

ST. MARY CHURCH  
HYDE PARK  
AUGUST 27, 2023

The Month of  
Our Lady of Sorrows



Dieric Bouts, *Mater Dolorosa*, 1470-75

# Worship Aid for the Twenty-First 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 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

## 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 22:19-23

Thus says the LORD to Shebna, master of the palace: "I will thrust you from your office and pull you down from your station. On that day I will summon my servant Eliakim, son of Hilkiyah; I will clothe him with your robe, and gird him with your sash, and give over to him your authority. He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. I will place the key of the House of David on Eliakim's shoulder; when he opens, no one shall shut, when he shuts, no one shall open. I will fix him like a peg in a sure spot, to be a place of honor for his family."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Response

Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8



Lord, your love is e - ter-nal; do not for-sake the work of your hands.

I thank you, LORD, with all my heart;  
you have heard the words of my  
mouth.

In the presence of the angels I praise you.  
I bow down toward your holy  
temple. *℟.*

I give thanks to your name  
for your merciful love and your  
faithfulness.

On the day I called, you answered me;  
you increased the strength of my  
soul. *℟.*

The LORD is high, yet he looks on the  
lowly,  
and the haughty he knows from afar.

O LORD, your merciful love is eternal;  
discard not the work of your  
hands. *℟.*

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Music: Michel Guimont, © 1994, GIA Publications, Inc.

## Second Reading

Rom 11:33-36

Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgments and how unsearchable his ways! For who has known the mind of the Lord or who has been his counselor? Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid? For from him and through him and for him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

Mt 16:13-20

Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi and he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" They replied, "Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter said in reply, "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Jesus said to him in reply, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

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

## All Glory is Yours

The musical notation is written on three staves in a 3/4 time signature with a key signature of two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The lyrics are: "To you, O God, all glo-ry be, all glo-ry for - ev - er. To you, O God, all glo-ry be, all glo-ry for - ev - er, a - men." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the third staff.

### Verses

1. How deep are your riches, your wisdom profound.  
Your knowledge surpasses all we dare imagine.  
You are God: all glory is yours!
2. God, how can we know you? Who knows your mind?  
What more can we do but serve you and love you?  
You are God: all glory is yours!
3. God, all things are from you, conceived and brought forth.  
Through you all things move, move and have being.  
Creation exults: all glory is yours!

Text: Romans 11:33–36; Bob Moore, b.1962  
Tune: Bob Moore, b.1962  
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# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Recessional Hymn God, We Praise You

### Communion Hymn

### All Who Hunger

Verses



1. All who hun-ger, gath - er glad - ly; Ho - ly man - na  
2. All who hun-ger, nev - er stran-gers; Seek-er, be a  
3. All who hun-ger, sing to-geth - er; Je - sus Christ is



is our bread. Come from wil - der-ness and wan-d'ring.  
wel - come guest. Come from rest - less-ness and roam - ing.  
liv - ing bread. Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing.



Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for  
Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were  
Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who



days of full-ness, All a - round us is our food.  
lost and scat-tered In com-mun-ion's love have stood.  
from this ta - ble Live their days in grat - i - tude.

Refrain



Taste and see the grace e - ter-nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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1. God, we praise you! God, we bless you!  
God, we name you sov'reign Lord!  
Mighty King whom angels worship,  
Father, by your Church adored:  
All creation shows your glory,  
Heav'n and earth draw near your throne,  
Singing "Holy, holy, holy,  
Lord of hosts, and God alone!"

2. True apostles, faithful prophets,  
Saints who set their world ablaze,  
Martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,  
Join one growing song of praise,  
While your Church on earth confesses  
One majestic Trinity:  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
God, our hope eternally.

3. Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
Everlasting Son of God,  
Humble was your virgin mother,  
Hard the lonely path you trod:  
By your cross is sin defeated,  
Hell confronted face to face,  
Heaven opened to believers,  
Sinners justified by grace.

4. Christ, at God's right hand victorious,  
You will judge the world you made;  
Lord, in mercy help your servants  
For whose freedom you have paid:  
Raise us up from dust to glory,  
Guard us from all sin today;  
King enthroned above all praises,  
Save your people, God, we pray.

Text: Based on the Te Deum; Christopher  
M. Idle, b.1938, © 1982, The Jubilate Group  
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Tune: NETTLETON, 8 7 8 7 D; Wyeth's  
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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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### St. Mary (Hyde Park)

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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 28 Saint Augustine**

5:30 PM William E Haithcoat

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29 The Beheading of St. John the Baptist**

5:30 PM James Connelly

**WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 Blessed John Juvenal**

5:30 PM Phyllis Heinlen

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 31**

5:30 PM Kathleen Caruso

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1**

5:30 PM No Mass

**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2**

4:00 PM Robert Lutmer

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

8:30 AM Johnathan Leo Bachus

10:30 AM Bernard & Beatrice Hickert

**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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## The Month of Our Lady of Sorrows August 27, 2023

The month of September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows. The actual feast day is celebrated on Sept. 15. Our Lady spent her life at the foot of the Cross. She shared in His suffering in the Passion and throughout His lifetime. Her life was also filled with sorrow and she remained faithful to her Son. She is our example of how to suffer hardship and tribulation in our lives.

This month, get closer to Our Lady and her Son by carrying the Cross for others. Pray a rosary for someone who is suffering. Visit them and be present to them. Light a candle and pray for a loved one who is anxious and lost. Go to confession and stand before the Pieta and join Our Mother in her suffering. Being there watching what she went through and how she suffered in such a loving way helps us put our sorrow in perspective. Take the time to ask someone what they need you to pray for. You will be amazed at how you learn that everyone has something that may be making them struggle in life.

The seven sorrows are:

1. The Prophecy of Simeon (Luke 2:34-35)
2. The Flight into Egypt (Matthew 2:13-21)
3. The Loss of Jesus for Three Days (Luke 2:41-50)
4. The Carrying of the Cross (John 19:17)
5. The Crucifixion of Jesus (John 19:18-30)
6. Jesus Taken Down from the Cross (John 19:39-40)
7. Jesus Laid in the Tomb (John 19:39-42)

May we join our sweet Mother in her sorrows.

*Fr. Jesse*

**PRAY FOR MAUI:** Catholic Charities USA is assisting with relief efforts following the devastating wildfires which struck parts of the island of Maui, Hawaii, on August 8 and 9. Anyone wishing to make a financial contribution to these relief efforts may do so by visiting [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/?form=hawaii23](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org/?form=hawaii23). Let us pray for all those affected by this disaster and for those assisting with recovery and rebuilding efforts.



### 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.

#### Oratory One Year Anniversary Coming Soon!

Our one-year anniversary is next month — first Masses were last September 3-4. Join us to celebrate at the 9:30 AM Mass on **Sunday, September 10**, with a special Mass and reception.

#### Oratory Donations

Please make all checks out to **ST. CECILIA-ORATORY**, instead of St. Margaret-St. John and St. Anthony. Those accounts will be closed as of September 1, 2023. You can also utilize on-line giving at: <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-2384?tab=home>

#### 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.

#### 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. Angelo Anthony, Fr. Seraphine Lesiriam (St. Joseph, Dayton), Fr. Basil Doan (Sacred Heart Vietnamese, Dayton), Fr. George Gabet, Fr. Joseph Orłowski (Holy Family, Dayton)** 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](mailto:hutchdale52@gmail.com).



### From the Desk of Fr. Ken

Who do you say that I am? The Apostles answered: "John the Baptist. Elijah. One of the prophets." Peter answered correctly, " You are the Messiah. The Son of God " Because of that answer, Jesus charged Peter to head the Church after He ascended into Heaven. Today, people may say that Jesus was a moral teacher, humanist, or social worker. My question is: How would we respond?

*Fr. Ken Schief*

### From the School Office

Welcome back to school! We are blessed to have 480 students fill our classrooms with their energy and love. The school mission that we embrace and commit ourselves to is:

“To Educate, Inspire, & Energize Children with an Emphasis on Catholic Faith, Academic Excellence, a Commitment to Serve and Lead, and the Acceptance of Others.”



### God Bless the Newly Baptized

John Henry  
*son of John & Julia Lechleiter*



### FunFest Sights



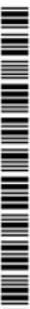
They met each other years 25 years ago at FunFest!

**SAINT MARY FUN FEST 2023**

Thank you to this AMAZING group of humans for a spectacular FunFest weekend!

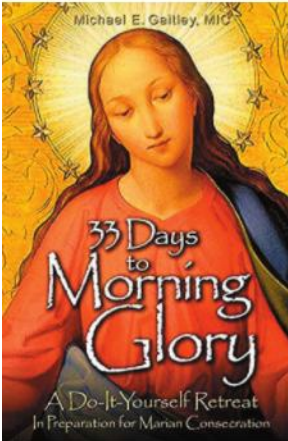
St. Mary Hyde Park  
**Cougars**  
Golf Outing  
**9.29.23**  
California Golf Course

Details & Register here





## BOOK REVIEW

THE CATECHIST'S  
CORNER*33 Days to Morning Glory* by Fr. Michael Gaitley

*33 Days to Morning Glory* is a do-it-yourself retreat that will inspire you to total consecration to Jesus through Mary. Father Gaitley's conversational style of writing is so clear and simple as he lays out the idea and benefits of being consecrated to our Lady. One of the greatest fruits is realizing fully the gentle care of her maternal heart and allowing this to endear you to her and her Son. As he writes "She makes the lessons of the Cross into something sweet, and she pours her motherly love

and solace into our every wound." As Sts. Louis de Montfort, Maximilian Kolbe, Mother Teresa, and John Paul II would attest to, the path to sainthood is so much easier with her as your guide and companion! Each week consists of daily reflections from these saints' perspectives drawn from their unique relationships with Mary. For me personally, after reading this book my zeal to be totally consecrated to Mary was ignited. One thing that really inspired me was the idea that if I consecrated myself to Mary, I could also bring my entire family under the care of her, too. I began to understand how Mary's generosity cannot be outdone! Her desire to bring souls to her Son is infinitely greater than my own. I recommend this book to anyone who wants a quick and easy way to get close to the heart of our Spiritual mother. – Terri Knappenberger

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

Contact RCIA Director Colin Kunath at [rcia@eastsideregion.org](mailto:rcia@eastsideregion.org) or visit [eastsidefaith.org/rcia](http://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](mailto: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](http://www.eastsidefaith.org/FOF) for more info on the program and detailed dates. Please contact Cody Egner if interested at [cegner@eastsideregion.org](mailto: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!

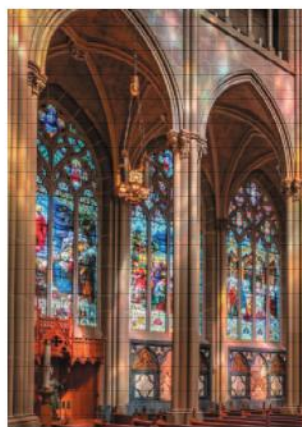
*Stay tuned . . . more information to come!*



The **40'S PLUS FUN BUNCH** will host a speaker from the Museum Center on **Sunday, September 24, at 3 PM in the St. Cecilia Commons** 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](mailto: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](mailto:stcfunbunch@gmail.com).



## EPIC: Basilicas and Bavarian Cuisine

**Thursday, September 21, 2023**

**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](http://eastsidefaith.org/epic) or by emailing Mary Landrum at [mlandrum@eastsideregion.org](mailto: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

## Twenty-First Sunday In Ordinary Time

Matthew 16:15. He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?"

An old Jewish joke goes, "Why does a rabbi always answer a question with another question?" The answer is, "Why shouldn't a rabbi answer a question with another question?"

God so rarely gives us the definitive answers we seek. Look at the Book of Job, where he questions God about the tragic circumstance he finds himself in. God responds not with answers but with questions for Job to contemplate that will lead him to discovery. The most durable lessons are those we discover in our own experience. How often have we been in a restaurant, and the waiter warns us that the dish is hot, yet we still need to touch it?

We all must answer this essential question - who do we say that Jesus is? Simon, afterward named Peter, is about to begin on this road of discovery. Simon is the first to answer Jesus' question, establishing himself as a leader of the disciples: "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Then, like Abram to Abraham and Jacob to Israel, Jesus changes Simon's name to Peter - the rock on which he will build his church. At this point, Peter is not the rock he will become after Pentecost. Ten chapters later in Matthew, he denies knowing Jesus three times. However, it is reassuring that Jesus places his faith in what Peter can become. God sees the potential in us, even though we often fall short. Peter's experiences will harden him into the rock God needs.

Sometimes we get clear answers to our prayers. When we don't, we should consider whether we are getting a question back instead.

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**The Word In Your Heart** is a faith-sharing ministry open to all Eastside Family parishioners. New contributors warmly welcomed! Contact Janet Buening at 513-871-9294 or <mailto:janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com>.

## YOUR OFFERINGS *Thank you*

Weekly Giving	8/20/2023	FYTD	thru July (1 month)
Weekend Collection:	\$4,219	Sunday Giving:	\$83,775
Mailed:	\$660	Budget:	\$112,125
WeShare Online:	\$10,201	<b>Over (under) Budget:</b>	<b>(\$28,350)</b>
<b>Total Sunday Giving:</b>	<b>\$15,080</b>		
<b>OVER (Under) Weekly Budget:</b>	<b>(\$7,345)</b>	Year Ago:	\$79,539
		<b>Over (under) Year Ago:</b>	<b>\$4,236</b>
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