

ST. MARY CHURCH
HYDE PARK
AUGUST 20, 2023

The school year begins.



THIS IS FUNFEST WEEKEND

Worship Aid for the Twentieth 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

Gather Us In



1. Here in this place new light is stream - ing,
2. We are the young— our lives are a mys - t'ry,
3. Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter,



Now is the dark - ness van - ished a - way,
We are the old— who yearn for your face,
Here we will take the bread of new birth,



See in this space our fears and our dream - ings,
We have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
Here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,



Brought here to you in the light of this day.
Called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
Call us a - new to be salt for the earth.



Gath - er us in— the lost and for - sak - en,
Gath - er us in— the rich and the haugh - ty,
Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion,



Gath - er us in— the blind and the lame;
Gath - er us in— the proud and the strong;
Give us to eat the bread that is you;



Call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
Give us a heart so meek and so low - ly,
Nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion



We shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
Give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
Lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.

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

Is 56:1, 6-7

Thus says the LORD: Observe what is right, do what is just; for my salvation is about to come, my justice, about to be revealed. The foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, ministering to him, loving the name of the LORD, and becoming his servants— all who keep the sabbath free from profanation and hold to my covenant, them I will bring to my holy mountain and make joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be acceptable on my altar, for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8



May God be gracious and bless us
and let his face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your salvation. *R.*

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy;
with uprightness you rule the peoples,

you guide the nations on earth. *R.*

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
that all the ends of the earth may
revere him. *R.*

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Second Reading

Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

Brothers and sisters: I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I glory in my ministry in order to make my race jealous and thus save some of them. For if their rejection is the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable. Just as you once disobeyed God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now disobeyed in order that, by virtue of the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God delivered all to disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mt 15:21-28

At that time, Jesus withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman of that district came and called out, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David! My daughter is tormented by a demon." But Jesus did not say a word in answer to her. Jesus' disciples came and asked him, "Send her away, for she keeps calling out after us." He said in reply, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But the woman came and did Jesus homage, saying, "Lord, help me." He said in reply, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Please, Lord, for even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." Then Jesus said to her in reply, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And the woman's daughter was healed from that hour.

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

Ubi Caritas

Refrain: All



*U - bi ca - ri - tas est ve - ra, est ve - ra: De - us i - bi

Verses: Cantor/Choir



est, De - us i - bi est.



1. geth - er. Let us re - jice in him, and in our love and
2. gath - er. May all di - vi - sions cease and in their place be
3. ta - ble to share the bread of life be - come a sac - ra -
4. mer - cy, for those op - pressed, your might. Make us, your Church, a
5. glo - ry and see you face to face, re - joic - ing with the



1. care for all now love God in re - turn.
2. Christ the Lord, our ris - en Prince of Peace.
3. ment of love, your heal - ing touch, O Christ.
4. ho - ly sign of jus - tice and new life.
5. saints of God to sing e - ter - nal praise.

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Recessional Hymn Lift Up Your Hearts

Communion Hymn Where Two or Three are Gathered

Refrain

Here in the Bread that is bro - ken, here in the Cup that is
poured, here in the Word that is spo - ken: Je - sus Christ is
Lord! Here where the poor find their treas - ure,
here where the great-est are least, come find a love be-yond
meas - ure in this heav'n - ly feast.

Verses

1. Where two or three are gath-ered, gath-ered in my
2. Where two or three are gath-ered, I am there as
3. Where two or three are gath-ered, I am there with
4. Where two or three are gath-ered, gath-ered in my
5. Where two or three are gath-ered, I am there as
6. Where two or three are gath-ered, I am there with

name, I come with words of com - fort
well, in - vit - ing my dis - ci - ples
you. I lead you in - to free - dom,
name, I wash your feet in serv - ice.
well. The bless - ings of the king - dom
you. My gifts of peace and mer - cy

to ease your hurt and shame.
in per - fect love to dwell.
my path is safe and true.
Now you must do the same.
I send you forth to tell.
will strength - en and re - new.

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!

Text: Psalm 66; Roc O'Connor, SJ, b.1949,
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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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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, AUGUST 21 Saint Pius X

5:30 PM Catherine Butler

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22 The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 PM Matthew Paul Rose

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23 Saint Rose of Lima

5:30 PM Edward Castellini

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24 Saint Bartholomew, Apostle

5:30 PM Susie Ramsey

FRIDAY, AUGUST 25 Saint Louis

5:30 PM No Mass

SATURDAY, AUGUST 26 Saturday of Our Lady

4:00 PM Pete and Louise Darin

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Robert Lutmer

10:30 AM Micky Ennis

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.



The School Year Begins!

August 20, 2023

This week will be the first week of school at St. Mary and St. Cecilia. One of the ways we can catechize our young children is by having them attend Catholic Schools. We are not schools with parishes, but we are parishes with schools. It is one of the most vital ministries we have. Our teachers and catechists are here to help your children learn about Jesus, the Catholic faith and attain the knowledge they need to go out into the world.

As you know, our parents are the first teachers of the faith. That is why I need to have the parents make a commitment to bring their children not only to school on time but to Mass each weekend. When I meet with the students they are more than happy to come to Mass but it takes the parents to make the choice to bring them. It brings me such joy to see them each Sunday. We need to make it a habit to prepare the children and to prepare yourselves. It will show them what you value.

We have a great way for our families to grow in their faith along with their children. This year, we will combine our two separate Family of Faith programs (one at St. Cecilia and another at St. Mary) into one, combined program for our entire family of parishes (eastsidefaith.org/fof). Due to the larger facilities available, our new location for our combined Family of Faith will be at St. Mary in Hyde Park.

Families will be encouraged to attend Mass at their home parish. After Mass, families will meet at St. Mary in Hyde Park where refreshments will be provided from 11:30 AM–12 PM. All classes will start at 12 PM and conclude by 1 PM. Upon arrival at St. Mary in Robisch Hall, families are encouraged to partake in the refreshments until classes begin at 12 PM. Shortly before classes are to begin, parents will first drop off their children in the appropriate classroom inside St. Mary School. After which, parents will walk over to Robisch Hall to participate in the parent session. At the conclusion of the parent session, parents will walk over to St. Mary School and pick up their children from their classrooms.

Fr. Jesse



From the Oratory of Saint John Vianney

The Oratory is part of St. Cecilia Parish, and is a growing community, dedicated to expanding the Catholic presence in Madisonville, and devoted to prayer for the priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, through the intercession of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests.

Daily Mass and Rosary

Mass is offered Monday-Friday at 11:45 AM, and the rosary begins at 11:15 AM for the special intention of the priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. What a great chance in the middle of the day to refocus on the Lord.

Donut Sundays at the Oratory

Join us for hospitality after the 9:30 AM Mass on the fourth Sunday of each month. We meet next door in the rectory for donuts, muffins, yogurt, juice, coffee, and other treats. It's a great opportunity to get to know people as we build our community. All are welcome and encouraged to stop by. If you have any questions or wish to help with our hospitality ministry, please see Monica Hurley, Coyee Futscher, or Jody Hutchinson. You can also email monicanhurley@gmail.com.

Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers Needed

If you are interested in becoming a lector or an extraordinary minister of the Eucharist, please see Audrey Shelton after Mass or sign up in the back of church.

Prayer for the Priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

In the mission of St. John Vianney, Patron of Parish Priests, please join us this week in praying for: **Fr. Ethan Moore and Fr. Jeff Stephens (Uptown Catholic Parishes), Fr. Jerome Gardner, Fr. Patrick Slonecker, and Fr. Dave Lemkuhl (Crescent Parishes)** Special thanks to those who have offered to help send notes of thanks and encouragement to the priests we are praying for each week! If you would like to help, please contact Dale Hutchinson at hutchdale52@gmail.com.



From the Desk of Fr. Ken

In the Gospel, a woman follows Jesus to heal her daughter. The disciples are somewhat miffed at her, and Jesus gives her a bit of a slight rebuff. But she stood her ground, and Jesus is proud of her perseverance and faith. Would He say the same thing about us?

During this festival weekend, let us give thanks to our FunFest Chairs, John & Dawn Paquette, and all the volunteers.

Fr Ken Schopf

From the School Office

Teachers and Staff have been hard at work preparing for our First Day of School on Thursday, August 24. We celebrate and will do our best every day to emulate our 2023-2024 school year theme...



SAINT MARY FUN FEST 2023
AUGUST 18-19-20

FRIDAY: 6 PM-MIDNIGHT
 SATURDAY: 5 PM-MIDNIGHT
 SUNDAY: 3-8 PM

LIVE MUSIC

- FRIDAY / 7-11 PM - THE WHAMMIES
- SATURDAY / 7-11 PM - GEE YOUR BAND SMELLS TERRIFIC
- SUNDAY / 4-8 PM - THE SUNBURNERS

FOOD
 LAROSAS PIZZA/BACKYARD GRILL/GRANNY'S GOODIES AND LITTLE TROLLEY DONUT FOOD TRUCKS

SPECIAL ATTRACTIONS

- BLACK JACK FRIDAY & SATURDAY / 7-MIDNIGHT
- CARNIVAL RIDES BY MURRAY BROS.
- BIDS 'N BASKETS
- KIDS KINGDOM WITH GAMES, SAND ART, FACE PAINTING, JAIL & BAIL, PUTT FOR DOUGH!
- \$10,000 GRAND PRIZE RAFFLE!

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God Bless the Newly Baptized



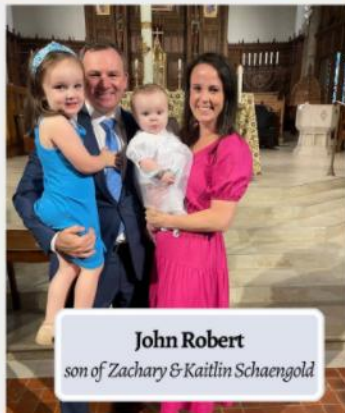
Cameron Joseph
son of Joe & Stephanie Ries



Wells Thomas
son of Thomas & Amy Baker



Ella Avery
daughter of Ryan & Sarah Williams



John Robert
son of Zachary & Kaitlin Schaengold

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FunFest Bids 'n Baskets

Get ready to shop! Download the bidding platform from the QR code. Check out all the interesting offerings!



SVDP Food Drive

The Saint Vincent DePaul monthly Food Drive is next weekend, August 26 & 27. Dry and canned goods are collected for the SVDP pantry and baby items for mothers in need. We are grateful for your support.

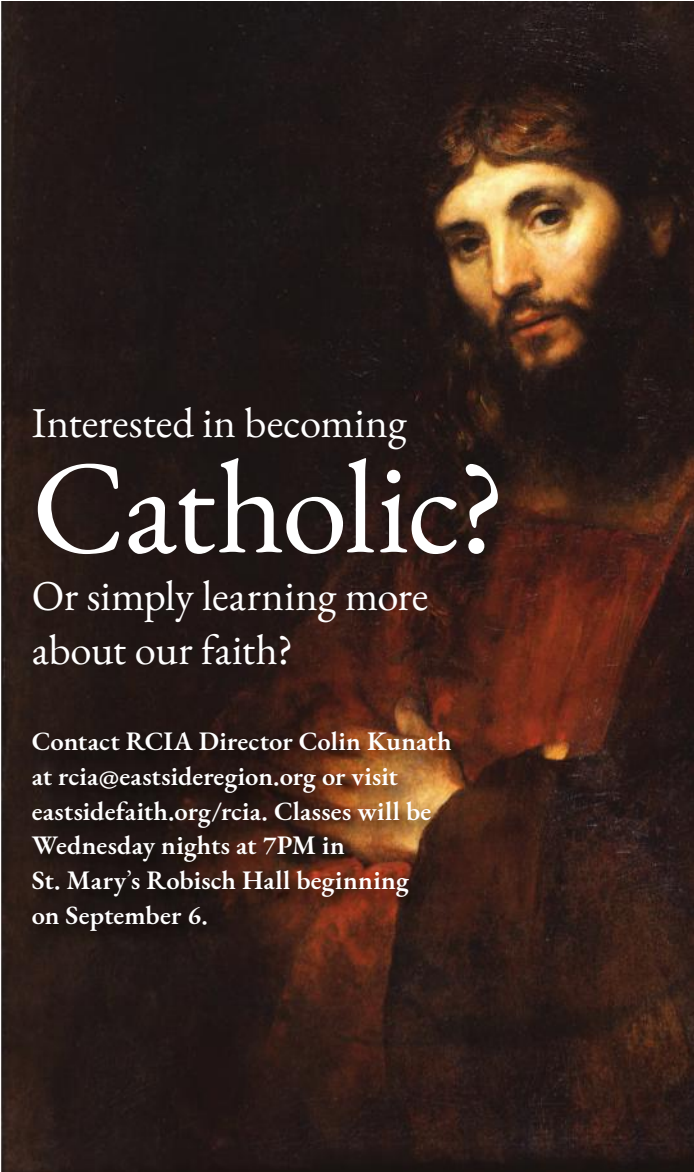


BOOK REVIEW

THE CATECHIST'S
CORNER*A Voice in the Wind* by Francine Rivers

If there's one genre today that I would argue is the most challenged in terms of containing wholesome characters and plotlines consistent with the Catholic faith it is young adult fiction. Believe me, I've read enough of these titles over the years to know! In addition to containing what can often be a racy scene here or a problematic theme there, I've experienced a persistent, unsatisfied longing to find a character

in this genre that represents the person that my faith-filled peers and I are aspiring to be in all areas of our lives: our friendships, our familial relationships, our workplace, and our faith. That being said, I'm incredibly thankful that I have managed to find one series that fits this mold. My 11th grade Moral Theology teacher assigned my class *A Voice in the Wind* as summer reading, and it truly fulfilled that desire and need. Though the protagonist, Hadassah, is a first century Christian slave girl serving a wealthy Roman family, her honest voice, patient and wholehearted trust in God, and ongoing prayer for the conversion of those she meets strike a chord that feels equally relatable and modern as it does historic. But make no mistake, just because this novel is explicitly Christian in its themes and dialogue does not mean that it shies away from confronting difficult moral evils and societal issues that remain culturally relevant even to this day. Notwithstanding, the overarching message is one of God's power to heal hearts and transform lives through the witness of his disciples and the movement of the Holy Spirit. An equally satisfying read for those 16 to 60, the first book of the Mark of the Lion series is one I would recommend to all! – *Haley Metzger*



Interested in becoming
Catholic?
Or simply learning more
about our faith?

Contact RCIA Director Colin Kunath at rcia@eastsideregion.org or visit eastsidefaith.org/rcia. Classes will be Wednesday nights at 7PM in St. Mary's Robisch Hall beginning on September 6.

**Forty Hours Devotion**

Everyone in the Eastside Family is invited to take part in our annual Forty Hours Exposition and Adoration **the weekend of September 8-10**. There will be continuous adoration from the opening ceremony at the St. Cecilia 9:00 a.m. Mass on Friday, September 8, until the closing ceremony at the St. Cecilia 10:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, September 10. Because we must be sure to have at least one person present every hour during this event, especially in the late evening and overnight (security is present for your safety), please consider volunteering as a guardian adorer for an hour or so in prayer with our Lord. Sign-up sheets can be found on the St. Cecilia website under "Events." If you have any questions about signing up, you can call Jeff Icsman at 513-321-3089 or email him at icsmanj@gmail.com.

Our **Family of Faith** program is in search of faithful parishioner who would like to explore leading and teaching children of the parish during a monthly session focusing on prayer. This volunteer position has a commitment requirement of teaching one monthly session from September until April. All materials/texts are provided. Visit www.eastsidefaith.org/FOF for more info on the program and detailed dates. Please contact Cody Egner if interested at cegner@eastsideregion.org.



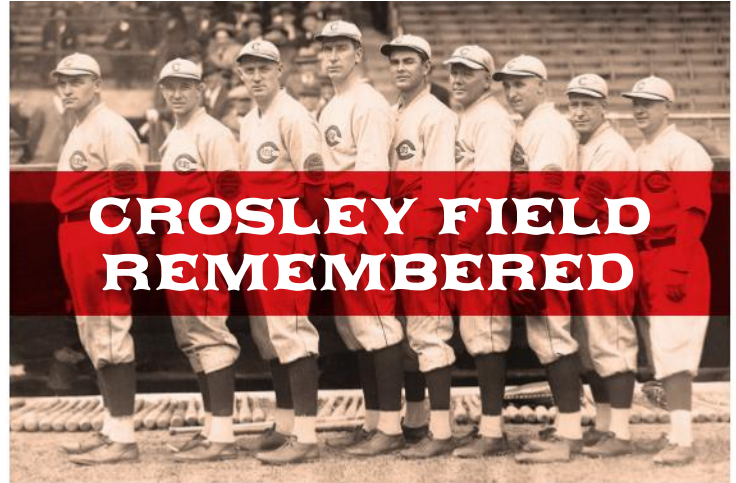
Religious Sisters to Teach and Reside in our Family

Having an order of religious sisters in parishes and in the schools of our churches has been a long standing tradition in our faith. It went “hand in hand,” that if you had priests, you had religious sisters as well. In our family it was a long standing tradition to have religious sisters that taught in our schools and lived on campus. It is with great excitement that we are set to welcome the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary to our Eastside Family of Parishes. Founded in India, this congregation of 1,200 sisters is a teaching order and has educated hundreds of thousands of young women through their educational institutions, irrespective of caste and creed.

Here are some FAQs that have been received:

1. Why are we getting them? It is important in a Catholic family to have all the roles of the family present. In this case, the sisters will be a motherly presence, complementing the priests.
2. When are they coming? Sometime in September. There is a great deal of work regarding visas that is currently being completed.
3. How many sisters are coming? We will be welcoming three sisters initially and a fourth will come later.
4. Where will they live? They will live in a red brick home on Monteith (behind the rectory) that is owned by St. Mary’s.
5. What are their qualifications? The sisters have teaching certificates, qualifying them to teach all the current courses in our schools. We are fortunate that the individuals coming to us hold master’s degrees in mathematics and chemistry.
6. What will their role be? The sisters will initially be involved in religious education of students as well as act as aides and substitute teachers in the schools (both St. Cecilia and St. Mary). Natural attrition occurs every year, and the sisters will assume those vacancies at that time.
7. Do they speak English? Yes! They speak the Queen’s English. Brilliantly!

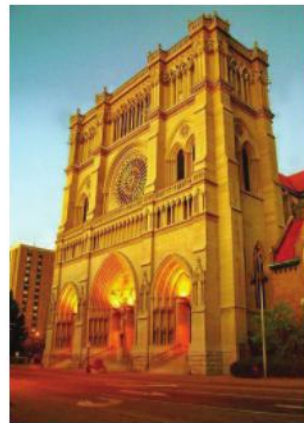
Stay tuned . . . more information to come!



The **40'S PLUS FUN BUNCH** will host a speaker from the Museum Center who will help us relive the memorable 1919 and 1940 Reds World Championship teams led by Edd Roush and Ernie Lombardi and experience the excitement of the 1960s again with the arrival of Reds greats Rose, Bench, Perez and Nolan.

The cost for this event is \$5 per person. You can put it into an envelope marked with your name and "40's Plus Fun Bunch" and drop it into the collection basket at Mass. **RSVP to stcfunbunch@gmail.com.** Feel free to bring a small appetizer to share.

Also, if you would like to receive emails regarding future events, please contact stcfunbunch@gmail.com.



EPIC: Basilicas and Bavarian Cuisine

Thursday, September 21, 2024

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Join us for a beautiful fall day in Covington and Newport, Kentucky. We will start with a tour of the magnificent The Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington. After the tour you can join us for delicious German cuisine at the Hofbräuhaus in Newport. This is a fun and friendly venue where you can enjoy schnitzel weiner art work, dunkel bourbon chicken, potato pancakes, apfel strudel, Bavarian cream puffs, bier cheese and of course, bier and much more. Lunch is on your own.

Carpool from St. Mary will be available for those interested. Be in front of church by 9:30. Please indicate you need a ride when you register. Or meet us at the cathedral by 10:00.

Please make your reservation online at eastsidefaith.org/epic or by emailing Mary Landrum at mlandrum@eastsideregion.org. Numbers for our reservations need to be finalized by Friday, September 8th. Registration will be closed after that date. There is a \$5.00 fee for the tour. This must be turned into me by September 8 to reserve your spot.



THE WORD IN YOUR HEART | 11

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Romans 11:29. For the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.

I love the role model in *The Runaway Bunny* – Margaret Wise Brown’s beautiful book about a mother who follows and protects her child wherever he goes, whatever he does – and have read this story countless times to my children and now my granddaughter. I know the depth of my own fierce love for the children that God has placed in my care – and find another role model in the mother in today’s gospel, who persistently pleads and even accepts insult to get healing for her daughter. Yet it is so hard for me to understand that God yearned for me as I did for my children, and holds me in an even deeper, constant, and limitless love. Irrevocable love and mercy, Saint Paul tells us.

God’s gifts are simply beyond our human comprehension. We don’t earn them. Though we must do our part to follow the command to “Observe what is right, do what is just” (Isaiah 56:1) and ask for redemption in the sacrament of Reconciliation, God offers us this irrevocable love and mercy, forgiving us again and again when we sin or are disobedient.

All three readings today are about outsiders – the Israelites returning to Jerusalem after the Babylonian Exile and reaching out to foreigners; Paul speaking to the Gentiles, the Christians in Rome; and Jesus granting the request of the Canaanite woman, extending his mission and ministry beyond the Jewish community. Perhaps one message we can take from these readings is that we are called to model and share God’s great love and mercy, not just with the people it is easy for us to love, but with the outsiders in our lives – people of different beliefs, values, religions; people who disagree with us, upset us, or even frighten us. Can we live our faith and take the irrevocable love challenge? **Janet Buening**

Janet Buening, a St. Mary parishioner since 1982, was inspired by her service as a lector to establish this weekly 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.

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