

St. Susanna Catholic Parish

a Community of Faith...
a Church in Action!

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Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday:

8:30am - 4:30pm

1st Sunday of the Month:

8:15am - 12:30pm

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for all articles for the Sunday bulletin is Friday afternoon, (9) days before the article appears in the bulletin. Please send items, along with the dates they should run, to bulletin@stsusanna.org for submission.

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REFLECTING WITH THE PAROCHIAL VICAR

AUGUST 14, 2016



In a Europe suffering terribly from the ravages of the Second World War, the 1948 Olympic torch relay carried a welcome message of peace. The planned route highlighted border crossings where festivities were planned to promote the return of peace. Over 1,400 torch-bearers covered almost 2,090 miles across much of the war-torn continent. The first runner, a Greek combat veteran, took off his military uniform before carrying the flame. This gesture commemorated the truce observed in Ancient Greece.

A truce (in Greek, *ekecheiria*, literally meaning "holding of hands") was announced before and during each of the ancient Olympic festivals. The intent was to allow visitors to travel safely to the site of the games. During the truce, wars were suspended, armies were prohibited from entering or threatening the Games, and legal disputes and the carrying out of death penalties were forbidden. There was no torch relay in the ancient Olympic Games, however, there were torch relays in other ancient Greek athletic festivals including those held at Athens.

In our day, the Olympic flame, carried by a relay of runners from around the globe, is used to light a cauldron that remains lit until it is extinguished in the Closing Ceremony. This is a powerful—albeit temporary—sign of peace and unity among nations. The fire burning right now in Rio reminds us that cooperation in a shared purpose can draw us together.



In light of the Olympics, this week the words of Jesus sound especially jarring: "I have come to set the earth on fire, and how I wish it were already blazing! . . . Do you think that I have come to establish peace on the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." What do we make of this? Jesus, the Son of God, announces that his coming is divisive. In fact, he explicitly warns that His presence will tear families apart! How is it possible that the God who in the fourth commandment calls us to, "Honor your father and your mother" also claims now that because of Him, "a father will be divided against his son and a son against his father, a mother against her daughter and a daughter against her mother"? Context is critical to understanding the Lord's message. He is speaking to His disciples. Several places in Luke's Gospel, Jesus speaks to them about the cost of discipleship. The fourth commandment is observed in light of the first, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before me." If we place anything else higher than God in our list of priorities, even the great good of our family, then we are guilty of idolatry.



This is also the case for any path to promote world peace. Even the Olympic Games or the United Nations, those monumental efforts in international cooperation, can become idols. Jesus Christ must be at the center of true and lasting harmony. Only Jesus can deliver us from the bondage of sin and empower us to live a life of authentic love, providing a personal peace the world cannot give. As paragraph 2305 of the Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us, "Earthly peace is the image and fruit of the peace of Christ, the messianic 'Prince of Peace.' By the blood of his Cross, 'in his own person he killed the hostility,' he reconciled men with God and made his Church the sacrament of the unity of the human race and of its union with God. 'He is our peace.'"

Fr. Eric Roush

MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKEND PRESIDERS

Monday, August 15

6:00pm Kyle Dodson

Tuesday, August 16

8:15am Doris Rindler

Wednesday, August 17

8:15am Richard Bolte

Thursday, August 18

8:15am Felicia Yanosik

2:00pm (Mason Christian Village)
Lisa Bischoff

Friday, August 19

8:15am Muriel Norton

Saturday, August 20

8:15am Joe Naylor

5:00pm (Fr. Farrell) John Bamber

Sunday, August 21

7:30am (Fr. Roush) Mary Kay Wong

9:00am (Fr. Roush) Julia Huesing

11:15am (Fr. Farrell) LaVerne Stratmann

6:00pm (Fr. Farrell) Kathleen Gatio

Holy Days of Obligation

6:30am, 8:15am, 7:00pm

Reconciliation

Monday at 6:45pm

Saturday at 4:00pm

Eucharistic Exposition

Monday 6:45 - 9:00pm

First Friday

After 8:15am Mass Friday to beginning
of 8:15am Mass Saturday

Rosary/Devotions

Tuesday through Saturday at 7:30am

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OVERSEAS!

Mark Anzer
Alex Back
Brandon Florea
Joseph Patrick Fusco
Thomas Prieve
Justin Schuh
Christian Sornsen
Winston Troy
Liz Vossler
James Wernke
Rachelle Wernke
Ryan Whitaker
Jim Wykoff
Michael Zeller



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Maya Collins
Ron Dearth
Dick Gardner
Marilyn Gomez
Dianne Kunkle
Ray Meibers
Gabriel Orick
Alonso Ortiz
Diego Ortiz
Ed Ryan
Doreen Schowalter
Marie Sueberling
Mike Webber
Jennifer Williamson

*Divine Healer, God of Wholeness,
we place these parishoners in your
hands; we ask for healing, but also
for acceptance of their illness and
of your holy plan. Help them and
us to embrace whatever you have
in mind for them. Support them in
their anxieties, fears, pains, and the
frustrations of their illness. Support
them with the strength of the Holy
Spirit. We ask this in the name
of Jesus, compassionate healer of
those in need of health and hope.
Amen.*

Nursery Available

The nursery is available for 9am and 11:15 Masses. It is located in the undercroft. Call ext. 3126 or email nursery@stsusanna.org for details.

Children's Liturgy of the Word

For children in grades K-2, September through May, 9:00 and 11:15 Masses. For details, contact Susan Gravely, ext. 3110 or gravelys@stsusanna.org.

Spanish Mass

A Mass in Spanish will be held at 4:00pm on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of every month. For details, contact Karla Eysoldt, ext. 3202 or keysoldt@catholiccincinnati.org.

Misa en español es el segundo y cuarto domingo del mes a las 4:00pm.

Parish Membership

We joyfully welcome new members of our parish community. Information packets are available at the desk in the Gathering Space.

Please register by calling the Parish Office (513-398-3821), online (www.stsusanna.org), or after Mass on the first Sunday of the month in the Parish Office.

Parish Library

The Library is located in the undercroft of the church. Media can be checked out at any time. Stop by the Parish Office for help.

Prayer Requests

If you have people to be prayed for and would like to have them in the bulletin, please email bulletin@stsusanna.org and we will begin publishing them weekly.

WORSHIP

Our Catholic Faith

Are you interested in learning more about our beautiful Catholic Faith and perhaps becoming Catholic?

Are you an Adult Catholic seeking Confirmation?

Then please contact Susan Gravely, ext. 3110 or gravelys@stsusanna.org.

Baptism Preparation

Infants - 6 years:

Please find more information on our website. To schedule, please contact the Parish office.

For children over age 6:

Please contact Susan Gravely, ext. 3110 or gravelys@stsusanna.org.

Marriage Preparation

Please contact the Parish Office no later than six months prior to the date of intended marriage.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD, PART II:

THE SECOND READING, ALLELUIA & GOSPEL & HOMILY



After the second reading and its silence are done, the whole assembly stands up and begins to sing Alleluias. It is our procession into the Gospel reading. Our Alleluia is not the only mark of special attention given the Gospel. Candles and sometimes incense accompany the person who is to read the Gospel, so that the reading may be surrounded with light and with fragrance. Every sense is involved. Before

the Gospel is read, the text is announced, and we respond by giving God glory and as we do so, we sign our forehead, lips and heart with the cross. With this gesture, we show that the Gospel speaks to our minds, forms our words, changes our hearts.

After the Gospel, the reader proclaims: "The Gospel of the Lord," and we say, "Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ." Then the reader kisses the words on the page. We saw the kiss at the beginning of the liturgy when the presider approached the holy table and kissed it. We will see it again — though often in the form of a handshake — at the peace greeting. Here this gesture of reverence and love is made for the words of the holy Gospel. All of this — Alleluia, the standing posture we take, procession, candles, announcement of the text, tiny signs of the cross, closing acclamation, kiss — all show the place the Gospel holds in this community, this church. We surround the Gospel with such signs of reverence and affection because that Gospel is for us the saving power of God.



The homily comes then, usually as the effort of one person who has pondered the readings to see what they might mean in the life of this assembly, this church. That pondering is both lonely and social. The homilist has to do this work alone, to wrestle with these scriptures, but also has to be thoroughly familiar with the life this church lives and the life of the whole world. Gospel and world bang together in the homily. The homilist is not the only one charged to confront the scriptures. We all have to do that. If we only meet the scriptures for a few moments each week in this place, we have little sense for how to listen, little sense for the scriptures' power and breadth. The public reading of scripture here is meant for people who have some presence to the scriptures all week long.

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RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? St. Susanna has two options:

- The Tuesday evening (7:00-8:30) RCIA program is *for those people who have not been baptized or who have very little knowledge of scripture and the Catholic faith*. The group will begin meeting Tuesday, August 16 in the Media Center of the school. Enter through the main school door (not the gym door), turn right and go down the hallway and steps. The Media Center/Library is straight ahead.
- The second option is *for those (either Catholic or non-Catholics) who have been baptized and have been active in the Church with some understanding of Scripture and Church teachings*. This program is offered twice a year — once in the fall and once in the spring. The fall Baptized group will begin meeting on Sunday morning (10:30-11:45am) on Sunday, October 9th in the Media Center of the school. Enter through the main school door (not the gym door), turn right and go down the hallway and steps. The Media Center/Library is straight ahead.

Contact Susan Gravely, ext. 3110 or gravelys@stsusanna.org, if you are interested in either of these options this year or if you need more information.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING



Come and be trained for the beautiful ministry of Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion! **Saturday, August 20th at 9:00am** in the Church. Teresa & Tim Geiger will lead the training. Please visit www.stsusanna.org/eucharisticministers to register.

IT'S KAIROS TIME

Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me. Matthew 25:40



The next Kairos retreat at Lebanon Correctional Institution will be Sept. 15 -18, 2016, and your help is being asked for again. *Baking cookies always*

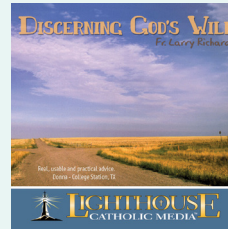
seems to be the most popular way of helping. Bags and instructions for the cookies will be handed out after all Masses on Aug. 27th and 28th. Please plan on dropping them off at the church on Sept. 10th and 11th or at the office until Sept. 14th. *If you can help financially, the cost of a weekend is around \$7,000.00, which is covered by contributions only.* To sponsor an inmate is \$125, which covers his meals for the weekend, and his Bible and cross. Any and all contributions are greatly appreciated and tax exempt.

Also, there will be a prayer sign-up sheet at the Peace and Justice desk, where you can offer an hour of prayer during the weekend. Just sign your name on the time slot that you are willing to stay in prayer for. In advance, thank you for your help with this prison ministry. If you would be interested in attending a closing ceremony at LECI on Sunday, Sept. 18th, contact Mike Weil, 513-476-9959, or Mikeweil1070@gmail.com.

MUSICIANS NEEDED

Are you interested in becoming part of the Hispanic Ministry Mass Choir? *We are looking for people who can play the piano and/or drums during the Spanish Masses every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 4 pm.* The team practices twice a month, on Friday, generally the first and second Friday of the month. If interested, please contact Wilson Velez at 513-225-4311 or wjvelez65@gmail.com. God bless.

DISCERNING GOD'S WILL



Presented by Lighthouse Catholic Youth: "How do I know what God wants?" Knowing the will of God can be an intimidating topic for people of all ages. In this talk, Fr. Larry Richards, the founder of The Reason for Our Hope foundation, delves into the process of discernment. With personal stories, practical steps, and sound advice, Fr. Larry encourages all of us to dedicate ourselves to living the life that God has planned for us. It is in living this life that we will be truly happy.

Lighthouse Catholic Media CDs are in the Gathering Space for \$3.00 each.

STEWARDSHIP

August 7, 2016 BUDGET	August 7, 2016 ACTUAL	Over / (Under) Budget
\$61,000	\$55,497	(\$5,503)

Year to Date BUDGET	Year to Date ACTUAL	Over / (Under) Budget
\$262,000	\$243,362	(\$18,638)

ALTAR FLOWER DEDICATION

You can dedicate the placing of flowers at the altar *in memory of a loved one or to honor a special occasion.* The amount is \$50 to defray the cost of the flowers. To reserve a date, please contact the Parish Office, 398-3821 ext. 3100.



Do you feel your spiritual "battery" needs recharging?

Take a break and plug into



CRHP

Calling all women of the parish...

Please join us for an inspiring weekend of faith and fellowship at the *Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) Retreat on October 15th and 16th.*

This is a unique opportunity to step back from the busyness of your day-to-day life and recharge your spiritual

"battery." Would you like to deepen your individual experience with Jesus Christ? Would you like to feel more connected to the St. Susanna Parish? Come experience the beauty of this weekend and see why it continues to thrive at St. Susanna year after year. To register, use the link on the CRHP page (www.stsusanna.org/crhp) or contact Angie Bellia-Gdovin at 300-0347 for more information.

AVAILABLE THIS FALL AT ST. SUSANNA...

SEPTEMBER BOOK CLUB

September Book: *The Shack* (by William Young)
September 14th at 10:00 am in the St. Catherine Room



Mackenzie Allen Phillips's youngest daughter, Missy, has been abducted during a family vacation, and evidence that she may have been brutally murdered is found in an abandoned shack deep in the Oregon wilderness. Four years later, in the midst of his great sadness, Mack receives a suspicious note, apparently from God, inviting him back to that shack for a weekend. Against his better judgment, he arrives at the shack one wintry afternoon and walks back into his darkest nightmare. What he finds there will change his life forever.

For more information, visit:
WWW.STSUSANNA.ORG/BOOKCLUB

DISCOVERING CHRIST



Discovering Christ is a seven-week experience that invites guests to hear the Good News and personally encounter Jesus Christ. It is for anyone and

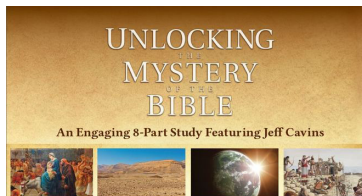
everyone, from the baptized in the pews to the unbaptized person who has never entered a church. Discovering Christ helps participants enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experience the love of God the Father, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children. It also gives participants the relational support necessary to begin living for Christ within the parish or group that offers the course. Come and be a part of this exciting journey!

AVAILABLE FALL GATHERINGS:

Monday Evenings, 6:30pm (starting September 19)
Thursday Mornings, 9:15am (starting September 22,
free babysitting available)
Thursday Evenings, 6:30pm (starting September 22)

To register, visit:
WWW.STSUSANNA.ORG/CHRISTLIFEFALL2016

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERIES OF THE BIBLE Tuesday Mornings at 9:30am - Starting September 20th



An Engaging Journey Through the Bible: This eight-part study provides the easiest way to understand the Bible. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* makes the complex simple. It helps you uncover the story woven

throughout Scripture so that you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it is all about. The Bible is a story about the Father's unfailing love for you - a love that you are now called to share with others. Classes will meet in the St. Isidore Room, located in the undercroft. (Cost: \$20.00, free babysitting available)

To register, visit:
WWW.STSUSANNA.ORG/MYSTERIESOFTHEBIBLE

BIBLE TIMELINE

Tuesday Evenings at 7pm - Starting September 20th

This story of salvation is a fascinating 10-Session Bible study featuring Jeff Cavins that will take



you on a journey through the entire Bible. Classes will meet in the St. Susanna Room, located in the undercroft. (Cost: \$21.50)

To register, visit:
WWW.STSUSANNA.ORG/BIBLETIMELINE

PETER: CORNERSTONE OF CATHOLICISM

Wednesday Mornings at 9:30am - Starting September 21st
or Thursday Evenings at 7:00pm - Starting September 22nd



This study offers a fascinating, in-depth study series on the life and meaning of St. Peter. Bringing together biblical stories,

historical knowledge, solid Church teaching, and personal insights, Dr. Gray gives a fresh perspective on the fisherman to whom Jesus entrusted his Church. In these ten stirring lectures, we'll learn what happens when flawed humanity comes up against God made flesh. Classes will meet in the St. Isidore Room, located in the undercroft. (Cost: None, free babysitting available Wednesday mornings)

To register, visit:
WWW.STSUSANNA.ORG/PETERCORNERSTONEOFCATHOLICISM

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

SAINTS & GRUB - SCHINDLER'S LIST

Saturday, September 24th at 6:15pm



The film presents the indelible true story of the enigmatic Oskar Schindler, a member of the Nazi party, womanizer, and war profiteer who saved the lives of more than 1,100 Jews during the Holocaust. It is the triumph of one man who made a difference, and the drama of those who survived one of the darkest chapters in human history because of what he did.

An important film for Americans since Our Lady is the Patroness of the USA. This acclaimed feature film stars Italian actor Adriano Braidotti in an award-winning performance as Blessed John Duns Scotus, who was Beatified by John Paul II. The movie won major awards for Best Movie and Best Actor at the 2011 International Catholic Film Festival.

Come see a movie and break bread with fellow parishioners! This event is for adults and families. Pizza will be served! (Location: St. Susanna Room, Cost: Donations suggested for food)

To register, visit:

WWW.STSUSANNA.ORG/SAINTSANDGRUB

SUNDAY CAFE - THEOLOGY OF POWER

September 25, October 2, October 9

Begin with Schindler's List during Saints & Grub



Power has many different connotations and can be explored from a variety of perspectives. Come look at Scripture and that God created good. This is a theology moving beyond a dualism of good vs. evil.

Sunday Cafe is offered after the 9:00 AM Mass in the St. Susanna

Room in the undercroft. It is an opportunity to explore a variety of topics. You can attend Mass and join Sunday Cafe or join Sunday Cafe then attend the 11:15 AM Mass.

Coffee and light refreshments are served. All are welcome! No cost and no reservations needed.

For more information, visit:

WWW.STSUSANNA.ORG/SUNDAYCAFE

SCAN HERE TO VISIT
THE ADULT FORMATION
SECTION
OF THE ST. SUSANNA
WEBSITE!



WOMEN IN THE BIBLE

Monday Mornings at 9:30am - Starting October 3rd



Come, learn and share in the stories of women and the role they have played in our faith history! A beautiful study for anyone to embark upon! Note: The study is not just for women. Led by Susan Gravely. Classes will meet in the St. Catherine Room,

located in the undercroft. (Cost: None)

To register, visit:

WWW.STSUSANNA.ORG/WOMENINTHEBIBLE

OCTOBER BOOK CLUB

October Book: *Scarlet Music: Hildegard of Bingen*
(by Joan Ohannesson)

October 12th at 10:00 am in the St. Catherine Room



In breathtaking prose, Joan Ohannesson has crafted an unforgettable encounter with Hildegard, the astonishing visionary and prophet, artist and healer, whose music is sweeping the charts today. Weaving into her text Hildegard's own vivid accounts of the Living Light, the author brings to life the feather on the breath of God, Hildegard of Bingen, who shattered stereotypes of women, of saints, and of God for all time.

For more information, visit:

WWW.STSUSANNA.ORG/BOOKCLUB

SUNDAY CAFE - HEALTHCARE

October 16, October 23



"The right to health care has always been a central principal of CST. All human beings deserve adequate health care to develop fully as human persons as they are called to do by their Creator. Life is sacred and it must be cared for from birth to death."
- JPPII, Dec. 1995

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DISCIPLES IN ACTION

PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

MONTH	THEME	ACTIVITY
August	World Humanitarian Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Food Drive</i> to benefit St. Vincent de Paul families and the Schuh Center patrons • <i>Fair Trade Sale</i> (August 13 & 14) • <i>Rumpke Landfill Tour</i> (August 17)

FIGHT AGAINST FOOD INSECURITY



What is food insecurity and does it really exist in Mason, Ohio? Food insecurity is when an individual or family lacks consistent access to adequate food. And Yes, it does exist in Mason, Ohio! Per the Cincinnati Enquirer (May 22, 2016), students

who participated in the Free and Reduced Price Lunch Program (which is often used as an indicator of child poverty) in Mason increased by 118% from 2005-2015. Over the same time period it increased by 149% in Lakota. *Poverty is on the rise throughout Greater Cincinnati, but is growing fastest in the suburbs.* Poverty exists even in our most well-to-do neighborhoods. The recession, lagging wages and an uneven economic recovery has caused more suburban families to struggle with food security. Many times individuals/families struggle to make a decision between paying bills or purchasing food. Some have a budget that just works for them and then there is a car repair, medical expense, school fees, or some other expense that causes them to struggle financially to cover their needs.

St. Susanna St. Vincent de Paul Vincentians respond to individuals in the Mason community who find themselves in difficult situations. Vincentians visit with them, listen to their stories, offer financial assistance if appropriate and always keep them in their prayers. *When the lack of food is identified as an issue, Vincentians will refer individuals to the food pantry at St. Susanna's Fr. Dan Schuh Center for Peace and Justice.* Currently, the Schuh Center has approximately 80 individuals/families that visit the food pantry monthly to help fight food insecurity in their homes.



St. Susanna Vincentians are sponsoring a food drive to help keep the shelves in the Schuh Center pantry stocked. Look for Vincentians at the doors as you leave Mass on the weekend of August 20/21. They will be handing out a list of needed items for the Schuh Center. *Please purchase the items you wish to donate, bring them with you to Mass on the weekend of August 27/28* and place them in the Peace and Justice Kiosk in the Gathering Space of the church. Thank You for helping to fight food insecurity for YOUR neighbors!



Join the Fun at the St. Susanna Family Festival

Friday, September 9th
5:00 PM to Midnight

Saturday, September 10th
4:00 PM to Midnight

Sunday, September 11th
2:00 PM to 9:00 PM

Early Bird Grand Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Adele Faeth for winning the second \$50 Early Bird drawing. *Return your sold Grand Raffle tickets to the Parish Office in order to be eligible for the last Early Bird drawing on August 29th.* Direct questions to Kristen Lieb, krieb@zoomtown.com.

Volunteers Needed to Staff Festival Booths

Sign up to volunteer at a Festival booth! Visit the parish web site and click on the Festival logo on the home page or navigate to www.susanna.ivolunteer.com. There are many shifts to be filled! Please help make the Festival a success by taking a shift or two or more. It's easy to choose the booth, the date and the time that suits you and your family.

Booths Need Donations

The Auction Booth's success depends upon donations of jewelry, toys, bikes, handmade items, household items, sports memorabilia, artwork, vacation packages, services and gift certificates. Items should be new... donated services are many. Direct questions to Michelle Avila, mdavila113@centurytel.net.

The Basket Booth is looking for the following volunteers and donations:

1. Help with building the baskets on 9/4/16. If you can help, please sign up via the sign up genius link: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B084CABA828A02-stsusanna1>.
2. If you (or a group) would like to donate to the basket booth, we will take donations starting now. If you need an idea for a basket, please let us know. We also take cash donations and can buy items for the booth. We can also use some baskets/laundry baskets/containers to put basket booth items in.
3. We are looking for someone to head up and gather donations for the following "alumni baskets": St. Xavier, Xavier University, Univ. of Notre Dame, Cincinnati Reds, Ohio State Univ.

If you are able to help, please contact Tiffany Zeuch at 513-349-7311/tzeuch@sibcycline.com or Ann Roda at 513-404-9997/annroda@gmail.com.

DISCIPLES IN ACTION

SCHUH CENTER NEEDS



Food Donations! Students are home for the summer. For those who are struggling financially, purchasing the extra food needed to feed their children can be very stressful. Many depend upon pantries for food items to get through the summer months.

Immediate needs at the Schuh Center are:

- Chef Boyardee products
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Manwich
- Feminine Products
- School Supplies
- Washing Machine
- Refrigerator
- ALL donations are greatly appreciated!

CAKES, PIES, & COOKIES

You don't feel that you have much time to help the Festival? Well think about the CAKE BOOTH!!

It's easy to make a cake, pie, cookies or other baked goods and donate it for the cake booth. Kids of all ages love to watch if the spinning wheel lands on their number to win that special cake they have their eye on. This is a very successful booth but we cannot do it without you. Baked goods are needed all 3 days of the Festival. Bring your donations to the Meyer Center Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. We are counting on You!



HERE WE GO STEELERS! HERE WE GO!



Yes, I know it is strange to cheer for the Steelers in Bengals country. I believe we all need to be faithful and loyal to our roots. Since my roots go back to Pittsburgh, I, for better or worse, follow the Steelers and support them. *For the past several years, I have invited other Steeler fans to help me put*

a basket together for St. Susanna Festival. It has been a great success and widely popular... if for no other reason than the two tickets I donate for the Bengals/Steelers game in Paul Brown Stadium. *If any Steelers fans at St. Susanna, would like to donate an item for the basket this year that would be fantastic.* Please begin dropping off your donations to the parish office. Make sure you identify the object for the Steelers basket and mark it to the attention of Fr. Bob. Thank you in advance for sharing your spirit and enthusiasm for the Steelers. Once again, with your help, we can help make our Festival a success.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING

All women of the parish are invited to a meeting of the Women's Association to be held on Thursday, August 18 at 7:00 pm in the St. Isidore Room. All are welcome to join us to meet new and old friends and to find out what exciting activities are being planned for the year. Any questions can be directed to Jean Robbins at 513-236-5436.

UPCOMING YOUTH MINISTRY EVENTS

August 14th

Youth Ministry Open House & Registration (for Grades 6-12)
Join us between 12pm-6pm to sign up for the year, meet our youth ministers & volunteers, and see what's in store for the 2016-2017 school year.

September 18th

Youth Ministry Kickoff Day
Youth Ministry will kick off the school year with separate gatherings for each age group. More details TBA at a later date.

October 29th-30th

Faith Alive Fall Retreat at Camp Kern

November 5th

Chosen Youth Rally

November 11th-13th

LIFE Fall Retreat at Glen Helen

STAY IN TOUCH!

To sign up for our emails, email Judie Kuhlman (LIFE – High School grades 9-12) or Randi Hom (Faith Alive - Jr. High grades 6-8). Follow us on social media to see pictures, get updates, and more!



Faith Alive (Grades 6-8)

Get our Texts: Text "@stsue" to 81010

Instagram: @stsuefaithalive

Twitter: @stsuefaithalive

Facebook: St. Sue Faith Alive



LIFE (Grades 9-12)

Get our Texts: Text "@stsueLIFE" to 81010

Instagram: @stsuelife

Twitter: @stsuelife

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Early Childhood 2016-2017

Faith formation for 3, 4, preK 5-year-olds and kindergartners meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM. For more information, contact Jill Berning, ext 3400 or berningj@stsusanna.org.

Preschool

Weekday Preschool is available for ages 2-5 in the undercroft of church. For more information, contact Joette Ewing, ext 3131 or ewingj@stsusanna.org.

CFP

Grades 1-8 (2016-2017)

Faith formation for elementary students will be Summer Sessions and Sundays from 10:15 to 11:45 AM and Mondays 6:30 to 7:45 PM. For more information, contact Susan Gravely, ext 3110 or gravelys@stsusanna.org or Traci Raley, ext. 3111 or raleyt@stsusanna.org

Saint Susanna School

The parish school provides a Catholic education for Grades K-8.

For more information, contact the School Office, ext 3108 or cappellap@stsusanna.org

Faith Alive

Grades 6-8 (2016-2017)

Sundays 4:00pm to 5:45pm in the St. John Bosco Youth Room.

For more information, contact Youth Minister Randi Hom, ext 3195 or homr@stsusanna.org

LIFE

Grades 9-12 (2016-2017)

Sundays at 7pm in the St. John Bosco Youth Room. For more information, contact Judie Kuhlman at kuhlmanj@stsusanna.org

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION

Registration Began on August 1st!



First Communion

Preparation is provided for students of 2nd grade within St. Susanna School and the Christian Formation Program. In order to participate and be prepared for these sacraments, children MUST have attended a first grade religious education program. Children must be in the CFP Sunday/Monday program or Catholic School session during their second grade year. Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion also involve a parent meeting, retreat, church tour and rehearsal (First Communion).

To register your child and for more detailed information, please visit

www.stsusanna.org/firstholychommunionprep. For more information, contact Kristen Tell, ext 3135 or tellk@stsusanna.org.



CONFIRMATION

Registration Began on August 1st!

All incoming 8th grade students are encouraged to be confirmed during their 8th grade school year. In order to participate and be prepared for this sacrament, children MUST have attended a seventh grade religious education program. Children must be in the Christian Formation Sunday/Monday program or Catholic School during the eighth grade.

If your child missed the Confirmation preparation during their 8th grade year and is now in high school, you can join the high school confirmation preparation classes. Preparation for Confirmation will also involve a parent meeting, service fair, prayer workshop and a retreat.

To register your child and for more detailed information, visit

www.stsusanna.org/confirmationprep. For more information, contact Kristen Tell, ext 3135 or tellk@stsusanna.org.

LEADERS NEEDED FOR SUMMER FOLLOW-UP

Children who have attended the summer CFP program will continue with monthly follow-up classes. Teacher/Leaders are needed for Monday 1st grade and 3rd grade. We have enough volunteers for Sunday morning monthly sessions. If you can volunteer for 1st or 3rd grade, please contact Susan Gravely, ext. 3110 or gravelys@stsusanna.org.

CFP TEACHERS NEEDED

The following teacher/volunteers are needed for the Sunday morning CFP classes – 10:15-11:45: 1st grade, 3rd grade and 5th grade. Thanks to all those who have volunteered, we have teachers for Monday CFP classes. Children of teachers do not pay tuition. CFP classes will begin toward the end of September. Contact Susan Gravely, ext. 3110 or gravelys@stsusanna.org.

EARLY CHILDHOOD CFP CATECHISTS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for Early Childhood CFP 9am classes. Curriculum is provided. Classes begin Sept. 18th. Please contact Jill Berning, ext. 3400 or berningj@stsusanna.org for additional information.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

This program is for younger children (age 4 – 2nd grade) on Sunday morning during the 9:00 and the 11:15 Masses. Leaders take children into the Hospitality

Room for 20 minutes to share adopted readings and to discuss the gospel reading with these very young children. Children return to their parents during the intercessory prayers. Volunteers serve on a six-week rotating basis. *We need two more volunteers for the 9:00 Mass and one volunteer for the 11:15 Mass.* Please contact Susan Gravely, ext. 3110 or gravelys@stsusanna.org, if you can volunteer or if you need more information.



REGISTER FOR CFP & EARLY CHILDHOOD 2016-17

Registration for Early Childhood and CFP classes for the 2016-2017 year can be found on the parish web site. *All classes are registered online!* Families must be registered in the parish to attend Early Childhood or CFP classes. Note: All second graders must register for Sunday morning or Monday evening classes. There is no summer or online Home Study program for second grade.



St. Susanna Youth Choir

If your child enjoys singing, please note that sign-ups for the *St. Susanna Youth Choir* are now available on our website (www.stsusanna.org/youthchoir).

There are two youth choirs this coming season. One for 2nd through 4th grade and another for 5th through 8th grade. The schedule of rehearsals and Masses that they'll be singing at throughout the year are made available there, also. Let's continue the tradition of music education and youth involvement at our Masses.

BOOSTERS NEWS

Boosters is seeking coaches for the upcoming winter girls basketball season - non-parent coaches for grades 6-8 and parent coaches for grades 3-5. Please contact Joff Moine for more information (joff.moine@infintechllc.com / 513-295-8860).



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VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Those volunteering with children must fulfill the following requirements:

- must attend a Protecting God's Children seminar provided by VIRTUS
- have a cleared background check of no more than five years old
- must read monthly training bulletins online

If you have not yet attended a seminar, please contact the parish office before you visit www.virtus.org in order to register. We will provide you with a FASTRAX code that will cover the fee for you to complete the process for the background check.

The next seminar at St. Susanna Parish is Wednesday, August 17th at 6:30pm. You must register online to attend - visit www.virtus.org to register!



CUB SCOUTS

The new school year means it's time to sign-up for Cub Scouts. Cub

Scouts is a great way for boys to learn skills such as: leadership, teamwork and citizenship, while having fun with friends and going on adventures. *If your son, grades K-5, is interested in Scouting, please come to the St. Susanna, Pack 500, Join Scouting Sign-up Night on Wednesday, September 7 from 6:30pm - 8pm in the St. Susanna School cafeteria.* If you can't make the sign-up night, additional sign-up options are available. Please contact Kim Berring via e-mail: kimberring@gmail.com if you have any questions or would like additional information regarding the Pack 500 Cub Scout program.

AMERICAN HERITAGE GIRLS

Attention families with girls ages 5 to 18! The St. Susanna troop of American Heritage Girls is inviting all girls ages 5-18 to join our troop this fall. AHG is a Christ-centered program for girls, that emphasizes leadership, patriotism, and community service as girls earn badges in areas of interest as diverse as Outdoor Skills, The Arts, and Science and Technology. *We meet the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month at 4:30 from August - May.* It is never too late to join us - all grade levels welcome! Contact Cathy Hacker, 513-739-2290 or Cathy.Hacker@yahoo.com for more information.



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Ordinary Time

August 14, 2016 ♦ Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Jer 38:4–6, 8–10 ♦ Heb 12:1–4 ♦ Lk 12:49–53

When I was young, one of my favorite pictures of Jesus was one of his blessing little children. How calm and peaceful Jesus seemed, and his eyes were full of love. In later years, I have been drawn to other images and art of Jesus holding, healing, and granting mercy to his beloved children. That image of Jesus is so comforting that I tend to forget that Jesus also disturbed the peace, questioned authority, and demanded complete obedience and loyalty. For first-century Christians, following Jesus often meant leaving family and friends, civil disobedience (not considering Caesar as a god), and reimagining religious traditions.

The Christ who sows division is uncomfortable, but Christians in every century have had to speak

out against evil and sin, especially when their culture's or country's practices lead people away from rather than toward God. Even here in the United States, Catholics have found themselves defending the dignity of all human life and economic and social justice for the poor, even when it meant challenging the prevailing culture and political climate. It's rarely easy to speak truth to power or popularity, and we have to guard against those who think they are always right or somehow above God. Jesus himself recognized that he would not always be popular, so he lifted up the two great commandments to love God and neighbor as the measure of how we should act even when those actions divide us.

MARY KATHARINE DEELEY
sundaybulletin@liguori.org



A Word From Pope Francis

"When a brother, a sister from the community makes a mistake, how does one correct them?... [T]ake aside your brother who made the error and speak to him."

— "Mending holes in the fabric of the Church,"
Morning Meditation, September 12, 2014

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PTO 365 DAY RAFFLE WINNERS



7/31	John Walker	\$100
8/1	Kelly English	\$40
8/2	Ines (Vicky) Morita	\$40
8/3	Mark Westmeyer	\$40
8/4	Annie VonHolle	\$40
8/5	Jennifer Gruslin	\$40
8/6	Trinette Flynn	\$40