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MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, April 15		WEDNESDAY, April 19	
5:00 p.m.	Gene Gretch	7:45 a.m.	Tom Heckman
SUNDAY, April 16		THURSDAY, April 20	
7:30 a.m.	Luz Mamitag	8:30 a.m.	Dick Thompson
9:30 a.m.	Living and Deceased of	FRIDAY, April 21	
	Gwisdala and Fisher	7:45 a.m.	Ross Parker
Families		SATURDAY, April 22	
11:30 a.m.	Ruthanne Wildenthaler	5:00 p.m.	Laura Gudorf
MONDAY, April 17		SUNDAY, April 23	
7:45 a.m.	Holly Harting	7:30 a.m.	Norman Shumaker
TUESDAY, April 18		9:30 a.m.	Marilyn Terando
7:45 a.m.	Iane Naas	11:30 a.m.	Iohn Ouinn

For Mass times of churches throughout the United States, visit www.masstimes.org.

FR. ERIC - RAMBLINGS

Reflections on Fatima 11 of 27

July 13 continued: Jacinta and Francisco the fear and doubt of Lucia In the last article we saw that the devil was playing on the growing fear and doubt in the heart of Lucia. In this article we see how that impacted the other two seers.

Lucia wrote: "I made my doubts known to my cousins. Jacinta replied:

'It's not the devil! They say the devil is very ugly and that he is under the earth, in hell; but that Lady is so beautiful! And we saw her go up to heaven."

The doubt kept gnawing at Lúcia's mind, as she herself confessed with simplicity: "During that month, I lost enthusiasm for making sacrifices and acts of selfdenial. I debated whether I should say that I had lied just so that then everything would stop."

This is exactly what the devil wanted, he wanted to put a stop to the heavenly intervention. From the beginning, the prince of darkness must have perceived, by the fruits that the children manifested in their lives, that these events would work against him. Faced with the temptation of putting an end to all her suffering by saying that she had lied, Lucia was again helped by the youthful wisdom of her cousins, who said: "Don't do that! Don't you see that then you would really be lying, and lying is a sin?"

"In this state of mind, I had a dream that increased the darkness of my spirit: I saw the devil laughing for having deceived me, and trying to drag me to hell. Upon seeing myself in his clutches, I began to scream so loudly calling Our Lady that I woke up my mother. She called me anxiously and asked me what was wrong. I don't remember what I told her. I only remember that on that night, I couldn't sleep anymore because I was so crippled with fear. That dream left my spirit in a cloud of true fear and anguish. My only relief was to be alone in some lonely corner to cry freely."

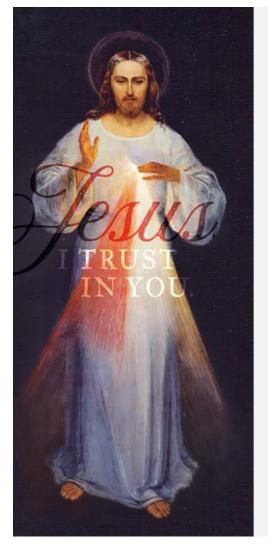


BEACONS CORNER

The Parish Vitality Report helps us understand the progress being made in each of our 57 Families of Parishes. This honest snapshot of the work our pastors and leadership groups are undertaking shares wins to celebrate and also obstacles to overcome. To read more, go to https://pathway.catholicaoc.org/parish-vitality-report.

SUNDAY COLLECTION REPORT - APRIL 2, 2023				
Sunday Masses	\$ 8,499.00			
Sunday Mail-Ins	\$ 6,691.00			
Electronic Giving	\$ 2,047.35			
Total	\$ 17,237.35			
Amount Needed	\$ 14,230.00			
Variance (shortfall)	\$ 3,007.35			

Thank you for your continued support and generosity!



Divine Mercy Sunday

Sunday, April 16 1-3:30pm St. Patrick Church

Come encounter God's
Merciful Heart through
Confession
Eucharistic Adoration
Divine Mercy Chaplet
Mercy Meditations

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

St. Patrick's Confession Times:

Wednesday: 6:00-6:45 p.m. with Adoration

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m.

Please see the parish website for a list of Confession Times at our Parish Families Churches.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Wednesdays following morning Mass until 7:00 p.m. Please see sign-up sheet in the Narthex.

WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER: April 3 – Denny Wannemacher

CHURCH INFORMATION

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday: 4:00-4:30 p.m. In Church

Wednesday: 6:00-7:45 p.m.
During Adoration
Anytime by appointment
(In Parish Office)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

1st & 3rd Sunday of the Month, 10:30 a.m. following Mass

2nd & 4th Sunday of the Month, 12:30 p.m. following Mass

Saturday after the 5:00 p.m. Mass with permission only

Attendance at the Baptismal Program is required – held every other month on the second Monday in January, March, May, July, September, and November at 7:00 p.m. Call the Parish Office to reserve a date for both program and sacrament reception.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

During Office Hours, call 937-335-2833. Anointing between Sunday Masses with prior notice.

In Emergencies or After Hours, call 937-335-2833.

MATRIMONY

Contact the Parish Office at least 8 months in advance. Must be a registered parishioner at least 9 months prior to marriage. Preparation program is required.

CARE OF THE SICK

Visitation Ministers visit homes and nursing facilities with Eucharist for those unable to worship on Sundays. Facilities no longer share this information with the Parish Office. Help identify those in need of visitation by calling the Parish Office.

HOSPITAL VISITATION

Please notify the Parish Office if you or a family member is hospitalized. **Hospitals no longer share this information** with the Parish Office.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Registrations are taken at the Parish Office during regular business hours. Registration form is also available on our website to complete and mail into the Parish Office. When leaving the parish, please notify the Parish Office.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Please notify the Parish Office when you have a change of address or phone number.

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

3:00 p.m. Thursday for the following week; submit via email to info@stpattroy.org.

DIVINE MERCY

Reflection on John 20:19-31

I don't remember who said this, but it rings so true: Christianity has nothing to say to someone who does not know him/herself to be a sinner. If I do not know and accept my need for forgiveness and redemption, then divine mercy makes no sense; it is lost on me.

How blessed and grateful we are, though, when this great gift of divine mercy is accepted, and flows into our hearts and lives! I am convinced that when we receive God's mercy, in a proper disposition of true repentance, then God does not want us to be burdened with the sins that have shamed us and brought us low. Instead, God desires us to be truly free, for His gift of mercy liberates us to be merciful.

In today's Gospel, Jesus invites Thomas into His wounds, and so into the reception of His divine life. This is the pattern of our lives as well. It is going deeply into our wounds which sin has caused, where we are in contact with the wounds of Christ which redeem us. Praise God for His great mercy!

~ Fr. Jav



WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, April 16, 2023

Divine Mercy Sunday
Acts 2:42-47
Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24
1 Pt 1:3-9
Jn 20:19-31

Monday, April 17, 2023

Easter Weekday Acts 4:23-31 Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday, April 18, 2023

Easter Weekday Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday, April 19, 2023

Easter Weekday
Acts 5:17-26
Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Jn 3:16-21

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Easter Weekday Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 Jn 3:31-36

Friday, April 21, 2023

Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn 6:1-15

Saturday, April 22, 2023

Easter Weekday Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21

> Access Daily Readings from the New American Bible, Revised Edition (NABRE) online at https://bible.usccb.org

SAINT ANSELM

Feast Day: April 21

At 15, Anselm wanted to enter a monastery, but was refused acceptance because of his father's opposition. Twelve years later, after careless disinterest in religion and years of worldly living, he finally fulfilled his desire to be a monk. He entered the monastery of Bec in Normandy, was elected prior three years later, and 15 years later, was unanimously chosen abbot.

Considered an original and independent thinker, Anselm was admired for his patience, gentleness, and teaching skill. Under his leadership, the Abbey of Bec became a monastic school, influential in philosophical and theological studies. During these years, at the community's request, Anselm began publishing his theological works, comparable to those of Saint Augustine. His best-known work is the book *Cur Deus Homo* ("Why God Became Man").

Against his will, Anselm was appointed archbishop of Canterbury in 1093, at age 60. His appointment was opposed at first by England's King William Rufus and later accepted. Rufus persistently refused to cooperate with efforts to reform the Church. Anselm finally went into voluntary exile until Rufus died in 1100. He was then recalled to England by Rufus' brother and successor, Henry I. Disagreeing fearlessly with Henry over the king's insistence on investing England's bishops, Anselm spent another three years in exile in Rome.

His care and concern extended to the very poorest people. Opposing the slave trade, Anselm obtained from the national council at Westminster the passage of a resolution prohibiting the sale of human beings.

Like every true follower of Christ, Anselm had to carry his cross, especially in the form of opposition and conflict with those in political control. Though personally a mild and gentle man and a lover of peace, he would not back off from conflict and persecution when principles were at stake.

Read the full article: "Saint Anselm" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, https://www.franciscanmedia.org/saint-of-the-day/saint-anselm/. (Accessed 3 Apr 2023).

AROUND OUR PARISH

POSITION TITLE: FINANCE ADMINISTRATOR

Status: Part-time, Non-exempt, 12 months

Reports to: Pastor

PRIMARY FUNCTION OF THIS POSITION

- Maintain financial policies to ensure operational efficiency
- Manage cash controls
- Track investments and maintain relevant cash reserves
- Ensure all expenses are within assigned project budget
- Prepare financial statements, invoices, proposals, etc. as required
- Ensure account receivables and payables activities are performed accurately and timely
- Manage the preparation of balance sheets, income statements, and other required reporting
- Identify and resolve invoicing issues, accounting discrepancies and other financial related issues
- Work closely with maintenance and janitorial on projects, contracts, repairs, equipment, grounds maintenance, etc.
- Establishes budgets, forecasts future cash flows
- Issues 1099s to appropriate vendors
- Other duties as required

POSITION SPECIFICATIONS/REQUIREMENTS

- Knowledge of financial regulations and accounting processes
- Strong attention to detail
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Must pass background check
- Must comply with requirements of Safe Parish child protection program

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND/OR EXPERIENCE

- Bachelor's degree in finance, accounting or relevant field
- Minimum of five years experience in a similar role
- Proficiency with ParishSoft accounting software a plus

Employees of St. Patrick Catholic Church will have knowledge of the Catholic faith, a willingness to work for a Catholic, faith-based agency and adhere to the policies of St. Patrick Catholic Church. Employees will not publicly oppose the teachings of the Catholic faith nor publicly advocate for any position in conflict with Catholic teaching, or the specific positions of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati or the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. This requirement includes any public speech, demonstration or writing, including the use of social media or other digital technologies.

RUAH WOODS DAYTON-AREA COUNSELING OFFICE

Desiring to experience the fruits of the Holy Spirit in a greater way in your life or relationship, including peace, patience and joy? Thought about counseling, but not sure where to turn or what provider will respect and uphold your Catholic faith? Discouraged by the potential need to drive to Cincinnati to pursue such services? Good news: With a location at the Transfiguration Center, Ruah Woods Psychological Services is bringing Catholic faith-informed mental health care to greater Dayton and beyond. Please call 513-407-8878 or visit us at RWpsych.org to learn more.



Sunday, April 16, 2023 12:00 noon-3:45 p.m. Church of the Transfiguration 972 S. Miami Street, West Milton, Ohio 937-698-4520

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins at 12:00 noon.

12:30-3:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

12:30 p.m. Prayers and readings from Sr. Faustina's Diary

1:00 p.m. Readings from Diary

1:30 p.m. Rosary

2:00 p.m. Prayers and readings from Diary

2:30 p.m. Prayers and readings from Diary and Scripture

3:00 p.m. Divine Mercy Chaplet and Praises, Benediction

Veneration of Divine Mercy Image and Relic of St. Faustina

To prepare for the celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy, pray the Novena to The Divine Mercy each day from Good Friday to Divine Mercy Sunday. To receive the graces of the plenary indulgence of Divine Mercy Sunday, a person should:

- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation within 20 days before or after Divine Mercy Sunday
- Venerate the Image of The Divine Mercy
- Receive Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday

Novena and Chaplet Pamphlets will be available at Transfiguration.

For additional information, call Transfiguration Parish Office at 937-698-4520.

WEEKLY RAFFLE

Beginning in June 2023, the new raffle tickets will start! Each registered household of the parish will receive a book of six tickets this month in the mail. Each ticket is \$20.00 or the book of six is \$100.00. Each week, a \$50.00 winner is drawn and if we sell 1,000 tickets, there will be a monthly drawing for a \$100.00 winner. Your purchased tickets are eligible to win throughout the entire year (June throughout the end of next May). This event typically grosses over \$19,000.00 for the parish, which is crucial to aid in supplementing our budget. Please support us! You may drop off your tickets to the office, place them in the collection, or mail them back in the return envelope provided. Any unused tickets may be returned to the office. Thank you!

IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the family of Grace Goubeaux, who recently passed away. May her soul rest in the glorious peace of Heaven.

The Office for Persons with Disabilities invites Adults with Special Needs (18 and older) to a retreat hosted by



April 22, 2023

Location: St. Albert the Great 3033 Far Hills Ave, Kettering, OH 45429 9:00-1:00

Family Mass at 12:00 with Fr. Kyle Schnippel Cost: \$25.00

*Registration required: Register through Adults with Special Needs Retreat - Archdiocese of Cincinnati (catholicaoc.org) or scan the OR Code



Questions? Email or call Lisa Averion laverion@catholicaoc.org



O: 937-281-4128



Space is limited

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Camp Invention is in need of high school and college student volunteers to be Leadership Interns for the program on June 5th-9th. Please email Alexa Evans at saintpatrickcampinvention@gmail.com to sign up!

SECURE YOUR SPOT TODAY

Register at INVENT.ORG/CAMP or 800-968-4332.

Grades: 1st-6th.

Location: Saint Patrick School,

420 East Water Street, Troy, OH 45373.

Date: June 5-9, 2023.

Time & Cost: 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

\$260.00 (before discount)

Camp Director: Jennifer Reinmann

saintpatrickcampinvention@gmail.com

Scholarships may be available for those who qualify. Families interested in financial assistance should contact Jennifer Reinmann at saintpatrickcampinvention@gmail.com for more information.

If these dates/times don't work for you, please visit invent.org/camp for other locations near you.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

This weekend is Loose Change Collection for St. Vincent de Paul. After Mass, there will be representatives at the door of the church with red baskets to collect your loose change. All money collected is kept local for people of Troy. Thank you for your generosity.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

Catholic Relief Services collection is next week.

ALUMINUM CAN TAB COLLECTION

Lehman Teen Leadership Corps is collecting aluminum can tabs through the end of April 2023. This includes drink cans, soup cans, and pet food cans. All proceeds benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities in Dayton and Cincinnati. If you have any tabs to donate, please bring to Lehman HS or contact m.safreed@lehmancatholic.com for pick-up arrangements.

FR. GENE'S BIRTHDAY

Please join the Vonderhaar Family in celebrating Fr. Gene's birthday. We will have an Open House on Thursday, April 27th from 3:00-7:00 p.m. at Vonderhaar Farms, located at 4636 State Route 725 West, Camden, Ohio.

Please RSVP to Ruth Groff at 937-339-4625; you may leave a message. You may also email your RSVP to gvonderhaar45@gmail.com. Please let us know by Friday, April 21, 2023.

We hope to see you then.

CCD

April 18 Class

25 Class and First Communion Practice

29 First Communion

May 2 Last Class

Classes for Kindergarten-sixth grade and a DD class. The registration information can be found on the website or contact Susan Anderson by email at sanderson@stpattroy.org.

SAVE THE DATES

Totus Tuus for grades 1-12 will be held June 18-23. Bible Camp for preschool-Kindergarten will be held June 20-22.

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Ministry and 7th-8th Grade Confirmation Ministry Youth Ministry website – www.stpattroyym.org.

April 2023

High School Ministry

- Divine Mercy Holy Hour 2:00-3:00 p.m. in the Church
- Dude's Day 12:30-2:30 p.m. at Parish Center

Beloved Daughter Day 1:00-5:00 p.m. at Lange Estate

End-of-Year Family Party from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

7th-8th Grade Confirmation Ministry

Confirmation Cells 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. in the Parish Center

- 16 8th Grade C Cell
- 23 7th Grade C Cell
- 30 End-of-Year Family Party from 12:30-2:00 p.m.

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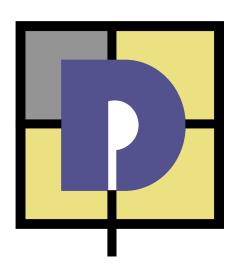
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