# SACRED HEART CHURCH

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"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a 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

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\$9,789.00 \$789.00 <u>\$6,775.50</u> **\$17,353.50** 

\$5.00 \$115.00 <u>\$245.00</u> **\$17,718.50** 

MASS INTENTIONS		WEEK OF JANUARY 24	
<b>Monday, January 24</b> 7:30am	<b>Charlotte Wright</b> (Marlene Wes- sels)	<ul> <li>Monday, January 24</li> <li>Mass (CH) 7:30am</li> <li>REP (School) 7:00pm</li> </ul>	
<b>Tuesday, January 25</b> 7:30am	<b>Patricia Tanner</b> (Debbie, Cindy & Tami)	<ul> <li>Tuesday, January 25</li> <li>Mass (CH) 7:30am</li> <li>School Mass (CH) 8:15am</li> </ul>	
8:15am	For the children	• Knights of Columbus (RH2&3) 7:30pm Wednesday, January 26	
Wednesday, January 26		<ul> <li>Mass (CH) 7:30am</li> </ul>	
7:30am	Leon Moore (Lee Goodwin & Bill White)	<ul> <li>RCIA/RCIC (RH2&amp;3) 7:00pm</li> <li>Thursday, January 27</li> <li>Mass (CH) 7:30am</li> </ul>	
<b>Thursday, January 27</b> 7:30am	Richard Bennett (Dolores Blos-	<ul> <li>Choir (CH) 7:00pm</li> <li>K of C 4th Degree (RH2&amp;3) 7:30pm</li> </ul>	
	som & Family)	Friday, January 28	
Friday, January 28		• Mass (CH) 7:00am	
7:00am	Lee Tse (The Co Family)	• Eucharistic Adoration (CH) 12:00-3:00pm Saturday, January 29	
Saturday, January 29		• Mass (CH) 8:00am	
8:00am	Mary Eschenbrenner (Mark &	Confession (CH) 8:30am	
4:00pm	Nancy Alfers)	Mass (CH) 4:00pm	
	Special Intention for Erin Cain (Jim & Karen Stemann)	Sunday, January 30	
		<ul> <li>Mass (CH) 8:00am, 10:00am &amp; 12:00pm</li> <li>SHJS Open House (School) 1:00pm</li> </ul>	
Sunday, January 30 8:00am	Steven Uhler (Rita & Angie Uh-	• 363 0pen House (3chool) 1.00pm 1/16/2021	
10:00am	ler) <b>Thomas Barber</b> (Maxine Nyc)	Offering Envelopes	
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12:00pm	For the people	Online Giving	
		Sunday Offering	\$
Father Larry Tharp, Pastor	Phone: 858-4210 Ext. 3014 Email: frtharp@sacredheart-fairfield.org	Christmas	
Bill Dirr, Plant Manager	Phone: 858-4210 Ext. 3022 Email: bdirr@sacredheart-fairfield.org	Solemnity of Mary	
		Initial Offering	
Lauren Obszarski, Parish Secretary	Phone: 858-4210 Ext. 3010 Email: laureno@sacredheart-fairfield.org	Total Sunday Offering	\$
Kathy Middendorf, Bookkeeper	Phone: 858-4210 Ext. 3015 Email: kmm@sacredheart-fairfield.org		四
Melody Wallace, Music Director	Phone: 858-4210 Ext. 3016 Email: melody.wallace@embarqmail.com	the second	T OF YESU
Bryan Miller, Director of Religious Education	Phone: 858-4213 Ext. 3025 Email: bmiller@sacredheart-fairfield.org	JOIN US FOR OUR OPEN HOUSE ON SUNDAY,	I
Marianne Fleckenstein, DRE Secretary & Safe Environment Coordinator	Phone: 858-4213 Ext. 3023 Email: mfleck@sacredheart-fairfield.org	JANUARY 30, 2022 1-3PM	_

Heather Wagner, School Principal

Julie St. Clair, School Secretary Email: hwagner@shjs.org Phone: 858-4215 Ext. 3101 Email: jstclair@shjs.org

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# FROM THE DESK OF FATHER THARP

Next Sunday: The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Celebrant for January 30: Fr. Tharp

### **CMA** Announcement Weekend

January 22-23 signals the official beginning of the annual Catholic Ministry Appeal. The CMA is an annual effort of all the parishes of the Archdiocese to work together to put forth six areas of ministry that no one parish could address alone. These areas include: Catholic Charities and CSS, diocesan clergy retirement and disability needs, chaplains for prisonshospitals (non-Catholic affiliated) and campus ministry; seminary and vocations, St. Rita School for the Deaf, and the Center for the New Evangelization. These are all ministries we could not hope to address as individual parishes, but in solidarity we can benefit from each. Please ponder the message of Archbishop Schnurr given to all this weekend, and join me in making a strong and unwavering commitment to doing together that which none of us could do alone.

# DO NOT FALL FOR SCAMS!!!!

(You may be wondering why I keep running this same warning week after week? The reason is that I continue to get calls from parishioners concerned that I may have been arrested in a foreign country without money, or need you to buy cash cards for someone who is dying, or some other deception or fabrication. The scammers have even found a way to harvest my voice from the YOUTUBE Masses, and mimic me over the telephone. The "scammers" are indeed immoral and destined for the fires of Hell; but they always seem to exhibit sinister creativity. Please remember the following:)

Remember I <u>NEVER</u> solicit funds, donations, favors, or any request of any kind over the telephone, text, email, carrier pigeon, drone, etc. <u>NEVER</u>! Do not allow yourself to be taken in by scammers. Even if they have my recorded voice, it is computer generated! It is not me!!!

### Considering a "Men's Retreat Program?"

Over the next month, we will be posting information about a rather challenging ascetic retreat option for adult men from St. Ann and Sacred Heart Pastoral Region, soon to be a Family of Parishes. The program is called Exodus 90. Here are the personal comments of one of our parishioners who has some experience with the program:

The goal of Exodus 90 is spiritual freedom. We are all attached and/or addicted to sins or material things that are holding us back from being the men God created us to be. Going back to the roots of the Christian Faith through the ancient traditions of the Church of prayer, penance, and community helps us to free ourselves so that we can be the husbands, fathers, brothers, sons, and leaders that we are meant to be. The outline of the program is simple and built on 3 pillars: prayer, fraternity, and asceticism. In short it requires commitment to one hour of prayer a day. Weekly meetings with a small group and fasting from foods on certain days, and giving up certain luxuries like sweets, a sedentary life, warm showers and a commitment to exercise. It's difficult. But today in our culture maybe we need something a little difficult.

Please keep an eye out for more information and feel free to email any questions in anticipation of an informative meeting which we plan on having a few weeks before Lent. You know how the TV stations post a teaser announcement to gage interest. Well, that is what this is!

### Synod 2021-2023

Although the meeting at Queen of Peace in Millville took place yesterday, you are invited to attend any of the meetings held in other deaneries throughout the Archdiocese. Information about these meetings is available on

# Reminder for volunteers who work with or around children

If you are a volunteer classroom parent in the school, a coach, drama club volunteer, scout volunteer, etc. please note that you should have been moved to the Safe Parish program. Fulfillment of this requirement is mandatory for anyone working with children. Please contact your parish safe environment coordination if you are uncertain whether you are registered or approved.

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

Since I live stream both the 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart and the 5:15 p.m. at St. Ann; I usually manage to live stream both, but on rare occasions the internet is out at one or the other location. If this happens, be assured that I will make every effort to correct the malfunction before the next weekend. 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:**

In the first reading from Nehemiah, Ezra the scribe reads from the Torah (the Mosaic Law) and reinstates the Festival of Sukkot (or Booths) a thanksgiving feast in the Jewish Calendar. In the Gospel, Jesus in his local synagogue and reading from the Book of the prophet Isaiah tells the listeners that the fulfillment of Isaiah's prophesy is standing right there in front of *Continued on next page...* 

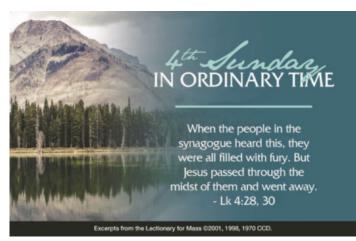
them. Jesus Christ, the Son of God, is the "Word" (Greek word: "LOGOS") of God. A person's "word" communicates his (or her) very self. Thus we hear the phrase, "You have my word on it." God's word communicates God himself. Thus the divinity of Jesus is revealed.

Hearing from God directly changes human hearts. Ezra sees the audience weeping and tells them not to be sad but to rejoice and celebrate God's gift to them of the Law. Jesus takes the ultimate step when he forgives those killing him and everyone in time and eternity for their sins. The Word of God, Jesus Christ, seeks to change the hearts of all humanity through the Sacraments of the Church. John so eloquently says, "and the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us." Have we fully opened our hearts to the Word?

#### NEXT WEEK (The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time)

Jer 1:4-5, 17-19 1 Cor 12:31-13:13 Lk 4:21-30

Theme: Jesus suffers from being too truthful!



# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT SACRED HEART ...

#### FROM SACRED HEART SCHOOL

In 8<sup>th</sup> grade reading and English Language Arts, students are finishing up their research papers on the 1920s and 1930s, learning how to use textual evidence and reliable sources to defend claims and thesis points. This research paper is being done in conjunction with finishing the book *To Kill a Mockingbird*. In math, several students are getting ready to take the Badin math exam and in religion, students are nearing the end of their church history curriculum.

- Rob Schaich, 8th Grade Teacher

#### CATHOLIC EDUCATION FOUNDATION GRANT

The Catholic Education Foundation grant application is now open for those attending Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Please visit https://catholicbestchoice.org/tuition-aid/k-8-tuition-information to find the link to the application. Application closes January 31, 2022.



### 2022 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

This weekend we will be listening to an audio message from Archbishop Schnurr explaining how our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal allows us to stand with the ministries that teach, feed, and heal throughout the archdiocese. Thanks to the generosity of many families here at Sacred Heart, a total of \$81,975.93 was contributed to the 2021 CMA from our parish community. This year, our goal is \$43,711.

Families will be receiving a CMA mailing from Archbishop Schnurr in the coming week or so. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card and envelope to Mass. For more information or to donate online, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

#### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTION

The first "fifth Sunday" collection this year for the St. Vincent De Paul Society for the Sacred Heart-St. Ann Pastoral Region is Jan. 29-30. Thanks to your generous support, St. Vincent De Paul helped 370 families in Fairfield and Lindenwald last year with food, rent, utilities, bedding, medicine, clothing and other items. Members will have collection baskets at the door. Donations also can be made any time by sending contributions to the parish office in care of St. Vincent De Paul.

#### **COKE REWARDS**

Turn your Coca-Cola product purchases into donations to Sacred Heart. To donate, visit coke.com/give/schools, select Sacred Heart of Jesus, 45014 and scan or enter product codes from participating Coca-Cola products. Get Started Today!

#### **GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY**

All Girl Scouts are welcome to attend the noon mass on Sunday, February 27th. Faith Awards will be distributed by Troop Leaders. Girl Scout Cookies will also be sold before and after each Mass that weekend. All Sacred Heart Girl Scouts would like to thank our parish community for your continued support of our scouting program!

#### **BOOSTER NEWS**

Registrations are now open for the Spring Sports of Track and Boys Volleyball. See info below. To register, visit the Booster website at www.sacredheartboosters.com

Boys' and Girls' Track Registration (for boys and girls in kindergarten thru 8th grade):

- Registration OPEN: Jan-1st thru Feb 19th, 2022
- Registration DEADLINE: Feb 20th 26th, 2022 with \$20 LATE FEE

Track Fee: \$45 – plus buy their own uniform

Boys' Volleyball Registration (for boys in grades 3rd thru 8th):

- Registration OPEN: Jan-1st thru Feb 8th, 2022
- Registration DEADLINE: Feb 9th 14th, 2022 with \$20 LATE FEE

Boys Volleyball Fee: \$55 - plus buy their own uniform

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 January:



Intention for evangelization - Human fraternity

May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

# PRAYER FOR THE UNBORN CHILD IN THE WOMB



Lord Jesus, you are the source and lover of life. Reawaken in us respect for every human life. Help us to see in each child the marvelous work of our Creator. Open our hearts to welcome every child as a unique and wonderful

gift. Guide the work of doctors, nurses and midwives. May the life of a mother and her baby in the womb be equally cherished and respected. Help those who make our laws to uphold the uniqueness and sacredness of every human life, from the first moment of conception to natural death. Give us wisdom and generosity to build a society that cares for all. Together with Mary, your Mother, in whose womb you took on our human nature, Help us to choose life in every decision we take. We ask this in the joyful hope of eternal life with you, and in the communion of the Blessed Trinity. Amen. Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

### **ADULT BIBLE STUDY:**

Join us for Monday night Bible Study! We will be studying the Gospel of Matthew (Ascension Press). We meet each Monday evening from Feb 7th to April 4th. We would love to have you join us! RSVP by Feb 1st to

mcarroll3210@gmail.com or call Mary Carroll at 895-0063 so we can get your book ordered.

## SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN



### **CONFIRMATION**

Please pray for our students preparing to be Confirmed in March.

### FIRST EUCHARIST PARENTS

Parent Mtg., Jan. 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:15 p.m. in church

Mandatory attendance unless you attended meeting for this sacrament in 2019 or 2020. Check with Marianne before you assume you are safe.





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

For new school or parish volunteers – Please contact Marianne Fleckenstein, Safe Environment Coordinator, in the Faith Formation Office (858-4213 or mfleck@sacredheart-fairfield.org) for instructions on process to be a volunteer.

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# **CONNECTING CORNER**

"Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Lk. 4: 20-21 Yes, in today's Gospel reading Jesus reveals the salvation of the world is at hand. Jesus' life shows us the all inclusive healing love that builds His Father's Kingdom . "Now you are Christ's body, and individually parts of it." He calls us to join Him in His life's work.



January 22 is a Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children in the US. A prayer to Our Lady of Guadalupe is here: www.usccb.org/prayers/ prayer-our-lady-guadalupe Jesus took on human life and so we respect all aspects of human life.

Reminder: Please view the video called **Sister Joan Krimm's Mission to End Human Trafficking** conveniently

located on the Home page of our website under "Catholic Resources and Links". Her bold example shows us how today we "proclaim liberty to captives". January is not only Anti Human Trafficking month, the USCCB calls us to grow in U.S.poverty awareness. A reliable USCCB website: https:// www.povertyusa.org/facts\_Act for the poor! Dorothys' Cupboard January focus is soup & hand soap. Thank you for donating your gently used clothes to the St. Vincent de Paul bin on our parking lot in 2021. We have 5 Sundays in January, mark your calendar for the SVdP collection.

"If one contends, as we do, that the right of every fetus to be born should be protected by civil law and supported by civil consensus, then our moral, political and economic responsibilities do not stop at the moment of birth. Those who defend the right to life of the weakest among us must be equally visible in support of the quality of life of the powerless among us: the old and the young, the hungry and the homeless, the undocumented immigrant and the unemployed worker." Cardinal Joseph Bernadin 1983.

# From Peace and Justice Commission

Parish Council Members

Joyce Thomas Arline Argentati Brian Boyce Jeff Cadle Billy Guinigundo Gayle Napier Dan Schindler Jim Stemann Frank Vitale jthomas20@mac.com aargent823@aol.com bboyce10@fuse.net cadlejeff@gmail.com guinigbw@gmail.com ntdtinc@aol.com djschindler60@gmail.com skjim814@gmail.com f.vitale@cinci.rr.com



KNIGHTS' CORNER Father Roettele Council 8115 https://www.facebook.com/KofC8115/



**Lenten Fish Fry's – Mark Your Calendars –** The fish fry's are back this year. Mark these dates:

March 4 (Friday after Ash Wednesday), March 25, & April 15 (Good Friday).

Note that there will be carry out only with pre-paid orders preferred. Details to follow. The Knights look forward to again providing fish this year during Lent.

Youth Basketball Free Throw Contest – Sacred Heart youth boys and girls ages 9 to 14 are invited to participate in this annual K of C state-wide contest. If interested, please be at the Sacred Heart Gym at 9 am on Saturday, January 29, bring proof of age. Covid restrictions require masks when not shooting and limited to a single adult to accompany the youth participant. Sacred Heart winners will be eligible for next level District contest which will follow at 10:30 am so be prepared to stay.

**Monthly Rosary Before First Sunday 8 am Mass** – Council 8115 will resume in February their past practice of leading a Rosary immediately prior to the first 8 am Sunday Mass. Any brother knight wishing to help out, please be at the church by 7:30 am on these first Sundays beginning on February 6.

# ST. ELSEWHERE

**Fairfield Child Development Center** offers 2 day AM and 3 day Am and PM classes. We are having an open house on January 25th from 6-7pm. Registration for the 2022-2023 school year enrollment will be on February 5th, 9:00 AM for Alumni/ 10:00 AM for new families. Call us at 513-858-6999 or visit our at www.fairfieldcdc.org for more information.

# **36TH ANNUAL "PRAYER MARCH FOR LIFE"**



Sunday, January 23, 2022 2:00–3:00 p.m 101 High Street Hamilton, OH

This peaceful event will be a time of intercession for the life and protection of the unborn, their mothers and fathers. We will prayerfully walk 7 times around the courthouse block and, with each lap, silently pray for a specific intention. more information, For visit ButlerCounty.org or contact Patty at (513) 777-2792.

Event sponsored by Butler County Right to Life



