

A close-up photograph of a priest's hands in ornate, dark vestments. The priest is holding a silver chalice with both hands, and a small, glowing host is held between the fingers of the right hand. The background is dark and out of focus, showing more of the vestments.

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April 23-24

First Holy Communion



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WEEKLY SCHEDULE

WEEKEND MASSES: Sat. 4 PM & Sun. 8 & 10 AM

DAILY MASSES: Mon.-Sat. 9 AM, Wed. 6:45 AM

THE ROSARY: Mon.-Sat. 8:40 AM

DAILY COMMUNION SERVICE: Mon.-Sat. 8 AM

HOLY DAY MASSES: 9 AM, 12:10 PM & 5:30 PM

LATIN MASSES: Second / fourth Tues. of the month, 9 AM

CONFESSIONS: Mon.-Sat. 9:30 AM, Wed. 7:05-7:15 AM and 7:05-7:50 PM, Sat. 3-3:30 PM, Sun. 7-7:30 AM and 9-9:30 AM

ADORATION: Wed. 9:30 AM-8 PM

HOLY HOUR: Wed. 7-8 PM

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Fri. 9:30 AM

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION: Please register for your baptism at www.stceciliacincinnati.org under the Sacraments tab. You can also select your class dates there as well.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. MARGARET-ST. JOHN:

Visit smsjparish.com/mass_schedule.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. ANTHONY:

Visit stanthonychurch.net.

MONDAY, APRIL 25 (Saint Mark)

8:00 AM Communion Service

9:00 AM Elena Blair Off Nancy Hogan

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

8:00 AM Communion Service

9:00 AM Catherine & Hubert Moermond Off The Family

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

6:45 AM Families of Saint Cecilia Parish

8:00 AM Communion Service

9:00 AM Edward Rickard Off The Family

9:30 AM Eucharist Adoration (9:30 AM-8 PM with Holy Hour from 7-8 PM and Confessions from 7-7:50 PM)

THURSDAY, APRIL 28 (Saints Peter Chanel & Louis de Montfort)

8:00 AM Communion Service

9:00 AM Special Intentions of William & Virginia Goedde by Mike, Maria and Family

FRIDAY, APRIL 29 (Saint Catherine of Siena)

8:00 AM Communion Service

9:00 AM Special Intentions of Lorraine Downing by Jim & Barbara Momper

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

8:00 AM Communion Service

9:00 AM Thomas Tressler Jr. Off Judge & Mrs. Thomas Nurre

4:00 PM Larry Lushek Off Ellen Moore

SUNDAY, MAY 1

8:00 AM Joan Durstock Off Ruth & Scott Marshall

10:00 AM Virginia Kemme Off Jeanne Kemme

MARRIAGE BANNES

II – Alex Maloney and Maria Johnson

I – Adam Folzmon and Holly Owens





First Holy Communion

As April is the month of the Holy Eucharist, it is only fitting that we celebrate their first Eucharist with our First Communion students this weekend. Our children have been well prepared to receive for the first time. The gift they receive today is the first but hopefully not the last.



I urge all of the parents of our First Communicants to bring their children to Mass every week. The children are excited to receive, and they have learned the importance of fulfilling the obligation to attend one of our Sunday liturgies every weekend. It is the parents' job to look ahead and see what Mass time will work for them.

I also want to let the children know that they are responsible for reminding their parents, getting their clothes ready the night before, and then having a joyful attitude about coming to Mass.

God bless these little children! Please keep them in your prayers.

Amen? Amen.

Fr. Jesse



God speaks in whispers and we live in a loud world. Hearing God's voice amidst the noise and busy-ness of our lives can be difficult. But He is always there to guide and help us, and He has given us other people and resources to help us, as well. If you think God may be calling you to religious life and you need someone to talk to, **give us a call at 421.3131, ext. 2890.**



THE READINGS for THIS WEEK

"I give you a new commandment." – John 13:34

Acts 14:21-27 Psalm 145:8-13
Revelation 21:1-5 John 13:31-35

The Lord makes all things new (Rv 21:5). We will see "new heavens and a new earth" (Rv 21:1). We will see "a new Jerusalem" (Rv 21:2). The Lord makes all things new through us, especially as we obey the new commandment of love (Jn 13:34). "This means that if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old order has passed away; now all is new!" (2 Cor 5:17) The Holy Spirit is renewing "the face of the earth" (Ps 104:30). "All that matters is that one is created anew" (Gal 6:15).

Although the Lord is making all things new, we often prefer the old to the new (see Lk 5:39). In our selfishness, we value the comfort of the old life more highly than the sacrifices, sufferings, and love in the new life. We must change our minds, repent, and deny ourselves (see Lk 9:23), or we will reject the new, insist on continuing the old life of selfishness and sin, and go to the same old hell.

Jesus says: "See, I make all things new!" (Rv 21:5) Do you see? Are you new? Choose new!

Father, answer the prayers of parents as they pray for their children to repent of acting as if the same old sinful ways were new.

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A CLOSER LOOK AT OUR FAITH



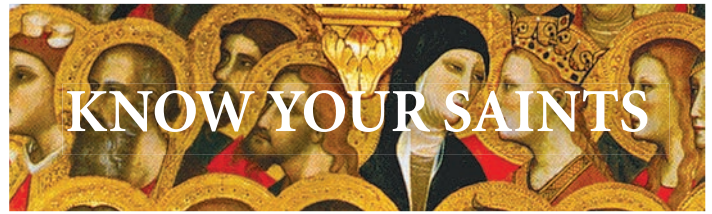
CATECHESIS

(kat'i-ke'sis) n.

What does it mean to say that Jesus ascended into heaven?

With Jesus, one of us has arrived home with God and remains there forever. In his Son, God is close to us men in a human way. Moreover, Jesus says in the Gospel of John, "And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself" (Jn 12:32). [659-667]

In the New Testament, the Ascension of Christ marks the end of forty days during which the risen Lord was especially close to his disciples. At the end of this time, Christ, together with his whole humanity, enters into the glory of God. Sacred Scripture expresses this through the images of "cloud" and "heaven" or sky. "Man", says Pope Benedict XVI, "finds room in God." Jesus Christ is now with the Father, and from there he will come one day "to judge the living and the dead". Christ's Ascension into heaven means that Jesus is no longer visible on earth yet is still present. (YOUCAT question 109)



KNOW YOUR SAINTS

St. George (d. 303)



If Mary Magdalene was the victim of misunderstanding, George is the object of a vast amount of imagination. There is every reason to believe that he was a real martyr who suffered at Lydda in Palestine, probably before the time of Constantine. The Church adheres to his memory, but not to the legends surrounding his life.

That he was willing to pay the supreme price to follow Christ is what the Church believes. And it is enough.

The story of George's slaying the dragon, rescuing the king's daughter and converting Libya is a 12th-century Italian fable. George was a favorite patron saint of crusaders, as well as of Eastern soldiers in earlier times. He is a

patron saint of England, Portugal, Germany, Aragon, Catalonia, Genoa and Venice.

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PARTICIPATING IN THE JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

THIS WEEK, WE SHALL REFLECT ON THE SEVENTH CORPORAL WORK OF MERCY.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are found in the teachings of Jesus and give us a model for how we should treat all others, as if they were Christ in disguise. They "are charitable actions by which we help our neighbors in their bodily needs" (USCCB). They respond to the basic needs of humanity as we journey together through this life.

GIVE ALMS TO THE POOR

Donate money to organizations that have the ability to provide support and services for those in need. Do research and find organizations that put people in need first, rather than profit.

- Skip the morning latte and put that money in the collection basket at church.
- Find a charity that is meaningful to you and volunteer your time or donate.
- Give up eating out at restaurants. Pack your meals for lunch and donate the extra money to charities.

PASTOR'S RAMBLINGS



DIVINE MERCY: We celebrated Divine Mercy Sunday by praying the Divine Mercy chaplet together as a parish (*photo, above*) at 3:00 p.m. on April 3. It was a wonderful way to celebrate and share God's mercy. We had over 60 people join us to pray the chaplet. **+ GIVING THANKS:** Every week the back page of the bulletin lists our sponsors that make our parish bulletin possible. I have always had a desire to thank them personally, as well as in the bulletin, for their support of our parish by advertising in the bulletin. Throughout the year, I will visit with all of our advertisers and share a picture from each visit. This week I highlight Courtesy Automotive (*photo, below*). Courtesy has been a staple in the Oakley community for a long time. I have gotten to know many of the friendly



Elder High panther mascot made an appearance at the reception—and of course I got a picture (*photo, above*). **+ PARISH CLOSES IN ON CMA GOAL:** So far the parish has pledged \$30,128 to the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Our goal for the CMA is \$30,300. We are now at 99% of our goal. I want to thank all for their support of the appeal. If you have not given, please prayerfully consider doing so. **+ WELCOME, CHILD OF GOD:** On April 2, the Sacrament of Baptism was



celebrated. Welcome, Mariam Lucia Cinefro (*photo, left*), daughter of parishioners Nathan and Jessica Cinefro. **+ CONGRATULATIONS!** On April 9, the Sacrament of Holy Matrimony was celebrated for one of our parishioners, Sebastian Misleh, and Michelle Beinke. Sebastian and Michelle (*photo, below*) were married at St. Gertrude. Sebastian

is the third son of longtime parishioners Larry and Marta Misleh. Marta is our pastoral associate at St. Cecilia.



service folks, especially Jim, the service manager. Courtesy Automotive has been taking care of our parish truck for the past two years, and we have been very pleased. **+ PARTYING WITH A PANTHER:** On April 2, I presided at my friend's daughter's wedding. My friend's daughter, Abbey Scherer, married Ryan Ruffing. Ryan's dad happens to be the newly named principal of Elder High School, for which I am an alumnus. What made the wedding a bit unique was that the



PARISH NEWS & NOTES

The Festival Flea Market

Flea market donations will be accepted on the following dates: **May 1 & 15, June 5 & 26, and July 10, from 11 AM - 2 PM**, at the garage behind the church. We'll take lots of things, but we ask that you do not drop off clothing. Thank you!

Congratulations

Two of our St. Cecilia graduates achieved Second Honors at Moeller High School for 3rd quarter of this academic school year: **Sean DiMuzio** and **Jack Smith**. Good work, gentlemen!



Blessing of Runners

On Saturday, April 30, the eve of the Flying Pig Marathon, we will have the annual blessing of the runners at the 4 PM Mass. Please tell your

friends and family to come and be spiritually strengthened for the race!



Summa of the Summa Theologica

Gentlemen, please join us after the Brotherhood of the Holy Rosary meetings for a men's study on Thomas Aquinas' *Summa Theologica* beginning on May 7. The discussion will be led by former Son Rise Morning Show catechist Rich Leonardi. Sessions are from 8:30 - 9:30 A.M. every first Saturday

through the remainder of the year. Place of the study will be determined soon. We will use Peter Kreeft's *Summa of the Summa*, which can be found on Amazon.com and other booksellers. Please contact Nathan Beiersdorfer at nathan.beiersdorfer@yahoo.com with questions or for additional information.

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In honor of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, we will be having **a special Holy Hour on Wednesday, Apr. 27, at 7 pm, dedicated to praying for an increase in vocations.**

"Considering that the Eucharist is the greatest gift Our Lord gives to his Church, we must ask for priests ... We must ask insistently for this gift. We must ask for it on our knees." – Pope John Paul II

STEWARDSHIP OF PRAYER

Prayer Intentions for the Week

Please keep in prayer **Janet O'Connor**, that she may receive God's healing grace. Contact Barb Browarsky at the parish office, (513) 871-5757, ext. 202, with Mass and sanctuary devotional candle intention requests. All requests are honored for two weeks with the individual's or family's approval.

HR BROTHERHOOD OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Pray the rosary. Witness your faith. Men who have or wish to develop a devotion to the Blessed Virgin through the rosary are welcome to join us the first Saturday of every month at 7:30 AM to pray the rosary on the steps in front of the church.

STEWARDSHIP OF MINISTRY

Volunteer Your God-Given Talents

Stewardship involves sharing talent. **God has given each individual unique skills and talents so that together we can do the work of our Lord.** Put your faith and love into action. Volunteer for things that interest you. Build lasting friendships and become part of the family of Saint Cecilia Parish. Check the directory on page 2 or contact the parish office at 871-5757, ext. 202, and we can put you in touch with the people with whom you should chat.

STEWARDSHIP OF FINANCE

Kroger Rewards

If you shop at Kroger you need to enroll or re-enroll to make St. Cecilia School the beneficiary of your shopping rewards. It takes less than



60 seconds. Go to www.Kroger.com/communityrewards and sign in. Then link your account with St. Cecilia School, Cincinnati #80126. You MUST do this every year. Your current enrollment will expire April 30, 2016.

This is a great way of directing some corporate rewards to St. Cecilia School. Thank you for your participation. Questions? Contact Bob Kellison at bkellison@stceciliacincinnati.org

COLLECTIONS FOR THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 10

Envelopes/Loose Change **\$8,182.00**

Online Giving **\$4,323.00**

TOTAL \$12,505.00

Catholic Relief Services **\$3,780.00**

SERVER SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 25 - MAY 1



MONDAY

9:00 am - M. Ramirez & E. Garcia

TUESDAY

9:00 am - St. Edmund Campion

WEDNESDAY

9:00 am - The Donovans

THURSDAY

9:00 am - L. Whittaker, C. Herzner & B. Krietemeyer

FRIDAY

9:00 am - St. Edmund Campion

SATURDAY

9:00 pm - B. S. Dalessandro & M. Ramirez

4:00 pm - W. Merusi & D. Bonomo

SUNDAY

8:00 am - R. Peddicord & C. Herzner

10:00 am - J. Misleh, E. Misleh & W. Merusi

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