

# 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](mailto:bulletin@stsusanna.org) for submission.

[www.stsusanna.org](http://www.stsusanna.org)

## REFLECTING WITH THE PASTOR

SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

### DO YOU WANT TO GROW UP?



When I was younger I always thought it would be great to be a "grown up." You wouldn't have anyone telling you what to do. You can make your own decisions. You would only be responsible for yourself. Now that I am "grown up"... I wish I were still a child. It is so much easier to be obedient to others... to let someone else make the tough decisions. Being a "grown up"... means doing the loving thing not just for yourself but for all those around you. It means thinking, what is best for others, not just myself. There are so many options, so many possibilities, in some ways it is easier not to grow up. Let someone else earn the "big bucks" choosing the best thing from so many possibilities. Decisions, decisions, decisions! If only someone would just tell us what to choose... what to do!

All of our readings for this Sunday focus on some aspect of the wisdom of our religious ancestors, a wisdom that has been handed down to us through the teachings of our faith. The Book of Wisdom states that many of our choices do not flow from noble, loving, caring aspirations. We are selfish or cruel; we are arrogant or dishonest; we are ignorant and inexperienced. If we are honest, we come to realize we can't do it on our own...we need divine guidance. But even in seeking this guidance, we can easily be deceived by our own ego.

Paul is inviting Philemon to make a difficult decision. He is being asked to treat his slave as his equal... set aside your rights and establish true equality with Onesimus, who like yourself is a believer and follower of Jesus. He is given by Paul, but the decision is Philemon's. We, too, are asked to set aside our rights, our desire to make others "our slaves.... under our control" and treat everyone as our equal...part of the same team... in loving relationship with each other because of our relationship with Jesus. Can we, like Philemon, see beyond ourselves and our own needs and wants to the depth of the other? Can we see one another not as an object to be used but as a true brother and sister in Jesus? Do we have what it takes to live as disciples of Jesus?



Our way of life as disciples and believers appears to be foolishness if judged by the standards of the world. However, if we have the wisdom and insight that comes from God we move beyond the shallow values of our time to the joy and freedom of God's kingdom.

*Fr. Bob Farrell*

### \*PLEASE NOTE

Just a few things to remember as we approach our Festival:  
Next Saturday's Mass is at 3:00pm, not 5:00pm. There will be NO Confessions before the 3:00pm Mass. There will also be NO 6:00pm Mass next Sunday.

## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKEND PRESIDERS

### Monday, September 5

6:00pm John Huesing

### Tuesday, September 6

8:15am Jerry Feiertag

### Wednesday, September 7

8:15am David Matre

### Thursday, September 8

8:15am Steven Horvath

### Friday, September 9

8:15am Jane Brinkmann

### Saturday, September 10

8:15am Thomas De Leo

3:00pm\* (Fr. Roush) Chuck Rusnell

### Sunday, September 11

7:30am (Fr. Farrell) Jeff Sanborn

9:00am (Fr. Farrell) Bob Ell

11:15am (Fr. Roush) Jean Boho

4:00pm (Spanish Mass) Kathy 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  
James Edmund  
Dick Gardner  
Marilyn Gomez  
Dianne Kunkle  
Ray Meibers  
Michaela Nowakowski  
Gabriel Orick  
Alonso Ortiz  
Diego Ortiz  
Kathy Rohde  
Ed Ryan  
Doreen Schowalter  
Marie Sueberling  
Mike Webber  
Jennifer Williamson

## RESURRECTION SOCIETY

Anderson Tullis  
Rose Tullis  
Thomas Tullis  
Thomas Orendorf  
Martha Orendorf  
Regina Wilson

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:gravelys@stsusanna.org).

### Baptism Preparation

Please find more information on our website: [www.stsusanna.org/baptism](http://www.stsusanna.org/baptism).

Upon your completion of the required forms found on the site, a member of the Parish Staff will contact you.

### Marriage Preparation

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



### ROSARY MAKING

*Have you ever wanted to be a missionary? But...*

Well, you can be a missionary without leaving St. Susanna. You can assist in making bead and cord rosaries for the missions. *We meet on the first and third Wednesdays every month, following morning Mass until 11:00am, in the St. Julie Billiart Room.* No experience required, no expense, just excitement to be able to touch many through this ministry without leaving our parish. All are invited and welcome to come. Any questions may be directed to Roberta at [robertab@cinci.rr.com](mailto:robertab@cinci.rr.com).

Interesting Fact: The United States is now considered a mission country because we have turned away from knowing and acknowledging God.

### 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](mailto:wjvelez65@gmail.com). God bless.

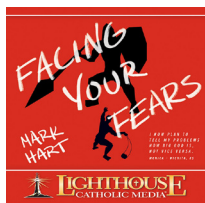
### RCIA (RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS)

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 began meeting Tuesday, August 16 in the Media Center of the school.
- The second option is *for those (either Catholic or non-Catholic) 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.

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

### FACING YOUR FEARS



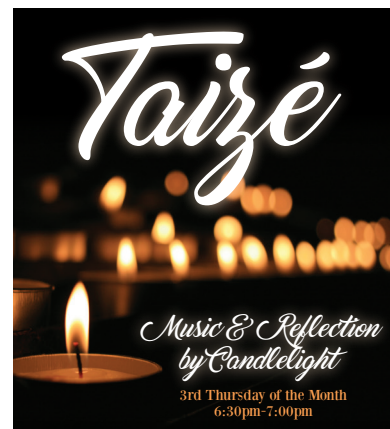
Mark Hart uses Scripture and his experience of surviving an earthquake to share how we can master our fears. He also reveals how our fears will pursue us if we don't meet them head on. Mark encourages us to not only face the proverbial giants in our lives but to slay them as David did Goliath, thereby finding freedom in Christ.

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

### TAIZÉ PRAYER

*Thursday, September 15th,  
6:30pm- 7:00pm*

All are welcome to come and reflect on the Holy Spirit through song, scripture, silence and prayer.



# ADULT FAITH FORMATION

## RESPECT LIFE MEETING

Our Catholic Faith teaches us to see Christ in everyone, even the least of our brothers and sisters. Therefore, as Catholics we respect and protect human life from the moment of conception to natural death. With this in mind, The Respect Life Committee is gearing up for another exciting year of activities to uphold the dignity of those in all stages of life, including those not yet born, the elderly, those facing end-of-life issues and capital punishment.

Our next meeting for Respect Life is set for **Wednesday, September 14th at 7pm** in the undercroft. Any interested people are invited to attend. Please RSVP to Susan Hack at [hacks@stsusanna.org](mailto:hacks@stsusanna.org).

## 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 LECL on Sunday, Sept. 18th, contact Mike Weil, 513-476-9959, or [Mikeweil1070@gmail.com](mailto:Mikeweil1070@gmail.com).

## CALLING ALL EVERYDAY COOKS - WE NEED YOU!

*Please sign up to join the Priest Meal Ministry*

*Once a month, the members of our group plate up TWO EXTRA plates of whatever we are cooking for our families that night and bring it to the parish office for Fr. Bob and Fr. Eric.*

Our wonderful priests enjoy having a home-cooked meal two nights a week - thanks to the generosity of the members of our ministry.



Especially on a busy night when they don't have time to do anything but grab fast food, the priests are able to come home and warm up a meal that reminds them of the love and the family that is our parish. Whatever you are cooking will do! (Yes, we sometimes serve them things like spaghetti, sloppy joes, chicken pot pie and mac-n-cheese!)

If you are able to help out once a month, please contact Maureen Sorce at [sorcepm@gmail.com](mailto:sorcepm@gmail.com) or call (513) 398-5538.

## STEWARDSHIP



In today's Gospel, Jesus lays out the demands of following him, the great cost of discipleship. The Mission Statement of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul states: "Vincentians witness God's love by embracing all works of charity and justice...the Society makes no distinction in those served because, in them, Vincentians see the face of Christ. Thank you to all our parish Vincentians that share your generous donations with those in need in our community on a daily basis.

August 28, 2016 BUDGET	August 28, 2016 ACTUAL	Over / (Under) Budget
\$43,000	\$42,129	(\$871)

Year to Date BUDGET	Year to Date ACTUAL	Over / (Under) Budget
\$378,000	\$366,303	(\$11,697)

Do you feel your spiritual "battery" needs recharging?

Take a break and plug into



## 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](http://www.stsusanna.org/crhp)) or contact Angie Bellia-Gdovin at 300-0347 for more information.

## 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.





## 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' 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](http://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

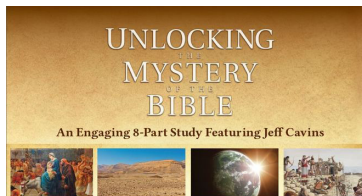
everyone, from the baptized in the pews to the unbaptized person who has never entered a church. Discovering Christ helps participants enter into or renew a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, experience the love of God the Father, and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live as God's children. It 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) **\*\*FULL\*\***  
Thursday Mornings, 9:15am (starting September 22,  
free babysitting available)  
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To register, visit:  
[WWW.STSUSANNA.ORG/CHRISTLIFEFALL2016](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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.

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](http://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:

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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](http://WWW.STSUSANNA.ORG/WOMENINTHEBIBLE)

### OCTOBER BOOK CLUB

October Book: *Scarlet Music: Hildegard of Bingen*

(by Joan Ohanneson)

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



In breathtaking prose, Joan Ohanneson 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](http://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."  
- JP11, Dec. 1995

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# DISCIPLES IN ACTION



## Join the Fun at the St. Susanna Family Festival

Friday, September 9th, 5:00pm to Midnight  
Saturday, September 10th, 4:00pm to Midnight  
Sunday, September 11th, 2:00pm to 9:00pm

### Final Early Bird Grand Raffle Winner

Congratulations to Louise Tulley for winning the final \$50 Early Bird drawing.

### 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](http://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.

## HELP NEEDED FOR THE BASKET BOOTH

*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.

## 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!



## AUCTION BOOTH DONATIONS ARE STILL NEEDED!!!

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](mailto:mdavila113@centurytel.net).



## 365-DAY RAFFLE

St. Susanna PTO is once again sponsoring the 365 Day Raffle. Beginning November 1, 2016, a winner will be drawn EVERY DAY until October 31, 2017! Every pulled ticket goes back in the drum, allowing for multiple chances of winning.

- Monday-Saturday Winners - \$40
- Sunday Winners - \$100
- Easter, Christmas and the Feast of St. Susanna - \$500!

*Raffle tickets are \$20 each or 6 for \$100*, and will be available to purchase after every Mass *September 24th & 25th* and *October 8th and 9th*. Students of St. Susanna School will also be selling tickets during this 3-week period. Winners will be announced in the weekly bulletin and will receive a personal phone call.

The proceeds from this fundraiser support student activities including field trips, assemblies, school directories, Catholic Schools Week activities, classroom equipment, student clubs and much more. Please contact Katy Habegger ([katy.habegger@yahoo.com](mailto:katy.habegger@yahoo.com)) with any questions.



# DISCIPLES IN ACTION

## PEACE AND JUSTICE MINISTRY

MONTH	THEME	ACTIVITY
September	National Grandparents Day / Day of Peace / Good Neighbor Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Fair Trade Sale</i> (September 10 &amp; 11)</li> <li>• <i>Festival</i> (September 9-11) volunteer your time and help staff one of the many booths</li> <li>• <i>Faithful Citizenship</i> look for information in the bulletin</li> <li>• <i>Thinking of You Homemade Cards</i> make cards for the homebound/nursing home residents</li> </ul>



Tom and Colleen O'Rourke will be starting another series of Natural Family Planning classes in the St. Isadore conference room in the Undercroft **from 1:00 - 3:30 pm on Sunday, September 18**. We teach the sympto thermal method of NFP. Engaged and married couples can go to [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org) to register for classes.

## CATHOLICS CARE. CATHOLICS VOTE.

Catholic voters should use the framework of Catholic social teaching to examine candidates' positions on issues affecting human life and dignity as well as issues of justice and peace, and they should consider candidates' integrity, philosophy, and performance. It is important for all citizens "to see beyond party politics, to analyze campaign rhetoric critically, and to choose their political leaders according to principle, not party affiliation or mere self-interest" (Living the Gospel of Life, no. 33).



**What Does the Church Say About Catholic Social Teaching in the Public Square?** Principle of The Dignity of the Human Person: The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision for society. This belief is the foundation of all the principles of our social teaching. In our society, human life is under direct attack from abortion and euthanasia. The value of human life is being threatened by cloning, embryonic stem cell research, and the use of the death penalty. The intentional targeting of civilians in war or terrorist attacks is always wrong. Catholic teaching also calls on us to work to avoid war. Nations must protect the right to life by finding increasingly effective ways to prevent conflicts and resolve them by peaceful means. We believe that every person is precious, that people are more important than things, and that the measure of every institution is whether it threatens or enhances the life and dignity of the human person.

The teaching of the Church in the area of political involvement, and resources related to it, are available at: [www.faithfulcitizenship.org](http://www.faithfulcitizenship.org).



## "THINKING OF YOU" CARDS

*During the month of September, individuals and families are invited to make "Thinking of You" cards (or purchase cards) and write a message on the inside.* These cards will then be used by those who take communion to the homebound and those who make visits to nursing home residents. It doesn't take too much to drop off a card or make one, but it can certainly brighten up the person's day who receives it.

Place the completed cards in the Thinking of You boxes located in the Gathering Space and by the Peace and Justice bulletin board.



the 55+ Group at St. Susanna Parish

All of you, 55 and older, are invited to our September luncheon/meeting in the St. Susanna room at **noon on Wednesday, September 21**. Reservations and the \$12.00 (exact change or check) are due in the parish office no later than Friday, September 16. If writing a check, make it out to St. Susanna with YAH written on the memo line. You may mail your check to the parish office or drop it in the Sunday collection basket.

Diana McBride will be returning as our program speaker. Her topic is "It Happened First in Cincinnati." Cincy has many unique and important "firsts." Come join us as we look back on more of our city's history.

We continue to collect food for the Schuh Center. Donations may be placed in the basket at the top of the stairs. For questions call Gretchen Osner, 398-4820.

## OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD NEEDS YOU!



Operation Christmas Child is a wonderful ministry that helps children around the world who live in extreme poverty. For many of them, receiving a shoebox filled with gifts is the only gift they will receive this year or even longer. This project is offering children of the world a "cup of cold water" by helping with school supplies, basic necessities, and a few surprises, such as small toys or stuffed animals. This is the third year that St. Susanna Parish will participate with this project. **Volunteers are needed from October to mid-November. Help is needed on the Kickoff weekend to hand out boxes and information sheets, making sure boxes are ready to go to the distribution center and then delivery of the boxes to the distribution center.** If you would be interested in volunteering to help make Operation Christmas Child a success, please contact Mary Jo Burns, 398-3821 ext 3120 or [burnsmj@stsusanna.org](mailto:burnsmj@stsusanna.org).



## 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:gravelys@stsusanna.org) or Traci Raley, ext. 3111 or [raleyt@stsusanna.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:kuhlmanj@stsusanna.org).

### **FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION**

*Registration Began on August 1st!*



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](http://www.stsusanna.org/firstholychommunionprep). For more information, contact Kristen Tell, ext 3135 or [tellk@stsusanna.org](mailto:tellk@stsusanna.org).



### **CONFIRMATION**

*Registration Began on August 1st!*

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*

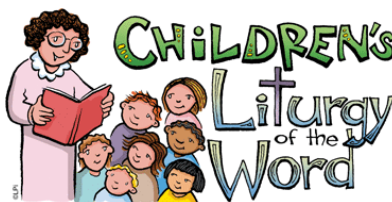
[www.stsusanna.org/confirmationprep](http://www.stsusanna.org/confirmationprep). For more information, contact Kristen Tell, ext 3135 or [tellk@stsusanna.org](mailto:tellk@stsusanna.org).

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](http://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.



**St. Susanna Youth Choir**



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](mailto:gravelys@stsusanna.org), if you can volunteer or if you need more information.

# CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

## REGISTER FOR CFP & EARLY CHILDHOOD

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.

## EARLY CHILDHOOD CFP CATECHISTS NEEDED

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

## 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

*The next open seminar at St. Susanna Parish is Wednesday, October 19, 2016, at 6:30pm.* You must register online to attend - visit [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org) to register!

If you have not yet attended a seminar, please contact the parish office before you visit [www.virtus.org](http://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.

**REGISTER NOW!**

## 2016-2017 YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION

Registration is now open! Please go online to the parish website: [www.stsusanna.org/youth-ministry](http://www.stsusanna.org/youth-ministry).



To sign up for our emails, contact Randi Hom, [homr@stsusanna.org](mailto:homr@stsusanna.org).

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### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR GRADES 6-8

#### **September 18th, 2:00-4:30pm**

*Youth Ministry Kickoff Day*

All 6th through 8th grade students are invited to join us at the Meyer Center for Faith Alive Olympics!

Come have a blast with us! Each student is asked to bring canned goods for a grade competition that will give your team points to win the Olympics.

#### **September 24, 4:00-5:45pm**

*First Faith Alive Youth Night*

#### **October 29-30**

*Fall Retreat at Camp Kern*

#### **November 5**

*CHOSEN Youth Rally at Roger Bacon High School*



To sign up for our emails, contact Judie Kuhlman, [kuhlmanj@stsusanna.org](mailto:kuhlmanj@stsusanna.org).

Get our Texts: Text "@stsueLIFE" to 81010  
Instagram: @stsuelife  
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### UPCOMING EVENTS FOR GRADES 9-12

#### **September 18th, 6:00pm-8:00pm**

*Youth Ministry Kickoff Day*

All 9th through 12th grade students are invited to join us at the Meyer Center for a Hoedown!

#### **November 11th-13th**

*Fall Retreat at Glen Helen*



## 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](mailto:joff.moine@infintechllc.com) or 513-295-8860).

# Ordinary Time

September 4, 2016 ♦ Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Wis 9:13–18b ♦ Phlm 9–10, 12–17 ♦ Lk 14:25–33

In my family, three members like to plan for what's ahead: What are we going to do? How will it get done? How are we going to get there? What will happen when we do? I can tolerate certain changes up until the day we leave, but after that, change is difficult for me. My daughter hates change at any point and does not rest until a revised plan is made. My husband lies somewhere in between. Our other daughter is a much more freewheeling spirit. "I never make plans that far in advance," she would say when I asked her what she was doing that evening. We would often just stare at each other in wonder. After thirty years, we have also rubbed off on each other in some ways.

Becoming a disciple of Christ takes both planning and flexibility. The planning comes in preparing ourselves

to let go of anything that gets in the way of our service to the Lord. For most of us, that will not be our parents, but it might be something or someone in our society or culture. Jesus' challenge comes in the realization that nothing can come between Christ and us—not even our parents—and if they did, we would need to turn from them in order to follow him. The flexibility comes in the understanding that we do not know what or who we might have to give up, or the moment and manner in which Christ will ask us to pick up our cross and follow in his footsteps. All we can do is pray for the grace and courage to do what he asks when he asks it.

MARY KATHARINE DEELEY  
[sundaybulletin@liguori.org](mailto:sundaybulletin@liguori.org)



#### A Word From Pope Francis

*"Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature."*

—Lumen Fidei, 60



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## **PTO 365 DAY RAFFLE WINNERS**



8/21	Amy (Jack, Luke) Metzger	\$100
8/22	Jon & Nina Price	\$40
8/23	Jenifer Plumley	\$40
8/24	Diane Hershberger	\$40
8/25	Mary Hoerlein	\$40
8/26	Kevin Hollstegge	\$40
8/27	Marilyn McClain	\$40