

Catholic Church

LENT

"Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation."

2 COR 6:2

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FEBRUARY 25 - 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26

NO MASS

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - ST. GREGORY OF NAREK

7:00 a.m. Mass - Ronald Nufrio

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, FEBRUARY 28

7:00 a.m. Mass – Donna Armstrong

12:00-1:00 p.m. Confessions

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 29

7:00 a.m. Mass – Mary Jean Sherman 2:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

3:00-4:00 p.m. Confessions

FRIDAY, MARCH 1

8:30 a.m. Mass – Living & Deceased Members of the Nicholas &

Helen Romaker 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, MARCH 2

8:00 a.m. Mass - Living & Deceased Members of the

Richard & Harriet Frantz Family

3:15-4:15 p.m. Confessions

4:30 p.m. Mass – For the Seminarians of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

SUNDAY, MARCH 3 - 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 a.m. Mass – For the People of the St. Joseph, Pillar of Families Parishes

8:30-9:00 a.m. Confessions

9:15 a.m. Mass – Cynthia Jean Etzkorn

11:00 a.m. Mass - For the Catechumens and Candidates to be Received

into the Church at Easter

MASS SERVERS FOR NEXT WEEKEND - MARCH 3/4

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

4:30 p.m. 7:30 a.m. M. Dial M. Adams M. Armstrong H. Petersen R. Geise H. Myers J. Myers

J. Huston C. Ratermann J. Ratermann

9:15 a.m.

H. Tobe G. Tobe J. LaForme N. LaForme

11:00 a.m.

K. Stewart G. Schmiesing

WEEKDAY MASS

C. Peltier

Monday

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

Tuesday

Holy Angels I 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 I 7:00 a.m.

Sacred Heart of Jesus I 8:00 a.m.

St. Michael* | 8:25 a.m.

Friday

Sacred Heart of Jesus I 6:30 a.m.

St. Michael* | 8:25 a.m. Holy Angels I 8:30 a.m.

Saturday

Sacred Heart of Jesus I 8:00 a.m.

Holy Angels | 8:00 a.m. (First Saturday Only)

WEEKEND MASS (MARCH 2ND & 3RD)

Saturday, March 2nd

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

Sunday, March 3rd

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 Sts. Peter & Paul | 9:30 a.m. - FJK Sacred Heart of Jesus | 10:00 a.m. - FAR Holy Angels I 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



Failure is an Option

Often in movies or TV shows the idea of "failure is NOT an option," is a storytelling tool to help create tension and raise the stakes of the story. While such a storytelling device can serve to make a story impactful, it can also give us the wrong idea when it comes to the nature of failure. Yes, some failures are so bad that they have a very real finality, but most failures in life can be viewed as opportunities to learn.

We either win or we learn. This disposition can help us in Lent as we will inevitably slip up in one of our Lenten practices. Failed to make that extra time of prayer or failed to stick to a new diet in such situations we can either decide to give up altogether or decide to learn from our mistake. Maybe I should have gotten to bed earlier the night before and I would not have been as easily tempted to hit snooze on the alarm clock and chosen prayer instead. Or maybe I should throw out the sweets in the house or at least place them out of sight so that the temptation sweets pose is more easily resisted. But in each situation, we can learn something that helps to better equip us for future difficulties.

The lessons we learn from mistakes are greater than the lessons we learn from successes. When we properly understand that God desires for us to be reconciled, and even witness Jesus' allowance of His apostles to make mistakes that God allows us to stumble and fall to help us learn and grow as human beings and as disciples.

As we continue through Lent, I want to encourage you all to do prayer and penance for our Family of Parishes and for our archdiocese. There is much to do penance for and much good that we need to continue to pray for that such work will come to full maturity in Christ. Our prayers can have a wonderful effect on those around us.

Again, I want to encourage all of you to get to Confession early in this Lenten Season to ensure that everyone gets a chance to go and to help give enough time for priests to give adequate counsel when needed. Also, please note that this year for Divine Mercy Sunday, we are going to be just having the Holy Hour of Thanksgiving for Divine Mercy Sunday. This is because the primary purpose of the Divine Mercy Holy Hour is to give thanks for the Mercy that God poured out upon His people through the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the season of Lent and Holy Week. This helps those attending the Holy Hour to focus on praise and thanksgiving and not just trying to get to Confession. It also allows the priests to participate in the great act of praise. I have also observed that St. Faustina herself did not go to Confession on the Sunday of Divine Mercy but went instead beforehand. In order to receive the plenary indulgence for Divine Mercy Sunday there is also no prescription for going to Confession, only that the individual "be in a state of grace." Thanks for your understanding in advance.

Thank you to my brother priests who have each been called by Christ to be His priests. I am always humbled to see the many various gifts that each of my brother priests bring to the table. In the mystery of our Lord's heart, He desired for each of us to be priests after His own heart in our own manner. For each of them, I am deeply grateful.

Peace in Christ,

Fr. Jarred Kohn

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SCHEDULE CHANGES AT ST. MICHAEL

Tuesday, February 27th

7:45 a.m.-8:15 a.m. Confessions 8:25 a.m. Mass –

Note: there will be no 6:00 p.m. Mass 4:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Wednesday, February 28th Adoration ends at 6:00 p.m.

LENTEN SERIES WITH FATHER JARRED KOHN

Every Thursday during Lent, (except Holy Thursday) Father Jarred Kohn will be teaching a class on "Prayer, Discernment, & Surrender" from 7:30-8:30 p.m. in the PAC at Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church.

"A Holy Hour of Adoration testifies to the fact that the Jesus who died on the cross, is present in the Eucharist, and reigns in Heaven, are identical." (Pope Pius XII)

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION - MARCH 1, 2024

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

TUESDAY ADORATION (WEEKLY)

Eucharistic Adoration starts immediately after the 7:00 a.m. Mass at Holy Angels and ends with Benediction at 6:00 p.m. You are welcome to stop at 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 937-418-3391.





FIRST SATURDAY ROSARY - MARCH 2

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 March 2 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://americaneedsfatima.org/Our-Blessed-Mother/the-five-first-saturdays-devotion.html.



IND PRAYER CHALLENGING?

You know that prayer is important but still find it challenging. Perhaps it's hard to find time, or you're unsure what to do when you pray. Many of the saints struggled in prayer. What God did in the lives of countless saints, He wants to do in the lives of ordinary people like us. And that's what this study is about: the

journey of prayer God wants to take us on. Join us for When You Pray: A Clear Path to a Deeper Relationship with God once a week for seven weeks. For more information or to register for the study, contact Rose Meyer at 937-295-2179, email rosem@nflregion.org, or scan the QR code.

Option #1 – Monday nights at St. Michael Hall. Starts March 4 and ends April 15 (meets weekly for 1.5 hours). Time – 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Option #2 – Wednesday mornings at the Holy Angels Parish Meeting Center. Starts March 13 and ends April 24 (meets weekly for 1.5 hours). Time – 10:00-11:30 a.m.

Option #3 – Form your own family or friend group. Meet at someone's home when it's convenient for your group

LOSS OF A SPOUSE

is a one-afternoon GriefShare program for those whose spouse has died. It will be offered on Thursday, March 14 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church basement, Room A. Advance reservations are not required. All are welcome!

ALL SENIOR CITIZENS AGE 50 OR OVER ARE INVITED TO A POTLUCK AND "STUMP THE PRIEST" EVENT

on Tuesday, March 19 from noon to 2:00 p.m. at Sacred Heart Church basement. Submit questions to Rose Meyer at rosem@nflregion.org. Fr. Aaron Hess will answer the questions. Please let Rose Meyer know if you plan to attend so we can order the meat. Bring a side dish if you plan to attend.

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, March 10th, 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 or 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. cincinnativocations.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 notify 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!"

DODGEBALL NIGHT

Join us on Sunday, March 3rd at 7:00 p.m. for Dodgeball followed by Stations of the Cross in the Holy Angels Gym! Contact Megan with any questions. I hope to see you there; bring a friend or two!









BOXES OF JOY

The 7th grade class enjoyed a service opportunity making jump ropes from T-shirts! These will go into "boxes of joy" to serve communities domestically and internationally. We are grateful for the help of Judy and her service group who have provided the T-shirts for this project. We are called to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the world, and during Lent, we can focus more on the love and service of others!



LEHMAN CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS THE SOUND OF MUSIC

Lehman Catholic High School presents the most family-friendly classic musical from the Rodgers and Hammerstein collection. Join the 50+ members of our cast and crew to experience the magic of this well-known story and score that still speaks to us today. From "My Favorite Things"

to "Climb Every Mountain," this evening will both delight and inspire you. Showtimes: Thursday, March 14th -7:00 p.m. Friday, March 15th -7:00 p.m. Saturday, March 16th -7:00 p.m. Doors will open at 6:30 p.m. ahead of the 7:00 p.m. performances. Tickets available for purchase at www.sidneytheatre.org.



DEACON ADAM BERNING will be celebrating

a birthday on February 28th. Deacon Adam is part of our St. Joseph Pillar of Families as he is from Sacred Heart Church. Deacon Adam is a transitional deacon, studying at The Athenaeum, Mount St. Mary's Seminary in Cincinnati. Please join us in offering special prayers for him on the 28th or if you

would like to send a birthday wish, please send to his attention at 6616 Beechmont Road, Cincinnati, OH 45230.





EAGLE EYE MINISTRIES TEEN RETREAT

Teens, 16-18+ years old and already strong in their Catholic Faith, are invited to a deepening of that faith during the 2024 Eagle Eye Summer Institute, June 8-16, at The Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. Led by the Brothers and Sisters of St. John, we are dedicated to helping you grow closer to Christ and making this experience the best it can be! Spots are limited, so sign up now! Registration is available at https://eagleeyeministries.brushfire.com/eagle-eye-summer-institutes/563129.

HOLY ANGELS OUTREACH

LENT – This Lent, do something to build God's kingdom – Feed the Hungry. Donate nonperishables to the Soup Kitchen and Mercy Mission House. Put in connector at Holy Angels. When planning your garden, plan to plant an extra row to donate. Look up Bread for the World for information on current government food bills. Or do some sewing – There are kits in closet for making baby tag blankets, little skirts and pants. Buy fleece and make blankets and lap robes by fringing and tying edges. Donate to the One Big Collection During the Month of February (See Parish Website for more details). All items can be returned to the closet in the connector at Holy Angels. Questions? Contact Judy Z. at 937-638-2733 or puffzimm@hotmail.com.



THE VICAR'S CORNER: FR. AARON HESS

One of the hardest things that any of us are asked to do in our Christian life is to surrender. I think it is even harder for us as Americans and certainly, as we see in this area of Ohio, of German Americans. We have been told and raised from an early age that if we work hard enough and do the right thing, then we are going to be able to do anything we want, that we will be rewarded in this life and that everything will work out fine. Certainly we see this with the whole mindset of the "American dream" and of wealth and jobs and material goods. But I think we also see this mindset when it comes to our relationships and our prayer life. So many people think that if they buckle down and pray 5 Rosaries a day or if I just do this Novena or

that specific prayer, then God will answer my prayer. Or, I take it upon myself to change the world, or my family, or my marriage, or my friendships.

The difficulties with these thoughts, prevalent as they are, is that they can, in fact, be self-centered. I look at myself as the person who can change everything, I look at myself as the cause for something to get better. Even when it comes to the prayer example, I can take on all of these prayers, which are objectively good, but the reason I am doing them is because I think MY EFFORTS are going to bring about God's blessing upon someone else. The focus is in fact, on me. And that can be dangerous.

Now, to be clear, I am not saying that we should give up on praying when we want something for our families. I'm also not saying that we should quit trying to help a friend or family member. But we have to go into it with the mindset, with the heart of surrender. It is not my work, my efforts, my prayers that are going to bring this result about. That in the end, it is the grace of God working in our lives and in the lives of those people that we care for. We just happen to cooperate with the plan, but the work is all the Lord. It is a very fine distinction, but it is an important one to remember when we are trying to bring about goodness and holiness in this world.

The Lenten season is one of the greatest times for us to really dive into meditating upon the Passion of Jesus, and there is no greater witness to surrender than this. At the Last Supper, Jesus surrenders to the fact that Judas was going to leave and betray Him. In the Garden, He surrenders to the will of God in prayer: "Not my will, but yours be done." He never fights back against the soldiers, against those who mocked Him, against those who tortured Him, against the accusations. Our Lord quietly and obediently surrendered everything to the Will of the Father.

During this season of our lives, in the life of the Church, and in the life of faith, that is the prayer for myself and for all of you. May we continue to be open to surrendering our will and our desires. May we surrender our spiritual pride and allow the Lord's work, not our own, to truly shine through. May we cooperate with the graces and influences of God instead of swooping in and trying to fix things by our own doing. May we accept the crosses and difficulties placed upon us and always keep our eyes focused upon Christ's witness during His Passion and His victory, our hope, in the Resurrection.

THE SERRA CLUB SPAGHETTI DINNER

will be held on Saturday, March 2 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. at St. Remy Hall in Russia. Both dine in and carry out options will be available. There will be Spaghetti with Father Fox's sauce, Texas toast, garden salad, and a dessert buffet. The cost is a freewill donation. All Donations go to the Run for the Call fundraiser, which supports Archdiocesan Seminarians. For any questions, contact Heather at 937-451-8363.



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 - February 11, 2024

INCOME	Week (33)		Ye	Year to Date	
Total Offertory:	\$	15,308.07	\$	539,673.09	
Total Budgeted:	\$	16,800.00	\$	554,400.00	
Over/ <mark>Under</mark> Budget	\$	1,491.93	\$	14,726.91	
Repair & Maintenance	\$	626.69	\$	36,119.93	

Thanks to all who support our parish!

CATHOLIC NURSE GATHERING – LENT

Journey through Lent with other Catholic Nurses. We meet on first Saturdays at Shrine of the Holy Relics in Maria Stein. Our group has been blessed with retired nurses, working nurses and student nurses. We pray you will join us, too. 10:00-10:30 a.m. [Mass in main chapel]; 10:30-11:30 a.m. [Meet-up in Gast Gallery, second floor] Join at any time that your schedules permit. RSVP is not required but helpful for planning purposes. Open to all Catholic Nurses in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Call or text Janet Munday, BSN, RN at 419-954-1670.

NORTHWEST MEN'S CONFERENCE

The 2024 Northwest Men's Conference will be held on Saturday, March 2nd, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., at Romer's in St. Henry.

To begin the day, the St. Henry cluster will be offering a 7:00 a.m. Mass prior to the conference at St. Henry Church.

This is a great day for all men, from high school age to 100. It is a great opportunity for growth in faith and fellowship, time for Sacramental Confession, Mass, and a day filled with dynamic speakers.

The theme this year is "God's Gameplan for Your Life."

Keynote speaker: Craig Stammen, former MLB Pitcher.

Guest Speaker: Father John Tonkin, and Testimonial Speaker: Joe Sapp.

Tickets are available for \$35.00 each. This includes two meals, handouts and materials.

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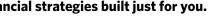
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