

MAY 8, 2022

4th SUNDAY OF EASTER



# MASS SCHEDULE

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

Saturday: 4 p.m.

Sunday: 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m.

#### **WEEKDAY MASSES**

Monday: 8:30 a.m.
Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.
Followed by Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday: 6:15 p.m. Thursday: 8:30 a.m. Friday: 9 a.m.

#### **CONFESSION TIMES**

Sunday: 9:45-10:15 a.m.

Tuesday: 6-7 p.m.; Saturday 3-3:45 p.m.

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#### **OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Friday: 9:15 a.m. - 4 p.m. (Closed for lunch from 12-1 p.m.)

### **PARISH MISSION**

Inspired by the Holy Spirit and nourished by the Sacraments, St. Mary Parish, Vermilion, is a welcoming, Christ-centered community committed to developing spiritual growth, sharing vibrant faith, and encouraging total parish involvement.

# **GETTING TO KNOW US**

The Parish Staff aspires to help our parish family live out their Baptismal call as followers Jesus Christ. If we can be of service to you, please contact us!

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# **MASS INTENTIONS**

### SATURDAY, MAY 7

Easter Weekday 4 p.m. | Paul Dunegan

# **SUNDAY, MAY 8**

Fourth Sunday of Easter World Day of Prayer for Vocations 8 a.m. I Maureen Fielder 10:30 a.m. I Sally Hoffman

# MONDAY, MAY 9

Easter Weekday 8:30 a.m. I For the Parish Family

# **TUESDAY, MAY 10**

Easter Weekday 8:30 a.m. I Baby Therese

#### **WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**

Easter Weekday 6:15 p.m. I Fr. Tony Borgia

# **THURSDAY. MAY 12**

Easter Weekday 8:30 p.m. I George Smith

# FRIDAY, MAY 13

Easter Weekday 9 a.m. l Fr. Jim Holmer

### SATURDAY, MAY 14

Easter Weekday

4 p.m. | Henry "Hank" Boepple

# **SUNDAY, MAY 15**

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8 a.m. | Ambrose & Mary Kissel 10:30 a.m. | Jerry, Rose & Sally Super

The daily and weekend Masses are livestreamed and can be accessed via the parish website.

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#### **MISSION STATEMENT**

Inspired by our patroness, St. Mary School is a Christ-centered and nurturing environment dedicated to academic excellence and the education of the whole child.

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For more information, email asettie@stmaryvermilion.org.



# HAPPENING THIS WEEK

# **PARISH CALENDAR**

# **SUNDAY, MAY 8**

### Mother's Day / No Faith Formation

Coffee & Donuts After Masses (PLCC) 9:45 a.m. - Confession (Church)

### MONDAY, MAY 9

7 p.m. - Knights of Columbus (PLCC)

# **TUESDAY, MAY 10**

9:15 a.m. - Adoration (Church)
2 p.m. - Threads of Love (PO)
6 p.m. - Confessions
6 p.m. - Divine Mercy Chaplet (In Song)
6:30 p.m. - Rosary
7 p.m. - AA Meeting (PLCC)
10 p.m. - Reposition of the Blessed Sacrament

# **WEDNESDAY, MAY 11**

5:30 p.m. - School Advisory Committee 6:30 p.m. - Girl Schots (PLCC) 6:30 p.m. - PSO Meeting (Library) 7 p.m. - Pastoral Council (PO)

# **THURSDAY, MAY 12**

9:15 a.m. - Adult Study Group (PO)

#### THURSDAY, MAY 12, CONT.

3 p.m. - Children's Choir Practice (Church) 3:30 p.m. - School Staff Meeting (PLCC) 5:00 p.m. - Social Concerns (PO) 6:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Practice (Church) 6:30 p.m. - St. Jerome Book Club (Rectory)

### FRIDAY, MAY 13

12:15 p.m. - St. Francis Society Luncheon

# SATURDAY, MAY 14

3 p.m. - Confessions

# **SUNDAY, MAY 15**

9 a.m. - Family Faith Formation (PLCC & Campus)
9:45 a.m. - Confessions (Church)
9:45 am - Family Faith Formation May Crowning
(Mary's Garden in front of school)
10:30 a.m. - Pre-K Faith Formation (Kindergarten Room)
1:30 p.m. - SFO Meeting (GS)
6 p.m. - Parish Mission: Adoration & Confession (Church)
6:30 p.m. - Life Teen & Edge (Depot)
7 p.m. - Parish Mission Talk: "Confidence in God" (Church)
Confessions available afterwards

# PLEASE KEEP THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE IN YOUR PRAYERS:

Prayer Line: 440.963.9572

MaryEllen Ahern
Frank Andrasak
Rylan Andrews (Grandson of Nancy & Russell Beach)
Susan Ann
Tanner Bergman
Gideon Biggie
Kathy Blackham
Mary Bosch
Kirt Bott (Grandson of Yvonne Bott)

Richard Bulan Christopher Burkart Penny Cambell (Granddaughter of Mike & Anthea Simpson) Colin Capek / Jon Capek

Elizabeth Cassidy Alexis Cerio (Niece of Ray & Jackie Holland)

Eileen Coufalik (Cousin of Karen & Jim Gaul)

Francis
Luann Charity (Mother of Kellsey Horton)

Grace Brown

Bob Brummer

Mary Clotz Halina Czochara Mike Daughtry (Son in law of Kathie

McBride)
Missie Dee's Momma
John DeLaFrance

Brenda Dolan (Friend of Denise Makay)

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Elizabeth (Burkart) Hawkins
Heary & Harrity Families
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Nan Hohman
Jasmine Rose Hoholski
Ray & Jacqueline Holland
Cory Holzhauen
Bob Hug
Gwen Jones

Joan Joye Patricia Joyce Jusak Jason Kaiser *(Nephew of Ken Esper)* Michael Kaprowski Veronica Karolak

Maria Johnson / Theresa Johnson

Victoria Kastanis Mac Kellar Joni Kissel (Sister of Jeanne McCale) Denise Kleinhans Fr. Ted Kosse Alma Kovarik Rich Krieg Karen Krohe (Sister of Lorraine Lantz) Connie Kroll Evelyn Kruse (Mother of Teresa Krause)

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Linda McCue
Bonnie Mitchell (Mother of George)
James Mitchell
Kimberty Modic
Lynne Nagy
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Danny Natole

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Joann Richardson Mario Rini Bill Roach Lucy Root Daniel Rotundo Vince & Mary Ann Schaffer

Rich Schaffer Jean Schermer Stephanie Sese Riley Sherman

Tony & Susan Shultz Willie Ann Shultz (Mother of Tony & Troy) Bern Smith (Brother of Julie Stumphauzer) Linda Smith (Sister of Rick Geary) Rick Solev

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Jennifer Zadell Walker

Meghan Zadell

Betty Zywczyk

# LIVING THE FAITH

# WEEKLY REFLECTION By Father Paul Schreiner, Pastor

Happy Mother's Day! I want to draw special attention this weekend to all of our mothers who have provided maternal care for their children and — though no easy task — have raised them over the years. A mother's love for her children is reflective of God's love for His people. We live in a society that does not often view the vocation of motherhood as a gift. Children are seen more as risks and obstacles to personal achievement than as a joyful opportunity to invest one's life, love and care. Sometimes, it is through one's



children that one experiences fruitful encounters with God. When we see how precious, innocent and beautiful our children are, we are willing to commit our lives — even give our lives — in order to see our children grow in wisdom, age and grace.

This weekend especially, the life of Saint Gianna Beretta Molla, an Italian pediatrician born in 1922, serves as an excellent witness of what joyfully living the vocation of motherhood looks like. As a young girl, Gianna openly accepted her faith and the Catholic education provided to her by her loving parents. She grew up viewing life as God's beautiful gift and found prayer to be a great necessity and very effective in her life. Gianna specialized in pediatrics at the University of Milan and from there on, she was especially drawn toward mothers, babies, the elderly and the poor.

She served with Catholic Action, a movement of lay Catholics dedicated to living and spreading the Church's social teaching in society. She embraced her vocation of marriage as a gift from God and completely dedicated herself to forming a truly Christian family.

Between 1956 and 1959, Gianna gave birth to three children: Pierluigi, Maria Zita and Laura. Gianna handled motherhood with grace and was able to harmonize all aspects of her demanding life. In 1961, Gianna became pregnant with her fourth child. Toward the end of her second month of pregnancy, Gianna was struck with an unimaginable pain. Her doctors discovered she had developed a fibroma in her uterus, meaning she was carrying both a baby and a tumor.

After examination, the doctors gave her three choices: an abortion, which would save her life and allow her to continue to have children, but take the life of the child she carried; a complete hysterectomy, which would preserve her life, but take the unborn child's life, and prevent further pregnancy; or removal of only the fibroma, with the potential of further complications, which could save the life of her baby. Knowing she might lose her life, Gianna opted for the removal of only the fibroma to save the life of her unborn child.

On April 21, 1962, Gianna Emanuela Molla was successfully delivered by Caesarean section. The doctors tried many different treatments and procedures to ensure both lives would be saved but a week after the baby was born, Gianna passed away from septic peritonitis.

Gianna was canonized as a saint on May 16, 2004, and is the patron saint of mothers, physicians, and unborn children. Her husband and their children attended her canonization ceremony. Her feast day is celebrated on April 28.

May we pray for all of our mothers this weekend, as we not only thank them for the gift of our lives, but also for their willingness to make many sacrifices to raise us up and bring us closer to God.

# LITURGICAL QUESTION BOX: I have a friend who says she doesn't need to attend Mass because she prays to God every day. What are your thoughts on this justification?

If the only reason for going to church were to talk to God, your friend might be right. Prayer is not something limited to a physical place or even a holy place. If the sole purpose of the Church were prayer, it would be a narrow purpose indeed. The Church is a community of believers, formed by "one Lord, one faith, one Baptism." It is an outward sign of our faith in God instituted by Christ, and the purpose of the Church is to give us grace, that is, a share in God's life.

Coming to Mass is not really for God's sake, but for ours. If we believe that Jesus is truly present in the holy Eucharist, then we will want to be in his presence. We will want to be fed by him. Our daily prayer and good works are strengthened by our authentic encounter with our Lord. For Catholics, it is at Mass that we celebrate the source and summit of our faith. If this is true, why would we ever stay away? ©LPi

# **NEWS AND EVENTS**



# **Coffee and Doughnuts**

Coffee and Doughnuts is back! Please join your parish family on after the Sunday Masses on Mother's Day for coffee, doughnuts, and community. *Thank you, the Hospitality Committee.* 

# **Pray for Our Deceased Loved Ones**

St. Mary Parish extends its condolences following the passings of:

• Holly Neiding, wife of Edward Neiding.

# **Walk for Hunger**

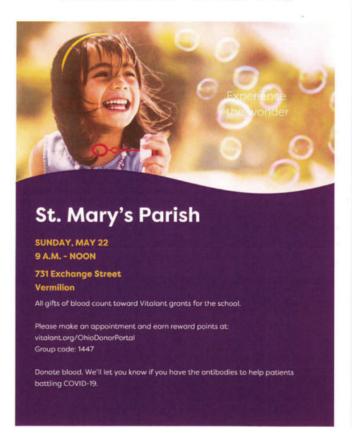
The 6th annual Feed My Flock walk to benefit the Vermilion Food Pantry will take place Saturday May 21, 2022. This 1.2 mile walk through our beautiful town of Vermilion begins by meeting in Victory Park at the Gazebo at 9:30 am. Entry fee: Donation of 5 items of non-perishable food (family cap of 10 items). Random prizes will be given at the end of the walk. Any questions? Contact 440.967.8711.

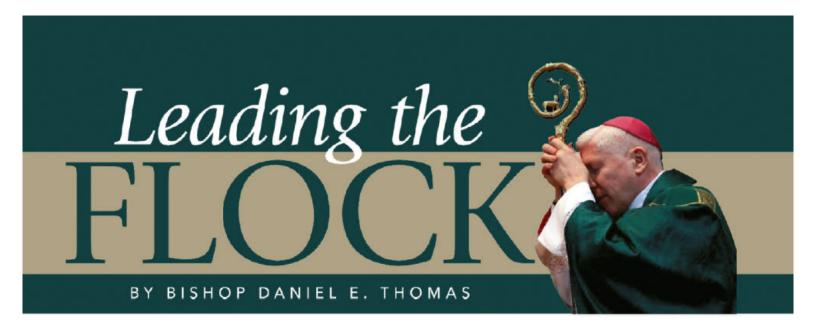
# **Gas Raffle Donations Needed**

The gas raffle at this year's Festival of the Fish will be the same as last year: we will collect 50 \$40 donations to purchase gas cards for the Gas Raffle. Four lucky winners that will each receive gas cards equaling \$500. How great would it be to win one of those gas cards? Donations may be labeled "GAS RAFFLE" and placed into the Sunday collection or dropped off at the Parish Office.

Thank You, The Festival Committee

# **BLOOD DRIVE**





# "Living Christ"

"Living Christ"! In this Easter Season, it is the Living Christ who we proclaim, the one who suffered, died and rose to save us!

For more than 110 years, we have been proclaiming the Living Christ in our thoughts, words and deeds, and in all our work as the Catholic Diocese here in Northwest Ohio.

Now, "Living Christ" takes on new meaning, as together we are making history in publicly launching our diocesan "Living Christ" Campaign! This historic capital and endowment campaign will address significant needs in parishes, schools, and ministries of our 19 county diocese, and its impact will be felt today and resonate for generations to come. In launching the "Living Christ" campaign, we are being responsible stewards who, like our predecessors, are doing everything we can to guarantee a bright future where the Gospel is preached and authentically lived.

When I arrived in the Diocese of Toledo in 2014, in partnership with the clergy, lay leaders and

pastoral staff we cast a vision and invited the faithful to foster holy

families, holy vocations and holy disciples. We began a restructuring process to enhance the protection,

> governance, management and transparency of funds that support our ministries, pastoral activities and temporal functions of the diocese.

All this work led to the development of the Diocesan Strategic Plan to help determine how we carry out our

vision and mission to become a more faith-filled, united and vibrant Diocese of Toledo. One of the pillars of that Plan is to develop financial resources that will ensure a sustainable mission and ministry far into the future, including planning for a capital and endowment campaign. After extensive consultation throughout the diocese, and after a professional evaluation, it was determined that we should move forward with a capital campaign. The prudential judgment was made to pause the launching of a

campaign due to the pandemic; but one year later it was once again considered and determined that as a diocese we should move forward with a campaign.

Through the Living Christ campaign, we seek to fulfill our responsibility as faithful Catholics to serve the physical, spiritual and pastoral needs of all people in Northwest Ohio. Our Living Christ Campaign will aim to raise a minimum of \$65 million dollars to enhance the vitality of our local Church with a focus on six priority areas: Strengthening Our Parishes; Supporting Our Clergy; Caring for the Poor; Emerging Disciples in our Catholic Schools; Restoring Our Mother Church — Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral; and Forming Our Lay Leaders.

The campaign logo has particular meaning, as it is both expressive of the campaign theme and reflective of our history as a Diocese. The logo is uniquely ours, as it is a stained-glass image from the Cathedral Rectory, placed there by the first Bishop of the Diocese, Bishop Joseph Schrembs. There are three unique features of this depiction of Jesus, the Living Christ! As the Good Shepherd, he has a sheep over his shoulders, indicating how he cares for us his sheep; and in turn entrusts to us the care of his flock. As the Sacred Heart, Jesus shows the love of His Heart for all of us; and in turn empowers us to show the love of His Heart to all in need. As the Fisher of Men, he holds a fisherman's pike, signifying his desire to catch all of us for himself; and in turn encouraging us to become fishers of all people for his Kingdom.

As we publicly launch our Campaign during this Joyful Easter Season, I am thrilled to share the exciting news that we already have a tremendous jump start to the campaign! Over \$7.3 million dollars has been raised to date through generous

leadership gifts and pledges, which includes personal and leadership gifts from our priests of nearly \$800,000! Our 8 parishes from around the diocese which served as the initial or pilot wave of activity, have cumulatively raised over \$6.2 million dollars, 154 percent of their goal! Early efforts of our Wave One parishes have already achieved over \$4.4 million dollars, or 33% of the Wave One goal. We are truly blessed and inspired overwhelming by the generosity and engagement which has provided incredible momentum to our efforts; and I am humbled to report that, as of today, we have reached over 28% of our overall goal in gifts and pledges! Thanks be to God!

The timing of this message coincides with the start of the first of three waves of activity throughout our 122 parishes. Each parish will conduct the Campaign in its local community, either this Spring, this Fall, or in Spring of 2023. With this public announcement, I invite all the good folks throughout our region to pray for, participate in, and promote our *Living Christ* Campaign, now and when it begins in your parish.

Through the great generosity and sacrifice of all our brothers and sisters in Christ, I am confident we will ensure a bright future of faith, hope, and charity for generations to come. Today, this campaign serves as our "Holy Opportunity" to be and to share the *Living Christ* with everyone. May the Holy Spirit, who brings the Risen Christ to life in each of us, prompt all our efforts for the success of our *Living Christ* Campaign.

+ Devil & Gleoman

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas Bishop of Toledo April 25, 2022



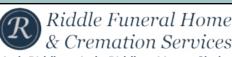
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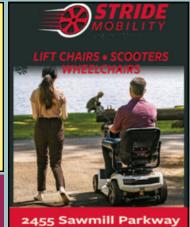


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