

# ST. MARY CHURCH HYDE PARK

SEPTEMBER 3, 2023

The Oratory of  
Saint John Vianney  
at Saint Anthony Church

ONE-YEAR ANNIVERSARY



# Worship Aid for the Twenty-Second 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.**

## 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.

## Entrance Hymn

## You Are Strong, You Are Holy



1. Lord, you lead through sea and des - ert, You  
2. Lord, you lead to cool - ing wa - ters, You  
3. So we fol - low where you lead us, Where you



lead to prom - ised lands. We are your own ho - ly  
lead to green - ing fields. Lord, you lead to deep - 'ning  
walk a - long the shore, Where you suf - fer in the



peo - ple, In your cov - e - nant we stand!  
val - leys Where your com - fort is re - vealed!  
gar - den, When you rise to die no more!

## Refrain



You are strong, you are ho - ly, you are mer - cy and



peace. You are love, you are jus - tice. Your



grace and fa - vor nev - er cease!

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# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## First Reading

Jer 20:7-9

You duped me, O LORD, and I let myself be duped; you were too strong for me, and you triumphed. All the day I am an object of laughter; everyone mocks me.

Whenever I speak, I must cry out, violence and outrage is my message; the word of the LORD has brought me derision and reproach all the day.

I say to myself, I will not mention him, I will speak in his name no more. But then it becomes like fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones; I grow weary holding it in, I cannot endure it.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm Response



Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

My soul is thirst-ing for you, O Lord, thirst-ing for you my God.

O God, you are my God; at dawn I  
seek you;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
For you my flesh is pining,  
like a dry, weary land without  
water. R̄.

I will bless you all my life;  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a  
banquet;  
with joyful lips, my mouth shall  
praise you. R̄.

I have come before you in the sanctuary,  
to behold your strength and your  
glory.

Your loving mercy is better than life;  
my lips will speak your praise. R̄.

For you have been my strength;  
in the shadow of your wings I  
rejoice.

My soul clings fast to you;  
your right hand upholds me. R̄.

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## Second Reading

Rom 12:1-2

I urge you, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God, your spiritual worship. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and pleasing and perfect.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

Mt 16:21-27

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer greatly from the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed and on the third day be raised. Then Peter took Jesus aside and began to rebuke him, "God forbid, Lord! No such thing shall ever happen to you." He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle to me. You are thinking not as God does, but as human beings do."

Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? Or what can one give in exchange for his life? For the Son of Man will come with his angels in his Father's glory, and then he will repay all according to his conduct."

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.

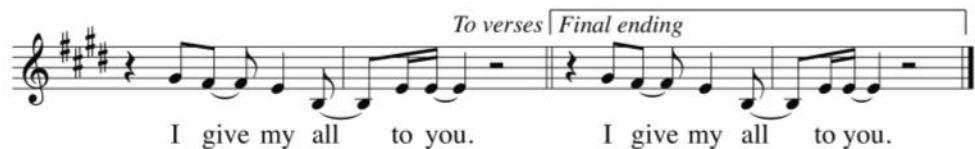
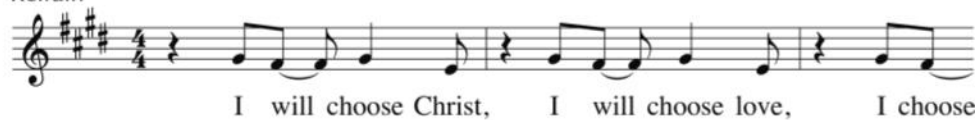
I believe in one, holy, catholic  
and apostolic Church.

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.

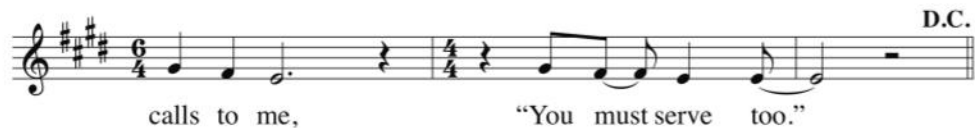
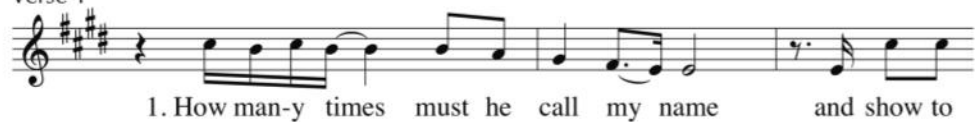
## Offertory Hymn

## I Will Choose Christ

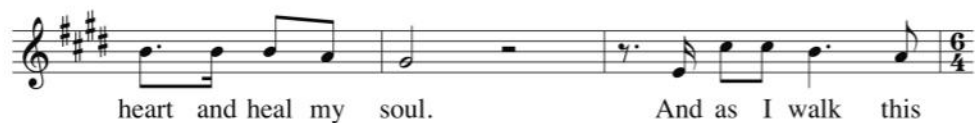
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### Verse 1



### Verse 2



### Verse 3



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# THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

## Recessional Hymn

### Lift High the Cross

## Communion Hymn

## Draw Near

### Refrain



Draw near, draw near! Take the Bod - y



of your Lord. Draw near, draw near!



Drink the Blood for you out-poured.

### Verses



1. Draw near and take the Bod - y of the Lord,
2. Christ, our Re-deem - er, God's e - ter - nal Son,
3. Let us ap-proach with faith - ful hearts sin - cere
4. With heav'n - ly bread Christ makes the hun-gry whole;



and drink with faith the Blood for you out-poured.  
has by his cross and blood the vic - t'ry won.  
and claim the prom - ise of sal - va - tion here.  
his liv - ing wa - ter fills the thirst - ing soul.



Saved by Christ's Bod - y and his ho - ly Blood, with  
He spent his life for great - est and for least. Praise  
Christ rules our hearts, and all his saints de - fends; he  
Al - pha - O - me - ga, un - to whom shall bow all



souls re - freshed we give our thanks to God.  
Christ, the Pas - chal Vic - tim, Christ the Priest.  
gives be - liev - ers life that nev - er ends.  
na - tions of the earth, be with us now.

### Refrain:

**Lift high the cross,  
the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.**

1. Come, Christians, follow  
where our Savior trod,  
Our King victorious,  
Christ, the Son of God.

### Refrain

2. Led on their way by  
this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in  
conquering ranks combine.

### Refrain

3. Each newborn servant  
of the Crucified  
Bears on the brow the  
seal of him who died.

### Refrain

4. O Lord, once lifted  
on the glorious tree,  
Your death has bought us  
life eternally.

### Refrain

5. So shall our song of  
triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified  
for victory!

### Refrain

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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)

3105 Madison Road, Cincinnati OH 45209

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[instagram: st.cecieliaparis](https://instagram.com/st.cecieliaparis)

### St. Mary (Hyde Park)

2853 Erie Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45208

Office: (513) 321-1207

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[instagram: stmaryhydepark](https://instagram.com/stmaryhydepark)

### 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, SEPTEMBER 4

5:30 PM Mitchell Quint

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 5 Saint Teresa of Calcutta

5:30 PM Catherine Butler

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

5:30 PM Cecil Kimmel

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

5:30 PM Kathleen Caruso

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

5:30 PM No Mass

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9 Saint Peter Claver

4:00 PM Nick Scalmato

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 AM Harry Kruse

10:30 AM Thomas Dickens

**Mass intentions** may be requested and paid for online at [EastsideFaith.org](http://EastsideFaith.org), under the "About" section. Masses may also be scheduled at one of our offices. Payment may be made online, in an envelope clearly marked in the collection basket, or in person during office hours. Intentions are often requested for those who have died, but may include any kind of need that you or someone you know is experiencing for which prayer is needed.

## Wedding Banns

There are no banns this week.

## Pastoral Leadership

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



## The One-Year Anniversary of the Oratory September 3, 2023

On September 4, we celebrate the one-year anniversary of the Oratory of St. John Vianney at St. Anthony. We will have a celebration Mass and reception on September 10. We will also have a Holy Hour for priests on Monday, September 11 at 7:00 PM.

The Oratory took the name of St. John Vianney for a few reasons. One of them is that they have an incredible relic of the chair of St. John Vianney. He used it for the many hours he spent hearing confessions. The other reason is that he is the patron saint of priests. He said, "If we really understood the priest on earth, we would die: not of fear, but of love."

Since the Oratory is dedicated to priests we have weekly prayers for priests in the bulletin and we hope to have a place for the newly-ordained priests to hear their first confessions so that they can give the stole they wore to their fathers. This stole will be placed in the casket of the priest's father at his death because it signifies giving mercy and justice after hearing his first confession, a lesson he learned from his father.

We are now working on the beautification of the church and have some wonderful plans. I can't wait to see the Oratory come to life with its renovations and beautiful changes.

Amen? Amen.

*Fr. Jason*



**PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL BE JUST ONE MASS ON LABOR DAY, SEPTEMBER 4 – 9 AM AT ST CECILIA**

## Homeschool Families Meet and Greet!

We will be gathering on Saturday, **September 30**, for the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Cecilia and then having a meet and greet in the St. Anne Garden afterwards. Please join us if you are currently homeschooling or if you're thinking about it and would like to meet other families from our parish. We will provide coffee and drinks. Please bring a potluck dish to share. Please contact Marta Misleh with any questions at [mmisleh@eastsideregion.org](mailto:mmisleh@eastsideregion.org).



## From the Oratory of Saint John Vianney

The Oratory is part of St. Cecilia Parish, and is a growing community, dedicated to expanding the Catholic presence in Madisonville, and devoted to prayer for the priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, through the intercession of St. John Vianney, patron of parish priests.

### Oratory Donations

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

### Daily Mass and Rosary

Mass is offered Monday-Friday at 11:45 AM, and the rosary begins at 11:15 AM for the special intention of the priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. What a great chance in the middle of the day to refocus on the Lord.

### Prayer for the Priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati

In the mission of St. John Vianney, Patron of Parish Priests, please join us this week in praying for: **Fr. Sean Wilson, Fr. Michael Willig (St. Joseph, Wapakoneta) Fr. Ed Smith, Fr. Stephen Hughes (SMOY) and Fr. Clarence Heis (retired)**. Special thanks to those who have offered to help send notes of thanks and encouragement to the priests we are praying for each week! If you would like to help, please contact Dale Hutchinson at [hutchdale52@gmail.com](mailto:hutchdale52@gmail.com).

### From the Desk of Fr. Ken

There is a scene in the movie Quo Vadis where Nero crucifies Christians in the Coliseum. The Christians tell Peter to get out of town for his safety so he can still Shepherd the flocks in other areas. The Lord meets Peter, and Peter asks: Quo Vadis, Domine.? Which means where we are going, Lord. Jesus replied that He was going to Rome to be with His people and be crucified again. He asked Peter, "Where are you going?" Peter immediately returns to Rome, where he is arrested and crucified. All of us have to deny ourselves and pick up the cross.

*Fr. Ken Schopf*

### From the School Office

We are blessed to be back in the everyday business of learning and growing in faith and academics. Regina Rose is hard at work being a companion to all 480 students on our journey.



#### Required FIVE YEAR DECREE ON CHILD PROTECTION

Log on to your [SafeParish](#) account - Go to "My Account" - Click on "Acknowledge Decree" in Dashboard. Review both Decree articles and click on "Acknowledge and Agree."

This will automatically show your account is updated. Any questions please contact Laura Nickol / [lnickol@eastsideiregion.org](mailto:lnickol@eastsideiregion.org)

**Please note** your account will be "pending" until this is completed - you are not permitted to work or volunteer with youth until completed and approved.



Details & Register here



**9.29.23**

**California Golf Course**



# MUSIC MINISTRY

**"The quality of our participation in such sung praise comes less from our vocal ability than from the desire of our hearts to sing together of our love for God. Participation in the Sacred Liturgy both expresses and strengthens the faith that is in us."**

Sing to the Lord: Music in Divine Worship, no. 13

**If you like to sing or play an instrument, Join the St. Mary Music Ministry!**

We have many opportunities for individuals, High school age and above -

- Rehearse on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. and sing for 10:30 a.m. Mass each Sunday.
- Join the cantor rotation and sing at 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass
- Join on an as-needed basis with your instrument

For more information or to sign up, please contact Katie Barton - [kbarton@eastsideiregion.org](mailto:kbarton@eastsideiregion.org), or call the parish office.



### Help Save Lives!



Christians throughout Cincinnati, Northern Kentucky, and surrounding areas are invited to participate in the international **40 Days for Life** effort from September 27- November 5, 2023. 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 and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

Learn more at [www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati](http://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](mailto:diannedonlan@outlook.com), or Brigid Duffy at 513-379-0821. Dianne and Bob are signing up volunteers for the 3-5 p.m. hours on Thursdays during the campaign.

#### SAVE THE DATE

Please join us at the kickoff to the prayer campaign on Tuesday, **September 26, 2023**, at 7 p.m. Ramona Trevino, the former manager of a Planned Parenthood referral facility in Texas, will speak. She shares the miracle of her conversion and the goodness of Christ's mercy. Join this service and discover how you can bring the love of Christ to the sidewalk in peaceful, prayerful witness.

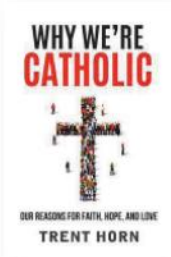




## BOOK REVIEW

THE CATECHIST'S  
CORNER*Why We're Catholic: Our Reasons for Faith, Hope, and Love*

by Trent Horn



“About eight months ago, I received one of the most joyful pieces of news I’ve been told in my entire young life. After four years of dating, much prayer by him and many others, and countless conversations with my sister, my family, and my uncle the priest, my sister’s boyfriend had decided to become Catholic. I couldn’t help but be overwhelmed with gratitude to the Holy Spirit for helping to bring about this conversion of

heart in this man who means so much to my sister (and who will likely join my family someday soon). His story is one that contains both a beautiful personal desire to know Christ in a deeper way, as well as a need to understand the logic behind the central tenets of our faith. The book that I want to recommend this week, *Why We’re Catholic*, does an exceptional job of helping to satisfy the latter. Trent Horn, the beloved host of Catholic Answers’ “The Counsel of Trent Podcast,” lays out some of the most essential and challenging questions at the heart of Catholicism and answers them in a way that is reasonable, succinct, and authentically human. Its layout by theme and by question makes it easy to keep at the ready for a quick brush-up. However, it is also the perfect read for discovering the faith for the first time or rediscovering it for the umpteenth time. As RCIA begins this week, and many men and women (just like my sister’s boyfriend) are embarking on the first step to call Rome home, consider investing in a copy for yourself or someone you might know whose heart is being drawn to conversion. I know you will be glad you did! – *Haley Metzger*



Our **Family of Faith** program is in search of faithful parishioner who would like to explore leading and teaching children of the parish during a monthly session focusing on prayer. This volunteer position has a commitment requirement of teaching one monthly session from September until April. All materials/texts are provided. Visit [www.eastsidefaith.org/FOF](http://www.eastsidefaith.org/FOF) for more info on the program and detailed dates. Please contact Everett Mitchel if interested at [emitchel@eastsidefaith.org](mailto:emitchel@eastsidefaith.org).

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

Contact RCIA Director Colin Kunath  
at [rcia@eastsidefaith.org](mailto:rcia@eastsidefaith.org) or visit  
[eastsidefaith.org/rcia](http://eastsidefaith.org/rcia). Classes will be  
Wednesday nights at 7PM in  
St. Mary’s Robisch Hall

**Classes begin this week — September 6.**

**Forty Hours Devotion**

Next weekend the entire Eastside Family of Parishes will have the special opportunity to share in the blessings of our solemn Forty Hours Exposition and Adoration. This is a unique chance to experience the peace that comes from individual prayer in relative solitude with Our Lord.

The opening ceremony will be on Friday, September 8, at the regular St. Cecilia 9:00 AM Mass followed by continuous exposition of the Eucharist and adoration until the closing ceremony on Sunday, September 10, at the regular St. Cecilia 10:00 AM Mass. There will be a Donut Sunday reception sponsored by the St. Cecilia

Parish Council in The Commons following the Mass.

We are still in great need of guardian adorers willing to commit to an hour of presence in church, especially in the late night and early morning time slots during that weekend. Sign-ups are online at the St. Cecilia parish website under “Events,” then “Forty Hours Devotion Sign Ups.” If you have any problems with signing up or questions, call Jeff Icsman at 513-321-3089 or email at [icsmanj@gmail.com](mailto:icsmanj@gmail.com).

### EPIC: Basilicas and Bavarian Cuisine

Join us on **Thursday, September 21, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.** for a tour of the magnificent Cathedral Basilica of the Assumption in Covington. After the tour you can join us for delicious German cuisine at the Hofbräuhaus in Newport. Lunch is on your own.

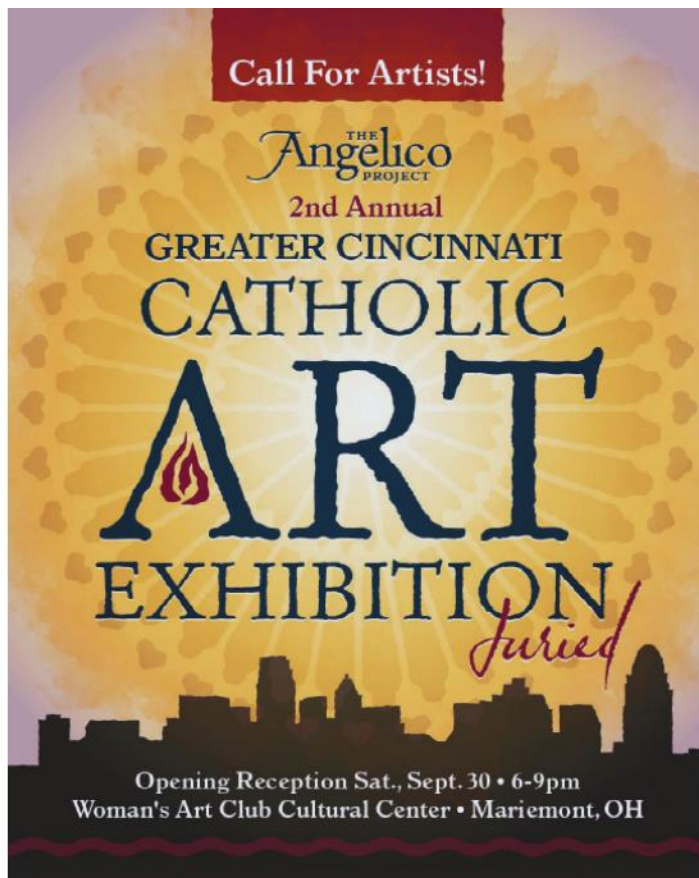
Carpool from St. Mary will be available for those interested. Be in front of church by 9:30. Please indicate you need a ride when you register. Or meet us at the cathedral by 10:00 a.m.

**Make your reservation at [eastsidefaith.org/epic](http://eastsidefaith.org/epic) or by emailing Mary at [mlandrum@eastsideregion.org](mailto:mlandrum@eastsideregion.org).** Registration will be closed after by **Friday, September 8**. There is a \$5 tour fee. This must be turned into Mary by September 8 to reserve your spot.

The **40's Plus Fun Bunch** will host a speaker from the Museum Center on **Sunday, September 24, at 3 PM in the St. Cecilia Commons** who will help us relive the memorable 1919 and 1940 Reds World Championship teams led by Edd Roush and Ernie Lombardi and experience the excitement of the 1960s again with the arrival of Reds greats Rose, Bench, Perez and Nolan.

**The cost for this event is \$5 per person.** You can put it into an envelope marked with your name and "40's Plus Fun Bunch" and drop it into the collection basket at Mass. **RSVP to [stcfunbunch@gmail.com](mailto:stcfunbunch@gmail.com)**. Feel free to bring a small appetizer to share.

Also, if you would like to receive emails regarding future events, please contact [stcfunbunch@gmail.com](mailto:stcfunbunch@gmail.com).



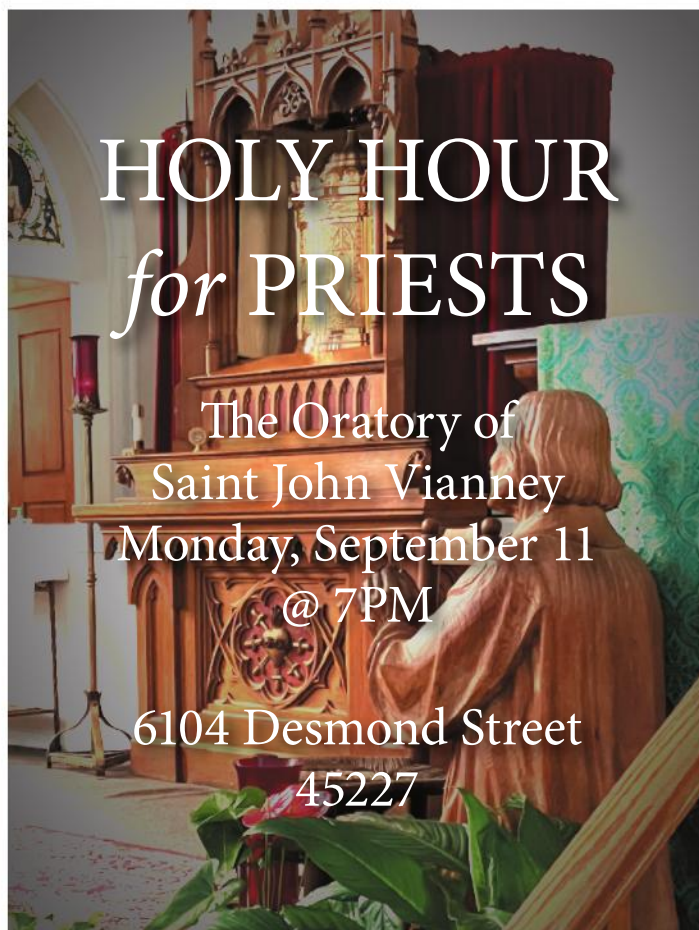
An extreme amendment is on the Ohio ballot in November that threatens the health and safety of women, the rights of parents and the lives of pre-born babies up to 9 months.



**Join Catholics across Ohio in praying a 54-Day Rosary Novena beginning Friday, Sept. 15, for the defeat of this dangerous amendment.**



Sign up for a daily email reminder with novena prayers here → or at [pray54ohio.org](http://pray54ohio.org).



# THE WORD IN YOUR HEART | 11

## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Romans 12:2. Do not conform yourselves to this age but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.**

Today's second reading encourages Christ's followers to be "timeless." But in being asked not to conform to this age, I don't think we are being asked to live in the past or ignore the technological advances that are part of this age. Kindness, patience, and compassion are timeless. They are qualities that we can demonstrate regardless of the age we find ourselves inhabiting.

Has social media made our world more caustic and toxic? Probably. But we Christ followers don't need to lower ourselves to that level.

Does our society move too fast and multitask too much? Perhaps. But we can set our phones aside and be in fully in the moment.

Saint Paul tells us that we can be in this age, but not of it. Timeless advice. - **Jack Greiner**

*Jack Greiner, an attorney, is long-time St. Mary parishioner. His wife Kathy teaches at St. Mary School and his four children attended there. Jack and Kathy have two beautiful granddaughters and two grandsons.*

## Last Words from The Word In Your Heart

Today's *The Word In Your Heart* will be the final entry of this column, as the Family leadership team has a new vision for the bulletin. I am very grateful to Fr. Ken for his support of this ministry, to all the parishioners who read it each week and often expressed their comments and thanks, and especially to the 29 authors who wrote for this column since it began in Advent 2016, sharing their stories of faith and discipleship in 354 reflections on the Sunday scriptures. It has been a blessed and faith-filled journey for all of us. We hope our words encouraged you to listen more closely to the readings at Mass and carry the Word of the Lord home in your hearts. We hope everyone will continue to take time each Sunday to personally reflect on the scriptures. - **Janet Buening, Editor**

## YOUR OFFERINGS *Thank you*

Weekly Giving	8/27/2023	FYTD	thru July (1 month)
Weekend Collection:	\$6,287	Sunday Giving:	\$83,775
Mailed:	\$2,925	Budget:	\$112,125
WeShare Online:	\$8,316	<b>Over (under) Budget:</b>	<b>(\$28,350)</b>
<b>Total Sunday Giving:</b>	<b>\$17,528</b>		
<b>OVER (Under) Weekly Budget:</b>	<b>(\$4,897)</b>	Year Ago:	\$79,539
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