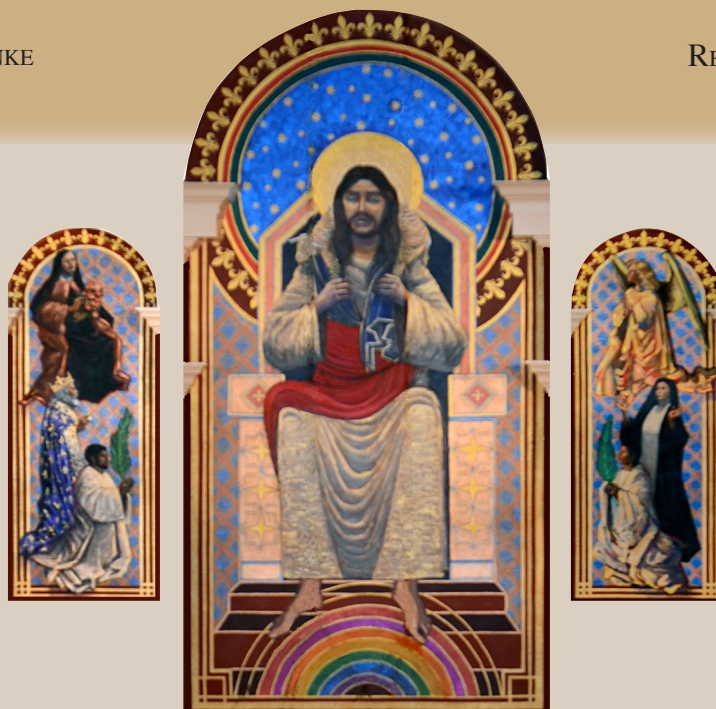


# Church of Saint Edward the Confessor



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DELAY TOO LONG ~~WE~~ HAVE NEED  
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## Mass Schedule

### SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE:

SATURDAY: 5:00 P.M.  
SUNDAY: 8:15 A.M.  
10:45 A.M.

**HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE:**  
TBA IN BULLETIN

**WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE:**  
MONDAY-FRIDAY:  
9:00 A.M.

### CONFESSIONS:

SATURDAY: 4:00-4:30 P.M.

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### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**MONDAY, JANUARY 27 –**

**Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder**

9:00 a.m. Keifer Boggess (RIP) by Dorothy Oberfield

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 28 –**

**Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

9:00 a.m. Mark A. Enke (RIP) by Nancy & Tim Hughes

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**

9:00 a.m. Jim Crum (RIP) by Cheryl Boggess

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**

9:00 a.m. Wilt Brinkley (RIP) by Members of the  
St. Vincent de Paul Conference

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31 – Saint John Bosco, Priest**

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of the Olsofka &  
Stevens Families by Jean Stevens

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

5:00 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Edward Parish

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

8:15 a.m. Jim Crum (RIP) by the Rosary Making Group

10:45 a.m. Cornell "Corky" & Dale Laman  
by Gina & Richard Springer

**Pray for all priests, seminarians and priestly vocations.**

**FEBRUARY 1/2**

**LECTORS:**

5:00 p.m. Chuck Peterson, Karen Kolbe

8:15 a.m. Lisa Smith, Phil Stukus

10:45 a.m. Rose Ann Stevenson, Pete Thomas

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:**

5:00 p.m. Kim Chupka, Mark Coleman, Paula Coleman,  
Dave Conway, Anna Hofer

8:15 a.m. Sharon Shallenberger, Marianne Lisska,  
Sharon Martin, Dave Burd, Stephanie Dodd

10:45 a.m. Chandra Elder, Frances Hiebel, Richard Hoben,  
Kathy Kiebel, Joe Krempel, Robin Krempel,  
Annie Lach, Sydney Lerda, Maria Lewis

**ALTAR SERVERS:**

5:00 p.m. Andy Sanchez, Julia Sanchez, Luke Sanchez

8:15 a.m. AJ Burd, Cici Dodd, Franny Dodd

10:45 a.m. Ian Johnson, Gavin Lewis, Olivia Lewis

### THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME JANUARY 26, 2020 – YEAR A

#### PRELUDE

8:15 & 10:45: Beatitudes (D. Ducote)

#### INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE: O God, Beyond All Praising (#536)

GLORIA: from 'A New Mass for Congregations'

#### LITURGY OF THE WORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Ps. 27: The Lord is my light and my salvation. (p. 64)

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. (p. 65)

#### LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

Precious Lord, Take My Hand (#677)

HOLY, WHEN WE EAT, AMEN: Land of Rest Mass

LAMB OF GOD: Holy Cross Mass

COMMUNION: The Lord Is My Light (#667)

COMMUNION 2 (8:15 Cantor/10:45 Choir):

Lead, Kindly Light (Warner)

#### CONCLUDING RITE

SENDING FORTH: Sent Forth by God's Blessing (#387)

#### POSTLUDE

8:15 & 10:45: Divertimento on THE ASH GROVE  
(C. Callahan, b. 1951)

#### CANTORS

5:00 p.m. Deb Motz

8:15 a.m. Michael Flanigan

10:45 a.m. Randy Kerr

#### HOMEBOUND MINISTERS:

Sharon Shallenberger, Cindy Kendrick

#### GIFT BEARERS:

5:00 p.m. Volunteer

8:15 a.m. Lynn Crum

10:45 a.m. Gina & Richard Springer

#### SUNDAY NURSERY

The Nursery/Playroom for young children is open during the 10:45 a.m. Mass. New volunteers are needed. For more information and to be added to the Sunday schedule, contact our nursery coordinator, Shannon Hughes at 740-404-9427 or [dchsmh@gmail.com](mailto:dchsmh@gmail.com).

#### ONLINE GIVING



There is a collection On February 2nd for our St. Vincent de Paul Conference. Donations to St. Edward Church, our St. Vincent de Paul Conference and Diocesan collections can be made via Online Giving. Thank you for your generous support to our Parish through Online Giving. Please consider St. Edward Church in your year-end giving. You can sign up for our Online Giving program from the St. Edward home page [www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org).

#### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

The Sunday collection for January 19th was \$6,461.95. The collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith was \$1,391.25. Our Online donations from January 15th-21st were \$7,021.00.

## A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR...

**A Day (or so) Late and a Dollar Short**

Things snuck up on me last week and I neglected to mention in the bulletin two important events. So, here they are from *America Magazine*, January 20, 2020:

1. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday. Here follows some appropriate words about that:  
"These debates about King's legacy miss the most important point: He was not a Marxist revolutionary, nor a politician moderate, but a radical Christian. His commitment to the cause of civil rights (and his ultimate sacrifice for that cause) was evangelical: He believed that every human being, no matter the color of his or her skin, was born in the image of God – something that the great monotheistic religions have taught for 4,000 years. Nor was his commitment to non-violence simply a tactical move to achieve political aims. It was a deeply held belief born of those same religious convictions. We honor his memory and sacrifice best when we see the great man for the prophetic soul he was – not someone to co-opt to our own political aims."
2. March For Life/Respect Life Month: Our Jesuit brother and our Holy Father, Pope Francis, highlights our concern: "Among the vulnerable for whom the Church wishes to care with particular love and concern are unborn children, the most defenseless and innocent among us. Nowadays, efforts are made to deny them their human dignity and to do with them whatever one pleases, taking their lives and passing laws preventing anyone from standing in the way of this" (*Evangelii Gaudium*, 213).

**WELCOME!**

You may have come as a stranger to us, yet you are known to Our Lord, Jesus Christ. In His name, we pray you will find peace, hospitality and friendship with us.

**Youth Ministry**

Think you got what it takes to take down your Youth Minister in dodgeball this Sunday? Come to youth ministry this Sunday, January 26th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. to battle your way to the top! Afterwards, hear a talk by Damascus missionary Conall!

**NOTES FROM THE LOFT**

- ♪ For the next three Sundays, a recurring motif in the prescribed readings and musical texts is light. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light. Whoever follows Christ will have the light of life. The Lord is my light and my salvation. We are the light of the world. The just man is a light in darkness to the upright. As we near the end of January, the hours of daylight are slowly growing longer and – eventually – the rays of sunlight will grow warmer. As we gradually move from winter to the promise of spring, may we, too, shine more brightly, fully, and warmly, as we bear Christ's light to the world.

~ Paul, 740-587-3254, [music@saintedwards.org](mailto:music@saintedwards.org)

**EVENTS/MEETINGS THIS WEEK****Sunday, January 26**

Food Pantry Collection  
PSR  
Choir – 9:30 a.m. – Loft  
Youth Group – 6:00 p.m. – Hall

**Monday, January 27**

Eucharistic Adoration – After 9:00 a.m. Mass until  
Tuesday, 9:00 a.m. – Chapel  
Discovering Christ – 6:00 p.m. – Hall

**Tuesday, January 28**

Discovering Christ – 9:30 a.m. – Church & Classrooms  
Parish Council – 6:30 p.m. – Lounge  
RCIA – 7:00 p.m. – Hall  
Men's Group for Rediscovery – 7:30 p.m. – Classroom 5

**Wednesday, January 29**

Rosary Makers – 9:30 a.m. – Lounge  
PSR – see schedule  
Men's Faith Sharing – 7:00 p.m. – Lounge

**Thursday, January 30**

Morning Scripture Study – 9:30 a.m. – Classroom 7  
Choir – 7:00 p.m. – Loft

**Saturday, February 1**

Candlemas Candles Available – Gathering Space

**Sunday, February 2**

**Presentation of the Lord**  
St. Vincent de Paul Collection  
Welcome Sunday  
PSR  
Choir – 9:30 a.m. – Loft  
Youth Group – 6:00 p.m. – Hall

**RCIA**

Are you interested in becoming Catholic or in supporting those that are interested in becoming Catholic? If so, please contact Sarah Rundel at [rundells@denison.edu](mailto:rundells@denison.edu) or 614-726-2367. All are welcome to attend our next RCIA session on Tuesday, January 28th at 7:00 p.m. in the Hall.

**IN SYMPATHY**

We pray for parishioner Anne Schilling who died January 17th. In the presence of God, may she find light, happiness and peace.

**DAILY ROSARY**

*Please join us* to recite the Rosary after the 9:00 a.m. Mass each weekday in the Chapel. We look forward to praying together! Rosaries are available at the entrances of the church.



## PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

This week, we really enter into First Communion preparation at the family level! We are so excited to welcome the 2nd Grade Parents to this year's Parent Meeting/Workshop. It will be somewhat different than the First Reconciliation workshop last year's First Communion Workshop. I hope the hands-on activities will give you tools you can take home and reinforce other practical components of the meeting. Our goal is to strengthen the Domestic Church. The Domestic Church, the family, is where love of Christ in the Eucharist is nurtured. May all of you have a blessed week!

This week's schedule:

Today, January 26th

**Grades 5, 6, 7, 8:** 9:30-10:30 a.m.

**Pre-K/K:** 10:45-end of Mass

Wednesday, January 29th

**Grades 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A:** 5:15-6:15 p.m.

**Grades 1B, 2B, 4B:** 6:30-7:30 p.m.

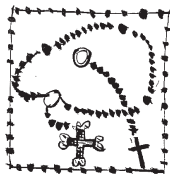
**First Communion PARENT MEETING:**

**1st Hour:** 2A Parents: 5:15-6:15 p.m.

2A Kids Join: 6:00-6:15 p.m.

**2nd Hour:** 2B Parents: 6:30-7:30 p.m.

2B Kids Join: 7:15-7:30 p.m.



## FIRST SUNDAY ROSARY

Come one and all! You are invited to pray the Rosary with your St. Edward community ~ before the 10:45 a.m. Mass! *Please join us* February 2nd at 10:20 a.m. in the Church. Rosaries and guides are available in the Gathering Space. We look forward to praying together!

## PRAYER CHAIN

If you, a family member or someone close to you, would like to be added to the St. Edward Prayer Chain, please call Cindy Kendrick at 740-366-2871 or email [ckk1@att.net](mailto:ckk1@att.net). If you would like to volunteer to be a member of this ministry, please contact Cindy.

## ST. EDWARD'S PRESCHOOL

**2020-2021 Preschool Registration begins for Parish Families!**

St. Edward's will be accepting parishioners' applications for enrollment into the Preschool this last week of January. We welcome families to visit our preschool and ask that you call/email ahead so we can arrange a tour. Packets of registration information will be available on a table outside St. Edward's Preschool office, in the Gathering Space, and are downloadable from <https://saintedwards.org> beginning this weekend, January 26th. For more information, contact Adrienne Evans, St. Edward's Preschool Director, at (740) 587-3275 or [preschool@saintedwards.org](mailto:preschool@saintedwards.org).

## SCHEDULING MASSES FOR 2020

THE PARISH OFFICE IS scheduling Mass intention requests for this November and beyond. To best fulfill as many requests for weekend Mass intentions as possible, **we ask that parishioners limit the number of requests for weekend dates to three per year.** To comply with Diocesan Finance Office policies, the \$10.00 stipend must be offered at the time of request. For Mass requests, please fill out the green envelope in your envelope collection packet; use any envelope marked "Parish Office" and put it in the collection basket; or make Mass stipend payment via Online Giving.

## Would You Like to Help with Kids?

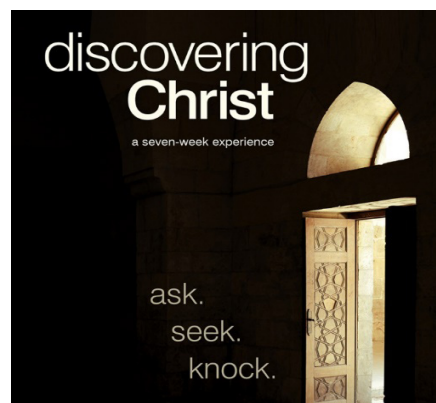
St. Edward's is hosting a **Protecting God's Children** class on **Saturday, February 1st** from 12:00-3:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. We will also mention Childcare opportunities in the Parish. Registration is open on [Virtus.org](https://virtus.org).



### Are you already PGC Certified with a background check on file?

We need your help! If you want to help occasionally, or regularly, or with someone who will do the occasional lifting parts for you, let me know – we can still use your help!

Questions about any of this? Contact Rebecca Bucknam at [reled@saintedwards.org](mailto:reled@saintedwards.org) or 740-587-4160.



## NOT TOO LATE TO ATTEND DISCOVER CHRIST

Please join us on Monday, January 27th or Tuesday, January 28th for the fourth of this seven-week program, "Discover Christ: Ask, Seek, Knock." The topic this week is **"Why Do We Need a Savior?"**

In this series, each week there is a video and small group discussion; an experience that invites guests to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. All are still invited to join us as the sessions are not necessarily cumulative.

You can sign up online at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAlpQLSeoaQLoSyEzpHys5U41yhCmltUF2ffkZjz14hHgevDpARNH8g/viewform>.

Questions? – call Deacon John at 740-973-5583 or log onto the Christ Life web site for an overview [www.christlife.org](http://www.christlife.org).

**Mark your calendar: Holy Spirit Retreat with the topics: "Who is the Holy Spirit?" and "The Holy Spirit & You"** – February 8th at 8:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. This Saturday retreat is for both Monday and Tuesday groups and is open to anyone who would like to attend. You do not have to be registered for the Discovering Christ Life series to participate. All who plan to attend are to register Online on the church website, in the Gathering Space or by calling Deacon John at 740-973-5583.





# KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.

## WELCOME SUNDAY

Welcome Sunday is February 2nd after both Masses. The Knights of Columbus will be providing the coffee and donuts.

If your family or business would like to be a sponsor for Welcome Sunday, please contact Scott Scholten at 740-258-3287. **All money collected in the donation jug on the donut tables goes toward Knights of Columbus CHARITIES. Your generous donations help us to serve those in need, as well as our Seminarians, and to promote vocations. We sincerely appreciate your contributions!**

## WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

All new members of the parish, please stop by the **Welcome Committee table**. The **Welcome Committee would like to meet you and give you a small gift from the parish**. Also, new families can register.

## COFFEE SALE

The Women of St. Edward are clearing out our inventory. Special price \$5.00 per bag of coffee. Stop by the coffee sale table to pick up a bag of coffee or hot chocolate!



## BACK BY POPULAR REQUEST

We hope you can join us for a fun service-oriented evening on Wednesday, February 12th at 6:30 p.m. in the Hall. We will have another workshop to make tied-fleece blankets for Nationwide Children's Hospital. No sewing required. We would love to have you join us. Bring: two coordinating 1.5 yard pieces of 60" fleece fabric and scissors (and a cutting mat if you have one.) The kids like licensed character fleece such as: OSU, all sports, Disney characters, etc. Prints for boys are always needed. Anything appealing to a teen is great. Come join us and tie blankets!



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# THE 23RD ANNUAL COLUMBUS CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE

Now is the time to strengthen your faith and join in fellowship while experiencing an event unlike any other at the 2020 Catholic Men's Conference.

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**FEBRUARY 22, 2020**  
**SATURDAY + 8:00AM - 3:00PM**

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## Registration

Registration forms are available  
**ONLINE at CatholicMensMinistry.com**

There are several ways to register:

- Complete the form online and send it in with electronic payment.
- Complete the form online, print it, and mail with payment.
- Contact Catholic Men's Ministry or your Parish Captain for registration.

### Admission Costs:

- **\$40.00 for Adults\***
- **\$25.00 for Students**
- **NO CHARGE for priests, deacons and seminarians**

\*Scholarship/payment assistance is available. Contact your Parish Captain or Catholic Men's Ministry for information

Make Checks Payable and Mail To:

**Catholic Men's Ministry**  
**7080 Westview Drive | Worthington, OH 43085**

For Additional Information, Go To:

**CatholicMensMinistry.com or Call: 614-396-8415**

## Conference Schedule

**SATURDAY 8:00am - 3:00pm**  
**(Registration Opens at 7:00am)**

- 6:00am Adoration (Optional)
- 7:00am Registration • Breakfast • Vendors
- 8:00am Welcome & Announcements
- 8:15am **JASON EVERT**
- 9:00am Building Virtue
- 9:15am **BISHOP ROBERT BRENNAN**
- 10:15am Adoration Procession
- 11:00am Reconciliation • Vendors • Lunch
- 12:45pm **LUKE FICKELL**
- 1:30pm Living Virtue
- 1:45pm HOLY MASS

Please note that schedule is tentative and subject to change.

**For More Information and to Register, Visit CatholicMensMinistry.com or Call 614-505-6605**

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## COLUMBUS CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

February 15, 2020 • 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM • Ohio Expo Center

# You're Invited!



### FR. DONALD CALLOWAY, MIC

He is the vicar provincial and vocation director for the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Mercy Province of the Marian Fathers of the Immaculate Conception, as well as the author of a number of best selling Catholic books.



### SR. MIRIAM JAMES HEIDLAND, S.O.L.T.

She is a sister with the Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (S.O.L.T.) and author of *Loved as I Am*. When her life as a successful college athlete proved unfulfilling, she searched for something deeper and ended up falling in love with Jesus.



### FR. UBALD RUGIRANGOGA

*with author Heidi Hess Saxton*

He has been a Catholic priest in the Cyangugu diocese of southeastern Rwanda for 35 years. During the 1994 genocide, he lost more than 80 members of his family—including his mother—and more than 45,000 parishioners. Fr. Ubald focuses his ministry on healing and evangelization.



### MICHELE FAEHNLE & EMILY JAMINET

They are award-winning, co-authors of *Divine Mercy for Moms*, *The Friendship Project*, *Our Friend Faustina*, and *Pray Fully*.



*Emcee:*  
ANNA MITCHELL



*Mass Celebrant:*  
THE MOST REVEREND  
ROBERT J. BRENNAN



*Music By:*  
SARA HART

Register at [www.ColumbusCatholicWomen.com](http://www.ColumbusCatholicWomen.com)

## The Edwardians

### Monthly Participation in First Friday Mass – February 7

Let us continue to celebrate this joyous New Year by participating in our First Friday Mass on **February 7th at 9:00 a.m.** Following the Mass, The Edwardians, will be going to Day y Noche for breakfast. We will need to know if you will be attending so that the necessary arrangements can be made. Come share with us this wonderful gift of fellowship.

**Please RSVP and let us know by February 3rd if you are attending our Mass/breakfast gathering! RSVP to:** Ruby Hall (614-579-0930, [mlggrandma@yahoo.com](mailto:mlggrandma@yahoo.com)) or Rosalie Duque (614-284-4444, [unis115@yahoo.com](mailto:unis115@yahoo.com)) or MaryAnn Moses (240-409-1538, [mcmslp@aol.com](mailto:mcmslp@aol.com)).

### Valentine's Day "Potluck" Dinner – February 13

One of the legends of this celebration says St. Valentine, a Christian priest, had been thrown in prison for his teachings and performing weddings for soldiers who were forbidden to marry. He restored sight to the blind daughter of his judge and the night before he was executed, he wrote her a letter signed "Your Valentine," as a farewell. The feast of St. Valentine was established by Pope Gelasius in AD 496 to be celebrated on February 14 in honor of the Christian martyr, St. Valentine of Rome, who died on that date in AD 269.

Today, **St. Valentine's Day** is an annual festival to celebrate romantic love, friendship and admiration. Every year on February 14th, people celebrate this day by sending messages of love and affection to partners, family and friends. Come and join us for our **Valentine's Day Potluck dinner on Thursday, February 13th at 5:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.**

**Please RSVP and let us know no later than February 10th if you are attending, and what you will be providing for our Potluck gathering!**

**RSVP to:** Ruby Hall (614-579-0930, [mlggrandma@yahoo.com](mailto:mlggrandma@yahoo.com)) or Rosalie Duque (614-284-4444, [unis115@yahoo.com](mailto:unis115@yahoo.com)) or MaryAnn Moses (240-409-1538, [mcmslp@aol.com](mailto:mcmslp@aol.com)).



### FLOCKNOTE

We would love to have you as part of our Flock. Would you like to know about upcoming events at St. Edward? Join our Flocknote messaging system via a link on our website [www.saintedwards.org](http://www.saintedwards.org) or text the keyword **Church785**.

There is no charge for this service but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View privacy policy and conditions at [www.flocknote.com/txt](http://www.flocknote.com/txt).



### FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

The St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry collection is this weekend. Donations of **tuna and soups** are currently needed. **Toilet tissue and laundry detergent** are ongoing needs each month. Please leave your donations in the green wooden box by the Church Office. Thank you.



### WALKING WITH PURPOSE ~ BEHOLDING HIS GLORY

*It is the Lord who marches before you. He will be with you and never fail you or forsake you. So do not fear or be dismayed.*

– Deuteronomy 31:8

It is with great happiness that we are bringing back the Walking with Purpose Bible Study for women. No walking required! Beginning Monday March 9th at 7:00 p.m., we will begin a 9-week study, **"Beholding His Glory."** As we look at Old Testament people and events, we'll encounter problems that only Christ will solve, needs that only He will satisfy, and promises that only He can deliver.

This nine-lesson study, **Beholding His Glory**, shows us how all Scripture points us to our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. We'll learn to recognize and appreciate God's plan for our own lives, His awe-inspiring majesty, and His desire for personal intimacy with each one of us.

- Learn how our Savior was first revealed in Genesis and how He is the answer to the issues of shame and fear.
- Understand important parallels between the lives of Moses and Jesus, and how both led their people to freedom.
- Accompany Joseph of the Old Testament on his life journey.

The God who proved faithful to Joseph will not disappoint us!

More information will be in a future bulletin about registering and ordering books.



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**"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22**

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. Everything from our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

Learn how you can show your faith by supporting your parish and contact The Catholic Foundation. Visit [www.catholic-foundation.org/development](http://www.catholic-foundation.org/development) for more information.

### GRETCHEN O'NEILL SCHOLARSHIP

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Application packages are due on or before May 1, 2020 and may be obtained from the school offices or by contacting Karen O'Neill Slavik at [KARENSLAVIK@COLUMBUS.RR.COM](mailto:KARENSLAVIK@COLUMBUS.RR.COM). Questions may be directed to Karen O'Neill Slavik at 614-203-3773 or via email.



## FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD MASS FOR RELIGIOUS OF THE DIOCESE

February 2nd, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, is World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life. A Holy Hour for Vocations to the Consecrated Life will be held at 4:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral. Bishop Brennan will celebrate the 5:15 p.m. Mass for the Feast Day. Please note that as it is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the Mass will begin with the Blessing of Candles.

## LIVING I DO

One way to grow in friendship with your spouse is to pursue a common goal. Maybe this means taking on a hobby to spend intentional time together, but it could also mean discerning a call to serve together. Is there something God is asking you to do or give as a couple? Pay attention to the needs of your community and pray for God's guidance; He will show you.

## CLOSER TO HOME... STEWARDSHIP AT ST. EDWARD

### A focus on ministry opportunities at St. Edward

#### An invitation to you to be involved in ST. VINCENT DE PAUL VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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**Food Pantry** – Volunteers are needed to help stock shelves Mondays or Thursdays. Also, volunteers are needed to assist our Food Pantry guests on Tuesday evenings or Saturday mornings once a month. Please call Barb Scholten for more information at 740-258-3230.

#### St. Vincent Haven

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- **Work the Front Desk.** This includes letting residents in/out and answering phones. Shifts are from 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. and 8:00 to 11:00 p.m. For more info, please contact [johnpaul@svdphaven.org](mailto:johnpaul@svdphaven.org).
- **Cooking Teams.** Cooking teams prepare dinner [in our newly renovated kitchen] for our residents. We have openings for: 1st Tuesdays, and 3rd, 4th, 5th Fridays, and 5th Thursdays. Note: 5th Thursdays only occur quarterly. For more info, please contact [aimee@svdphaven.org](mailto:aimee@svdphaven.org).

## MEN OF THE EAST – TRAVELING HOLY HOUR

St. Luke's Catholic Church at 307 N. Market Street, Danville, will host the Men of the East for a traveling Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration with Reflection on Thursday, February 13th, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Church. All men of the twelve parish consortium are invited and encouraged to participate in these once a month Holy Hours.

Men Of The East is a Catholic Men's Laity Ministry comprised of all practicing Catholic men who attend one of the 12 parishes in Knox, Licking or Muskingum Counties. Men Of The East exists to support, strengthen and help maximize the spiritual growth of men of the Catholic Church. Men Of The East is a part of the larger Catholic Men's Laity Ministry for the Columbus, Ohio Diocese.

For more information about Men Of The East, visit [www.MenOfTheEast.com](http://www.MenOfTheEast.com).

## STEWARDSHIP ~ TIME ~ TALENT ~ TREASURE

Today's readings remind us that stewardship is not just a thing we do. Rather, stewardship is at the core of who we are as disciples of Christ.

Our first reading, from Isaiah, contains this prophecy of Christ and what His saving message would mean to all who embrace it. "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone." We are among those blessed people on whom the light of Christ has shone. By virtue of our Baptism, we, who were once in the darkness of original sin, have been reborn into the great light that is God's grace in us.

What a privilege! Yet, with this privilege comes the responsibility to live for God and bring His good news to all we meet at work, at school, in our community, and right in our own home – in other words, to live as His good stewards.

And, there is a certain urgency that comes with the call to a stewardship way of life as we see in our Gospel passage from Matthew. Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." In other words, turn away from selfishness, turn towards God and live as His disciple now – don't wait!

In this same passage, the very first disciples give us examples of a good steward's prompt "yes" when the Lord called to them. Our Lord invites them to "Come after me and I will make you fishers of men." They did not hesitate but "immediately left their boat and followed him." They put our Lord and His will first.

This is the essence of a stewardship way of life – to be always ready for the ways our Lord is calling us to bring His light to others. It's more than something we do. It's who we are.

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"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

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***"Be brave and try to detach your heart from worldly things. Do your utmost to banish darkness from your mind and come to understand what true, selfless piety is. Through confession, endeavor to purify your heart of anything which may still taint it. Enliven your faith, which is essential to understand and achieve piety."* ~SAINT JOHN BOSCO**

**Monday, January 27 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time  
Saint Angela Merici, Virgin**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 3:22-30** The scribes who had come from Jerusalem said of Jesus, "He is possessed by Beelzebul," and "By the prince of demons he drives out demons." Summoning them, he began to speak to them in parables, "How can Satan drive out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand; that is the end of him. But no one can enter a strong man's house to plunder his property unless he first ties up the strong man. Then he can plunder his house. Amen, I say to you, all sins and all blasphemies that people utter will be forgiven them. But whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an everlasting sin." For they had said, "He has an unclean spirit."

**Meditation:** Our foe and the arch-enemy of God – Satan – is stronger than any of us. Unless we are clothed in God's strength and constantly wear the armor of Christ, we cannot withstand Satan with our own human strength. What does Satan wish to take from us? Our faith, our beliefs, our confidence in God, and our allegiance to recognize the supremacy of God's laws and commandments and follow them to the letter. Satan is a rebel and a liar. Satan can only have power or dominion over us if we listen to his lies and succumb to his will which is contrary to the will of God. Jesus makes it clear that there are no neutral parties in this world. We are either for Jesus or against him, for the kingdom of God or against it – there is no room for compromise. There are two kingdoms in opposition to one another – the kingdom of God's light and truth and the kingdom of darkness and deception under the rule of Satan. If we disobey God's word, we open the door to the power of sin and Satan's influence in our lives. If we want to live in true freedom from the power of sin and Satan, then our "house" – our mind and heart and whatever we allow to control our appetites and desires – must be occupied and ruled by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

**Prayer:** May the Virgin Saint Angela never fail to commend us to your compassion, O Lord, we pray, that, following the lessons of her charity and prudence, and express it in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus knows that his disciples will be tested and he assures them that the Holy Spirit will give them whatever grace and help they need in their time of adversity. He warns them, however, that it's possible to spurn the grace of God and to fall into apostasy (giving up the faith) out of cowardice, disbelief, or simply going with the tide of what may be popular in society. Why is blasphemy against the Holy Spirit reprehensible? Blasphemy consists in uttering against God, inwardly or outwardly, words of hatred, reproach, or defiance. It's contrary to the respect due God and his holy name. Jesus speaks of blaspheming against the Holy Spirit as the unforgivable sin. Jesus spoke about this sin immediately after the scribes and Pharisees had attributed his miracles to the work of the devil instead of to God. A sin can only be unforgivable if repentance is impossible. If someone repeatedly closes their eyes to God, shuts their ears to his voice, and reject his word, they bring themselves to a point where they can no longer recognize God when he can be seen and heard. They become spiritually blind-sighted and speak of "evil as good and good as evil" (Isaiah 5:20). To fear such a state of sin and spiritual blindness, however, signals that one is not dead to God and is conscious of the need for God's grace, mercy, and help. There are no

limits to the mercy of God, but anyone who refuses to acknowledge and confess their sins and to ask God for forgiveness, spurns God's generous offer of mercy, pardon, grace, and healing. Through their own stubborn human pride and willfulness, they reject God, refuse his grace and help to turn away from sin, and reject the transforming power of the Holy Spirit to heal and restore them to wholeness. God always gives sufficient grace and help to all who humbly call upon him. Giving up on God and refusing to turn away from sin and disbelief results from pride and the loss of hope in God. What is the basis of our hope and confidence in God? Through Jesus' death on the cross and his victory over the grave when he rose again on the third day, Satan has been defeated and death has been overcome. We now share in Christ's victory over sin and Satan and receive adoption as God's sons and daughters. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit, the Lord enables us to live a new life of love and freedom from slavery to sin. The Lord Jesus is our refuge and strength because he makes his home with us (ref. John 15:4) and gives us the power and help of the Holy Spirit. Do you take refuge in the Lord and allow him to be the Lord of your life? Do you take up Christ's invitation when he says "follow me" through this earthly life? Christ and Christ alone, who is truth, leads us to eternal life. Thus beware of false prophets, activist groups, special-interest groups, and so many others (even some groups who claim to be "Catholic" but are far from being authentically Catholic) who spin half-truths and create allurements in an effort to lead the faithful astray.

## **Tuesday, January 28 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time**

### **Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 3:31-35** The mother of Jesus and his brothers arrived at the house. Standing outside, they sent word to Jesus and called him. A crowd seated around him told him, "Your mother and your brothers and your sisters are outside asking for you." But he said to them in reply, "Who are my mother and my brothers?" And looking around at those seated in the circle he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers. For whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother."

**Meditation:** Jesus is God's love incarnate – God's love made visible in human flesh (1 John 4:9-10). That is why Jesus describes himself as the good shepherd who lays down his life for his sheep and the shepherd who seeks out the sheep who have strayed and lost their way. God is like the father who yearns for his prodigal son to return home and then throws a great party for his son when he has a change of heart and comes back (Luke 15:11-32). Jesus offered up his life on the cross for our sake, so that we could be forgiven and restored to unity and friendship with God. It is through Jesus that we become the adopted children of God – his own sons and daughters. That is why Jesus told his disciples that they would have many new friends and family relationships in his kingdom. Whoever does the will of God is a friend of God and a member of his family – his sons and daughters who have been ransomed by the precious blood of Christ.

**Prayer:** O God, who made Saint Thomas Aquinas outstanding in his zeal for holiness and his study of sacred doctrine, grant us, we pray, that we may understand what he taught and imitate what he accomplished. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** One of the early martyrs of the Church, Lucian of Antioch, once said: "a Christian's only relatives are the saints" – namely those who have been redeemed by the blood of Christ and adopted as sons and daughters of God. Those who have been baptized into Jesus Christ and who live as his disciples enter into a new family, a family of "saints" here on earth and in heaven. Jesus changes the order of relationships and shows that true kinship is not just a matter of flesh and blood. Our adoption as sons and daughters of God transforms all of our relationships and requires a new order of loyalty to God first and to his kingdom of righteousness and peace. Do you want to grow in love and friendship? Allow God's Holy Spirit to transform your heart, mind, and will to enable you to love freely and generously as he loves.

## **Wednesday, January 29 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 4:1-20** On another occasion, Jesus began to teach by the sea. A very large crowd gathered around him so that he got into a boat on the sea and sat down. And the whole crowd was beside the sea on land. And he taught them at length in parables, and in the course of his instruction he said to them, "Hear this! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Other seed fell on rocky ground where it had little soil. It sprang up at once because the soil was not deep. And when the sun rose, it was scorched and it withered for lack of roots. Some seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it and it produced no grain. And some seed fell on rich soil and produced fruit. It came up and grew and yielded thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold." He added, "Whoever has ears to hear ought to hear." And when he was alone, those present along with the Twelve



questioned him about the parables. He answered them, "The mystery of the Kingdom of God has been granted to you. But to those outside everything comes in parables, so that they may look and see but not perceive, and hear and listen but not understand, in order that they may not be converted and be forgiven." Jesus said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand any of the parables? The sower sows the word. These are the ones on the path where the word is sown. As soon as they hear, Satan comes at once and takes away the word sown in them. And these are the ones sown on rocky ground who, when they hear the word, receive it at once with joy. But they have no roots; they last only for a time. Then when tribulation or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Those sown among thorns are another sort. They are the people who hear the word, but worldly anxiety, the lure of riches, and the craving for other things intrude and choke the word, and it bears no fruit. But those sown on rich soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit thirty and sixty and a hundredfold."

**Meditation:** Jesus' parable of the sower is aimed at the hearers of his word. There are different ways of accepting God's word and they produce different kinds of fruit accordingly. There is the prejudiced hearer who has a shut mind. Such a person is unteachable and blind to what he or she doesn't want to hear. Then there is the shallow hearer. He or she fails to think things out or think them through; they lack depth. They may initially respond with an emotional reaction; but when it wears off their mind wanders to something else. Another type of hearer is the person who has many interests or cares, but who lacks the ability to hear or comprehend what is truly important. Such a person is too busy to pray or too preoccupied to study and meditate on God's word. Then there is the one whose mind is open. Such a person is at all times willing to listen and to learn. He or she is never too proud or too busy to learn. They listen in order to understand. God gives grace to those who hunger for his word that they may understand his will and have the strength to live according to it. Do you hunger for God's word?

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** What does the parable about seeds and roots say to us about the kingdom of God? Any farmer will attest to the importance of good soil for supplying nutrients for growth. And how does a plant get the necessary food and water it needs except by its roots? The scriptures frequently use the image of fruit-bearing plants or trees to convey the principle of spiritual life and death. "Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit." (Jeremiah 17:7-8; see also Psalm 1:3)

### **Thursday, January 30 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 4:21-25** Jesus said to his disciples, "Is a lamp brought in to be placed under a bushel basket or under a bed, and not to be placed on a lampstand? For there is nothing hidden except to be made visible; nothing is secret except to come to light. Anyone who has ears to hear ought to hear." He also told them, "Take care what you hear. The measure with which you measure will be measured out to you, and still more will be given to you. To the one who has, more will be given; from the one who has not, even what he has will be taken away."

**Meditation:** Lamps in the ancient world served a vital function, much like they do today. They enable people to see and work and function in the dark. The Jews also understood "light" as an expression of the inner beauty, truth, and goodness of God. In his light we see light (Psalm 36:9). His word is a lamp that guides our steps (Psalm 119:105). God's grace not only illumines the darkness in our lives, but it also fills us with spiritual light, joy, and peace. Jesus used the image of a lamp to describe how his disciples are to live in the light of his truth and love. Just as natural light illumines the darkness and enables one to see visually, so the light of Christ shines in the hearts of believers and enables us to see the heavenly reality of God's kingdom. In fact, our mission is to be light-bearers of Christ so that others may see the truth of the gospel and be freed from the blindness of sin and deception.

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, direct our actions according to your good pleasure, that in the name of your beloved Son we may abound in good works. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus remarks that nothing can remain hidden or secret. We can try to hide things from others, from ourselves, and from God. How tempting to shut our eyes from the consequences of our sinful ways and bad habits, even when we know what those consequences are. And how tempting to hide them

from others and even from God. But, nonetheless, everything is known to God who sees all, who hears all, who knows all. There is great freedom and joy for those who live in God's light and who seek this truth. Those who listen to God and heed his voice will receive more from him. Do you know the joy and freedom of living in God's light, and letting his light illuminate what is right and good and true?

**Friday, January 31 ~ Third Week in Ordinary Time**  
**Saint John Bosco, Priest, and**  
**Founder, Society of Saint Francis de Sales (Salesians)**

**Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34** Jesus said to the crowds: "This is how it is with the Kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land and would sleep and rise night and day and the seed would sprout and grow, he knows not how. Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." He said, "To what shall we compare the Kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the sky can dwell in its shade." With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to understand it. Without parables he did not speak to them, but to his own disciples he explained everything in private.

**Meditation:** What can mustard seeds teach us about the kingdom of God? The tiny mustard seed literally grew to be a tree which attracted numerous birds because they loved the little black mustard seed it produced. God's kingdom works in a similar fashion. It starts from the smallest beginnings in the hearts of men and women who are receptive to God's word. And it works unseen and causes a transformation from within. Just as a seed has no power to change itself until it is planted in the ground, so we cannot change our lives to be like God until God gives us the power of his Holy Spirit.

**Prayer:** O God, who raised up the Priest Saint John Bosco as a father and teacher of the young, grant we pray, that, aflame with the same fire of love, we may seek out souls and serve you alone. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** The Lord of the Universe is always ready to transform us by the power of his Spirit. Are you ready to let God change you by his grace and power? The kingdom of God produces a transformation in those who receive the new life which Jesus Christ offers. When we yield to Jesus Christ, our lives are transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who dwells in us. Paul the Apostle says, "we have this treasure in earthen vessels, to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us" (2 Corinthians 4:7). Do you believe in the transforming power of the Holy Spirit?

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