

ST. MARY CHURCH HYDE PARK

JUNE 25, 2023



THE RESURRECTION OF THE BODY

Resisting the Temptation of Gnosticism in the Modern World



Cocktails with the CATECHISM

with FATHER JACOB WILLIG

TUESDAY, JUNE 27 | 7-9 pm @ BIG ASH BREWING

Worship Aid for the Twelfth 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

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

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

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

Jer 20:10-13

Jeremiah said: "I hear the whisperings of many: 'Terror on every side! Denounce! let us denounce him!' All those who were my friends are on the watch for any misstep of mine. 'Perhaps he will be trapped; then we can prevail, and take our vengeance on him.' But the LORD is with me, like a mighty champion: my persecutors will stumble, they will not triumph. In their failure they will be put to utter shame, to lasting, unforgettable confusion. O LORD of hosts, you who test the just, who probe mind and heart, let me witness the vengeance you take on them, for to you I have entrusted my cause. Sing to the LORD, praise the LORD, for he has rescued the life of the poor from the power of the wicked!"

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

Psalm 69



The English translation of the Psalm Response from the *Lectionary for Mass*
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1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame has covered my face. To my own kin I have become an outcast, a stranger to the children of my mother. Zeal for your house consumes me, and taunts against you fall on me.

2. But I pray to you, O LORD, for a time of your favor. In your great mercy, answer me, O God, with your salvation that never fails. LORD, answer, for your mercy is kind; in your great compassion, turn toward me.

3. The poor when they see it will be glad, and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the LORD listens to the needy, and does not spurn his own in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the seas and everything that moves in them.

Second Reading

Rom 5:12-15

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned— for up to the time of the law, sin was in the world, though sin is not accounted when there is no law. But death reigned from Adam to Moses, even over those who did not sin after the pattern of the trespass of Adam, who is the type of the one who was to come.

But the gift is not like the transgression. For if by the transgression of the one the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mt 10:26-33

Jesus said to the Twelve: "Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, be afraid of the one who can destroy both soul and body in Gehenna. Are not two sparrows sold for a small coin? Yet not one of them falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge. Even all the hairs of your head are counted. So do not be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows. Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father. But whoever denies me before others, I will deny before my heavenly Father."

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

Shelter Me, O God

Refrain

Shel-ter me, O God; hide me in the shad-ow of your
wings. You a-lone are my hope.

Verses

1. When my foes sur-round me, set me high a - bove their
2. As a moth - er gath - ers her young be - neath her
3. Though I walk in dark - ness, through the nee - dle's eye of

reach. Hear me when I call your name.
care, gath - er me in - to your arms.
death, you will nev - er leave my side.

Text: Psalm 16:1, 61:5, Luke 13:34; Bob Hurd, b.1950, © 1984, Bob Hurd
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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Hymn

Behold the Lamb

Verses



1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the
2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -
3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from



sun - light; We who live, we who die are
stand - ing Of the wheat, of the wine u -
ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who
e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make



grate - ful for this gift, thank - ful for God's love.
nit - ed with God's word and the love we share.
hung - er for this feast; shel - ter them with peace.
still the winds that blow; cra - dle us with love.

Refrain



Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of God. All who eat,



all who drink shall live; and all, all who dwell in



God, shall come to know God's glo-ry!

Text: Martin Willett, b.1960, alt.
Tune: Martin Willett, b.1960; acc. by Craig S. Kingsbury, b.1952
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Recessional Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

2. All your works with joy surround you,
Earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain,
Sound their praise eternally!

3. You are giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
God our Father, Christ our brother,
Let your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph-song of life.

Text: Henry van Dyke, 1852-1933, 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 or call the appropriate parish office.

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Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

MONDAY, JUNE 26

5:30 PM Margo Ackerman

TUESDAY, JUNE 27 Saint Cyril of Alexandria

5:30 PM Catherine Butler

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 Saint Irenaeus

5:30 PM Donald Grogan

THURSDAY, JUNE 29 Saints Peter & Paul, Apostles

5:30 PM David Goode

FRIDAY, JUNE 30 The First Martyrs of the Roman Church

5:30 PM No Mass

SATURDAY, JULY 1 Saint Junipero Serra

4:00 PM Joseph & Nancy Kreutzer

SUNDAY, JULY 2 Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Gary Smith

10:30 AM For the Living and Deceased Regional Families

Mass intentions may be requested and paid for online at EastsideFaith.org, under the "About" section. Masses may also be scheduled at one of our offices. Payment may be made online, in an envelope clearly marked in the collection basket, or in person during office hours. 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

There are no banns this week.

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For a complete listing of ministries and staff, visit eastsidefaith.org.



Cocktails with the Catechism

June 25, 2023

The Eastside Family Young Adult Ministry invites you to join us for our June rendition of *Cocktails with the Catechism*, featuring the return of Fr. Jacob Willig! What does the Church really mean when she professes in the creed that we believe in “the resurrection of the body”? What light can the Church shed on what our glorified state will be like and what implications does this have on how we think of our corporeal existence in this world? Join Fr. Willig as he invites us to reflect on each of these questions and tackles the ways in which our modern culture’s inclination toward gnosticism can sometimes confuse this crucial doctrine. Don’t miss

this insightful conversation on human personhood and the salvific workings of God!

This is open to all parishioners so hopefully I’ll see you at **Big Ash Brewery on Tuesday, June 27 at 7:00 PM**. Please invite friends and family! Also, make sure to patronize the business by trying their many different beers, pizzas and other food and drinks. They have been very welcoming and generous to give us this space.

Amen? Amen.

Fr. Jacob


On June 27 we celebrate the **FEAST OF OUR MOTHER OF PERPETUAL HELP**. At St. Cecilia there is a chapel of Our Lady of Perpetual Help next to the Narthex. The icon is of the Mother of God holding the Christ Child while the Angels Gabriel and Michael present the Divine Child with the instruments of His Passion. St. Michael holds the spear, crown of thorns, and the wine-soaked sponge. St. Gabriel holds the cross and nails. We can contemplate at the altar and light a candle at the chapel. This contemplative prayer evokes an example Mother Mary gave us of trusting, loving and obeying. While the image of Mary shows confidence we see her Son in her loving arms, safe and secure. I have seen so many people on their knees in prayer before the icon asking for intercessions on behalf of those who need the strength to get through things that are difficult.



Saint Cecilia Festival July 14-16

FESTIVAL INFORMATION TABLES are out again this weekend after the 8 & 10 AM Masses on Sunday! Come visit the tables for **more information**, sign up to VOLUNTEER your time and talents at our festival, pick up your **2023 yard sign** and purchase your festival t-shirts! We are currently in search of volunteers, if you would like to volunteer your time and talents, please visit our sign-up with the QR code at right. We have a variety of spots open including game booths, bid-n-buy basket making, flea market cashiers and so much more! We especially need people to help with festival clean-up the Monday after the festival. **Flea market drop-off dates are: June 25, July 2 and July 9 (final drop-off date) from 9AM and 2PM each day.** Unable to make it to the festival but still want to get involved? Consider donating items to our bid-n-buy auction! We are seeking donations for items to auction off, please visit our Amazon Wishlist or pick up a flyer at the church entrances for ideas to donate.

Volunteer signup
QR code 

Amazon wishlist
QR code 

Oratory News

After carefully reviewing proposals from several architectural and liturgical design firms, the Beautification Committee has selected Rebecca Cadena of Schickel Design Co. to move forward with the interior design of the Oratory. Schickel Design will meet with us to discuss goals and ideas and will come up with two designs for us to review. More details will be coming soon. Please reach out to anyone on the beautification committee for more information. (Dave Bulman, Andrea Corvi, Helen Davis, JoAnn Drago, Tina Eison, Monica Hurley, Mary Mathers, Danny Miller, and Sarah Schmid)

In the mission of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, please join us in praying for: **Fr. Paul DeLuca, Fr. Dennis Dettenwanger, Fr. Thomas DiFolco, Fr. William Dormann, Fr. Richard Dressman (retired)**. 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.

Humility is like a pair of scales: the lower one side falls, the higher rises the other. Let us humble ourselves like the Blessed Virgin and we shall be exalted. – ST. JOHN VIANNEY



From the Desk of Fr. Ken

I am on vacation in Port Clinton on Lake Erie as I write this. The weather is fine, and I will visit Put in Bay this afternoon. I can't believe June is half over already. As my mom said, "The older you get, the faster it goes." She was correct. The point is that we should prepare for the coming of The Lord each and every day.

Fr Ken Schopf

From the School Office

St. Mary School Students sold **\$48,123** in raffle tickets this May in support of our summer FunFest. A top seller celebratory hot dog lunch was held to thank our inspired salespeople! We are grateful for the efforts of our SMS families to jump start the success of FunFest 2023. Raffle tickets may be purchased for the FunFest Grand Prize drawing from the QR code below!



St. Mary Church Beautification

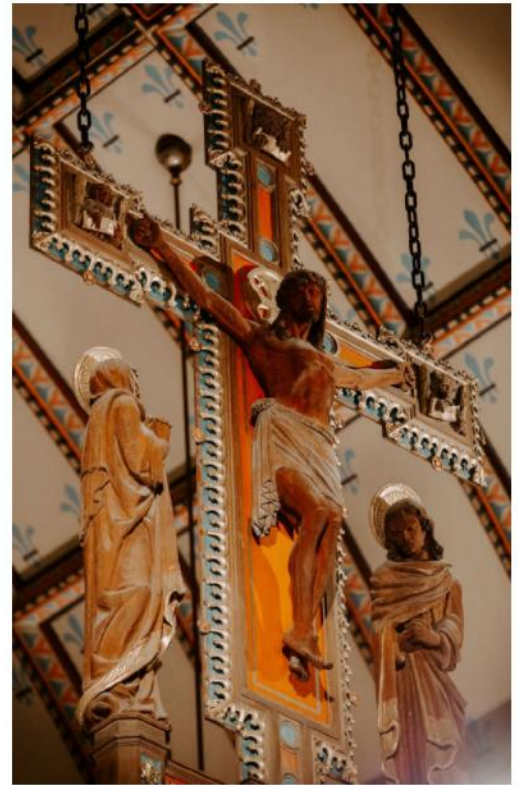
You will notice that scaffolding is in place now and will be through the end of June. A beautification project is underway to the Reredos, Rood Cross, and all the wood along the back altar. We appreciate your patience as we work to enhance the beauty of St. Mary Church.

Thank you for your generous donations, which make projects like this possible. Gifts can be made to the Church Capital Fund from smchp.com. Go to [Ways to Give/Offerings via WeShare](#).

History of the Holy Rood Work of Art

The Holy Rood [crucifix], the only one of its kind in the United States, has attracted so much attention that churches in Lynn and Washington have asked permission to reproduce it. It hangs suspended high above the stone communion rail, its carving and its color being among the most brilliant achievements of that master artist, Kirschmeyer. The figure of the Christ, superbly carved, stands out from a flame-like background, those of the Virgin and Saint John represented beneath, while the emblems of the four evangelists inspire the decoration and the detail of this symbolic emblem, one of the most striking in the church.

*From the Bell of St. Mary - March 2012
An excerpt from an article written about St. Mary Church just prior to the dedication of the building on December 8, 1917.*



Robert Lutmer

Longtime parishioner, Robert Lutmer passed away on June 13 at the age of 95. Mass of Christian Burial was held on June 20, 2023, at St. Cecilia Church. Mr. Lutmer's obituary can be read at rohdefuneral.com.




August 18-20

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Bids 'n Baskets Wish List

Help stock the Bid 'n Baskets Booth with a scan of this QR code to purchase off the FunFest 2023 Amazon wish list. Thank you!



“The glory of God is man fully alive; moreover, man’s life is the vision of God.”

– ST. IRENAEUS OF LYONS

CATECHESIS (kat’i-ke’sis) n.

UNDERSTANDING THE MASS

Part 8: The Mass as a Banquet

“Many are invited, but few are chosen.” These are the words of Jesus Christ in Matthew 22:14. He was telling the chief priests and elders a parable about the Kingdom of Heaven as a wedding banquet. There are also many passages in Sacred Scripture about the time after the second coming of Jesus, which is referred to as the Banquet of the Lamb.

At every Mass, communion is also referred to as the wedding feast or a foretaste of the Banquet of the Lamb. At this banquet, we have participated in Jesus’ sacrifice on the cross, have witnessed his coming as the bread and wine are turned into His Body and Blood and become one with him by consuming Him at Holy Communion. However, unlike normal food that becomes part of us after we eat it, this food has a divine component that causes us to become part of it. We consume the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of Christ, are nourished spiritually and become “little Christs”. We are united with Christ and strengthened to be able to go out into society carrying Christ in our hearts to make the Earth a little closer to Heaven in preparation for His second coming.

Mass reaches its high point with this banquet, but that is not the only place during the Mass where we are fed. During the Liturgy of the Word, especially during the proclamation of the Gospel, Jesus is present and we are fed and strengthened spiritually. In order for this to happen, we must listen to the words as they are proclaimed. We must allow the Holy Spirit to work within us. We must keep our minds and hearts open to the graces of God that flow to us through our hearing of His Word. As strange as it sounds, during the Liturgy of the Word we must consume the presence of Christ through our ears.

The Mass is truly a banquet for all of our senses. Our nourishment is in the form of grace but, like all the other Sacraments, in order for the maximum grace to be fruitfully received, we must be adequately prepared, free of distraction and participate fully, actively and consciously.

IGNITE

Vocation Ministry Workshop

August 5, 2023 | Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains

This event is free.



Questions or need more info?

Contact Nick Winnike at nwinnike@gmail.com or Julie VanHoose at julievanhoose57@gmail.com.

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Seeking to serve?

The **corporal works of mercy** best exemplified through our Lord's early ministry call us to recognize Christ in our neighbor, and provide for their physical needs, especially by feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, clothing the naked, and visiting the imprisoned. Learn more about the outreach ministries in the Eastside Family and sign up for an upcoming service project using the QR code below.

Upcoming opportunities

July 16 | St. Vincent De Paul Food Drive-St. Mary

Bring your purchased cereal, canned fruit, and iced tea to the St. Mary vestibule after all Masses for those in need.

July 18 | Elderly and Homebound Ministry Meeting

Join us for our meeting at 7 PM in the Seton Center at St. Mary to learn how you can help the homebound in our Eastside family of parishes.

July 25 | Mercy Neighborhood Ministries Service Day

Kids 8-12 and their parents are invited to join Linder Hunt in the food pantry by assisting neighbors and helping organize supplies.

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." – Matthew 25:40



A TOWN HALL on the Sanctity of Life in Ohio

with Cincinnati Right to Life

THURSDAY, JUNE 29 | 7PM

St. Mary Church

Robisch Hall

A special election in August will ask voters to decide whether the threshold to **amend the Ohio Constitution should be elevated from a simple majority to a 60% "yes" vote.** Join with us this evening to learn how we can ensure that this happens and stop the pro-abortion forces from leading our state down a horrific path.

"WORKS OF MERCY" DAY NEW LIFE FURNITURE BANK

Saturday, August 5, 2023

9 am - 1pm

Join young adults from across the Eastside Family and Cincinnati as we build essential furniture for those in need in our community! Scan the QR code below to sign up!



We are hiring.

The Eastside Family of Parishes is seeking a passionately-Catholic team player eager to share the gift of our Faith as our Coordinator/Director of Religious Education. This position oversees the catechetical formation of our youth and serves in the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization. Discover the joy preparing the next generation to receive their sacraments and help build God's kingdom. Interested? Contact Cody Egner at cegner@eastsideregion.org or scan the QR code.



THE WORD IN YOUR HEART | 11

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Romans 5:15. How much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.

Today's readings portray God in many — seemingly contradictory — ways. They show him as a righteous avenger, compassionate champion of the poor, and sacrificing father. Instead of looking at them individually and trying to determine which descriptors are correct, I suggest we look at them in total and reflect on the reality that God is all these things and much, much more.

God's kindness is so bountiful, and his knowledge of us so complete, he will give us what we need. First, however, we must open ourselves to this grace. For most of us, this is a long spiritual journey. For a few of us, it's also a physical journey.

I encourage all of us to pray for each other as we continue our spiritual journeys, and particularly for Father Anthony as he embarks on his time in Rome. *- Melissa Booth*

Melissa Booth joined St. Mary parish two years ago, and currently serves as an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion and member of the Worship Commission. She lives in Hyde Park.

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

YOUR OFFERINGS *Thank you*

Weekly Giving	6/18/2023	Sunday Giving thru May	(11 months)
Weekend Collection:	\$3,889	Sunday/ Christmas/Easter Giving:	1,003,564.98
Mailed:	\$850	FYTD Budget:	972,000.00
WeShare Online:	\$11,760	Over (Under) FYTD Budget:	\$31,565
Total Sunday Giving:	\$16,499		
		FYTD Last Year Actual:	1,057,859.24
OVER (Under) Weekly Budget:	(\$3,001)	Over (Under) FYTD Last Year:	(\$54,294)

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