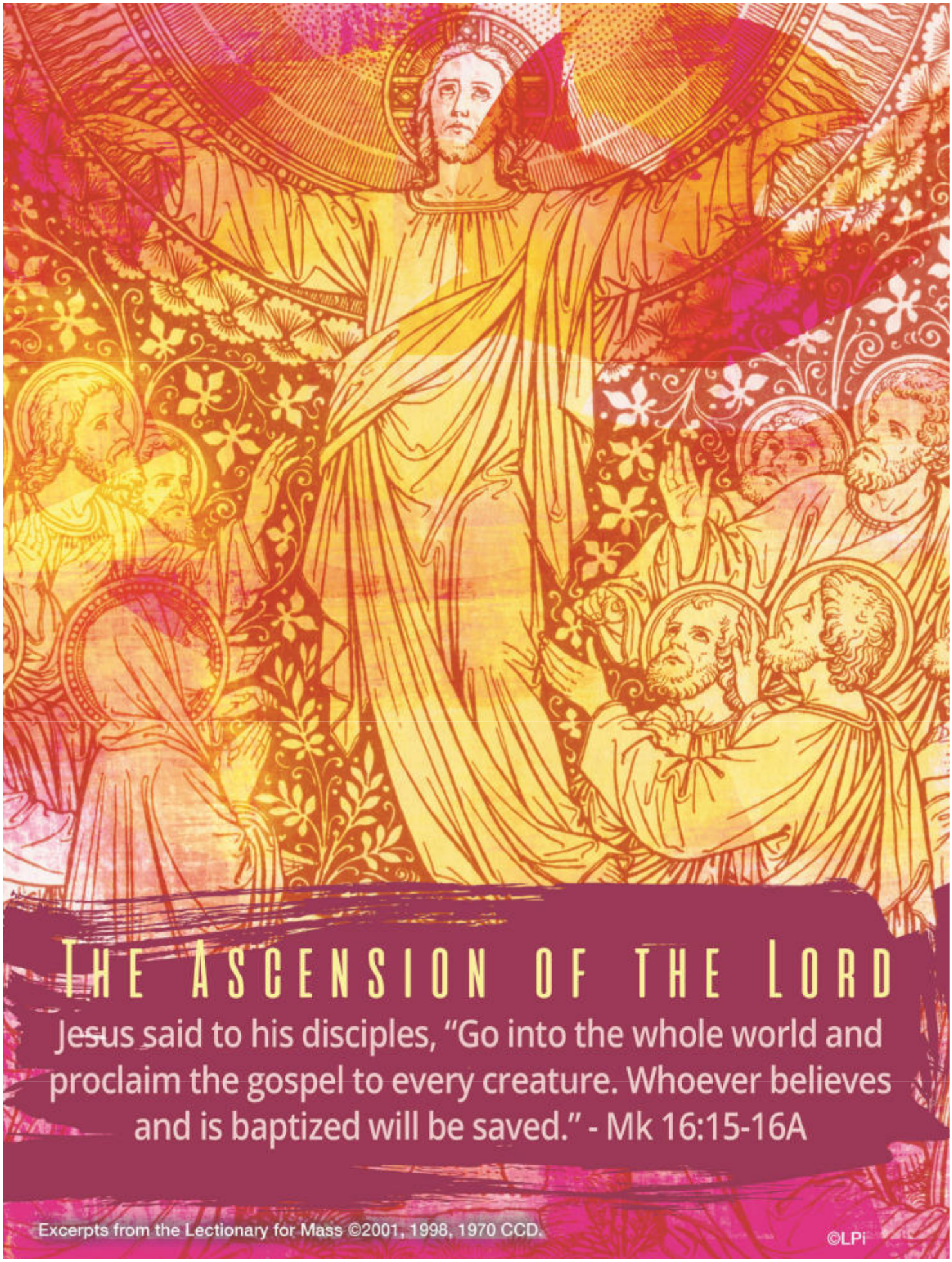

The Ascension of the Lord

Jesus said to his disciples, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved." - Mk 16:15-16A

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PARISH *INFORMATION*

MAY 16, 2021

St. Christopher CATHOLIC CHURCH

Welcome to St. Christopher Parish

PRAYING FOR HEALING & UNITY

United in Spirit | Sharing our gifts | Revealing Christ by our love

In our Catholic tradition, St. Christopher represents a Christ-bearer, one who carries Christ. Our community strives to bring this image to life as we unite to share Jesus' Good News and love our neighbor. Whether you are a first-time or returning visitor, we are glad you are here! If you are called to join us, online registration is available through our website home page. If you prefer to register in person, please contact the Parish Office or stop by during business hours. Together as the Body of Christ we will celebrate God's presence among us with hope and joy.

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. – Matthew 18:20

435 E. NATIONAL ROAD | VANDALIA, OH 45377 | 937.898.3542

scpchurch.org **| Parish Office Hours:** *Mon.- Fri. 10:00am - 3:30pm*

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Vandalia, Ohio 45377
w: scpCHILDCARE.org
Administrator
Judy Shoup *937.890.5805*

ST. CHRISTOPHER SCHOOL

K-8TH GRADE
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Vandalia, Ohio 45377
w: scpSCHOOL.org
School Principal
Tim O'Loughlin *937.898.5104*
Cafeteria *937.898.6203*

ST. CHRISTOPHER CCD

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Vandalia, Ohio 45377
w: scpCHURCH.org
Dir. Of Religious Ed
Elise Sas *937.898.3542, ext. 105*

NEED SOMETHING COMMUNICATED TO THE PARISH ?
Submit an entry via the Communication Request Form found on the parish website homepage.

SACRAMENTS

BAPTISM
Class on 2nd Tuesday, 7pm
Pre-registration required; contact the parish office. ***Baptism is at 12:15 p.m. on the first and third Sundays.***

RCIA (Catholic Faith Initiation)
Andrea Parker, 937.898.3542 ext. 109

RECONCILIATION
Saturdays 4:15pm-4:45pm

MATRIMONY
Arrangements are to be made no less than six months in advance. More Info: Call Bonnie Prine 937.898.3542 ext. 101

CONFIRMATION (Grade 10)
Elise Sas, 937.898.3542 ext. 105
Confirmation for Adults, call Andrea Parker 937.898.3542 ext. 109

PASTORAL REGION #3

In Dayton Deanery with
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH
753 S. Hyatt St., Tipp City, OH
937.667.3419
Pastor, Fr. John Tonkin
Weekday: T/TH: 8:30a | W: 7p
Weekend: SA: 5p | SU: 8a, 10:30a.

SUNDAY CONTRIBUTIONS

WEEK 45

2020/2021 Fiscal Year Goal $1,216,000

MONTH GIVING	ACTUAL	WEEKLY GOAL
5/2/2021	*$24,860*	*$20,500*
5/9/2021	*$20,705*	*$20,500*
5/16/2021		*$20,500*
5/23/2021		*$20,500*
5/30/2021		

Actual YTD	**$1,020,929**
Goal YTD	**$1,013,500**
Difference	**$7,429**

MASS ATTENDANCE *LAST WEEKEND*

MON	TUES	WED	THUR	FRI	SAT	SUN	SUN
n/a	7pm	9am	7pm	9am	5pm	9am	11am
--	*35*	*52**	*145*	*--**	*148*	*222*	*214*

** Number does not include the school students in attendance.*

– Worship Schedule –

MASS & PRESIDER SCHEDULE

		St. Christopher		St. John the Baptist	
S	5|15	5 pm	*Fr. Rob*	5 pm	*Fr. Smith*
SU	5|16	9 am	*Fr. Dan*	8 am	*Fr. Smith*
		11 am	*Fr. John*	10:30 am	*Fr. Smith*
M	5|17	*No Mass/Comm. Service*		*No Mass/Comm. Service*	
T	5|18	7 pm	*Fr. Smith*	8:30 am	*Fr. John*
W	5|19	9 am	*Fr. Smith*	7 pm	*Fr. John*
TH	5|20	7 pm	*Fr. Smith*	8:30 am	*Fr. John*
F	5|21	9 am	*Fr. Smith*	*No Mass/Comm. Service*	
S	5|22	5 pm	*Fr. Smith*	5 pm	*Fr. John*
SU	5|23	9 am	*Fr. Smith*	8 am	*Fr. Rob*
		11 am	*Fr. Rob*	10:30 am	*Fr. John*

MASS INTENTIONS AT ST CHRISTOPHER

T	5|18	7 pm	*Catherine Leyes*
W	5|19	9 am	*Rita Wilson*
TH	5|20	7 pm	*Marge Halloran*
F	5|21	9 am	*Jerry Swigart*
S	5|22	5 pm	*Marge Halloran*
SU	5|23	9 am	*St Christopher Parish*
		11 am	*Catherine & Caroline Leyes*

Thank you for all the support received for the 2021 Gala! We raised over $21,000 for the children of the Parish! What an incredible community!!

Thank You.

Thanks to all who participated in the May 1st blood drive. The Community Blood Center set a goal of 24 units, and our drive successfully produced 29 units, or 120% of goal!! **Our next drive is scheduled for September 25th.**

GOSPEL *MEDITATION*

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

Seventh Sunday of Easter

God remains where love remains. When a believer realizes without doubt that God is love, it is a powerful moment. Being able to place our resurrection trust in this fundamental truth allows us to experience God's presence in all of our experiences: the good and the bad, positive and negative, life enriching and destructive events we encounter. It is no wonder that St. Paul so accurately tells us that it is love that endures all things and lasts. How can God not endure or ever fade away? Because he is God, Jesus also guarded and protected his disciples as the endearing shepherd who always had their best interest at heart.

If we become too immersed in the world, we lose touch with these deeper realities. We can become so preoccupied with preserving what we have created or think that we need, forgetting that it is not building our city that really matters, but God's. Jesus clearly did not belong to the world and, by virtue of his resurrection, he tries to get us to understand that we do not either. The truth brings us to other worldly, more divine places and takes our eyes off of the concerns that often captivate our fears and storm our senses.

Life can easily erode our faith. Think of your life over the last couple of weeks. What challenged your faith and distracted your divine glance? Even being overly stimulated with technology and social media can erode our sense of confidence and cause us to forget who we really are. We need to distance ourselves from the world in order to experience the joy that Christ offers. The world will never like the word of God. It is too challenging and too perplexing. The world mistakenly believes that it can survive on its own. It is a mistaken judgment that may cost people a lot in the end. It is all so very simple: God remains when we love one another. If in all the business of our lives and all that each day brings, the good and the bad, we follow the call and path of love, we will walk with God. There is nothing to fear and anxiety finds no home.

The Ascension of the Lord

There is always something very tender and heartwarming about a kiss. When someone who loves us offers us a kiss, it sends a clear message that we are valued and special. We occupy a unique place in their lives and have a distinct purpose. Kissing celebrates the wonder and beauty of human life. In a very powerful way, we are connected, through intimate touch, with another human being. With the incarnation of Christ, God kissed humanity. God, revealed so perfectly in Jesus Christ, showed us that we have value and are made in God's image and likeness. Mortal human beings radiate with the presence of God and are worthy enough to reveal the intimacy of the Divine Mystery. The human race is not simply something God created from a distance but something special within which God dwells.

It is no wonder then, why the poor hold such an honored place in Jesus' ministry. They speak of God's love and they cry out for the compassion that is due them as children of God. Justice is about setting relationships right because we are all filled with God's love and have dignity. The human story is understood as a partnership, a true and new covenant, celebrating a love relationship between all of creation and their Creator. It is a story that does not end with the Cross or even the Resurrection. The story finds its happy ending in the Ascension. Our human narrative is still evolving and moving ever more closely toward that day when all will be one in Christ.

Jesus now sits at the right hand of the Father as the Christ of God. In the ascended state, we see what we are all meant to become and have before us the transformed life that awaits all of creation. The disciples got a glimpse of what this transfiguration would be on the holy mountain and it is an essential part of the Good News we are called to proclaim! Christ, now ascended to the Father, sets our paths straight and gives us a look at what awaits us. The day-to-day challenges of life often find us struggling with our incompleteness. Today's celebration gives us the strength to persevere, knowing that we'll eventually be well. May our hearts be enlightened so that we can know this hope and the surpassing greatness of Christ's power!

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REFLECT *& RESPOND: THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD*

FIRST READING

Luke opens his story of the early Church (the Acts of the Apostles) with Jesus' ascension into heaven and Jesus' final command to be witnesses to the faith. ***In what ways do you pass your faith onto others?***

SECOND READING

Paul urges the Ephesians to use the gifts that God has given them to "build up the body of Christ" and to attain the "unity of faith." ***What are the gifts you use to foster unity in your faith community?***

GOSPEL READING

Mark's account of the ascension of Jesus includes a final commissioning of the disciples to proclaim the Gospel, baptize believers, drive our demons, and heal the sick. ***How well do you think the Church fulfills this commission today?***

WHY ARE WE LOOKING AT THE SKY?

Men of Galilee — why are you looking at the sky? It seems like a pretty foolish question for the angels to be asking the disciples. Their best friend just flew away in a cloud. I think in that situation, my first reaction would probably be to stop and stare, too.

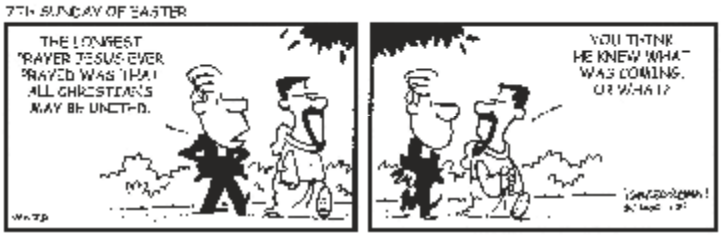
But let's not forget, the disciples had a lot of work to do. A world full of souls to evangelize. I've always been a little amused at the thought of the angels shooing them down from Mount Olivet. Get to work! The kingdom isn't going to build itself!

In our own faith lives, we often find ourselves looking at the sky, don't we? We're the faithful, after all. We have seen Christ. We have accepted him. We have given ourselves to him. What more do we need to do? Perhaps we excessively dwell on the past, or anxiously anticipate the future. Perhaps we can't move on from a mistake we have made, or we are shying away from a challenge in front of us. We all have our own cloud that has bewitched us.

But let's remember, our faith compels action. Once again, the kingdom isn't going to build itself.

Why are you looking at the sky? The work is here. The hour is at hand. A good steward is to be mindful of the gift of time. What's the mountain you need to climb down? What is the task God is handing you? For what purpose has God placed you here, at this very moment in history?

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS ©LPi



CATHOLIC LIFE *EXPLAINED*

COULDN'T JESUS HAVE DONE MORE GOOD IF HE STAYED ON EARTH, RATHER THAN ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN?

This is an interesting question! During his earthly life, Jesus gave sight to the blind, healed paralytics, drove out demons, and fed thousands with only a few loaves of bread. Imagine what he could have done if he'd never ascended into heaven! Imagine what our world could be! It's an interesting thought to consider, especially as the world faces challenges that only seem to deepen and expand. Yet at the Last Supper, Jesus says, "It is better for you if I go." Why? His response must have seemed strange to the Apostles at the time. In his place, Jesus says, he will send the Paraclete, the Comforter, the Advocate. He promises to send the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' departure allows the Apostles to become the leaders he has formed them to be. Jesus is no longer situated in only one geographical location, and his Church will never be a political kingdom. Soon after the Ascension, we celebrate Pentecost — the descent of the Holy Spirit and the radical empowerment of the followers of Jesus. We share in that empowerment and in that mission. Jesus is present in the sacraments, and he is present in us. Through our faith, hope, and love, we are called to be the good he does here on earth!

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BEACONS OF LIGHT *OUR PARISH JOURNEY*

GUIDING PRINCIPLE EXPLAINED: THE CHURCH

SIX GUIDING PRINCIPLES *have been outlined that define the common core that binds all of our communities togethers. These principles are* **Eucharist, Church, Leadership, Stewardship, Evangelization**, *and* **Love in Action**. *Over the next six weeks we will be exploring the deeper meaning of these principles to prepare ourselves for our new journey and to truly become beacons of light in our homes and our neighborhoods.*

THE CHURCH

Each of us is called to actively participate as a member of a parish, the Universal Church and the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, our local Church. Parishes continually deepen the bonds of communion with other parishes through our shared mission to build the Kingdom of God.

BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER *MARIAN GROTTO*

MARY, OUR WELLSPRING OF PEACE

We invite you to participate in our effort to create an outside spiritual prayer space. With this prominent visual inspiration in place, we will both introduce and encourage our community to embrace the tremendous wisdom and spiritual grace that flows from our Blessed Mother.

- A Marian Grotto constructed from Ohio limestone, standing 8.5 feet tall and 6.5 feet wide
- This structure will be located on the north side of the church building across from the parish office.
- In front of the grotto will include a small, paved meditation area, the existing stone water feature, two benches, and landscaping.

The total cost of this project is budgeted at $20,000.

Gifts of any amount are gratefully welcomed. If you wish to memorialize your gift for your family or for a deceased loved one, a permanent etched stone plaque will be attached in the grotto area for a minimum donation of $250. If surplus funds are raised, the money will be used for additional needed improvements to the church building.

HOW TO DONATE

- Look for the blue envelopes located by the Mary statue behind the Baptismal font. Please fill out the envelope and place your donation inside.
- Give via the OSV Online Giving platform towards the group labeled "BEHOLD YOUR MOTHER". To access OSV, visit: https://osvonlinegiving.com/141

PARISH *UPDATES*

KOC SUPER CASH BONANZA

Support many parish groups & charities. *The St. Christopher Knights of Columbus are now selling tickets for the Super Cash Bonanza to support and give back to our parish groups and local charities such as the school and parish youth, Right to Life, food pantry, veterans, and other various church needs.*

- Over $108,000 in CASH PRIZES
- *Each ticket donation of* $5.00
- Deadline to buy/turn in tickets: May 17
- DRAWING DATE: May 22, 2021

* *Donor need not be present to win*

NEED TICKETS? *Contact Paul Kirchner 937-671-9970*

A CALL TO ACTION

How have you laid the foundation of hope in other's lives?

JOIN THE KNIGHTS:
BUT I DON'T HAVE ENOUGH TIME...

It was so nice to find out that the amount of time I was required to give was totally up to me. Plus, I was told I wouldn't be forced into holding an office position or leading a committee.

Bill Hagerty, *Knight since 2013*
Council #12912 , St. Christopher Parish

scpchurch.org/koc

PARISH SPOTLIGHT

First Mission:

Your first mission is to register by July 11, 2021.

SCPCHURCH.ORG/VBS

SUMMER 5TH & 6TH GRADE YOUTH

Join us for a concurrent Vacation Bible eXperience geared just for YOU!

AMONG US

Sign up for VBX today!

REGISTER FOR VBX AT: SCPCHURCH.ORG/SCYM

WEEKLY *READINGS & OBSERVANCES*

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 16, 2021

– Weekly Readings –

SUN **5/16** *The Ascension of the Lord* OBSERVED
Ascension: *Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6] Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/ Mk 16:15-20*
Seventh Sunday of Easter: *Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-26/ Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 [19a]/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 17:11b-19*

MON **5/17** -----
Acts 19:1-8
Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]
Jn 16:29-33

TUE **5/18** St. John I, *Pope and Martyr*
Acts 20:17-27
Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]
Jn 17:1-11a

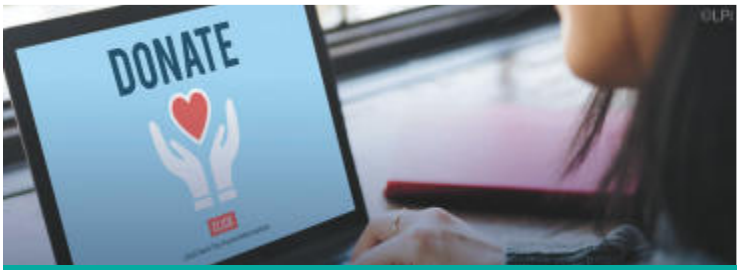
WED **5/19** -----
Acts 20:28-38
Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]
Jn 17:11b-19

THU **5/20** St. Bernardine of Siena, *Priest*
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11
Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]
Jn 17:20-26

FRI **5/21** St. Christopher Magallanes, *Priest,* & Companions, *Martyrs*
Acts 25:13b-21
Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]
Jn 21:15-19

SAT **5/22** ***St. Rita of Cascia,*** *Religious*
Acts 28:16-20, 30-31
Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]
Jn 21:20-25

SUN **5/23** Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15



For Online Giving, please visit:
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Thank you for your generosity!

PARISH *ADULT MINISTRIES*

CATHOLIC DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAS
Court St. Christopher #2748
To Join Contact: Peggy Rosales, prosales128@hotmail.com

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
Fr. Aufderheide Council 12912
Contact to join: Joel Maurer, joel_maurer@protonmail.com

MEN OF ST. JOSEPH'S
Every Sat. 8:30—10am | Panera Bread - Miller Ln. | Fellowship and prayer. More Info: Randy Weddle 937-898-6775

CHARISMATIC PRAYER
Select Mondays 7—8:30 pm | More info & dates, contact: Anne Heywood 937-890-7555 or aheywood@woh.rr.com

WOMEN'S PRAYER
Twice a month on Wednesdays 6:45—8:30 pm | More Info: Marilyn Updyke 937-898-9522 or mmupdyke@att.net

ROSARY
Every Monday 7—7:30 pm | Church | More Info: Lucy Geise 937-898-6803 or ljgeise@yahoo.com

After most Wed. & Fri. Masses 9:30—10am | Church

Every 5th weekend of the Month | After each weekend Mass in the Chapel | KOC led with intention for persecuted Christians around the world.

BEREAVEMENT
Bringing comfort through service to those grieving a loss | More Info: Ellen Lang 937-898-2351 or ellen@af-ses.com

RESPECT LIFE
Fellowship, prayer, and community efforts to end abortion and promote respect of life in all it's stages. More Info: Steve Wirick 937-414-9827 or stchrisforlife@outlook.com

PRAYER CHAIN
Submit your prayer request online via the parish website or contact Donna Kitta: (937) 454-0481

SVDP LUNCH MINISTRY UPDATE
Last Sunday, we collected:

296

Bag lunches for the SVDP community. Thank you!

COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY:
[TEAM B] MAY 23 @ 10:30AM

For details on how to join this ministry, visit:
Parish Website > Get Involved > Lunch Ministry

5|22 THE GLORY OF MASCULINITY

9am-12:30pm | All Saints Parish, Cincinnati
HTTPS://ASP-HOUCK2021.EVENTBRITE.COM

The E6 Catholic Men's Conference, in association with All Saints Parish and The Kings Men Catholic men's group, invite you to The Glory of Masculinity, a half day free men's retreat featuring Mark Houck, founder of the Kings Men, a national Catholic men's group that has traveled, sponsored and lectured at conferences, workshops and retreats for thousands of men all throughout the United States. Featuring Fr. Jonathan Meyer of All Saints Parish, and organized by the group that brings you the E6 Catholic Men's Conference. We look forward to seeing you on May 22nd! Free will offerings will be accepted. Light breakfast and lunch provided. Register via EVENTBRITE link above.

RELIEF *2019 TORNADOS*

Tornado impacted? Still need help with repairs?
Tornado recovery efforts will be wrapping up soon. Help and repair grant funding is still available for homeowners that need assistance in repairing tornado damage. **If you need assistance please call the Miami Valley Long Term Recovery Group's case management team ASAP at 937.223.7217 x 1137.**

The MVLTROG is comprised of non-profit and faith-based organizations working in partnership with local, state, and federal agencies to assist survivors of the May 27, 2019 Memorial Day tornadoes. A major component of our work has been helping uninsured and underinsured homeowners repair tornado damage. We have also assisted insured homeowners when problems with insurance or contractors have impeded their ability to recover.

CRAFTERS *NEEDED*

Calling all crafters! The Sacred Heart Ladies Club invites you to sell your unique hand-crafted items at our Snowflake Extravaganza November 5 and 6. The craft bazaar will be held in the Father Paul Vieson Center located next door to Sacred Heart Church in New Carlisle. If interested in renting a space, please email Joy Hoeferlin (Bazaar Committee Chairperson) at joy@hoeferlin.com

BICENTENNIAL *PILGRIMAGE*

5|16 THROUGH 6|19

BICENTENNIAL MARIAN PILGRIMAGE

33 DAYS | 300+ MILES | 36+ PARISHES
MORE INFO or to become a Statue Guardian:
www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/bicentennial-marian-pilgrimage/join-in

This is the longest Marian Pilgrimage in the United States – *33 days long – spanning over 300 miles with stops at 33 parishes in every deanery of the Archdiocese. We will be traveling with a special statue of Our Lady of Fatima, blessed by Archbishop Schnurr. The final day of the Pilgrimage will be on the anniversary of the Bicentennial in which the statue will visit the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains and Archbishop Dennis Schnurr will lead a re-consecration of the Archdiocese to Jesus through Mary.*

HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

1. **ATTEND AN EVENT** *Attend the various events that parishes or the Archdiocese are sponsoring throughout the pilgrimage. See the Map or our Events Page to find out where the Mary statue will be each day and where you join in the festivities.*
2. **WALK WITH US** *Join a portion of the pilgrimage as it passes through your area. The route includes a stop at a parish in every deanery. Bring your friends, family or parish community and join us for a portion of the route.*
3. **PRAY WITH PILGRIMS** *Our pilgrims will need those in the archdiocese to pray for them as they walk every day.*

LEARN MORE & VIEW LOCAL EVENTS AT 200.CATHOLICAOC.ORG/MARIAN-PILGRIMAGE

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST *FEATURED EVENTS*

753 SOUTH HYATT STREET, TIPP CITY, OH 45371 | 937- 667-3419 | WWW.STJOHNTIPPCITY.ORG

5|19 INDULGENCES

7:30pm | St. John the Baptist Church
PRESENTER: *Fr. Andrew Smith*

Indulgences: The Life Giving Font of Mercy from Mother Church

"Indulgences. The very word stirs up more misconceptions than perhaps any other teaching in Catholic theology. Those who attack the Church for its use of indulgences rely upon—and take advantage of—the ignorance of both Catholics and non-Catholics." Come be part of this evening so that we can go forth and share the Truth that is Christ Jesus and know the truth about the practice of our Catholic Faith!
Live stream available via St. John Youtube channel.

GOLF *MIXED LEAGUE FORMING*

Tired of seeing the same four walls for the past year?
Get those golf clubs out and share some fellowship outdoors! Join our Friday night mixed golf league (2 person scramble).

WHERE: *Homestead Golf Course in Tipp City.*
WHEN: ***Beginning MAY 7*** *~* ***Friday evenings*** *with tee times ranging from 4:45 to 5:45.*
WHO: *Couples welcome but if you're a single, we would try to pair you up, or you can sub (need subs regularly).*

Currently have a mix of St. Christopher and St John's golfers. Food and fellowship shared after golf weekly with regards to social distancing. Unique method of scoring. ***All level of golfers welcome****, you just have to want to play. Beginners welcome! Golf begins May 7th.*

CONTACT: *Dave Koch 937-216-4021 or email dcookie0709@aol.com*

ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JULY 12-16, 2021
9:00AM - 12:00PM | $20

Climb aboard for mountains of fun at Rocky Railway! On this faith-filled adventure, kids discover that trusting Jesus pulls them through life's ups and downs.

Email for Registration Form:
cwright@stjohntippcity.org

GOSPEL

PRE - 1ST

Do good things for others. Say, "I am doing this good deed in the name of Jesus Christ, the Son of God." Then God will become your partner. He will make your body and mind strong. You will learn new ways to help people. You will feed the hungry. You will help the homeless. God will use your heart, hands, and words to perform miracles for his people.

2ND - 3RD

It was time for Jesus to go back up to heaven. Before he left, Jesus asked his friends to tell the whole world the good news. God wanted all people to be saved from their sins through Jesus. If people believed in Jesus, God would forgive them, and they could do great things to help others. If people refused to believe in Jesus, God would not forgive them, and they would not be saved. God was with Jesus' friends as they shared the good news. It is your turn now. God wants you to tell the world the good news about Jesus. God will be with you, too.

PRAYER

PRE - 1ST

Father, I will feed your people in the name of your Son.

2ND - 3RD

God, help me as I tell people about Jesus.

MISSION

PRE - 1ST

I will take a card and chicken noodle soup to a sick person.

2ND - 3RD

List the names of your family and friends on a piece of paper. Has anyone refused to believe in Jesus? Put a star by their names. Pray for them, and ask God to help you share the good news with them.

GROWING WITH THE Gospel CYCLE A

BECAUSE VIBRANT CHURCHES MATTER

PUZZLE

Find the path to Heaven.

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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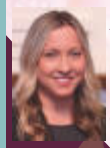

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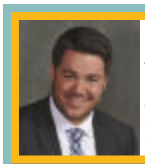

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