

ST. MARY CHURCH  
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JULY 2, 2023



The Countdown Begins

Saint Cecilia  
Festival

July 14-16



# Worship Aid for the Thirteenth 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 my Soul, the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To his  
 2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To his  
 3. Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us; Well our  
 4. Frail as sum-mer's flow'r we flour - ish, Blows the  
 5. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; You be -



feet your trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -  
 peo - ple in dis - tress. Praise him, still the same as  
 fee - ble frame he knows. In his hands he gent - ly  
 wind and it is gone. But while mor - tals rise and  
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -



giv - en, Ev - er - more his prais - es sing. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ev - er, Slow to chide and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bears us, Res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 per - ish, God en - dures un - chang - ing on. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 fore him, Dwell - ers all in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the high e - ter - nal one.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

Text: Psalm 103; Henry F. Lyte, 1793-1847, alt.  
 Tune: LAUDA ANIMA, 8 7 8 7 8 7; John Goss, 1800-1880

## 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

**2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a**

One day Elisha came to Shunem, where there was a woman of influence, who urged him to dine with her. Afterward, whenever he passed by, he used to stop there to dine. So she said to her husband, "I know that Elisha is a holy man of God. Since he visits us often, let us arrange a little room on the roof and furnish it for him with a bed, table, chair, and lamp, so that when he comes to us he can stay there." Sometime later Elisha arrived and stayed in the room overnight.

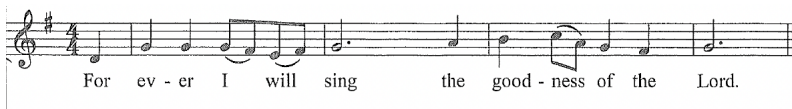
Later Elisha asked, "Can something be done for her?" His servant Gehazi answered, "Yes! She has no son, and her husband is getting on in years." Elisha said, "Call her." When the woman had been called and stood at the door, Elisha promised, "This time next year you will be fondling a baby son."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Response

### Psalm 89



1. I will sing forever of your mercies, O LORD;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your fidelity,  
I have declared your mercy is established forever;  
your fidelity stands firm as the heavens,

2. How blessed the people who know your praise,  
who walk, O LORD, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy ev'ry day in your name,  
who make your uprightness their joyful acclaim.

3. For you are the glory of their strength,  
by your favor it is that our might is exalted.  
Behold, the LORD is our shield;  
he is the Holy One of Israel, our king.

## Second Reading

**Rom 6:3-4, 8-11**

Brothers and sisters: Are you unaware that we who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were indeed buried with him through baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.

If, then, we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him. We know that Christ, raised from the dead, dies no more; death no longer has power over him. As to his death, he died to sin once and for all; as to his life, he lives for God. Consequently, you too must think of yourselves as dead to sin and living for God in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

**Mt 10:37-42**

Jesus said to his apostles: "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

"Whoever receives you receives me, and whoever receives me receives the one who sent me. Whoever receives a prophet because he is a prophet will receive a prophet's reward, and whoever receives a righteous man because he is a righteous man will receive a righteous man's reward. And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple— amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward."

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

## I Will Choose Christ

### Refrain

I will choose Christ, I will choose love, I choose  
to serve. I give my heart, I give my life,  
I give my all to you. I give my all to you.

*To verses* *Final ending*

### Verse 1

1. How many times must he call my name and show to  
me that he is God? And as a servant he  
calls to me, "You must serve too."

D.C.

### Verse 2

2. Christ, my teacher and healer, teach my  
heart and heal my soul. And as I walk this  
road with you, teach me to love.

D.C.

### Verse 3

3. As I look upon your cross, so too must I  
die with you. And with the death of my  
own desires, I'll rise with you.

D.C.

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# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Recessional Hymn

### Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

#### Communion Hymn

#### Unless a Grain of Wheat

##### Refrain

Un - less a grain of wheat shall fall up -  
 on the ground and die, it re - mains but a  
 sin - gle grain with no life.

##### 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.

1. Lord, whose love in humble service  
 Bore the weight of human need,  
 Who upon the cross, forsaken,  
 Offered mercy's perfect deed:  
 We, your servants, bring the worship  
 Not of voice alone, but heart,  
 Consecrating to your purpose  
 Ev'ry gift that you impart.

2. Still the children wander homeless,  
 Still the hungry cry for bread.  
 Still the captives long for freedom,  
 Still in grief we mourn our dead.  
 As you Lord, in deep compassion,  
 Healed the sick and freed the soul,  
 Use the love your Spirit kindles  
 Still to save and make us whole.

3. As we worship, grant us vision,  
 Till your love's revealing light  
 In its height and depth and greatness  
 Dawns upon our human sight,  
 Making known the needs and burdens  
 Your compassion bids us bear,  
 Stirring us to faithful service,  
 Your abundant life to share.

4. Called from worship into service,  
 Forth in your great name we go  
 To the child, the youth, the aged,  
 Love in living deeds to show.  
 Hope and health, goodwill and comfort,  
 Counsel, aid, and peace we give  
 That your children, Lord, in freedom,  
 May your mercy know, and live.

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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.*

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

## Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

**MONDAY, JULY 3 Saint Thomas the Apostle**

5:30 PM Margo Ackerman

**TUESDAY, JULY 4**

5:30 PM No Mass

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 5**

5:30 PM Dr. John Halm Galla

**THURSDAY, JULY 6 Saint Maria Goretti**

5:30 PM Catherine Butler

**FRIDAY, JULY 7**

5:30 PM No Mass

**SATURDAY, JULY 8**

4:00 PM Margo Ackerman

**SUNDAY, JULY 9 Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM For the Living and Deceased Regional Families

10:30 AM Louis G. Pohl

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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## Saint Cecilia Festival: The Countdown Begins

July 2, 2023

We are less than two weeks away from the St. Cecilia Parish festival. A lot of work has already been done to get us to where we are today. One can only imagine how much effort has already been put forth to make the festival happen. For instance, all the orders have been placed, the proper licenses attained, the many loads of flea market items brought into the gym and classrooms and then priced, the promotional materials produced and the signs posted in yards, the raffle tickets mailed and purchased, the volunteers recruited and jobs allocated, the many unique Bid-N-Buy items donated, and the live entertainment booked—*The Remains*, *Gee Your Band Smells Terrific*, and *Saffire Express*.

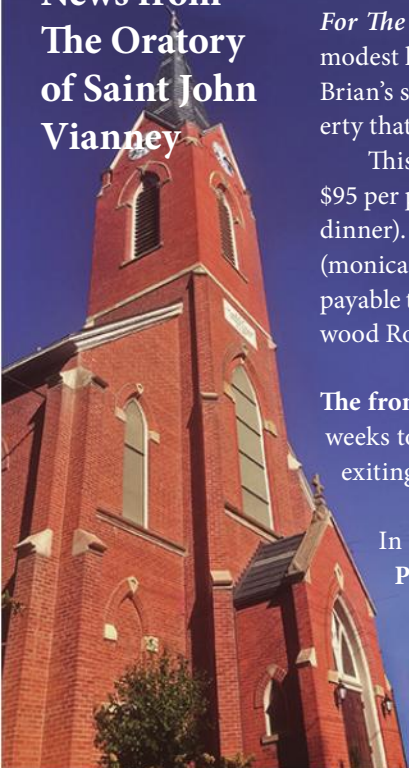
I am very proud of all the work that has been accomplished by so many people under the leadership of our festival chairs, Andy and Missy Cook and Eric and Melissa Kautz. Now we need you to continue to get the word out about the festival through your own invitations to all your friends and family to come to the festival. If you are on Facebook, please friend us at St. Cecilia and pass on the posts to your friends. Indeed the most important ingredient in making a festival successful is that people are there — there to eat and drink our great selections of food and beverages, there with kids play in our Kids Zone, there to bid on an item, there to buy raffle tickets, there to buy an old table at the flea market, or there to play Ducky Downs.

We need you! It is through you that this festival will be a great event.

Amen? Amen.

*Fr. James*

### News from The Oratory of Saint John Vianney



For many years Oratory members Monica and Brian Hurley have helped put on the annual *Hackers For The Hungry* charity golf outing to raise money to support a Haitian orphanage and to build a modest home each year for an impoverished and desperate family. The inspirations for the outing are Brian's sister, Mary, who for over 20 years served as a lay missionary in Haiti, and the incredible poverty that the Hurleys observed on a mission trip there.

This year's outing will be held on **July 22** at Deer Track Golf Course in Goshen, Ohio. The cost is \$95 per person and \$380 per foursome (18 holes, a sleeve of golf balls, a t-shirt, 2 beverages and a light dinner). If you are interested in playing, please contact Brian (bhurley1422@gmail.com) or Monica (monicanhurley@gmail.com). If you would simply like to make a donation, please make the check payable to Partners In Development, a 501(c)(3) organization, and send it to the Hurleys at 3859 Homewood Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45227.

**The front doors of the Oratory** will be refinished starting in early July. This is expected to take two weeks to complete. During this time, parishioners will need to use either side door for entering and exiting the church, except for emergencies. Signs will be posted to help direct people.

In the mission of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests, please join us in praying for: Fr. Patrick Duffy, Fr. James Elsbernd, Fr. Stephen Emerick, Fr. David Fay, Fr. Leonard Fecko (retired).

*The devil writes down our sins — our guardian angel all our merits. Labor that the guardian angel's book may be full, and the Devil's empty. — ST. JOHN VIANNEY*

Are you planning to move away? Need to update your phone number? Add children to your household? We have a new place for you to let the office know of your changes! Visit **EastsideFaith.Org** and go to the "About" section, then "Parishioner Information Update." We will process your request as quickly as possible. — *Thank you! Maryl and Carrie*



### From the Desk of Fr. Ken

If there is one theme that sticks out today, it would be that of hospitality to our neighbors. In this case, the word neighbors constitute everyone we meet. If all of us are in the image and likeness of God, then we should do our best to be hospitable to those we meet. It could be helping one financially or simply saying a kind word or a listening ear.

This Tuesday, July 4th, is the 247th birthday of our independence. How often do we thank God for this?

*Fr. Ken Schopf*

### From the School Office

On this Independence Day weekend, we are reminded of all those who have sacrificed for us following the example of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Thank you for the freedoms we enjoy in our country. We honor and salute our Veterans.

The school office is officially closed in July and will reopen the first week of August. Please visit our website, [stmaryhp.org](http://stmaryhp.org), for all things St. Mary School. Email us at [stmary@stmaryhp.org](mailto:stmary@stmaryhp.org) for immediate questions. Thank you.



### Marian Triptych in the Sanctuary

The carved frame for the portrait of Mary in the sanctuary of church is most unusual. The inner frame is a series of flories, the center of the fleur-de-lis. At regular intervals in the center portion of the frame are rectangular patterned carvings in sequence. The outer portion of the frame is ribbed. At each side of the top, within the frame itself, are angel images in bas relief. Every bit of wood in the church is English oak.

The painting of Mary is unique because she is not wearing a veil. This portrait, flanked on either side by a similar one of an angel, forms a triptych [a three-paneled work of art, usually hinged so it may be folded]. This triptych style is repeated in each of the side altars. The angels in the main triptych are more Italian, said to be of the Fra Angelica school. But we return to English style with the four bas relief figures that border vertically the central portrait. These figures may be the four evangelists (Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John) and two bishops—likely Augustine and Jerome, who are often portrayed together.

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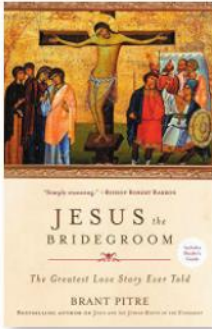
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BOOK REVIEW

## THE CATECHIST'S CORNER

*Jesus the Bridegroom:  
The Greatest Love Story Ever Told*  
by Brant Pitre



When my husband and I first got engaged, we decided that we wanted to create a list of books to read together before we were married. Having been fans of Brant Pitre's Marian class on Formed, we knew this book would be rich with scriptural insights that would help enrich our prayer life and practice of lectio divina. We were right! Two moments I especially loved in *Jesus the Bridegroom* were when Pitre talks about the scene with the Samaritan woman at the well being a "proposal" scene of types, and when he elaborates on who Mary is theologically referring to when she observes at the Wedding at Cana "they have no wine." I would recommend this book to anyone who loves scriptural exegesis and especially for those preparing for marriage. What better way to dive into the free, total, faithful, and fruitful dimensions of the sacrament than by looking to the True Bridegroom as a guide! - *Haley Metzger*

*How is the Lord calling you to a vocation of love?*

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*"Most people do not suspect what God could make out of them if they would only place themselves at his disposal."*  
- St. Ignatius of Loyola



## EPIC Extraordinary Parishioners Involved in Community

Come picnic with us on Wednesday, July 12, in St. Mary's Robisch Hall from 4-7 p.m. You will enjoy community and friendship with fellow parishioners. A delectable, grilled, picnic cuisine by Brandi Croley

will delight your palate. You will tap your feet to the "Moonlight Gardens" sound of Paul Chiappone and his musicians. Laughter and fun will abound. Don't miss this "EPIC" event. There is a \$10.00 cover charge. Register and pay online at [www.eastside-faith.org/epic](http://www.eastside-faith.org/epic) or contact Mary Landrum at [mlandrum@east-sideregion.org](mailto:mlandrum@east-sideregion.org). RSVP and payment due by July 7.

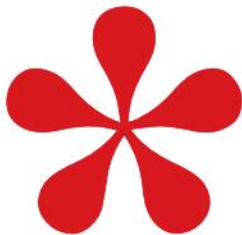
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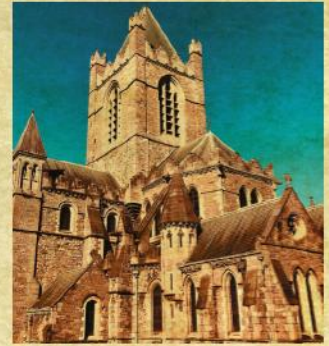
CINCINNATI ARTISTS  
at the **Cincinnati Art Museum**

Sunday, July 23, at 3PM

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## Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Matthew 10:37-38. Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me.**

I do not have my own children. I do not know what that exactly feels like. I do know the deep love I have for children who are and are not blood related to me. I have twelve nieces and nephews. I also have children who are not in my family who I consider family. I have had the privilege to be an intimate part of these kids' lives to the point that I feel like they are my own. I know how attached I can get to the love I give them and receive from them.

The love and devotion that a parent feels for a child is all consuming. Until a certain age, a child is an extension of his or her parents. The child first blooms on the tree of the parents. It must be the greatest thing to feel and witness as a parent. The divine mirror is held up to them through the lives of their children.

This is where Jesus's words in the gospel are hard to hear. Parents may become attached to their children in a way that stunts both the child and the parent's growth. The love that has grown and overflowed between parent and child eventually is asked to be shared with the world, to be given back to God's greater plan. It is our Christian mission to not hoard or keep the blooms of love to ourselves. True love also means to let go.

Children have their own special mission and identity that reveals itself. They must find out for themselves what God is calling them to do and be. At the same time, parents will rediscover or discover for the first time what God is calling them to. - **Brian Geeding**

*Brian Geeding teaches physical education and health at St. Mary School. He loves to be outside, go to concerts, and see people doing what they love to do.*

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