

ST. MARY CHURCH

HYDE PARK

JANUARY 15, 2023



THE MONTH OF THE HOLY NAME OF JESUS



Worship Aid for the Second Sunday of 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

When John Baptized by Jordan's River



1. When John bap - tized by Jor - dan's riv - er
2. There as the Lord, bap - tized and pray - ing,
3. O Son of Man, our na - ture shar - ing,



In faith and hope the peo - ple came, That John and
Rose from the stream, the sin - less one, A voice was
In whose o - be - dience all are blest, Sav - ior, our



Jor - dan might de - liv - er Their trou - bled
heard from heav - en say - ing, "This is my
sins and sor - rows bear - ing, Hear us and



souls from sin and shame. They came to seek a
own be - lov - ed Son." There as the Fa - ther's
grant us this re - quest: Dai - ly to grow, by



new be - gin - ning, The hu - man spir - it's age - less
word was spo - ken, Not in the pow'r of wind and
grace de - fend - ed, Filled with the Spir - it from a -



quest, Re - pent - ance, and an end of
flame, But of his love and peace the
bove; In Christ bap - tized, be - loved, be -



sin - ning, Re - nounc - ing ev - 'ry wrong con - fessed.
to - ken, Seen as a dove, the Spir - it came.
friend - ed, Chil - dren of God in peace and love.

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Tune: RENDEZ À DIEU, 9 8 9 8 D; Genevan Psalter, 1551; attr. to Louis Bourgeois, c.1510-1561

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 49:3, 5-6

The LORD said to me: You are my servant, Israel, through whom I show my glory. Now the LORD has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb, that Jacob may be brought back to him and Israel gathered to him; and I am made glorious in the sight of the LORD, and my God is now my strength!

It is too little, the LORD says, for you to be my servant, to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and restore the survivors of Israel; I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

Here am I, Lord, here am I; I come to do your will.

Here am I, Lord, here am I; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the LORD,
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. *R.*

You delight not in sacrifice and
offering,
but in an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and sin
offering.
Then I said, "Behold, I have
come." *R.*

In the scroll of the book it stands
written of me:
"I delight to do your will, O my
God;
your instruction lies deep within
me." *R.*

Your uprightness I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O LORD. *R.*

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Second Reading

1 Cor 1:1-3

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God that is in Corinth, to you who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be holy, with all those everywhere who call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their Lord and ours. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Jn 1:29-34

John the Baptist saw Jesus coming toward him and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world. He is the one of whom I said, 'A man is coming after me who ranks ahead of me because he existed before me.' I did not know him, but the reason why I came baptizing with water was that he might be made known to Israel."

John testified further, saying, "I saw the Spirit come down like a dove from heaven and remain upon him. I did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, 'On whomever you see the Spirit come down and remain, he is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.' Now I have seen and testified that he is the Son of God."

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. The love of Christ joins us to -
2. In true com - mu - nion let us
3. May we who gath - er at this
4. For those in need make us your
5. May we one day be - hold your



1. geth - er. Let us re - joice 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.

to Refrain

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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Communion Hymn

Behold the Lamb

Verses



1. Those who were in the dark are thank - ful for the
2. Peace - ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un - der -
3. Gen - tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
4. Lord of all, give us light. De - liv - er us from



sun - light; We who live, we who die are
stand - ing Of the wheat, of the wine u -
ta - ble. Bless our lives; nour - ish all who
e - vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make



grate - ful for this gift, thank - ful for God's love.
nit - ed with God's word and the love we share.
hung - er for this feast; shel - ter them with peace.
still the winds that blow; cra - dle us with love.

Refrain



Be - hold, be - hold the Lamb of God. All who eat,



all who drink shall live; and all, all who dwell in



God, shall come to know God's glo - ry!

Text: Martin Willett, b.1960, alt.
Tune: Martin Willett, b.1960; acc. by Craig S. Kingsbury, b.1952
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Recessional Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O burning sun with golden beam
And silver moon with softer gleam:
Sing your praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. O rushing wind and breezes soft,
O clouds that ride the winds aloft:
Sing your praises! Alleluia!
O rising morn, in praise rejoice,
O lights of evening, find a voice.
Sing your praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. O flowing waters, pure and clear,
Make music for your Lord to hear.
Sing your praises! Alleluia!
O fire so masterful and bright,
Providing us with warmth and light,
Sing your praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfolds rich blessings on our way,
Sing your praises! Alleluia!
The flow'rs and fruits that in you grow,
Let them God's glory also show.
Sing your praises! Alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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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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Priest Emergency Line: (513) 815-5038

Mass Intentions (St. Mary)

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

5:30 PM Thomas Dickens by Fred, Regina, & Catherine Scruggs

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17 Saint Anthony

5:30 PM James Clark by Fred, Regina, & Catherine Scruggs

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

5:30 PM Mrs. Donna Schafer by St. Mary School and Staff

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

5:30 PM Special intention for Grant Pachuta by St. Mary Faculty

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20 Saints Fabian and Sebastian

5:30 PM No Mass

SATURDAY, JANUARY 21 Saint Agnes

4:00 PM Anne Marie Gieske by Joan Wenstrup/The Castellini Family- Mike and Amy

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

8:30 AM Lore Schiecht by The Jonas Family

10:30 AM Marian Leonard by Margie Wimberg

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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For a complete listing of ministries and staff, visit eastsidefaith.org.



The Month of the Holy Name of Jesus

January 15, 2023

St. Bernadine of Siena had a strong devotion to the Holy Name of Jesus. We celebrated this feast day on January 3, but we continue to honor His Holy Name throughout the whole month of January. One of the ways the St. Bernadine showed reverence to Christ's name was by carrying the symbol, IHS as a monogram, everywhere he went. The monogram "IHS" stands for Jesus, Savior of Mankind: I-Isus (Jesus), H-Hominum (of humankind), S-Salvator (Savior).

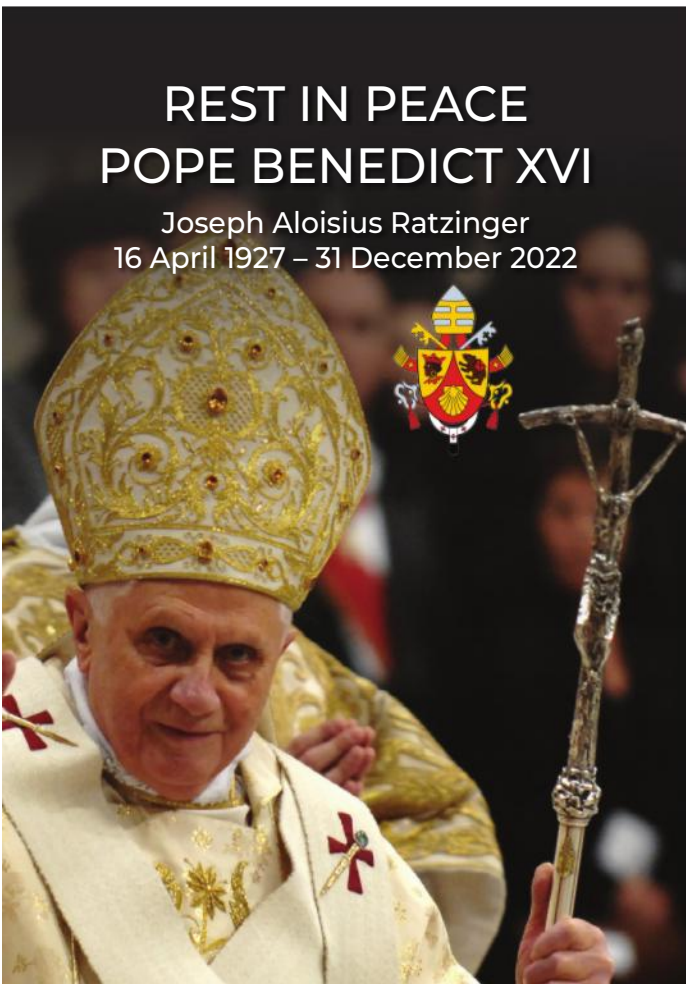
This saint preached about reverence to the name of Jesus. He would invoke His name at all times. He created a prayer for the Name of Our Lord:

Jesus, Name full of glory, grace, love and strength! You are the refuge of those who repent, our banner of warfare in this life, the medicine of souls, the comfort of those who mourn, the delight of those who believe, the light of those who preach the true faith, the wages of those who toil, the healing of the sick. To you our devotion aspires; by you our prayers are received; we delight in contemplating you. O Name of Jesus, you are the glory of all the saints for eternity. Amen.

What is your prayer life going to look like in the new year? Do you tend to ask for life to be easier at work and at home? Do you ask for material things that you have been desiring? I know I've caught myself praying for a Bengals win more than once! We see in our Gospel reading that Paul is showing us how to go deeper in prayer. Although it is always good to pray for a friend's healing or to pray for a struggling marriage, and things of that nature, we should try to still grow deeper in our prayer life. Instead of just praying for a list of needs we need to pray on how we can get closer to God. To strengthen our relationship with Him and to be thankful for all that He has done for us. We need to pray in gratitude for saving us by the birth and then death of His Son who gives us eternal life. We have just experienced the awe of Jesus' birth. Don't let that beautiful light die but instead move deeper in your trust and wonder in God's glory.

Amen? Amen!

Fr. Jackie




2nd Anniversary Rosary Prayer Event

February 8, 2023
2:00 PM EST

On Zoom Video Conferencing
Register For Free: www.RosaryMen.com

with special guest prayer leader

ARCHBISHOP DENNIS M. SCHNURR
Archdiocese of Cincinnati



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From the Desk of Fr. Ken

This week we celebrate The Baptism of the Lord. In essence, we receive a ticket to salvation. This morning I am sitting out on the lanai having cranberry juice. I am looking across the lagoon at a home still damaged by Hurricane Ian. Work needs to be done. The house I am staying in was damaged, but it has been repaired. Using this as a metaphor for our souls, the first has not used his ticket, but the second one has. What about us?

Fr. Ken Schoof

From the School Office

We kick-off Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 29 at the 10:30 Mass followed by Open House. We invite all interested families and curious parishioners to come for a school visit. View our student work and enjoy the fellowship of the school and church community. You will be amazed!



Come and take a tour with our school ambassadors!
OPEN HOUSE
Sunday, January 29 / 11:30 am-1:00 pm



Catholic Schools Week 2023
January 29-February 4

www.NCEA.org/csw #CSW23

Mass Intention Offerings

If you would like to have a Mass celebrated for a special occasion, on behalf of a family member or friend, or a deceased loved one, please contact the church office at 513-321-1207 ext. 8100 or cbrigger@smshp.com. We will send a personalized Mass card to the intention recipient or their family. We kindly ask for a \$5 offering. Thank you.

EPIC

Extraordinary Parishioners Involved in Community Fellowship for our 65+ parishioners

Love is in the Air

featuring guest speaker, Jeanne Hunt

Wednesday, February 15th

11:30 am-1:30 pm

Robisch Hall-St. Mary Hyde Park

Join us for this inspiring event! We are blessed to have Jeanne speak about the gift of love and its deeper meaning. She is a phenomenal and entertaining presenter, a nationally recognized speaker, and an authority in catechesis and evangelization. Jeanne is the author of many books, including Celebrating Saints and Seasons, Raising a Joyful Family, and Holy Bells and Wonderful Smells. She preaches parish missions and gives retreats, days of reflection, and workshops. If you have been lucky enough to hear her before, you know how insightful she is! If you have not had the privilege to listen to her speak, you won't want to miss this opportunity right here on our campus.

February is not only the month of love but also national cherry month! Following Jeanne's presentation, we will enjoy a variety of warm, hearty soups, chili, and fresh bread lunch. Coffee, water, soft drinks, and a delectable cherry dessert will delight your tastebuds. And, of course, conversation, companionship, and laughter abound.

Please sign up at smchp.com / Search: EPIC or email mlandrum@smshp.com to make a reservation. There is no charge for this event.

Elderly and Homebound Ministry

Good Cheer and Gratitude

Over the past few months, The Elderly and Homebound Team sent Thanksgiving Cards, Poinsettias and Bulletins to our Homebound parishioners. They graciously responded by sending many notes of gratitude for thinking of them!

On January 26th at 7:00 pm at St Cecilia Church, Father Anthony will conduct a training session for those interested in bringing communion to parishioners unable to come to mass.

Contact Terri Knappenberger at tknappenberger@smshp.com if you are interested in attending.

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Lent Wake Up Series!

Lent begins this year on **February 22**, Ash Wednesday. St. Mary will have a speaker series on the six Saturday mornings of Lent. The theme this year is "The Laity in the Church." Six dynamic speakers will discuss the role and vocation of each of us in the Church today. Sessions are held in Robisch Hall at St. Mary beginning at 9:00 a.m. Detailed speaker list to come soon! Plan on attending and hearing these faith-filled speakers to help "wake up" your spiritual life this Lent.

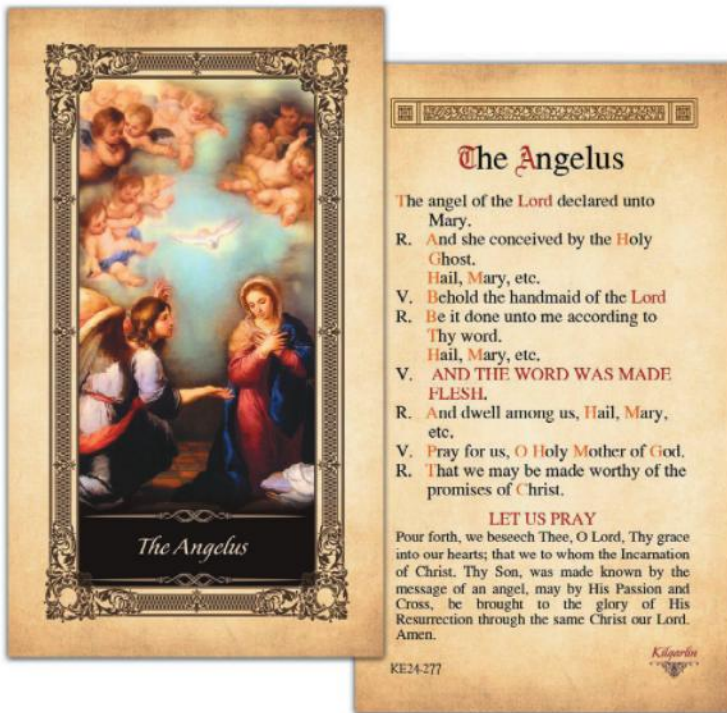
St. Vincent DePaul

SVDP Food Drive THIS weekend, January 14 & 15. Non-perishable food and baby items are collected in the vestibule. Thank you for your support.



“I have no imagination. I cannot picture God the Father. All that I can see is Jesus.”

- ST. TERESA OF CALCUTTA



CATECHESIS (kat’i-ke’sis) n.

THE ANGELUS (“The Angel”) honors the incarnation, and is named for its first Latin word (*Angelus Domini*, “the angel of the Lord . . .”). Beginning in the sixteenth century, the church bells of a community tolled the *Angelus*, at 6 AM, 12 NOON, and 6 PM. The evening call probably began as a curfew bell and a call for evening prayer. The 6 AM call was originally a prayer for peace. Formerly, the noon prayer was said only on Friday. In the Easter Season, the *Angelus* is replaced by the *Regina Caeli* (“Queen of Heaven”).

KNOW YOUR SAINTS

Sts. Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus

The actions of these two influential Jewish leaders give insight into the charismatic power of Jesus and his teachings—and the risks that could be involved in following him.

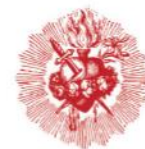
Joseph was a respected, wealthy civic leader who had become a disciple of Jesus. Following the death of Jesus, Joseph obtained Jesus’ body from Pilate, wrapped it in fine linen and buried it. For these reasons Joseph is considered the patron saint of funeral directors and pallbearers. More important is the courage Joseph showed in asking Pilate for Jesus’ body. Jesus was a condemned criminal who had been publicly executed. According to some legends,



Joseph was punished and imprisoned for such a bold act.

Nicodemus was a Pharisee and, like Joseph, an important first-century Jew. We know from John’s Gospel that Nico-

demus went to Jesus at night—secretly—to better understand his teachings about the kingdom. Later, Nicodemus spoke up for Jesus at the time of his arrest and assisted in Jesus’ burial. We know little else about Nicodemus.



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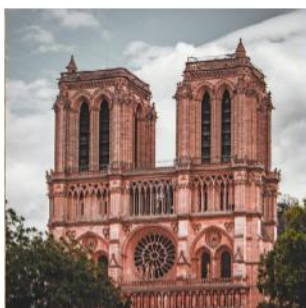


Save the Date: Lenten Mission 2023

- Speaker: Fr. Larry Richards
- Date: February 27, 28, March 1, 2
- Time: 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
- Location: St. Cecilia Church

A gifted and captivating speaker, preacher, retreat master, and author, Father Larry Richards holds the answer to some of life’s most profound questions. He speaks from experience as a pastor of an inner-city parish, a high school chaplain, a counselor, and an evangelist. Father Larry Richards has directed hundreds of Retreats, Parish Missions, and Conferences for young and old alike. His inspirational talks and presentations, always authentic and enthusiastic, have changed the hearts, minds, and lives of millions of listeners worldwide.

Some of his most popular talks are entitled, The Truth, Confession, The Mass Explained, Knowing God’s will, Prayer, Living in the Holy Spirit, and Be a Man. We pray you will join us for this life-changing Lenten mission.



A 12-Day Pilgrimage to FRANCE

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

There will be a Pilgrimage Information Meeting at 7 PM on Wednesday, February 15, in the St. Cecilia Commons.

Visit www.stcharlespilgrimages.com/eastside-france for more info.

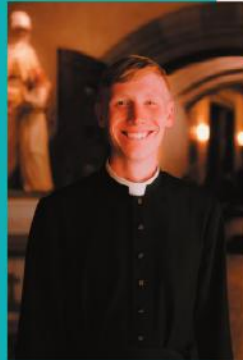


Cocktails with the Catechism presents

"Too Close for Comfort?"

Intimacy with the Word and the Legacy of Pope Benedict XVI

Tuesday, January 24th
7-9 pm
Big Ash Brewing



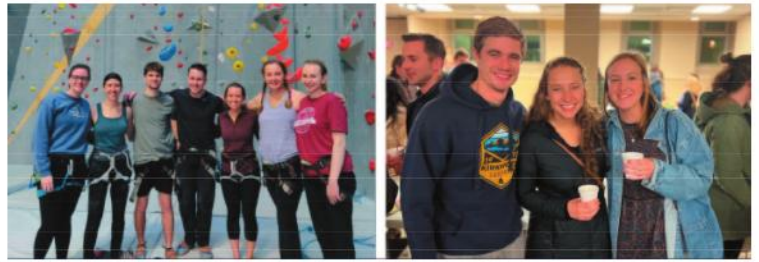
The Eastside Young Adult Ministry invites you to join us for the first night of our yearlong, monthly series, Cocktails with the Catechism. We are excited to welcome our first speaker, Fr. Anthony Marcelli, who will reflect with us on Pope Benedict's greatest contributions to the study of Sacred Scripture and inspire us to recognize the deeply personal relationship God calls us to have with Himself through His Word. Come enjoy a drink, an evening with friends, and the wisdom of our speaker in this special first event!

And listen to Fr. Mike Schmitz's podcast, "Catechism in a Year," with us on Spotify, Apple, Amazon Music, and YouTube!

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YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

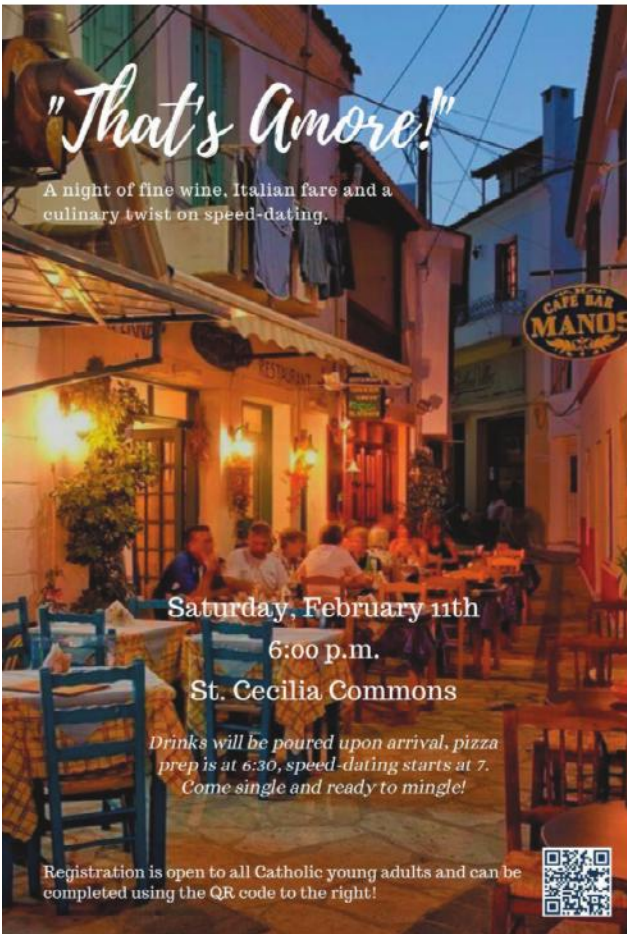
From men's and women's small groups to recreational outings and Candlelight Mass, come find authentic friendships, Faith, and fun.



Learn more by visiting eastsidefaith.org/young-adults

"That's Amore!"

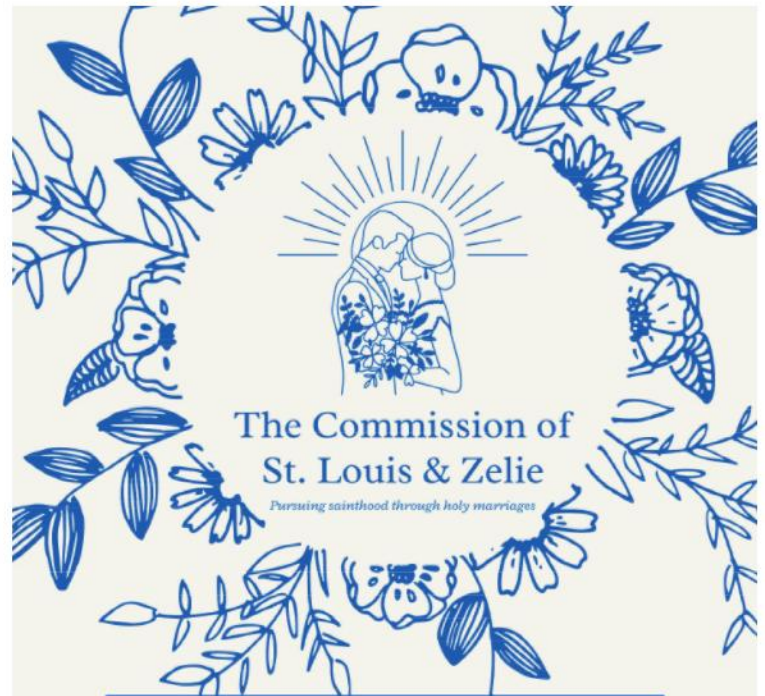
A night of fine wine, Italian fare and a culinary twist on speed-dating.



Saturday, February 11th
6:00 p.m.
St. Cecilia Commons

Drinks will be poured upon arrival, pizza prep is at 6:30, speed-dating starts at 7. Come single and ready to mingle!

Registration is open to all Catholic young adults and can be completed using the QR code to the right!



The Commission of St. Louis & Zelig

Pursuing sainthood through holy marriages

The Eastside Family of Parishes is proud to present our brand-new ministry, launching in February 2023! Currently open to all couples currently engaged or married within the last four years, "The Commission" will be an exciting opportunity to engage in ongoing marital formation, prayer, community with other couples, and mentorship from seasoned veterans. Meetings will combine dinner (with couples rotating who hosts), prayer, and discussion on a monthly basis with a small group.

Please note that this is just phase one of this endeavor: we fully intend to open this ministry up to all married couples once we get started!

Register to be a participant or a mentor at:
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THE WORD IN YOUR HEART | 11

Sunday, January 15, 2023 — Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 49:6. *I will make you a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*



Today's readings are all about answering a call. From the Lord asking the prophet Isaiah to be his servant and preach to the people of Israel, to Saint Paul imploring the Corinthians to be holy and spread the message of Christianity, to John the Baptist showing us the way down a path leading to Jesus.

While ruminating on this idea of answering a call, I think back to my old principal and mentor, Monsignor Edward Herr, from Lima Central Catholic High School (Go Thunderbirds!). Msgr. Herr was a brilliant man, decidedly down to earth, worldly and wise, and when you had a discussion with him of any kind, you felt like you came away smarter. His homilies were the opposite of preachy—more like matter-of-fact conversations.

Once, while discussing religion at dinner, Msgr. Herr told me of his recent visit to the local state prison, part of his ministry—*his calling*—where he sat down with an inmate, who immediately told the Roman-collar wearing clergyman, "I'm an atheist—so I don't think we have much to talk about." Nonplussed, Msgr. Herr chuckled and answered, "That's OK! I'm an atheist, too!" Then they went on to talk about the different strange ideas and versions of gods that he didn't believe in. What a way to break the ice and teach!

As this new year unfolds, let's try to keep in mind God's love for us which calls us into service. We can't all minister to prisoners, but we can try to be servants of God and be a witness, like John the Baptist, to the divinity of Christ. ~Douglas Frueh

Originally from Lima, Ohio (read: "Lost In Middle America"), Doug Frueh has been a St. Mary parishioner for over 30 years. His two daughters and two sons graduated from St. Mary School. Doug and his wife, Laurie Whitney, live in Blue Ash, yes Blue Ash, with their sons (Go Bearcats/Buckeyes!) and a fuzzy Labradoodle.

The Word In Your Heart is a ministry open to all Eastside Family parishioners. Be "a light to the nations" by sharing your reflection on the Sunday Scriptures! Contact Janet Buening at 513-871-9294 or janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com.

YOUR OFFERINGS Thank you

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Collections/ Mailed/Online:	\$33,919	Weekend Collection:	\$9,380	Sunday & Christmas Giving:	\$522,027
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Over (Under) Budget:	(\$21,081)	WeShare Online	\$24,070	Over (Under) FYTD Budget:	(\$39,973)
		Total Sunday Giving:	\$47,150		
				FYTD Last Year Actual:	\$604,000
		OVER (Under) Weekly Budget:	\$27,650	Over (Under) FYTD Last Year:	(\$81,973)
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