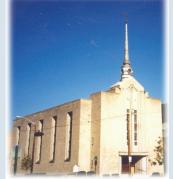


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#### **MASS SCHEDULE**

Saturday 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Weekdays: Monday 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday & Thursday 8:30 a.m.

#### **ADORATION**

Call the parish office for current schedule and location. (Except Thanksgiving Day and Holy Thursday)

#### **SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH**

#### **RECONCILIATION:**

Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m. Monday 5:00-5:15 p.m.

#### **HOLY MATRIMONY:**

Marriage preparation and pre-Cana classes are required. Thus, the engaged couple must make initial arrangements by contacting the parish at least six months prior to the desired marriage date. You or your fiancée should be a registered parishioner for at least six months before beginning preparation.

#### **BAPTISM:**

Baptisms are held by appointment only. Pre-Baptism instruction is required for parents who have not previously attended and for parents for which it has been four years or longer since the Baptism of their last child. Instructions are by appointment only. Contact Andrea McLean to schedule class and Baptism.

#### **ANOINTING OF THE SICK & SHUT-INS**

Communion is brought to the sick and homebound. The family should call the office if someone is seriously ill as soon as possible.

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#### **PARISH STAFF & ORGANIZATIONS**

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#### **PARISH COUNCIL**

Aaron Brown, David Glass, Judy Harness, Susan Iversen, Sarah Neal, Chris Noel, Jessie Ott

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Mallory Bostwick, Brooke Maranzana, Hudson Ward, Stephanie Weaver

#### ADENA HOSPITAL BOARD REPRESENTATIVE

**Bob French** 

#### **Bethesda Healing Ministry**

We are a group of mothers and fathers who have suffered the experience of abortion. We gather twice a month to share, heal, and grow. We are now experiencing the gift of God's healing love. We've been there. We understand. Contact us at 614-718-0277 or Raphael's Hands Healing Ministry in Portsmouth at 740-357-9822.

Member of the three parish consortium including: St. Mary Chillicothe; St. Mary, Queen of the Missions, Waverly

#### A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR:

Dear Parishioners:

Lent is here! We have had several weeks of Ordinary Time to catch our breath from Christmas, but now we are called to enter into a season of penance and conversion. I invite all members of our consortium to enter into the spirit of the Season of Lent by choosing practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving (works of charity). Perhaps each family could consider choosing a common practice in each of these categories.

Prayer: Fr. Patrick Peyton, the great promoter of the Rosary, used to say, "The family that prays together, stays together." Choose a practice of prayer that the whole family can share. You can consider the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, Scripture Reading, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, the Stations of the Cross, or a myriad of other forms of family prayer. Choose a time and invite everyone in your family to join, whether in person, by Zoom, or even on the "inner net," praying the same thing at the same time even when you are in a different location and cannot connect by electronic media. Attend daily Mass at least one day a week besides Sunday.

Fasting: Give up some particular food throughout the Season of Lent. Pick a particular "bad habit" you would like to change (e.g., complaining or gossiping), and make a concerted effort as a family to replace it with a good habit (e.g., thanking or complimenting). Give up some time used for use of electronic media and substitute some spiritual conversation or reading. Make room for God in your schedule by cutting out something else.

Almsgiving: Choose a charity to support with contributions or with time, such as St. Vincent de Paul or some other charitable group. Share time with members of the family to assist them with their own growth in the life of the Spirit.

Be creative, but do it as a family or with another friend who wants to live a good Lent. Whatever you do, choose to do it with the goal of getting to know Jesus better. If you give Him your time, He will offer you His Eternity. Happy Lent!

Rev. Timothy M. Hayes

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Pastor of Chillicothe, St. Mary; Chillicothe, St. Peter; and Waverly, St. Mary, Queen of the Missions



Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who roam throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls.



Adoration Chapel Intention for the week of February 27, 2022: For the Intentions of the John and Lynn Albright Family

Do you have an intention you would like to sponsor for the Adoration Chapel? Contact Jess at the parish office if you wish to request a specific week. Donation is \$10.00 per week sponsorship.

If you have committed to an hour with our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration and are ever unable to attend, please be sure to request a substitute as soon as possible to give administration as much time as possible to find someone to fill in for you. We are still looking for more volunteers to commit to a time frame and/or become a substitute! If you are interested in helping with this ministry, please contact David Johnstone at djohnstone34@gmail.com.



#### Pope Francis' Monthly Prayer Intention February: Religious Sisters and Consecrated Women

We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women, thanking them for their mission and their

courage. May they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.



Altar flowers have been donated in loving memory of Ernest McWhorter by Ann and Jess Hamm

#### **PRAYER LIST**

Our prayer list is growing... please review the names listed. If you see someone who can be removed, please contact Jess Hamm at the parish office. If there is someone in need of being on this prayer list, please call Jess at the parish office at 740-774-1407. Please pray for the following members of God's family (those listed in **bold italics** are parishioners – feel free to send them a card and let them know you are praying for them):

Amy & Rich Adams, Andrea Adler, Henry Barlage, Sr., Peggy Bechie, Alice Breda, Bill Breda, Wendy Brown, Steve Bruce, Caitlyn Burton, Dinese Carmen, Ashley Coates, Joanne Corcoran, Melany Davis, Joyce DeLong, Darlene DiPrati, Ron Draise, Andy Drummond, Brian Duncan, Kathy Dye, Langston Forbes, Mr. & Mrs. Eric Freybach, Polly Friend, Tammy Garcia, Mary Gazarek, Veronica Geimer, Mike Glockner, Sharon Good, Shane Gozy, Jane Harness, Elaine Haubeil, Maranda Hay, Frank Hayes, Brookie & Larry Heightsman, Jim Lewis, Rita Senff Kern, David Kohl, Brenda Landaeta, Fred Landig, Mike Mallett, Patricia Mallett, Jennifer Mark, Isabelle Martin, James May, Jr., James May, Sr., Jim May, Katie Rogers McCune, Sandi Melching, Jackie Miller, Brian Moore, Laura Nattress, Catherine Nixon, Kristine Nolan, Randy Podeszwick, Barb Polans, Jill Polans, Marjorie Prince, Nancy Proehl, Angelina Prog, Eddie Purpero, Delmar Reed, Kelly Rowland, Mike Scheeler, Ray Schmidt, Don Schofield, Cindy Scott, Joyce Seymour, Barbara Smith, Gary Smith, Juanita Sommers, Andrew Speziale, Helen Stanton, Tressa Strausbaugh, Marta Sulzer, Sandy Walters. Michael Wiley

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

(When requesting a specific date for Mass Intentions, it is recommended to contact Jess Hamm at the parish office at least <u>six months</u> before the desired date. Due to the large number of requests for Masses we receive, they will be scheduled accordingly and as soon as possible. We endeavor to get a couple of Masses in as soon as possible for recently deceased parishioners. Your patience is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Jess at the office.)

#### Saturday, February 26

Jas 5:13-20; Mk 10:13-16

5:00 p.m. St. Peter - Fr. Tim -

Robert Kight, Sr. and Nancy Kight – Lowell and Katie Kight

#### Sunday, February 27

Sir 27:4-7; 1 Cor 15:54-58; Lk 6:39-45

8:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Jacob -

David Proehl - Joey and Gigi Proehl

11:30 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Jacob -

Ernest McWhorter -

Ann and Jess Hamm

#### Monday, February 28

1 Pt 1:3-9; Mk 10:17-27

5:30 p.m. St. Peter - Fr. Jacob -

Darrel Massie - Cathy Clark

#### Tuesday, March 1

1 Pt 1:10-16; Mk 10:28-31

No Mass at Bishop Flaget

#### Wednesday, March 2: Ash Wednesday

JI 2:12-18; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

8:30 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Tim -

Catherine Weisenberger – The Maimone Family

#### Thursday, March 3

Dt 30:15-20; Lk 9:22-25

8:30 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Milton -

James "Andy" Reeves – Helen, Tom, and Nan Stanton

#### Friday, March 4

*Is 58:1-9a; Mt 9:14-15* 

No Mass at Bishop Flaget

#### Saturday, March 5

Is 58:9b-14; Lk 5:27-32

5:00 p.m. St. Peter - Fr. Jacob -

Ernest McWhorter – Catherine McWhorter

#### Sunday, March 6

Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13

8:00 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Milton -

Charles Perry -

Ann and Jess Hamm

11:30 a.m. St. Peter - Fr. Milton -

Cindy Rottert -

Michael and Cecilia Althouse

#### **CALENDAR**

#### Saturday, February 26

All Day - Men's Conference - Columbus

8:30 a.m. Divine Mercy Cenacle – John Paul II Room 10:00 a.m. Grief Relief Program – St. Mary, Chillicothe

4:00 p.m. Confessions - Church

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe - Fr. Milton

5:30 p.m. Spaghetti Dinner -

Holy Redeemer Parish in Portsmouth

#### Sunday, February 27

9:00 a.m. Joseph Anthony Glass Baptism - Church

9:15 a.m. Faith Formation – Upstairs Classrooms

9:15 a.m. RCIA – Holy Family Library

9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Waverly - Fr. Tim

10:00 a.m. Glass Baptism Reception (all welcome!) - Parish Hall

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe – Fr. Milton
6:00 p.m. Youth Group – Girls at Potter House,

Boys at Bishop Flaget Gym

#### Monday, February 28

12:00 p.m. Bible Study: Acts - St. Mary Family Life Center

5:00 p.m. Confessions - Church

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus – Bosco Room

#### Tuesday, March 1

6:00 a.m.-11:59 p.m. - Perpetual Adoration - Adoration Chapel

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe - Fr. Milton

No Mass at Bishop Flaget

#### Wednesday, March 2: Ash Wednesday

12:00 a.m.-11:59 p.m. - Perpetual Adoration - Adoration Chapel

10:00 a.m. Mass at Bishop Flaget - Fr. Milton

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Waverly - Fr. Jacob

6:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe - Fr. Tim

#### Thursday, March 3

12:00 a.m.-8:00 a.m. - Perpetual Adoration - Adoration Chapel

9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m. - Perpetual Adoration - Church

9:00 p.m. Benediction - Church

#### Friday, March 4

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe - Fr. Tim

No Mass at Bishop Flaget

5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Mary, Chillicothe – Fr. Tim

5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Mary, Waverly -

Deacon Reed Hauser

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross at St. Peter - Fr. Jacob

#### Saturday, March 5

10:00 a.m. Grief Relief Program - St. Mary, Chillicothe

10:00 a.m. First Holy Communion Parent Meeting – Parish Hall

4:00 p.m. Confessions - Church

5:00 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe - Fr. Tim

#### Sunday, March 6

9:00 a.m. Coffee and Donuts - Parish Hall

9:15 a.m. Faith Formation – Upstairs Classrooms

9:15 a.m. RCIA - Holy Family Library

9:30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Waverly - Fr. Jacob

10:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary, Chillicothe - Fr. Tim

12:30 p.m. Coffee and Donuts - Parish Hall

6:00 p.m. Youth Group - Bosco Room

All of today's readings remind us that our works reflect what is in our hearts. Do my words and actions reveal a heart that is grateful for — and generous in sharing — the abundance God has poured into my life?

## ST. PETER PARISH BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2021 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2022

Budgeted Expenses: \$\,522,445.59\$

Budgeted Offertory Receipts: \$\,480,000.00\$

(Ideally, offertory should cover these expenses)

	Monthly Amount	Year to Date
Budgeted Offertory	\$40,000.00	\$280,000.00
Actual Offertory for Month of January	\$41,661.64	\$314,102.55
Difference	\$1,661.64	\$34,102.55

Offertory Collected at Mass & via Mail, & Online: For the week of 2/20/22:.....\$ 5,854.54

Have you considered Online Giving? Online Giving allows you to make donations, payments, and pledges via your mobile phone, smart device or computer to the church. Online giving benefits you as it is convenient as you can access your account anytime and anywhere through the Internet. It is flexible as you can start, stop, and change your contributions at any time. It is simple to use without having to contact your bank or the church office. You can also contribute using direct withdrawal (ACH) or credit cards. Online Giving helps the parish with regular scheduled contributions that occur automatically, thus allowing the parish to manage monthly expenses effectively. It also helps the parish office by saving time and expenses in bookkeeping. Sign up by going to the parish website at www.stpeterchillicothe. com and click on the online giving box on the homepage.



#### FEBRUARY/MARCH BIRTHDAY GREETINGS!

St. Peter Parish Family extends congratulations and many blessings to the following on their "special" birthdays. Parishioners are invited to send cards to the following individuals, as well!

February 28, Janet Griffith, 603 Commanche Road, Chillicothe March 4, Ed Bohn, 292 Vine Street, Chillicothe March 8, Joyce Perry, 308 Piatt Avenue, Chillicothe March 11, Dianna Lisi, 120 Yaples Orchard Drive, Chillicothe March 12, Tony Schumann, 12 John Street, Chillicothe March 13, Kitty Hess, 128 Yaples Orchard Drive, Chillicothe

THE GRIEF RELIEF PROGRAM is meeting on Saturdays at St. Mary, Chillicothe February 26, 2022 through April 2, 2022, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Meet in the Church for a 10:00 a.m. Mass. Parishioners from all three parishes in the Consortium are welcome. Preregistration is preferred by calling St. Mary's Parish Office at 740-772-2061. The Program addresses what grief is and its impact, including the practical issues arising when significant loss is experienced – death of a loved one, divorce, or other loss. The Program is a series of six weekly sessions providing understanding of grief while giving parishioners an opportunity to support one another. After the Mass, the program attendees will depart for a designated building on campus for the rest of the program. Anyone from the Consortium can attend the Mass.

#### Fr. Stinnett's Scribbles

This is the last weekend before Lent begins! As I said a couple of weeks ago, Lent always sneaks up on us faster than we would like it to. Lent is a time for us to reflect on and implement in our lives the first words of Jesus as He began His public ministry: "This is the time of fulfillment. The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the Gospel" (Mk 1:15). Lent is, in a way, a pilgrimage, a journey with Jesus to Calvary, through His Passion and death, and then to the glory of Easter morning, the Resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead! To assist us on this journey, through the season of Lent, I will be having a series of bulletin columns walking through the apostolic letter of Pope St. John Paul II, Reconciliatio et Paenitentia, which he wrote in 1984 after the conclusion of the Synod of Bishops on the topic of reconciliation and penance. These are central themes of Lent, and our closer examination of them and the thought of Pope St. John Paul II will help us grow closer to Jesus during Lent, so as to rejoice all the more with Jesus and in Jesus during the Easter season.

The introduction of the letter sets the stage for the contents of the letter. The pope acknowledges to whom he is writing; he is writing to a "shattered world," a world torn apart by division and sin. He notes many different ways this division is felt. Now, almost 40 years later, we are still living in a shattered world, a world that is so desperately in need of peace. John Paul II is responding to the input of the bishops and faithful from around the world, listening and praying with them, and responding to them in their need as their shepherd. I will quote the section of the pope's introduction that lays out the contents of the letter, so we know what to look forward to through Lent: "In the first part, I shall speak of the church in the carrying out of her mission of reconciliation, in the work of the conversion of hearts in order to bring about a renewed embrace between man and God, man and his brother, man and the whole of creation. In the second part, there will be indicated the radical cause of all wounds and divisions between people, and in the first place between people and God: namely sin. Afterward I shall indicate the means that enable the church to promote and encourage full reconciliation between people and God and, as a consequence, of people with one another" (4).

Looking with the eyes of mercy, the eyes that see through the cloud caused by sin to the person who is made in the image and likeness of God, John Paul II feels the longing that is present in every person, a longing for peace. This letter is an invitation to peace, which comes only through reconciliation: "Whatever the case, the longing for sincere and consistent reconciliation is without a shadow of doubt a fundamental driving force in our society, reflecting an irrepressible desire for peace. And it is as strongly so as the factors of division, even though this is a paradox" (3). We Christians have the task of making the drive for peace and reconciliation stronger than the drive for division, beginning in our own hearts.

#### SCRIPTURE STUDY ON THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES

is being held in the Family Life Center at St. Mary, Mondays now through March 21st. The study is from noon-1:30 p.m., and a light lunch is provided. Contact Katie Boesch at 740-772-2061, ext. 5 if interested.

#### **PARISH NOTES**

The Diocese of Columbus continues to seek input from the members of all our parishes in the process of planning for our common futures. Some of our members have participated in the online survey and attended meetings about the first stages of the process. Many have not weighed in or shared any thoughts. There are still opportunities for everyone to have a share in the planning. All of us will eventually have to live with the plan. Please let your wisdom be shared now with those who can incorporate it into the formulation of the plan.

#### **More Updates to Come**

As the Real Presence, Real Future initiative continues, please check the website for ongoing updates about next steps, general news and information, and editorial features from Catholic leaders from around the Diocese. The website is available in both English and Spanish at www.realpresencerealfuture.org.

#### No Question Left Unanswered

If you have questions about *Real Presence*, *Real Future* or comments that you would like to offer, please email hello@columbuscatholic.org. This email box is monitored 24/7, and any messages typically get a reply within one day. Don't let any question go unanswered – email today!



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#### LENTEN SCHEDULES

St. Mary Church in Chillicothe

WEDNESDAY, March 2 - Ash Wednesday: 6:00 p.m. Mass with Distribution of Ashes

FRIDAYS OF LENT: 5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (in the church)

St. Peter Church in Chillicothe

**WEDNESDAY**, **March 2 – Ash Wednesday:** 8:30 a.m. Mass with Distribution of Ashes

**FRIDAYS OF LENT:** 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross (in the church)

St. Mary, Queen of the Missions, in Waverly

**WEDNESDAY**, **March 2 – Ash Wednesday**: 5:30 p.m. Mass with Distribution of Ashes

FRIDAYS OF LENT: 5:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross (in the church)

Note: the Liturgies of the Easter Triduum will not be celebrated at St. Mary, Queen of the Missions, this year since there are no candidates entering the Church. Any who wish to participate in these liturgies as ministers may do so at either parish in Chillicothe. Just contact the parish offices to let them know of your desire to do so: St. Peter at 740-774-1407 or St. Mary at 740-772-2061.

#### Fasting and Abstinence during Lent Reminders:



As Jesus fasted 40 days in the desert, the Church traditionally fasts during Lent. A form of bodily prayer, fasting and abstinence in union with other Christians remind us of our utter dependence on and love for God. A gesture of repentance, fasting is symbolic of a change of heart as we turn away from sin to live in fidelity to the Gospel.

#### **Lenten Regulations**

Fasting: Ages 18-59 fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, limiting themselves to one full meal and two smaller meals each day, with no snacking between meals.

Abstinence: Catholics age 14 and older abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, Good Friday, and all the Fridays of Lent.



CHALLENGE FROM THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS! Fr. Charles Griffin Council 15793 of the Knights of Columbus has a challenge for all families at St. Peters parish this Lent. Everyone is invited to give "40 Cans for Lent!" All families are asked to donate 40 cans of food, personal hygiene items, or comparable financial donation representing each day of Lent and Christ's 40 days in the desert. Donations will be given to

the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry to help with the ongoing need for assistance in our community. Any donation should be marked "40 Cans for Lent," so they can be tracked accordingly. *This is the 6th year for this food drive! Let's make it the best one yet!!!* Program coordinator Joe Zupi is offering a contactless pickup if someone is unable to deliver donations to the church. If you have any questions about the program or need special arrangements for pickup, please call the parish office at 740-774-1407. What a perfect way to increase our attention towards prayer, fasting, and almsgiving this Lenten Season!

**Bishops Annual Appeal (BAA)** Are you interested in fundraising projects for the parish? We are in need of one or two people to be on the team for this year's BAA. Please call Donna in the parish office at 740-774-1407 if interested. I am praying for the one or two whom God is calling to step forward. Thank you for considering this awesome opportunity.



#### **Volunteer Needed for Offertory Data Entry**

We are in need of a substitute for entering the offertory in our system. No experience necessary. This is a once-a-week commitment (preferably Monday afternoon) on an as-needed basis, only when our regular volunteer is on vacation or can't come in. Please call Donna in

the parish office at 740-774-1407 if you are interested.

Council of Catholic Women Flea Market: Just a quick note to ask you to hold onto any small household and clothing items for our annual Flea Market. This year's event will be held June 3rd and 4th from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. both days. Are you interested in volunteering? Have great ideas to make it better? Are you the head of a fundraising committee and want to have a table? If you have any questions or would like to be involved, please call either Annette Roth at 740-401-0610 or Donna Weisenberger at 740-466-5570.

#### Save the Date!

A fundraising luncheon, "The Empty Bowls Project," will be held Sunday, March 13th, from 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. at St. Mary's Family Life Center, located at 61 S. Paint Street.

As part of the fundraiser, participants will receive a handcrafted bowl along with a meal of soup, salad, breadstick, and drink. Proceeds will go to The Assistance House to help the working poor in Ross County.



Presale tickets at Julie's Shop on Paint: \$20.00 per adult

\$10.00 per child (age 12 and under; meal only, no bowl)

Please join us for this "souper event" to help our working neighbors with critical or emergency needs. For more information, contact our parishioners serving on The Assistance House Board: John Albright, Martha Greer, and Mary Elsass.



We will be creating the Spring Liturgical Minister Schedule this week. This will cover the period of March 5th through May 29th. Please access your online account or contact the office by the end of the day Monday, February 28th with any changes in availability or scheduling conflicts. If you are interested in joining the liturgical minister roster as a lector, Eucharistic minister, altar server, greeter, or offertory family, please call Jess in the office at 740-774-1407.



#### Scholarship Opportunity – Thomas L. Smith Scholarship

The Catholic Foundation is a proud steward of the Thomas L. Smith Scholarship. This scholarship provides funds for the first year of college tuition for either a graduating senior of a Catholic high school in the Diocese of Columbus or a senior high school student who is a parishioner in good standing of St. Peter or St. Mary Parish in Chillicothe, Ohio. The link to apply for the Thomas L. Smith Scholarship can be found at <a href="https://grants.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships/thomas-l-smith-memorial-scholarship-fund/">https://grants.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships/thomas-l-smith-memorial-scholarship-fund/</a>.

The Catholic Foundation's Applications for Scholarships opened on Monday, January 31st and will close Monday, February 28th. Since 2007, The Catholic Foundation has awarded over \$1.3 million in scholarships, empowering over 200 young people to continue their academic and vocational studies. For more information and to apply, please visit <a href="https://www.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships">www.catholic-foundation.org/scholarships</a>. If you have any questions about our scholarship process, please feel free to contact Dan Kurth, VP of Grants, at 614-443-8893 or at <a href="https://dkurth@catholic-foundation.org">dkurth@catholic-foundation.org</a>.



For the last six years, Knights of Columbus Council 15793 has sponsored a scholarship program for graduating seniors. Last year, St. Mary, Chillicothe K of C Council 1071 joined us to make this scholarship program available to all the

consortium parishes. We were able to provide 3 students each with a \$750.00 scholarship. Please pray for the continued success of the scholarship program. It is important to recognize and reward our Catholic Seniors for living their faith in these times. The Mardi Gras event this month was the primary fundraiser for this year's scholarship. If you were unable to attend the event, or would like to provide additional financial support to the program, any donation is appreciated. Donations will be accepted through the end of April, and can be placed in an envelope and dropped in the collection baskets with "SCHOLARSHIP" written on the envelope. If you have any questions, please contact John Albright, Scholarship Chair. Thank you for your continued generosity.

#### Come and See Weekend at the Pontifical College Josephinum

The Pontifical College Josephinum in Columbus, Ohio, has scheduled a "Come and See" Live-In weekend for March 10th-12th, 2022. The weekend has been set aside to allow young men (high school juniors, seniors, and college-age students) to visit the seminary for a few days. Live-In participants will experience seminary prayer life, classes, communal worship, and interaction with current seminarians, faculty, and staff. Live-In weekends include introductory presentations on discernment, student life, and the college seminary formation program. The weekend begins with arrival at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 10th, and concludes with departure at noon on Saturday, March 12th. All meals and recreation are included. There is no charge to participate. For more information, contact the Vocations Office at 614-221-5565, email vocations@columbuscatholic.org, or contact your parish priest.

#### Pontifical College Josephinum Seeks Advancement Associate

The Pontifical College Josephinum is accepting applications for Advancement Associate. This is a full-time position within the Advancement Office, and reports to the Vice President for Advancement. Responsibilities include maintaining the seminary's alumni and donor relations software; entry of gift records; gift processing; preparing gift receipts; producing fundraising appeal mailing lists; supporting direct mail and phone-a-thon appeals; assisting with two major event dinners; Tour Day, and other events; working with seminarians on donor appreciation activities; some social media posting; and support of the development section of the PCJ Website. This position also works in a limited way with the Friends of the Josephinum, an auxiliary fundraising group, which stages several events to support seminarians. Qualifications include: a bachelor's degree, composition skills for correspondence with benefactors and some social media content, and experience with Raiser's Edge donor management software. The Pontifical College Josephinum requires a personal commitment to the mission of the seminary and the magisterium of the Catholic Church, as well as the ability to be a persuasive advocate for private philanthropy in support of seminarians being formed for the priesthood at the only pontifical seminary outside of Italy. The Josephinum offers a competitive salary for this position. Applicants should send a cover letter and resume by March 18th, 2022, to:

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which is an act of love. The Church values the art of listening. From the earliest days of Christianity, the Church has used the model of a Synod and the concept of Synodality as a means of listening to the voice of Christ alive in the Church's members. Responding to Pope Francis' call for all to participate in his Synod on Synodality, our Deanery will conduct a synodal listening session at Holy Redeemer Church, 1325 Gallia Street, Portsmouth, on Sunday, March 13th, from 1:00-3:00 p.m. This session will provide an opportunity to share our thoughts and feelings, but more importantly to discern how the Holy Spirit is guiding us in our journey together. Please join us for this important event by registering at this link: https://columbuscatholic.org/synod/meetings. If you find another date and location that works better with your schedule, you are welcome sign up for that one.



After many years of service at St. Peter and St. Mary, Queen of the Missions, our beloved Sister Ruhitha left the consortium this past Thursday, February 24th, to begin a new journey in her homeland of India. We trust that God has a great plan for her, and rejoice in her obedience to His Will. We thank Sister Ruhitha for her service to our churches, and pray that

God will bring her back to our community one day! She will be dearly missed by all.

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