

# ST. MARY CHURCH

HYDE PARK

DECEMBER 11, 2022

## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BE STRONG, FEAR NOT!  
HERE IS YOUR GOD,  
HE COMES WITH VINDICATION;  
WITH DIVINE RECOMPENSE  
HE COMES TO SAVE YOU.

—ISAIAH 35:4



# Worship Aid for the Third Sunday of Advent

## Entrance Hymn

## Entrance Antiphon for Advent



Advent 1 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul,  
Advent 2 To Zi - on's hill our God will come  
Advent 3 Re - jice, a - gain I say re - jice.  
Advent 4 O heav - ens, o - pen wide a - bove;



in you, my God, I place my trust.  
with heal - ing for all na - tions' ills.  
The Lord is near and com - ing soon.  
rain down the Just One, all you clouds;



Let not my en - e - mies ex - ult,  
Your hearts will quick - en as you hear  
Your gen - tle - ness be shown to all.  
bring forth a Sav - ior, mo - ther earth.



nor wait - ing hearts be put to shame.  
the Lord's ma - jest - tic, glo - rious voice.  
Re - jice, a - gain I say, re - jice.  
Let all crea - a - tion know its Lord.

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## Penitential Rite

### Option A

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.

### Option B

Have mercy on us, O Lord.  
**For we have sinned against you.**

Show us, O Lord, your mercy.  
**And grant us your salvation.**

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.

## 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

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

Is 35:1-6a, 10

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing.

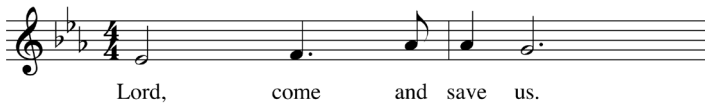
Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Response

### Psalm 146



1. It is the LORD who preserves fidelity forever,  
who does justice to those who are oppressed.

It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the LORD who sets prisoners free.

2. The LORD who opens the eyes of the blind,  
the LORD who raises up those who are bowed down.

It is the LORD who loves the just,  
the LORD who protects the stranger.

3. The LORD upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.

The LORD will reign forever,  
the God of Sion from age to age.

## Second Reading

Jas 5:7-10

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written: Therefore, I will praise you among the Gentiles and sing praises to your name.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

Mt 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me."

As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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

## O Come, O Come Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el,  
2. O come, O Wis - dom from on high,  
3. O come, O come, great Lord of might,  
4. O come, O Rod of Jes - se's stem,  
5. O come, O Key of Da - vid, come,

And ran - som cap - tive Is - ra - el,  
Who or - der all things might - i - ly;  
Who to your tribes on Si - nai's height  
From ev - 'ry foe de - liv - er them  
And o - pen wide our heav'n - ly home;

That mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here  
To us the path of knowl - edge show,  
In an - cient times once gave the Law  
That trust your might - y power to save,  
Make safe the way that leads on high,

Un - til the Son of God ap - pear.  
And teach us in her ways to go.  
In cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.  
And give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.  
And close the path to mis - er - y.

Re - joice! Re - joice! Em - man - u - el

Shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

6. O come, O Dayspring from on high,  
And cheer us by your drawing nigh;  
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
And death's dark shadow put to flight.

7. O come, Desire of nations, bind  
In one the hearts of humankind;  
O bid our sad divisions cease,  
And be for us our King of Peace.

Text: *Veni, veni Emmanuel*; Latin 9th C.; tr. by John M. Neale, 1818–1866, alt.  
Tune: VENI EMMANUEL, LM with refrain; Mode I; adapt. by Thomas Helmore, 1811–1890; acc. by Richard Proulx, 1937–2010



# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Recessional Hymn People, Look East

### Communion Hymn

### Comfort, My People



1. Com - fort, my peo - ple, and calm all your  
 2. Si - lence the thun - der, si - lence sounds of  
 (3.) light in the dark - ness; be truth for our



fear; the day of sal - va - tion is  
 war. End all de - struc - tion and  
 lives. Be strength for the help - less, the



quick - ly draw - ing near. The One you long to  
 com - fort those who mourn. Your dream draws  
 poor and lost who cry. O sav - ing



see will soon set you free.  
 near; your vi - sion is here.  
 voice, O liv - ing choice,



O come, Lord Je - sus, come.



O come, Lord Je - sus, come.



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3. Be

Text: Ian Callanan, b.1971  
 Tune: Ian Callanan, b.1971  
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1. People, look East. The time is near of  
 the crowning of the year.  
 Make your house fair as you are able.  
 Trim the hearth and set the table.  
 People, look East, and sing today:  
 Love, the Guest, is on the way.

2. Furrows, be glad though earth is bare.  
 One more seed is planted there;  
 give up your strength the seed to  
 nourish,  
 That in course and flower may flourish.  
 People, look East, and sing today:  
 Love, the Rose, is on the way.

3. Stars, keep the watch when night is  
 dim.  
 One more light the bowl shall brim.  
 Shining beyond the frosty weather,  
 Bright as sun and moon together.  
 People, look East, and sing today:  
 Love, the Star, is on the way.

4. Angels, announce on this great feast:  
 Him who cometh from the East.  
 Set every peak and valley humming  
 With the word, the Lord is coming.  
 People, look East, and sing today:  
 Love, the Lord, is on the way.

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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.*

## St. Cecilia (Oakley)

Office: (513) 871-5757  
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[facebook.com/stceciliacincinnati](https://www.facebook.com/stceciliacincinnati)  
[instagram: stceciliaparish](https://www.instagram.com/stceciliaparish)

## St. Mary (Hyde Park)

Office: (513) 321-1207  
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[instagram: stmaryhydepark](https://www.instagram.com/stmaryhydepark)

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

**For a complete listing of ministries and staff, visit [eastsidefaith.org](http://eastsidefaith.org).**

## Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe**  
 5:30 PM Judy Wickert by William Wickert

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13 Saint Lucy**  
 5:30 PM Anne Marie Gieske by Margie Wimberg

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14 Saint John of the Cross**  
 5:30 PM Sandy Langford by Ann Glacken

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15 Blessed Anthony Grassi**  
 9:00 AM Judy Wickert by William Wickert

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16**  
 5:30 PM No Mass

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17**  
 4 PM Fran Klocke by Tom & Rosemary Bosco

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 18 The Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 8:30 AM Judy Wickert by William Wickert  
 10:30 AM Mary Frey by Bea Rundle & Family

**Mass Intentions.** If you have any particular intentions for which you would like to have a Mass offered, please contact your parish office. Intentions are often requested for those who have died, but may include any kind of need that you or someone you know is experiencing for which prayer is needed.



## Wedding Banns

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## The Third Sunday of Advent

December 11, 2022

The third Sunday of Advent is a day of hope and to prepare the way for the Lord. This is a good day to start fresh and be there for our loved ones. Start each morning by praying for them by name. Rejoice in the hope of another day and share the love of Jesus with everyone. Be purposeful this weekend and share your gratitude and build up those around you. Who would you like to thank today? Who can you build up by telling someone how special they are to you? This may be a little difficult for some of us. We may rush through the day getting things ready for Christmas and yet miss the mark of preparing the way for the Lord. The real reason we are preparing to celebrate the Son of God. How can we stop and reboot how we are preparing ourselves, families and children? Let us challenge ourselves and share the graces we experience in our lives. Help others recognize the blessings in your life by being specific and naming them. Personally thank those that do so much for you. Someone who you haven't had time to appreciate

properly but have been meaning to do so for some time now. Take today — Gaudate Sunday — and truly rejoice in the Lord! Prepare your hearts for Christmas!

Amen? Amen!

*Fr. Jessie*

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PLEASE NOTE: The parish offices at St. Cecilia and St. Mary will be closed the week between Christmas and New Years

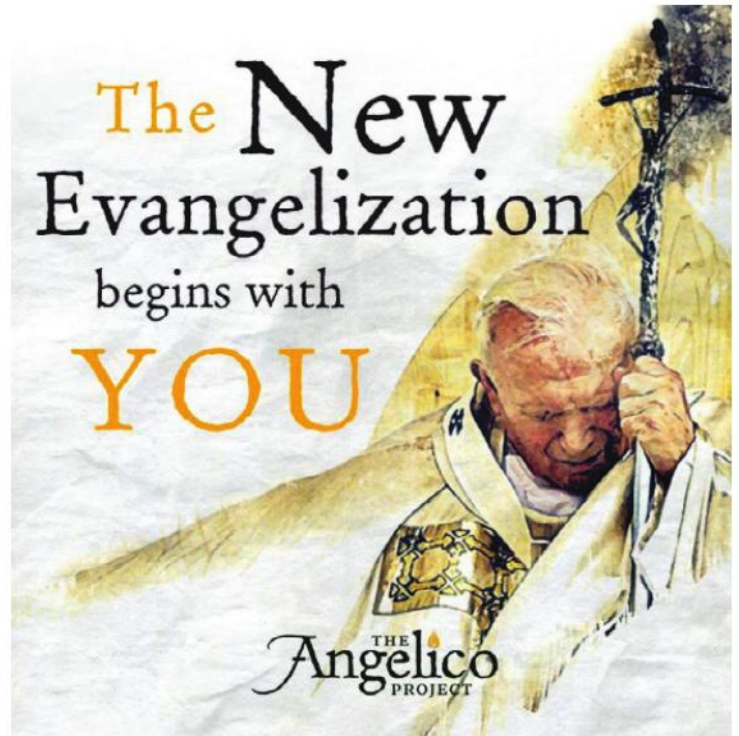
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Monday,  
December 12  
is the Feast of  
Our Lady of  
Guadalupe.  
Masses are at 9 AM  
at St. Cecilia and  
5:30 PM at  
St. Mary.



Join Fr. Anthony  
as he leads the  
Divine Mercy  
chaplet every  
**Friday at 3PM at  
St. Cecilia Church**  
*... For the sake of His  
sorrowful Passion,  
have mercy on us  
and on the whole  
world.*



For many, the typical presentation of the Catholic faith leaves them on convinced. They are leaving in droves. But there is hope.

Beauty and the arts have the power to draw people back to truth and goodness. That's why the Angelico Project exists. They hope to transform the culture, beginning with their own members.

Plans are in the works to develop a Catholic cultural center in the Cincinnati area to help win hearts for Christ. Help them build it by becoming Angelico founding member today at [angelicoproject.org/Donate](http://angelicoproject.org/Donate).



### From the Desk of Fr. Ken

This Sunday is Gaudete Sunday. We Light the Rose candle on the Advent wreath, and I will be wearing Rose colored vestments. The emphasis is on joy which is a commodity lacking in some people. We are two weeks away from Christmas. During this time, may we act Joyful and not let the hustle and bustle get us down. May God be with you.

*Fr. Ken Schopf*

### From the School Office

St. Mary School Students celebrated St. Nicholas Day, honoring and remembering their schoolmate, Alex Siegel. Advent project, **Alex's Angels**, provided new wrapped Christmas gifts for families our St. Vincent DePaul Society serves.



### St. Vincent DePaul News

**SVDP Food Drive NEXT weekend**, Dec. 16&17.

Non-perishable food and baby Items are collected in the vestibule.

#### SVDP by the numbers for FY 2022

- Total expenditures \$37,480
- + Duke Energy \$9,352
- + Rent \$17,976
- + New Life Furniture & Other \$10,152

SVDP provided support to 446 neighbor households. They were busy doing the Lord's work! Thank you to St. Mary Parishioners for your support.

### Fr. Dave Robisch Anniversary

Many remember Fr. Dave Robisch, the former pastor of St. Mary. Fr. Dave was ordained on December 22, 1962 and is celebrating his **60th** anniversary of Ordination to the Priesthood. If you would like to send him a note, kindly drop it in the collection basket or at the rectory by Friday, December 30, and we will deliver your good wishes to Fr. Dave.

### Christmas Mass Schedule at St. Mary

**Christmas Eve – Saturday, December 24**  
Masses at 3:00 pm, 5:30 pm and 10:00 pm

**Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25**  
Mass at 10:00 AM

### Special Christmas Offerings

Special Christmas offerings can be made online at [smchp.weshareonline.org](http://smchp.weshareonline.org). For information on end of year stock donations, please visit [smchp.com](http://smchp.com) and Search: Gifts of Stock for instructions. Thank you for discerning St. Mary Parish in your end of year charitable giving plans.

### EPIC

*Fellowship group for 65+ parishioners*



**EPIC**  
A fellowship group for 65+ parishioners

## Christmas Party

**Wednesday, December 14**  
11:30 am - 2:30 pm in Robisch Hall  
\$12/person

*check payable to St. Mary Church*  
RSVP to [mldrum@smshp.com](mailto:mldrum@smshp.com)  
or 513-321-1207 ext 8406 by Dec. 12

Enjoy carols sung by SMS Students & a delicious lunch along with fellowship  
*Small baby gifts (no diapers, please) are welcomed for Healthy Moms & Babes*

## Super EPIC Event

### June 11-17, 2023

**Join us on this fabulous trip to Cape Cod!**

**\$665 per person includes:**

- Motorcoach Transportation / 6 Nights lodging
- 10 meals / Visits to historical spots and more!

**For details, visit: [www.smchp.com/parish-groups-events/epic/](http://www.smchp.com/parish-groups-events/epic/)**

Our June event is open to our EPIC group, their friends and families, and all St. Mary Parishioners.

**Please contact Marie O'Donnell or Mary Landrum to reserve your spot.**

*Extraordinary Parishioners Involved in Community*  
*A fellowship group for 65+*

**\$75 deposit due by Feb. 1**





“No one eats [His] flesh without first adoring it; we should sin were we not to adore it”

~ ST. AUGUSTINE



**Exciting news! Soon and very soon you will notice a new and permanent guest in our St. Mary’s sanctuary.** Who is this timely edition? The guest is our Lord Himself! That’s right, Jesus present in the Most Blessed Sacrament will now be reserved in the sanctuary at St. Mary’s Church. The tabernacle will be moved from the St. Joseph side altar to a new beautiful altar of repose behind the main altar in the sanctuary.

Why? This move is in response to our bishops’ plea for a “Eucharistic revival.” We need a revival because there is a crisis of faith in our world — possibly the worst crisis our world has seen in many centuries. The Pew Research study, conducted in February 2019, found that around 70% of Catholics do not believe in Jesus’ real presence in the Eucharist. This is the most disheartening and troubling news as believers and disciples of Christ. The Eucharist is, as Vatican II pronounced, the “source and summit of the Christian life.” Jesus tells us Himself, “My flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink” (John 6:55) — not a symbol, but reality. The early Christians in Rome had a mantra that without the Eucharist, “We cannot exist!” We love Jesus’s true body and blood in

Holy Communion, and in response to our world’s crisis of faith, we are going to show Him our faith by giving him the spotlight location in our sanctuary.

The tabernacle is the golden box where Holy Communion is reserved. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal states, “The Most Blessed Sacrament should be reserved in a tabernacle in a part of the church that is truly noble, prominent, conspicuous, worthily decorated, and suitable for prayer...[and] readily noticeable.” Pope Benedict also taught this, “The correct positioning of the tabernacle contributes to the recognition of Christ’s real presence in the Blessed Sacrament. Therefore, the place where the eucharistic species are reserved, marked by a sanctuary lamp, should be readily visible to everyone entering the church.”

What should we do? With the tabernacle in the sanctuary, parishioners now genuflect before entering/exiting their pew in acknowledgement of His presence among us.

When? We hope to bring our Lord into the sanctuary at St. Mary during this Christmas season. This will be a gift to our Child-King by giving him the central space of our Church and in our hearts this Christmas.

“Let the whole world tremble; let heaven exult when Christ, the Son of the Living God, is on the altar in the hands of the priest...The Lord of the universe...so humbles Himself that for our salvation He hides Himself under a morsel of bread.” ~ ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

## Winter Bible Study: St. Joseph and Authentic Masculinity

**Mondays 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM starting January 9 at St. Cecilia Parish (Commons) | Material Cost: \$20**

**A 6-week custom class taught by Mr. Colin Kunath**

In this study, we will explore St. Joseph’s role in salvation history in the context of major figures from the Old Testament and their struggles to embody the masculine virtues required for their God given missions.

By examining where figures like Adam, Noah and Abraham failed but Joseph succeeded, we will discover ways to better understand what it means to be a man living in Christ’s image. This examination will lead us to the culmination of manhood in Christ’s perfection and, with God’s grace, help us to better understand what it is to be a man. While this study will be focused on masculinity, both men and women are welcome.

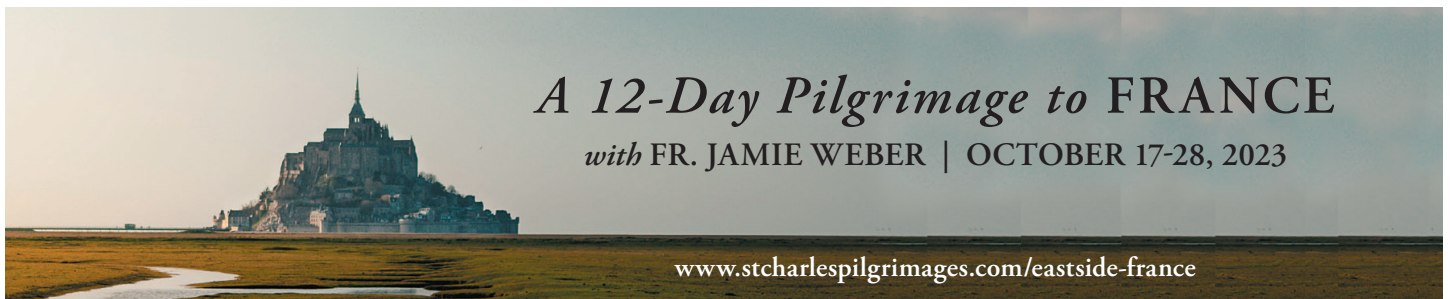
*To register, go to [www.eastsidefaith.org](http://www.eastsidefaith.org), click on For Adults, then click on Desiring Formation.*

## Financial Peace University

**Wednesdays from 7-9 PM starting January 11 in the St. Cecilia School (classroom above the Commons) | Material Cost: \$79**

Never worry about money again with Financial Peace University! It’s a proven plan to help you master budgeting, beat debt, and live the life of your dreams. Through nine lessons rooted in biblical wisdom, you’ll learn from Dave Ramsey and his team of financial experts. This course is facilitated by parishioner Brian Sellers.

*To register, go to [www.eastsidefaith.org](http://www.eastsidefaith.org), then click on For Adults, then click on Desiring Formation*



## A 12-Day Pilgrimage to FRANCE

*with FR. JAMIE WEBER | OCTOBER 17-28, 2023*

[www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/eastside-france](http://www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/eastside-france)

Catechists are people who keep the memory of God alive; they keep it alive in themselves and they are able to revive it in others. – Pope Francis

The Archdiocesan Office of Prison Ministry is looking for men and women to teach three new courses at Lebanon Correctional Institution. The courses are eight weeks in duration, one evening each week – Fall of 2023: *Why be Poor in Spirit?*; Winter 2023: *Back to the Garden*; and Spring 2024: *Seeking God's Will*. Volunteers will be trained and all curriculum and materials will be provided. **Please call 513.240.3466 or email [info@serenelliproject.org](mailto:info@serenelliproject.org) to learn more.**



## Understanding the Mass

Archbishop Dennis Schnurr would like you to join him for a special study of *The Mass* video series from Bishop Robert Barron's Word on Fire Ministries. Each Sunday from January 8 through February 12, Archbishop Schnurr will email you one episode of the series along with his own brief insights, which you can watch on your own time and at your own pace, to explore the wonder of the Mass. Each episode of the series is only about 25 minutes. This is a great way to join fellow Catholics across the archdiocese to deepen your understanding of the Mass and experience it in a whole new way. Visit [catholicaoc.org/theMass](http://catholicaoc.org/theMass) to sign up for free.

## Future Parish Leaders

Mount St. Mary's Seminary & School of Theology will host a series of seminars during the 2022-2023 spring semester focused on educating lay people to lead within their parish communities and families. *Leadership in an Age of Apathy*, a seminar for young adults, will take place **Saturday, January 14, from 9:00 a.m. -1 p.m.** This seminar will serve to form young adults, ages 18-35, with knowledge and practical leadership skills. From the foundational spirituality of leadership to instruction on how to be an excellent Catholic parent, young adults who are seeking impact and connection will find it here. They will be formed to better understand their own vocation and what their role is in society to share the gift of Faith. The cost to attend is \$25, morning coffee and lunch included.



## Retrovaille

The next program will begin the weekend of **January 6-8, 2023**. Retrouvaille is a Catholic-sponsored, confidential program open to couples of all faiths that have experienced a breakdown in communication, have become unloving and uncaring, are thinking of separation or divorce or who are separated. **For further information, please visit [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org) or call 513-486-6222.**

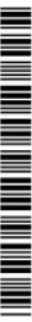
## Ruah Woods Psychological Services

Ruah Woods Psychological Services (RWPS) is pleased to announce the addition of two Catholic mental health professionals to their team: Dr. Emily Dowdell, Psy.D. and Rod Dunlap, M.A., IMFT. With this additional staffing, RWPS is welcoming new patients who are seeking support for their mental health and desiring to grow in their vocation to love. More information can be found at [RWpsych.org](http://RWpsych.org) or by calling 513-407-8878. Please share this good news with your parishioners.

## Volunteers Needed

Bring hope to those in need by volunteering with our Caregiver Assistance Network programs. Enrich your life as well as the lives of others by co-facilitating caregiver support groups, co-leading Powerful Tools for Caregivers classes, or helping people living with dementia participate in our Creative Connections program. For more information, please contact Angie Homoele at 513.672.3834 or email [ahomoele@ccswoh.org](mailto:ahomoele@ccswoh.org). The Caregiver Assistance Network is a program of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, funded through the Council on Aging.

**St. Francis Seraph Ministries** offers a unique, personal connection to those who need special care for their feet. Those who are underserved and/or experiencing homelessness spend so much time on their feet, frequently walking long distances daily. The Foot Care for the Souls program depends on trained volunteers and community support. Volunteers provide foot care, foot massage, new socks, and shoes to the homeless and working poor in Greater Cincinnati! Please reach out to Theresa at [tdiersen@sfsministries.org](mailto:tdiersen@sfsministries.org) or 513.276.7037 for more information.



The Third Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 35:1. The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom.

The first time I laid eyes on the desert, I thought I'd landed on the moon. Having grown up in Cincinnati and studied in the Blue Ridge Mountains, Albuquerque's barren landscape was utterly foreign to me. The red-brown cratered surface around me seemed completely devoid of life, at least as I knew it. Where was the green?? The trees, bushes, grass?

As I spent time out there, I learned the desert was full of life. One of my favorite discoveries was learning about Pleopeltis polypodioides, commonly known as the resurrection fern. Aptly named, this fern can lay dormant for weeks, even months, to survive drought. For all intents and purposes, it appears dead, completely wilted. But even a splash from your Nalgene can revive it. Within minutes, the fern uncoils itself and springs back to life.

This Gaudete Sunday we rejoice with the desert and the steppe as we anticipate God coming into this world to revive our weary souls. May his beauty and grace bloom in each of us this Advent. *Christina Webster Stanek*

Christina Webster Stanek is a parishioner and SMS parent of a fourth grader, first grader, and a preschooler.

The Word in Your Heart is a faith-sharing ministry open to all Eastside Family parishioners. Please contact Janet Buening at 513-871-9294 or [janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com](mailto:janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com) if you would like to write a reflection on the Sunday scriptures.



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Weekly Giving	Sunday 11/27/22	Sunday Giving thru November	(5 months)
Weekend Collection:	\$5,273	Sunday Giving:	\$378,687
Mailed:	\$1,075	FYTD Budget:	\$429,000
WeShare Online	\$6,826	Over (Under) FYTD Budget:	(\$50,313)
<b>Total Sunday Giving:</b>	<b>\$13,174</b>		
OVER (Under) Weekly Budget:	(\$6,326)	FYTD Last Year Actual:	\$406,026
		Over (Under) FYTD Last Year:	(\$27,339)
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