

## DIVINE GRACE PARISH

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## March 23, 2025 **Third Sunday of Lent**

## Mary says 'Yes' to God

The Solemnity of The Annunciation of the Lord on Tuesday, March 25, celebrates the visit of the Archangel Gabriel to the Virgin Mary to announce the special mission God chose for her.

The angel tells Mary that by the Holy Spirit she would conceive and bear the Son of God. It marks the beginning of Jesus' earthly life and the fulfillment of God's promise to send a savior.

Mary asks what this message means. Then she says 'yes' to God. Mary believes and trusts His plan, knowing that nothing is impossible for Him.

#### From The Angelus

The Angel of the Lord declared to Mary: And she conceived of the Holy Spirit.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee; blessed art thou among women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death. Amen.



## FATHER JIM'S WEEKLY REFLECTIONS

**Third Sunday of Lent** 

In our first reading today, God charges Moses from the burning bush to lead the enslaved Hebrew people in Egypt to the Promised Land in what will become Israel. Lent is a call for us to renounce the slavery of sin and to embrace the true freedom that comes from Christ. The parable of the fig tree in the Gospel this Sunday speaks of the patience of God who desires that the gifts we have bear fruit for ourselves and others. If not, the fig tree is to be cut down. By going to the sacrament of confession, we cut out the sin in our life so that the fruit of God's Divine Grace can be harvested.

**Annunciation of the Lord** 

We celebrate this Tuesday, March 25, the announcement that the Archangel Gabriel brought to Mary that she would conceive the child Jesus by the Holy Spirit. The early Church Fathers often referred to Mary as the New Eve, in which she would respond generously and faithfully to God. Mary teaches us how to discern and respond to the Divine Grace of God who so generously blesses us.



Seminarian Chris & Home Visits

We are blessed by the ministry that Chris provides us each day, visiting the sick and homebound. Thank you, Chris!

<u>Town Hall Meeting - Oldenski Hall</u> Before the merger and the creation of Divine Grace Parish, all churches participated in the diocesan Church Alive campaign. Whatever money was raised beyond the target was permitted to remain at the parish. Saint Ferdinand Church received about \$2.7 million which is earmarked for the renovation of Oldenski Hall. I would like to hear from you about your wishes and desires for Oldenski Hall. There will be a town hall meeting open to everyone on **Monday, March 31** at 7:00 pm in Saint Ferdinand Church. We would like to begin the renovations in 2027.

Supporting our Lenten Lunch/Dinners

I want to express my gratitude to the army of volunteers who are helping with the Fish Fries at both Saint Ferdinand and Saint Gregory. It is good to see so many people coming together not only to work the fish fries but also to enjoy the meals.

**Festival Meeting** 

Lots of planning goes into our preparations for the annual Family Festival in August. Our next meeting is on **Tuesday, March 25** at 7:00 pm at Saint Ferdinand's McAndrew-Biller Hall.

**Annual Parish Appeal** 

I appreciate the support so many of you have committed to the annual appeal. We presently have 400 households who have made contributions.

**Preparing Your Will** 

As we have announced the last couple of weeks, parishioners can prepare a will at no cost through MyCatholicWill. For more information visit: https://mycatholicwill.com/divinegracepgh

I will be leading a Parish Mission in Lake Charles, Louisiana from March 21–27. Please keep me in prayer as I will pray for all of you.

March 23, 2025 Today's Gospel Reading

> Luke 13:3

"But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish

as they

did!"

## **Parish Leadership**

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Presider Schedule
The schedule of priests celebrating
weekend Masses can be found at
<a href="https://bit.ly/3QnKf5w">https://bit.ly/3QnKf5w</a>

This weekend's second collection is for St. Vincent de Paul. Thank you for your generosity.

## MASS INTENTIONS

#### **SATURDAY March 22 Third Sunday of Lent** 4:00 pm (SF) Barbara Kenney (The Family) 5:00 pm (HR) The Bianco Family (The Gilchrist Family) 5:00 pm (SG) In Loving Memory of Jerome O'Malley (Teresa & Mike) 6:00 pm (SF) Bill Becker (Aunt Dorothy Kraus) **Sunday March 23 Third Sunday of Lent** 8:00 am (SF) John Pecyna (The Pecyna Family) 8:00 am (SG) Betty Ann Brown (Aurora Taylor) 9:00 am (HR) Vince Riccio & Deceased of the Riccio Family (Dave Krupa) 10:00 am (SF) Robert Walker (Guess Who's Coming To Dinner) 10:00 am (SG) Bill Connor (Sister, Bernie & Family) 11:00 am (HR) Joseph Morabito (Kathy Bloom, sister) 12:00 pm (SF) Anne E. Cukrovany (David & Susanne Foley) 5:00 pm (SF) Nicholas DeBiase (Sharon & Sean Russo) **MONDAY March 24** 8:00 am (SG) Dilada Viccari (The Withrow Family) 8:30 am (SF) Mr. Lawrence Kroner (The DeNapoli Family) 9:00 am (HR) Francis LaGrotta - Anniversary (Frank LaGrotta) **TUESDAY March 25 The Annunciation of the Lord** 8:00 am (SG) Florence Pasquale (Vince & Peggy Plocido) 8:30 am (SF) Linda Naughton (Jim & Netti Culley) 9:00 am (HR) Elizabeth "Betty" Hulick (Rick & Odine Ludwico) **WEDNESDAY March 26** 8:00 am (SG) Ed Sherman (Mary Ann Thompson) 8:30 am (SF) Mark Volkwein (Virginia Ottaviani) 9:00 am (HR) Betty Ann Brown (Frank & Ann Marie LaGrotta) 7:00 pm (SF) Paul & Lila Balik (Daughter, Mary Funovits & Family) 7:00 pm (HR) Norma Borroni (Linda DeSanzo) **THURSDAY March 27** 8:00 am (SG) Josephine Bennett (Family) 8:30 am (SF) Nora Kelly (Tom & Rita) 9:00 am (HR) James & Ann Patrizio (Mary Ann, daughter) **FRIDAY March 28** 8:30 am (SF) Ruth Fondi (The Wenger Family) 9:00 am (SF) Stations of the Cross 9:00 am (HR) Patsy & Domenica Perrone (Grandchildren) 9:00 am (SG) Helen Sutton (Mary Ellen Barry & the residents of New Haven Court) 2:30 pm (SG) Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm (SF) Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm (SG) Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm (HR) Stations of the Cross **SATURDAY March 29 Fourth Sunday of Lent** 9:00 am (HR) Linda Cistolo and Pete Pavlovic (Mary Oprisu) 4:00 pm (SF) Matt Fleig (For The Temporal and Spiritual Welfare) (Family) 5:00 pm (HR) Frank Turco (Judy Bokor) 5:00 pm (SG) Laura Duffy (For The Temporal and Spiritual Welfare) (The Patrizio Family) 6:00 pm (SF) Michael & Roseanne Sirianni (The Family) Sunday March 30 Fourth Sunday of Lent 8:00 am (SF) Victoria Colarusso (Suzanne Weaver) 8:00 am (SG) Ross Walker (John & Gayle Wittmann) 9:00 am (HR) Joseph Osterrieder (Tobolski Family) 10:00 am (SF) Andrew Fornadel, Jr (Wife & Children) 10:00 am (SG) Pauline Roman (With Love from Son, Joey) 11:00 am (HR) Vilma Bellissimo (The Bellissimo Family)

12:00 pm (SF) LaVerne Quinlan (Tom & Peggy Moravek) 5:00 pm (SF) Joan Georgette Doles (The Scelsi Family)

## MASS SCHEDULE

#### SAINT FERDINAND CHURCH

2535 Rochester Road Cranberry Twp., PA 16066 MONDAY - FRIDAY 8:30 am 7:00 pm (WED)

SATURDAY 8:30am (FIRST SAT)

> 4:00 pm 6:00 pm

SUNDAY

8:00 am 10:00 am 12:00 pm 5:00 pm

#### HOLY REDEEMER CHURCH

415 4th Street Ellwood City, PA 16117

MONDAY - FRIDAY 9:00 am

7:00 pm (WED)

**SATURDAY** 

9:00 am

5:00 pm

**SUNDAY** 

9:00 am

11:00 am

#### SAINT GREGORY CHURCH

2 West Beaver Street Zelienople, PA 16063

MONDAY - THURSDAY

8:00 am

FRIDAY 9:00 am

SATURDAY 5:00 pm

SUNDAY

8:00 am 10:00 am

## LENTEN SEASON

## **Encountering the Healing Power of God**

Divine Grace parishioners filled the Holy Redeemer Catholic Center on Saint Patrick's Day to kick off the **Lenten Parish Mission**, and the celebration kept on going Tuesday and Wednesday. Evangelist **Sonja Corbitt** shared her conversion story of growing up Baptist in North Carolina, angry with her father, and upset that her congregation split—twice.

After moving to Tennessee, Sonja joined another Baptist church, teaching Bible Study and Sunday School. Then a young friend introduced her to the Catholic faith. She attended an Easter Vigil Mass, but wasn't a believer until she picked up the Catechism of the Catholic Church, beginning a journey that first led Sonja to the faith, then her two children, and lastly her husband.

Exploring the mission theme, "Encountering the Healing Power of God," she described how Jesus helped heal her through the Greatest Commandment, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. (Matthew 22:37-40)

Our thanks to Sonja Corbitt, and all who attended the Lenten Parish Mission!





#### STORIES OF FAITH



Left to right, standing: Joyce Gaydosz, Bella (13), and Myah (15). Seated -Michael and Norah (6)

## One family's Lenten Journey

Introducing a new series reflecting the faith of Divine Grace parishioners.

The Gaydosz's experience this Lent mirrors their faith journey—changing and growing.

"Lent for us used to be about preparing for Easter, and giving up things," says **Joyce Gaydosz**. "Lent was very basic. Now we're trying to learn more about our Catholic faith every day."

Her husband **Michael** has steadily grown in his faith, attending daily Mass, making the First Saturdays devotion, praying the Angelus and listening to Catholic podcasts.

Michael has been involved in parish evangelization efforts and men's fellowship with **Father Joe Freedy**, his college roommate and good friend. Joyce serves on the pastoral council and is an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.

Their three daughters have been involved in the parish and in Saint Gregory School. **Myah**, 15, who graduated last year and is in a Catholic high school, attends Mass regularly, prays the rosary daily, is an altar server and cantor, and participates in youth ministry. **Bella**, two years younger, is an altar server and likes to attend Mass before school with her father.

**Norah**, 6, came home from school last month and announced, "I know what I'm going to do for Lent. I'm going to be nice to everyone!"

"We try to balance church, school and family time," Joyce says. "We're not perfect. We just love our faith and are working on it."

## PARISH NEWS & EVENTS

#### This Week at Saint Ferdinand

#### Monday, March 24

9:15 am Flame of Love

Children's Liturgy

9:30 am Women Gathered

Holy Family Room

10:00 am Precious Preemies

Upper Room

6:00 pm Life Teen

Youth Room

7:00 pm St. Peregrine Service

Church

7:30 pm Women Gathered

Holy Family Room

Tuesday, March 25

9:30 am Contemplative Prayer

Holy Family Room

9:30 am Middle Moms

Room 10

10:00 am Bible Study

Upper Room

7:00 pm Folk Choir

Church

7:00 pm Bible Studies

Upper Room

7:00 pm Festival Meeting

McAndrew-Biller Hall

#### Wednesday, March 26

9:00 am Comfort Blankets

McAndrew-Biller Hall

#### Thursday, March 27

7:00 pm Bible Study

Upper Room

7:00 pm Adult Choir

Church

7:30 pm Men's Club

McAndrew-Biller Hall

#### Friday, March 28

11:30 am Fish Fry

Oldenski Hall

4:00 pm Fish Fry

Oldenski Hall

St. Ferdinand Office Hours Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:00 pm) 724-776-2888 ext. 1101 Fax: 724-776-2378

#### **Living Stations Mar. 23**



A reminder that Living Stations of the Cross will be presented this Sunday evening, March 23, from 7:30 to 8:30 pm in Saint Ferdinand Church. Key events and figures of the Stations are portrayed in the program, helping to deepen our understanding of and connection with the Passion of Christ. A special welcome to our friends from Saint Mark the Evangelist Parish Youth Ministry for presenting this immersive spiritual experience.

# Looking for a Few Good Men!

Help make a difference in our parish and community through faith and fellowship. Join the Divine Grace Parish Men's Club. Activities include faith enrichment, volunteering, a Family Picnic, Golf, Bowling and Cornhole leagues, and much more. Contact briankutchma@yahoo.com, call/text 412-390-5245 or visit https://divinegracepgh.org/me



## Early Bulletin Submission

With Holy Week approaching, please send in articles by 9:00 am on the deadline dates (below). Thanks for your assistance. Please email to akucan@divinegracepgh.org.

For Sunday, April 13 Articles due Tuesday, April 1

For Sunday, April 20 Articles due Friday, April 11

# St. Peregrine Prayer Service



St. Peregrine is the patron saint of cancer patients and all illnesses. He is one of many saints we can turn to in times of need. Despite his pain, suffering and the difficulties he endured, he turned to the Lord for healing and grace.

You are invited to join others to pray to St. Peregrine to intercede on your behalf. May our Lord in Heaven bring His healing grace to you or your loved ones who may be suffering from cancer or a traumatic illness. We will meet on **Monday, March 24** at 7:00 pm in Saint Ferdinand Church. May we experience the healing grace of God's love, and pray for all those who are suffering.

## **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

## This Week at Holy Redeemer

#### Wednesday, March 26

10:30 am Mystical Rose Society

School Classroom

6:30 pm Life Teen

Catholic Center

#### Friday, March 28

7:00 pm Bingo

Catholic Center

#### Sunday, March 30

4:00 pm Community Dinner

Catholic Center

6:30 pm Basketball for 21+

Catholic Center

#### **Holy Redeemer Office Hours**

Monday - Friday (9:00 am - 5:00 pm) Closed for Lunch (12:30 pm - 1:00 pm) 724-758-7587 ext. 3002

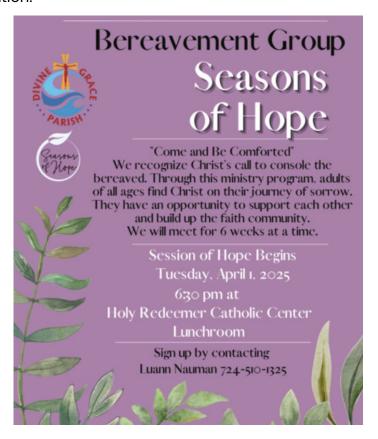
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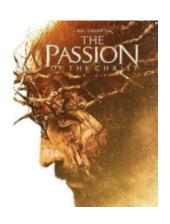


#### Fish Fries and Pizza Pies

Fish Fries continue **Fridays of Lent at Divine Grace Parish** and **Saint Gregory School**. Lunch at Saint Ferdinand's Oldenski Hall is served from 11:30 am – 1:30 pm and dinner from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. At Saint Gregory School, dinner is available from 4:00 – 7:00 pm. Dine-in or take out. **Full menus** are online at <a href="https://divinegracepgh.org/fish-fry">https://divinegracepgh.org/fish-fry</a>.

Final **Lenten Pizza Sale** pick up at Holy Redeemer Catholic Center will be **Friday, April 4**. Please place your order starting Tuesday, March 25 to Tuesday, April 1 by calling 724-758-7587 ext. 3002. Visit <a href="https://divinegracepgh.org/lenten-pizza-sale">https://divinegracepgh.org/lenten-pizza-sale</a> for more information.





#### The Passion of the Christ

There will be a showing of *The Passion of the Christ* at Holy Redeemer Catholic Center on **Sunday, April 13** at 6:00 pm.

The 2004 film tells the story of the Passion of Jesus, primarily covering the final 12 hours of His life, with a brief depiction of the Resurrection.

It is based on the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, also using the accounts of the Friday of Sorrows and other devotional writings.

Note to parents that this film is rated "R".

## **PARISH NEWS & EVENTS**

#### This Week at **Saint Gregory**

#### Monday, March 24

6:30 pm Evangelization Meeting School Library

#### Wednesday, March 26

6:30 pm Knights of Columbus

Blue Room

#### Friday, March 28 4:00 pm Fish Fry

School

#### Saturday, March 29

8:00 am Catholic Men's Fellowship School Library

> **St. Gregory Office Hours Mondays**

(8:30 am - 12:00 pm) Closed on Tuesday - Friday 724-776-2888 ext. 1101

Fax: 724-452-4064

#### **New in our Narthexes**



may have something new on the way into Mass lately. Poster-sized monthly Liturgical Calendars have been placed in the featuring Holy Days, the Saint of the Day, and Novenas. You can scan a QR code in the upper left readings and for prayers, devotions. Look for Liturgical Calendar each month.

# noticed entrances,

## **Annual Parish Appeal Helps Many**

Your contribution to the **Annual Parish Appeal** supports the daily needs of the entire Diocese of Pittsburgh beyond what parishes can do individually.

The appeal funds the formation of new priests, outreach on college campuses, and pastoral care for those in nursing homes, hospitals, and prisons. Additional support last year helped parish youth and young adult ministries, growing enrollment in religious education, and vital maintenance of our properties.

Thank you for your prayerful consideration of giving to the 2025 Parish Appeal at <a href="https://bit.ly/4h5LNvW">https://bit.ly/4h5LNvW</a>.

#### **Scripture Study with Deacon Joe**

Please join Deacon Joe Ross on Monday, April 7 at 7:00 pm. He will be leading us in a zoom scripture study on the Sunday Gospel. This is an excellent opportunity to discover the beauty of the scripture and grow in your relationship with Christ. All are welcome no matter where you are in your faith journey and regardless of any previous scripture study experience.

Please register by **Wed., April 2**: <u>akucan@divinegracepgh.org</u> Include your name and preferred email address. You will receive a link to join the Zoom session. If you have registered for previous studies you do not need to sign up.



## Leave a Lasting Legacy through MyCatholicWill

Help pass on the faith to your loved ones. MyCatholicWill provides an easy way to complete your will and ensure that the most sacred part of your life is protected.

Finish your legal will in three steps:

- Fill out a simple online form in as little as 15 minutes
- Prayerfully consider a bequest to our parish and any other charities
- Make it legal, following PA requirements by signing it in front of witnesses

Divine Grace Parish is making MyCatholicWill available at no charge to registered parishioners. Visit <a href="https://divinegracepgh.org/mycatholicwill">https://divinegracepgh.org/mycatholicwill</a> to sign up.

## PARISH MINISTRIES

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE FOR THOSE IN NEED

The Brothers of **Knights of Columbus Council 11838** had the honor of presenting **Brother Michael Lynch** (Regional Program Chair) and **Brother Michael Egnacheski** (District Deputy) with a check for **\$5,320.48** in support of **The Bishop's Project**.

The Diocese of Pittsburgh Bishop's Project is a cherished charitable initiative that provides vital assistance to individuals with **intellectual and developmental disabilities**. The funds raised benefit organizations like **McGuire Memorial Home** and **Saint Anthony School Programs**, helping to improve lives and provide essential resources.

A heartfelt thank you to all the parishioners of Divine Grace Parish for your generosity and support in making the **spare change bottle collection** such a huge success. Your donations are making a meaningful difference in the lives of intellectually disabled and or physically challenged youth and adults in our community!







#### **Festival Meeting**

The March Festival meeting will be held on **Tuesday, March 25** at 7:00 pm at Saint Ferdinand in **McAndrew-Biller Hall**. All are welcome.



## **FAITH FORMATION**



JASON GAWALDO
Director for
Evangelization Ministries

## This Week in Faith Formation

This week is a scheduled week off. Sessions meet again the week of March 30 when students will learn about the Greatest Commandment.

"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1:15

#### Save the Dates

**Reboot! with Chris Stefanick**, Wednesday, September 10 at Saint Ferdinand. Reboot your faith by rediscovering the beauty and genius of the Gospel.

#### **Easter Egg Hunt**

Saturday, April 19, 10:00 amnoon at Saint Ferdinand. \$5 per family for kids from toddlers to ten years old. Register at <u>divinegracepgh.org/egghunt</u>.

## **Unpacking the Word**

Exodus 3:1-8a, 13-15

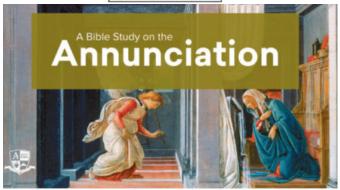
Last week's first reading presented the Abraham phase of salvation history through one of the Lord's covenants with the great patriarch. This week, the focus shifts to the Moses phase, where the Lord fulfills one of his covenant promises to Abraham that his countless descendants would inherit the Promised Land. The famous burning bush passage that we read this week marks the beginning of the Lord's interventions in history to bring about the Exodus and its liturgical remembrance in the Passover.

When the Lord appears to Moses, he is tending sheep. In the middle of the ordinary hustle and bustle of life, the Lord bursts onto the scene in a flaming, speaking bush. Despite his otherworldliness, he says, "I know well what [my people] are suffering." He is personally invested in them, in us, even revealing his name: I AM. It is a form of the Hebrew verb "to be." God is the One who exists. He has no beginning and no end. He is existence itself, the only Necessary Being, which a greater cannot be thought. Because this sacred name cannot be spoken without taking it upon oneself—"I am," not "he is"—the Jewish people would not speak it. In the Scriptures, it is rendered as LORD in all capital letters. When we as Christians refer to Jesus as Lord, we refer to this name. Jesus himself applies the divine name to himself on several occasions: "Before Abraham was, I AM" (John 8:58).

The Spirit reminds us that the One who always exists, the One who must exist, knows well what you are suffering. He wants to show up in the ordinary places of your life, indeed within your suffering, not simply to take it away but to elevate it, to give it eternal value by uniting it to his own suffering to bring about the redemption of the world. May this Lent remind us of our need for a Savior and of the value of bearing wrongs patiently and offering up our suffering.

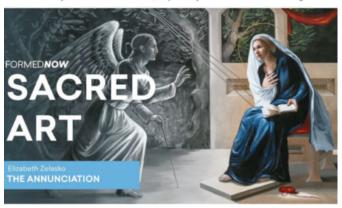


## FORMED



#### A Bible Study on the Annunciation

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26–38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.



#### The Annunciation | Sacred Art

Join Dr. Ben Akers and Taylor Kemp as they discuss the spiritual and theological significance of the Annunciation over a piece of Sacred Art by Elizabeth Zelasko that depicts this incredible scene.



## The Annunciation: Hail, Mary | Drawing Closer to God | Episode 2

Join Ms. Kim as she discusses devotion to Mary and the significance of Mary's "yes." All the while, you will learn new drawing techniques as you draw the Annunciation.

#### **REGISTRATION REMINDERS**

We are preparing 3,000 plastic eggs for our Easter Egg Hunt on **Holy Saturday, April 19**! If you'd like to donate candy to go into the eggs, you can drop off donations at the Parish offices labeled for the egg hunt. If you'd like to order from our Amazon Wishlist and ship it direct to us, you can find that list at

divinegracepgh.org/egghunt.

Thanks in advance for your generous support!



#### **MOTHER DAUGHTER TEA**

Join us on **Saturday, May 10,** 10:30 am - 1:00 pm in Oldesnki Hall (Saint Ferdinand) for a dress-up event for moms and daughters ages 10+ (according to mom's discretion). With lunch and tea, activities, and presentations, this program aims to empower moms to introduce to their daughters the beauty of becoming a woman and support them in understanding the natural changes they will experience. Cost is \$5 per person. Register at divinegracepah.org/tea.

## YOUTH MINISTRY/YOUNG ADULT



MICHAEL ASSAF
COORDINATOR OF
YOUTH & YOUNG ADULTS

#### What is Life Teen?

The goal of Life Teen is to provide a safe and fun place for youth grades 7-12 to find a solid Catholic community, get answers to questions, and, most importantly, strengthen their relationship with Christ!!

We get together for weekly meetings, fun outings, service opportunities, retreats, and more. All in grades 7-12 are welcome to attend!

Our regular meetings are held every Monday from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm in the Youth Room at Saint Ferdinand with a meal provided!

#### **Upcoming Schedule**

Located at Saint Ferdinand Youth Room

Life Teen - March 31st Life Teen - April 7th Life Teen - April 14th

#### Life Teen Open Gyms

Located at the Catholic Center (Holy Redeemer)

March 26th: 6:30-8:00 pm April 9th: 6:30-8:00 pm

#### This Week at Life Teen

Join us this **Monday from** 6:00-8:00 pm in Saint Ferdinand's Youth Room as we dive into the foundations that God has laid out for His Son in the Old Testament





#### **OUR YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM IS EXPANDING**

We are looking to add a motivated and devoted Catholic to our Youth Ministry Team who has a passion for bringing young people closer to Christ. Working with our Coordinator for Youth and Young Adult Ministry, the position will largely be based out of our Holy Redeemer site and be focused on our Middle and High School age groups. To see the full job posting visit <a href="https://divinegracepgh.org/job-opportunities">https://divinegracepgh.org/job-opportunities</a>



#### **OUR FUTURE WORLD**



The **4th grade Science Class** was asked to contribute to the education issue of the *Butler Eagle* and give their ideas about our world in the future; What they think the world would look like and if they could build a robot, what would they like it to do.

They came up with some terrific ideas and both Logan Jacobs and Ava Meyers think that we will see flying cars. They agree it will make travel easier and of course, much faster. Some of the students chose to create a robot. Julia Craig wanted one that could be her "personal helper" giving assistance with her homework and offering life advice. Olivia Eifler wanted a robot to do all the household cooking so that the family could have more free time to be together plus, it would have to make snacks too. Meera Lindgren wanted a "beautician" robot to do her hair whenever and however she wanted. Perhaps we have some future inventors.

#### **SAINT GREGORY LENTEN DINNERS**

Fish or Shrimp dinners are available every Friday except Good Friday in the Saint Gregory School cafeteria.

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#### FORENSICS TOURNAMENT



Eleven students from the SGS Forensics Team who competed in the Finals and All-Star Tournament at Butler Catholic are to be congratulated. Everyone should be proud of their performances, and we want to recognize the following students for winning in their category:

**Prose** - Ava Walker/1st place and Elizabeth Deem/2nd place;

**Declamation** - Gabe Urban/2nd place and Brady Valentine/3rd place;

**Drama** - Emily Birchok/1st place, Marcus McLain and Dylan Sparacino/2nd place each and Mary Lariviere/3rd place.

**Multiple Reads** - Our team of Levi Buchanan, James Urban, Ella Watters and Eleanor Wesley took 2nd place.

Thank you to our parents, Mrs. Katie Boosel, Mrs. Emma Buchanan and Mrs. Whitney Wesley for volunteering their time to work with this talented group of students each week after school.

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Wednesday: 6:00 pm to 6:45 pm Holy Redeemer Church

Thursday: 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm Saint Gregory Church

Saturday: 9:30 am to 10:30 am Holy Redeemer Church

10:00 am to 11:00 am Saint Ferdinand Church

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1:00 pm - 6:00 pm Saint Gregory Church

Friday 8:00 am Holy Redeemer Church 9:00 am -10:00 am Saint Ferdinand Church

Sunday 12:15 pm - 5:00 pm Holy Redeemer Church

# FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF SAINT PAUL

Seminarians **Erik Pintar** and **Chris Baker** have returned from their Footsteps of Saint Paul Pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey. The following is excerpted from Chris's reflection.

After 10 days, nine flights and over 13,800 miles of travel, it is good to be



home—but what an experience! On February 28 our group flew to Chicago, then Frankfurt, Germany, before arriving in **Thessaloniki, Greece**, where Saint Paul wrote his letters to the Thessalonians. We toured the ancient Agora Square, the Amphitheater, and an underground Roman road.

The next day I spent a Holy Hour in the Greek Orthodox Holy Church of All Saints, then traveled to the Holy Church of Saint Demetrius, a 4th century Christian martyr. We also stopped in **Kalambaka**, site of the Meteora Monasteries which were built into rock. Later we prayed in the Church of the Dormission of Mary. Before leaving Thessaloniki we went for a run up to the Monastery of the Holy Trinity, then went to **Philippi**.



Baptistery of Saint Lydia of Philippi

Our visit to **Ephesus, Turkey**, was amazing. We saw ancient ruins of a city inhabited long before the Romans founded a colony in the 2nd century B.C, along with the old library and the largest amphitheater in the world, only part of which is unearthed. We were moved to tears while visiting the house of the Blessed Virgin Mary, where she lived with the Beloved Disciple, John.

Traveling to **Athens**, the highlight was the Acropolis lit up at night.

We sampled many foods, toured holy sites, saw beautiful iconography and prayed constantly. Thank you for your prayers.

Read Chris's full reflection at

<u>https://divinegracepgh.org/stories-of-faith.</u> More photos are available at <a href="https://bit.ly/svpaul25">https://bit.ly/svpaul25</a>

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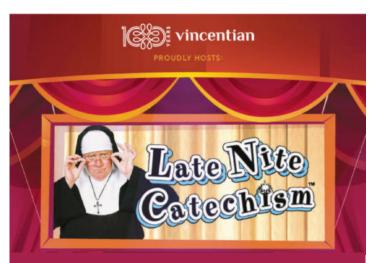
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