

# ST. MARY CHURCH

HYDE PARK

DECEMBER 18, 2022

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE  
AND BEAR A SON, AND THEY SHALL NAME  
HIM EMMANUEL, WHICH MEANS  
“GOD IS WITH US.”

—MATTHEW 1:23

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# Worship Aid for the Fourth Sunday of Advent

## Entrance Hymn



Advent 1 To you, O Lord, I lift my soul,  
Advent 2 To Zi - on's hill our God will come  
Advent 3 Re - joice, a - gain I say re - joice.  
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 - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice.  
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.

## Entrance Antiphon for Advent

## 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 7:10-14

The LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying: Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God; let it be deep as the netherworld, or high as the sky! But Ahaz answered, "I will not ask! I will not tempt the LORD!"

Then Isaiah said: Listen, O house of David! Is it not enough for you to weary people, must you also weary my God?

Therefore the Lord himself will give you this sign: the virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall name him Emmanuel.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Response



The LORD's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world, and those who dwell in it.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the rivers he made it firm. *℟.*

Who shall climb the mountain of the  
LORD?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The clean of hands and pure of heart,

whose soul is not set on vain  
things. *℟.*

Blessings from the LORD shall he receive,  
and right reward from the God who  
saves him.

Such are the people who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of  
Jacob. *℟.*

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refrain, *Lectionary for Mass*, © 1969, 1981, 1997, ICEL  
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## Second Reading

Rom 1:1-7

Paul, a slave of Christ Jesus, called to be an apostle and set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised previously through his prophets in the holy Scriptures, the gospel about his Son, descended from David according to the flesh, but established as Son of God in power according to the Spirit of holiness through resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him we have received the grace of apostleship, to bring about the obedience of faith, for the sake of his name, among all the Gentiles, among whom are you also, who are called to belong to Jesus Christ; to all the beloved of God in Rome, called to be holy. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

Mt 1:18-24

This is how the birth of Jesus Christ came about. When his mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found with child through the Holy Spirit. Joseph her husband, since he was a righteous man, yet unwilling to expose her to shame, decided to divorce her quietly. Such was his intention when, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, "Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary your wife into your home. For it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her. She will bear a son and you are to name him Jesus, because he will save his people from their sins." All this took place to fulfill what the Lord had said through the prophet:

*Behold, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel, which means "God is with us."*

When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## 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

## Wait for the Lord

Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are: 'Wait for the Lord, whose day is near.' and 'Wait for the Lord: be strong, take heart!'.

Text: Isaiah 40, Philippians 4, Matthew 6-7; Taizé Community, 1984  
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# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Recessional Hymn O Come, Divine Messiah

### Communion Hymn

### Maranatha, Lord Messiah

Verses



1. Gra - cious God of Wis - dom, who hear your peo - ple's  
 2. Might - y Voice on Si - nai, whom Mos - es heard in  
 3. Fra - grant Bud of Jes - se, whose bloom - ing kings re -  
 4. Da - vid's Key of Heav - en, re - lease us from our  
 5. Blaz - ing Sun of Jus - tice, the flame of east - ern  
 6. Sov - ereign of all na - tions, our cor - ner - stone of  
 7. Je - sus, be God with us, Em - man - u - el fore -



cry, teach us ways of pru - dence, O  
 awe, Ad - o - nai, now lead us with  
 vere, root your words with - in us, God's  
 sins. Freed from er - ror's pris - on, our  
 dawn, scat - ter cling - ing shad - ows, that  
 trust, de - liv - er, in your mer - cy, your  
 told. Like a shep - herd feed us, in



Breath of God Most High.  
 ho - ly arm and law.  
 Word for all to hear.  
 life in you be - gins. Ma - ra -  
 gloom of death be gone.  
 crea - tures made from dust.  
 safe - ly gath - ered fold.

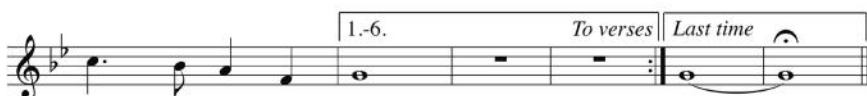
Refrain



na - tha, Lord Mes - si - ah, long a - wait - ed from a -



far. Come and make your home a - mong us. Let us



see your birth - ing star. star.

Text: Based on the "O" Antiphons; Kathy Powell, b.1942  
 Tune: Kathy Powell, b.1942  
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1. O come, Divine Messiah,  
 The world in silence waits the day  
 When hope shall sing its triumph,  
 And sadness flee away.

*Dear Savior, haste!  
 Come, come to earth.  
 Dispel the night and show your face,  
 And bid us hail the dawn of grace.  
 O come, Divine Messiah,  
 The world in silence waits the day  
 When hope shall sing its triumph,  
 And sadness flee away.*

2. O come Desired of nations,  
 Whom priest and prophet long foretold,  
 Will break the captive fetters,  
 Redeem the long-lost fold.

*Dear Savior, haste!...*

3. O come in peace and meekness,  
 For lowly will your cradle be:  
 Though clothed in human weakness  
 We shall your Godhead see.

*Dear Savior, haste!...*

Text: Venez, divin Messie; Abbé Si -  
 mon-Joseph Pellegrin, 1663-1745; tr. by  
 Sr. Mary of St. Philip, 1877

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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)

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[facebook.com/stceciliacincinnati](https://facebook.com/stceciliacincinnati)  
[instagram: stceciliaparish](https://instagram.com/stceciliaparish)

## St. Mary (Hyde Park)

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**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 19

5:30 PM No Mass

### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

5:30 PM Fran Klocke by Tom & Rosemary Bosco

### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

5:30 PM Judy Wickert by William Wickert

### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22

9:00 AM Mary Frey by Bea Rundle & Family

### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 23

5:30 PM No Mass

### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24

3:00 PM Patricia Moore by The Parish

5:30 PM Peter & Louise Darin by Karl & Muffy Kadon

10:30 PM Fr. Jamie, Fr. Ken, and Fr. Anthony by The Parish

### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 The Nativity of Our Lord

10:30 AM George Randle 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

No banns this week.

## Pastoral Leadership

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## The Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 18, 2022

As we know, God is always with us. He is with us in our home and in our church. He is with us at Mass in both His words and in the Eucharist. We see God in the priest and in each other as we are all called to be present to each other as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Emmanuel means, "God is with us," and we are to carry that out into the world. In this way, God reveals how He came to the Earth to show us His love. He lives among us, and we stay with Him. Each week in Advent, we have been staying awake to be aware of His coming. Every day we must prepare ourselves to be ready for Our Lord. Although it is in our nature to "fall asleep" in our faith, let us take this time to renew and reinvigorate ourselves in the light of our baptism. What do you need to do to renew that flame? Jesus loves you so much. Do you really join in that relationship with Him? Spend time this week as we await the birth of Christ and really join Him in the love and gratitude you feel for all that you have. He is with you through the struggles and hardships of life. Spend time in silence looking at the Nativity set and pray for your relationship with Our Lord. Ask Him to reveal himself. Come to St. Mary on Tuesday evening after 5:30 p.m. Mass, the Oratory on first Fridays at 10:30 a.m., or St. Cecilia on Wednesday for all-day Adoration and Holy Hour at 7:00 p.m., and spend an hour with God in front of the Blessed Sacrament.

Amen? Amen!

*Fr. Jesse*

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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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## Christmas Mass Schedule

### ST. CECILIA

Christmas Eve — 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM  
 Christmas Day — Midnight (12:00 AM) and 10:00 AM

### ST. MARY HYDE PARK

Christmas Eve — 3:00 PM, 5:30 PM and 10:30 PM  
 Christmas Day — 10:30 AM

### ORATORY OF ST. JOHN VIANNEY AT ST. ANTHONY

Christmas Eve — 3:00 PM  
 Christmas Day — 10:00 AM

## St. Cecilia Elderly and Homebound Ministry

The Elderly and Homebound Ministry provides social connection between the parish and the one who is no longer able to come to mass. Ministry volunteers offer a listening ear, a note in the mail, or a comforting presence to those who are ill or homebound. If you, or someone you know would like to receive a visitor or perhaps receive the St. Cecilia bulletin in the mail, please contact Terri Knappenberger at [tknappenberger@smshp.com](mailto:tknappenberger@smshp.com) or by phone at 513-321-1207, ext. 8400.

## A Big Thanksgiving Dinner Thank You

Our sincerest thanks to all who assisted with making this year's Thanksgiving Dinner a huge success. Approximately 70 people donated and roasted turkeys in their homes. And, of course, all those turkeys had to be carved. Hundreds of dinners were delivered to people in their homes by dozens of drivers.

Other folks came on Thanksgiving Day to box dinners to go, serve those who came to eat in the cafeteria, work the ovens, wash dishes, clear tables and help with clean-up. This could never happen without the efforts of all our great volunteers.

Finally, thanks to those who assisted with their financial contributions and to the following business who help us year after year:

**BUSKEN BAKERY    FRISCH'S RESTAURANTS  
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 SKYLINE CHILI    KROGER    BASIC AMERICAN FOODS  
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**Glória in excelsis Deo. The novus ordo Latin Mass is celebrated every Tuesday at 9AM at St. Cecilia.**



### From the Desk of Fr. Ken

Christmas is but a week away. Can you believe it? You are probably in a hurried manner on last-minute details, especially buying gifts. We all like gifts, don't we? Hopefully, we will remember to get a gift for the Boy whose birthday it is. Wouldn't it be sad that when we celebrate Christmas amidst all the merriment in our homes, that the little Boy Jesus would be peering wistfully in the window, forgotten on His own feast?

*Fr. Ken Schopf*

### From the School Office

A Catholic elementary school is always a magical place to be during the Advent season. St. Mary School goes above and beyond with our many traditions of service to others and festive celebrations. We delivered over 190 Christmas presents and food boxes to a partner school where the children will appreciate the joy of receiving a gift and food to enjoy over the break. The First Grade Christmas Play is presented with enthusiasm as the students enact the days surrounding the birth of Baby Jesus. Before we dismiss for vacation, we will attend an All School Mass, enjoy the sound of Christmas Carols sung by the SMS Choir, and delight in the magic of the Eighth Grade Christmas Show!



SMS parents wrapping the Shoebox Project gifts.

### St. Vincent DePaul News

**SVDP Food Drive THIS weekend**, Dec. 17&18. 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.

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### Christmas Mass Schedule at St. Mary

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

**Christmas Day – Sunday, December 25**  
Mass at 10:30 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.

Join the St Mary  
**HOSPITALITY TEAM**

We are seeking volunteers to help organize monthly, after mass Fellowships!

To Learn more, contact Terri Knappenberger  
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513-321-1207 ext: 8400

### God Bless the Newly Baptized

**Beckham Steven, Brooks Edward, Bennet Christian**  
*Sons of Daniel & Scott Stasen*

**Jasper James**  
*Son of Chloe & Eric Hausfeld*

**Ella Marie**  
*Daughter of Chelsea & Adam Fagin*

**Lucy Eileen**  
*Daughter of Conor & Magdalene Feldmann*





“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.

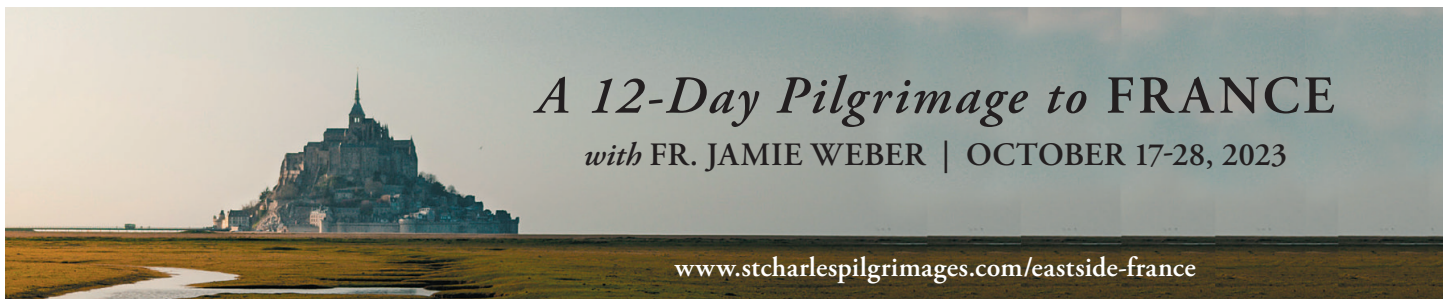
*To register, go to [www.eastsidefaith.org](http://www.eastsidefaith.org), click on For Adults, then click on Desiring Formation.*

## 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.

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## A 12-Day Pilgrimage to FRANCE

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

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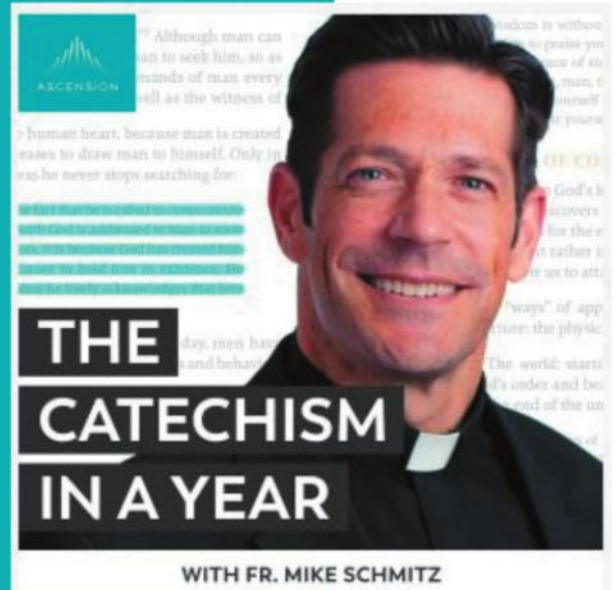
Coming 2023!

# Cocktails with the Catechism

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## 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.

## Retrouvaille

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.**

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**The Serenelli Project** is creating a Catholic monastery village in Cincinnati. The mission is to provide a strong Catholic community to individuals returning from incarceration or who have a criminal history. The Serenelli Project is looking for volunteers in the areas of marketing, mentorship, community building, construction, and resident services. If God is calling you to help support our incarcerated brothers and sisters as they transition from life in prison, please visit [www.serenelliproject.org](http://www.serenelliproject.org).



**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Isaiah 7:11. *Ask for a sign from the LORD, your God.*



First off, Merry Almost-Christmas. We have one week to go—let’s make it count.

Second, if you’re anything like me, you might struggle with the opening of this Sunday’s first reading. Isaiah is talking to Ahaz, the king of Judah, about asking God for a “sign” of his fidelity, and God challenges him to do so. Now, from my experience (little it may be), anytime I hear someone in the Bible ask God for a sign, it shows a lack of faith on part of the asker. I mean, Jesus even said, “An evil and unfaithful generation seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it except the sign of Jonah the prophet” (Matthew 12:39). Why the contradiction of policy? Should we ask for signs or not? Does God need to spell it out for us? Grr!

Well, here’s what a young Catholic gentleman thinks. The King of Judah is faced with war against two neighboring nations, and, no surprise, God intervenes. God reminds King Ahaz that the covenant with David would still stand, and God, our Father, will keep Judah safe. Beautiful! “Yep, and I’ll show you — in 800 years,” said God. Wah.

The moral of this Sunday’s readings (and the rest of this Advent season) — God is with us to the end; he loves us unconditionally and fully: we are family. Merry Christmas, Family of Parishes! ~Sean McFadden

*Sean McFadden grew up in St. Mary and is still happy to call it his home. He is currently a catechist and is working towards his Master’s degree to continue work in the Church. He loves writing, being with family, and just about anything that can make you laugh.*

**The Word In Your Heart**, a reflective response to the Sunday scriptures, is a faith-sharing opportunity open to all Eastside Family parishioners. New contributors are welcome! Contact Janet Buening at 513-871-9294 or [janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com](mailto:janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com).

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Weekend Collection:	\$6,535	Sunday Giving:	\$378,687
Mailed:	\$1,705	FYTD Budget:	\$429,000
WeShare Online	\$14,547	Over (Under) FYTD Budget:	(\$50,313)
<b>Total Sunday Giving:</b>	<b>\$22,787</b>		
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