## REFLECTING WITH THE PAROCHIAL VICAR

## 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

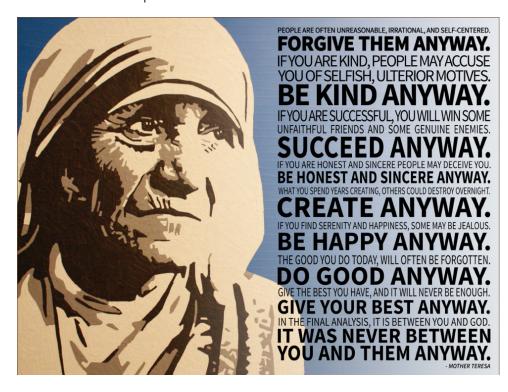
# JUNE 25, 2017 TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

#### LOVE IS FREEDOM FROM FEAR

Last weekend, teen leaders from the high school LIFE group along with seminarian Jeff Stephens and myself were at the ABIDE Youth Conference (www.abidecinci.com). We spent several days with other teens and adults worshipping together, praying with each other, adoring the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and calling for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit for the courage to have conversations with strangers. The Saturday before Corpus Christi, we joined about 70 teens along with a team of adult chaperones in the "joy invasion" of Washington Park and Over-the-Rhine. We wanted the love we had received from prayer, Adoration, and Mass to overflow into the community because that's what Jesus desires.

"Fear no one. Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops." Why is Jesus telling His disciples, yet again, not to be afraid? Today's reading from the Gospel of Matthew is the middle of chapter 10. Right before the part we've heard this weekend, Jesus has just told the apostles that He would be sending them out among wolves! People are not always going to want to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. Some will resist our attempts to share God's love and mercy. Jesus continually encourages us to do it anyway.

St. Teresa of Calcutta puts it best:



Fr. Eric Roush

## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKEND PRESIDERS

## Monday, June 26

6:00pm Michelle Hodge

## Tuesday, June 27

8:15am Ann Stanchina

(Special Intention)

## Wednesday, June 28

8:15am Dewey Lopes

## Thursday, June 29

8:15am Julio Hugo Denina

## Friday, June 30

8:15am Vincent Spanyer

## Saturday, July 1

8:15am the Parishoners of St. Susanna

5:00pm (Fr. Roush)

Grace & Charle Yost

## Sunday, July 2

7:30am (Fr. Larger) Rosalina Tamayo 9:00am (Fr. Savino) Isabelle Haley 11:15am (Fr. Roush) Ricardo Manalo 6:00pm (Fr. Roush) Dionisia Agravante

## 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 Ashley Douglas Lucy D'Souza John Gavin Scott Greisl Smiley Jungkunz Kimberly Kelly Sister Brigid Kelly Stephen Lutes David Magella Lucas McCrea Michael Murphy Gabriel Orick Barbie Quinto Joel Rivera Kathy Rohde Doreen Schowalter Wayne Schowalter Paul St. Clair Beverly Ward Mike Webber Jenny Weibel Phillis Wylds

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.



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



Today there is a collection for Peter's Pence, a worldwide collection that supports the charitable works of Pope Francis. Funds from this collection help victims of war, oppression, and natural disasters. Take this opportunity to join with Pope Francis and be a witness of charity to our suffering brothers and sisters. Please be generous today. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/peters-pence.

#### VATICAN II, MERCY, AND YOU



In this illuminating talk, Fr. Michael Gaitley recounts how Archbishop Karol Wojtyla, later Pope St. John Paul II, used the teachings of the Second Vatican Council with great success to help Catholics in his diocese live their faith to the full. Learn how Vatican II provides a map to help us enrich our lives through faith and effectively experience the good news of God's divine mercy.

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

## FORMED JUNE FEATURE: MASCULINITY

Courage is the willingness to suffer for what is true, good, and beautiful. The desire to be courageous is written into the fiber of a man's being, and the Church's understanding of masculinity is sacrifice. Effeminacy, on the other hand, is the

reluctance to sacrifice and act with courage. Tragically, the call to authentic masculinity is barely perceptible in the culture today, leading to a vacuum of destruction. True masculinity is embodied by Jesus Christ in His sacrifice on the Cross, which all Christians must imitate daily. The following recommended resources are available through FORMED:

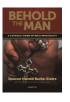
Study: True Strength



Video: Joseph of Nazareth



Book: Behold the Man



Audio: Pure Fatherhood

PURE FATHERHOOD DEVIN SCHADT

## **STEWARDSHIP**

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

In the Gospel today, we hear Jesus say: "Everyone who acknowledges me before others I will acknowledge before my heavenly Father." This month, through your gifts, our parish Society of St. Vincent de Paul chapter was able to "acknowledge the goodness of the Father" by providing food, money for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You for your generous donations to this ministry!

June 18, 2017	June 18, 2017	Over / (Under)
BUDGET	ACTUAL	Budget
\$34,000	\$36,422	\$2,422

Year to Date	Year to Date	Over / (Under)
BUDGET	ACTUAL	Budget
\$2,317,000	\$2,273,983	

### ADULT FAITH FORMATION



Are you between the ages of 18 & 39?

Are you looking for a place to connect?

No matter your state in life, you are welcome to join us as we do life together!

Please join the new St. Susanna Young Adult Group for a kick-off event on Monday, July 17th at 7:00pm in the St. John Bosco Room in the Undercroft of the Church, following 6:00pm Mass. Come meet other young adults in the parish and learn about the great things we have planned.

Please contact Melissa Capella with any questions at capellam@stsusanna.org or 513-398-3821, ext. 3149.



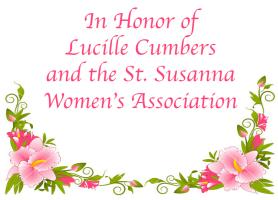
#### **GRIEFSHARE**

Wednesdays (July 12th -October 4th) at 6:30pm in the St. Catherine Room

Are you dealing with grief and struggling to make sense of the death of a loved one? Are you looking for support as you journey from mourning to joy? If so, join others for our next GriefShare program. Through videos, group discussion and personal journaling, you will discover the strength that comes from a caring community and our God.

In order to assure we have enough materials, sign up on the parish website: **www.stsusanna.org/griefshare** or contact Father Bob, 513-398-3821, ext. 3101. Cost of the program is \$15.00 to cover the cost of the participant workbook.





#### JUNE CAREGIVER SUPPORT MEETING

Cheerful CareGiver

Believe in yourself! Have faith in your abilities! Without a humble but reasonable confidence in your own powers, you cannot be successful or happy. - by N. Vincent Peale

We hope to see you June 28th in the St. Julie Billiart Room, 7:00-8:30pm. Call Sharon Kipfer, 513-509-3278, with questions.



#### RCIA THIS WEEK

This week's (June 26th) RCIA lesson is "Freedom in Christ": Christian freedom is freedom to do the good. A life of sin is slavery unto death. Obedience to God leads to a life of holiness and the confident hope of eternal joy with Him.

Questions for the week: In what ways am I confronted with "two ways" or paths from which to choose? Some people see God's law as a restriction on human freedom. How is obedience to God true freedom? What is my motivation for keeping God's law? How do I react to Jesus' answer to the rich man to give his wealth to the poor and to follow Him?

To study along with us, consider meditating on the following Scriptures:

Ps 102:18-22; ls 45:12-13; Mt 5:3-12; Mt 5:48; Mt 7:13-14; Mt 11:29-30; Mk 10:17-22; Jn 8:31-36; Jn 13:34-35; Jn 14:6; Rom 2:14-16; Rom 6:1-11; Rom 6:16-23; Gal 5:1; Phil 1:27; 1 Tm 1:18-19; Phlm v 14; 2 Pt 1:3-9

Look at the Catholic Catechism: 1691-1698; 1705-1707; 1716-1724; 1730-1742; 1776-1794; 1965-1972

Please pray for all of those people journeying to full Communion with the Catholic Church! For more information, please contact Susan Hack, ext. 3169 or hacks@stsusanna.org or visit: www.stsusanna.org/rcia



## 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.

#### **SCHOOL NEWS**

- Summer office hours will be daily from 8:00 12:00 (noon) through June 23, 2017. The School Office will be closed the month of July.
   We will reopen on Wednesday, August 2, 2017.
- Homeroom lists for next school year will be posted on Friday, August 4, 2017.
- Reminder... All volunteers who work with children need to attend a VIRTUS Session and have a clear Background Check. For details, visit the Parish website; choose Parish Info tab, then Child Protection from its dropdown menu.
- We have limited enrollment openings in a few of our grade levels. If you are interested
  in attending Saint Susanna School next school year, please call 398-3821, ext. 3108.

#### EXCITING NEWS...

After a thorough search, our Principal Search Committee has made their recommendation for our next school principal. I am excited to say that Mr. Daniel Albrinck has accepted my invitation to be our new principal. Mr. Albrinck has been a teacher with us for the past three years. He brings with him a deep faith, love of children, energy and a vision that will propel St. Susanna toward the future. I am convinced he will build on the great foundation we have and challenge our faculty and students to achieve even more. I, again, thank Mr. Hartman, for his 9 years of ministry at St. Susanna and wish him well at All Saints. May God bless and guide us in this time of transition.



If your child enjoys singing, please note that sign-ups for the St. Susanna Youth Choir are now available at:

#### 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.

#### **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
- and must read monthly training bulletins online

The next open seminar at St. Susanna Parish is Wednesday, August 9, 2017 at 6:30pm. You must register online to attend - visit www.virtus.org to register!

If you are a St. Susanna volunteer, please contact Cathy Meyer at 513-398-3821, ext. 3113 or meyerc@stsusanna.org before registering your VIRTUS account.

#### IT'S NOT TOO LATE TO REGISTER FOR PRESCHOOL!!!



If you are looking for a nurturing environment for your little one with a variety of opportunities to learn & play all while discovering God's wonderful world, St. Susanna Preschool is the place for you! We have limited openings in our 3s, 4s and Pre-K afternoon sessions, so don't delay... call today!

For additional information or to schedule a tour, please contact Joette Ewing, Preschool Director at 513-398-3821, ext. 3131 or ewingj@stsusanna.org. Thank you!

## DISCIPLES IN ACTION

# ST. SUSANNA'S NEW MINISTRY: OUR GLOBAL FAMILY

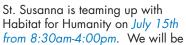


"Guided by our faith, we stand in solidarity with newcomers to our country. Through education, hospitality, relationship building and outreach, we expand our neighborhoods with the goal of fostering community acceptance and inclusion."

More than 65 million people are displaced around the world due to conflicts and persecution. 21 million are refugees who have crossed international borders. Only 1% of them will be permanently resettled. For more information about this ministry and how you can be involved, please contact Mary Jo Burns, burnsmj@stsusanna.org or 398-3821, ext. 3120.

For more information, visit the Our Global Family Ministry web page at **www.stsusanna.org/ourglobalfamily**.

#### **COME BUILD WITH US!**





working on a home in Newport, KY. Individuals, 16 years of age or older, are needed to assist this nonprofit Christian housing ministry. No prior experience in home building/finishing work is needed, just a desire to be the Hands of Christ to insure a safe and affordable place to live for families. For more information, please contact Mary Jo Burns, burnsmj@stsusanna.org or 398-3821, ext. 3120.

Online registration must be completed by July 7th: **www.stsusanna.org/habitatforhumanity**.

## SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME DE NAMUR CLEAN WATER PROJECT

This weekend, the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur will be present after all Masses to share with the parish their Clean Water Project. Some key facts to be aware of:

- Contaminated drinking water is a major problem... almost one billion people do not have access to safe water.
- It is documented that simply providing safe, clean drinkable water can reduce deadly diarrhea and other devastating diseases by about 50%.
- Providing a safe and efficient supply of clean water means children spend less time tending to survival tasks and more time dedicated to studies and brighter futures.

There are three ways that the Sisters help those whom they work with in developing countries obtain clean drinking water: the Photovoltaic Project, Bore Holes, and P&G Purifier of Water Packets. Please, take a few minutes after Mass to speak with the Sisters and learn more about this initiative. Any monetary donations that you can provide to assist them in their endeavors would be greatly appreciated.

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



#### COMPUTER RECYCLING RESULTS

In April, St. Susanna teamed up with Good Shephard's Computer Recycling Ministry with the goal to reclaim old PCs, keeping them from going to landfills, and to refurbish usable ones in order to provide them to less fortunate individuals who would not otherwise have access to a home computer.

During that computer drive, 61 PCs, 46 monitors, 24 laptops, and 43 printers were collected along with numerous keyboards and mouses. Of those totals, Good Shephard was able to utilize 41 PCs, 34 monitors, 24 laptops, 2 printers and the keyboards and mouses. The remaining items were taken to Cohen Recycling, which provides a safe, secure, and environmentally responsible solution for recycling electronics.

Thank You for your donations and for helping to make a difference in others' lives.

# ST. SUSANNA SAYS THANK YOU TO A PURPLE HEART VETERAN

(Purple Heart Recipient) E-8 Senior Chief James Hatch was shot at close range with an AK-47 on a hostage rescue mission in 2009. He was part of 150 Direct Action Combat Missions. As



a K9 handler on several deployments, James' life was regularly spared by the work of K9s – one of the most memorable was Spike. And on James' final deployment, the night he was critically wounded, a K9 saved James' life while losing his own. From that evening on, James oriented his life around the training, care and preservation of working dogs. Jimmy founded Spikes K9 Fund after his recovery. Spikes K9 Fund is a 501c3 Tax-Exempt Organization. In addition to working as the founder and president of the fund, he works with local law enforcement and has adopted a former service dog in need of medical attention.

Help St. Susanna honor Senior Chief James Hatch by providing him with "thank-you" cards. *Please place all cards in the marked boxes, in the Gathering Space, by July 10th*. This will allow him to have the cards prior to the Warrior Weekend celebrated in Middletown, OH, July 19th-23rd. After the Warrior Weekend, St. Susanna will be sending a care package to James to let him know that the St. Susanna Community will keep him in our thoughts and prayers.

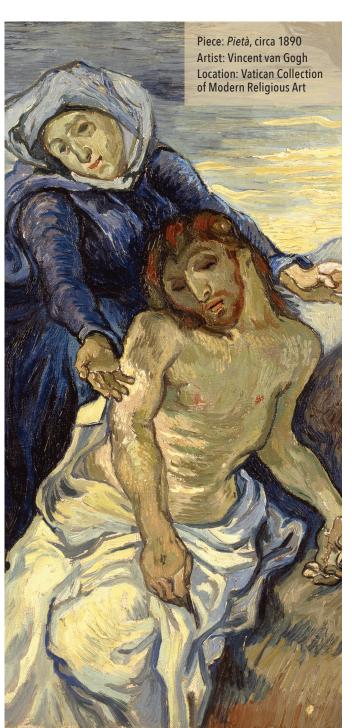


#### June 25, 2017

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time (A) Ier 20:10–13

Rom 5:12-15

Mt 10:26-33



## Struggle and Rest

Vincent van Gogh is one of the most famous painters in history. His dramatic style of eternally swirling motion and his palette of deep blue, green, and brown captivates us. His life was just as topsy-turvy as his style. He started off as an aspiring minister and missionary yet ended up committing himself to painting. He fought with mental illness most his life and, sadly, died poor and amidst mysterious circumstances.

His painting *Pietà* is one of his most spiritual and religious works. Carried out in the months before his untimely death, it shows the maturation of his style. Rather than approach the painting with a wide horizontal composition, he keeps it quite vertical, which suggests a connection between heaven and earth. Jesus is falling forward slightly and is not quite resting in Mary's arms. He seems to be somewhat on his own as Mary reacts in grief, offering more than an accepting embrace.

Suffering has both the moment of struggle and of rest. In Van Gogh's *Pietà*, as in life, the unrequited desire to rest prevails. The struggle to accept and embrace suffering was a big part of Van Gogh's life, as seen in his letters to his brother. Van Gogh, like us, sought serenity in a faith that claims "he has rescued the life of the poor" and that "all the hairs of your head are counted" and not a sparrow "falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge." We are precious to God, as was his Son. The power of God's love embraces our suffering and offers to bring it to resurrection.

-Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

## For Reflection

What am I struggling with and need to give over to Christ? How can I increase my trust in God this week?

"If by that one person's transgression the many died, how much more did the grace of God...overflow" (Romans 5:15).

#### **PARISH STAFF**

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Festival	Parish Office, 398-3821
Finance Commission	Shannon Benvenuti, 398-3821
Fish Fry	Scott Kososki, 461-9098
Health & Wellness	Laura Barbetta, 847-1849
Knights of Columbus	David Meyer, 262-0287
Men's Prayer Group	Bill Bross, 518-9594
Moms Group	Katie Fortener, (248) 515-8895
Natural Family Planning	Tom & Colleen O'Rourke, 398-3116
Prayer Network	Kathy Mussman, 777-5981
PTO	Libby Groskopf, 398-9735
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#### PTO 365 DAY RAFFLE WINNERS

