. H.)

11:00 †Mary & Paul Hemmer (Fr. A.)

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., and Nocturnal Adoraton the first Friday of each Month, starting at 9:00pmThursday – 6:00am Friday morning.

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

Prayer, Liturgy, and Sacraments

We Pray for Our Sick:

Stew & Joy Riche
Corbin Barnett
Rob Feldmann
Larry Bischoff
Donna Epplen
Donna Cliff
Sugar Gausepohl
Ruth Otto

Lou Fritz
Rob Feldmann
Ralph Carr
Bean Davis
Michael Weber
Lisa Bayne

Brice Hummel

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Baby Henry Geiman

Virginia Carnage

We are praying for those who are preparing to receive the sacrament of Matrimony.

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Allison Darpel and Colin Cummings 7/30/22

May they have a holy and happy life together.

Baptisms:

We congratulate Christina & Dustin Dalton, Maria & William Groth and Erin & James Proctor. Their children, Wyatt Dalton, Lucas Groth, and Evan & Grant Proctor were baptized at our font here this week. We joyfully welcome Wyatt, Evan, Grant and Lucas into the church.

OFFICE INFORMATION

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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm

OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY

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: Hand Soap, cereal, canned fruit, soup, toilet tissue, mac & cheese, toothpaste, tooth brush and cans of tuna. Thank you for your continued support of the Pantry.

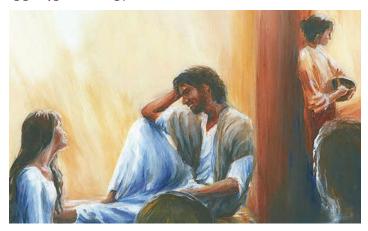
NEWS AND FORMATION

RCIA: Anxious and Worried? LEARN MARY'S SECRET

I identify with Martha in today's Gospel: busy, frustrated, anxious and worried about many things. I want Jesus to lend me a hand, but instead he redirects my heart. Listen to the story:

Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her." Luke 10:38-42

Jesus doesn't remove life's difficulties, but he redirects our hearts so that we might live differently. When we prayerfully sit at his feet, we find the peace and joy in knowing we are loved, just the way we are. We find the better part, and that makes all the difference! Do you want to sit at Jesus' feet? Come join us! We meet next on July 27 at 7pm, first in church and then in the parish center. All are welcome—Catholics and non-Catholics! Ouestions about RCIA? Contact Mirianna Asman at masman@bsckv.org or 859-331-4302 ext. 37.



DON'T FORGET! Church Cleaning is each 2nd Saturday, 7:30-9:30am.

Contact John Carey 513-884-9800 or John.s.carey@gmail.com with questions or for more information.

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Family,

I wanted to point out that there is a very good Saturday conference at St. Barbara's on August 6th. It is for all of those who teach religion. I plan on attending part of it. It starts at 8:00am and is called, Diocesan Catechist Dav.

Thanks to all who came to the meet and greet with our new principal last week. I think we are headed for a great school year.

Fr. Damian

FT. MITCHELL SENIORS will meet on Monday, 07/18/22 at 12:00pm in the Blessed Sacrament Undercroft.. Please call Bob Shumate at 859-331-9415 for more information.

FREE FIREWOOD in the lower parking lot, Virginia Ave. First Come, First Served!





Extend a Hand. Change a Life

CATHOLIC CHARITIES needs your help! Today after all masses, parish members and volunteers from Catholic Charities will be outside church promoting their upcoming fundraiser by selling their raffle tickets. The Cassba Cash "split the pot" tickets are available for \$20 each. Last year the

winners received over \$19,000 and one of the winners was from Blessed Sacrament! All proceeds from this event benefit the clients being served through Catholic Charities. The winning ticket will be drawn on Sunday, August 28th. Thank you for your support of Catholic Charities.



Tickets can also be purchased online by scanning this QR code with your camera app on your phone! You can also purchase tickets online at www.Cassba.org.

STEWARDSHIP

GIFT OF THE MONTH JULY

Canned meats, tuna, ravioli, can openers, cereal, and crackers for Be-Concerned!

Be-Concerned helps those who are not food secure in our community. With increasing food prices, the need keeps growing. Please leave your gifts in the bins near the church doors. Thank you for remembering the hungry when you shop.

REFLECTION

STEWARDSHIP OF HOSPITALITY

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." ~ *Hebrews 13:2*

Today's readings have much to say about one of the pillars of stewardship: hospitality. Abraham is rewarded with a son after showing hospitality to three strangers who turn out to be angels. Saint Paul reminds us of this in his letter to the Hebrews.

Jesus teaches us that hospitality is more than attending to the physical needs of others. In fact, it's possible to focus too much on the menu, table settings, and other details, missing the opportunity to truly encounter one another. In the age of social media, presenting our best self image has largely taken the place of social interaction altogether, leaving our encounters shallow at best and sometimes competitive and even hostile.

More than ever, we need to sit at the feet of Jesus and learn what really matters.

For centuries, artists have respectfully avoided any attempt at putting a face on God by depicting the Holy Trinity as the three angels in our first reading. Probably the most famous of these depictions is by the early 15th century iconographer, Andrei Rublev. (See adjacent column). Note how each figure draws the eye, not to himself, but to one of the others.

Contemplating Rublev's Trinity invites us to consider how we can focus more on others than on ourselves. Like the Trinity, we are called to live in love and harmony with one another, even as we remain distinctly our own persons.

How can I be a better steward of my part in the relationships that are entrusted to me? How can I treat others as I would treat Jesus?

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION (PSR) REGISTRATION IS UNDERWAY

PSR offers religious instruction for children in public schools. Registration and other information is available on our website: bscky.org.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

1ST OR 7th GRADERS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS?

Preparation for first reconciliation, first holy communion, and confirmation takes two years. If you have children in public school grade 1, please don't wait until next year to begin their religious education. If you have children in seventh grade, and they are not currently receiving religious instruction, please contact the Formation Office now.



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.



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL, DEFEND US IN BATTLE...

In the wake of the Feast of the Sacred Heart, June 24, we found ourselves in the historic moment of the Supreme Court's final decision to overturn Roe V. Wade, ending abortion on demand as we lived with for 49 years. For the past 7 years, on many Mondays after 10:00 am

Mass at Blessed Sacrament, Respect Life Members have relentlessly met to make the trek to Planned Parenthood to pray for an hour to end abortion. Here is an account from one of our members...

"Normally when we first arrived at Planned Parenthood, we would borrow a sign from Ray, who was always there faithfully, a man who dedicated his life daily to end abortion. We would pray three mysteries of the rosary and a Divine Mercy Chaplet while wearing signs in support of the life of the babies and their mothers...June 27th was different. We were a little unsure about what we would find in terms of friendly or angry people...As we crested the hill, we noticed a cluster of people standing at the far entrance to the parking lot. We didn't recognize anyone...if they were pro-life or pro-choice, until we saw a young man dressed in black with a white collar (a seminarian). We breathed a sigh of relief and walked toward them. They were so excited to announce that the clinic had closed for surgical abortions. They asked for continued prayers for those women who were coming for chemical abortions or for a referral to another place where they could get abortions... Give God all glory and praise, and aive thanks to our Blessed Mother, St. Michael and St. Joseph. It was victory day, and we were giddy with joy!"

Respectfully submitted, Claire Patterson 6/30/22

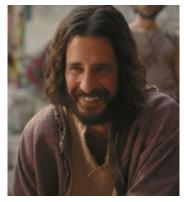
SPIRIT AND GRACE ENCOUNTER

You are invited to the monthly Spirit and Grace Encounter with the Holy Spirit at the Parish Center of Blessed Sacrament Parish on Tuesday, July 19th at 7pm. All are welcome.

SUMMER MOVIE NIGHTS!

Thursdays ~

Join us in the Undercroft, Thursdays, 7-8:30 p.m., through August 11 for a showing of the series "The Chosen." Adults and youth in middle school or above will enjoy this highly acclaimed television



drama, based on the life of Jesus. For planning purposes, we would appreciate it if you call the parish office to let us know you are coming: 859-331-4302

SAINT OF THE WEEK

ST. BRIDGET OF SWEDEN

(c. 1303 - July 23, 1373)
From age 7 on, Bridget had visions of Christ crucified. Her visions formed the basis for her activity—always with the emphasis on charity rather than spiritual favors.

She lived her married life in the court of the Swedish king Magnus II. Mother of eight children—the second eldest was Saint Catherine of Sweden—



Bridget lived the strict life of a penitent after her husband's death.

Bridget constantly strove to exert her good influence over Magnus; while never fully reforming, he did give her land and buildings to found a monastery for men and women. This group eventually expanded into an Order known as the Bridgetines.

A final pilgrimage to the Holy Land, marred by shipwreck and the death of her son, Charles, eventually led to her death in 1373. In 1999, Bridget, Saint Catherine of Siena and Saint Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, were named co-patronesses of Europe.

THE ALLIANCE FOR CATHOLIC URBAN

EDUCATION (ACUE) is a group of six urban elementary schools within the Diocese of Covington: Holy Cross-Latonia, Holy Family-Covington, Holy Trinity (Bellevue & Newport), Prince of Peace-Covington, St. Anthony-Taylor Mill, St. **Augustine-Covington.** It was formally organized in 2006 by Bishop Roger Foys to increase the efficiency of the schools and make sure that a quality Catholic education is available for all children. It is found that students graduate from ACUE schools with a good academic foundation for high school, self-discipline and a strong sense of community; they benefit from smaller class sizes, personal attention and family-like atmosphere; peaceful, structured school environments give students a sense of stability. Please consider the impact your support will have. There are many families within our ACUE school system who need your help. Your generosity to ACUE helps our schools set new goals and celebrate new achievements.

Blessed Sacrament's collection is the weekend of July 30th & 31st.

BE READY FOR GOD TO "STOP BY"

In my experience, most people can be divided into two groups: those who are old enough to remember when you kept food on hand for company, and those who aren't.

For those of you in the latter group, let me explain. Before text messaging and social media made us all unconditionally, mercilessly reachable, people would do this thing called "stopping by." They would be passing by a friend's house, maybe on the way home from work or shopping, and they would just ... stop. With no warning. No notice whatsoever. "I was just in the neighborhood," they would say. I remember my mother and I would do this on many a Saturday. It wasn't an everyday occurrence, but it was common enough that you had to be ready.

"Crazy," you might exclaim. "People just appeared on your doorstep? How did you cope

with the uncertainty?" Well, most of us had moms who kept a little something on hand to eat or drink that was extra nice, just in case anyone stopped by. That way, we were always ready.

Today's readings are about a lot of things: prayer, hope, redemptive suffering. They're about what it means to be a Christian, and not just what it means to do Christian things.

Most of all, though, they're about readiness. If God showed up at your door, would you be ready for Him? Would you be ready for what He gives you, or what He takes away? Would you be ready for Him to interrupt the plans you have for yourself? To disrupt the idea you carry in your mind of what a servant or a steward is supposed to be?

Read your Bible. Say your rosary. Go to Mass. Get to Confession. Talk to God — every day, not just when you think you need Him. That way, you are always ready.

-Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

This time of year, I attend a lot of weddings. Why do Catholic weddings need to take place in a church?

Technically, there is a clause in Church law that could allow for weddings to take place outside of a church, in a suitable space under special circumstances, but it requires the rare permission of the bishop. But the meaning of marriage goes very, very deep, and the Church has a vested interest in protecting that meaning. As Catholics, we don't see a wedding as an event that needs a pleasing backdrop.

Marriage is a sacrament, both an occasion of joyful promise and symbolic solemnity. It is a spiritual event. The loving bond of marriage symbolizes the mystical union between Christ and his Church. The man and woman profess lifelong vows of fidelity, and they receive supernatural grace from God to keep their promises. Receiving the sacrament of Marriage in a church has broader symbolic meaning for the couple as well. Marriage isn't simply

two people in isolation from the world around them. Marriage is the joining of families and the beginning of a new, holy mission in the life of the couple. Weddings are sacred occasions, and it's fitting that they occur in sacred spaces.



COMMUNITY NEWS

SERRA CLUB: Invitation: Serra Club, Cincinnati, invites men and women to a retreat August 6, 2022 at Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains; 325 W 8th St; 8:30-2pm, starting with continental breakfast.

Speaker, Janette Howe, is founder of 7 Sisters Apostolate (seven women in a parish pray one hour a week for their pastor's intentions and men unite with fasting)

Included are Holy Mass, confession, and two conferences on Mary's words, "Do whatever He tells you." Parents of priests will be specially honored!

No cost; donation. RSVP your attendance and Lunch entrée choice (sandwich or salad) by 8/1 Julie VanHoose at 740-352-1984 text or JulieVanHoose57@gmail.com (Park in covered garage; enter Cathedral on left

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