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

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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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MAY 21, 2017 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

FREEDOM IN THE SPIRIT

When I was about eight years old, we got our first garbage disposal. They're so commonplace now it's hard to imagine there's a learning curve on using them, but there was for my mom. She was so thrilled not to have to scrape dishes into the trash can, and so trusting in this kitchen convenience, that at first she shoved everything down that drain. Including cooked spaghetti. Twice! It completely clogged the drain, backing up water in the pipes, and my dad—



particularly upset the second time—had to crawl inside the cabinets to unscrew the trap. The first time he forgot to put a bucket underneath and water went everywhere... what a mess!

A similar thing can happen to us in the spiritual life. Without realizing it our hearts get clogged with crud and prevent the free-flowing of God's grace in our lives. We don't witness the signs and wonders that come with proclaiming the good news of salvation. Jesus promised that His disciples would do greater works than He did (John 14:12). The Acts of the Apostles records events that fulfill this promise in the early Christian community. We see in our first reading that this fulfillment of life in Christ comes with the gift of the Holy Spirit. Saints Peter and John come from Jerusalem to lay hands on and impart the Holy Spirit to those baptized in the name of Jesus.



We, too, have been baptized in Jesus' name and have been sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation. So why don't we see signs and wonders in our lives? Why doesn't our experience resemble the events recorded in the Acts of the Apostles? Quite simply, our pipes are clogged!

The International Catholic Charismatic Renewal Service identifies the following potential blockages: "inadequate preaching of the word of God, lukewarm faith, unrepentant sin, insufficient preparation, lack of understanding of the reality of the sacraments, a secular mind-set, or psychological or spiritual obstacles can hinder the sacraments from achieving their full fruitfulness" (Baptism in the Holy Spirit, 71). Unforgiveness, bitterness, resentment, worldliness, pride, greed, envy...those vices that clamp closed the conduit within us through which God's life of peace, love, and joy can flow. Our hearts need to be unclogged, the trap opened up, and our wills released to receive. This happens when we make a good sacramental confession, holding nothing back, bringing all before Jesus Christ, who has given the power to forgive to His priests.

As we approach Pentecost, let's unclog our hearts to be prepared for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives. Be encouraged by Pope Francis' preaching: "You can follow a thousand catechism courses, a thousand spirituality courses, a thousand yoga or zen courses and all these things. But none of this will be able to give you the freedom as a child (of God). Only the Holy Spirit can prompt your heart to say 'Father.' Only the Holy Spirit is capable of banishing, of breaking that hardness of heart and making it ... 'docile'. Docile towards the Lord. Docile when it comes to the freedom to love."

Fr. Eric Roush

MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKEND PRESIDERS

Monday, May 22

6:00pm John Balanda - Special Intention

Tuesday, May 23

8:15am Asseta Keteba

Wednesday, May 24

8:15am Charles Hoyt

Thursday, May 25

8:15am Margaret Dilley -

Special Intention

2:00pm (Chesterwood)

Mathew Lustenberger

Friday, May 26

8:15am John Matthew D'Souza

Saturday, May 27

8:15am Helen & Charles Gribbin 5:00pm (*Fr. Farrell*) Bernadine Mbata

Sunday, May 28

7:30am (Fr. Farrell)

Frank & Jane Brinkmann

9:00am (Fr. Farrell) Michael Wilder 11:15am (Fr. Roush) Traci Ralev

4:00pm (Spanish Mass)

Arelis Fernandez De Lugo

6:00pm (Fr. Roush) James Dumas

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

PRAY FOR THOSE SERVING OVERSEAS!

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



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Erica Burger James CiFuentes Maya Collins Lucy D'Souza James Edmund lessica Foster Iohn Gavin Dick Gardner Scott Greisl Smiley Junakunz Sister Brigid Kelly David Magella Lucas McCrea Michael Murphy Gabriel Orick Alonso Ortiz Barbie Quinto Kathy Rohde Doreen Schowalter Wayne Schowalter Marie Sueberling Annette Uhrick Beverly Ward Mike Webber Jenny Weibel

Divine Healer, God of Wholeness, we place these parishioners 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 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 Kristen Tell, ext. 3135 or tellk@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 Hack, ext. 3169 or hacks@stsusanna.org.

Baptism Preparation

All parents desiring baptism for their children should go to the website and fill 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION



St. Susanna is excited to walk with our young families preparing to celebrate the Baptism of their children. Please know we have made some changes in our preparation process to better help our parents to be "the first and best of parents" in raising their children in the Catholic Church, and no longer have the preparation program every month.

Look to our parish web site, <u>www.stsusanna.org/baptism</u> to register and begin our exciting new process. Once the form is completed, a member of the Pastoral Staff will contact you and help discern the best options for preparing for your child's Baptism.

The next Baptismal Preparation class is Saturday, June 3rd, at 10:30am in the St. Susanna Room.

HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT THE BLESSED TRINITY?



Join us as we discuss this topic during our monthly inquiry class on Tuesday, June 6th 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/inquiryclasses.



RCIA THIS WEEK...

Please pray for all of those people journeying to full communion with the Catholic Church!

This week's RCIA lesson is on God the Father: "God the Father is the first origin of everything. He lovingly cares for His children. He is the source and goal of our faith."

Questions for the week: How has God's revelation of His name to Moses become more intimate and profound through Jesus' teaching of the Lord's Prayer? How is Jesus (as true God and true Man) uniquely suited to unite us to God the Father? How does Jesus provide an example for obedience to the Father? How does this apply to our relationship with the Father? How does the presence of evil in the world challenge our faith? Why is faith necessary for living as adopted children of God?



To study along with us, consider meditating on the following Scriptures: Genesis 49:24-26; Deut. 32:6; Ps 23; Mal 2:10; Mt 5:48; Mt 6:9-15; Mt 6:25-34; Luke 22:42; Jn 17:1-26; 1 Jn 3:1; Rom 8:10-17

Look at the Catholic Catechism: #238-240, 279; 268-271; 2013; 2779-2784; 2786-2793; 2822-2827

How blessed are we to be created in love and for love by the Father! God is good all the time! For more information, please contact Susan Hack, ext. 3169 or hacks@stsusanna.org or visit: **www.stsusanna.org/rcia**.

GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY MASS 2017



Married Couples celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary in 2017 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses:

- August 12th at 4:30pm, St. Peter in Chains Cathedral, Cincinnati, Bishop Joseph Binzer, Celebrant
- August 12th at 4:30pm, Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, Dayton, Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr, Celebrant

Visit the Office for Marriage & Family Life at <u>www.catholiccincinnati.org</u> or call (513) 421-3131, ext. 2653 before June 23rd to register.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION



PEANUT BUTTER MINISTRY SEEKS VOLUNTEERS

Serving our homeless brothers and sisters in need through a

nutritious lunch is the goal of the parish Peanut Butter and Jelly Ministry. Groups of parishioners meet the second Sunday of each month at 10:00am in the Schuh Center for 1-1.5 hours. They prepare about 650 Peanut Butter and Jelly Sandwiches during this time that are then delivered to downtown Cincinnati for distribution.

If you would like to volunteer, please contact Eileen Pezzutti at 513-398-1495 or epazoots@gmail.com. There is a greater need for help during the summer months. Thank you.

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

"Like the Good Samaritan, may we always treat each person with merciful love and respect that affirms the gift of his or her life."

"Moved by Mercy" Reflection Flyer USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities www.goo.gl/xTiiSM





BUILDING YOUR LIFE ON ROCK: STANDING FIRM IN THE STORM

Ralph Martin, an internationally known Catholic leader and teacher, discusses the challenges and the joys of being fully faithful to

all the Church proclaims as true. Ralph provides practical advice on how to build our lives on rock and equip ourselves spiritually so that we can reach out to others with true charity. He shows how our fidelity to the Word of God will give us the strength to stand victorious in the difficult age in which we live.

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



Free to all parishioners!!!

Go to www.stsusanna. org and click on Formed, create your personal log-in by using our parish code: **f4e66a**.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT MEETING, MAY 24TH

Every month, our group meets on the 4th Wednesday. A few more have joined us since the new year began. We each have a story that is just ours, yet so much is similar. Whether we're caring for a parent, spouse,



relative, child, or friend. And it is full or part-time.

So, what are you/we doing for ourselves? Cup of coffee with a friend, mini vacation, respite care, maybe this caregiver get-together is all you can handle right now.

90 minutes of you-time to talk. We hope to see you May 24th from 7:00-8:30pm in the St. Julie Billart Room. Questions? Contact Sharon Kipfer, 513-509-3278.



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.



DISCIPLES IN ACTION

HELP OTHERS BEAT THE HEAT!

You know how hot and humid summers in Southwest Ohio can get! Imagine sweltering through the summer heat without an air conditioner. Now imagine spending those days without even a fan! Many of our neighbors are in this situation.



Please consider donating a new or gently used fan to the Schuh Center. Donated fans will be distributed to our neighbors who are in need of them to stay cool this summer.

Please place donated fans by the Peace and Justice Kiosk in the Gathering Space of church.

Direct questions to Mary Jo Burns, burnsmi@stsusanna.org or 398-3821, ext. 3120.



VOLUNTEER WITH MATTHEW 25 MINISTRIES

The work of Matthew 25 Ministries helps the poorest of the poor and disaster

victims throughout the United States and around the world. They accept monetary donations and product donations of misprinted, slightly damaged, overstocked or gently used supplies from corporations, organizations and individuals nationwide. They also supplement outside donations by manufacturing, assembling and blending products in-house including school notebooks, pencils, rice-soy meals, and paint.

With the help of volunteers, these goods are processed at their 168,000 square foot Processing Center in Cincinnati, Ohio and then shipped via forty foot seagoing containers and by semitrailers to the poorest of the poor and disaster victims.

St. Susanna has organized four (4) dates for individuals from our parish to volunteer at Matthew 25 Ministries:

- Wednesday, July 12th, 10:00am to noon
- Tuesday, July 18th, 4:30pm to 6:30pm
- Wednesday, August 2nd, 10:00am to noon
- Tuesday, August 8th, 4:30pm to 6:30pm

Children under 16 are welcome and must be accompanied by an adult at all times under the following guidelines:

- Children 8 and under 1 adult for every 1 child
- Children 9-11 1 adult for every 2 children
- Children 12-15 1 adult for every 3 children

To register for this event, please go to: www.stsusanna.org/Matthew25Ministries

Direct questions to Mary Jo Burns, burnsmj@stsusanna.org or 398-3821, ext. 3120

PLEASE JOIN THE ST. SUSANNA PARISH COMMUNITY GARDEN

Care for Creation! Feed the Needy! Plant a 4x8 raised bed and enjoy weekly fun with St. Susanna Garden community. Cost \$20 per bed. Only a few beds left! Ready to plant! Harvest vegetables for your family. Donate excess to Fr. Schuh Center.



We will soon begin our regular Weeding Wednesdays for those that can make it (usually from 6pm on, once the growing begins). Please contact Barbara Hunt. (386-793-7773, bcestari@bellsouth.net)



The 25th annual St. Vincent de Paul Run for the Poor will be held on June 10th. Won't you join us?

The 5K Run and Fitness walk begins and ends at St. Elizabeth Seton

Church, 5900 Buckwheat Road in Milford, Ohio. Start time is 9:00am. No one is too slow or too fast! To commemorate our 25th anniversary of doing this Run, we are going to award EVERY Run participant with a special customized award medallion to celebrate the silver anniversary. Plus there will also be the normal class leader trophies and awards, and numerous door prizes given out that are a highlight of our Run.

For more information and to register, go to: **www.racedmc.com**.



COMPUTER RECYCLING

Are you interested in learning how to recycle used computers? Would you like to learn how to wipe the hard drive clean of all previous files and information and then load the computer with a free Windows-like system and a free MS Office work a-like? A used computer

can now be a new computer to an individual who would not have otherwise been able to have one. If you are interested in volunteering or wanting to learn more about this project, please contact Terry Albright, Good Shephard Computer Recycling Ministry at 677-2140 or email Terry. Albright@AlbrightCS.com.

DISCIPLES IN ACTION

ST. SUSANNA ALL PARISH GARAGE SALE JUNE 23RD AND 24TH

ST. SUSANNA CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Have you been to a function in the Meyer Center recently to

appreciate the wonderful new sound system? It was provided with funds from the Garage Sale! Just another reason to help with the success of the sale!

All the 'stuff' that you do not want someone else does. You can no longer use those clothes, toys, household goods? Someone else can and will be happy to buy them at a small price. What a wonderful way to recycle. Help yourself and the parish at the same time with your donation of things, time and energy. Every single thing and bit of time you can donate will be of great help.

For information and to volunteer, contact: Christine Phelan at 513-492-7265, jazzcat1946@aol.com or Mary Ann Vossler at 513-398-2065, mayossler@yahoo.com



FESTIVAL COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Festival Committee is currently seeking an individual (or two) to chair the Basket Booth. This booth is one of the largest money makers

for the St. Susanna Festival. As the chairperson of this booth, you will be responsible for organizing the basket solicitations (both through the school and the parish), preparing the baskets and ensuring the basket booth runs smoothly during the Festival weekend. If you are detailed oriented, creative and are looking for a way to get involved in the parish, the Festival Committee needs you. Please contact Rusty Herzog at mrputter1@mac.com.



SCHUH CENTER NEEDS

Food Donations! For those who are struggling financially, purchasing food

needed can be very stressful. Many depend upon pantries for food items to get through.

Immediate needs at the Schuh Center are:

- boxes of instant oatmeal packets
- canned fruit
- ramen noodles
- small cans of tomato and vegetable soup
- pancake mix and pancake syrup
- bags of white rice
- cans of pork and beans
- paper towels
- condiments, especially ketchup
- hotel toiletries



ST. SUSANNA KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS CLOTHING SALE

On Saturday, May 27th, from 9am-4pm in the Meyer Center, the St. Susanna K of C Council will be holding a Clothing Sale. All items are brand new, are brand names (Footjoy, Ralph Lauren,

Nike, Puma, etc.), and can be found in the pro shops of the best Country Clubs - but will sell for \$25 each. There will be shirts, slacks, skirts, sweaters, and jackets in assorted sizes.

All profits will be used to replenish our charity fund, which included grants to our Seminarians to help them with expenses, donations to the Schuh Center, and the St. Joseph Home. We strive to help Church, Family and the Community, wherever the need is. For more information about the sale or the Knights, please call Jim Marks at 513-919-4518.

CELEBRATE WORLD REFUGEE DAY



Saturday, June 17th from 11:00am-3:00pm

Potluck, Family Games, Global Music, Dancing, and Cultural Performances at Woodward High School (7005 Reading Road)

Join Catholic Charities Refugee Resettlement Program, Community Partners and Faith Communites in hosting a celebration of welcome and fellowship with our new neighbors from around the world. RSVP by June 1st.

To volunteer, contact Stephanie Slack at 513-672-3722 or sslack@ccswoh.org.

To sponsor, donate, or RSVP as a guest, contact Dan Sarell at 513-672-3710 or dsarell@ccswoh.org.

UPCOMING BLOOD DRIVE: "BLEEDING LOVE"

Monday June 5th, 1:00pm-4:15pm and 5:30pm-7:00pm in the Meyer Center.



To schedule your appointment, visit:

www.hoxworth.org/groups/love or call Hoxworth at 513-451-0910. Your decision to help save lives is significant and meaningful!

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Early Childhood 2017-2018

Faith formation for 3, 4, pre-K 5-yearolds and kindergartners meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. 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 (2017-2018)

Faith Formation for elementary students will be Sundays 10:30-11:45am, Mondays 6:15-7:30pm, and Wednesdays 6:15-7:30pm. For more information, contact Kristen Tell, ext. 3135 or tellk@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 (2017-2018)

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

To get Faith Alive text updates you can join by texting 517-910-6127 and text the message @stsue

LIFE

Grades 9-12 (2017-2018)

Sundays at 7:00pm in the St. John Bosco Youth Room.

To get LIFE text updates you can join by texting to the number 81010 and text the message @stsuelife

CHILDRENS Liturgy Word

Children's Liturgy of the Word last gathering for children will be Sunday, May 21 at the 9:00 and 11:15 Masses. The program will begin again in September after the Fall Festival. For information about Children's Liturgy of the Word or to volunteer to be a leader, please contact Kristen Tell (tellk@stsusanna.org).

EARLY CHILDHOOD REGISTRATION



Registration for the Early Childhood Program, for children ages 3 through Kindergarten for the 2017/18 school year is now available. Early Childhood helps support parents in introducing the faith to their young children. Please consider this faith-filled opportunity for your child! Please direct questions to: Jill Berning, ext. 3400 or berningj@stsusanna.org.

To register, please visit: www.stsusanna.org/ecregistration

CFP REGISTRATION



Registration for the 2017/18 CFP session is now available. All CFP Classes will be held at St. Susanna School, as they have in years past. Classes will be held on Sundays, 10:30-11:45am, Mondays, 6:15-7:30pm, and Wednesdays, 6:15-7:30pm. Assignments will be made in the order of registration completion. Formal classes will begin the week of September 17th running through the week of May 6th. 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. Please direct questions to: Kristen Tell, ext. 3135 or tellk@stsusanna.org.

To register, please visit: www.stsusanna.org/1718cfpregistration

YOUTH MINISTRY REGISTRATION





Registration is now open for the 2017-2018 year. If you have multiple kids or groups you need to register, you can register for both LIFE and Faith Alive on the same online registration form.

To register, please visit:

www.stsusanna.org/youthministryregistration

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
- and must read monthly training bulletins online

The next open seminar at St. Susanna Parish is Wednesday, June 7, 2017 at 6:30pm.

You must register online to attend - visit www.virtus.org to register! 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.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

SCHOOL NEWS

- 1st through 7th graders will have their Field Day on Monday.
- Kindergartners will have their Field Day Tuesday.
- Our 2nd and 8th graders will be traveling on field trips on Tuesday. Please pray for their safety.
- REALEYES will present to our Kindergarten, 3rd, and 5th graders on Tuesday.
- On Wednesday, the School Community will attend the 8:15 Mass. This will be our 8th graders last all-school Mass.
- Educational Outfitters will have their annual Saint Susanna Night on Wednesday between 5:30-7:30 PM. They are located at 2656 East Sharon Road in Cincinnati, 45241. Phone number, 513-771-1234.
- Our 8th Graders will have their Retreat in the Meyer Center on Thursday.
- Mason Public Library personnel will visit school on Thursday.
- On Thursday, our 3rd graders will be going on a Survivor Challenge - A Math Mission in Mason. Our students will stop at eight different locations in Mason to answer 3 mathematics questions. Once finished, students will return, eat lunch outdoors, and review their answers. Special thanks to our area businesses.
- Mr. Drach's first graders will have their Writer's Workshop in the afternoon on Thursday.
- Our 1st, 2nd, 7th, and 8th grade students will have their annual Buddy Picnic on Friday.
- Friday is a Titan Friday and the last school day for our current 8th graders.
- Used uniform sale, 3:00-6:30 PM in the cafeteria on Friday.
- Report cards may be picked up after all the Masses on the 3rd and 4th.

BOOSTERS NEWS

We are seeking an experienced golf coach for the recreational golf team (grades 6-8). Please contact Sue Mullin at (513) 673-9331.



We are seeking candidates for Concessions Coordinator and Website Coordinator. Please contact Mark Cravens at (859) 916-6161 or mcravens@apctowers.com.



ST. SUSANNA'S 2017 SUMMER VOLLEYBALL CAMP

St. Susanna's Boosters is sponsoring a summer volleyball camp for young female athletes

in the parish. The camp (incoming 3rd-6th graders) is aimed at improving the fundamental skills of volleyball: passing, setting, serving, digging and hitting.

Camp Coordinator: The camp will be under the direction of St. Susanna's Varsity Volleyball Coordinator and Coach, Linda Pitzer. Linda was a former club volleyball coach, as well as the Junior Varsity Head Coach and a Varsity Assistant Coach at Ursuline Academy for 10 years, where they won a State Championship title in 2002.

When: July 17-21, 2017 (Monday thru Friday)

Where: St. Susanna's Gym (2 courts)

Camp Time & Cost:

Incoming 5th & 6th Graders: 10am -1pm (3 hours), \$40 Incoming 3rd & 4th Graders: 1:30pm - 4pm (2 ½ hours), \$40

Camp Volunteers: We will also need a few (4-8) 7th & 8th grade volunteers every day to help run drills & shag. Your daughter can register later online and can earn service hours.

Questions? Email Linda Pitzer at lpitzer@earthlink.net or call her at (513) 515-6895. To register, go to:

www.stsusannatitans.com



At St. Susanna Preschool, we offer little ones a nurturing environment with many opportunities to play, learn, and interact with one another while discovering the wonders of God's world!

We currently have openings in our 3s, 4s and Pre-K afternoon sessions. For additional information or to schedule a tour, please contact Joette Ewing, Preschool Director at 513-398-3821, ext. 3131 or ewingj@stsusanna.org.

STEWARDSHIP

May 14, 2017	May 14, 2017	Over / (Under)
BUDGET	ACTUAL	Budget
\$44,000	\$41,412	

Year to Date BUDGET	Year to Date ACTUAL	Over / (Under) Budget
\$2,111,000	\$2,070,330	(\$40,670)

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

In the Gospel today, Jesus says to us: "If you love me, you will keep my commandments... Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father and I will love him and reveal myself to him." When we give to the poor, God indeed pours His love, peace and joy into our hearts, into our lives and through us into the hearts of those who are poor.



May 21, 2017

Sixth Sunday of Easter (A) Acts 8:5–8, 14–17 1 Pt 3:15–18 Jn 14:15–21

Shepherd, Advocate, Savior

As a good shepherd, he was concerned that he would eventually have to leave his sheep. How would he care for them while he was away preparing a place for them? He promises to pray to the Father for an advocate who would be with us always. We are entrusted to an advocate who cares for us until Christ returns.

That advocate is Jesus' very Spirit, the Advocate, the Spirit of truth. The apostles understood this. That's why their first order of business after baptizing a new believer was to place hands on him or her and pray for the Holy Spirit to come down and confirm the new believer with his gifts. They knew this was essential since it was Jesus' way of staying close to his believers.

This Spirit, which we received at baptism and whose gifts we more actively embraced at confirmation,

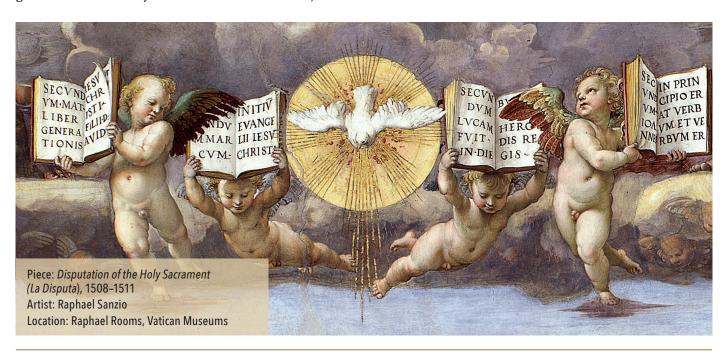
is a friendship we absolutely need to cultivate. Its inspirations are constantly present, and listening to them is key to maturing as disciples. Who wouldn't want to have direct access to the heart and power of Jesus? Who wouldn't want to have the zeal of the first apostles? Who wouldn't want to have the same spiritual gifts: wisdom, understanding, counsel, courage, knowledge, piety, and awe?

We can. We do. We have the Holy Spirit! If you don't notice his action in your soul the way you'd like to, simply ask the Spirit to help you hear and respond better. Then just stand back and watch him work.

-Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

What helps increase my awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence in me? Which one of the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit do I most need?



"I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you always, the Spirit of truth...[Y]ou know it, because it remains with you"

(John 14:16-17).

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