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WEEKEND MASSES

ST. JOHN CHURCH 1405 FIRST AVENUE SATURDAY 4:30 PM

SUNDAY 10:30 AM

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

201 CLARK STREET SUNDAY 9:00 AM

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ST. JOHN CHURCH SATURDAY 3:30 PM

September 19, 2021

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Beacons of Light (short answer)

What is it? A plan to reduce the number of parishes by almost one half

Why? A shortage of priests

How? A professional consulting group has been inspecting all aspects of parish life to decide (*tentatively*) how parishes will merge beginning in 2022 and concluding by 2027.

When? We should know something by the end of September.

Will This Affect Middletown? Most likely. We did merge three parishes 30 years ago.

What Can You Do? As the Archbishop writes (*see the letter inside*) you can be informed and make your views know from October 1st through October 20th.

Butler County COVID-19 Information!

We are seeing case numbers that were around for early February 2021 and late October 2020! Cases are rapidly rising in Butler County. Cases not only met the definition of a community with high spread, but continued to exceed it at a consistent rate. By the CDC's data tracker, Butler County met the definition of high positivity. These measures indicate there is widespread transmission occurring in Butler County once again. Thank you for your cooperation in wearing a mask at Mass!

Annual Pet Blessing Sunday, October 3rd 1:30 PM Holy Trinity Grounds

Deacon John Lyons will offer the blessing and all pets are welcome, including docile farm animals. Please be sure dogs are on a leash with properly fitting collars or harnesses. *Please note: For the safety of everyone involved, pets should be comfortable among other animals and people. Thank you!*





Our Doors Are Open: No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your age, race, background, personal history, etc., no matter what your own self-image — you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Holy Family Parish. Our doors are open!

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - September 18 & 19

4:30 PM Mass SJ Bertha Murphy - Anniversary Rem.

9:00 AM Mass HT Andrea Accurso - Wedding Anniv. Rem.

9:00 AM Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Ida Pearce - Wedding Anniversary Rem.

Tuesday, September 21

8:15 AM Mass SJ23 Marilyn Ifcic - students / staff only

12:10 PM Mass HT Ivan & Rose Sigecan

Wednesday, September 22

12:10 PM Mass HT Bowman Family

Thursday, September 23

12:10 PM Mass HT Bob & Ruth Rouster

Friday, September 24

8:00 AM Mass HT Ralph Feiertag

Saturday, September 25

4:30 PM Mass SJ Steve, Mary, Mark and Joe Mikula

Sunday, September 26 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 AM Mass HT Feast of St. Vincent de Paul

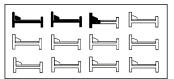
10:30 AM Mass SJ Niccola Capadona - Anniversary Rem.

Weekly Collections Stewardship Sunday, September 12th \$15,004

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

Fr. Derick Holy Family Hospital Fundraiser!

Fr. Derick is seeking funds to supply new male and female hospital wards with hospital beds. It will require \$120,000 to meet this goal.



Holy Family Parishioners have donated \$23,988!

Many Thanks!

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Sept 25/26	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic	Barb Heinle 1B	Barb VonderHaar 1B	John Lyons 1B
Ministers	Mary Bukosky 2B	Lee Ann Glick 2B	Christine Whittington 2B
	Susan McCulley 3B	Bernie Driscoll 3B	Rosetta DiCristoforo 3B
Lector	Dan Mabry	Janet Chase	Rick Gregosky
Greeters	Barb Heinle D1	Lee Ann Glick D1	Jim Mulligan D1
	Paul Presta D2	Donna Kramer D2	Sandi Mulligan D2

Daily Scripture Readings

Mon: Ezr 1:1-6, / Lk 8:16-18

Tues: Eph 4:1-7,11-13 / Mt 9:9-13

Wed: Ezr 9:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6 Thurs: Hg 1:1-8 / Lk 9:7-9 Fri: Hg 2:1-9 / Lk 9:18-22

Sat: Zec 2:5-9,14-15a / Lk 9:43b-45

Sun: Nm 11:25-29 / Jas 5:1-6 Mk 9:38-43,45,47-48

Our Prayers & Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Norina Carozza and Jean Kleinhenn, who both died September 9th, and of Ellen Murphy, who died September 12th.

In Your Prayers Please Remember

Wanda Saucedo at Atrium this week.

Health Ministry:

Movement, Stillness, and Insight: My 3 Daily Non-Negotiables for a Busy World - Part 2

By Carl Phillip <u>www.tinybuddah.com</u>

We live in a busy world and to combat this pull to overwhelm, I decided to create a list of daily non-negotiables that I call **My Daily 3**:

Movement, Stillness, and Insight Why Have a List of Non-Negotiables?

This practice ensures we prioritize the things that serve us (or we need) amongst other priorities. This can be time for self-development and self-care. Time to grow, time to reset, time to reflect. Time to slow down. This is positive fuel that we can run on.

Why Daily? A daily frequency is particularly important when establishing a new habit. A better question might be; if it's important, why not daily?

Why Three? Because it's not too many or too few. Three is doable. The Time Conundrum:

Doing What You Can, When You Can

When life gets busy, it can be tough to find any free time in your days. The good news is you can work your non-negotiables into the time you have available. We all work from where we are and with what we have. These non-negotiable practices should add to the quality of our lives, not create an additional stressor. So long as we make a little time for the things that nourish and energize us, we will reap the benefits.

RCIA - Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults September 19th and 26th

Sept 19th - God's Promise for the Journey

11:30 PM St. John Rectory

Class forming during this Period of Inquiry!

If you're interested in becoming Catholic, or you know someone who may be interested, please contact the parish office 422-0602.

The Men's Fellowship Group Saturday, September 25th

Men of the parish are invited to join for prayer and study every second and fourth Saturday of the month. The next meeting is set for this Saturday, September 25th at 7:00 a.m. in the St. John Rectory.

St. Vincent de Paul Society Annual Mass Next Sunday, September 26th tsuvin

St. Vincent de Paul Society members join in celebrating the 9:00 AM Mass at Holy Trinity next Sunday. The Holy Family Parish SVDP Council operates a Food Pantry, a Help Line, and an Outreach Ministry for our needy neighbors.

Are you looking for a chance to experience real,

practical application of your faith? Why not join the Holy Family St Vincent de Paul Society members?

Introductions to Sunday Readings

by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven and Fr. Bill Taylor



First Reading - Wisdom 2:12, 17-20

The book of Wisdom was written about 50 years before Christ, and was addressed to a group of Jews living in Alexandria, Egypt. In this pagan environment, some were tempted to abandon their religious beliefs and practices. In today's passage, an unidentified person, referred to as the "just one," challenges them to remain faithful to their traditional values. Early Christians thought this person sounded a lot like Jesus.

Second Reading - James 3:16—4:3

Today we continue a series of readings from the letter of James. This part of the letter deals with sins that threaten harmony in a Christian community.

Going into Hospital or a Rehab Facility? Scheduled for a Procedure?

While there are challenges due to the virus, please call or have a family member or friend call us 422-0602 and let us know!

We need *your* help in ministering to parishioners who are ill or in need!

And like the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist to which it is closely linked, the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick can be repeated as often as necessary.



Why Are These People Smiling??

Could it be because they were all feeling good about being outside in the fresh air? Perhaps it was that undeniably good feeling you get when you join with others in doing something good for your community. For one it was simply the joy in getting out of doing housework....lots of reasons to smile!

Why not see for yourself?

Join us when we meet for our last trash pick up of the season - Saturday, Oct 23rd.

Mark your calendars today!



Each year, the Catholic Church in the United States designates the third Sunday in September

as Catechetical Sunday — a day on which to celebrate and pray for the Church's mission to teach the Gospel to all people. This year's theme is "Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed." As catechists, these volunteers are responding to a call to share the gift of faith with others. Please keep them in your prayers!



Catechists and Aides for the Parish Religious Education Program – PREP!

These very special people are generously giving their time and talents to share their faith and teach the Gospel message to the young people of our parish.

Please give them spiritual support and encouragement with your prayers.



Kindergarten - 8th Grade PREP & Hispanic Ministry on Monday Evenings 6:30 - 7:30 PM

Brad Egelston, Christina Schul, Emily Lawson, Jo Ann Cranford, Dawn Martin, Jane Romer, Pat Montgomery, Marlene Ruwe, and Tim Griffith not pictured - Maria Rodriguez

O God our Heavenly Father,

You have given us the gift of these catechists to be heralds of the Gospel to our parish family. We lift them up to you in thanksgiving and intercede for them concerning their hopes and needs. May we be attentive to the presence of your Word in them, a Word that lifts up and affirms, calls forth and challenges, is compassionate and consoles.

We pray that our parish family will always be blessed with those who have responded to the call to share in Christ's prophetic mission as catechists.

May we too be open to the universal call to service that Christ addresses to all of his disciples, contributing our gifts to the communion of faith, the Church.

We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Now and At the Hour of our Death: Catholic Medical & Funeral Planning for the End of Life

Tuesday, October 5th 7 - 8:30 PM Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Cincinnati Wednesday, October 6th 1:30 - 3 PM Online Meeting



It's never too soon to begin thinking about our own funeral, end-of-life care, and who will be making those decisions. Join us to learn about how to get started on planning a Catholic funeral and what the Church teaches on key end-of-life issues. Topics include:

- Pre-planning the three stages of the Catholic funeral
- What the Church really teaches about cremation
- How to approach difficult end-of-life decisions with your loved ones from a Catholic perspective (life support, medical power of attorney, etc.)

Family Rosary Rally Sunday, October 10th 2:30 PM Immaculate Conception Church 2300 S. Smithville Rd, Dayton, OH Families from the Dayton area will gather together to pray to Mary for:



- Peace in our Families
- Peace in our Community
- Peace in the Entire World
- Gainful Employment for the Unemployed
- An Increase in Vocations
- For the Sanctity of Life

The rally will be broadcast live over Radio Maria which can be heard on 103.3 FM & 1600 AM, Springfield/ Dayton, and 88.7 FM WHJM Anna/West Central Ohio Find us on Facebook @ Family Rosary Rally - Dayton The Family that prays together - stays together!

Permanent Deacon Application Cycle to Begin in September 2022

Men of the archdiocese who are interested in applying for the Permanent Deacon Formation class which will begin in September 2022, should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate by calling 513-263-6641 or emailing deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org. Deacon John Lyons is happy to discuss the process with any men who may be considering this ministry.

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by Dawn Pickerill / Principal

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Weekend Wrap Up

To say that God blessed us with beautiful weather would be an understatement!! From Thursday through Monday, the weather could not have been more perfect.

Thursday night's Wine and Cheese Event (a thank you to our Annual Fund Donors of \$50 or more) was spectacular. While the crowd was small, with about 80 people in attendance, the laughter was great. It was wonderful to be able to talk with our supporters and thank them for all they do for us.

Saturday's Back to School Bash, which benefits Holy Family Athletics, was fun as always! We had a nice crowd, and everyone seemed to like the change in theme and the additional items we added in. This fundraiser was a success and will help the Athletic Association purchase new basketball uniforms for the players.

Finally our Grandparents Day celebration on Monday morning was phenomenal. While we were sad that we could not attend Mass together, everyone still enjoyed their breakfast. This is one of our favorite events, as we know how important grandparents are in the lives of their grandchildren. Having this one-on-one time for children and grandparents is so heartwarming and special to us.



archbishop@catholicaoc.org 513.263.6612

September 17, 2021

Memorial of Saint Robert Bellarmine, patron of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The mission of the Catholic Church, *our mission*, entrusted to the apostles by Jesus, is to proclaim the Good News of salvation and "make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Mt. 28:19-20). In short, to radiate Christ.

We have a responsibility to make the best use of all the means which God has provided us to pursue this sacred mission. It is therefore appropriate to ask, are all our resources – human, physical and financial – properly ordered to missionary discipleship? Are they working in concert to continuously draw parishioners and attract new members into a more intimate relationship with Jesus? Or are they consumed by efforts to maintain the status quo and spread too thin to be truly effective?

These are the concerns that **Beacons of Light**, the multi-year process of comprehensive pastoral planning for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, has been addressing. After months of study and analysis, we cannot escape the conclusion that in many cases our church buildings are grossly underutilized, our priests and parish staff members are stretched to the limit, and our parishes are simply not the vibrant, evangelizing communities Catholics want and need them to be.

To help remedy this situation and be better stewards of the resources God has made available to us, parishes in the archdiocese will be grouped into "Families of Parishes" under the leadership of one pastor. After that, each Family will collaborate internally to determine the best and highest use of their shared resources to radiate the love of Christ and form a strong, vital community of evangelization and service centered on the Eucharist.

Your thoughtful feedback at this stage of the planning process would be most valuable. A draft of the Families of Parishes will be shared for public comment October 1-20 at www.BeaconsAOC.org, the website of the Beacons of Light initiative. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the information on the website, then prayerfully provide your input on this important step which will shape the future of our archdiocese.

As we continue this challenging but necessary endeavor, it is critically important that we earnestly seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit so that we might together discern the best path forward with humility and courage. Please join me in asking for the intercession of our Blessed Mother, to whose care we have entrusted our archdiocese, that God continue to bless us with His presence and His love, as we pray:

Mary, Mother of the Church and our Mother, present our prayer of thanksgiving to your Son. Beg from Him the graces we need to be faithful disciples who follow Him with enthusiasm and joy. May our witness to the love of God bear fruit in our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts. Teach us to be God's joyful witnesses, to radiate Christ in all we do, so that all people might know, love and follow your Son through this life and into the next. Amen.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Dennis M. Schnurr

Archbishop of Cincinnati

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Baptism Preparation Class - These classes are held quarterly: March, June, September and December.

The actual date, time and location will be announced in the weekly bulletin. Please call the parish office to register.

Blane Collison, Principal......423-0723

Baptisms - Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

Becoming a Member of Holy Family Parish - Fill out a Census Form at the parish office or download it under FORMS at www.holyfamilymiddletown.com. Drop your completed form in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office. **Becoming Catholic** - Please call the parish office to find out more about the RCIA process.

Bulletin Deadline - Submit announcements in hard copy or to monica@holyfamilymiddletown.com by noon Tuesday.

Hospitalization or Death in the Family - Please notify the pastor as soon as possible by calling the parish office.

Marriages - Couples wishing to be married must set the date with the pastor at least six months in advance.

Nursery - Due to the coronavirus, the 10:30 AM Mass Nursery is temporarily closed.

Parish Religious Education Program - Due to the coronavirus, Sunday Preschool is canceled and Monday K-8th Grade have an in home program. Contact Dee Golembiewski, DRE, with questions.

St. John XXIII Catholic School - Parish school for Preschool - 8th Grade - www.stjohn23school.org.



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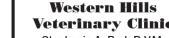
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