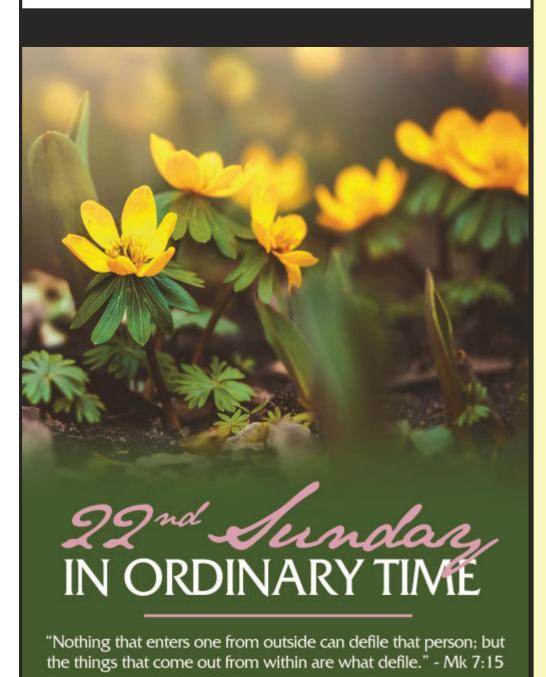
SACRED HEART CHURCH

400 Nilles Road Fairfield, Ohio 45014 (513) 858-4210 Fax (513) 858-4211

www.sacredheart-fairfield.org



Parish Office Hours Monday-Friday 7:30am-3:30pm

Mass Times Mon-Thursday 7:30am Friday 7:00am Saturday: 8:00am, 4:00pm(Saturday Vigil) Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

Holy Days: See bulletin

Infant Baptisms
Pre-Baptism workshop held the
second Monday of every month
in the undercroft of the Church
at 8pm.
No need to register

Anointing of the Sick After weekday Mass or by appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony Call the pastor, 858-4210, as soon as possible. Marriage preparation required.

New Parishioners/Change
of Address
Welcome! Please
register at the Church
Office. If you are moving,
please call the Church Office.

Communion for the Sick and Shut-Ins Please call Fr. Tharp, 858-4210.

Sacrament of Reconciliation / Confession Saturdays: 8:35am-9:30am Other times by appointment

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) For those interested in becoming Catholic, call Fr. Tharp, 858-4210

> Eucharistic Adoration Friday 12:00pm Benediction 2:45pm

August 29, 2021

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, August 30

Barbara & Melinda Johns 7:30am

(Patrick Callahan)

Tuesday, August 31

7:30am Lee Massarelli (Kim & Ron Red-

den)

Wednesday, September 1

7:30am

Robin and James Grimsley (The **Dettenwanger Family**)

Thursday, September 2

Terry & Eileen Callahan (Patrick 7:30am

Callahan)

Friday, September 3

7:00am Fritz Steiner (Nancy & Mark

Alfers)

Saturday, September 4

Rosella Pfirman (Vogt Family) 8:00am

Betty Staigl (Family) 4:00pm

Sunday, September 5

8:00am For the people

10:00am Steve Stofel (The Stofel's and

Hensley's)

12:00pm Karen Hensley (John Hensley)

Father Larry Tharp,

Phone: 858-4210 Ext. 3014 **Pastor**

Email: frtharp@sacredheart-fairfield.org

Bill Dirr. Phone: 858-4210 Ext. 3022

Plant Manager Email: bdirr@sacredheart-fairfield.org

Phone: 858-4210 Ext. 3010 Lauren Obszarski,

Email: laureno@sacredheart-fairfield.org **Parish Secretary**

Kathy Middendorf, Phone: 858-4210 Ext. 3015

Email: kmm@sacredheart-fairfield.org Bookkeeper

Melody Wallace. Phone: 858-4210 Ext. 3016

Music Director Email:

melody.wallace@embargmail.com

Bryan Miller, Phone: 858-4213 Ext. 3025

Director of Religious Email: bmiller@sacredheart-fairfield.org

Education

Coordinator

Phone: 858-4213 Ext. 3023 Marianne Fleckenstein, DRE Email: mfleck@sacredheart-fairfield.org

Secretary & Safe Environment

Heather Wagner, Phone: 858-4215 Ext. 3100 School Principal Email: hwagner@shjs.org

Julie St. Clair, Phone: 858-4215 Ext. 3101 School Secretary Email: istclair@shis.org

WEEK OF AUGUST 30

Monday, August 30

- Mass (CH) 7:30am
- REP Opening Liturgy (CH) 7:00pm

Tuesday, August 31

Mass (CH) 7:30am

Wednesday, September 1

Mass (CH) 7:30am

Thursday, September 2

- Mass (CH) 7:30am
- Small Faith Group (RH1) 9:30am

Friday, September 3

- Mass (CH) 7:00am
- Eucharistic Adoration (CH) 12:00-3:00pm

Saturday, September 4

- Mass (CH) 8:00am
- Confession (CH) 8:30am
- Mass (CH) 4:00pm

Sunday, September 5

Mass (CH) 8:00am, 10:00am & 12:00pm

8/22/2021

Offering Envelopes \$10,309.00 Loose Cash \$692.00

Online Giving \$3,126.50

Sunday Offering \$14,127.50

Assumption \$226.00 Haiti Relief \$1,295.00

Total Sunday Offering \$15.648.50



FROM THE DESK OF FATHER THARP

Next Sunday: The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time Celebrant for September 5th: Fr. Williams

Thanks again for a Successful Festival

Preliminary estimates derived from subtracting anticipated invoices from gross revenues result in the assumption that this year's festival should "net" around two hundred thousand (\$200,000.00) dollars. I want to offer my sincere gratitude and appreciation to Matt Loeffler and Zak Zoz, the co-chairs of our festival; the entire festival committee and every single volunteer who helped make the 2021 festival an extraordinary success. It is important to tout the undisputable fact that the real secrets to past and present successful festivals are the festival chairs, festival committee, volunteers, and the extraordinary organizational structure. When I complement any member of the committee, the response is always to defer praise to the group. The legacy of this committee is its ability to identify and draw in new members, not to replace them, but to learn from them, so there is always a corporate recollection of the past, and a constant replenishing and cycling of new people coming up.

I have experienced fifteen festivals as pastor of Sacred Heart, and there is no doubt in my mind that corporate America could learn from this organizational structure. There has never been a more highly motivated and competent festival operation. I am in awe of what you have all accomplished. From the bottom of my heart, "Thank You" to everyone who helped. You are magnificent.

First Days of School

St. Ann returned to school last Wednesday. The first day of school at Sacred Heart is August 30th. Please be especially cautious driving as the young people who are our future make their way back to school. There is great excitement with the first days of a new school year. Please drive carefully so that the excitement can be safely enjoyed.

Fr. Tharp's Pager is no longer in use!

The pager company I have used for years is now ceasing operation. Therefore, please do not leave voice or numeric messages using my old pager number. It won't get to me. Leave all emergency messages on my emergency voicemail, (option #2 in the afterhours menu) and the system will alert me with a message on my cell phone. You can leave an emergency message for me by calling (513) 858-4210 and select option number two; "Fr. Tharp for an emergency." The system will alert me to the fact that you have left an emergency message and I will call you back within five minutes unless I am having Mass. Delete or throw away the old pager number. It won't work anymore.

Beacons of Light

The Beacons of Light program continues to move forward. It is my understanding that the "reveal date" for the "families of parishes" combinations will be around October 1, 2021. Please reference the Beacons of Light web page for the most up-to-date information at: https://catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light. The process of determining which parishes are likely to join together as "Families" is currently being studied. This consultative process is moving forward so that a draft of the probable pairings can be announced for discussion with the general population of the Archdiocese by the end of September or early October.

The following is a message from the Archdiocese:

BEACONS UPDATE: BE HEARD, STAY INFORMED, SIGN UP - To stay on top of the latest developments on Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, sign up for the free monthly *Beacons Update* newsletter at www.BeaconsAOC.org.

Attention parish or school volunteers who work with or around children

Are you aware that the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has moved all parishes and schools from using the "Virtus" Child Protection program to the "Safe Parish" program? If you are a volunteer classroom parent in the school, a coach, drama club volunteer, scout volunteer, etc please contact your local parish Safe Environment Coordinator as to what is necessary for you to be eligible to work with or around children here or in any Archdiocesan location. As we return to school and fall programs ramp up, please be aware that failure to register with and complete the requirements of Safe Parish will result in your inability to continue to work with or around children in any parish and/or school setting. We have been informed by the Archdiocese that there can be NO EXCEPTIONS.

Live Streaming a precept Mass from St. Ann and Sacred Heart each week

Even though the dispensation for the precept of Sunday Mass attendance has now been revoked, live streaming will continue for the sick, shut-ins, and others unable to come to Mass. Please remember to access the Sacred Heart / St. Ann Pastoral Region You Tube site by clicking on the following link: https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVLLqbEY5hKWinwz069MVcg

Reflection on Scripture:

"Worship God! Obey God's law! Be practical. Don't get it backwards." These phrases are a concise summation of the teachings offered in today's scripture. Legalism is defined as an analytical approach to controlling behavior that lacks "heart." On the other hand, emotionalism can easily degrade

Continued on next page...

Continued from previous page...

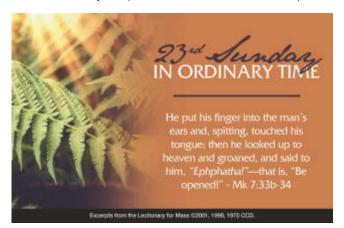
into hedonism and moral anarchy. We do not admire an inanimate object such as a Stradivarius violin, but we honor its maker and those whose skill allow it to produce beautiful music. Similarly, we worship the creator of the law, but not the instrument itself. God is the Creator. Law is a tool. If there are times when the application of the law is unreasonable, a well formed conscience allows for the application of epikeia. If I have a snakebite victim in my car who is in immediate need of the anti-venom serum available only at the hospital emergency room, I may choose to break the speed limit where reasonable to expedite my arrival at the hospital. This does not diminish the validity of the law, but rather provides for emergency exemption in this isolated case. Jesus speaks of epikeia when he uses the example of the man whose donkey falls into a pit on the Sabbath. In other words, there are situations when the use of the tool (of law) is unreasonable.

You may be saying, "How do all these philosophical gymnastics impact my understanding of divine justice as defined by Jesus?" In the application of justice, there is an enormous amount of discussion, especially in the context of educational norms and policies, regarding "equity versus equality." I do not think it appropriate to enter that highly charged political discussion in this context, but it bears pointing out that the issues discussed in today's scriptures have direct relevance to that discussion. The discussion of these concepts of justice should have a direct bearing on how we form our personal consciences.

Next Week: Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7a Jas 2: 1-5 Mk 7:31-37

Theme: Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.



WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART...

THANK YOU

Thank you for all the thoughtful donations and gift cards to the Bid and Basket booth this year. This booth and its success could not happen without all of the generosity from the Sacred Heart parishioners.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

The St. Vincent De Paul Society for the Sacred Heart and St. Ann Pastoral Region continues to serve a great need during the pandemic thanks to the generosity of parishioners. We have helped an average of two dozen households every month from January through July, about double our pre-COVID level. In the first seven months of this year we have provided 69 families with rent assistance, and helped 75 families with overdue utility bills, in addition to giving out Kroger gift cards to buy food, medicine or gas.

Our next fifth Sunday collection is August 28-29. Donations also can be made at any time by mailing contributions to the parish office in care of St. Vincent De Paul, or by putting a clearly marked envelope into the Sunday collection basket. Every dollar we receive goes directly to helping your neighbors in Fairfield and Lindenwald. Thanks for your continued support through prayers and contributions.

BIBLE STUDY

Walking Toward Eternity is an inspiring series designed to help participants live their faith more fully. Daring to Walk the Walk, the first series of Walking Toward Eternity, introduces seven key virtues and outlines practical steps for living them out in daily life. This study shows how to put our Catholic faith into practice through prayer and action. The result is real, oftenprofound change occurring in people's lives as they begin living as God intended them to. Join us on Monday evenings from Sept 13 - Nov 15 as we learn further how to put our faith into action. RSVP by Sept 1st to mcarroll3210@gmail.com or call Mary Carroll at 895-0063 to find out how to order your supplies.



OFFICE OF FAITH FORMATION

Bryan Miller, Director of Religious Education
Marianne Fleckenstein, Secretary of Faith Formation &
Safe Environment Coordinator

Holy Father's Prayer Intentions for September:



An Environmentally Sustainable Lifestyle

We pray that we all will make courageous choices for a simple and environmentally sustainable lifestyle, rejoicing in our young people who are resolutely committed to this.



Religious Education Program (REP) 2021-2022 school year. This next year we are planning to meet in-person for all REP classes (grades 1 – 8). We will

begin on August 30th with the Opening Liturgy & Meet the Catechist at 7:00 pm in Church.

Registration is open. The printable Registration forms are on our website (https://www.sacredheart-fairfield.org/) and paper copies are available for pick up on the table outside the Faith Formation Office. Please mail or drop off to the Church office, care of Faith Formation Office.

Aides and Substitutes Needed for REP! At this point, we are only in need of a few more volunteers: a 4th grade & 7/8th grade classroom aides (Can be high school senior needing service hours) and those willing to be substitute for catechists and/or classroom aides on minutes notice. Thanks to all who have already answered this call! You are truly appreciated.

ALL PARISH VOLUNTEERS: NEW CHILD PROTECTION PLATFORM – The Archdiocese has now switched over from Virtus to SafeParish™ a program of the McCalmon Group, as our Child Protection Program.

(The McCalmon Group, Inc. is an organization that improves workplaces by reducing risk and wrongdoing, including building child safe environments within organizations that serve or work with children.)

WELCOME TO SAFEPARISH™ - All volunteers and employees in the Archdicoese of Cincinnati with an active child protection account should have received an email from SafeParish™ inviting them to register for their new SafeParish™ account. These emails were sent during the week of July 12. If you did not receive the email, please check your spam or junk mail folders. You can also find a copy of the SafeParish™ registration instructions by going to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Safe Environment Office webpage at https://catholicaoc.org/offices/safe-environment. Click on "Top Resources" then click on the link for "SafeParish™".

<u>For new school or parish volunteers</u> – Please contact Marianne Fleckenstein, Save Environment Coordinator, in the Faith Formation Office (858-4213 or mfleck@sacredheart-fairfield.org) for instructions on becoming a volunteer.



Beacons of Light Pastoral Planning UPDATE:

BE HEARD, STAY INFORMED, SIGN UP - Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide

pastoral planning process currently underway, will impact every parish in the archdiocese, including ours. To stay on top of the latest developments on Beacons of Light, sign up for the free monthly Beacons Update newsletter at www.CatholicAOC.org/Beacons.

COMMENT ON DRAFT "FAMILIES OF PARISHES" -

Make sure your voice is heard! Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will result in all parishes being grouped into "Families" under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment **October 1-20** at www.CatholicAOC.org/Beacons. Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input to this important initiative which will shape the future of our archdiocese.

CONNECTING CORNER

"Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." Mk 7:18-20. Our Gospel suggests that we are to always hear clearly the Word of God and keep it close in our heart. We humbly sift through the cacophony around us. The Holy Spirit will guide us to the Truth. Then we are free to commit to actions of His love. "Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world." Second Reading James 1:27

- Today is the 5th Sunday of the month and the St. Vincent de Paul collection.
- In August, Our focus to fill Dorothys' Cupboard is Soup, Toothpaste, Cereal, Meal Boxes.
- If you would like to join the "Celebrating 200 Years of Service in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati with Service" event on Oct 9, access cincy200.com/serviceday
- Sept 1 Wednesday is the World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. From Sept 1 through Oct 4, Christians around the world celebrate with prayers/action for our common home. Perhaps your group would like to join in the "radical h o s p i t a l i t y" a c t i v i t i e s: h t t p s://seasonofcreation.org/2021/08/17/christians-abrahamtent/
- Care for Creation is a principle feature in Catholic Social Teaching. The Laudato Si' Action Platform is a unique collaboration between the Vatican, an international coalition of Catholic organizations, and "all men and women of good will" to plan concrete action steps. This website explains the goal: "Standing on the firm ground of "three fundamental and closely intertwined relationships: with God, with our neighbor, and with the Earth itself," we commit to setting out "on the long path of renewal." (LS 66, 202) https://laudatosiactionplatform.org/about/

Prayer for parishes and dioceses:

"Lord of Creation, we pray for our parishes and dioceses, that they may be attentive to the Cry of the Earth and promote clean energy, ensure clean air and water for all, protect your creation, and its biodiversity and climate, in particular. May we re-discover our original vocation as caretakers of our common home and of one another."

From Peace and Justice Commission

Parish Council Members

Joyce Thomas jthomas20@mac.com Arline Argentati aargent823@aol.com Brian Boyce bboyce10@fuse.net Jeff Cadle cadlejeff@gmail.com Kathy Engel kath4irish@yahoo.com Billy Guinigundo guinigbw@gmail.com Greg LoBuono globuono_5498@fuse.net Rita Pochard joeypochard@yahoo.com Dan Schindler djschindler60@gmail.com Jim Schultheiss jim.schultheiss@yahoo.ca



KNIGHTS' CORNER Father Roettele Council 8115



https://www.facebook.com/KofC8115/

Family Day at Strickers Grove This Weekend – A reminder to all Brother Knights and their families that this Sunday afternoon is the Stricker's Grove Fun Day. Come join Brother Knights and their families as we enjoy a fun time at Stricker's Grove Amusement Park this Sunday from noon till dusk, August 29th. A reduced cost covers admission, soft drinks, ice cream, an outdoor grilled meal, plus all park rides. We also have access to a climate controlled seating area. If you don't already have tickets, be sure to see John Hensley for tickets before park entry. See you all there.

ST. ELSEWHERE

NOMINATIONS ARE IN AND IT'S TIME TO VOTE!

We have narrowed the many nominations received to two outstanding candidates in each field. Please scan the attached code or visit fairfieldcommunityfoundation.org and vote for your hero in each field – firefighter, police officer and healthcare worker. Then plan to join us on Saturday, September 11th at Veterans Memorial Park on



Wessel Drive at 11 AM when we announce and recognize our chosen heroes!

FAMILY CAREGIVER SUPPORT

Are you concerned about an aging parent? Is your spouse depending on you more and more due to their chronic illness? Have you found yourself caring for an adult child or a grandchild unexpectedly? Caregiver groups provide helpful resource information, understanding and encouragement. Consider joining a caregiver group so you can get the support you need! Our ongoing group hosted by St. Susanna in Mason meets online every Wednesday at 7:00 pm and in person on the last Wednesday of the month. This group is here for you! Call Angie Homoelle at (513) 672-3834, ahomoelle@ccswoh.org or visit www.ccswoh.org/ email programs/caregiver-assistance-network for more information or to RSVP. Co-sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded through the Council on Aging and the National Community Care Corps.

CREATIVE CONNECTIONS

Join us for a 10-week program brought to you by the Giving Voice Collaborative and the Caregiver Assistance Network for caregivers and their care recipients. Have fun, relax, and gain support while your loved one also has fun! Program appropriate for those living with dementia (all stages) and their care partners. For more information on this or any of our other caregiver support programs, call Angie Homoelle at (513) 672-3834, email ahomoelle@ccswoh.org or visit www.ccswoh.org/programs/caregiver-assistance-network. Sponsored by the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio funded through the Council on Aging and the Giving Voice Foundation.





BODY SHOP

We are highly Wreck-a-Mended

Linda L. Weil 513-851-9056 fax: 513-589-3101



513-662-2282



SHOWER DOORS • TUB ENCLOSURES SCREENS • INSULATED GLASS • RESIDENTIAL

WINDOWS • CUSTOM MIRRORS TABLETOPS • FIREPLACE GLASS • AUTOMOBILE GLASS

513-829-8284

St. Mary / St. Stephen Cemeteries

Your Local Catholic Cemeteries

1314 Greenwood Ave., Hamilton, OH 45011

513-737-1600 • www.stmaryststephencemeteries.com

800-410-JACO 513-738-0084

sales@jacowaterproofing.com www.jacowaterproofing.com



Dr. Nickolas Minnie, DPM Dr. Celeste Fellner, DPM Dr. Michael Kiehl, DPM Dr. Steven McCarthy, DPM rving Butler and Warren County 3035 Hamilton-Mason Road 5300 Socialville-Foster Road, Mason

1260 Nilles Road, Fairfield Visit Us Online At: www.cfac.ne (513) 844-8585





Frank & Vivian Debo

In Loving Memory THE DEBO FAMILY .



waterfordatfairfield.com

8 D



513.755.3413 www.napiertruck.com Family Parishioners Since 1977

FULL TIME AND WEEKEND PROGRAMS AVAILABLE • CLASS A & B CDL TRAINING





Banking you can believe in.

www.telhio.org 614-221-3233













www.rumpke.com RUMPER



Dermatologic Surgery

• Laser Surgery

THE LAW OFFICE OF

MICHAEL A. NEWLAND ATTORNEY AT LAW 513.887.9595

300 High St. Ste 601., hamilton, oh newlandlaw@fuse.net



4785 Dixie Highway, Fairfield, OH 45014

best in Home Furniture at

count prices

NEVER MISS A BULLETIN

Sign up to have our weekly parish bulletin emailed to you at www.parishesonline.com



QUALITY Ed & Jon Hartkemeyer

863.2089 • Cell: 315-3605

Satisfying Customers Since 1884

513-541-4444

IESEN : HEATING COOLING

Concept Salon

SIGN UP FOR 20% OFF AVEDA 513-868-1000

₿StateFarm

Barney Riesbeck CLU CHFC, AGENT 5617 Liberty-Fairfield Rd., Hamilton 513-867-8612

barney.riesbeck.czzk@statefarm.com nsurance and Financial Services

229 DAYTON STREET 513.737.5180 mckenzie-snyder.com

fil facebook.

Zettler FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATION SERVICES

2646 Pleasant Ave.

513-893-2793

www.zettlerfuneralhome.com

Thomas G. Zettler Director James R. Zettler (Founder 1923-2019)

As always, our family serving your family, in your time of need



vonderhaar's Catering

19 Pleasant St., Reading 554-1969

www.vonderhaars.com

Kurtz & Associates

DAVID KURTZ

PARISHIONER

Retirement Planning Specialists

513-894-9600

www.kurtzandassociates.com

AXA Advisors, LLC (NY 212-314-4600), FBIRA, SPC, // AXA Network, LLC (Kurtz. & Associates is not owned or operated by AXA Advisors or AXA Network. Retirement naming Specialists title awarded by AXA Advisors, based upon receipt of a Certifical Retirement Planning from the Wiffactor School of the University of Pennsylvania. AGE-128647(08/19)

FAIRFIELDS Family Friendly SPORTS BAR

500 Wessel Dr., Fairfield www.berdsgrillandbar.com



FLUB'S DARI-ETTE

981 Eaton Ave Hamilton, OH



539 Wessel Dr. Fairfield, OH 513-939-3582

513-737-7044 633 High Street #102 • Hamilton

coneselawoffice com

MARK CONESE

Attorney at Law



Joe Hudek **Painting**

Interior • Exterior FREE ESTIMATES

844-2033

Sacred Heart

BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION.

- Work-Life Balance
- · Paid Training Full-Time with Benefits.
 - Some Travel
- Serve Your Community
 - Contact us at careers@4lpi.com

www.4lpi.com/careers





437 S. 3rd St | Hamilton 892-3322 Independently Owned

Three Generations of Continuous Family Ownership



Dentistry for Children and Applescents DR. BRAD SKELTON & DR. RICHARD KENNEDY CHEWICHEWJUNCTION 39 MAIL.COM



ADVERTISE HERE NOW!

to place an ad today! (800) 477-4574 x6426



Contact Nancy MacMillan sfischhaber@4LPi.com or



CARPET DISCOUNTER PREMIUM FLOORING OUTLET
ALL STYLES & COLORS OF CARPET 59% TO \$1 99 NONE HIGHER - IN STOCK 6140 PLEASANT AVE., FAIRFIELD



Ryan Pohlman, Owner New Tires & Tire Service

· Automotive Diagnostics, Brakes Shocks, Front End Work, Exhaust Air Conditioning, Engine Repair

Our Family Serving Yours Since 1963

867-0770 • PohlmansAuto.com 1047 Millville, Ave., Hamilton





• Butler County's Only Onsite Cremation Facility

· Pre-Arrangement/Estate Planning

· Monuments & Markers

· Distinctive Service for Any Budget

•Lifetime of Memories Videos

"Family Owned & Operated"

Paul and Bryan Avance | Denise Melvin Hammelrath | Timothy Pfaff Steven Moore, Pre-Arrangement Specialist 4976 Winton Rd. 513-829-6257





(513) 874-8945 bobcatent.com

RENTAL • SALES • SERVICE • PARTS • TRAINING







Stay connected to our faith community no matter where you are by signing up to get our bulletin delivered straight to your email!

www.ParishesOnline.com



822 Nilles Rd • 513-829-5666