

St. Susanna Catholic Church

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.

www.stsusanna.org

REFLECTING WITH THE PASTOR

APRIL 2, 2017

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

UNTIE HIM AND SET HIM FREE...

The last time I was in Washington D.C. I went on a tour bus at night to see the various monuments. We made the circuit of the Washington monument, Jefferson memorial, Iwo Jima monument, Korea and World War II and the Vietnam Memorial. Since my father fought in World War II, Korea and Vietnam, those were the most moving for me. I tried to imagine what men and women in those dark times must have been feeling and thinking. On the cool and rainy night of the tour, I was especially struck by the reactions of people at the Vietnam memorial.



That long black granite wall with thousands of names of those who lost their lives in that war, brought out something strange in the lives of the hundreds of people standing there that night... and probably every day and night. There was a hush of reverence over the whole setting. Some were obviously just there like myself as spectators... passing over the names quickly... moved, but not personally affected by any one of them. But there were others there who paused at a particular name. They slowly

rubbed the name if they could reach it. Some wept, others were lost in grief. I couldn't help but wonder what the relationship was between the living person and the name: husband, son, father, brother, friend. The depth of their relationship... the memories... the intimacy... investment of life one person made in another person... made a difference in how they reacted to the Wall, and how I reacted to it. I was moved by the horror and sacrifice screaming from the silence of the Wall... they were moved by a personal relationship that was ended.

Today Jesus is moved to tears for his friend Lazarus. He reminds Martha and Mary that He is the resurrection and the life. He said, "I know mine and mine know me...." Faith says that death is not the end. God can move the huge stone at Jesus' grave... Jesus can call Lazarus forth and tell the crowd to untie him. God can and will, do the same for us. Such is the force of God's love. Today, we are invited to enter a personal relationship with Jesus that we too might be called to a new life. That is the beauty and power of the Holy Spirit that I have witnessed as so many of you have gone through ChristLife. My hope and prayer is that all of you will take advantage of this deeply moving experience or some other opportunity here at St. Susanna.



The pain of death and loss pass, but the beauty and love of God remains. After the ravages of sickness and death, the beauty of love and eternity remains. I know the older I get, the more seriously I take the promise of Jesus, "I am with you always... if you believe you will never die... I no longer call you slaves but friends." Perhaps you do as well. Perhaps that is why the Church offers us this beautiful reading about Lazarus immediately before we walk the road of Calvary with Jesus and stand beneath his cross. When all seems lost, when the body begins to break down, when the world isn't the way I want it to be... Jesus is there, calling us out of the darkness. God can be trusted to do more for us than we can ever imagine. Jesus, the light of the world, the light at the end of our journeys... is there waiting for us. Be a people of hope. Be a people of the promise... believe, live what you believe and be set free! It happened to Lazarus and it will happen to us.

Fr. Bob Farrell

MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKEND PRESIDERS

Monday, April 3

6:00pm Dr. Albert Lasrado

Tuesday, April 4

8:15am Carol Koepfle

Wednesday, April 5

8:15am Tonson Boone

Thursday, April 6

8:15am Terry Welsh

Friday, April 7

8:15am Thomas P. Dugan

Saturday, April 8

8:15am William Geiger

5:00pm (Fr. Roush) Lawrence Meibers

Sunday, April 9

7:00am (Fr. Roush) Rick Cost

9:00am (Fr. Roush) John Hong

11:15am (Fr. Farrell) Thomas Raju

4:00pm (Spanish Mass)

Hispanic Community of
St. Susanna Parish

6:00pm (Fr. Farrell) Pat Pugh

Holy Days of Obligation

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

Reconciliation

Monday at 6:45pm

Saturday at 9:00am

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

****Please note the time change for the
7:30am Mass on Palm Sunday****

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OVERSEAS!

Alex Back
Joseph Patrick Fusco
Thomas Prieve
David Rodriguez
Justin Schuh
Christian Sornsen
James Wernke
Rachelle Wernke
Ryan Whitaker
Jim Wykoff
Michael Zeller



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Maya Collins
Ron Dearth
James Edmund
Jessica Foster
John Gavin
Dick Gardner
Marilyn Gomez
Scott Greisl
Smiley Jungkunz
Dianne Kunkle
Lucas McCrea
Ray Meibers
Michael Murphy
Gabriel Orick
Alonso Ortiz
Barbie Quinto
Kathy Rohde
Doreen Schowalter
Marie Sueberling
Annette Uhrick
Mike Webber
Jenny Weibel
Jennifer Williamson

IN LOVING MEMORY...

Laurie Hibner
Wife of John Hibner

Ken Pfetsch
Husband of Nancy Pfetsch

James Sicurella
Brother of Angie Reusing

Nursery Available

The nursery is available for 9:00 and 11:15am 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 11:15am 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.

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 Hack, ext. 3169 or hacks@stsusanna.org.

Baptism Preparation

All parents desiring baptism for their children should go to the website and feel out the registration forms on the website at www.stsusanna.org/baptism.

If it is your first child, please feel free to attend the baptismal class at your earliest convenience. Couples may attend before the birth of their child, but registration must be complete.

Marriage Preparation

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



Palm Sunday Weekend April 8th/9th

5:00pm (Saturday), 7:00am,
9:00am, 11:15am,
4:00pm (Spanish Mass), 6:00pm

Learn to Weave Palms
with Nancy Terselic
Sunday, April 9th 4:30-5:30pm
in the St. Isidore Room.

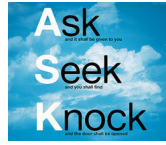
Holy Thursday, April 13th 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 14th
12:00pm, 3:00pm, 7:00pm

Holy Saturday, April 15th 8:30pm

Easter Sunday, April 16th
7:30am, 9:00am, 11:15am

QUESTIONING THE EXISTENCE OF GOD?



Join us as we discuss this topic during our monthly inquiry class *on Tuesday, April 4th at 7:00pm in the St. Isidore Room.*

Help bring the Light to those who no longer want to walk in darkness. Invite yourself, or anyone who is seeking to explore the idea of God, to the monthly inquiry sessions. All are welcome. For more information, please contact Susan Hack, ext. 3169 or hacks@stsusanna.org or visit:

www.stsusanna.org/inquiryclasses.



Are you interested in knowing more about the Catholic way of life? Regardless of where you are in your spiritual journey, we'd be honored to help you explore full communion with the Catholic Church. The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which non-Catholic adults learn about the Catholic Church and gradually become full members.

Follow your heart and join us at the first of our weekly sessions on May 8th at 6:30pm.

If you are merely curious about what Catholicism is, please feel free to come. All are welcome. The journey involves learning about the teachings and traditions of the Church as well as sharing in its rituals which outwardly express the community's blessing, joy and support.

For more information, please contact Susan Hack, ext. 3169 or hacks@stsusanna.org or visit: www.stsusanna.org/rcia.

IS THE RCIA FOR ME?

The RCIA is for three groups of people:

1. Those who are not baptized.
2. Those who were baptized into another Christian denomination and wish to enter into full communion with the Catholic Church.
3. Baptized Catholics who were never formed in the Catholic faith and have not completed their initiation; that is, who have received neither of the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist.

A fourth group of people, practicing Catholics who have never received sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist, should contact Susan Hack, ext. 3169 or hacks@stsusanna.org.

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) classes are year-round. There is no commitment to continue. A person could take all the classes and still make a decision to not come into the Church. Of course, we hope you will! There are certain rites that mark the time when a person feels ready to go on with the process. They begin with *Rite of Acceptance* in which the person declares their intention to the Church and the Church in turn accepts them. God showers his grace on the candidates, since the celebration manifests their desire publicly and marks their reception and first consecration by the Church. The second step is the Rite of Election or Enrollment of Names. This happens with the start of Lent and is the formal rite when a person makes the decision to go forward completely with the process.



Walk with the Lord each Friday of Lent at 7:00pm in Church. We will pray the Stations of the Cross, walking with Jesus to Calvary and opening our hearts to His love and mercy.



Sunday Cafe is an opportunity to explore a variety of topics. The group meets Sunday mornings at 10:15am in the St. Susanna Room. Coffee and light refreshments are served. All are welcome! For more information, visit: www.stsusanna.org/sundaycafe.

April 2nd & 9th: [Lectio Eucharist](#), [The Last Supper](#) and [the Cross](#)

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

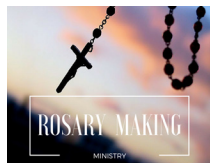
THE WEST CHESTER HOSPITAL EUCHARISTIC MINISTRY

The West Chester Hospital Eucharistic Ministry is looking for a few good ministers to deliver Holy Communion to Catholics during their stay at West Chester Hospital. As a vital part of the Spiritual Team at West Chest Hospital, Eucharistic Ministers deliver Holy Communion to patients at the hospital approximately once a month. EMs find the experience very rewarding and spiritually fulfilling for the patients as well as themselves.

Training on the Eucharistic Ministry process is provided as well as an Orientation by West Chester Hospital. If you would like to be involved in a meaningful ministry, please consider joining the Eucharistic Ministry at West Chester Hospital. Contact the Coordinator, David Hoehn, at 777-8964 or dhlearn@cinci.rr.com.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR GIFT CARD PROGRAM

Volunteers are needed to sell gift cards following the 11:15am Masses on Sunday mornings. This is a once-a-month commitment and takes about 15 minutes at the end of Mass. Please contact Beth Borgemenke, 513-398-7271 or borgemenke7@gmail.com for additional information or to volunteer.



ROSARY MAKING

You can be a missionary without leaving St. Susanna by assisting in making bead and cord rosaries for the missions. The group meets twice a month (the first and third Wednesdays) following morning Mass, 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.

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 5th, following the 8:15am Mass. Any questions may be directed to Roberta at robertab@cinci.rr.com.

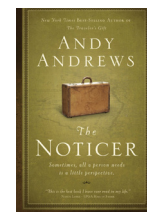
*Your help
is needed!*

HELP IS NEEDED FOR EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

The Easter Vigil is *Saturday, April 15th* and the *St. Susanna Community* will be receiving eighteen new members into the parish. The Vigil Mass is followed by a reception for these members. Please contact Mary Jo Drohan, mjd521@hotmail.com or 513-336-9697, if you can contribute finger food, cookies, sandwiches or another food item and/or if you are willing to help with setup and serving that evening. Please help welcome these newest members!

APRIL BOOK CLUB

Next meeting: *April 12th at 10:00am*
Book: *The Noticer* (by Andy Andrews)



Orange Beach, Alabama, is a simple town filled with simple people. But like all humans on the planet, the good folks of Orange Beach have their share of problems—marriages teetering on the brink of divorce, young adults giving up on life, business people on the verge of bankruptcy, as well as the many other obstacles that life seems to dish out to the masses. Fortunately, when things look the darkest, a mysterious man named Jones has a miraculous way of showing up. An elderly man with white hair, of indiscriminate age and race, wearing blue jeans, a white T-shirt and leather flip flops carrying a battered old suitcase, Jones is a unique soul. Communicating what he calls “a little perspective,” he explains that he has been given a gift of noticing things that others miss. “Your time on this earth is a gift to be used wisely,” he says. “Don’t squander your words or your thoughts. Consider even the simplest action you take, for your lives matter beyond measure... and they matter forever.”



MEN OF ST. SUSANNA PARISH...

The 28th retreat for the Christ Renews His Parish (CRHP) will be *Saturday, May 6th and Sunday, May 7th*. The CRHP retreat is an overnight retreat for adult men seeking to deepen their Catholic faith while expanding their fellowship with other men of the parish. CRHP is free to attend and all meals are provided. For more information, contact Jim Gavigan at chrp28stsue@gmail.com or (513) 509-1129.

STEWARDSHIP

March 26, 2017 BUDGET	March 26, 2017 ACTUAL	Over / (Under) Budget
\$72,000	\$39,251	(\$32,749)

Year to Date BUDGET	Year to Date ACTUAL	Over / (Under) Budget
\$1,796,000	\$1,729,889	(\$66,111)

THIS WEEK, FROM THE ST. SUSANNA VINCENTIANS...

The Gospel today, challenges us to see and believe the signs of grace in our lives: joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness. Your gift to our parish Society of St. Vincent de Paul chapter brings joy, peace, forgiveness, mercy and kindness to the hurting hearts of the poor.

DISCIPLES IN ACTION

PEACE & JUSTICE CALENDAR

MONTH	THEME	ACTIVITY
April	Care of God's Creation/Earth Day	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fair Trade Sale (April 8th/9th) • World Water Day (April 8th) • Herbs in a Jar (Activity for Schuh Center Patrons) • Interfaith Festival for World Peace (April 23rd) • Sleeping Mats for the Homeless (April 25th)



DIRECT TRADE COFFEE FOR CUSTOMERS WHO CARE

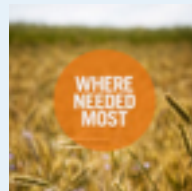
A direct trade coffee company rooted in

social justice and Catholic Social Teachings, Better World Beans works directly with 15 farmers from a cooperative in the rural mountains of the Dominican Republic. *Founder/CEO, Andrew Hermann, also a Senior at Xavier University in Cincinnati, OH, will be available after all Masses on Saturday, April 8 and Sunday, April 9. He will share his story and have coffee samples and bags for purchase after Mass.*

The business' Three Main Pillars: Stewardship, Quality, and Relationship embody the ethics and philosophy that Better World Beans uses with the farmers and its loyal customer base in the United States. Andrew was originally introduced to this community while on a high school immersion trip and has returned every year since. After a serious economic crisis that left the small-producing family farmers of the community with virtually no income for the year, the farmers, Andrew and the community worked together to plan and build the business model behind Better World Beans. They pay more than four times what the farmers previously made, which is also more than twice as much as Organic certification and Fair Trade Labels pay their coffee farmers. The increased earnings are life changing for the farmers and their families who struggle with basic needs.

Andrew will be graduating with a degree in Organic Agriculture, which he will use in his work with the coffee farmers in the Dominican Republic. Better World Beans teaches that coffee production can be done in a way that protects the land, increases the quality of coffee, and grows a variety of additional food products for consumption to further increase the quality of life. Come listen to Andrew's personal story, try some coffee, and learn why ethical coffee matters.

PARISH-WIDE LENTEN PROJECT



Please drop off all "Fill the Ark" Banks and any cash/check donations to the table in the Gathering Space. Know that your donation will change lives for our global brothers and sisters. All donations received from the St. Susanna parish at large will be donated to Heifer International "Where Needed Most".

Online donation through Heifer International Fund Raising Site will be accepted through April 2nd. Please follow the instructions for online donations at www.stsusanna.org/heifer.

By bringing together the St. Susanna community, we will help others have a chance at a future free of poverty.

For more information on Heifer International go to: www.heifer.org

For questions regarding St. Susanna Heifer International Lenten Project, please contact Mary Jo Burns, burnsmj@stsusanna.org or 398-3821 ext. 3120.



WORLD WATER DAY

Consider Volunteering as an individual or family on April 8th from 9:00am - 12:00pm.

Hands Against Hunger emphasis on this special day will be clean drinking water and the children who suffer when they have none. In recognition of World Water Day, they will feature special displays, presentations, as well as teams producing Hands Against Hunger™ high protein food, clean water supplies and more!

In order to help children who have no clean, safe drinking water, they are asking everyone to purchase at least one case of Clean Water for Orphans™ while there. Your purchase of 24 bottles (\$9.99) will provide enough funds to supply 100 gallons of clean drinking water! For more information, or to register visit: <http://thechildrenarewaiting.org/portfolio/hands-against-hunger>.

THIS WEEK, FROM THE ST. SUSANNA RESPECT LIFE MINISTRY...

"An old Irish proverb says, 'It is in the shelter of each other that the people live.' Indeed, we are created to depend upon one another and walk together in suffering."

Visit www.goo.gl/fvSEYp for 10 ways to care for loved ones approaching life's end.



Caring for Loved Ones at Life's End
USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2016-17 Respect Life Program

DISCIPLES IN ACTION

APRIL YAH EVENT

Come and enjoy an afternoon with St. Susanna's "Young at Heart" group on Wednesday, April 19th. James Rosenberger and his partner, Penny McDaniel will entertain and inspire us with their music/story telling program on "Spring Cleaning"! What to keep vs. what to discard? What does it take to be genuinely happy vs. what is simply to enjoy an easy pleasure.



Because of James's standing date with another group, we will accommodate his schedule by having his presentation promptly at noon. Lunch will follow his program. *Please remember to have your lunch reservations and money (\$12.00) to the parish office no later than Friday, April 14th.* Remember to put YAH on the memo line. Canned food donations will be collected in support of the Schuh Center. For questions contact Gretchen Osner (398-4820).

GOT FISH?!

Come get your fill at the St. Susanna Fish Fry! For those on the run, we offer DRIVE-THRU service. And for our Parish and Community Seniors, we offer a Young At Heart room featuring table service in a QUIET atmosphere! And don't forget our FABULOUS dessert table featuring a number of homemade goodies!



If you like BAKING, we welcome all baked goods donations to the dessert table! The Fish Fry Events will be held in the Meyer Center from 5:00 to 8:00 PM Fridays during Lent. We look forward to seeing you! If you are interested in helping out, please visit: www.stsusanna.org/fishfry.

BIG PARISH GARAGE SALE - JUNE 23RD & 24TH

ST. SUSANNA CATHOLIC CHURCH

GARAGE SALE!

April means Spring Cleaning! Tired of a lot of that "stuff?"

Collect and donate that excess furniture, clothes, toys, household items, etc. to the June 23rd and 24th St. Susanna's Garage Sale sponsored by the Women's Association. Be part of making this year's sale a grand success. The items in good repair that you donate will be put to good use by someone else. The monetary proceeds help provide various items for the parish. For more information, or to volunteer, contact:

Christine Phelan at 513-492-7265, jazzcat1946@aol.com or Mary Ann Vossler at 513-398-2065, mavossler@yahoo.com.



YOUNG AT HEART REDS GAME

Please join us for a Cincinnati Reds ball game on *Thursday, June 8th* vs the St. Louis Cardinals (12:35pm game time). The cost is \$35 per

ticket, which includes the ticket, a hot dog and soft drink plus the bus. Please make the check payable to "St. Susanna Parish" and put "Reds Game" on the memo line. Take or mail the check to the parish office. *Deadline is April 30th.* Have questions, please call Jim Valento at 513-379-3823.



ARE YOU SUPPORTING THE PARISH THROUGH THE KROGER REWARDS PROGRAM?

Are you enrolled in the Kroger Community Rewards Program to support the Parish? If you are, this is a friendly reminder that you must re-enroll between now and April 30th to continue that much appreciated support. If you are not, this is a request to consider supporting the Parish in this way. You can help just through buying your groceries as you normally do while using your Kroger Plus Card. To get started or to re-enroll, go to: www.kroger.com/communityrewards.

Enroll your Plus Card and select "St. Susanna Parish." The organization number is 80208. This will not affect your point or fuel rewards in any way.

WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION MEETING



On Saturday, *April 22*, 2017 there will be a general meeting of the Women's Association at 9:30 am in the St. Catherine room. Come

and help us plan for the upcoming Garage Sale.

COMPUTER RECYCLING MINISTRY

St. Susanna Used Computer Drive to Take Place Before ALL Masses the Weekend of April 22nd and 23rd

St. Susanna is teaming up with Good Shepherd's Computer Recycling Ministry. The Ministry's goal is to reclaim old PCs keeping them from going to landfills and to provide for those less fortunate individuals who would not otherwise have access to computers. Good Shepherd's Ministry has delivered over 350 PCs to various groups, providing them the resources for training and learning purposes and to parishioners who need to complete educational and training programs. To protect the donors, a program is used to over-write the entire disk and wipe the hard drive clean of all previous files and information. Each PC is then loaded with a free Windows-like system and a free MS Office work-a-like which reduces costs for the Ministry while providing the recipients with a familiar computer system and eases the learning curve.

The Good Shepherd Computer Recycling Ministry accepts all types of computers, printers and monitors. So, if you happen to have these in your home and are looking for a place to donate them, please bring them to the Gathering Space on the weekend of April 22nd and 23rd.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Early Childhood 2016-2017

Faith formation for 3, 4, pre-K 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 11:45am and Mondays 6:30 to 7:45pm. For more information, contact Susan Gravely, ext. 3110 or gravelys@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.

LIFE

Grades 9-12 (2016-2017)

Sundays at 7:00pm in the St. John Bosco Youth Room. For more information, contact Judie Kuhlman at kuhlmanj@stsusanna.org.

JR. HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY, 6TH-8TH GRADES

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2nd

4:00-5:45pm - Faith Alive invites all current 5th, 6th, and 7th graders to join the fun and give Faith Alive a "test drive!"

April 9th

Seder Meal



SR. HIGH YOUTH MINISTRY, 9TH-12TH GRADES

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 2nd

7:00-9:00 - LIFE Group invites all current 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th graders to join the fun and experience what LIFE is really like!

April 9th

Talent Show



For more information, contact Judie Kuhlman, kuhlmanj@stsusanna.org.

A poster with a blue and white background featuring radiating lines. At the top are four circular photos of youth groups. The text "JOIN THE FUN" is written in large, stylized, blue-outlined letters. Below this, in smaller blue text, is "ST. SUSANNA YOUTH MINISTRY IS OPENING REGISTRATION FOR NEXT YEAR... SO COME GIVE US A TEST DRIVE!". Further down, in even smaller blue text, are two lines: "4:00-5:45PM FAITH ALIVE WELCOMES CURRENT 5TH- 7TH GRADERS" and "7:00-9:00PM LIFE WELCOMES CURRENT 8TH-12TH GRADERS". At the bottom, "APRIL 2ND" is written in large, bold, white-outlined letters, and below that, in smaller white text, is "IN THE ST. BOSCO ROOM IN THE UNDERCROFT".

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

2017/18 CFP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

Registration for the 2017/18 CFP session is now available. There is the choice to register for one of three "communities."

- Sunday 10:15-11:30am (St. Mother Teresa Community)
- Monday 6:15-7:30pm (St. Padre Pio Community)
- Wednesday 6:15-7:30pm (St. Francis Community)

Numbers will be capped for each community, so each family will be asked to list their 1st and 2nd choices. Assignments will be made in the order of registration completion. Formal classes will begin September 17, 18 or 20 running through May 6, 7 or 9.

Registrations received after May 1st will be charged a \$30 per child late fee.

Please remember that to be prepared for First Communion, children must attend first grade CFP or first grade classes at a Catholic school. To be prepared for Confirmation, children must attend both 7th and 8th Grade CFP or Catholic school classes.



To register for the 2017/18 CFP sessions, please visit:

www.stsusanna.org/1718cfpregistration

Please direct questions to:

Kristen Tell, ext. 3135 or tellk@stsusanna.org

EARLY CHILDHOOD WELCOMES CHILDREN AGES 3 THROUGH KINDERGARTEN

Registration for the Early Childhood Program for the 2017/18 school year is now available. The program meets on Sundays from 9:00-10:00am. Early Childhood helps support parents in introducing the faith to their young children. Music, prayer, crafts, stories, and hands-on learning activities are provided to engage these young parishioners. Please consider this faith-filled opportunity for your child!

To register for the 2017/18 Early Childhood Program, please visit: www.stsusanna.org/ecregistration

Please direct questions to:

Jill Berning, ext. 3400 or berningj@stsusanna.org

Preschool Registration NOW OPEN



St. Susanna Preschool is now registering for the 2017-2018 school year! We have openings in our 2's Monday Class as well as our 3's, 4's and Pre-K afternoon classes. For additional information about our Creative Curriculum Program for your little one, please contact Joette Ewing, Preschool Director, at 513-398-3821, ext. 3131 or ewingj@stsusanna.org.

SCHOOL NEWS



- On Wednesday the School Community will attend the 8:15 Mass.
- This Thursday 7:40-8:10 AM (cafeteria) will be a deposit day for our School Savings Program at Saint Susanna School. Representatives from Peoples Bank (Mason) will be present on these mornings to make deposits for our students. Should you have any questions, please contact Alison Thompson at 336-8120. If you need a School Savings Program form, please contact the school office.
- Our 4th graders will travel on a Field Trip on Friday. Please pray for their safe travel.
- Screening will take place on Friday for all "incoming" Kindergarten students. All registered "incoming" Kindergarten students received their screening time...if not, please contact the school office at 398-3821 extension 3108. To begin our screening procedure, we ask that all families report to the school gymnasium at your scheduled time. There will be no school for current Kindergarten students on Friday, April 7th.

ST. SUSANNA FOOTBALL: A PARENT AND PEDIATRICIAN'S PERSPECTIVE (WEEK 2)

By Nicole S. M. George, MD



This series, by a St. Susanna parishioner, discusses how St. Susanna Football addresses the recommendations by the American Academy of Pediatrics regarding youth football.

2. Officials and coaches must enforce the rules of proper tackling, including zero tolerance for illegal, head-first hits. Some of the studies showed that delaying tackling until older ages just created more injuries at the older ages. The AAP feels that proper "heads-up" tackling technique needs to be taught at the earliest age football is played. There has been a cultural shift across all of youth football heeding these recommendations. All St. Susanna coaches must participate in the Heads Up program of USA Football. At the slightest hint of head injury, the players are evaluated on the sideline and may not return to play. Many of the coaches also attend clinics and workshops reinforcing proper and safe playing techniques and drills. Per the (Greater Catholic Youth) League, the players must have a 3 practice acclimation prior to wearing full equipment, and there will be no contact during the acclimation. St. Susanna's program practices "full go" (tackle to the ground) tackling no more than 30 minutes per practice, not to exceed 60 minutes per week. The majority of the teams practice "thud" tackling the most (wrap up, but do not take the player to the ground).

There will be more guidelines to follow in the weeks to come. In the meantime, feel free to email any questions about the football program to nutleyamy@fuse.net or visit stsusannatitans.com to register for football and other St. Susanna sports. *Registration is open until April 15th.*

(Dr. George practices with Pediatric Associates of West Chester, Fairfield, Hamilton and Harrison. She and her husband, Dr. George George, a football and basketball coach with St. Susanna, have three children who participate in various sports through St. Susanna Athletics.)

Our Resurrection

The raising of Lazarus is a decisive miracle in Christ's public ministry. It leads to increased hostility and gives the Jewish leaders both an excuse and a motivation to actively seek the death of Jesus. This Gospel episode is so important that John dedicates an entire chapter to the story.

What is the most important message of this miracle? Without faith in Jesus, there is no resurrection. A fitting message for an artist painting in Europe right after World War II.

Looking at the painting of Annigoni, Mary is at the feet of Jesus while Martha is on her feet pouring out her heart. The artist evokes a landscape of death and destruction, one too often observed in postwar Europe. Colors of decay abound. Stones are piled up like rubble. The trees are burnt, scrawny, and twisted as if after an air raid. It is ugly, rugged, barren, and dry. A small group of people have gathered to weep at the tomb.

Jesus is the only source of color and life. After Martha affirms her faith in Jesus and the resurrection, he lifts up his hand and calls out. The onlookers peer inside, perhaps having heard the sounds of rustling coming from the cave.

The message of this artwork is clear to anyone struggling with the bondage of a destructive past. Jesus wants to speak words of life and raise us from the grips of death, war, and despair.

Believe in Jesus and he will raise you up!

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC



Piece: *The Resurrection of Lazarus*, 1946
Artist: Pietro Annigoni
Location: Vatican Museums

For Reflection

How is your Lenten journey bringing you deeper in faith and closer to new life in Jesus? Has Jesus raised you from destruction or despair? How?

"If the Spirit of the one who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, the one who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also, through his Spirit that dwells in you" (Romans 8:11).

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PTO 365 DAY RAFFLE WINNERS



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3/23	Kristen Tollner	\$40
3/24	Monica Troy	\$40
3/25	Scott Bush	\$40