

ST. MARY CHURCH  
HYDE PARK

FEBRUARY 19, 2023

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Wednesday  
February 22

Mass Times: 6:45 AM and 7 PM



# Worship Aid for the Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

## Prayer for Vocations



*Almighty Father, You have created for us some definite purpose. Grant us the grace to know the path You have planned for us in this life and to respond with a generous "Yes." Make our archdiocese, parishes, homes and hearts fruitful ground for Your gift of vocations. May our young people respond to Your call with courage and zeal. Stir among our men a desire and the strength to be good and holy priests. Bless us with consecrated religious and those called to a chaste single life, permanent deacons, and faithful husbands and wives, who are a sign of Christ's love for His Church. We commend our prayer for vocations to You, Father, through the intercession of Mary our Mother, in the Holy Spirit, through Christ our Lord.*

Amen.

Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

## Entrance Hymn

## Praise to the Lord



1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -  
 2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things is won - drous - ly  
 3. Praise to the Lord, who will pros - per your work and de -  
 4. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a -



a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for  
 reign - ing And, as on wings of an  
 fend you; Sure - ly his good - ness and  
 dore him! All that has life and breath,



he is your health and sal - va - tion!  
 ea - gle, up - lift - ing, sus - tain - ing.  
 mer - cy shall dai - ly at - tend you.  
 come now with prais - es be - fore him!



All you who hear, Now to his tem - ple draw near.  
 Have you not seen All you have need - ed has been  
 Pon - der a - new What the Al - might - y can do,  
 Let the "A - men" Sound from his peo - ple a - gain!



Praise him in glad ad - o - ra - tion!  
 Met by his gra - cious or - dain - ing?  
 Who with his love does be - friend you.  
 Glad - ly with praise we a - dore him!

Text: *Lobe den Herren, den mächtigen König*; Joachim Neander, 1650–1680; tr. by Catherine Winkworth, 1827–1878, alt.  
 Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN, 14 14 47 8; *Stralsund Gesangbuch*, 1665; descant by C. S. Lang, 1891–1971

## Penitential Rite

**I confess to almighty God  
 and to you, my brothers and sisters,  
 that I have greatly sinned,  
 in my thoughts and in my words,  
 in what I have done and  
 in what I have failed to do,  
 And striking their breast, they say:  
 through my fault, through my fault,  
 through my most grievous fault;  
 therefore I ask  
 blessed Mary ever-Virgin,  
 all the Angels and Saints,  
 and you, my brothers and sisters,  
 to pray for me to the Lord our God.**

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.  
**Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.**

Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.  
**Christe Eleison/Christ, have mercy.**

Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.  
**Kyrie Eleison/Lord, have mercy.**

## Gloria

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will.  
 We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory,  
 Lord God, heavenly King,  
 O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,  
 Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.  
 Amen.

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Speak to the whole Israelite community and tell them: Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.

"You shall not bear hatred for your brother or sister in your heart. Though you may have to reprove your fellow citizen, do not incur sin because of him. Take no revenge and cherish no grudge against any of your people. You shall love your neighbor as yourself. I am the LORD."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Response

### Psalm 103



1. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

2. It is the Lord who forgives all your sins, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with mercy and compassion.

3. The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our faults.

4. As far as the east is from the west, so far from us does he remove our transgressions.

As a father has compassion on his children, the LORD's compassion is on those who fear him.

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## Second Reading

1 Cor 3:16-23

Brothers and sisters: Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you? If anyone destroys God's temple, God will destroy that person; for the temple of God, which you are, is holy.

Let no one deceive himself. If any one among you considers himself wise in this age, let him become a fool, so as to become wise. For the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God, for it is written: God catches the wise in their own ruses, and again: The Lord knows the thoughts of the wise, that they are vain.

So let no one boast about human beings, for everything belongs to you, Paul or Apollos or Cephas, or the world or life or death, or the present or the future: all belong to you, and you to Christ, and Christ to God.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

Mt 5:38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: "You have heard that it was said, An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth. But I say to you, offer no resistance to one who is evil. When someone strikes you on your right cheek, turn the other one as well. If anyone wants to go to law with you over your tunic, hand over your cloak as well. Should anyone press you into service for one mile, go for two miles. Give to the one who asks of you, and do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow.

"You have heard that it was said, You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy. But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your heavenly Father, for he makes his sun rise on the bad and the good, and causes rain to fall on the just and the unjust. For if you love those who love you, what recompense will you have? Do not the tax collectors do the same? And if you greet your brothers only, what is unusual about that? Do not the pagans do the same? So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to You Lord Jesus Christ.**

## The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,  
the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the Only Begotten Son of God,  
born of the Father before all ages.  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
consubstantial with the Father;  
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven,

**All make a profound bow:**  
*and by the Holy Spirit  
was incarnate of the  
Virgin Mary,  
and became man.*

For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate,  
he suffered death and was buried,  
and rose again on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures.  
He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand  
of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead  
and his kingdom will have no end.

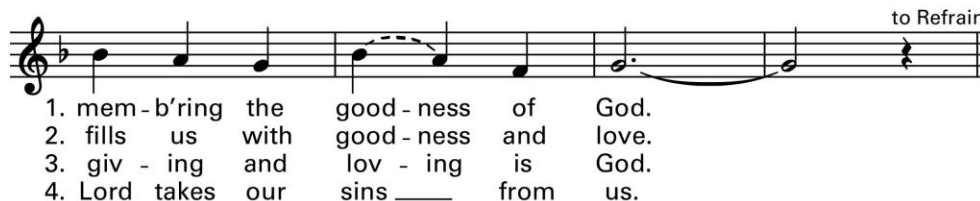
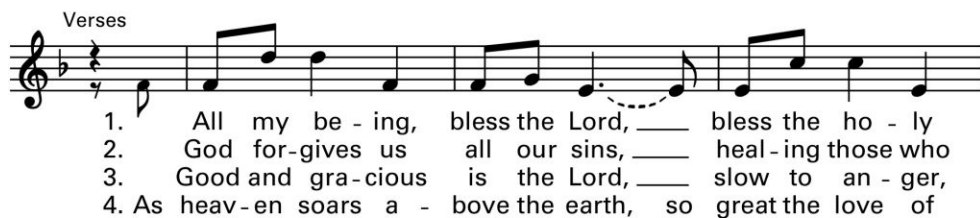
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father  
and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son  
is adored and glorified,  
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic  
and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins  
and I look forward to the  
resurrection of the dead  
and the life of the world to come.  
Amen.

## Offertory Hymn

## Loving and Forgiving



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# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Communion Hymn

## Bread for the World

Refrain: All



Bread for the world: a world of hun - ger. Wine for all  
peo - ples: peo - ple who thirst. May we who eat  
be bread for oth - ers. May we who drink pour out our love.

Verses: Cantor



1. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the bread of life, bro - ken to  
2. Lord Je - sus Christ, you are the wine of peace, poured in - to  
3. Lord Je - sus Christ, you call us to your feast, at which the



1. reach and heal the wounds of hu - man pain. Where we di -  
2. hearts once bro - ken and where dry - ness sleeps. Where we are  
3. rich and pow'r - ful have be - come the least. Where we sur -



1. vide your peo - ple you are wait - ing there  
2. tired and wea - ry, you are wait - ing there  
3. vive on oth - ers in our hu - man greed,

to Refrain



1. on bend - ed knee to wash our feet with end - less care.  
2. to be the way which beck - ons us be - yond de - spair.  
3. you walk a - mong us beg - ging for your ev - 'ry need.

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## Recessional Hymn

## Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heav'n to earth come down!  
Fix in us your humble dwelling,  
All your faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, source of all compassion,  
Love unbounded, love all pure;  
Visit us with your salvation,  
Let your love in us endure.

2. Come, Almighty, to deliver,  
Let us all your life receive;  
Suddenly return and never,  
Nevermore your temples leave.  
You we would be always blessing,  
Serve you as your hosts above,  
Pray, and praise you without ceasing,  
Glory in your precious love.

3. Finish then your new creation,  
Pure and spotless, gracious Lord.  
Let us see your great salvation  
Perfectly in you restored.  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heav'n we take our place,  
Till we sing before the Almighty  
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.

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## Weekend Mass Schedule

**St. Cecilia (Oakley):** Saturday 3:30 PM | Sunday 8 AM, 10 AM, and 8:15 PM

**St. Mary (Hyde Park):** Saturday at 4 PM | Sunday at 8:30 AM and 10:30 AM

**The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville):** Saturday 3 PM | Sunday 9:30 AM

## Daily Mass Schedule

**St. Cecilia (Oakley):** 9 AM Mass, Monday-Saturday.

Communion service, Monday-Saturday 8 AM

All-day Adoration follows the 9 AM Mass on Wednesdays with 7 PM Holy Hour and Confessions from 7-7:50 PM

**St. Mary (Hyde Park):** 5:30 PM evening Mass, Monday-Thursday with Holy Hour on Tuesdays following the 5:30 PM Mass.

**The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville):** 11:45 AM Mass, Monday-Friday

## Confession Schedule

Confessions begin immediately after all daily Masses and one hour before weekend Masses, ending 30 minutes before Mass.

*For information on weddings, baptisms and funerals, please visit [eastsidefaith.org](http://eastsidefaith.org) or call the appropriate parish office.*

### St. Cecilia (Oakley)

3105 Madison Road, Cincinnati OH 45209

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[instagram: stceciliaparish](https://instagram.com/stceciliaparish)

### St. Mary (Hyde Park)

2853 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208

Office: (513) 321-1207

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[instagram: stmaryhydepark](https://instagram.com/stmaryhydepark)

### Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church (Madisonville)

6104 Desmond Street, Cincinnati, OH 45227

**Priest Emergency Line: (513) 815-5038**

## Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

5:30 PM Dick Sena by Sue & Charlie Kelly

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21 Saint Peter Damian

5:30 PM For Bill Cortner

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22 Ash Wednesday

6:45 AM Parish School and Staff

7 PM David Lepof by Carrie Brigger

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 23

5:30 PM Intentions of Cole Knecht by Laura Nickol

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 24

5:30 PM No Mass

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25

4:00 PM Catherine Butler by The Butler Family/Theresa Hammonds

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26 First Sunday of Lent

8:30 AM Michelle Giandoreggio by The Freitas Family

10:30 AM Dr. & Mrs. Esley R. Froats by Frank Care

**Mass Intentions.** If you have any particular intentions for which you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact your parish office. Intentions are often requested for those who have died, but may include any kind of need that you or someone you know is experiencing for which prayer is needed.



## Wedding Banns

BANN III

Tyler Haubner & Olivia St. Clair

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## Ash Wednesday

February 19, 2023

*The ashes bespeak the emptiness hiding behind the frenetic quest for worldly rewards. They remind us that worldliness is like the dust that is carried away by a slight gust of wind. Sisters and brothers, we are not in this world to chase the wind; our hearts thirst for eternity.* - POPE FRANCIS

This coming Wednesday we will receive our ashes and begin our Lenten season. This is a time for a spiritual awakening. A wake up call to have us turn away from sin and strive to live a healthy life in this world as we prepare for the next.

This year as you fast, think of it deeply. Fast not only from food, but from all of the worldly things you wish to selfishly devour. So many people complain about the time they waste on social media. Give that up for Lent. Some are struggling with getting up in the morning since they work from home. Give up sleeping in and push yourself to pray a morning rosary or listen to the **Catechism in a Year**.

That leads us to prayer. Pray with great abandonment letting God know how much you love and need Him. Our God is merciful and wants you to come to Him.

**For information on our Lenten and Holy Week schedules, pick up a tri-fold pamphlet at each of the doors at all of our churches.**

Amen? Amen.

*Fr. Jesse*

## Crib Project 2023

For quite a number of years, St. Cecilia parishioners have generously contributed to a “dresser project.” Through this project, we collect baby items that will be donated, through Pregnancy Center East (PCE), to a mother who has made the choice of life for her unborn child. Many parishioners find this to be a very positive way to express their support for the pro-life movement. PCE has informed us that they have a much greater need for cribs than for dressers, so this year you will see **a crib in the St. Cecilia vestibule** with a list of suggested items. **We are collecting baby items through March 5** — your participation is welcome and appreciated!

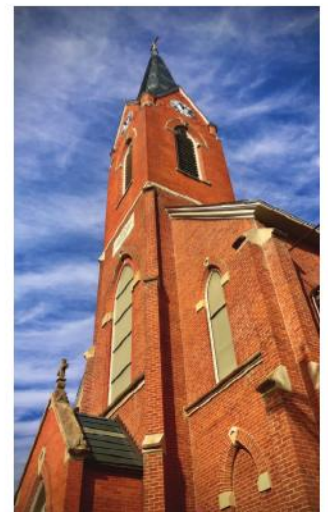


## Lent Wake Up Series

**The series begins this coming Saturday, February 25.** The main theme this year is *The Laity in the Church*. The first speaker is **Fr. David Endres**, professor of Church History at Mt. St. Mary Seminary and a nationally-known speaker. His topic: *Branches of a Single Vine: The Laity in the Life of the Church*. The Church emphasizes the role of the lay faithful as being in communion — with the Trinity, with the Church, and with one another. This introduction to “communion” theology will offer practical reflections on how we can deepen our relationship to God with and through the Church. Gather in Robisch Hall at 9 AM for coffee and donuts, and the presentation is from 9:15 to 10:15 AM.

## Introducing the Oratory: A Little History

Did you know that St. Anthony Church was founded in 1859 by German farmers who had previously driven over an hour each Sunday to St. Francis de Sales, the closest Catholic Church at the time? The church was originally named St. Michael's, in honor of Michael Bückel, the leader of the church-building project. St. Michael's cemetery still exists at the intersection of Erie Avenue and Settle Street. In 1874 the current church building was built to accommodate the growing community, and was named St. Anthony in honor of pastor, Fr. Anthony Walburg, who had been the first Cincinnati-born German seminarian. In January of 1891, the church was completely gutted by fire. It was rebuilt in only 9 months, and rededicated on October 4, 1891, by Archbishop Purcell. In 2024 the church building will celebrate its 150th anniversary.



***If you invoke the Blessed Virgin when you are tempted, she will come at once to your help, and Satan will leave you.*** – ST. JOHN VIANNEY



### From the Desk of Fr. Ken

As I write this, it is February 14. Happy Valentines Day! I hope you men got something for your wives. Today is also a sign of spring. Both in Florida and Arizona, pitchers and catchers are arriving today. The first spring training game for the Reds is Saturday, February 25, against Cleveland. Opening Day is Thursday, March 30. Spring is a reminder that God is all about making things new.

*Fr. Ken Schopf*

### God Bless the Newly Baptized

**Daniel Christopher**

*Son of Christopher and Kathryn Calhoun  
with visiting priest Father Brogan Ryan*



### From the School Office



The St. Mary School Class of 2023 received over **\$530,000** in High School Scholarships based on their transcripts, HSPT test results, and applications.

**CONGRATULATIONS  
CLASS OF 2023**

*We are so proud of you!*



### Help Save Lives!

Christians throughout Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky are invited to participate in the International 40 Days for Life effort from Ash Wednesday, February 22, through Palm Sunday, April 2. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility on Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati for one or more hours during the 40 days. Learn more at [www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati](http://www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati).

For information about our parish's plans to stand in prayer witness at Planned Parenthood, contact Bob or Dianne Donlan at 513-871-8851, [diannedonlan@outlook.com](mailto:diannedonlan@outlook.com)

**Please join us at the kickoff to the prayer campaign TODAY, Sunday, February 19, 2023, at 2 pm.** We plan to begin the hour at Holy Name Church, 2422 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219, and process to Planned Parenthood (2 blocks away) for prayer.

### EPIC

*Fellowship for our 65+ parishioners*

### Irish for the Day!

**March 15 / 11:30 am - 1:30 pm / Robisch Hall**

Please join us for the **Wearin' O the Green** on Wednesday, March 15. Enjoy a surprise guest speaker, a delectable Irish lunch, lucky games, and fellowship!

There is a \$10.00 per person to cover food costs. RSVP from [smchp.com/EPIC](http://smchp.com/EPIC) or email: [mlandrum@smsmp.com](mailto:mlandrum@smsmp.com)

(Drop off payment by putting in the mail slot at rectory front door, place in collection basket marked EPIC event or send to St. Mary Church, 2853 Erie Avenue, 45208, Attn: Mary Landrum. All payments must be made at time of reservation.) **Thank you!**

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

**NEXT SUNDAY, Feb 26 / 9 am - NOON / St. Mary Café**

- 100% of proceeds benefit Freestore Foodbank
  - Adults: \$6 / Seniors & Children under 12: \$4
- Volunteer from [smchp.com](http://smchp.com) front page News or contact Beth at [elizabethmberkowitz@gmail.com](mailto:elizabethmberkowitz@gmail.com)

### St. Vincent De Paul

**SVDP Food Drive THIS Weekend - Feb 18 & 19**

Non-perishable food and baby items will be collected in the vestibule. Thank you for your support.





**“The noblest power of man is reason. The highest goal of reason is the knowledge of God.” - ST. ALBERT THE GREAT**



## Lenten Mission 2023 *with* Fr. Larry Richards

February 27, 28, March 1, 2 | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM | St. Cecilia Church

A gifted and captivating speaker, preacher, retreat master, and author, Father Larry Richards holds the answer to some of life’s most profound questions. He speaks from experience as a pastor of an inner-city parish, a high school chaplain, a counselor, and an evangelist. Father Larry Richards has directed hundreds of Retreats, Parish Missions, and Conferences for young and old alike. His inspirational talks and presentations, always authentic and enthusiastic, have changed the hearts, minds, and lives of millions of listeners worldwide.

Some of his most popular talks are *The Truth*, *Confession*, *The Mass Explained*, *Knowing God’s Will*, *Prayer*, *Living in the Holy Spirit*, and *Be a Man*. We pray you will join us for this life-changing Lenten mission.

### A Lenten Study: Heaven, Hell, & Divine Mercy

- **Thursdays 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM starting March 9 at St. Mary Parish (Robisch Hall)**
- **Material Cost: \$20 per person**
- **A 4-week custom class led by Fr. Anthony Marcelli**

Death is not the end, it’s only the beginning: the beginning of a journey towards eternal bliss or eternal misery. Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell — the Four Last Things — have been a powerful source of meditation in the Catholic tradition, inspiring countless conversions and a rich spirituality among the faithful.

Join us this spring on a pilgrimage through the afterlife; accompanied by the witness of the saints and sacred scripture, we will explore the eternal home of angels and demons, sinners and saints. With St. Faustina, the apostle of Divine Mercy, as our guide, we will discover the riches of Divine Mercy that permeate the Four Last things, even the very dungeons of Hell.

To register, go to [www.eastsidefaith.org](http://www.eastsidefaith.org), click on For Adults, then on Desiring Formation.



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### Catechesis (kat’i-ke’sis) n.

#### The Stole

The stole is the distinctive element of the raiment of the ordained minister and it is always worn in the celebration of the sacraments and sacramentals. It is a strip of material that is embroidered, according to the norm, whose color varies with respect to the liturgical season or feast day.

Putting on the stole, the priest recites this prayer: *“Lord, restore the stole of immortality, which I lost through the collusion of our first parents, and, unworthy as I am to approach Thy sacred mysteries, may I yet gain eternal joy.”*

Since the stole is an article of enormous importance, which, more than any other garment, indicates the state of ordained office, one cannot but lament the abuse, that is now quite widespread, in which the priest does not wear a stole when he wears a chasuble.



**During Lent, we will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday at 9:30 AM and 7 PM at St. Cecilia and on Thursdays after the 5:30 PM Mass at St. Mary.** During this special devotion, through meditation and prayer, we will walk with our Savior on his way of suffering from the time he was condemned to death until he died

and was buried. Making this devotion part of your Lenten commitment to prayer will help you grow closer to Christ.

### Fast and Abstinence Guidelines for Lent

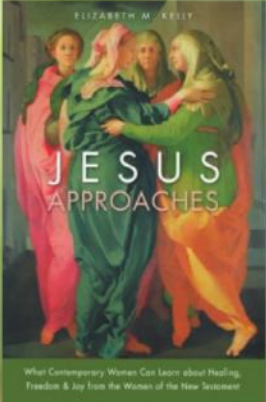
**Ages 18-59:** Fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting allows one full meal a day. **Ages 14 and up:** Abstain from eating meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday and all Fridays of Lent.



**Palm-Burning Service**

We are now just a few days away from the beginning of Lent. To close out Ordinary Time, we will have a half-hour prayer service this **Tuesday, February 21, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Cecilia**. This prayer service will include the solemn closing of the back altar doors, the addition of violet décor to the sanctuary and the singing of the last “Alleluia.” The prayers will conclude with the burning of last year’s palms. The ashes of the palms will be used for the Masses on Ash Wednesday. An ice cream social will immediately follow the service.

RETURNING THIS SPRING:  
WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS



*"This is an era that needs a faithful Christian woman, not a perfect woman, not a woman who has never failed nor fallen, but a woman who has fallen in love with the truth, a woman in love with Jesus..."*  
-Elizabeth Kelly

Young adult women from across the Eastside Family are invited to join us in "reaching together for the Lord" and discovering the ways He calls us to uniquely and authentically transform the world through the "feminine genius."

REGISTER TODAY TO BE A PARTICIPANT OR SMALL GROUP LEADER!  
[WWW.EASTSIDEFAITH.ORG/WOMENS-SMALL-GROUPS](http://WWW.EASTSIDEFAITH.ORG/WOMENS-SMALL-GROUPS)

THE EASTSIDE FAMILY MEN'S GROUP  
PRESENTS

# NIGHT WATCH

MARCH 3RD-4TH, 2023  
7 PM-11 AM  
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Now more than ever the world needs men of faith. Men who will lead their families and communities closer to God through their example. Men who will step forward and do the hard things needed to strengthen Christ's kingdom on earth. However, this is not something men can do alone; we must join together and support each other in the battle waged against the forces of Satan. Take up Christ's banner with the men of the Eastside Family of Parishes! Come together with us as we steel ourselves for the fight through all night Adoration. As a common cavalry for Christ, we will pray, hear talks on the role of men in the church and share a communal breakfast with representatives from men's ministries from across the Archdiocese.

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Join **Dr. Ceil Dorger** for the *Lenten Lunch with the Lord* series at the Basilica Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. It will be a meditation on the art that illustrates **The Seven Sorrows of the Virgin Mary**. It is **free!** Talks will begin right after the 11:30 Mass at the Cathedral Basilica, downstairs in Synod Hall, **Wednesdays, March 15, 22, and 29.**



**THE 40 PLUS FUN BUNCH** will have a spaghetti dinner in the Commons on March 5, from 4-6 PM. Spaghetti, sauce both with and without meat will be provided as well as bread. Bring your favorite appetizer and if you have a special drink, bring that, too! So that they can better plan, please RSVP to [stcfunbunch@gmail.com](mailto:stcfunbunch@gmail.com).



## A 12-Day Pilgrimage to FRANCE

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# THE WORD IN YOUR HEART | 11

## Seventh Sunday In Ordinary Time

**Matthew 5:48. So be perfect, just as your heavenly Father is perfect.**

In 2014, Pope Francis told some pilgrims at the General Audience in St. Peter's Square, "We are called to be saints." God's goal for us is perfection. No pressure. What would perfect look like? In reading about the lives of various saints, I am immediately drawn to the simplicity of their lives. So few attachments, so little concern for worldly daily worries, just the relentless drive toward the mission.

Could I do that? My initial reaction is, "That is impossible." But what if my life wasn't so complicated? What would my life look like if I were God's perfect instrument? It seems impossible because I would have to put down my mission and take up his, whatever that might be — like Francis Xavier, dropping everything and sailing to evangelize in India and Asia. Instead of focusing inward, I would have to focus outward. **Perfect is simple but not easy.**

Christian writer George MacDonald once wrote that "God is easy to please, but hard to satisfy." The same is true of the saints. Mother Teresa was never content. She was obsessed with the next one who needed her help, not the scores of people she had already blessed. Perfect is never finished.

Perfect is the goal, but only Jesus was able to attain it. For us, the key might be to get a little better each day. It could be becoming more prayerful, more compassionate, or less attached to our worldly possessions. Just so long as each step takes us closer to his perfect vision.

~Scott Stubbins

*Scott Stubbins is a lifelong Christian who converted to Catholicism in 2019. Scott is one of the facilitators of the St. Mary Father's Team. Scott and his wife Emily live in Newtown and are blessed with three children at St. Mary School.*

Share your faith by writing your reflection on the Sunday scriptures. **The Word In Your Heart** welcomes all Eastside Family parishioners to this discipleship ministry. Contact Janet Buening at 513-871-9294 or [janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com](mailto:janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com).

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| Mailed:                     | \$12,266        | FYTD Budget:                 | \$640,000         |
| WeShare Online:             | \$8,231         | Over (Under) FYTD Budget:    | \$3,627           |
| <b>Total Sunday Giving:</b> | <b>\$25,506</b> |                              |                   |
|                             |                 | FYTD Last Year Actual:       | \$688,046         |
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