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Saturday Vigil Mass: 4:30 p.m. Sunday Mass:

10:00 a.m., 12:00 p.m. (Español) , 8:00 p.m.

Daily Mass (Monday-Friday):12:10 p.m.

See inside bulletin for schedule of Daily & Holy Day Masses.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION CONFESIÓN

Saturday 3:00-4:00 p.m. Every 1st Friday 11:00 a.m., Después de misa de 12 p.m. hasta las 2 p.m., dejando un domingo. And by appointment Y por cita

Call the Parish Office for the following and/or any other inquiries Si necesita asistencia con lo siguiente, o para cualquier información, comuníquese con la oficina

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WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, February 18

First Sunday of Lent Gn 9:8-15 Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 1 Pt 3:18-22 Mk 1:12-15

Monday, February 19

Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 Mt 25:31-46

Tuesday, February 20

Is 55:10-11 Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19 Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday, February 21

Jon 3:1-10 Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Lk 11:29-32

Thursday, February 22

Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle 1 Pt 5:1-4 Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6 Mt 16:13-19

Friday, February 23

Ez 18:21-28 Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8 Mt 5:20-26

Saturday, February 24

Dt 26:16-19 Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Mt 5:43-48

Sunday, February 25

Second Sunday of Lent Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18 Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 Rom 8:31b-34 Mk 9:2-10

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

PRE-BAPTISMAL CLASS

The Pre-Baptismal Class for March will be on Monday the 4th. If interested, please call the Office at 330-253-5161 to get on the list.

OUR OFFERING

February 11, 2024 \$ 4,910.00



ST. BERNARD MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 18

10:00 a.m. +Angelo DeVitis 12:00 p.m. The Special Intention of Carlos Puga

8:00 p.m. The Special Blessings of the Men & Women in

Consecrated Life

Monday, February 19

12:10 p.m. The Special Intentions of Alejandra Gil

Tuesday, February 20

12:10 p.m. +Gary & Jean Hultberg

Wednesday, February 21

12:10 p.m. The People of

St. Sebastian Parish

Thursday, February 22

12:10 p.m. +Christopher Wilson

Friday, February 23

12:10 p.m. The Special Intention of Kaitlin Schleich

Saturday, February 24

4:30 p.m. +Sara Mendez & the Deceased Members of the Mendez Family

Sunday, February 25

10:00 a.m. +Mary Castrovince
12:00 p.m. +Armando Turrubiate
8:00 p.m. +Paul & Patricia Anthony & the Special Intentions of

Carl Bayless

Please contact the Parish Office to schedule a Mass Intention. Favor contactar la oficina parroquial para programar una intención de misa.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Marco Antonio
Ayala
Laura Christner
Janet Clary
Fernando
Contreras
Elaine Finney
Lee Freund
Gary Geis
Lesa Jams
Dr. Jerry Jones III

Alan Klesh
Daniel Lane
Susan Martine
Tim Miller
Rachel Ohlin
Richard Polka
Karen Rahn
Ray Schmidt
Richard Semon
Margaret Williams

IN MEMORIAM

Please remember to pray for our recently deceased: Kathleen Frasher, Charles Schillinger, Marvin Kennedy and Angelo DeVitis. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and all the souls of the faithfully departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

BRINGING AMERICA BACK TO LIFE CONVENTION

The Bringing America Back to Life Convention is the premier Diocesan-wide prolife event: Two jam-packed days filled with the nation's top speakers, workshops, and exhibitors. To discover more about this must-see event, view the impressive lineup of speakers, and register for In-Person or Livestream options, visit https://bringingamericabacktolife.org/ or call 440-653-5245. Join us March 8th and 9th as we Bring America Back to Life!

QUEEN OF ANGELS CLOSING SALE

After 24 years of serving our community, our Apostolate at St. Joseph Church in Cuyahoga Falls, Queen of Angels Religious Treasurers, will be closing to make room for a much-needed installation of an elevator. Our last weekend of operation will be the weekend of Palm Sunday, March 23rd and 24th. Our goal has always been to help build a vibrant faith community one soul at a time. Throughout these 24 years, we have made many friends, prayed with and for many people, and shared the spiritual joy that comes to us from Our Lord Jesus Christ. We will miss those conversations, but trust that God has something else for us to do. Our hours will expand to Saturdays, 3:00-6:00 p.m. and Sundays, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. until March 24th. All items are 30% off, including items already reduced with a sale price.

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2024



St. Bernards - St. Marys Parishes

During Lent

2/16 @ 6:30 p.m. Stations at St. Bernard

2/23 @ 6:30 p.m. Stations at St. Bernard

3/1 @ 6:30 p.m. Stations at St. Mary with a Presentation by Fr. Chris Trenta,

Professor of Liturgy, St. Mary Seminary on the Liturgy of the Eucharist

3/8 @ 6:30 p.m. Stations at St. Bernard

3/15 @ 6:30 p.m. Stations at St. Bernard (Español)

3/22 @ 6:30 p.m. Stations at St. Bernard

There are also Holy Hours and Confessions every Thursday at 6:30 pm at St. Bernards.

Mass for College Students every Thursday at 8:00 p.m. in the Newman Center.

Holy Week Schedule TBD

LENTEN FISH FRYS

The South Akron Knights of Columbus will be hosting our annual Friday Lenten Fish Frys. The hall will be open from 4:30 p.m.-7:00 p.m. each Friday during Lent. We offer a \$12.00 fried fish dinner, \$13.00 fried shrimp dinner, \$14.00 baked cod dinner, \$15.00 seafood platter and a \$10.00 chicken tender dinner. All dinners include two sides; french fries, hot rice, coleslaw, mac & cheese or baked potato. Dine in or carry out. Orders can be placed in person at the hall, by phone at 330-773-3410 or online at www. akronkofc.com. Cash and credit cards are accepted.

Annunciation Church/Visitation of Mary Parish presents Annunciation's Famous Fish Frys every Friday during Lent (EXCEPT Good Friday), from 4:30-7:00 p.m. All are invited to Dowed Hall (our Lower Church Hall), 55 Broad Street in East Akron. Pricing: \$15.00, Adults; \$14.00, Seniors; \$10.00, Children (12 years and under).

Don't miss out on these fantastic, fabulous Fish Frys! Questions? Call 330-535-4141.

ST. BERNARD BRIDES

If you were married 25 years ago or longer at St. Bernard and would like your wedding picture hung in the Bride's Room, please bring a picture with a note stating the names of the bride (maiden name) and the groom, along with the wedding date. The planners will then find a place for you in the Bride's Room, along with others of the past.

LENTEN RETREAT

The Chesterton Academy of Akron is hosting a RETREAT Saturday, March 2nd from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church (in the PAC) in Akron. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. for registration. Open to mature 6th graders through high school. Lunch provided. Adoration, Confession and Enrollment in the Brown Scapular for those interested in enrolling. Topics include Lesser Known Marian Devotions, Freedom of Discipline, Spiritual Warfare, Mental Prayer (St. Teresa of Avila), and Vocations. Parents are encouraged to attend a free talk with Father Pfeiffer on Mental Prayer at 2:00 p.m. in the Church. Cost is \$10.00 per student/\$30.00 per family. Please RSVP to caswindyknoll@yahoo.com and a registration form will be emailed to you to either mail in or bring with you on the morning of the retreat. Perfect for students who still need to complete a retreat for Confirmation and want to grow in their spiritual life! Please join us!!

SAINT BERNARD PARISH

AKRON, Ohio

Pastar's Mate

And we're off! Lent is about a good balance between what we have committed to and what God is calling our attention to. It is helpful to commit ourselves to giving something up or to adding times of prayer like our Holy Hours on Thursday or Stations on Friday. Certainly our commitments will help us to remember indeed that "we are dust and to dust we shall return!" But our life with God is, as St. Julian of Norwich puts it, "a dance." Can you imagine two partners dancing where one is deciding all of the moves and one is just standing there watching? Not very pleasant to watch or be a part of that one! The best dancing involves the movements of both partners and the leadership of each at times! So, as much as we should try to keep what we have committed to, we must also ask and leave room for: "What is the Holy Spirit of God calling me to during Lent and what may I implement to be faithful to that call?" For example, I know I have committed to less time on certain apps this Lent, but maybe if God is calling me to more connection with family, I might actually use my phone more overall. I know God has called me to prayer in Adoration more this Lent, but if in prayer I discover a greater need to pray, I may need to spend more time in my room at home with the door closed praying. I know that God has called me to give of my time more this Lent, but what if, in giving of that time, it becomes clear where I may get an even better use of time in other parts of the day? At this time of history, the Lord is probably calling us in the desert of Lent to be more attentive to respect for the dignity of others, to be more generous and optimistic in committing time to God for prayer and to consider our levels of generosity and how we might be able to give even more. Whatever they are, may we be true to our commitments AND follow the suggestions of the Lord in the moves we make to grow spiritually during this Lenten season. See you soon!

- Father Chris

CATHOLIC MOVIE NIGHT

Catholic Movie Night presents: "Life is Worth Living I The Philosophy of Communism" and "Knowing & Loving" by Bishop Sheen on the fourth Friday, February 23, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in St. Bernard's Upper Room! You can bring your own non-alcoholic beverage and snack and to share!



P.E. AT ST. MARY SCHOOL

Our students have been quite busy in their Physical Education classes. We started with a review of our rules and procedures; as well as, proper use of the Gaga Pit and Playset on the playground. Each grade progressively works on various motor skills and then culminates in a game using those skills. We also incorporate using good sportsmanship and having integrity while playing sports. Many of the games include not only physical skills, but always encourage teamwork and some even include the use of their weekly spelling words or math skills.

We have participated in flag football, soccer, basketball, pickleball, and cornhole. The younger grades also play games which have holiday themes, such as Ghostbusters, Turkey Takedown, Grinch Games, Buddy Elf Express and Snowball Frenzy, to name a few.

Recently, some of our students participated in the Knights of Columbus Free Throw Competition – with two of our students advancing to the next stage to be held in Wickliffe, Ohio.

Presently, the K-2nd grades are working on their jump-roping skills. The older grades are working on their volleyball skills and will culminate in playing games.

The yearly event the students look forward to is the 7th grade versus 8th grade volleyball game. We continue to grow and develop and encourage our students to have a healthy lifestyle, including proper sleep, nutrition and exercise!

"Unless there is Good Friday in your life, there can be no Easter Sunday."

- Fulton J. Sheen

Parish Eucharistic Revival

Witness

priest and congregation together point to this. Therefore we should do everything The end-game of the Eucharist for Jesus is to offer us a means to be united to Him and to be re-fortified in that union. All of the "loud" and "quiet" prayers of the in our power to receive this grace which Jesus offered us at the most critical moment of His life and treat it therefore as critical to our life. -Father Chris

Teaching

By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who we be accepted by you O Lord and may our sacrifice in your sight this day be pleasing to humbled Himself to share in our humanity. With humble spirit and contrite heart may you o Lord our God. Wash me O Lord from my iniquity and cleanse me of my sins.



Action of the week

Reflect on what the most critical actions of your life are and to where they direct your attention and others' attention.



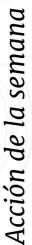
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Testimonio

y de la congregación juntas apuntan a esto. Por lo tanto, debemos hacer todo lo que esté a fortalecernos en esa unión. Todas las oraciones "en voz alta" y "en voz baja" del sacerdote nuestro alcance para recibir esta gracia que Jesús nos ofreció en el momento más crítico El objetivo final de la Eucaristía para Jesús es ofrecernos un medio para unirnos a Él y de Su vida y tratarla como algo fundamental para nuestra vida. -Padre Chris

Enseñanza

Señor, y que nuestro sacrificio ante ti en este día te sea de agrado, oh Señor, divinidad de Cristo que se humilló para compartir nuestra humanidad. Que Dios nuestro. Lávame, oh Señor, de mi maldad y límpiame de mis pecados. con espíritu humilde y corazón arrepentido seamos aceptados por ti, oh Que por el misterio de esta agua y vino podamos llegar a compartir la



Reflexiona sobre cuáles son las acciones más críticas de tu vida y hacia dónde dirigen tu atención y la de los demás.

ST. MARY



FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT FEBRUARY 18, 2024

Mota del Pastor

¡Empezamos! La Cuaresma se trata de tener equilibrio entre aquello a lo que estamos comprometidos y aquello a lo que Dios nos llama. Es conveniente comprometernos a renunciar a algo o agregar momentos de oración como nuestra Hora Santa de los jueves o los Vía Crucis de los viernes. Ciertamente nuestros compromisos nos ayudarán a recordar que "somos polvo y al polvo volveremos." Pero nuestra vida con Dios es, como dice San Julián de Norwich, "una danza." ¿Te imaginas a dos compañeros bailando donde uno decide todos los movimientos y el otro se queda ahí mirando? ¡No sería muy agradable verlo o ser parte de eso! ¡El mejor baile involucra los movimientos de ambos compañeros y el liderazgo de cada uno! Entonces, por mucho que debamos tratar de mantener aquello a lo que nos hemos comprometido, también debemos preguntar y dejar espacio para: "¿A qué me llama el Espíritu Santo durante la Cuaresma y qué puedo hacer para ser fiel a ese llamado?" Por ejemplo, sé que me he comprometido a dedicar menos tiempo a ciertas aplicaciones de mi celular en esta Cuaresma, pero tal vez si Dios me llama a tener más conexión con la familia, podría usar mi teléfono para eso en general. Sé que Dios me ha llamado más a la oración en Adoración esta Cuaresma, pero sí en la oración descubro una mayor necesidad de orar, es posible que necesite pasar más tiempo en mi habitación de casa con la puerta cerrada orando. Sé que Dios me ha llamado a dar más de mi tiempo en esta Cuaresma, pero ¿qué pasa si al dar ese tiempo queda claro dónde puedo aprovecharlo aún mejor en otras partes del día? En este momento de la historia, el Señor probablemente nos esté llamando en el desierto de la Cuaresma a estar más atentos al respeto por la dignidad de los demás, a ser más optimistas, a dedicar tiempo a Dios para la oración y a considerar nuestros niveles de generosidad y cómo podríamos dar aún más. Como sea, podemos ser fieles a nuestros compromisos y seguir las sugerencias del Señor en los pasos que damos para crecer espiritualmente durante esta temporada. ¡Nos vemos pronto!

- Padre Chris

"A menos que haya un Viernes Santo en tu vida, no puede haber Domingo de Pascua." — Fulton J. Sheen



CLASE PRE-BAUTISMAL

La Clase Pre-bautismal de marzo será el lunes 4. Si está interesado, llame a la oficina 330-253-5161, ext. 102 para inscribirse en la lista.





LECTURAS DE LA SEMANA

Domingo 18 de febrero

I Domingo de Cuaresma Gn 9, 8-15 Salmo 24, 4bc-5ab. 6-7bc. 8-9 1 Pt 3, 18-22 Mc 1, 12-15

Lunes 19 de febrero

Lv 19, 1-2. 11-18 Salmo 18, 8. 9. 10. 15 Mt 25, 31-46

Martes 20 de febrero

Is 55, 10-11 Salmo 33, 4-5. 6-7. 16-17. 18-19 Mt 6, 7-15

Miércoles 21 de febrero

Jn 3, 1-10 Salmo 50, 3-4. 12-13. 18-19 Lc 11, 29-32

Jueves 22 de febrero

Fiesta de la Cátedra de San Pedro, Apóstol 1 Ped 5, 1-4 Salmo 22, 1-3a. 3b-4. 5. 6 Mt 16, 13-19

Viernes 23 de febrero

Ez 18, 21-28 Salmo 129, 1-2. 3-4ab. 4c-6. 7-8 Mt 5, 20-26

Sábado 24 de febrero

Dt 26, 16-19 Salmo 118, 1-2. 4-5. 7-8 Mt 5, 43-48

Domingo 25 de febrero

II Domingo de Cuaresma Gn 22, 1-2. 9-13. 15-18 Salmo 115, 10 y 15. 16-17. 18-19 Rm 8, 31b-34 Mc 9, 2-10

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