

ST. MARY CHURCH

HYDE PARK

MAY 14, 2023



Ordination to the
PRIESTHOOD

Worship Aid for the Sixth Sunday of Easter

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

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.

Entrance Hymn

Christ Has Promised to Be Present



1.-4. Christ has prom - ised to be pres - ent



1. When we gath - er in his name. He, the Ho - ly
2. When God's mer - cy we pro - claim. He, the Guid - ing
3. When in pain we cry his name. He, the Wound - ed
4. In our fail - ures, joys, or fame. He, the Ris - en



One, will cleanse us From our sin - ful - ness and shame.
One, will teach us Words of wis - dom in his name.
One, will touch us With his Spir - it's heal - ing flame.
One, will save us Through his pow'r - ful, glo - rious name.

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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

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

Philip went down to the city of Samaria and proclaimed the Christ to them. With one accord, the crowds paid attention to what was said by Philip when they heard it and saw the signs he was doing. For unclean spirits, crying out in a loud voice, came out of many possessed people, and many paralyzed or crippled people were cured. There was great joy in that city.

Now when the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent them Peter and John, who went down and prayed for them, that they might receive the Holy Spirit, for it had not yet fallen upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

Psalm 66



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1. Cry out with joy to God, all the earth;
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God, "How awesome your deeds!"

2. "Before you all the earth shall bow down,
shall sing to you, sing to your name!"
Come and see the works of God:
awesome his deeds among the children of men.

3. He turned the sea into dry land;
they passed through the river on foot.
Let our joy, then, be in him;
he rules forever by his might.

4. Come and hear, all who fear God;
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blest be God, who did not reject my prayer,
nor withhold from me his merciful love.

Second Reading

1 Pt 3:15-18

Beloved: Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope, but do it with gentleness and reverence, keeping your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who defame your good conduct in Christ may themselves be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be the will of God, than for doing evil.

For Christ also suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Jn 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept, because it neither sees nor knows him. But you know him, because he remains with you, and will be in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will realize that I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you. Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. And whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him."

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.

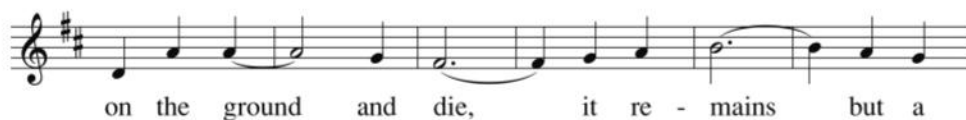
I believe in one, holy, catholic
and apostolic Church.

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

Unless a Grain of Wheat

Refrain



Verses



1. ♪ If we have died with him, then we shall
2. ♪ If an - y - one serves me, then they must
3. ♪ ♪ Make your home in me as I make
4. ♪ ♪ If you re - main in me and my word
5. ♪ ♪ Those who love me are loved by my
6. ♪ ♪ Peace I leave with you, my peace I



live with him; if we hold firm, we shall
fol - low me; where - ev - er I am, my
mine in you; those who re - main in me
lives in you, then you will be my dis -
Fa - ther; we shall be with them and
give to you; peace which the world can - not



reign with him.
ser - vants will be.
bear much fruit.
ci - ples.
dwell in them.
give is my gift.

D.C.

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Recessional Hymn Lift Up Your Hearts

Communion Hymn

Bread of Life, Cup of Blessing

Refrain




Bread of life, cup of blessing, gift of Christ the Lord!



Be the Body you receive now, broken for the world.

Verses



1. This is why I came:	that you might have life,	and
2. You did not choose me;	rath - er, I chose you	to
3. Live on in my love;	all who live in me	will
4. Do not be a - fraid;	I am with you now	and
5. I have told you this	that you may have joy,	and
6. Do you un - der - stand?	I who am your Lord	have
7. Do you un - der - stand?	Just as I have done,	so



D.C.

have	it	to	the	full.
go	and	bear	good	fruit.
bear	a	bun -	dant	fruit.
till	the	end	of	time.
have	it	to	the	full.
knelt	and	washed	your	feet.
al -	so	you	must	do.

Lift up your hearts to the Lord,
praise God's gracious mercy!
Sing out your joy to the Lord,
whose love is enduring.

1. Shout with joy to the Lord, all the earth!
Praise the name above all names!
Say to God, "How wondrous your works,
how glorious your name!"

2. Let the earth worship, singing your praise.
Praise the glory of your name!
Come and see the deeds of the Lord,
bless God's holy name!

3. God's right hand made a path through the
night,
split the waters of the sea.
All creation, lift up your voice:
"Our God set us free."

4. Listen now, all you servants of God,
As I tell of these great works.
Blessed be the Lord of my life,
whose love shall endure!

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Choral Meditation - 10:30 a.m. Mass

Hail, Holy Queen

Hail, Holy Queen, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope!
To thee do we cry, poor banished children, poor banished children of Eve;
To thee do we send, send up our sighs,
mourning and weeping in this valley of tears.

Turn then most gracious, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us;
And after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement! O loving! O sweet Virgin Mary! Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God,
that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ. Amen.

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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 or call the appropriate parish office.

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6104 Desmond Street, Cincinnati, OH 45227

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Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

MONDAY, MAY 15 Saint Isadore

5:30 PM Jason & Lenka DiNozi by Nadia Zogbi

TUESDAY, MAY 16

5:30 PM Intentions of Father Jeff Stephens by Daniel Miller

WEDNESDAY, MAY 17

5:30 PM Chuck van de Ryt by Thomas Lanter

THURSDAY, MAY 18

5:30 PM Dr. John Halm Galla by Monica Flynn

FRIDAY, MAY 19

5:30 PM No Mass

SATURDAY, MAY 20 Saint Bernadine of Siena

4:00 PM Gaetano Bosco by Tom & Rosemary Bosco

SUNDAY, MAY 21 The Ascension of the Lord

8:30 AM Larry Ford by Thomas Lanter

10:30 AM Intentions Greg & Theresa Hagan by Bob & Dianne Donlan

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 Lucielle Holliday & Edwin Cervantes

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Ordination to the Priesthood

May 14, 2023

The anointing of the Spirit seals the priest with an indelible, spiritual character that configures him to Christ the priest and enables him to act in the name of Christ the Head. This coming weekend the men from our diocese will be consecrated and authorized to perform religious rites and ceremonies that will bring us the sacraments and the Eucharist we all need and desire.

Ordination to the Priesthood will take place on Saturday, May 20, 2023. Seven men will be ordained to the priesthood: Deacon Patrick Blenman, Deacon Isaiah Callan, Deacon Alex Dugas, Deacon Stephen Hughes, Deacon Jonathan Jergens, Deacon Jeffrey Stephens, and Deacon David Duy Tran. Please keep them in your prayers.

If you feel called to discern the priesthood, contact Fr. Dan Schmitmeyer 513-263-3390 or email: vocations@catholicaoc.org
Amen? Amen.

Fr. Dan

40s Plus Fun Bunch

SAVE THE DATES!

Join the 40s Plus Fun Bunch at St. Cecilia in the Commons on **Sunday, June 11**, to listen to a presentation on *Cincinnati and the U.S. Presidents*. Cincinnati shares and interesting history with some of our presidents. This program describes the success and failures of the personal and humorous sides of William Henry Harrison, his grandson Benjamin Harrison, Ulysses S. Grant, Rutherford B. Hayes and William Howard Taft. There is a \$5 charge for this event Bring a snack or appetizer to share at 2 PM for fellowship. The talk will begin promptly at 3 PM and will last about an hour. RSVP to stcfunbunch@gmail.com. More information to follow.

Come join them at the Cincinnati Art Museum on **Sunday, July 23**, at 3PM. The topic is "Cincinnati artists." We will need an RSVP by June 20, since the museum needs a final count in order to have enough docents for us. This event is free and has free parking. The talk is about an hour.

On **August 5**, bring a blanket or lawn chair and join us for an evening of fun at the Evendale Pavilion as we listen to the fun, upbeat 70s music of Gee My Band Smells Terrific.

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Ember Day

WHAT IS GOD'S MISSION FOR YOU?

**FRIDAY, JUNE 23 RD
8:30 AM TO 4:00 PM
MOUNT ST. MARY'S SEMINARY
CINCINNATI**

**SIGN UP BY JUNE 20 TH
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IN THE MISSION OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY, patron of parish priests, please join us this week in praying for: **Fr. Chris Komoroski, and Fr. Ethan Moore (St. Monica-St. George, Annunciation, Holy Name) Fr. Adam Puntel, Fr. Eric Roush, and Fr. Barry Windholtz (Christ the King, Immaculata, St. Rose, St. Francis de Sales)**. We still need volunteers to send notes of encouragement to these priests each week. If you would like to be part of a team from the Oratory to let these priests know we are praying for them, please talk to Sarah Schmid after Mass.

The virtue of obedience makes the will supple ... It inspires the courage with which to fulfill the most difficult tasks.
-ST. JOHN VIANNEY



From the Desk of Fr. Ken

In the 1950s, John F. Kennedy wrote Profiles in Courage. It was about eight politicians who were to stand up for their beliefs despite the political cost to their careers. Today we celebrate that Jesus promised to give the Apostles the gift of His Spirit. He wasn't going to leave them orphaned. The Spirit would be with them as they spread the Gospel to all they met.

Fr. Ken Schroy

From the School Office

Kindergarteners recently hosted their moms and dads for a morning to honor their parents. Students shared homemade gifts and performed alongside our 8th graders, "I'm Growing Up...way, way up!" Not a dry eye in the house!



God Bless the Newly Baptized

Florence Mary
daughter of Brandon & Rebecca Notar



May is the month of Mary

St. Mary Parish May Crowning

Sunday, May 21

10:30 am Mass

All **First Communicants** are invited to join in the opening procession in their First Communion clothes and bring flowers to Mary. **Please be in the vestibule at 10:10 am.**

Parishioners and devoted volunteers to St. Mary, Tom & Betty Busemeyer, will have the honor of crowning our Blessed Mother.

Throughout the month of May...

- Rosaries, Marian prayer books, and more are available in the vestibule.
- You are invited to bring flowers to the Marian altar.

Congratulations

Father Tom Denneman

50TH ORDINATION JUBILEE

1973-2023

Father Tom will be celebrating his 50th Ordination Jubilee

Sunday, May 28

10:30 AM Mass

St. Mary Hyde Park

2853 Erie Ave

Cincinnati, OH 45208

There will be a "donut" reception (in honor of Fr. Tom's childhood family bakery days) after Mass in Robisch Hall. A congratulatory message may be placed in the collection basket or the card box in the back of the church.

Or post mail to:

Father Tom Denneman

5210 Water Street

Milford, OH 45150

We know he will appreciate any good wishes!

If you have any questions, please contact Laura Nickol at lnickol@smshp.com



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Question from a journalist: “What has to change in the Church?”
St. Teresa of Calcutta: “You and I.”

Catechesis (kat'i-ke'sis) n.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

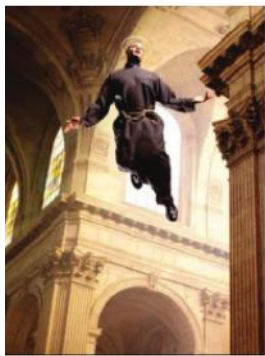
PART 3: Greatest Prayer of the Church

All the Sacraments are “visible signs that participate in invisible realities.” They are all personal encounters with the risen, living Jesus Christ. All the Sacraments have this in common, but why does the Church refer to the Sacrament of the Eucharist, also known as the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, as the greatest prayer of the Church?

It is the prayer of and by Jesus, “through Him, with Him and in Him.” At the Last Supper, Jesus told the apostles to “do this in memory of me.” But he was not only talking of that meal but of the sacrifice to follow. **The Mass is both a sacrifice and a meal.** It is important to understand that the Mass is a prayer given to us by Jesus. He is also acting as the principle agent. The Mass is an action of the living, risen Christ. As such, it is not ours to change but was given to us by Christ. *The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy* says that nothing may be added or removed from the Mass, not even by a priest.

Through the Mass we join our sacrifices, bread, wine, joys and sufferings, to those of Christ’s and these are offered by Him to God the Father for the Father’s glorification and, in the process, we are made holy, or sanctified. We are also strengthened spiritually by being fed on the Word and Body of Christ and then sent out on a mission to make our society a little more like Heaven in preparation for His second coming when we will be at home. Until then, we are a pilgrim people on a journey toward the banquet of the Lamb.

The Mass does all these things “through Him, with Him and in Him” and that is why it is the greatest prayer of the Church.



Know Your Saints:

St. Joseph of Cupertino (1603-1663)

Joseph is most famous for levitating at prayer.

Already as a child, Joseph showed a fondness for prayer. After a short career with the Capuchins, he joined the Conventuals. Following a brief assignment caring for the friary mule, Joseph began his studies for the priesthood. Though studies were very difficult for him, Joseph gained a great deal of knowledge from prayer. He was ordained in 1628.

Joseph’s tendency to levitate during prayer was sometimes a cross; some people came to see this much as they might have gone to a circus sideshow. Joseph’s gift led him to be humble, patient and obedient, even though at times he was greatly tempted and felt forsaken by God. He fasted and wore iron chains for much of his life.

The friars transferred Joseph several times for his own good and for the good of the rest of the community. He was reported to and investigated by the Inquisition; the examiners exonerated him.

Joseph was canonized in 1767. In the investigation preceding the canonization, 70 incidents of levitation are recorded.

– *Explore the sacred* –

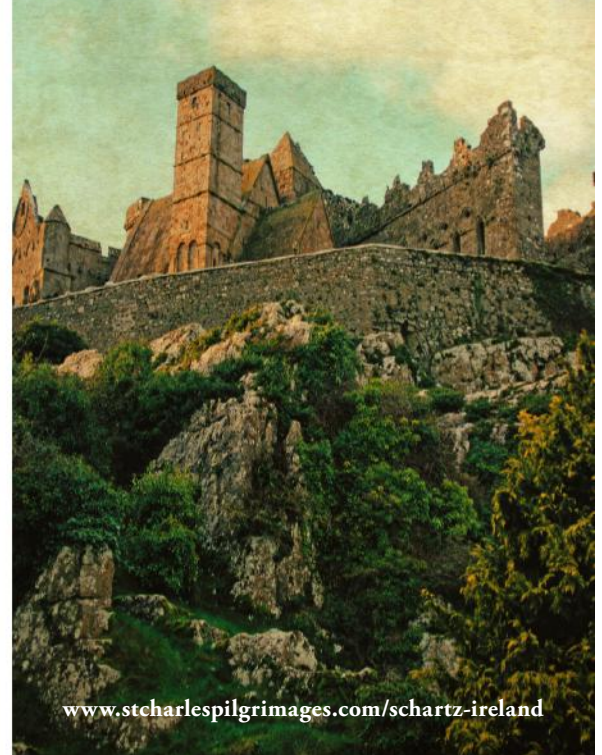
A 9-DAY PILGRIMAGE TO

IRELAND

with Fr. Ken Schartz

May 16-24, 2024

Join us for the **Pilgrimage Information Night on May 16 at 7 PM** at St. Mary-Hyde Park in Robisch Hall (directly underneath the church)



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Updates to Eastside Family Wedding Guidelines

Beginning with weddings for 2025, you or an immediate family member must be registered as a parishioner at Saint Mary or Saint Cecilia for three months prior to receiving your wedding date. While we want to accommodate as many couples as possible who desire to celebrate the sacrament in our churches, this new requirement is an effort to prioritize serving our parishioners, many of whom desire to get married in the eastside family churches every year.

Please note that if you are not planning on celebrating your wedding in the family, but wish to complete marriage preparation with your parish, you will also need to register as a parishioner.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to the wedding reservation reservations coordinator, **Haley Wolfe**, at hwolfe@eastsideregion.org or visit www.eastsideregion.org/marriage.

Cocktails with the Catechism

The Privilege of Being a Woman in Holy Mother Church: Oxymoron or Gospel Truth?

Tuesday, May 23 | 7-9 PM | Big Ash Brewing

How many times have you heard in conversation or in the classroom, “isn’t it sexist for the Catholic Church not to ordain women now especially given the shortage of new clergy?” Perhaps you’ve heard the claim at the church is “anti-woman” or misogynistic in its leadership structure and teachings. **Mother Marie Cecile of the Carmelite Daughters Of Elias** would adamantly disagree with that thinking. The Eastside Family Young Adult Ministry invites you to join Mother as she distinguishes fact from fallacy about the gift of vocation in the ways in which women are called to be crucial voices in the church, powerful witnesses to Christ, and instruments of grace in the world.

Listen to Fr. Mike Schmitz’s podcast, *Catechism in a Year*, on Spotify, iTunes, Amazon Music and YouTube.



Arrivederci, Padre

Please join us on **Sunday, June 4**, as we say *ciao* to Fr. Anthony before he departs for his studies in Rome. There will be a brunch reception after the 10 AM Mass at St. Cecilia. Cards and gifts for our guest of honor are always appreciated, but by no means required.

Eastside Family Young Adults
PRESENTS

A NIGHT AT THE PITCH

Join us for a drink before the
match at Queen City Radio.

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THE WORD IN YOUR HEART | 7

Sixth Sunday of Easter

John 14:18. I will not leave you orphans; I will come to you.

When our children were young and my husband and I had to travel without them, usually for business, I always spent a lot of time before we left not just giving them instructions (and occasionally bribes) for good behavior in our absence, but reassuring them that they would be safe and cared for by the relative or baby sitter who would be staying with them. In today's gospel Jesus, preparing to leave his earthly life, is reassuring his disciples that even though he will no longer be in this world they will be cared for and he will be with them. "I will not leave you orphans...I am in my Father and you are in me and I in you."

We hear today that Philip used signs and wonders to convince the Samaritans to believe and accept the word of God (Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8). I think those would terrify and bewilder me. I just need to listen to and heed the gentle instruction that Jesus spoke—as one would to a child—to his beloved apostles, to all of us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments." And the promise that followed: "And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always."

God's love for us is as unfathomable as Jesus' great sacrifice for our redemption. And we cannot fully comprehend the Advocate, "the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot accept." But the reason for our hope of salvation lies in the instructions and promises we hear today.

~Janet Buening

Janet Buening, a St. Mary parishioner since 1982, was inspired by her service as a lector to establish this weekly faith response to the Sunday scriptures. She invites all Eastside Family members to share a reflection on The Word of the Lord. Please contact her at 513-871-9294 or janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com for info and guidelines.

YOUR OFFERINGS *Thank you*

Weekly Giving	5/7/2023	Sunday Giving thru March	(9 months)
Weekend Collection:	\$3,701	Sunday & Christmas Giving:	\$828,637
Mailed:	\$810	FYTD Budget:	\$796,000
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