



Holy Angels

Catholic Church

*A member of the St. Joseph,
Pillar of Families Parishes*

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January 28, 2024

*Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time*

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Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
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JANUARY 28 – FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MONDAY, JANUARY 29

NO MASS

TUESDAY, JANUARY 30

7:00 a.m. Mass – L&D members of the Kindelin & Garmann Families
Adoration begins after the 7:00 a.m. Mass and ends
with Benediction at 6:00 p.m.

5:00-6:00 p.m. Confessions

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31 – ST. JOHN BOSCO

7:00 a.m. Mass – John & Sylvia Lengerich
12:00-1:00 p.m. Confessions

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

7:00 a.m. Mass – Janet Fischbach
3:00-4:00 p.m. Confessions

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

8:30 a.m. Mass – John Van Fossen Family
Adoration begins after the 8:30 a.m. Mass and ends
with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

4:00-5:00 p.m. Confessions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3 – ST. BLAISE & ST. ANSGAR

8:00 a.m. Mass – L&D members of the Richard & Harriet Frantz Family
3:15-4:15 p.m. Confessions
4:30 p.m. Mass – Sister Rita

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4 – 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7:30 a.m. Mass – Ginny Lauber
8:30-9:00 a.m. Confessions
9:15 a.m. Mass – For 2nd grade students receiving their First Sacraments
11:00 a.m. Mass – Mary Mother of God Twinning Parish

MASS SERVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND – FEBRUARY 3/4

Altar Server Coordinator: Lisa Reese – holyangelsservers@gmail.com

4:30 p.m.

S. Sollmann
E. Sollmann
B. O'Leary
M. O'Leary

7:30 a.m.

K. Baughman
T. Baughman
H. Myers
J. Myers

9:15 a.m.

C. Ratermann
J. Ratermann
G. Schmiesing
B. Schmiesing
L. Schmiesing

11:00 a.m.

H. Tobe
G. Tobe
G. Sollmann
E. Sollmann

WEEKDAY MASS

Monday

Sacred Heart of Jesus | 8:00 a.m.
Ss. Peter & Paul | 8:00 a.m.

Tuesday

Holy Angels | 7:00 a.m.
St. Michael* | 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Holy Angels | 7:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart of Jesus | 8:00 a.m.
St. Michael* | 8:25 a.m.

Thursday

Holy Angels | 7:00 a.m.
Sacred Heart of Jesus | 8:00 a.m.
St. Michael* | 8:25 a.m.

Friday

Sacred Heart of Jesus | 6:30 a.m.
St. Michael* | 8:25 a.m.
Holy Angels | 8:30 a.m.

Saturday

Sacred Heart of Jesus | 8:00 a.m.
Holy Angels | 8:00 a.m.
(First Saturday Only)

**WEEKEND MASS
(FEBRUARY 3-4)**

Saturday, February 3rd

Holy Angels | 4:30 p.m. – FAH
Sacred Heart of Jesus | 5:00 p.m. – FAR
St. Michael * | 5:00 p.m. – FSM

Sunday, February 4th

Holy Angels | 7:30 a.m. – FJK
Sacred Heart of Jesus | 8:00 a.m. – FAR
St. Michael * | 8:00 a.m. – FSM
Holy Angels | 9:15 a.m. – FAH
Ss. Peter & Paul | 9:30 a.m. – FJK
Sacred Heart of Jesus | 10:00 a.m. – FAR
Holy Angels | 11:00 a.m. – FAH
St. Michael * | 11:00 a.m. – FSM

KEY: *Livestreamed on
St. Michael website

Sunday Mass priest location:
FAH = Fr. Aaron Hess; FAR = Fr. Andrew
Reckers; FJK = Fr. Jarred Kohn;
FSM = Fr. Steve Mondiek



FROM THE

Pastor's Desk

The Grateful Heart

The vicars have noted in their recent "Vicar's Corner" that winter, especially winter after the Christmas Season, can be very difficult and hard for many. While I will not add to their practical advice, I simply want to express my thanks for the care they have shown to the parishioners of St. Joseph, Pillar of Families. What a beautiful testament to the love Christ shows us through the priesthood, that they want to help encourage and strengthen the people of God in the universal call to holiness.

Gratitude is so fundamental to keeping a hopeful and charitable outlook in life. This is especially true during difficult times when it is easy to lose sight of blessings and the Lord's providence. "We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to His purpose." (Romans 8:28) Each of us has been called according to the purpose of our Loving Father in heaven. He has a plan for something beautiful and life giving in your life, even in the face of the difficulties and suffering we encounter. (Jeremiah 29:11) I would daresay that life's beauty and goodness when we confront life's calamities with hope and courage as God calls us to do. Remember to practice gratitude in your life and to find God's blessing amidst the drear we encounter. "Consider it pure joy... whenever you face trials of many kinds" (James 1:2) Again, I encourage you to think about what you will do for Lent. Perhaps look at areas of your life where you are attached and ask Jesus how He may be inviting you to surrender and let go in that area of life. Also, please continue to be on the lookout for the Lenten schedule and I encourage you to get to Confession early in Lent. Our Family Mission will be on February 25-28 (Sunday-Wednesday) each evening and will begin at 6:30 p.m. at one of our four churches. We will see you there!

Please note that in the coming year we will be adjusting the seating capacity at each of our four churches to fit the new guidelines provided by the Archdiocese. Due to projects on each campus and the approaching Lenten Season, we will not be addressing this particular point until after Easter to focus on what is most important which is to put Christ at the center of the family.

Please also be aware that there may be priest movement in our Family of Parishes this coming July. I believe that we will retain having four priests, but unexpected things can happen, and priests must be open to coming to our Family of Parishes. Which is a good reminder to support and pray for your priests and to continue prayer and fasting for vocations.

Thank you to everyone who has shown support for St. Joseph, Pillar of Families Parishes, and its priests. Your generosity and goodwill are greatly appreciated. We should have every confidence that St. Joseph intercedes upon our behalf and watches over us as he watched over the Holy Family. Again, thank you for the abundant support you provide to the St. Joseph Family. Peace in Christ,

Fr. Jarred Kohn

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HOLY ANGELS IMPORTANT DATES & EVENTS

- Monday, January 29th – 3:00 p.m. | Chaplet of Mary & 7:30 p.m. | Patriotic Rosary
- Tuesday, January 30th – 7:15 p.m. | Choir Practice
- Wednesday, January 31st – 7:00 p.m. | RCIA Class
- Thursday, February 1st – 6:00 p.m. | Sing Your Love Holy Hour (Sacred Heart)

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Tom Franz and Boy Scout Troop 97 for help setting up and tearing down the Nativity scene for the Christmas season!



2024 CMAI CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds & heals. In our Archdiocese, this happens through your generosity to support the worthy ministries of the Catholic Ministries Appeal.

Visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA to give online.

NEW BULLETIN EDITOR

Holy Angels will be switching bulletins editors in March, 2024. Our new bulletin editor will be LPI, the same bulletin editor that Sacred Heart of Jesus and St. Michael/Ss. Peter & Paul currently use. Sherri from LPI will be reaching out regarding advertising space for the Holy Angels bulletin in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in the parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com. Thank you to all who so generously support the publishing of our bulletin with your ads.

ST. JOSEPH PILLAR OF FAMILIES

Mission

BISHOP EARL FERNANDES
Sunday, February 25th
Holy Angels
Mission Talk #1

FATHER THOMAS STEINKE
Mon., Feb. 26th - St. Michael's
Tues., Feb. 27th - St. Peter & Paul
Wed., Feb. 28th - Sacred Heart
Mission Talks 2, 3, & 4

SCHEDULE FOR ALL EVENINGS:
6:30PM - 8:00PM
MISSION TALK
ADORATION & CONFESSIONS

MATTHEW 28:19-20: "GO THEREFORE 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. AND BEHOLD, I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS, TO THE END OF THE AGE."

"When you approach the tabernacle remember that he has been waiting for you for twenty centuries." ~ St. Jose Maria Escriva



FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - FEBRUARY 2, 2024

Eucharistic Adoration will begin immediately after the 8:30 a.m. Mass, and end with Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

TUESDAY ADORATION (WEEKLY)

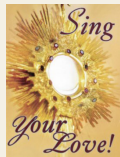
Eucharistic Adoration starts immediately after the 7:00 a.m. Mass and ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to stop in any time during these hours to visit our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament. If you would like to commit a specific time of one hour, or have questions, contact Dottie Baker at debaker1013@gmail.com or 937-418-339.



FIRST SATURDAY MEDITATION ROSARY

Peace is in our hands when we pray the Rosary! We have the opportunity to make reparation for sin when we pray the Rosary on the First Saturday of each month. At Fatima, the Blessed Mother asked us to meditate on the mysteries of the Rosary as a prayer for peace. We will be doing that on February 3 after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Let us honor our Heavenly Mother's requests so that we may receive the promise of her assistance with all the graces necessary for our salvation at the hour of death. To learn more about the conditions for and promises of the First

Saturday devotion, visit <https://americanneedsfatima.org/Our-Blessed-Mother/the-five-first-saturdays-devotion.html>.



SING YOUR LOVE HOLY HOUR

February 1, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart – This is a monthly event, on the First Thursday of every month at Sacred Heart of Jesus during Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, a Holy Hour will be led by Disciples of Our Eucharistic Lord. All are welcome! Confessions, 6:00-7:00 p.m.; ends with Benediction at 7:00 p.m.

THANK YOU

The Holy Angels Conference of St. Vincent de Paul wants to thank the parishioners for their continued financial support of our mission of helping our neighbors with a hand up in their time of need. During the fourth quarter of 2023 (October-December), we received 46 calls requesting help and teams visited with half of these neighbors. We were able to help 20 of them. Through your generosity, we paid a total of \$7,218.12 and were able to help keep families in their homes and to keep gas, electric and water from being disconnected in homes.

One family we helped by keeping their utilities from being disconnected. The father of two very young kids had recently been laid off and had not started a new job before the bills were due.

NEWLY BAPTIZED WELCOME TO THE CATHOLIC CHURCH!

*Rafael Franz Radegunde
Schmiesing*

son of Joseph & Erica (Kerg)
Schmiesing, who was baptized on
Saturday, December 9th, 2023

Myles Elkwood Slater

son of Mitchell & Heidi Slater, who
was baptized on
Saturday, December 9th, 2023

Mack Slater Knafla

son of Jeremy & Erin (Slater) Knafla,
who was baptized on
Saturday, December 9th, 2023

Jane Margaret Wolters

daughter of Nicholas & Cara
(Schroeder) Wolters, who was
baptized on
Saturday, December 16th, 2023

Harrison Wilder Davis

son of Nathan & Alexandria (Jinn)
Davis, who was baptized on
Sunday, December 17th, 2023

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

RECONCILIATION: Saturdays from 3:15-4:15 p.m., Tuesdays from 5:00-6:00 p.m., Wednesdays from 12:00-1:00 p.m., First Thursdays from 3:00-4:00 p.m., First Fridays from 4:00-5:00 p.m., and on Sundays from 8:30-9:00 a.m.

BAPTISM: First-time expectant parents are to attend a one-time Sacrament of Baptism Preparation Class that is offered monthly throughout the year within our family of parishes prior to their child receiving the Sacrament. Godparents are encouraged to attend. Upcoming class is Sunday, February 18th, 7:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart. For more information and to register, please call 937-498-2307. The Sacrament of Baptism is offered most weekends at each of our parishes following the Saturday evening Mass or the last Mass on Sunday. To schedule the Sacrament of Baptism for your child, please call 937-498-2307.

MARRIAGE: Please contact the Parish Office at 937-498-2307 at least six months before the desired date in order to prepare properly for the celebration of the Sacrament.

VOCATIONS: If interested in learning more about the Priesthood or Consecrated Religious Life, please contact Fr. Jarred or Fr. Aaron at 937-498-2307 or go to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati website at www.cincinnati vocations.org.

MINISTRY TO THE SICK: If you are homebound and would like someone to bring the Holy Eucharist to your home, please contact Emily O'Leary at emily@holyangelssidney.com or by calling 937-498-2307. Wilson Health Hospital and Hospice no longer notifies the church when Catholics are admitted and would like to be visited, so please contact the Parish Office or Emily O'Leary to make arrangements to receive the Holy Eucharist. Dorothy Love has resumed Holy Mass for the residents in the apartments and independent living on the second Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m., with Catholic Hour every Sunday at 9:00 a.m., with distributors from Sacred Heart, McCartyville. Holy Mass at Fairhaven for residents is on the first Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. and Catholic Hour is the third Thursday at 1:30 p.m. Holy Mass at the Landings on the third Thursday of each month at 1:30 p.m. with weekly Communion in all other weeks to rooms by volunteers. We are always in need of ministers, so please reach out to Emily O'Leary if you are interesting in helping with this ministry!



ST. JOHN PAUL II YOUTH MINISTRY

JPII Youth Ministry is for all 9th-12th graders at Holy Angels and Sacred Heart. Please give us a follow on Instagram @stjohnpaul2youthministry to stay updated on all events! *"Be Not Afraid to be Saints!"*

You Are Invited.
 YOUNG ADULTS, GRANDPARENTS, PARENTS, STUDENTS 6TH GRADE AND UP, AUNTS, UNCLE, FRIENDS
 St. Joseph Pillar of Families Presents:
 Jason Event
PURIFIED AND GENDER
 AND THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY



SCAN & PURCHASE **APRIL 21, 2024**
 TICKET - \$25
 SACRED HEART
 9377 STATE RT 119 W, ANNA
 EVERYONE GETS A GOODIE BAG

- 4:30 - PURIFIED
- 6:00 - DINNER
- 7:00 - GENDER
- 8:00 - ADORATION/ CONFESSION

HOLY ANGELS SCHOOL

Open House

January 31, 2024
 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

- Come tour our school and meet our amazing team to see what Holy Angels can offer your child!
- Information on the State of Ohio's EdChoice Scholarship Program - 100% of families are now eligible for partial or full tuition coverage!
- Current families - invite a prospective family for a chance to win FREE registration for 2024-2025!
- Holy Angels & Lehman spiritwear sale by Headstrong Custom Wear!
- Ticket sales for the 2024 1000 Club & drawing of the first two winners of the year!
- Student Council Bake Sale!

MEAL PROVIDED See you there!

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31ST ANNUAL, HOSPICE BENEFIT SPAGHETTI DINNER SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

All proceeds go to benefit the Wilson Hospice of Wilson Memorial Hospital. Donations Accepted for Dinner. Your donation gets you a Spaghetti Dinner, tossed salad, garlic bread and beverage. The Newport Sportsmen Club is incurring the entire expense of this dinner. All proceeds are donated to Hospice. Serving Time 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Dinner served at the Newport Sportsmen Club. Located at 5801 Rangeland Road, south of Newport.

2024 MEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP) RETREAT - FEBRUARY 3 AND 4

Come join us for a week-end of fellowship and a weekend guided by the Holy Spirit to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ! There is no cost to attend, and food and drinks are all provided throughout the retreat! Sign up on the Sacred Heart of Jesus parish website or pick up a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space at Sacred Heart. For any questions, contact Jason Howell at 937-381-7176.

WOMEN'S CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH (CRHP) RETREAT - FEBRUARY 24 AND 25

Spend time away from the hustle and bustle of your otherwise busy life to stop and reflect, spend time on YOU and reconnect with your spiritual life. It will be filled with smiles, tears, enlightenment, friendships, spiritual growth, reconciliation, and a few more surprises along the way. Sign up on the Sacred Heart parish website or hard copies of registration forms are in the Gathering Space at Sacred Heart and can be turned in to the Parish Office. For any questions, contact MarNell Schmiesing at marnellschmiesing@gmail.com or 419-733-0535.

FATHER NATHAN CROMLY MOTHERS' RETREAT

Please join us for the upcoming Mothers' Retreat featuring Fr. Nathan Cromly at Maria Stein on February 23-24, 2024, which marks the 25th Anniversary of this retreat. Registration is open and the retreat will begin Friday evening and end by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. For more information, please visit the website at <https://mothersretreat.org> or email mothersretreat1@gmail.com.

MARY OUR MOTHER RETREAT

Do Good Restaurant will again offer our Mother and Daughter(s) "Mary Our Mother" Retreat on Saturday, February 10th in the Upper Room with two sessions, Session 1 from 10:00-11:30 a.m. and Session 2 from 12:30-2:00 p.m. The retreat will be led by Deb Timmerman from Russia using the book "Mary's Wardrobe." There will be discussion, activities, and a craft. Suggested for ages 4-12. Each girl should attend with her mother or a special woman in her life (a mother can have more than one daughter). There is no fee for the retreat. Deli sandwiches and fruit will be provided. Reservations accepted on a first-come basis. Please contact Katie Alig via email at katiealig@dogoodrm.com or text 419-763-9349 to reserve your spot!

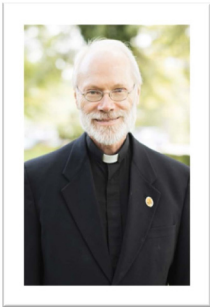


Pro-Life Oratory Contest for High School Juniors and Seniors

- **Monday, February 19 at 6:30pm** (President's Day) at St. John's Lutheran Church in Sidney.
- **Prizes: \$400+, \$250, and \$100 for 1st-3rd.** One winner receives an additional \$100 travel stipend for participating in the state contest (usually in May, in Columbus). The state-level

winner continues to the national competition (location and date TBD, usually June).

- **Eligibility:** All high school juniors and seniors who are residents of Shelby County or attend a Shelby County high school. Contestants are to give a pro-life speech, 5-7 minutes in length, on one of four topics: abortion, doctor-prescribed suicide, infanticide, or embryonic research. We'd love to hear an evaluation of the continued effects of Roe v. Wade, or of the Dobbs decision.
- **Register by Friday, February 16 (by 11:59pm)** using contact info listed below. For rules and contest resources go to the [oratory contest page on the RTLSC website](#).
- **Contact** Anne Schmiesing: director@shelbycountyRTL.org or 937-658-3535 (cell), for more information and to register.



THE VICAR'S CORNER: FR. STEVE MONDIEK

I remember when attending Mass in my parochial school, there was a profound sense of silence. This was before, during and after Mass. No doubt, the Sisters of Charity instilled this practice in our little hearts, but is this 'silence' still with us today?

Many Catholics complain about the absence of silence in our Mass. It is important, therefore, to recall the meaning of silence as a Christian ascetical value, and therefore as a necessary condition for contemplative prayer. We should not forget the fact that times of silence are officially prescribed during the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, so as to highlight the importance of silence for a high-quality liturgical renewal.

We should remember that silence is a form of prayer and it is also a requisite for us to pray. We can look at it as an ascetical practice. What is asceticism? It can be a form of self-denial to obtain a higher spiritual level. According to His Eminence Cardinal Robert Sarah, *"Asceticism is an indispensable means that helps us to remove from our life anything that weighs it down, in other words, anything that hampers our spiritual or interior life and therefore is an obstacle to prayer. Yes, it is indeed in prayer that God communicates his Life to us, in other words, manifests his presence in our soul by irrigating it with the streams of his Trinitarian Love: the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. And prayer is essentially silence. One must practice coming to that necessary silence in order to be receptive to the seed of God's word...it must find that place of "good soil" where it can "produce a crop."*

Personal silence of this sort is vital for those times in the Liturgy where silence is a response to God's word. All of the great saints were great prayers...or became great prayers. Not all began their journeys as masters of prayer. Many struggled with it for years. St. Teresa of Avila and others wrote books on it. Silence is necessary as a form of prayer itself. It is a searching for and a response to the Living God. If I enter into prayer, what good is it if I rattle off all my requests, if I am never quiet to hear God's reply? This is like in a marriage if one spouse does all the talking how will they hear the reply of the other? The same can be said with our prayer with God and the individual at Liturgy. The worship of the Father in and through the Son by the power of the Holy Spirit is an act so holy that it demands times of silence – the silence of Adoration, the silence of contentment, the silence of profound awe. Silence is an act of love...it is total receptivity. The individual, the soul is made for God like a flower pot is made for growing plants. Plants grow in silence and their very beginnings are hidden deep within the "womb" of the rich soil. Silence changes us. We need the sacred "action" of silence.

The Gospels record that Jesus prayed in silence, even all night (Lk 6:12), or while withdrawing to deserted places (Lk 5:16; Mk 1:35). Silence is typical of the meditation by the Word of God; we find it again particularly in Our Blessed Lady's reflection in the Gospel of Luke about the mystery of her Son (Lk 2:19, 51). Saint Joseph has no recorded words in Scripture, yet in his silence God speaks clearly for what was required of him. One who has been schooled in the ways of God can easily enter into prayer anytime, anywhere. St. Paul exhorts us to "Pray without ceasing."

All parishes should allow for silence in the Church as soon as one enters into it for to enter into a Catholic Church is to pull back the door into heaven itself. We are to separate ourselves from the outside world. But sometimes churches become like meeting places and catching up with old friends. Yet most priests fail to address the issue of silence in their churches. To speak up – even politely – to people in the parish is to be met with opposition and maybe a look of bewilderment as well as the typical response that "Mass hasn't started yet" ...or "Mass is over." We must remember that Our Lord is still present in the reserved Eucharist. Thus, Mass is often reduced to somewhat of a show. On the door to the Monastery of the Sisters of the Precious Blood in Manchester, N.H. is a sign which says, "For the sake of Jesus present in the tabernacle kindly maintain silence in this place."

In the Old Testament, the (minor) prophet, Habakkuk declared to the people of ancient Israel in his oracle of the same name: *"the LORD is in his holy temple; silence before him, all the earth!"* The prophet Zephaniah likewise calls for silence: *"Silence in the presence of the Lord GOD!...Yes, the LORD has prepared a sacrifice...."* If these two prophets called for silence before the presence of God how much more should we the people of the New Testament be silent before Jesus present in the tabernacle – Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity.

In his article, *Silence at Mass*, David Philppart describes silence as "akin to these: the silence that gestates between people who know and love each other so well that words are not always necessary; the awe-filled silence evoked by an encounter with beauty; the calm quiet that befalls those who gaze, listen or touch with their hearts as well as with their eyes, ears and hands." Further in the same article he says "The liturgy's silence is communal. The assembly keeps a communion of quiet. Each one tries to the best of his or her ability to be still, but it is more than just a bunch of individuals not saying or doing anything coincidentally. It is the Body of Christ listening for and attending to the voice of God." And again, "Silence in the liturgy is silence kept on purpose." It is deliberate and therefore active. It's not an interlude, not an intermission, not an interruption of the action. At its time, it is the action: We keep the silence. *"Be still and know that I am God,"* the psalmist sings. Silence in the liturgy is the active attending to God that Samuel showed when, upon being awakened from his sleep by the voice of God, he replied, *"Here I am: I come to do your will,"* and then stood quietly before the Divine. God bless!

OUTREACH & COMMUNITY

HOLY ANGELS SOUP KITCHEN - The Soup Kitchen is an outreach ministry program supplying people of our local community with warm meals. Meals are provided on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday of each week at the Alpha Center. The Soup Kitchen is now located at 950 Children's Home Road. For more information on donating or volunteering, contact Judy Smith at 937-672-2289 or mesmith2323@gmail.com.

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Weekly Financial Report – January 14, 2024

INCOME	Week (29)	Year to Date
Total Offertory:	\$ 16,526.33	\$ 462,475.76
Total Budgeted:	\$ 16,800.00	\$ 487,200.00
Over/Under Budget	\$ 273.67	\$ 24,724.24
Repair & Maintenance	\$ 294.75	\$ 30,631.86

Thanks to all who support our parish!



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Holy Angels Sacred Heart Altar Rosary Society is celebrating Fat Tuesday by offering some heavenly treats at our bake sale in the connector after all the Masses on February 10th and 11th. Choose from sweet or salt-baked goods and snacks to suit your palette. In

addition, all proceeds go towards the Easter altar flowers. If you want to skip the fattening before Lent, we always love your donations, too.



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HYGIENE BAG PROJECT – Holy Angels Parish has been very generous in donating hygiene items. Thank you. This is a year-round ministry. The donations are sorted and then about 10 specific items are placed into special cloth bags sewn by the committee. Bags in the last year have been donated to Holy Angels Soup Kitchen, Right to Life, Women’s Center, Mercy Mission House, New Choices, Samaritan Works, Compassionate Care, Rustic Hope, Glenmary Missions and Veterans. If you might be interested in helping to sort and fill the bags, please let me know. Kids 12 and older welcome but need to be accompanied by parent. This would be a one time, about a two-hour process. Donations of the following needed: washcloths, travel or regular size shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, skin cream lip balm, combs, bars of soap. Please put in connector closet. Questions? Please contact Judy Z. at 937-638-2733 or puffzimm@hotmail.com.

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