July 24, 2022

BLESSED SACRAMENT CATHOLIC CHURCH



"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." - Lk 11:9

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LITURGY AND SACRAMENTS

Mass Intentions

Saturday, July 23 [†]Nadia Ursic, A.M. (Fr. A.) 4:00 Sunday, July 24 9:00 Parish(Fr. H.) **11:00** [†]Mary & Paul Hemmer (Fr. A.) Monday, July 25 6:30 ⁺Bertha & John Donnelly **10:00** †Bill Dorning Tuesday, July 26 **6:30** [†]Marilyn Reynolds **10:00** †Ann Carol Plunkett Wednesday, July 27 6:30 [†]Thomas K. O'Mallev **10:00** [†]Paul Haney Thursday, July 28 **6:30** †Mondiek & Flanagan Families **10:00** [†]Sue Lohre, A.M. Friday, July 29 [†]Jeanie Berlund 6:30 **10:00** [†]Tom Maloney Saturday, July 30 **10:00** [†]Ruth Scheper 4:00 [†]Helen & Herman Kramer (Fr H.) Sunday, July 31 9:00 Parish (Fr A.) **11:00** [†]Tom Maloney (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

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 Blessed Sacrament.

PRAYER, LITURGY, AND SACRAMENTS

We Pray for Our Sick:

Stew & Joy Riche Corbin Barnett Larry Bischoff Donna Epplen Donna Cliff Sugar Gausepohl Ruth Otto Brice Hummel Lou Fritz Rob Feldmann Ralph Carr Sean Davis Michael Weber Lisa Bayne Carl Arlinghaus Virginia Carnage

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

Allison Darpel and Colin Cummings 7/30/22

May they have a holy and happy life together.

Please keep parishioner, Eric Wehrman, in your prayers, as he enters his Diaconate formation this fall.

OFFICE INFORMATION

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PARISH OFFICE SUMMER HOURS

Monday—Thursday 9:00am-3:00pm

OFFICE CLOSED ON FRIDAY

School: 859-331-3062

School Summer Hours vary

FROM THE PASTOR

Dear Family,

The month of July is traditionally dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus. Our Blessed Lord redeemed us by the shedding of His blood. He gave His life up for the salvation of our souls. St. Thomas teaches that Jesus could have redeemed us with just a pin prick of His blood. Jesus went so much further, however, and chose willingly to have all of the blood in His Sacred Heart poured out in order to demonstrate His love for us. July is a good month to pray the Stations of the Cross.

As for summer vacations: Fr. Augustine will be taking a few days off at the end of July, and I will be gone the first four days of August.

Fr Hils

LITANY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD

Lord, have mercy Christ, have mercy Lord, have mercy LORD, HAVE MERCY CHRIST, HAVE MERCY LORD, HAVE MERCY

GOD OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN HAVE MERCY ON US GOD THE SON, REDEEMER OF THE WORLD HAVE MERCY ON US GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT HAVE MERCY ON US HOLY TRINITY, ONE GOD HAVE MERCY ON US BLOOD OF CHRIST, ONLY SON OF THE FATHER BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, INCARNATE WORD BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, OF THE NEW & ETERNAL COVENANT BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, THAT SPILLED TO THE GROUND BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, THAT FLOWED AT THE SCOURGING BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, DRIPPING FROM THE THORNS BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, SHED ON THE CROSS BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, THE PRICE OF OUR REDEMPTION BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, OUR ONLY CLAIM TO PARDON BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, OUR BLESSING CUP BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, IN WHICH WE ARE WASHED BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, TORRENT OF MERCY BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, THAT OVERCOMES EVIL BE OUR SALVATION

BLOOD OF CHRIST, STRENGTH OF THE MARTYRS BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, ENDURANCE OF THE SAINTS BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, THAT MAKES THE BARREN FRUITFUL BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, PROTECTION OF THE THREATENED BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, COMFORT OF THE WEARY BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, SOLACE OF THE MOURNER BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, HOPE OF THE REPENTANT BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, CONSOLATION OF THE DYING BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, OUR PEACE AND REFRESHMENT BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, OUR PLEDGE OF LIFE BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, BY WHICH WE PASS TO GLORY BE OUR SALVATION BLOOD OF CHRIST, MOST WORTHY OF HONOR BE OUR SALVATION LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD HAVE MERCY ON US LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD HAVE MERCY ON US LAMB OF GOD, YOU TAKE AWAY THE SINS OF THE WORLD HAVE MERCY ON US LORD, YOU REDEEMED US BY YOUR BLOOD YOU HAVE MADE US A KINGDOM TO SERVE OUR GOD

Let us pray O God, who by the precious blood of your only begotten son have redeemed the whole world, preserve in us the work of your mercy, so that, ever honoring the mystery of our salvation, we may merit to obtain its fruits. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

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 AND THE COVENANT OF PRAYER

This Sunday's readings give us examples of prayer. In the first reading from the Book of Genesis, Abraham intercedes on behalf of others. The psalm reminds us that prayer should be filled with praise and thanksgiving.

In the Gospel, Jesus teaches what has come to be known as *"The Lord's Prayer."* This teaching takes prayer to a higher level. It is so much more than a petition for ourselves, an intercession for others, and an expression of praise and thanksgiving. Read the fine print.

If God's "will be done on earth as it is in heaven," we ourselves will have to do it! We have free will, and so God's will is done on earth only when we choose it, embrace stewardship of it, and work to make God's "kingdom come." That is precisely what the people of Sodom, in the first reading, did not do, and look where that led. This prayer commits *us* to action. In praying it, we actually ask God to change, not someone else, but *us*! Furthermore, if we hope to be forgiven "as we forgive those who trespass against us," then we are either promising to be merciful towards others or condemning our own selves. Be careful what you pray for.

Jesus taught us that prayer is a promise of good stewardship and not simply a wish list. When we pray, we open ourselves to becoming God's instruments. We commit ourselves to cooperation with God's will. All prayer engages us more deeply in covenant with the Almighty.

There is an old saying, attributed to various saints: "Pray as if everything depended on God and work as if everything depended on you." Without the second part, the first isn't really prayer at all. God doesn't work *for* us, but *with* us.

How am I cooperating with God?

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.

Men of the Community, it isn't too Late to Join "Into the Breach"

"Into the Breach" continues through August, every Thursday 6 a.m. -7:20 and every Monday 8 p.m. - 9:30. For more information, please contact Bill Dehlinger: 859-393-5544, or bill@deltarealtyusa.com.

To Improve Your Child's Liturgical Experience

- Attend mass regularly. Familiarity makes kids comfortable.
- Sit up front. Children who can see the altar and choir are more likely to become engaged in what's going on.
- Actively participate. Children whose parents pray and sing with enthusiasm want to participate too.
- Note points of interest. Before or after mass, draw your child's attention to the stories in the stained glass windows or stations of the cross. Point out the colors of the clergy's vestments and other seasonal cues.
- Provide young children with a "Sunday Only Bag" filled with board books and soft bible character dolls. For older children, subscribe to Magnifikid! so they can follow along in their own booklet.

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.

The Persistent Friend

Jesus tells a story in today's Gospel we can probably all relate to. You're lying in bed, ready to fall asleep...and a repeated sound keeps you up. Maybe it's a thump, thump in your dryer. Whatever it is, eventually we muster the strength to get out of bed, resolve the problem and get some sleep.

In Jesus' story, someone is asking his friend for bread. And Jesus asserts, "I tell you, if he does not get up to give the visitor the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence" (Luke 11:8).

Jesus is teaching us to pray with persistence. St. Monica prayed for 17 years that her son Augustine might convert. He did convert at the age of 31 and became a priest, bishop, and a saint with one of the brightest minds in church history. Where would we be today, had it not been for that one mom's persistent prayers?

Today, let us redouble our efforts to pray for those who are far from Jesus! Let us boldly invite those who are open to come and see who Jesus for themselves! Join us on Wednesday, July 27, at 7pm to pray, learn and share fellowship together. Join us Wednesday, August 17, to learn more about Jesus, our greatest friend who persistently seeks our love. Questions about RCIA? Contact Mirianna Asman at <u>masman@bscky.org</u> or 859-331-4302 ext. 37.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

SAINTS JOACHIM AND ANNE (1st century)

In the Scriptures, Matthew and Luke furnish a legal family history of Jesus, tracing ancestry to show that Jesus is the culmination of great



promises. Not only is his mother's family neglected, we also know nothing factual about them except that they existed. Even the names "Joachim" and "Anne" come from a legendary source written more than a century after Jesus died.

The heroism and holiness of these people however, is inferred from the whole family atmosphere around Mary in the Scriptures. Whether we rely on the legends about Mary's childhood or make guesses from the information in the Bible, we see in her a fulfillment of many generations of prayerful persons, herself steeped in the religious traditions of her people.

The strong character of Mary in making decisions, her continuous practice of prayer, her devotion to the laws of her faith, her steadiness at moments of crisis, and her devotion to her relatives—all indicate a close-knit, loving family that looked forward to the next generation even while retaining the best of the past.

Joachim and Anne—whether these are their real names or not—represent that entire quiet series of generations who faithfully perform their duties, practice their faith, and establish an atmosphere for the coming of the Messiah, but remain obscure *Franciscan Media*

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

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

JULY



USCCB STATEMENT ON U.S. SUPREME COURT RULING IN DOBBS V. JACKSON WOMEN'S HEALTH ORGANIZATION

WASHINGTON—In response to the Supreme Court of the United States issuing its ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization, Archbishop Jose H. Gomez of Los Angeles, president of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops and Archbishop William E. Lori of Baltimore, chairman of the USCCB'S Committee on Pro-Life Activities issued the following statement: "This is a historic day in the life of our country, one that stirs our thoughts, emotions and prayers. For nearly fifty years, America has enforced an unjust law that permits some to decide whether others can live or die; this policy has resulted in the deaths of tens of millions of preborn children, generations that were denied the right to even be born. "America was founded on the truth that all men and women are created equal, with God-given rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. This truth was grievously denied by the U.S. Supreme Court's Roe V. Wade ruling, which legalized and normalized the taking of innocent human life. We thank God today that the Court has now overturned this decision..."Read more: USCCB Statement on U.S. Supreme Court Ruling in Dobbs v. Jackson, June 24, 2022, Public Affairs Office

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

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.



Mary Rose Mission is in need of a Kitchen Manager to work 3 afternoons a week from 2 PM - 6:30 PM, approximately. Applicants must have strong organizational skills and computer knowledge. Must work well with others, be able to lift 25 pounds, and be capable of conducting light office work. To apply, email <u>maryrosemis-</u> <u>sion@gmail.com</u>.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

Are you looking for a job where you can make a real difference? Join our team! Catholic Charities, Diocese of Covington is hiring for our school based mental health counseling program and we are looking for someone to join our dynamic team. If you enjoy helping children, are fun, energetic, positive, and looking for a way to improve

the lives of others, this is the career opportunity for you! For all job openings visit www.covingtoncharities.org



COMMUNITY NEWS



St. Anne Retreat Center is seeking to hire: Fulltime Housekeeper requiring general cleaning skills, experience is helpful but not required. Health benefits provided for full time employees.

Part-time Guest Services responsible for serving our guests throughout their stay including overnights and weekends. Part-time dishwasher, experience not necessary.

If you or if someone you know would be interested, please contact Karen Little at (859)-441-2003, extension 325 or email <u>klittle@covdio.org</u>.

Our Lady of Light Ministries

invites you to join us for the **30th Anniversary Days of Prayer and Mercy** on **August 31st and September 1st, 2022.** Our Lady of Light appeared in the tri-state area from 1992 – 1999. This year, we have more wonderful programs planned including, Immaculée Ilibagiza. Immaculée will be speaking on both the 31st and 1st. You can call our main office at 513-531-6279

or for more detailed information, event timeline or to purchase tickets, please visit:

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