



SAINT PAUL PARISH

MAKING & STRENGTHENING CHRISTIANS



Welcome to St. Paul Parish

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Parish Clergy

Pastor: Rev. Fr. Jason Bertke
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Nicholas J. Schwartz
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Thomas Kathman
Deacon: Rev. Mr. Scott Folz

PARISH SCHEDULE

Monday, January 10

Mass 8:15AM: DECEASED OF THE
CASTLEN FAMILY
Communal Rosary 8:45AM— Church

Tuesday, January 11

Mass 8:15AM: JOE CAMPBELL
Communal Rosary 8:45AM— Church
Walking With Purpose 9:15AM—PC 171
Walking With Purpose 6:30PM—PC 171
RCIA 7PM—PC 173

Wednesday, January 12

Mass 8:15AM: JACK ZIEGLER
Communal Rosary 8:45AM— Church
Children's Choir 6PM—Choir Loft
Religious Education 7PM

Thursday, January 13

Mass 8:15AM: PETER NHON NGUYEN
Communal Rosary 8:45AM— Church
Holy Hour 6PM—Church

Friday, January 14

Mass 8:15AM: WILLAIM BURKE
Communal Rosary 8:45AM— Church

Saturday, January 15

Men of Prayer 7AM—Chapel
Mass 8:15AM: KEN KOHLMAN
Confessions 3:30-4:30PM—Church
Mass 5PM: KEN AND RAMONA BISHOP
ANGEL

Sunday, January 16

Mass 9AM: FOR THE PEOPLE OF OUR PARISH
Adult Choir Practice 10AM—Choir Loft
Mass 11AM: GREGORY HOVEL
30 and Over Volleyball 12PM—Carlin Center

January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

Introductory Rites

During these initial ritual moments, the assembly becomes one in mind, heart, and voice in the worship of the Eternal Triune God.

The Procession and Entrance Hymn

The ministers, Deacon and Priest enter the church. The assembly turns and watches with expectancy as the Word of God enters. When the Deacon and Priest reach the sanctuary, they make a profound reverence toward the tabernacle out of respect and reverence for the sacramental presence of the Lord contained therein. Then, they approach the altar of sacrifice and kiss it, for it is a symbol of Christ himself.

Sign of the Cross

To make the sign of the cross, use your right hand and as the priest says "In the name of the Father," touch your fingertips to your forehead. Then as he says "and of the Son," touch your fingertips of your right hand to the middle of your chest near your heart. Lastly, as he says, "and of the Holy," touch your fingertips to your left shoulder and as he says "Spirit," to your right shoulder. In this manner, we mark ourselves with the sign of the cross upon which our Savior Jesus Christ saved us, we also become more consciously aware that we are in the presence of the Eternal Triune God.

Greeting

The priest greets those assembled using a greeting which echoes the greetings used in Jewish prayer and in the Pauline letters.

Penitential Act

To prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries of Jesus Christ and the salvation he gives us, we recall our sins and pray for God's forgiveness to be granted to each and all of us. At times, the litany "Lord have mercy" is prayed in the ancient Greek form "Kyrie, eleison," linking us to our ancestors in faith and reminding ourselves of the universality of God's mercy and of our faith.

(Please stand)

Baptized in Water



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Cleansed by the
 2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Dead in the
 3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, Sealed by the Spir - it, Marked with the



blood of Christ our King: Heirs of sal - va - tion, Trust-ing his
 tomb with Christ our King: One with his ris - ing, Freed and for -
 sign of Christ our King: Born of one Fa - ther, We are his



prom - ise, Faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 giv - en, Thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.
 chil - dren, Joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing.

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In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And with your Spirit.**

Brothers and sisters, let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

... Kyrie eleison (Lord have Mercy)

Kyrie eleison (Lord have Mercy).

Christe eleison (Christ have Mercy)

Christe eleison (Christ have Mercy).

Kyrie eleison (Lord have Mercy)

Kyrie eleison (Lord have Mercy).

May Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**



Glory To God

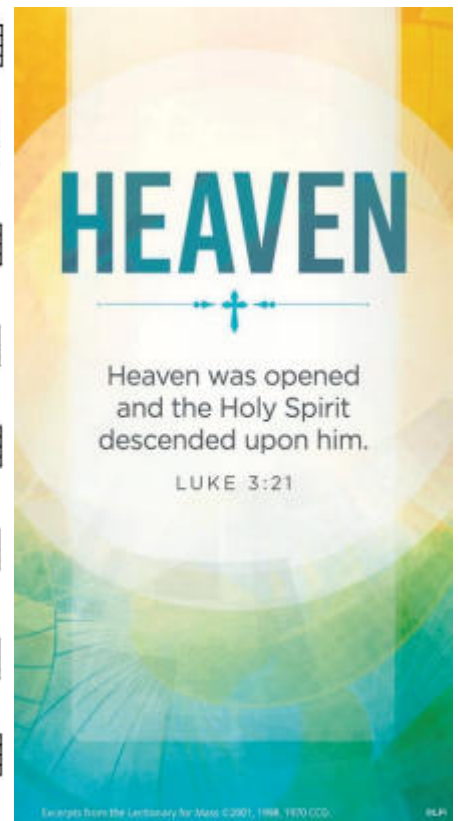
Mass of Renewal
Curtis Stephan

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and on earth peace to peo-ple
of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a -
dore you, we glo-ri-fy you, we give you
thanks for your great glo - ry, Lord God, heav-en - ly
King, O God, al-might-y Fa - ther.
Lord Je - sus Christ, On - ly Be - got - ten Son, Lord God,
Lamb of God, Son of the Fa - ther, you take a -
way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us; you take a -
way the sins of the world, re - ceive our prayer; you are seat - ed
at the right hand of the Fa - ther, have mer -
cy, have mer - cy on us. For you a - lone are the
Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spir - it,
in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men, a - men.

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Let us pray.

Almighty ever-living God, who, when Christ had been baptized in the River Jordan and as the Holy Spirit descended upon him, solemnly declared him your beloved Son, grant that your children by adoption, reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, may always be well pleasing to you. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Collect

The priest says "Let us pray" and a brief silence is observed so that all may become more conscious of being in God's presence and allowing each one time to call to mind the intentions each has brought to this holy liturgy. Then, the priest gathering, as it were, all the intentions, offers the collect of the day.

Liturgy of the Word

This is the first of the two major parts of the Mass, Divine Liturgy or Eucharistic Liturgy. It is during this part of the celebration that the proclamation of the Word of God takes place. The readings for the Sunday Mass are structured in a three year cycle. Thus the vast majority of the entire Bible is proclaimed to the Sunday assembly every three years.

First Reading

The first reading normally comes from the Old Testament and is thematically paired to the Gospel proclaimed on the same day.

Responsorial Psalm

Having heard of God's deeds in the proclamation of the first reading, the assembly responds normally by singing one of the psalms.

Second Reading

The second reading comes from one of the epistles. These readings are read in a semi-continuous way. This means that a few verses of a given epistle is proclaimed and then stopped. The next Sunday the proclamation continues where the previous Sunday left off.

(Please be seated)

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Here is my servant whom I uphold, my chosen one with whom I am pleased, upon whom I have put my spirit; he shall bring forth justice to the nations, not crying out, not shouting, not making his voice heard in the street. a bruised reed he shall not break, and a smoldering wick he shall not quench, until he establishes justice on the earth; the coastlands will wait for his teaching. I, the LORD, have called you for the victory of justice, I have grasped you by the hand; I formed you, and set you as a covenant of the people, a light for the nations, to open the eyes of the blind, to bring out prisoners from confinement, and from the dungeon, those who live in darkness.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 29

Marty Haugen

The Lord Will Bless His People With Peace

The Lord will bless his people with
peace. The Lord will bless his
people with peace.

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A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Acts 10:34-38

Peter proceeded to speak to those gathered in the house of Cornelius, saying: "In truth, I see that God shows no partiality. Rather, in every nation whoever fears him and acts uprightly is acceptable to him. You know the word that he sent to the Israelites as he proclaimed peace through Jesus Christ, who is Lord of all, what has happened all over Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John preached, how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and power. He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

(Please stand)

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Alleluia



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Gospel Acclamation

Through this acclamation, the assembly welcomes and greets the Lord who speaks to the assembly in the Gospel.

Gospel

The Gospel is announced. All take their thumb and trace the cross signing the forehead, mouth and heart, praying as they do so: "May the Word of the Lord be in my mind, on my lips and in my heart." This comes to us from a Jewish custom honoring the scriptures. A section of one of the Gospels is proclaimed and the assembly listens attentively to the voice of the Lord. Across the three year cycle of readings for Sunday Mass, Matthew, Mark or Luke's Gospel is highlighted. John is read in all three years.

The Lord be with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

And with your spirit.

Glory to you, O Lord.

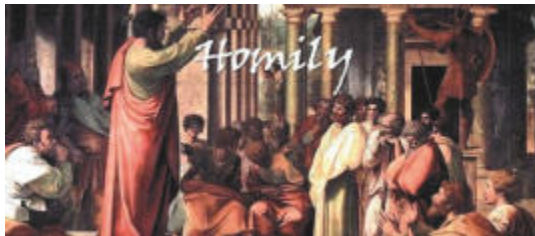
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

The people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire." After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

(Please be seated)



Homily

The Priest, or from time to time a Deacon, explains and expounds upon the mystery laid before the assembly this Sunday.

(Please stand)

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven and **(Bow)** by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Profession of Faith

The assembly responds to the Word of God proclaimed with the ancient profession of faith to honor and confess the great mysteries of the faith. Normally the Nicene Creed is prayed which expresses the mysteries and rule of faith and comes from the Ecumenical Council at Nicea in 325 AD and the First Ecumenical Council at Constantinople in 381 AD.

The Universal Prayer (Prayers of the Faithful or Bidding Prayers)

The faithful, exercising their baptismal priesthood, offer prayers to God for the salvation and benefit of all.

....We pray to the Lord.

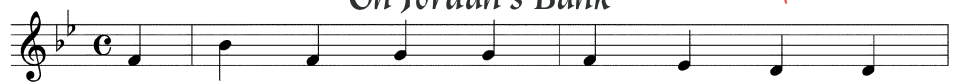
Lord hear our prayer.

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

This is the second major part of the Mass. A collection is made for the support of the parish and its charitable works. This collection as well as the bread and wine to be offered are brought in procession to the altar. At the Last Supper, Christ instituted the Paschal Sacrifice and banquet, by which the Sacrifice of the Cross is continuously made present in the Church whenever the Priest, representing Christ the Lord, carries out what the Lord himself did and handed over to his disciples to be done in his memory. For Christ took the bread and the chalice, gave thanks, broke the bread and gave it to his disciples saying: *Take, eat, this is my body and gave the chalice to his disciples saying: Take, drink, this is my blood. Do this in memory of me. Not a nostalgic remembrance but a dynamic living memorial in the power of God. Such, that, that which is remembered, becomes present to those who are celebrating the sacred mystery of salvation, who is Jesus Christ.*

On Jordan's Bank

(Please be seated)



1. On Jor - dan's bank the Bap - tist's cry An -
 2. Then cleansed be ev - ery heart from sin; Make
 3. For you are our sal - va - tion, Lord, Our
 4. To heal the sick stretch out your hand, And
 5. All praise the Son e - ter - nal - ly, Whose



noun - ces that the Lord is nigh; A - wake and hear - en,
 straight the way of God with - in, And let each heart pre -
 ref - uge, and our great re - ward; With - out your grace we
 bid the fall - en sin - ner stand; Shine forth, and let your
 ad - vent sets his peo - ple free; Whom with the Fa - ther



for he brings Glad tid - ings of the King of kings.
 pare a home Where such a might - y guest may come.
 waste a - way Like flow'rs that with - er and de - cay.
 light re - store Earth's own true love - li - ness once more.
 we a - dore And Spir - it blest for ev - er - more.

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(Please stand)

Pray brethren (or other address of the assembly), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

The Prayer Over the Offerings

Accept, O Lord, the offerings we have brought to honor the revealing of your beloved Son, so that the oblation of your faithful may be transformed into the sacrifice of him who willed in his compassion to wash away the sins of the world. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove.
- Lk 3:21-22a

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The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right and just.

Holy, Holy, Holy

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Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
 earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high - est.
 Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-
 san-na in the high-est. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

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When We Eat This Bread

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When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro -
 claim your Death, O Lord, un - til you come a - gain.

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Amen

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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At the Savior's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:
**Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy Kingdom
 come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our
 daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who
 trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us
 from evil.**

Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our
 days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin
 and safe from all distress, as we await the blessed hope and the coming
 of our Savior, Jesus Christ.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and forever.

Lord Jesus Christ, who said to your Apostles: Peace I leave you, my peace
 I give you, look not on our sins, but on the faith of your Church, and
 graciously grant her peace and unity in accordance with your will. Who
 live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And with your spirit.

The Eucharistic Prayer

Now the center and high point of the entire celebration begins, the Eucharistic Prayer, the prayer of thanksgiving and sanctification. The Priest offers the prayer in the name of the whole community to God the Father through Jesus Christ in the Holy Spirit.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

JANUARY 15 AND 16

5:00 PM— Daniel E.

9:00 AM – Dave. T.

11:00 AM – Patrick M. Sr.

THURSDAYS: 6PM
HOLY HOUR

BAPTISM PREPARATION

PRE-BAPTISM MEETING

A Pre-Baptism Meeting is required for first child parents. They will be held individually via Zoom meeting at the convenience of the participants and the instructor. For more information and to schedule a meeting, contact Linda Fryman at 859-371-8051 or lfryman@stpaulnky.org.

The Communion Rite

The faithful prepare themselves to receive the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ in Holy Communion. They do this using various prayers and by praying for the coming of the Kingdom in the words Jesus taught.

Agnus Dei

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, grant us peace.

2021 WEDDING ANNIVERSARY COUPLES VESPERS CELEBRATION

Bishop John C. Iffert will celebrate Vespers at Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption, Covington, to honor couples who celebrated significant Wedding Anniversaries in 2021. Married couples who celebrated their 1st, 25th, 50th, or 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2021 are invited to a Vespers celebration on Sunday, February 6, 2022, at 2:00 p.m. Anniversary couples please RSVP by January 11, 2022, at covdio.org/wedding-vespers/ or contact Lisa Taylor at 859-392-1533 to register. Reservations are only required for Anniversary couples; family members and guests are welcome to attend.



If you or someone you know is curious about becoming Catholic, St. Paul Parish would like to invite you to come explore your questions. Deacon Nick Schwartz is available to meet with you to discuss and answer any questions you might have about what Catholics are all about. It's very informal, and there is no obligation. You can contact Deacon Nick at (859) 371-8051 ext. 240 or nschwartz@stpaulnky.org.

Reception of Holy Communion

Since the celebration of the Eucharist is the Paschal Banquet, it is desirable that in accordance with the Lord's command his Body and Blood should be received as spiritual food by those faithful who are properly disposed.

Agnus Dei 15th century

(Please kneel)

Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

We Come to Your Feast

Verses

Cantor or choir:

1. We place up - on your ta - ble a gleam - ing cloth of
2. We place up - on your ta - ble a hum - ble loaf of
3. We place up - on your ta - ble a sim - ple cup of
4. We ga - ther 'round your ta - ble, we pause with - in our

white: the weav - ing of our sto - ries,
bread: the gift of field and hill - side,
wine: the fruit of hu - man la - bor,
quest, we stand be - side our neigh - bors,

the fab - ric of our lives; the dreams of those be -
the grain by which we're fed; we come to taste the
the gift of sun and vine; we come to taste the
we name the stran - ger "guest." The feast is spread be -

fore us, the an - cient hope - ful cries,
pres - ence of him on whom we feed,
pres - ence of him we claim as Lord,
fore us; you bid us come and dine:

the prom - ise of our fu - ture: our need - ing and our
to strength - en and con - nect us, to chal - lenge and cor -
his dy - ing and his liv - ing, his lead - ing and his
in bless - ing we'll un - cov - er, in shar - ing we'll dis -

nur - ture lie here be - fore our eyes.
rect us, to love in word and deed.
giv - ing, his love in cup out - poured.
cov - er your sub - stance and your sign.

Continued: We Come to Your Feast

Refrain

We come to your feast, we come to your feast:
the young and the old, the fright-ened, the bold,
the great-est and the least. We come to your feast,
we come to your feast with the fruit of our lands
and the work of our hands, we come to your feast.

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**MORNING OF REFLECTION:
WITH FATHER CONOR KUNATH**
Have you ever wanted to know how to discern God's will in your life? Have you ever wondered if it is possible to learn to be holy? All of this and more will be the topic of a Morning of Reflection on Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 9:30AM – 12:30PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Burlington. There will also be Mass, a Holy Hour, and Confessions available to practice what we learn. Whatever your age, sex, or current path - ALL ARE WELCOME! There is absolutely NO CHARGE for this Morning of Reflection, and NO SIGN-UP IS REQUIRED; so, come and be inspired!

SCHOOL EMPLOYMENT NEEDS

Our Catholic schools have been impacted by the labor shortage. Schools in the Diocese of Covington are seeking to fill a number of immediate openings. These include classroom teachers, counselors, instructional aides, and substitute teachers. Many positions need to be filled beginning in January through the end of the 2021-22 school year. Visit the "Employment" page on the Diocesan website, under "Teacher Openings" and "School-Related Openings" to view the postings and for information on how to apply: www.covdio.org/schools/employment

Flow River Flow Bob Hurd

Refrain

Flow riv-er flow, flow o-ver me. O liv-ing wa-ter,
poured out for free; O liv-ing wa-ter, flow o-ver me.

Verses

1. You will be mine and I will be your God.
2. The blind shall see, the mute shall find a voice,
3. Who - ev - er drinks the wa - ter I will give

1. for I will wash you clean. And a new
2. the lame shall leap for joy. Riv - ers will
3. will nev - er thirst a - gain. The drink I

1. heart, a heart of flesh and feel - ing, I will
2. flow in - to dry and bar - ren des - art, flow - ers
3. give is an ev - er - flow - ing riv - er, well - ing

to Refrain

1. place with - in you for your heart of stone.
2. bloom in splen - dor, glo - ry fill the land.
3. up with - in you to give e - ter - nal life.

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**YOU ARE INVITED TO THE
MARTIN LUTHER KING
BREAKFAST AT
OUR SAVIOR CHURCH**

It is on Saturday, January 15, 2022 from 9:30- 11:45 AM at Our Savior Church. Join us for a discussion on Racial Diversity and Health Disparity. The Breakfast & Program is FREE. For more information, call Sr. Janet at 859-491-5872.

(Please stand)

Post Communion Prayer

Concluding Rites

Prayer to St. Michael the Archangel

Bishop Foys has recommended that we pray the Leonine prayer to St. Michael the Archangel at the end of all Masses throughout the Diocese of Covington. "It is apparent that the smoke of Satan has entered the sanctuary," Bishop Foys said. "This prayer which has been prayed since 1886 to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness seems exceptionally appropriate at this time in the life of our beloved Church."

Nourished with these sacred gifts, we humbly entreat your mercy, O Lord, that, faithfully listening to your Only Begotten Son, we may be your children in name and in truth. Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And with your Spirit.**

May almighty God bless you, the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Go in peace glorifying God by your life. **Thanks be to God.**

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle; be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray: and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



Please offer your sympathy to the family of Amanda Knaley who recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her.

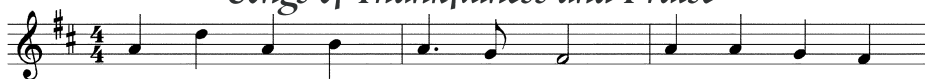
Please offer your sympathy to the family of Thomas Abernathy who recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon him.

Please offer your sympathy to the family of Dolores Pieper who recently passed away. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let your perpetual light shine upon her.

Men of Prayer

Men of Prayer meet Saturday, January 15 (and every third Saturday of the month) at 7 AM in the Chapel. Spend a few minutes in fellowship with your fellow parishioners followed by a gospel reflection. This week's theme is "Called to a Closer Relationship with God." All are welcome.

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise



1. Songs of thank - ful - ness and praise, Je - sus, Lord, to
2. Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Proph - et, Priest, and
3. Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole Pal - sied limbs and
4. Grant us grace to see you, Lord, Mir - rored in your



you we raise, Man - i - fest - ed by the star
King su - preme; And at Ca - na, wed - ding guest,
faint - ing soul; Man - i - fest in val - iant fight,
ho - ly word; May we im - i - tate you now,



To the sag - es from a - far; Branch of roy - al
In your God - head man - i - fest; Man - i - fest in
Quell - ing all the dev - il's might; Man - i - fest in
And on us your grace en - dow; That we like to



Da - vid's stem In your birth at Beth - le - hem;
pow'r di - vine, Chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
gra - cious will, Ev - er bring - ing good from ill;
you may be At your great e - piph - a - ny;



An - thems be to you ad - drest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to you ad - drest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
An - thems be to you ad - drest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.
And may praise you ev - er blest, God in flesh made man - i - fest.

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Text: Christopher Wordsworth, 1807-1885

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JOIN US FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY AUGUST 1 – 6, 2023

The Diocese of Covington is coordinating a pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2023 in Lisbon, Portugal, for youth and young adults ages 16 and up. Experience the universality of the Catholic Church in the presence of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, alongside millions of young Catholics from around the world. The pilgrimage includes several days spent in service to the local diocese of Lisbon and a day trip to the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Fatima. Our Bishop, John C. Iffert, is hoping to join us along with a few priests from the diocese. The cost is \$3,700 per person and includes roundtrip airfare, transportation, lodging, meals, and tours. Initial payment of \$300 is due by March 31, 2022, with the full amount of \$3,700 paid by Friday, March 31, 2023. If you are interested in attending, leading a group, or making donations to help the youth of our diocese attend this powerful experience, please contact Isaak Abraham Isaak at 859-392-1500, ext. 1529 or iisaak@covdio.org.



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The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops invites you to join with them in praying this novena for the protection of human life. The novena begins Wednesday, January 19, 2022 through January 27. You can sign up to receive a daily intention, prayers, short reflection and suggested actions each day of the novena. Go to www.9daysforlife.com and enter your email address. You can also download the entire novena. Join today as together we pray for the respect and protection of every human life. *Provided through the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, Washington, D.C. All rights reserved.*

PRO-LIFE DATES TO REMEMBER

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January 20 & 21 - National Prayer Vigil for Life is an all-night pro-life prayer vigil. The vigil includes the Opening Mass followed by prayers that continues throughout the night with the National Rosary for Life, Night Prayer and Holy Hours for Life. The following morning, the prayer vigil concludes with Morning Prayer, Benediction and the Closing Mass. It is lived streamed on the website (www.usccb.org/national-prayer-events-for-life) and carried on EWTN.

January 21 - The 49th Annual March for Life in Washington, DC. The rally begins at 12:00 pm on the National Mall, followed immediately by the march, usually around 1:00, to the Supreme Court building. The event will be televised on EWTN.

January 22 - Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children is observed in all the Dioceses of the United States of America. A day of prayer and fasting for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion. (General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM), no. 373.

CHURCH IMPROVEMENT UPDATES

A few months ago, the Elmlinger family approached St. Paul about using the memorial funds for Steve Elmlinger to elevate the Tabernacle. Trinity Church Supplies will be completing the project and the marble is being cut now. The latest they expect to complete the project is January 2022.

To further enhance the sound quality in the church, St. Paul consulted with American Sound & Electronics Inc. about updating the sound system. Their recommendations include updating the speakers to a digital system which would allow consistent sound pressure throughout the church, new wireless microphones and Listen Technologies, and a hearing impairment system that is loop designed. Targeted installation is April 2022.

The sound system quote comes in at \$30,000. Thanks to the Knights of Columbus and other additional funds, the parish is halfway to this goal. If you'd like to contribute toward the new sound system for the Church, please include a note with your donation. Checks should be made out to St. Paul Church and please note in the memo section "Church Sound System."



February 1, 2022

Save the date to donate to St. Paul School as a part of Many Gifts, One Nation:
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December 27, 2021 **\$20,045.12**

COLLECTION	ENV	AMOUNT
Regular Collection		12,190.99
Loose		1,609.01
WeShare	59	6,245.12
Christmas	144	12,380.05
Specified Church Donation	5	326.00
St. Vincent de Paul	10	535.00
Opportunity for Life	2	20.00
Emergency Tornado Relief (Add'l) 1		500.00
Christmas Flowers	3	125.00
Immaculate Conception (Add'l) 2		45.00
Solemnity of Mary	2	12.00
Adopt-A-Student	1	100.00
Retired Religious	3	240.00
St. Paul School	1	75.00
DPAA 2021 Rebate (As of Nov. 30)		\$56,558.65
DPAA 2021 Pledged (As of Nov. 30)		\$158,420.00
DPAA 2021 Collected (As of Nov. 30)		\$143,458.65
DPAA 2021 Goal		\$86,900.00



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January 3, 2022 **\$10,674.32**

COLLECTION	ENV	AMOUNT
Regular Collection	139	7,840.50
Loose		210.00
WeShare	45	2,623.00
Solemnity of Mary	17	339.00
St. Vincent de Paul	24	1,298.00
Adopt-A-Student	4	1,175.00
Christmas (Add'l)	5	575.09
Memorial Donations	5	105.00
Worship Supplies	1	100.00
Specified Church Donation	2	600.00
DPAA 2021 Rebate (As of Nov. 30)		\$56,558.65
DPAA 2021 Pledged (As of Nov. 30)		\$158,420.00
DPAA 2021 Collected (As of Nov. 30)		\$143,458.65
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2023 SYNOD ON SYNODALITY: WHY PARTICIPATE?

Synodality is “journeying together” - a way of living out our faith that involves shared responsibility, listening and speaking to one another, and discernment with the Holy Spirit to address the issues facing our Church today. Why should you participate in the current consultation called for by Pope Francis? Because you are a member of the People of God, the Body of Christ! The People of God share a common dignity and vocation through the Sacrament of Baptism. Every member has received the Holy Spirit and the gifts of the Spirit. The Holy Spirit can speak to you and through you! You have something to say that the Church wants and needs to hear! Continue to look for more information in parish communications or on the diocesan website covidio.org/synod on how to share your experience.



Pope Francis has invited the worldwide Church to participate in preparing for the next meeting of the Synod of Bishops in October 2023.

The topic? SYNODALITY

Why should I participate in the Synod consultation?

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By reflecting together on our journey so far, we will be able to learn from one another’s experiences and perspectives. We listen together to the Word of God in Scripture and the Tradition of the Church. Then by listening to one another and to the Holy Spirit in prayer, we can discern what God has to say to his people about the Church’s path forward at this time in human history.

This is an exciting and important opportunity! We hope you will be a part of it!

Look for more information on how to participate in the diocesan *Messenger*, in parish communications, on social media, and on the diocesan website, www.covidio.org/synod (Scan the QR code below).



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