

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

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Then the devil took Jesus up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."

- Mt 4:8-9

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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 8:00a.m.-4:00p.m.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Masses Saturday, 4:00p.m.

Sunday, 9:00a.m. and 11:00a.m.

Weekday Masses Monday-Friday 6:30a.m. & 10:00a.m. Saturday 10:00a.m.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 2:30-3:30 p.m., Thursday before First Friday, 10:30 a.m. & Wednesdays 6:00—6:30p.m.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Wednesdays, 10-6:45 p.m., Rosary at 3:30p.m., Benediction at 6:45 p.m. and Nocturnal Adoration the first Friday of each Month, starting at 9:00pm Thursday until 6:00am Friday morning. Benediction at 6:00am.

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

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: Please contact the Parish Office, 331-4302

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Hours M-F, 7:30 a.m.—3 p.m. **School Principal**

Aideen Briggs

New Parishioners: To register, call the Parish Office weekdays between 8:00am-4:00pm. Notification prior to leaving the parish is appreciated.

Baptism: Baptisms are celebrated on the 1st and 3rd Sundays each month after the 11:00a.m. Mass. Preparation classes are required for parents. To register for the class, call the Parish Office. Parents must be active registered members of the parish.

Marriage: Call six months in advance, no date will be set without consulting with the parish priest or deacon. At least one party must be registered at Blessed Sacrament.

R.C.I.A.: (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Call Jennifer Summe (Ext. 41)

SERVICE TIME & MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 25

4:00 †Ellen K. Meihaus, A.M. (Fr. Aidoo)

Sunday, February 26

9:00 †Robert Schuler, A.M. (Fr. Hils)

11:00 Parish (Fr. Aidoo)

Monday, February 27

6:30 †Eileen & Gerald Steffen

10:00 †Michele Garvev

Tuesday, February 28

6:30 †Mary H. & Charles Hahn

10:00 †Anne Marie Gieske

Wednesday, March 1

6:30 †Olivia & Harry Tenfelde

10:00 †Mike Fortner

Thursday, March 2

6:30 †Donna Epplen

10:00 †Karen Schilling Hoppenjans

Friday, March 3

6:30 †Eileen & Gerald Steffen

10:00 †Deceased Members of the Hebbeler Family

Saturday, March 4

10:00 †Steve Fortner

4:00 †Charles Summe Family Living & Deceased (Fr. Hils)

Sunday, March 5

Parish (Fr. Aidoo) 9:00

11:00 †Paul Haney, A. M. (Fr.Hils)

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.

STEWARDSHIP & OFFERTORY COLLECTION Thank You For Your Generosity!

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*****Due to the President's Day Holiday totals were not available before submission deadline*****

Actual Offering Parish Outreach St. Vincent de Paul

Fiscal Year To Date Goal **Fiscal Year To Date Actual** Fiscal Year To Date Deficit

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK:

Stew & Joy Riche, Bob Miller, Jimmy Woods, Paul Stall, Larry Bischoff, Donna Cliff, Ruth Otto, Brice Hummel, Leo Meyers, Lou Fritz, Rob Feldmann, Ralph Carr, James Dovle and Glenn Rice.

Please pray for all parishioners who are ill and/ or confined to their homes or nursing homes. If you know anyone needs prayers or a visit, please call the Parish Office.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

We pray for the repose of the souls of Barbara Vonderschmidt and Jean S. Longshore. Please keep the Vonderschmidt and Longshore families in your prayers.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the story of Jesus' **Transfiguration**. During our Lenten journey, we are called to be transformed and hear God's voice tell us, "This is my beloved Son, listen to him." Like those first disciples, we can become afraid but we acknowledge how good it is to be here with the Lord. If you or someone you know would like to be transformed, please consider RCIA. Contact Jennifer Summe @ jsumme@bscky.org or 859 331-4302 ext 41



Now is the time to tell us WITH ONE HEART WHAT'S ON YOUR HEART!

The *Disciple Maker Index* survey is now live and will be open until March 27. Complete the survey online at https://

portal.catholicleaders.org/d/gooyd4 or scan

the QR code below. Paper packets will also be available after the Sunday Masses in the Undercroft during Coffee & Donuts. For the survey to provide useful information for our parish, we need as many parishioners as possible to participate! Thanks for your help in making this effort a success!

VILLA MADONNA ACADEMY SENIOR LIAM COLLINS IS A NATIONAL MERIT FINALIST!

Liam qualified as a National Merit Semifinalist in the fall based on his score on the PSAT taken

in his junior year. Semifinalists advance in the competition if they meet all of the criteria set forth by The National Merit Scholarship Program. All Finalists will be considered for National Merit Scholarship awards to be offered in 2023. More than 1.2 million juniors entered the National Merit competition.

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For a complete list of ministries: https://

www.bscky.org/stewardship

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE PREPARING TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY.

Follow us on Facebook: Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church and on Instagram: @bschurch ky

Bulletin submission deadline Monday 3pm

GIFT OF THE MONTH

Regional School Programs provides 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 LENTEN STEWARDSHIP ~ FORTY DAYS

The number 40 appears throughout the bible, usually designating a time of purification and transformation. The great flood lasted for forty days; Moses spent forty days with God on Mt. Sinai; the Hebrews spent forty years transitioning from slavery to the Promised Land; Jesus battled Satan in the desert for forty days. There are many more examples. If we ask ourselves, why has God given me forty days of Lent, each of us will have a different answer. Is there a nagging regret I need to rectify? A selfish habit I need to break? A damaged relationship I need to mend? A greater depth of prayerfulness to which I'm being called? What purification and transformation is needed to bring me closer to

God? Our Lord is gifting us with 40 days of communal support in this transformative process. Let us pray for one another that we may use this gift wisely, growing spiritually stronger as individuals and as a community as we journey together toward Easter. Visit our website for Lenten resources.



Scan this code with your cell camera for our website.



Lenten Series: Eternal Rest—the Journey from Ashes to Resurrection: Register: 859-331-4302. Four Tuesdays, beginning February 28 (6:30—8 p.m. in the Undercroft) or three Mondays (February 27, March 13 & 27, 6:30—8 p.m. in the Parish Center).

You can also host a small group in your home using the video series on Formed.org. Contact the parish office for a Leader's Guide.

Stations of the Cross: Every Friday, 6:00 p.m. in church.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. with rosary at 3:30 and benediction beginning at 6:45.

First Friday Nocturnal exposition begins at 9:00 p.m. the night before and ends with Benediction at 6:00 a.m. every First Friday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays: 2:30-3:30 p.m., Wednesdays: 6:00-6:30 p.m., Fridays: 6:30 p.m., and Thursday before First Friday: 10:30 a.m.

Food Truck Nights: March 3rd and 17th, 5:30—10 p.m. We will have food trucks in the back parking lot serving meatless meals and snacks. The undercroft will be available for dining in case of inclement weather.

Adult Faith Formation

THAT MAN IS YOU (MEN ONLY)

Mondays at 8:00 p.m. (contact Justin Jehn: 513 -616-1032) and repeating that session Thursdays, at 6:00 a.m. (contact John Carey: 513 884-9800).

WALKING WITH PURPOSE (WOMEN ONLY)

Thursdays, morning and evening sessions (contact Connie Combs: 859-380-2466 or combsconnie@gmail.com).

WEDNESDAY WITH THE WORD (ALL ADULTS)

Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.—noon. (contact Rosanne Thomas: 859-331-4302 or rthomas@bscky.org).



Upcoming Events

3/1 First Grade Wacky Wednesday

3/10 NO SCHOOL - Professional Development

3/19 Servers Award Ceremony







Please scan our QR code or contact the BSS office at 859-331-3062

"RISE, AND DO NOT BE

AFRAID." (Matthew 17:7)

DIOCESAN PARISH ANNUAL APPEAL 2023 BEGINS The 2023 Diocesan Annual Appeal will begin the weekend of March 11 and 12. This year's theme is "Rise, and do not be afraid." (Matthew 17:7) the Bible has around 150 different variations of "Fear Not" or "Be Not Afraid" throughout. As disciples of Christ, we need to remember this, we need to go beyond ourselves, and know that He will always be there for us. Can you help to reassure a neighbor that we as the Diocese of Covington are there for them? With your pledge to the DPAA, you can do just that. Ninety-two cents or more of every dollar given to the DPAA translate into ministries of service. Retired priests have a place to live and the healthcare they need. Mothers and fathers gain the skills required to be good parents. Homeless men, women and children find shelter and a hot meal. Catholic values are instilled through our schools and Parish Religious Education Programs. Seminarians receive education and training. Mothers choose life for their babies and Parishes obtain funds to serve their members with enhanced and new ministries and programs. Sometimes it is difficult to envisions how one pledge can make a real difference. But one sacrifice combined with thousands of others can reach out in service and love. Individually we can do many things, but working together and with the Lord's help, we can do so much more. Please prayerfully reflect upon God's love for you, review all the materials you receive, and listen to the DPAA messages presented at Mass. Then, come to Mass on March 11 and 12 ready to make your pledge. We will complete our pledge forms together. God bless you for your generosity.



Mustard Seed Community

Come celebrate

First Friday Mass followed by a Healing Service, **March 3** at St. Joseph Church, Crescent Springs, KY. The evening begins at 7pm with music by the Sacred Heart Praise Band, followed by Mass at 7:30. Sponsored by the Mustard Seed Catholic Charismatic Community of the Diocese of Covington. For more information, call Carol at 859-341-5932.



LADIES HIGH TEA---HELD IN GOD'S HAND; TRANSFORMATION, ENLIGHTENMENT, APOSTLESHIP.

Sunday, March 5th at 3pm in the Undercroft. This is a ladies only event, join us for an afternoon tea! Share in High Tea and some interesting speakers.

Reservations to follow in February. Call Lisa Bayne with any questions, 859-443-7375.



Catholic Charities ANNUAL FUNDRAISER,

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CASSBA, is starting early this
year with a special Taylor Swift

Concert Raffle. The concert is on July 1st at Paycor Stadium. Raffle tickets are \$50 each, only 500 tickets will be sold. Winner will receive two tickets, located in section 136, Row 11, Seat 2 and 3. (11 rows from the floor and right by the stage). Drawing will be on April 20th at 6:00 p.m. at Catholic Charities. You can purchase tickets at www.cassba.com

Thanks for your support of Catholic Charities and Parish Kitchen.

SAINT OF THE WEEK

Saints Jacinta and Francisco Marto Between May 13 and October 13, 1917, three Portuguese shepherd children from Aljustrel, received apparitions of



Our Lady at Cova da Iria, near Fátima, a city 110 miles north of Lisbon.

At the first appearance, Mary asked the children to return to that spot on the thirteenth of each month for the next six months. She also asked them to learn to read and write and to pray the rosary "to obtain peace for the world and the end of the war." They were to pray for sinners and for the conversion of Russia, which had recently overthrown Czar Nicholas II and was soon to fall under communism. Up to 90,000 people gathered for Mary's final apparition on October 13, 1917. Pope Francis canonized the younger children on his visit to Fátima to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the first apparition—May 13, 2017. The shrine of Our Lady of Fátima is visited by up to 20 million people a year.





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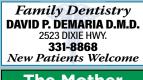
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NATIONAL CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE TO BE HELD IN CINCINNATI MARCH 25TH, 2023 AT CINTAS CENTER.

We encourage every man in our parish to join the Archbishop of Cincinnati at the National Catholic Men's Conference to be held on Saturday, March 25th at the Cintas Center on Xavier's campus. Tickets can be purchased at National Mens Conference.com. Join men from around the country for a one-day event filled with virtue, inspirational speakers, fellowship, networking and spiritual growth. Featured speakers include: Jonathan Roumie, the actor who plays Jesus in The Chosen Series. Father Robert Spitzer from EWTN. His Royal Highness, the Archduke of Austria and grandson of Blessed Karl, Archduke Christian Habsburg-Lorraine. This will be his first speech EVER in the United States so history will be made. Archbishop Dennis Schnurr and Bishop Earl Fernandes from Columbus Ohio. A LIVE panel discussion with professional Bengals and Colts football players. Jeff Schiefelbein (chef - el - bine), Fr. Jonathan Meyer and Fr. Ethan Moore from University of Cincinnati. Get tickets now as the best seats are selling fast. National Mens Conference.com



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