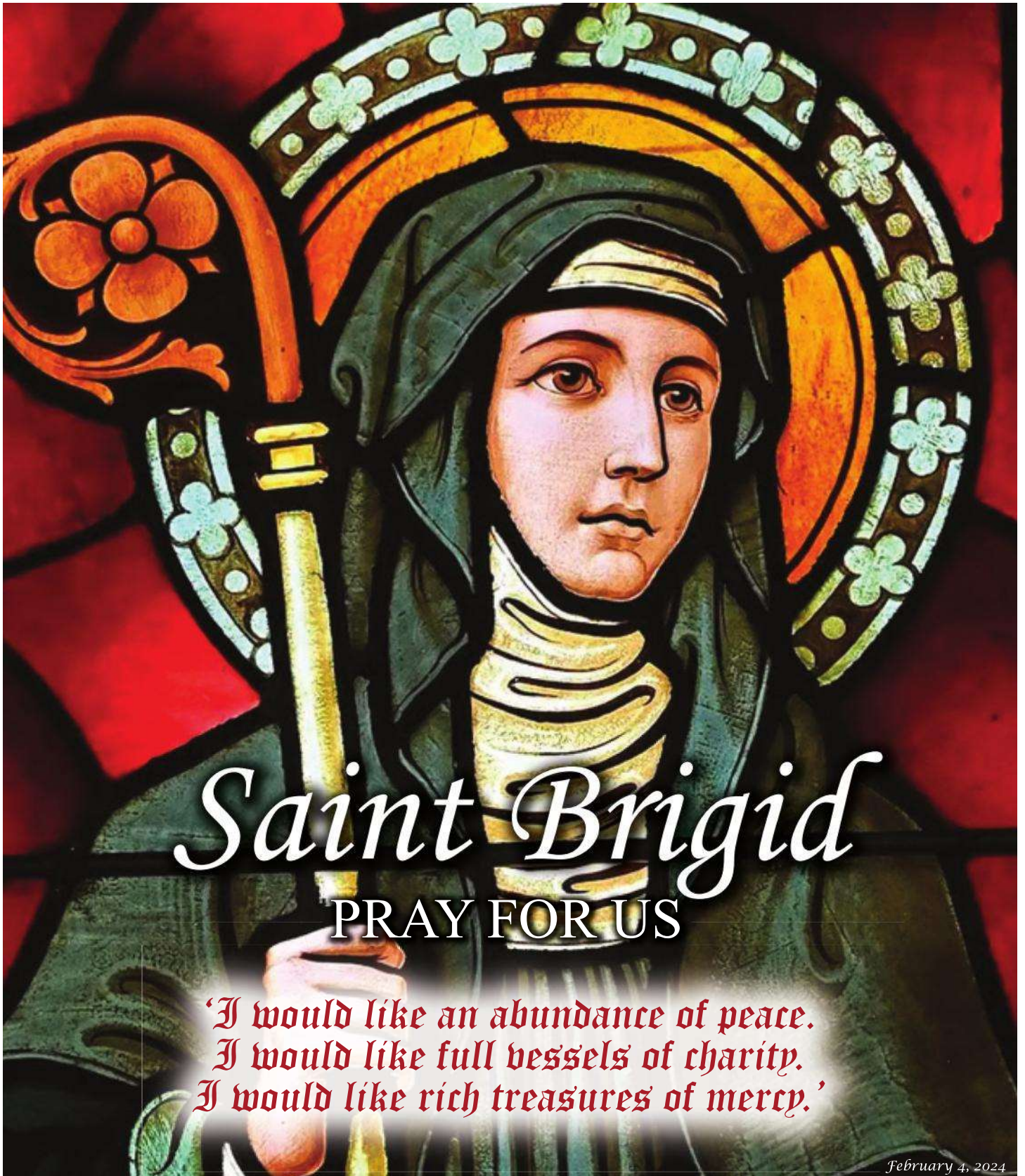


ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FAMILY *of* PARISHES



Saint Brigid

PRAY FOR US

*'I would like an abundance of peace.
I would like full vessels of charity.
I would like rich treasures of mercy.'*

February 4, 2024

MASS TIMES

Monday

8:30 a.m.....St. Luke
9 a.m.....Mary, Help of Christians

Tuesday

8 a.m.....St. Brigid
8:30 a.m.....St. Luke
9 a.m.....Mary, Help of Christians

Wednesday

8 a.m.....St. Brigid
8:30 a.m.....St. Luke
9 a.m.....Sacred Heart
6 p.m.....St. Paul

Thursday

8 a.m.....St. Brigid
8:30 a.m.....St. Luke
8:30 a.m.....St. Paul
9 a.m.....Sacred Heart

Friday

8 a.m.....St. Brigid
8:30 a.m.....St. Luke
8:30 a.m.....St. Paul
9 a.m.....Sacred Heart (1st Friday)

Saturday

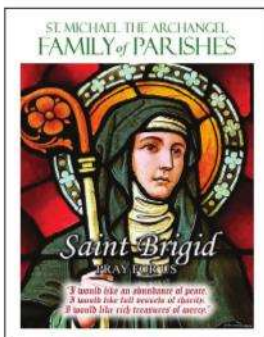
8 a.m. Latin N.O. Mass.....St. Brigid
4 p.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
4:30 p.m.....St. Brigid
5:30 p.m.....St. Luke

Sunday

8 a.m.....St. Luke
8:30 a.m.....Mary, Help of Christians
9 a.m.....St. Augustine
9:30 a.m.....St. Brigid
10 a.m.....St. Luke
10:30 a.m.....Sacred Heart
11:15 a.m.....St. Paul
12 p.m.....Sacred Heart (Spanish)

ON THE COVER

Thursday, Feb. 1, was the the Feast of St. Brigid, co-patron saint of Ireland with St. Patrick and St. Columbkille. St. Brigid is also known in Ireland as "Mary of the Gael."



Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes, Our Family is comprised of six churches: **Mary, Help of Christians** in Fairborn, **Sacred Heart** in New Carlisle, **St. Augustine** in Jamestown, **St. Brigid** in Xenia, **St. Luke** in Beavercreek, and **St. Paul** in Yellow Springs. Two of our churches, St. Brigid and St. Luke, also have schools with preschool through eighth grades.

We are part of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and were combined as a Family in July 2022 to be "Beacons of Light," an Archdiocese-wide, multi-year initiative to better array resources for spreading the Gospel far and wide. STMA Family staff are listed below and on subsequent pages dedicated to each church. Contact information for each church is also listed for help with baptisms, anointing of the sick, marriage, communion, reconciliation, registering, religious education, joining the Church, and other needs.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL STAFF

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(see opposite page for photo)



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FLOCKNOTE

Our Family of churches uses Flocknote to help keep parishioners and staff informed via email and texts. Sign up is simple (no username or password required) via the methods below or QR code at right.



stma.flocknote.com | Text "stma" to 84576



FEBRUARY 4, 2024
FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Beloved in Christ,

Thank you for your generous witness in giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. See the graphic below and on page 14 for more information about the six vital ministries we support with our donations.

This is a good opportunity for some reminders: The parishes of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati are currently in a five-year process called “Beacons of Light.” By June 30, 2027, the six parishes of our St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes will have become one canonical parish with six churches.

Here is the “Why:” Beacons of Light is a multi-year process of pastoral planning for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Rooted in prayer, groupings of parishes will come together as one faith community. These new “Families of Parishes” will be stronger together, focused more on mission than on maintenance. In the Families of Parishes, we will grow closer to God, follow Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit, and radiate Christ in our lives.

The final in a series of Beacons information sessions is **this Thursday, Feb. 8**, at 7 p.m. at St. Teresa in Springfield. Visit pathway.catholicaoc.org/beacons-of-light-info-sessions/ to register. For more general Beacons information, visit catholicaoc.org/beacons and sign up for regular updates. Visit pathway.catholicaoc.org to read up on the six principals and 31 parameters guiding us through this process.

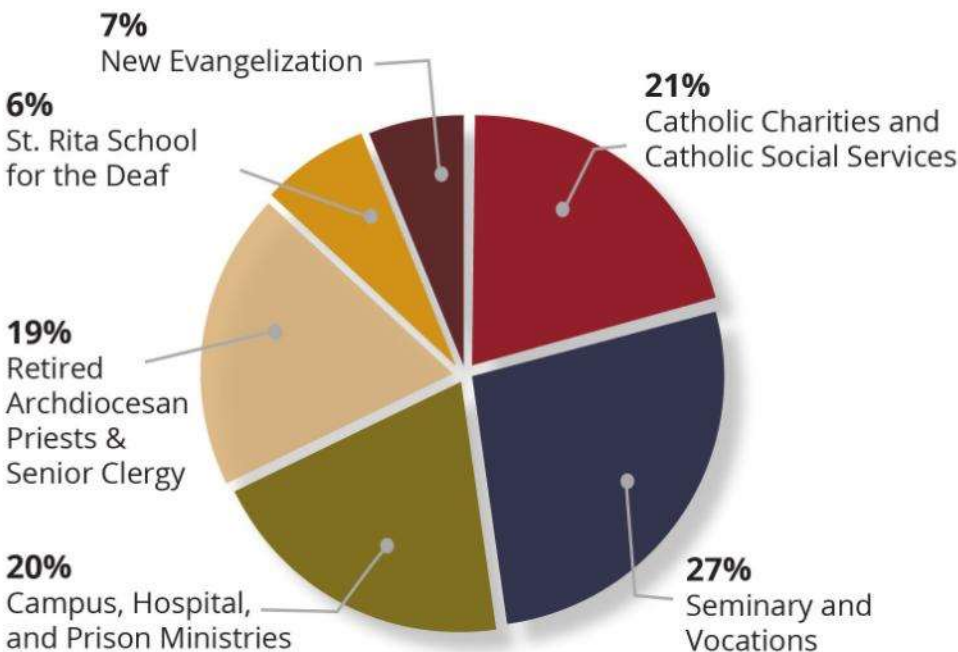
Thanks for your prayers. Be assured of my daily prayers for you.

God Bless,
Fr. Bedel



The CMA Supports Six Local Ministries

Funds are distributed based on the percentages shown below.



CONFESSION

- Monday**
8 a.m.....*Mary, Help of Christians*
- Tuesday**
7 p.m.....*Sacred Heart*
- Wednesday**
5 p.m.....*St. Paul*
- Thursday**
2 p.m.....*St. Luke*
- Friday**
8:30 am.....*St. Brigid*
- Saturday**
3 p.m.....*Mary, Help of Christians*
3:30 p.m.....*St. Brigid*
4 p.m.....*St. Luke*
- Sunday**
8 a.m.....*St. Augustine*

Call 937-372-3193 to schedule confession by appointment.

ADORATION

- Monday**
7 p.m.....*Mary, Help of Christians*
(8 p.m. Benediction)
- Tuesday**
9 a.m.....*St. Luke* (6:30 p.m. Benediction)
7 p.m.....*Sacred Heart* (8 p.m. Benediction)
- Thursday**
9 a.m.....*St. Luke* (6:30 p.m. Benediction)
- Friday**
8:30 a.m.....*St. Brigid* (9:30 a.m. Benediction every Friday except first Friday when Benediction is 4 p.m.)

DAILY READINGS

- Monday, Feb. 5**
1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Mk 6:53-56
- Tuesday, Feb. 6**
1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Mk 7:1-13
- Wednesday, Feb. 7**
1 Kgs 10:1-10/Mk 7:14-23
- Thursday, Feb. 8**
1 Kgs 11:4-13/Mk 7:24-30
- Friday, Feb. 9**
1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Mk 7:31-37
- Saturday, Feb. 10**
1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Mk 8:1-10
- Sunday, Feb. 11**
Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/1 Cor 10:31-11:1/Mk 1:40-45

MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS CHURCH

Mary, Help of Christians Church

954 North Maple
Fairborn, Ohio 45324

Phone: 937-878-8353

Fax: 937-879-8800

Parish Website: mhcp parish.org

Deacon: Rev. Mr. Max Roadruck

Staff

Assistant Director of Religious

Education: Michael Barclay

Administrative Assistant: Julie Sewell

Business Manager: Patrick Morgan

Director of Music: Kristen Kosey

Annulments: Please call the Parish

Office

Maintenance: Eric Rogalinski

Telephones:

Office/Rectory: 937-878-8353

RCIA: 937-878-8353

Religious Education: 937-830-8735

Music Director: 937-878-8092

Annulments: 937-878-8353

St. Vincent dePaul Helpline:

937-424-0951

Handy Helpers: 937-878-8353

Parish Office Hours:

9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. (Mon. - Fri.)

Parish School of Religion:

Sunday, 9:45 - 11 a.m. (in Parish Center)

Parish Library:

For access, call 937-878-8353

Marriages:

Call the rectory at least eight months in advance so we can properly prepare for this joyous occasion.

Anointing of the Sick:

Available on request. Call the rectory office.

For Hospital/Home Visit:

Call the Rectory Office.




PRAYER REQUEST

If you would like to join our MHC PRAYER CHAIN or have a special prayer request, contact Julie at jsewellmhc@gmail.com or call the parish office 937-878-8353.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL COLLECTS MONETARY

donations at the doors after Mass on the 3rd weekend of every month. Look for baskets at each of the doors marked for St. Vincent dePaul. St. Vincent volunteers will be holding the baskets. **This week we will collect your favorite toothpaste.** 

Mardi Gras/ Carnival Celebration



Bring your family to the MHC Parish Center for a Mardi Gras / Carnival Celebration.

Join our MHC & Sacred Heart PSR & RE youth & catechists during MHC PSR on Sunday, February 11, 2024

9:45 a.m.-1:00 p.m. After PSR stay a little longer for more Fun, games and a free lunch. King Cake, Mask Making, Hallelujah Banner, Burning Palms For Ash Wednesday Mass, Carnival Games, Food and More... **Sponsored by: MHC Religious Education & The Knights of Columbus**

SPEAK LIFE



Your Knights of Columbus Council's annual Winter Reverse

RAFFLE Raffle will be on February 24th. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. The first ticket out will be at 6:00 p.m. Tickets are \$40 which covers 2 adults admission, heavy hors d'oeuvres, soft drinks and a chance to win prizes. A cash bar will be available. **No one under the age of 18 is permitted to attend.** The first ticket drawn wins \$100, last ticket drawn wins \$2250. Additional prizes will be awarded throughout the drawing. You need not be present to win. For tickets call PGK Frank Minnick @ 937-522-0866 or email FMINN@aol.com or any of our members PGK Jim McCoy @ 937-879-3570 or any of our members. *You can also purchase tickets by mail. Just send a check for \$40 per ticket to us and we will send your stub back to you. You can send it to: K of C 3724 Reverse Raffle, Attn: Frank Minnick, 934 N Maple Avenue, Fairborn, Ohio 45324. Make Checks payable to: Fairborn K of C 3724*

JOY CLUB: Our next meeting is 

Monday, February 12 at 1:00 p.m. in St. Francis Hall. Come to **enJOY** an afternoon of cards, games or bingo along with fellowship and refreshments with your fellow parishioners and friends.

Wear RED or PINK to celebrate VALENTINE'S DAY!

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES

APPEAL 2024 (CMA) This is Commitment Weekend for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Join us in supporting these ministries! Please prayerfully complete your pledge card make your checks payable to Catholic Ministries Appeal and mail your pledge card to 100 East Eighth Street Cincinnati, Ohio 45202 in the envelope provided in your information packet. You may also bring your completed pledge card sealed in its return envelope to Mass. Pledge cards are available in the gathering space for your convenience this weekend. There will be a basket marked CMA in the gathering space. For more information about the CMA or to donate online, please visit <https://catholicaoc.org/cma> Thank you!



Coffee and Goodies



Following 9:00 a.m. Tuesday morning Masses we will have fresh coffee and homemade goodies for all to enjoy until 10:15 a.m. All are welcome! Fellowship, community, joy, hope, and love for all who join us! This will run every Tuesday unless otherwise noted. No RSVP necessary. Michael Barclay will inform the group of cancellations. To register for cancellation notices email mbarclay@mhcp parish.org.

ASH WEDNESDAY



Please note that Wednesday, February 14, 2024 is Ash Wednesday. There will be a 12:00 p.m. Noon Mass @ MHC. (It is not a Holy Day of obligation).



Welcome to all who celebrate the Mass with us today. May God's grace and peace fill us all so that we can serve one another in unity and love.

NEW PARISHIONERS WELCOME!

To register, visit the parish office, the website or pick up registration form at front entrance of the church and drop it in the collection.

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Marian 911 Circle of Daughters of Isabella at Mary, Help of Christians Church is hosting their Annual Women's Spring

RETREAT NEW DATE on Saturday, March 23rd from 9:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

The retreat is open to all women in the St. Michael the Archangel Family they must be 16 years of age and older. Registration fee: \$15.00 (Continental breakfast and Subway box lunch included). Location: Mary, Help of Christians Parish Center 934 North Maple, Fairborn. Retreat Master: Michael Barclay, Associate Director of Evangelization and Christian Formation. RSVP: to Amanda @ 937-620-0701 by March 4th.

K of C Parish Breakfast Today:

Breakfast will be this Sunday, February 4. We will start serving in the Parish Center Cafeteria at 9:30 a.m. and will

continue until 10:45 a.m. Scrambled eggs, bacon, sausage, pancakes, hash browns, toast, omelets made to order, biscuits and gravy. You'll get all this for \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10. Come and join your fellow Knights and Parishioners for some good food and even better company.

Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Sacristans, Ushers

Please check the sacristy this weekend for the new ministers schedule for February & March. It will also be mailed. *If you are unable to serve on your scheduled date and time please call and find a sub.* If you have any questions please call the parish office. Thanks for your continued involvement in ministry.



HOLY HOUR AND EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:

You are invited to spend a holy hour of prayer with adoration every Monday each week from 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the church. *All are Welcome! Join us Monday, February 5.*

ROSARY: Saturday afternoon before Mass @ 3:30 p.m. and Monday evening @ 6:00 p.m.

BAPTISMS: First Sunday of the month after 8:30 a.m. Mass. Third Saturday of the month after 4:00 p.m. Mass. Required Parents' Classes are on the second Sunday of January, March, May, July, September and November at 9:45 a.m. in the Church. Parents must attend one of these classes. The next Baptismal Preparation Class is being held on Sunday, March 10 at 9:45 a.m. in the Church. Please call the parish office @ 937- 878-8353 to advise us if you will be attending this class.

RECORD OF YOUR 2023 CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS/ TAX STATEMENTS:

A statement of your 2023 contributions will automatically be mailed around the last week of **January 2024** to any parishioner who has made any single contribution of \$250 or more during the year. *(Please do not call to request a statement if you are in that category.)* Anyone else wanting a statement should use the request form below or call the parish office @ 937- 878-8353 from 9:30a.m.-4:30p.m. Monday through Friday. You may return your request form in the collection basket in your envelope.

2023 Contribution Statement Request

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

ENVELOPE # _____

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 3-4:00 p.m.

Mary Anne Meisenheimer off:
MHC Choir

Sunday, February 4-8:30 a.m.

For the Parish

Monday, February 5-9:00 a.m.

Pearl (Ed) Sewell, off: Carolyn Marth

Tuesday, February 6-9:00 a.m.

Rob MacDonald, off: Family

Saturday, February 10-4:00 p.m.

Gary Weaver, off: Mary McClellan

Sunday, February 11-8:30 a.m.

For the Parish

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

THRU 01/21/24

Regular Collection & Loose Cash & Envelopes \$14,225.00

Capital Improvements Donation Collections \$155.00

Total Collections For January 21, 2024
\$14,380.00

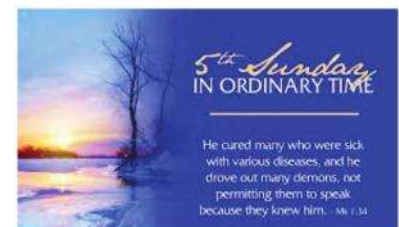
Church Renovation Project
Total Donations and Pledges as of 01/21/24
\$151,685.45

THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED GENEROSITY

PLEASE REMEMBER MHC IN YOUR WILL

When considering which charities to include in your will or trust, we hope you will remember Mary, Help of Christians. The church gratefully accepts donations of stock. A tax deduction for a gift of appreciated securities to a charity equals its full fair market value.

Reminder: The parish office will be closed Monday, February 19, for the Presidents' Day holiday there will be daily Mass Monday morning at 9:00 a.m.



COLLECTING OLD PALMS:



Do you still have blessed palms from last year? On **Sunday, February 11th** the Parish School of Religion will gather for a Mardi Gras Celebration before Lent begins. We will gather in the Parish Center for prayer at 9:55a.m.. After prayer, we will burn palms behind the Parish Center to make the ashes needed for Ash Wednesday. All parishioners are invited to join us. Please put your old Palms in the Blue Bucket mark Palms located in the gathering space.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS AND MHC PARISH BLOOD DRIVE



Why donate my blood? Because one donation can save up to three lives!

Because every 3 seconds someone needs blood! How else can you save three

lives in less than one hour? *Only 5% of the population donates 100% of the*

blood supply. Consider giving the gift of life at MHC's Blood Drive. It will

be held in the Parish Center cafeteria side, look for signs on Saturday, March 9 from 8:30 a.m.–12:15 p.m. Remember to bring a picture ID with SS# and eat a nourishing breakfast beforehand.

Appointments are requested. To schedule an appointment visit www.donortime.com or call 1- 800-

Lenten Reminders – Fast and Abstinence



With Lent approaching, please note the following information from the Archdiocese on fasts and abstinence: **Ash Wednesday, February 14th and Good Friday, March 29** are days of abstinence from meat and also days of fast: that is, limited to a single full meal. With regard to Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled. **Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday and,**

where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind. Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110. The other Fridays of the season of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years of age and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97 and 1252). With regard to the obligatory days listed above, however, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of the Holy Father may be simply paraphrased: the obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or “substantially,” the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord’s call to penance and conversion.

Parish Lent Books 2024



The Magnificat Lenten Companion This Weekend

Lent is a time to refocus our hearts and revive our love of the Lord and one another. A Companion for the Forty Days of Lent (from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday) Designed in a convenient, easy-to-use format: Inspiring reflections from some of the most gifted Catholic writers for each day

- * Faith-filled essays
- * Prayers, poetry, and devotions
- * Meditations for the Way of the Cross
- * A treasury of spiritual insights

By spending a few moments meditating on the inspiring daily reflections and the short prayers that follow them, you will discover all that is true, good, and beautiful about the Catholic Faith. Let the profound yet practical insights you will find in this little spiritual treasury form and focus your spiritual life, filling it with new conviction and purpose.

Copies are provided by the parish and will be located in the Gathering Space soon. Please pick one up for your family and start a new Lenten tradition! If you need a large print edition we have a few copies.



Mardi Gras Celebration

A Little King Cake And A Lot Of Fun... Carnival Games



*Bring your family to the MHC Parish Center for a
Mardi Gras / Carnival Celebration.*

*Join our MHC & Sacred Heart PSR & RE
youth & catechists.*

*During MHC PSR on Sunday, February 11, 2024.
9:45am-1:00pm.*

*After PSR stay a little longer for more
Fun, games and a free lunch.*

King Cake

Mask Making

Hallelujah Banner

Burning Palms For Ash Wednesday Mass

Carnival Games

Food and More...

*Sponsored by: MHC Religious Education &
The Knights of Columbus*



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FAMILY OF PARISHES

ALL PARISH 7TH GRADE - 12TH GRADE YOUTH
JOIN US FOR

A WRIGHT STATE BASKETBALL GAME ON

**Saturday, FEBRUARY 17,
2024!**

MEET AT MARY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS
PARISH CENTER

AROUND 5:00PM OR AFTER THE
4:00PM MASS. LEAVE FOR THE GAME
AT THE NUTTER CENTER AT 6:00PM.

INCLUDES: BASKETBALL GAME TICKET,
A DRINK, (CHOOSE ONE) HOT DOG, POPCORN OR PRETZEL.
PIZZA WILL BE PROVIDED BEFORE THE GAME IN
PARISH CENTER 5:00PM

COME FOR 4:00PM MASS AFTER MASS WALK OVER TO THE
PARISH CENTER FOR PIZZA

DON'T FORGET SPENDING MONEY FOR EXTRA FOOD
IF YOU LIKE!!!

FOR INFORMATION AND TO REQUEST A PERMISSION SLIP
CALL MICHAEL BARCLAY @ 937-830-8735

**YOU CAN ALSO PICK ONE UP AT PSR/RE
RSVP BY WEDNESDAY,
FEBRUARY 14, 2024.**



Life, Death and Living



Daughters of Isabella Woman's Retreat

Discovering Who We Were Made To Be

With St. John Paul II's

Theology of the Body

Presenter: Michael Barclay

Date: March 23, 2024 from 9:00AM- 3:00PM

Doors Open at 8:30AM

*Light Breakfast and a Subway Box Lunch
provided*

*Location Mary, Help of Christians
Parish Center*

934 North Maple, Fairborn

Cost 15.00

*All Women of St. Michael The Archangel Family
are Invited and Welcome!*

RSVP to Amanda 937-620-0701 by March 4

Sacred Heart Church
209 W. Lake Avenue
New Carlisle, Ohio 45344

Parish Office
476 Scott Street
New Carlisle, OH 45344

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Lorenzo & Veronica Fondon
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St. Vincent de Paul Society
937-845-3121

Bulletin Submissions

bulletin@sacredheartnc.net

February 18 deadline is February 6
February 25 deadline is February 13

To add or remove someone from the
prayer or military list, call 845-3121 or
email: Bulletin@sacredheartnc.net.



We are happy you are here! Welcome to our caring community of faith—united in our love of God and service to others. If you are interested in learning more or want to register, please call the Parish Office at 937-845-3121 or visit our website at: <https://sacredheartnc.net>.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, February 4, 10:30 Mass

Soul of Loretta Lokai
(Steve Lokai)

Sunday, Febrero 4, 12 pm Mass

Alma de Francisca Uribe
(Familia Perez)

Wednesday, February 7, 9 am Mass

Soul of Fran Blair
(Carol & Dick Rinker)

Thursday, February 8, 9 am Mass

Living & deceased members of Troth
Family (Luz Maria Perez)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Al Brunson, Frank Caponegro, Larry Engle, Rosalie Gillespie, Carol Graham, Terry Hamisch, Katie Horn, Kathy Jackson, Bryan Karjala, Peggy Kleimeier, Dan Kraus, Ann Long, Jim Mason, Javier Perez, Jr. Mary West and Mary Yates



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10 Things to Remember for Lent

1. **Remember the Formula.** The Church gives us almost a slogan—Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving—as the three things we need to work on during Lent.

2. **It's a time of prayer.** Lent is essentially an act of prayer spread out over 40 days. As we pray, we go on a journey, that hopefully brings us closer to Christ and leaves us changed by the encounter with him.

3. **It's a time to fast.** Lent is the only time many Catholics actually fast. “What are you giving up for Lent? Hotdogs? Beer? Jellybeans?” It's almost a game for some of us, but fasting is actually a form of penance, which helps us turn away from sin and toward Christ.

4. **It's a time to work on discipline.** Instead of giving something up, it can be doing something positive. “I'm going to pray more. I'm going to be nicer to my family, friends and coworkers.”

5. **It's about dying to yourself.** The more serious side of Lenten discipline is that it's about more than self-control – it's about finding aspects of yourself that are less than Christ-like and letting them die. The suffering and death of Christ are foremost on our minds during Lent, and we join in these mysteries by suffering, dying with Christ and being resurrected in a purified form.

6. **Don't do too much.** It's tempting to make Lent some ambitious period of personal reinvention, but it's best to keep it simple and focused. We spend our entire lives growing closer to God. Don't try to cram it all in one Lent.

7. **Lent reminds us of our weakness.** Even when we set simple goals for ourselves, we still have trouble keeping them. When we fast, we realize we're all just one meal away from hunger. In both cases, Lent shows us our weakness. This can be painful but recognizing how helpless we are makes us seek God's help with renewed urgency and sincerity.

8. **Be patient with yourself.** When we're confronted with our own weakness during Lent, the temptation is to get angry and frustrated. God is calling us to be patient and to see ourselves as he does, with unconditional love. (continued on next page)

Upcoming Events

- Feb 4 **CMA Commitment Weekend**
- Feb 6 **Adoration & Confession, 7pm**
Sacred Heart Ladies Club, 7 pm
- Feb 7 **Mass, 9 am**
Coffee Klatsch, 9:45 am
- Feb 8 **Mass, 9 am**
Patriotic Rosary, 9:30 am
- Feb 11 **Religious Education Classes, 9 am**
Mass, 10:30 am
Mass, 12 pm (Spanish)
- Feb 14 **Ash Wednesday Mass, 9 am**
Mass (bilingual), 7 pm
- Feb 16, 23 **Fish Fry, 5-7 pm**
Stations of the Cross, 7:15 pm
- Feb 19 **Parish Office closed**
Presidents' Day
- Feb 21 **Women's Night for Lent, 6 pm**
- Feb 26 **Blood Drive, 1 pm-6:30 pm**
- Mar 1 **First Friday Mass, 9 am**



Proximos eventos



- Feb 4 **Domingo de compromiso**
Campaña de Ministerios
Católicos. (CMA)
- Feb 6 **Adoración al Santísimo**
Y Confesiones a las 7:00 pm
- Feb 11 **Clase de Catecismo 9am**
Misa 10:30 am Inglés
Misa 12:00 pm español
- Feb 14 **Miércoles de Ceniza**
Misa 9:00am inglés
Misa 7:00pm español



Que es La Cuaresma?

La Cuaresma es un momento de reflexión que llama a convertirnos y volver a Dios; es un tiempo apropiado para purificarnos de las faltas; es un tiempo para creer, es decir, para recibir a Dios en nuestra vida y permitirle "poner su morada" en nosotros (Juan 14,23), y esta conversión que se logra mediante una buena confesión de los pecados.

El ayuno, la oración y la limosna, tal como los presenta Jesús en su predicación (Mateo 6, 1-18), son las condiciones y la expresión de nuestra conversión. En este tiempo de Cuaresma, acoger y vivir la verdad que se manifestó en Cristo significa ante todo dejarse alcanzar por la palabra de Dios.

Para llegar preparados y limpios interiormente a la Semana Santa, te explicamos en qué consisten estas prácticas:

- **Ayuno:** No solo de comida y bebida, sino también de nuestro egoísmo, vanidad, orgullo, odio, pereza, murmuraciones, malos deseos, venganza, impureza, ira, envidia, rencor, injusticia, insensibilidad ante las miserias y necesidades del prójimo.
- **Limosna:** No solo material, sino prestar ayuda a quien la necesita, enseñar al que no sabe, dar un buen consejo a quien lo pide, compartir alegrías, repartir sonrisa, ofrecer nuestro perdón a quien nos ha ofendido.
- **Oración:** Sin oración, tanto el ayuno como la limosna no se sostendrían; caerían por su propio peso. En la oración, Dios (continuará)

Wednesday Video Program

In an age of "selfies" and ego-centrism, YOU cuts through the noise to present an authentic view of the human person. It presents people with the extraordinary story of their creation as unrepeatable individuals. But the program doesn't stop there. *YOU. Life, Love and the Theology of the Body* introduces all people to the truth that life is not, in fact, all about them; it is about going out of themselves to be a sincere gift for others. This video program run by Michael Barclay, is every Wednesday morning at 10:15 a.m. following the Coffee Klatsch until April 3 except on March 2.

10 Things . . . continued

9. **Reach out in charity.** As we experience weakness and suffering during Lent, we should be renewed in our compassion for those who are hungry, suffering or otherwise in need. The third part of the Lenten formula is almsgiving. It's about more than throwing a few extra dollars in the collection plate; it's about reaching out to others and helping them without question as a way of sharing the experience of God's unconditional love.

10. **Learn to love like Christ.** Giving of ourselves in the midst of our suffering and self-denial brings us closer to loving like Christ, who suffered and poured himself out unconditionally on cross for all of us. Lent is a journey through the desert to the foot of the cross on Good Friday, as we seek him out, ask his help, join in his suffering, and learn to love like him.

va cambiando nuestro corazón, lo hace más limpio, más comprensivo, más generoso. La oración es generadora de amor e induce a la conversión interior. Este año la Cuaresma comenzará el Miércoles 14 de Febrero (Miércoles de Ceniza).

FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Contributions for January 21, 2024

	Weekly	YTD	Over/Short
Weekly Sunday & Holy Days	\$3,386	\$129,174	(11,376)
Weekly Maintenance	333	\$10,361	(5,449)
All Other Weekly	160	\$12,081	7,041
Total Revenue	\$3,879	\$151,616	(9,784)



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PRAY FOR US

Please pray for
Emily Lyons-Hammond,
Candie Ayers, Martin Connolly
Patrick Gwin, Father Edmund
Hussey, Dolores Sizemore,
Sheila Suwalski, and all in need of
special prayers and healing.



MASS

Sunday, February 4
+*Maria Philips*
(*Gail Chambers Family*)

Wednesday, February 7
+*Ed & Grace Alexander*
(*Paul & Kathryn Staigers*)

Thursday, February 8
+*Robert Darrow*
(*Ruth Darrow & Family*)

Friday, February 9
+*St. Paul Parishioners*

Sunday, February 11
+*John Struewing*
(*Vickie Hoomes*)

FEBRUARY 11 SCHEDULE

SACRISTAN: *Patty Alexander*

USHER: *Richard & Tami Whalen*

SERVER/S: *Cassie Ditmer*

LECTOR: *Vickie Hoomes*

EMHC: *Kathy Sanders*

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST
NEXT SUNDAY**

Following Mass on Feb. 11, the Knights of Columbus will host a pancake breakfast at St. Paul in the Undercroft. There is no charge, but donations are appreciated. This fellowship breakfast will replace our regular coffee and donut Sunday.

FRIDAY LUNCHEON

The next Friday Luncheon is scheduled for **Feb. 16**. Mary Pyper, STMA PSR Coordinator, will be our guest speaker and will talk about Lent.

FORTY DAYS, FORTY ITEMS

Ash Wednesday is Feb. 14, the first day of Lent. Each day of Lent, remove one item from your closet that you no longer wear or need and place it into a bag. At the end of the forty days, donate these items to a place that can share them with someone who can really use them.

In Sympathy

Please pray for the soul of
Mildred Stephens

*May her soul and all the
souls of the faithful
departed, through the
mercy of God,
rest in peace.*

FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH JANUARY 21

General Collection for Jan. 21	\$ 952.00
YTD General Collections	\$83,680.75
Weekly Maintenance/Restoration	\$25.00
YTD Maintenance/Restoration	\$4,761.00
Maintenance/Restoration Balance	\$982.00
Total Income	\$3,152.90

Setting up regular and recurring payments directly to St. Paul Church removes the hassle of finding cash, writing checks, and using church envelopes. For automatic "BILL PAY" through your financial institution, bank-issued checks can be sent to the church mailing address listed at the top left of the page. **Online donations** can be made after clicking on "DONATE" at the top of church homepage (listed at top right of page). Please note online donations are managed through PayPal and incur a 2.5 percent fee per transaction.

SAINT AUGUSTINE CHURCH

MASS

Sunday, February 4

+Jacob Hess

(Happy Birthday from Maria Pacer)

Sunday, February 11

+Helen, Elden, and Steve Brock

(Ann Brock)

February 11 Schedule

LECTOR: M. Cotugno

SERVERS: Jo. Hoke, J. Beatty

COLLECTIONS

January 21: \$1,471

ROSARY

Pat Mach will be leading the Rosary each Sunday beginning at 8:40 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

PSR CLASSES

PSR classes will meet after Mass today in the church hall. Additional classes are Feb. 11, Feb. 18, Feb. 25, March 3, March 10, April 7, April 14, April 21, April 28, May 5, and May 12. Contact Della Weidel at 614-285-2293 with questions and/or to enroll your students, or to volunteer for teaching.

LADIES LUNCHEON THURSDAY

The St. Augustine Church Ladies will have a luncheon meeting at 12:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 8, at the home of Barbara Gallagher. Please plan to bring a salad or dessert to share. Sign the reservation sheet in the back of the church if you plan to attend.

HOLINESS IS WHOLENESS

BODY: Drink lots of water to control your appetite.

MIND: Plan ahead.

SPIRIT: Write down one positive thing about yourself.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Thanks to the St. Brigid Knights of Columbus for serving the delicious pancake breakfast last Sunday. Thanks to all who donated to the Jamestown Food Pantry.

FOOD PANTRY

The Food Pantry has moved to The City of Zion Church, 260 S. Charleston Road. Hours are Thursdays 2-6 p.m., and the fourth Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.–1 p.m. Call 937-971-8067 to arrange donations or to schedule an appointment.

Monetary donations can be made to Greene Giving/Together Jamestown. Specific needs for the pantry are rice, potato flakes, spaghetti sauce, canned baked beans, Ramen noodles, personal care items, and paper products. If you know of someone who could make use of the food pantry or you want to volunteer at the Food Pantry, please let Carol Smith know.

WELCOME

Welcome to Jose Carlos, Paulina, Sofia, and Carlos Martinez.

VOCATIONS CROSS

A traveling cross and prayer for vocations is stored in the back of the church. Please consider taking the cross home for the week and praying for vocations.

St. Augustine Church

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Carol Smith, Secretary/Organist

Della Weidel, DRE

Denny Goodrich, Maintenance



PRAY FOR US

Please keep the following in your prayers: Cathy Claypool, Noel Ebert, Joan Ward, Mr. and Mrs. JC Ford, Bailey Brickner, Bill Bernard, Justin Coakley, Tom Baudendistel, Janet Wray, Father Charles Lang, Judy Hobbs, Ray Raflik, Ed Nienaber, Jennifer Reynolds, Mary Ellen Mergy, Tim Schornak, Heather Bonz, Sandy Coakley, Pat Staley, David Miller, Gene Robinson, Keith Lively, Mary Kaye Benanzer, Brian Steinmetz, Joe Hess, Catherine Sheridan, Janet Goff, James Burns, Patsy Stewart, Mike Cyphase, Nickie Sherwood, Curtis Love, Mike Wombles, Ann Marie Somers, Agnes Hausman, Linda Baker, Kathleen Kall, Marcy Wirsbinske, Robert Mergy, Vicki Sage, Autumn Neville, Cindy Hamilton, Marge Albrecht, Mary Buschur, Lauren Williams, John Harris, Lisa Everman, Becky Hiser, Diane Miller, Jane Morris, Heather Klingensmith, Geneva Hommsteuter, Erin Sanderson, Patrick Huri, Al Elam, Jerry Pack, Kathleen Evans, Kolston Edwards, Dennis Donovan, Ron Harvey, Tyler Jaworski, Joseph Firestone, Madelyn Machen, Bud Hayward

Contact Carol Smith to add or remove someone from the prayer list.

What's Your Catholic IQ

1) As a penitential practice, Catholics abstain from eating _____ on Fridays during Lent.

a) McDonalds Big Macs b) vegetables c) candy d) meat

2) "Fasting and abstinence" on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday means _____.

a) no fun b) no food c) limited food and no meat as a form of penance, sacrifice, and self-denial d) only drinks

See answers on page 14

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Welcome,

Whether you are passing through, or looking for a spiritual home, we welcome you to St. Brigid Catholic Church of the St. Michael the Archangel Family of Parishes. We hope you find our worship environment hospitable and prayerful. People often attend Mass at a parish for months or years without officially registering.

To be registered here at St. Brigid is an expression of your commitment to being an active member of our community. It also simplifies sacramental matters like religious education, sponsoring a sacrament candidate, and planning/preparation of baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

Registration is easy and can be completed online via [our website](#) listed at the top of the next page. If you are a long-time member of St. Brigid, call or email us to make sure we have all your latest contact information. Our goal is to build stronger communication with our community.

PRAY FOR US

Dr. Lee & Delores Esprit, Waylan Quigley, Jerry Moeggenberg, Cathi Sargent, Richard Downing, Nancy Tucker, Joan Stallings, Vi Thomas, Jim Langan, Toni & Larry Charles, Lisa Hernandez, Jerry McCormick, Tyler Foster, John Garrity, Louise Marshall, Daniel Mayer, Ann Reed, Pearl Roberts, Kerry Wiersma, Brian Neville, Kiersten McCormick, Rita McCormick, Jeff McBride, Keenan McCormick, Jeff Brockert

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 3 +John Zaino (Jim DiCarlo)	Wednesday, February 7 +Yip Wong (Pearlie Wong)
Sunday, February 4 +John Zaino (Rieman Family)	Thursday, February 8 +Frank Cain (Family)
Tuesday, February 6 +Elmer Yakkel (Ron & Susan Yakkel)	Friday, February 9 +Joseph Reif (Baxley Family)

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 10 <u>Lector:</u> Anne Noble <u>Servers:</u> Nathalie Matumaini, Sasha Niyit, Logan Paladino <u>EMHC:</u> Deacon Dennis Kall, Ernie Robinson, Brenda Seilhamer	Sunday, February 11 <u>Lector:</u> Jason Hughes <u>Servers:</u> Rolando Nshimiyimana, JohnPaul Wilson, Jacob Park <u>EMHC:</u> Marty Shaver, Keith Gruhot, Lou Schnoor
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

AHG FUNDRAISER

St. Brigid American Heritage Girls Troop OH1849 is launching its winter fundraiser, selling freshly-brewed coffees, teas, cocoa, and cookies. The sale runs **through Feb. 14** and items will be delivered to home addresses in early March. Purchases can be made **using SELLER ID #0** via the QR code on the right, the link below, or from troop girls at the St. Brigid Fellowship Breakfast after Mass on Feb. 11.

[givingbean.com/orderform/
access.php?partnerid=91686](http://givingbean.com/orderform/access.php?partnerid=91686)



FISH & POKER CHIPS NIGHT SCHEDULED, ITEMS NEEDED

The annual Fish Fry and Monte Carlo Night is set for Friday, **March 1**, in the Parish Activity Center 6-11 p.m.

Sponsors are needed! If you or your company like to sponsor the event, contact Nancy Severt at severtn95@gmail.com or 937-371-8035.

Silent Auction items are also needed! Ideas include restaurant gift cards or sporting event tickets. Any contributions are welcome. Please drop donations at the parish office by Feb. 9. Have an idea or question? Contact Lindsey Gnau at 513-602-1781 or isaacs123@gmail.com

SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

St. Brigid School is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Most families who apply are expected to qualify for full scholarships following recent Ohio legislation. Contact the school at **937-372-3222** for more information.

BLOOD DRIVE

The next blood drive at St. Brigid is scheduled for Feb. 26 from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Appointments are preferred via the below link or calling **937-461-3220**. Those who register and donate receive a "Donor Love" hoodie, while supplies last.

www.donortime.com

THIS WEEK

Sunday, February 4

- PSR in School 8:15 a.m.
- Boy Scouts in Library 4:30 p.m.
- Family Life 5th in School 6 p.m.

Monday, February 5

- Adult Faith Formation in Lunchroom 7 p.m.

Tuesday, February 6

- Prayer Shawl Ministry in Parish Office 10 a.m.
- Scripture Study in Library 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, February 7

- Marian Prayers in Chapel 1 p.m.
- AHG Board Mtg. in MOD 5:15 p.m.
- Youth Ministry in Lunchroom 6 p.m.

Thursday, February 8

- Choir Rehearsal in Church 7 p.m.

Friday, February 9

- Eucharistic Exposition 8:30 a.m.
- Confession in Church 8:30 a.m.
- Benediction 9:30 a.m.

Saturday, February 10

- TMIY in Lunchroom 7:30 a.m.
- Confessions in Church 3:30 p.m.
- KofC Free Throw in PAC 6:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 11

- PSR in School 8:15 a.m.
- Fellowship in Lunchroom 10:30 a.m.
- AHG Meeting in Lunchroom 4 p.m.
- Boy Scouts in Library 4:30 p.m.

'Catholic Schools' Visitor



Amy Roy, an author/illustrator of Christian children's books, helps students during a color mixing lesson at St. Brigid School Monday. Roy's visit helped kick off Catholic Schools Week at St. Brigid, an annual event that began Jan. 28 and ended Feb. 3. Special events were scheduled at the school each day this week in celebration of the Catholic School community.

ST. BRIGID FINANCIAL SUPPORT THROUGH JANUARY 28 (WEEK 31)

Donations to the Church through automatic bank account transfers and/or regular use of envelopes responds to our call to support our faith community. For information regarding automatic transfers, wills, and bequests for the Parish, please call the parish office. Setting up regular and recurring payments directly to St. Brigid Church removes the hassle of finding cash, writing checks, and using Church envelopes. For automatic "BILL PAY" through your financial institution, bank-issued checks can be sent to:

ST. BRIGID CHURCH, 258 PURCELL DR, XENIA, OH 45385

ACH payments for Sunday giving and school tuition assistance is available through Park National Bank. Contact Brian Sticka at **937-372-3193** for more information. Thank you for your continued financial support to St. Brigid Church.

Fiscal Year 2023/2024 Collections Goal	_____	\$680,000.00
Collections To Date	_____	\$419,265.29
Amount Left to Reach Goal	_____	\$260,734.71
Week 31 Collection	_____	\$8,647.64
Tuition Assistance	_____	\$120.00
St. Vincent de Paul	_____	\$50.00

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BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please email St. Luke bulletin submissions with "Bulletin" in the subject line to:

saintluke@saintlukeparish.org

Feb. 18 Bulletin: **due Feb. 6**
Feb. 25 Bulletin: **due Feb. 13**
March 3 Bulletin: **due Feb. 20**
March 10 Bulletin: **due Feb. 27**
(due dates usually fall on Tuesdays)

Welcome to St. Luke Church.

Childcare is available during the 5:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday and 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Please join us in Kramer Hall after Mass for coffee, donuts and fellowship. Our Welcome Committee will be in Kramer Hall after Mass the first weekend of every month to help with registration. You can also call or visit the church office for registration forms, or visit our parish website: www.saintlukeparish.org

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

HOLIDAY HOURS

The Parish offices will be closed on Feb. 19 in observance of Presidents' Day.

SAFE HARBOR (SMALL CHURCH COMMUNITY)

Join us Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to noon in Jansen West as we go deeper into the upcoming Sunday Mass readings. Grow in your faith and love of God through proclamation, reflection, and prayer.

Contact Tom Smith at 937-426-1733, xt. 6301, for more information.

FEBRUARY NOVENA

All are welcome to participate in the Mary, Help of Christians novena in church after the 8:30 a.m. daily Mass from the 16th-24th of each month. Materials will be provided. Contact Pearlle at 937-912-9958 for more information.

SAVE THE DATE

Boy Scout Troop 85 Pasta Dinner

February 11
4:30-7p.m. at Parish Center

Leisure Club Meeting

February 13
1:30 p.m. at Bishop Ford Hall

Saint Movie Night

February 13
7 p.m. at Kramer Hall

St. Vincent de Paul Casserole/Lunch Donation Drop-Off

February 24
10 a.m. at Bishop Ford Hall

St. Luke School PTO Roaring Raffle & Silent Auction

April 20
Walnut Grove Country Club

MOMS & TOTS

CANCELLED

Regrettably, the Feb. 4 gathering has been cancelled. Please check back for future Moms & Tots events.

TROOP 85

1ST ANNUAL PASTA DINNER

Join us **Feb. 11** in the Parish Center for a family-friendly pasta dinner with St. Luke friends. A pasta dinner with a choice of sauces, salad, bread, and ice cream for dessert will be served from 4:30 - 7 p.m. Free-will donations to support St. Luke's Boy Scouts are accepted and appreciated.

WEEKLY EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed after the 8:30 a.m. daily Mass on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Exposition will end with Vespers at 6 p.m., followed by Benediction, with the Blessed Sacrament reposed by 6:30 p.m.

Contact Teresa at 937-470-5633 for more information. Sign up at:
<http://www.tinyurl.com/January2024Adoration>

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR THANK YOU

Thanks to all who contributed Christmas trees, decorations, and books for next year's Christmas Bazaar. Donations are no longer being accepted. The date when bazaar donations will be accepted again will be in future bulletin announcements.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS LENT SCHEDULE

Stations of the Cross are scheduled for Fridays during Lent at 7 p.m. in the church.

PRE-STATIONS MEAL

The Leisure Club is sponsoring a soup-and-bread meal on Friday, **Feb. 16**, 5 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. in the Parish Center. Come and join fellow parishioners in a simple meal before Stations of the Cross.



WELCOME COMMITTEE WEEKEND

The Welcome Committee will be in Kramer Hall after the weekend Masses Feb. 3-4. Please stop by to register or update your existing registration information.

SCIENCE FAIR RETURNS

St. Luke School eighth grade students are scheduled to present science fair projects to the public on Friday, Feb. 16, from 5-6 p.m. in the gym. All parishioners are invited to stop by and see the outstanding work the students have accomplished.

LEISURE CLUB MEETING

Please join us **Feb. 13**, at 1:30 p.m. in Bishop Ford Hall for a lunch and presentation on Disciples of Destiny. Please bring a dish to share. We will celebrate Mardi Gras and Valentines Day.

FEBRUARY SAINT MOVIE NIGHT

Please join us **Feb. 13** at 7 p.m. in Kramer Hall for our monthly Saint movie, featuring **St. Francis of Assisi**. All are welcome.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

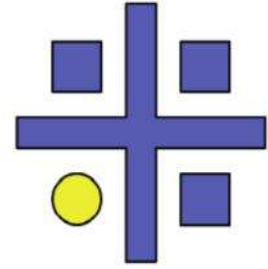
There will be collections at Mass for the Church in Eastern Europe (Feb. 14, Ash Wednesday) and the School Ministry Initiative (Feb 18). Thank you for your support.

ROARING RECEPTION

St. Luke School PTO is hosting the 2nd Annual Roaring Reception and Silent Auction on April 20. Funds raised will not only help support school and staff needs, but will also help students through STREAM programs, like Robotics for the 2024-25 school year. Sponsorships Forms are available in Kramer Hall (due March 1). Auction donations are appreciated by April 11. Thank you for your support!

KROGER REWARDS

Please consider enrolling in the Kroger Plus Card Community Rewards Program and/or designating St. Luke School to receive a percentage of your purchases. Visit www.kroger.com and use code **80224**, or call the school office at 937-426-1733, xt. 6401, to participate. The school received nearly \$6,000 from the program last year.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 3

+Kenneth Kessler
(Doug & Susan Mound)

Sunday, February 4

+James Stocum
(Cmdr. James Lewis Reese)
+Kenneth Kessler
(Duane & Lisa Johnson)

Monday, February 5

+Robert Kritzer
(The Kritzer Family)

Tuesday, February 6

+John Guiliano
(Guiliano Family)

Wednesday, February 7

+Stan & Mary Nisevich
(Dee Frisk)

Thursday, February 8

+Alexander Caldwell
(Derek Doucette)

Friday, February 9

+Chiara Hoshstein (Living)
(Pearlie Wong)

FINANCIAL SUPPORT THRU 1 / 14 (WEEK 29)

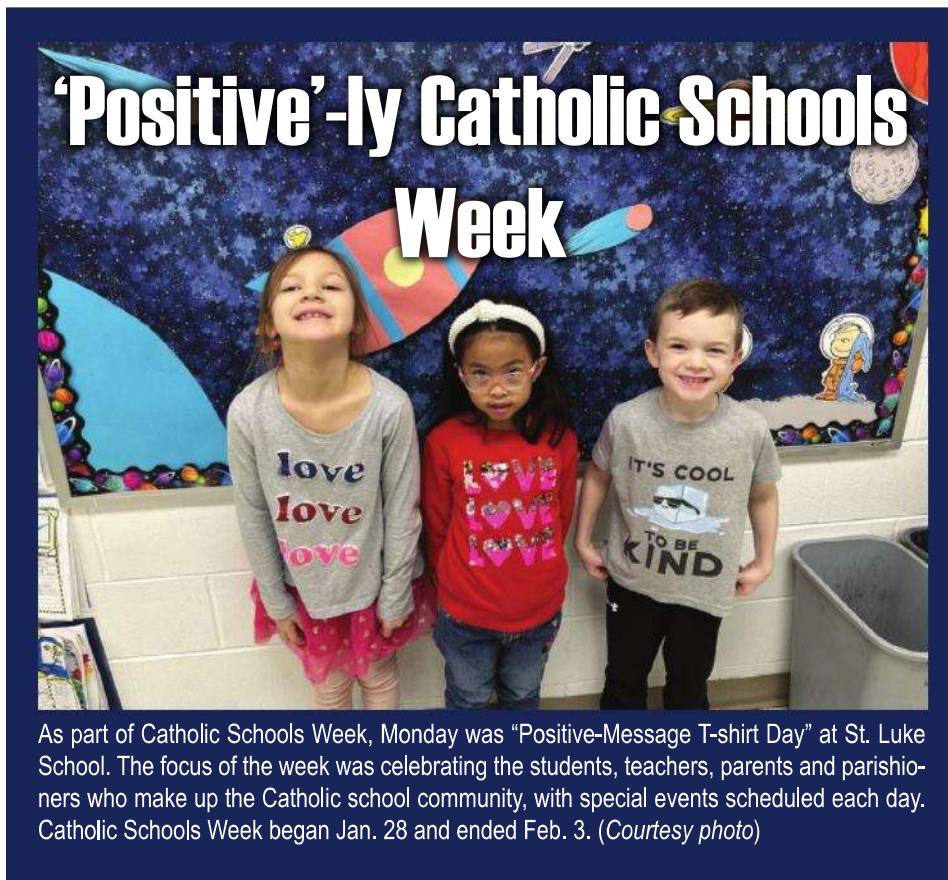
Weekend Total \$30,599.07
Yearly Total \$834,505.62

Solemnity of Mary \$25.00
Holy Day Total \$54,150.65

Regular and Holy Days
Total \$888,681.27

Budgeted
Each Weekend \$29,614.08
Total Budget thru Week 29 \$858,808.32

Miscellaneous Collection(s)
School Ministry Collection \$1,040.00



As part of Catholic Schools Week, Monday was "Positive-Message T-shirt Day" at St. Luke School. The focus of the week was celebrating the students, teachers, parents and parishioners who make up the Catholic school community, with special events scheduled each day. Catholic Schools Week began Jan. 28 and ended Feb. 3. (Courtesy photo)

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL FAMILY OF PARISHES

'GALENTINE'S' DAY SLUMBER PARTY NEXT WEEKEND

All young STMA ladies in grades 8-12 are invited to the first girl's youth night of the year, from **6:30 p.m. on Feb. 9 to 10 a.m. on Feb. 10** at St. Luke's Bishop Ford Hall. Chocolate, pizza, dance parties, sisterhood, small groups, chick flicks, waffles, girl talk, and Jesus are on the itinerary. Cost is \$12 and a women's hygiene product for donation to the LIFE Pregnancy Center. More information and an RSVP link are on the Faith Formation page of the St. Luke webpage (listed below). Contact Becca Elrich at belrich@saintlukeparish.org or 937-426-1733, xt. 6303, for more information.

www.saintlukeparish.org/youth-amp-young-adult-ministry

SAINT MICHAEL'S HIGH SCHOOL RETREAT

The STMA High School Leadership Team has scheduled a retreat open to all the Family's freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors from **6 p.m. on March 1 to 1 p.m. on March 3** at Kirkwood Camp & Adventure Park in Wilmington. Cost is \$100. **RSVP by Feb. 20** at the link below or in-person at St. Luke's Jansen Center. Contact Becca Elrich at belrich@saintlukeparish.org or 937-426-1733, xt. 6303, for more information.

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VIDEO GAME NIGHT TONIGHT

The theme for the Feb. 4 STMA Youth Group Night is Video Game Night. The Sunday evening meetings 6-8 p.m. at St. Luke, featuring fellowship, fun, food, and faith, are open to all STMA middle and high schoolers (grades 6-12). Contact Becca Elrich at belrich@saintlukeparish.org or 937-426-1733, xt. 6303, for more information.

LENTEN PIETRA FITNESS SERIES

A five-week Pietra Fitness series is scheduled to begin Feb. 13 at St. Luke's Gilligan Hall. Pietra is a Catholic form of exercise with prayer and this series is meant to be a body and soul Lenten retreat for women.

Classes are scheduled for Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$40 for the series or \$65 for unlimited classes. Drop-ins pay \$10 per class. Participants should bring water and an exercise mat. For more information, contact Amanda Rieman at **513-410-0029** or via email to amandarieman5@gmail.com.

LENTEN ALMSGIVING

This year, the parishes of St. Michael the Archangel are collaborating on six recipients for Lenten Almsgiving. A recipient that is helping to provide for the physical and spiritual needs of those in our care will be highlighted and supported each week. More details will be forthcoming in parish gathering spaces, bulletins and Flocknotes. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14.

CATHOLIC IQ ANSWERS FOR PAGE 9 QUESTIONS

1. **d)** "Abstaining from meat and other indulgences during Lent is a penitential practice. On the Fridays of Lent, we remember the sacrifice of Christ on Good Friday and unite ourselves with that sacrifice through abstinence and prayer ("Questions and Answers about Lent and Lenten Practices," uscgb.org).

2. **c)** Fasting means eating only one full meal. Other food eaten during the day should not add up to a full meal. Abstinence means not eating meat ("Fast & Abstinence," uscgb.org).



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