

ST. MARY CHURCH

HYDE PARK

FEBRUARY 12, 2023

THE CLOSING OF
ORDINARY TIME
PALM BURNING
SERVICE TUESDAY
FEBRUARY 21 AT 6:30 PM
AT ST. CECILIA CHURCH



 Eastside
FAMILY of PARISHES

Worship Aid for the Sixth 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.

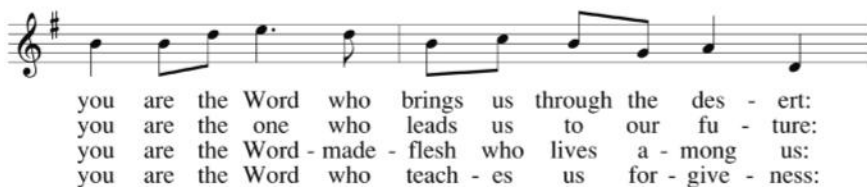
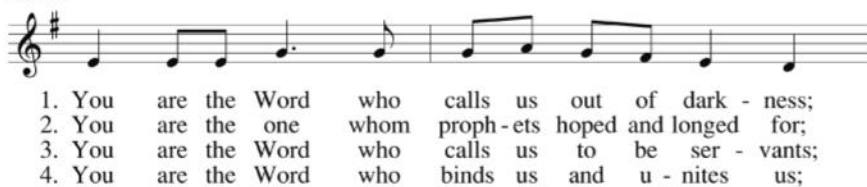
Entrance Hymn

Praise to You, O Christ Our Savior

Refrain



Verses



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.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Reading

Sir 15:15-20

If you choose you can keep the commandments, they will save you; if you trust in God, you too shall live; he has set before you fire and water to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand. Before man are life and death, good and evil, whichever he chooses shall be given him. Immense is the wisdom of the Lord; he is mighty in power, and all-seeing. The eyes of God are on those who fear him; he understands man's every deed. No one does he command to act unjustly, to none does he give license to sin.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm Response

Psalm 119



Bless - ed are they who fol - low the law of the Lord!

Blessed are those whose way is
blameless,
who walk in the law of the LORD!
Blessed are those who keep his decrees!
With all their hearts they seek him. *℟.*

You have laid down your precepts
to be carefully kept.
May my ways be firm
in keeping your statutes. *℟.*

Deal bountifully with your servant,
that I may live and keep your word.
Open my eyes, that I may see
the wonders of your law. *℟.*

LORD, teach me the way of your
statutes,
and I will keep them to the end.
Grant me insight that I may keep your
law,
and observe it wholeheartedly. *℟.*

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Second Reading

1 Cor 2:6-10

Brothers and sisters: We speak a wisdom to those who are mature, not a wisdom of this age, nor of the rulers of this age who are passing away. Rather, we speak God's wisdom, mysterious, hidden, which God predetermined before the ages for our glory, and which none of the rulers of this age knew; for, if they had known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But as it is written:

What eye has not seen, and ear has not heard, and what has not entered the human heart, what God has prepared for those who love him, this God has revealed to us through the Spirit.

For the Spirit scrutinizes everything, even the depths of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Mt 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: "Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets. I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. Amen, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not the smallest letter or the smallest part of a letter will pass from the law, until all things have taken place. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do so will be called least in the kingdom of heaven. But whoever obeys and teaches these commandments will be called greatest in the kingdom of heaven. I tell you, unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

"You have heard that it was said to your ancestors, You shall not kill; and whoever kills will be liable to judgment. But I say to you, whoever is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; and whoever says to his brother, 'Raqa,' will be answerable to the Sanhedrin; and whoever says, 'You fool,' will be liable to fiery Gehenna. Therefore, if you bring your gift to the altar, and there recall that your brother has anything against you, leave your gift there at the altar, go first and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift. Settle with your opponent quickly while on the way to court. Otherwise your opponent will hand you over to the judge, and the judge will hand you over to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Amen, I say to you, you will not be released until you have paid the last penny." "You have heard that it was said, You shall not commit adultery. But I say to you, everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body thrown into Gehenna. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away. It is better for you to lose one of your members than to have your whole body go into Gehenna." "It was also said, Whoever divorces his wife must give her a bill of divorce. But I say to you, whoever divorces his wife - unless the marriage is unlawful - causes her to commit adultery, and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery." "Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors, Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow. But I say to you, do not swear at all; not by heaven, for it is God's throne; nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; nor by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. Do not swear by your head, for you cannot make a single hair white or black. Let your 'Yes' mean 'Yes,' and your 'No' mean 'No.' Anything more is from the evil one."

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

Eye Has Not Seen



Verses 1-3



1. When pain and sor - row weigh us down, be near to us, O
2. Our lives are but a sin - gle breath, we flow-er and we
3. To those who see with eyes of faith, the Lord is ev - er



Lord, for - give the weak - ness of our faith, and
fade, yet all our days are in your hands, so
near, re - flect - ed in the fac - es of



bear us up with - in your peace - ful word.
we re - turn in love what love has made.
all the poor and low - ly of the world.

D.C.

Verse 4



4. We sing a mys-t'ry from the past in halls where saints have



trod, yet ev - er new the mu - sic rings to



Je - sus, Liv - ing Song of God.

D.C.

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10; Marty Haugen, b.1950
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THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Recessional Hymn

Joyful, Joyful We Adore You

Communion Hymn

Taste and See

Taste and see, taste and see the good - ness of the

Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the

good - ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

Verses

1. I will bless the Lord at all times.
2. Glo - ri - fy the Lord with me.
3. Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple.

Praise shall al - ways be on my lips;
To - geth - er let us all praise God's name.
You'll want for noth - ing if you ask.

my soul shall glo - ry in the Lord
I called the Lord who an - swered me;
Taste and see that the Lord is good;

for God has been so good to me.
from all my trou - bles I was set free.
in God we need put all our trust.

Text: Psalm 34; James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951
Tune: James E. Moore, Jr., b.1951
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1. Joyful, joyful, we adore you,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before you,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!

2. All your works with joy surround you,
Earth and heav'n reflect your rays,
Stars and angels sing around you,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flow'ry meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird, and flowing fountain,
Sound their praise eternally!

3. You are giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Wellspring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
God our Father, Christ our brother,
Let your light upon us shine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
God's own love is reigning o'er us,
Joining people hand in hand.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph-song of life.

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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.

St. Cecilia (Oakley)

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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, FEBRUARY 13

5:30 PM Mary Jo Donovan by Sally Kelley, Greg & Katie Dorr

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14 Saints Cyril & Methodious

5:30 PM Catherine Butler by The Butler Family/Theresa Hammonds

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 Saint Claude de la Colombiere

5:30 PM Steve Rentschler by Beth & Jim Frey

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

5:30 PM Fr. George by Nadia Zogbia

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17 The Seven Holy Servite Founders

5:30 PM No Mass

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

4:00 PM Isabella DeCunzo by Tom & Rosemary Bosco

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Abbott Christopher by Nadia Zogbi

10:30 AM Doris Adler by Fred, Regina, & Catherine Scruggs

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

BANN II Tyler Haubner & Olivia St. Clair

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



Closing of Ordinary Time

February 21, 2023

On Fat Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday, we will have our annual Closing of Ordinary Time service. **I want to invite all of the parishioners from our family of parishes to join us at 6:30 PM at St. Cecilia Church this year.** I would especially like to extend an invitation to all of our school children, grandparents and their families to come and experience the beginning of our Lenten season by visually watching the doors to the triptych close, singing the last Alleluia, and clearing the altar. It helps us enter into this time of repentance and fasting. We will also burn last year's palms in preparation for the ashes we use for Ash Wednesday. Please plan on joining us for this special day.

Amen? Amen.

Fr. Jackie



Immediately following the Closing of Ordinary Time service will be the **ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL** in the St. Cecilia Commons to celebrate Mardi Gras. This year we will be reviving the old tradition of eating ice cream sundaes! Come and join in the sweetness of the celebration!



Lenten Mission 2023 with Fr. Larry Richards

February 27, 28, March 1, 2 | 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM | 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 *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.

Introducing the Oratory

Why the name: The Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony Church

A committee consisting of members of both St. Anthony Parish and St. Margaret-St. John Parish chose the name for the new Oratory that would be formed from their communities. St. John Vianney is the patron of parish priests, and yet there is currently no church in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati devoted to him. Since we are the stewards of several important relics of St. John Vianney and we desire that the priests of the Archdiocese have the benefit of our prayers through his intercession, the committee thought it fitting to name the Oratory in his honor. The name of the church building — St. Anthony — remains the same, honoring it as the oldest church in our family of parishes, and the original Catholic church in the area.



Do not try to please everybody. Try to please God, the angels, and the saints — they are your public. – St. John Vianney

From the Desk of Fr. Ken

When you seek revenge, you better dig two graves; one for your enemy and one for you. The gospel today talks about not being angry with your brother. How much does anger consume our souls? I remember two ladies in my first parish who went to mass daily. At the sign of Peace, they ignored each other. They were in their eighties. I asked what the problem was, and they had a fight in third grade. Seventy-five years earlier. I pray we are not like that.

Fr. Ken Schroy

From the School Office

Students in K-Grade 8 comprise each of our 24 Saint Families and meet monthly with their facilitator teacher. Just as the saints of the past shared their love of God and their happiness of that love with others, our Saint Families spend time together praying, sharing, and serving others. Students remain in their Saint Family year to year and adopt new members as students arrive. Pictured here is the St. Francis Family.



PANCAKE BREAKFAST

SUNDAY, Feb 26 / 9 am -NOON / St. Mary School Café

- 100% of proceeds benefit Freestore Foodbank
 - Adults: \$6 / Seniors & Children under 12: \$4
- Volunteer from smchp.com front page News or contact Beth at elizabethmberkowitz@gmail.com

Make a New New Year's Resolution:

Join the St. Mary Chapter of St. Vincent de Paul!

Were you moved by last weekend's "Salt of the Earth" Gospel? Did Jack Greiner's WIYH message get you thinking about helping feed the hungry? If so, join St. Vincent de Paul! Contact Bill Scoville at st.mary.svdp@gmail.com for more information.

SVDP Food Drive Next Weekend - Feb 18 & 19

Non-perishable food and baby Items will be collected in the vestibule. Thank you for your support.

SVDP Second Collection **This Weekend!** Feb 11 & 12

Thank you for your generous support. The SVDP supports families in our community who need a helping hand with rent, utilities, food etc.

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God Bless the Newly Baptized

Otto Paul

son of Michael & Nina Oberschmidt

Lilian Marie

daughter of Katelyn & Andrew Weingart



Help Save Lives!

Christians throughout Cincinnati and Northern Kentucky are invited to participate in the International 40 Days for Life effort from Ash Wednesday, February 22, through Palm Sunday, April 2. In addition to 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion in America, please consider volunteering to pray outside of the Planned Parenthood abortion facility on Auburn Avenue in Cincinnati for one or more hours during the 40 days. Learn more at www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati.

For information about our parish's plans to stand in prayer witness at Planned Parenthood, contact Bob or Dianne Donlan at 513-871-8851, diannedonlan@outlook.com

Please join us at the kickoff to the prayer campaign on Sunday, February 19, 2023, at 2 pm. We plan to begin the hour at Holy Name Church, 2422 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45219, and process to Planned Parenthood (2 blocks away) for prayer. Speaker to be announced soon.

EPIC Fellowship for our 65+ parishioners

Irish for the Day!

March 15 / 11:30 am -1:30 pm / Robisch Hall

Please join us for the **Wearin' O the Green** on Wednesday, March 15. Enjoy a surprise guest speaker, a delectable Irish lunch, lucky gams, and fellowship!

There is a \$10.00 per person to cover food costs. RSVP from smchp.com/EPIC or email: mlandrum@smshp.com

(Drop off payment by putting in the mail slot at rectory front door, place in collection basket marked EPIC event or send to St. Mary Church, 2853 Erie Avenue, 45208, Attn: Mary Landrum. All payments must be made at time of reservation.) **Thank you!**



LENTEN WAKE-UP SERIES

Saturday mornings at St. Mary Hyde Park | Robisch Hall | Coffee and donuts from 9:00-9:15 AM with speaker from 9:15-10:15 AM

THE LAITY IN THE CHURCH

The laity share in the mission of the Church. We have a role and vocation to be the hands and feet of Jesus in the Church today.

February 25 — Branches of a Single Vine: The Laity in the Life of the Church. Practical reflections on ways we can deepen our relationship to God with and through the Church *with Fr. David Endres*, Professor of Church History at Mt. St. Mary’s Seminary.

March 4 — Am I a Disciple? Living as a disciple requires developing the habits of discipleship to choose a life in Christ *with Anne Battes*, former deputy superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese and publisher for RCL Benziger.

March 11 — Living Physically and Emotionally Secure in the Lord. The connection between one’s mental and physical health and ways to make ourselves more available to the Lord and those around us *with Alex Wallace*, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor with Ruah Woods.

March 18 — “Love One Another as I have Loved You.” The Welcoming Spirit of the Laity. Concrete ways in which we can embrace Christ’s universal call to “love one another” which leads to a natural welcoming presence within the spirit of the laity *with Cody Egner*, Director for the Office of Catechesis and Evangelization for the Eastside Family of Parishes.

March 25 — Love in Action: Our Baptismal Call to Promote a Culture of Life, Charity, and Justice. A practical presentation on ways that we as individuals and parish communities can put our faith into action through ministries of charity and justice *with Tony Stieritz*, CEO of Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio.

April 1 — Lord, Give Me a Praying Spirit. The opportunity to benefit from the experience of prayer by others present *with Fr. Tom DiFolco*, retired priest of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and former director of the Priestly Formation Office.



Catechesis (kat’i-ke’sis) n.

The Alb and Cincture

The alb is the long white garment worn by the sacred ministers, which recalls the new and immaculate clothing that every Christian has received through baptism. The alb is, therefore, a symbol of the sanctifying grace received in the first sacrament and is also considered to be a symbol of the purity of heart that is necessary to enter into the joy of the eternal vision of God in heaven (Matthew 5:8). This is expressed in the prayer the priest says when he dons the alb. The prayer is a reference to Revelation 7:14: *“Make me white, O Lord, and cleanse my heart; that being made white in the Blood of the Lamb I may deserve an eternal reward.”*

Over the alb and around the waist is placed the cincture, a cord made of wool or other suitable material that is used as a belt. All those who wear albs must also wear the cincture (frequently today this traditional custom is not followed). For deacons, priests and bishops, the cincture may be of different colors according to the liturgical season or the memorial of the day. In the symbolism of the liturgical vestments the cincture represents the virtue of self-mastery, which St. Paul also counts among the fruits of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22). The corresponding prayer, taking its cue from the first Letter of Peter (1:13), says: *“Gird me, O Lord, with the cincture of purity, and quench in my heart the fire of concupiscence, that the virtue of continence and chastity may abide in me.”*

A Lenten Study: Heaven, Hell, & Divine Mercy

- **Thursdays 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM starting March 9 at St. May Parish (Robisch Hall)**
- **Material Cost: \$20 per person**
- **A 4-week custom class led by Fr. Anthony Marcelli**

Death is not the end, it’s only the beginning: the beginning of a journey towards eternal bliss or eternal misery. Death, Judgment, Heaven, and Hell — the Four Last Things – have been a powerful source of meditation in the Catholic tradition, inspiring countless conversions and a rich spirituality among the faithful.

Join us this spring on a pilgrimage through the afterlife; accompanied by the witness of the saints and sacred scripture, we will explore the eternal home of angels and demons, sinners and saints. With St. Faustina, the apostle of Divine Mercy, as our guide, we will discover the riches of Divine Mercy that permeate the Four Last things, even the very dungeons of Hell.

To register, go to www.eastsidefaith.org, click on For Adults, then on Desiring Formation.

“The measure of love is love without measure.” – St. Francis de Sales

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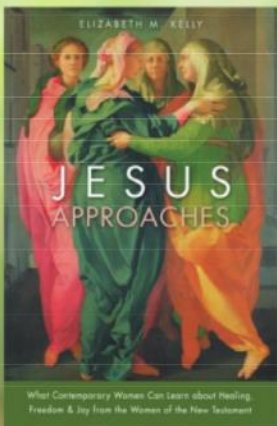
YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

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

RETURNING THIS SPRING: WOMEN'S SMALL GROUPS



"This is an era that needs a faithful Christian woman, not a perfect woman, not a woman who has never failed nor fallen, but a woman who has fallen in love with the truth, a woman in love with Jesus..."
-Elizabeth Kelly

Young adult women from across the Eastside Family are invited to join us in "reaching together for the Lord" and discovering the ways He calls us to uniquely and authentically transform the world through the "feminine genius."

REGISTER TODAY TO BE A PARTICIPANT OR SMALL GROUP LEADER!
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THE EASTSIDE FAMILY MEN'S GROUP
PRESENTS

NIGHT WATCH

MARCH 3RD-4TH, 2023

7 PM-11 AM

ST. CECILIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

Now more than ever the world needs men of faith. Men who will lead their families and communities closer to God through their example. Men who will step forward and do the hard things needed to strengthen Christ's kingdom on earth. However, this is not something men can do alone; we must join together and support each other in the battle waged against the forces of Satan. Take up Christ's banner with the men of the Eastside Family of Parishes! Come together with us as we steel ourselves for the fight through all night Adoration. As a common cavalry for Christ, we will pray, hear talks on the role of men in the church and share a communal breakfast with representatives from men's ministries from across the Archdiocese.

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THE WORD IN YOUR HEART | 11

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15:16. He has set before you fire and water; to whichever you choose, stretch forth your hand.

Free will is not about deciding to do whatever we want to do, or about deciding what is right or moral and what is wrong or immoral. God has laid out the moral law for us, but in his incredible goodness has given us free will to decide which path we want to follow: the path of life or the way of death. And once we choose the path of life — or following God — we are making the decision to follow all of God’s commandments, not just the ones we’ve decided we agree with.

I know, I know this is hard. Just listen to the gospel this week — Jesus takes the Ten Commandments and “plusses” them. Not only can I not kill another, I can’t even be angry at someone. I’m pretty sure I could comply with the original commandment...but the plussed one? Wow. What we have to realize when interpreting Jesus’ words is this: what is in our hearts? After all, if we are made in God’s image, and God is all-loving, shouldn’t we be the same if we have chosen of our own free will to choose God’s path of life?

When we get confused or are wondering what all God’s laws are, let’s pray Psalm 119, our responsorial psalm this week: **“Instruct me, O Lord, in the way of your statutes...that I may observe your law and keep it with all my heart.”** ~Chris Bergman

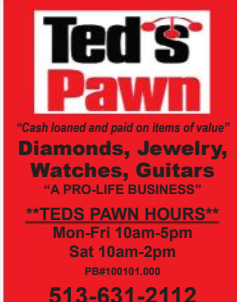


Chris Bergman and his wife Stacey Devlin along with their three children have been St. Mary parishioners since moving to Cincinnati in 2009. Chris is currently the Grand Knight of the Salve Regina Council of the Knights of Columbus, co-founder and co-leader of Father’s Team at St Mary, and in his first year of deacon formation at Mt. St. Mary’s Seminary.

The Word In Your Heart is a faith-sharing opportunity open to all Eastside Family parishioners. Please consider sharing a reflection! Contact Janet Buening at 513-871-9294 or janetrehlingbuening@gmail.com.

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