

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

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

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

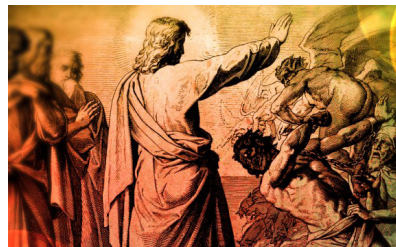
SO...HOW'S IT GOING?

Can you believe that we are nearly a month into the new year? So... how's it going with your New Year resolutions? Every year we begin with the best intentions to eat less, exercise more, volunteer more often, be a little more forgiving and friendly, etc., etc. but it doesn't take long before we must admit that something has gone wrong. Either we tried to do too much in too short a period of time, or we became discouraged

when long-standing habits didn't just melt away, or we simply lost interest. Whatever the reason, our resolutions have been shelved till next year when we will try again. It's unfortunate if we approach the readings of Ordinary Time from this perspective. Ordinary Time reminds us of our responsibilities as disciples of Jesus that must be lived out each day in ordinary yet persistent ways. That said, our readings, and our Lord, never expect us to change all at once.



As people of faith, we all have habits that we should break or cherished attitudes we need to change because they get in the way of our growing closer to God and each other. In some ways, we all have made a "deal with the devil" and have become comfortable with complacency in the face of injustice, long held biases, an unwillingness to forgive and accept those different from ourselves. Discipleship calls for more than a promise at the beginning of the year. It calls for a real, gradual, consistent transformation of mind and heart to God.



People at the time of Jesus believed that the world was a battlefield between good and evil. They believed that suffering, deformities, and illness of any kind was caused by demons that took control of one's life. These demons needed to be cast out to show the victory of God over evil. As in today's Gospel, evil does not leave or give up easily... the man was thrown into convulsions. But little by little, evil and brokenness give way to goodness and wholeness.

We no longer entertain this world view but we cannot deny that we are caught up in a battle between forces of good and evil. We cannot deny the fact that we are under the control of habits that are detrimental to our well-being and relationship with God. Like the man in the gospel, we may need the intervention of someone to cast out our demons. That help comes to all of us in Jesus.

God promises to send His Son to speak on our behalf, to show us that it is possible to live holy, grateful and grace-filled lives... little by little. The more we develop and enter into a personal relationship with Jesus, the more we choose to put Jesus at the center of our lives... His victory will be our victory. In the midst of the chaos and rubble of our lives a voice is heard by those ready to hear it, wanting to hear it: Be quiet! Come out!

Fr. Bob Farrell

MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKEND PRESIDERS

Monday, January 29

6:00pm Fr. Clarence Heis

Tuesday, January 30

8:15am Intention of the Parishioners

Wednesday, January 31

8:15am Intention of the Celebrant

Thursday, February 1

8:15am Intention of the Parishioners

Friday, February 2

8:15am Intention of the Parishioners

Saturday, February 3

8:15am Jake
5:00pm (Fr. Farrell) Richard Pohlman

Sunday, February 4

7:30am (Fr. Farrell) Nicholas Kohut
9:00am (Fr. Farrell) Olga Despotakis
11:15am (Fr. Roush) Brenda Greiner
6:00pm (Fr. Roush) Jimmy McMahon

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday at 5:00pm
Sunday at 7:30am, 9:00am, 11:15am, 6:00pm

Spanish Mass: 4:00pm the 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month

DAILY MASS TIMES

Monday at 6:00pm
Tuesday through Saturday at 8:15am

HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

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

RECONCILIATION

Monday at 6:45pm and Saturday at 9:00am

EUCCHARISTIC 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
Jake Denman
Craig Doty
Paul Evans
Joseph Patrick Fusco
Thomas Prieve
David Rodriguez
Justin Schuh
Christian Sornsen
James Wernke
Rachelle Wernke
Brandon Wesley
Ryan Whitaker
Jim Wykoff
Michael Zeller



PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Judy Babich
Jack Brady
Donna Brown
Jeffery Burbridge
Erica Burger
Pam Burger
Linda Burnside-Heine
Dolores DiAngelo
Tony Dierkers
Ashley Douglas
Lucy D'Souza
John Gavin
Peggy Gospodarek
Norma Grone
Scarlett James
Lyle Jones
Smiley Jungkunz
Kimberly Kelly
Frank Lahrman
Stephen Lutes
David Magella
Lucas McCrea
Sarah Nadolny
Philip Nwankpa
Chidinma Nwankpa
Michael Pottner
Barbie Quinto
Joel Rivera
Doreen Schowalter
Wayne Schowalter
Nathan Shackelford
Richard Smith
Rodney Smith
Paul St. Clair
Kelly Stevens
Julia and Joe Theil
Beverly Ward
Jenny Weibel
Robert Wiggins
Mary Ann Zindel

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, (513) 448-8994 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. Please register by calling the Parish Office (513-398-3821), or online (www.stsusanna.org).

Parish Library

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.

IN LOVING MEMORY...

Kathleen Stafford
Wife of James Stafford

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.



Go to stsusanna.formed.org to create your FREE personal log-in.

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.



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.



Visit, www.stsusanna.org/baptism to register and begin the 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, February 3rd, at 10:30am in the St. Susanna Room.



LECTOR TRAINING

Lectors proclaim the Word of God clearly and understandably so that all who hear may respond. We are looking for any who are interested in donating time & talent by serving as a Lector.

The next training session is Saturday, February 10th, at 9:30am. Register for this or future training sessions online: www.stsusanna.org/lectors.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING

Come and be trained for the beautiful ministry of Extraordinary Ministry of Holy Communion! Anyone who is interested in ministering in our Masses, helping take Communion to many area nursing homes, to those in Westchester hospital and homebound parishioners is invited. Teresa & Tim Geiger will lead the training.



The next training session is Saturday, February 17th at 9:00am (following the 8:15am Mass), in the Church. Register for this or future training sessions online: www.stsusanna.org/eucharisticministers.



ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

Do you think of yourself as a kind and helpful person? Do you want to be more actively involved in the Sunday liturgy? Are you at least in the 5th grade either in St. Susanna grade school or area public schools? Do you love Jesus, love the Mass, and want to give your time and talents in the service of God and His Church?

If so, we need you! You are invited to become an altar server. We need you to help at weekend Masses, funerals, weddings and other special Masses through the year.

The next training session is Saturday, February 24th, at 9:30am. Register for this or future training sessions online: www.stsusanna.org/altarservers.

DISCIPLES IN ACTION

ST. SUSANNA HEROES MASS

Calling all St. Susanna Heroes to attend the *Heroes Mass on January 31st at 8:15am*. The students of St. Susanna want to say thank you for your service to our community. We hope you can attend!



ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is given to those who are seriously ill, planning to have surgery, or are impaired by old age. If you would like to be anointed, please attend Mass on *Monday, February 12th, at 6:00pm*.

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

If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn what to do and say in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": www.bit.ly/friend-had-abortion.

USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion"

5TH ANNUAL MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



St. Susanna is having its 5th Annual Men's Prayer Breakfast on February 3rd, Super Bowl Saturday. *The featured speaker this year is Major League Baseball Pitcher Craig Stammen*. Craig is currently a free agent and has pitched for the Washington Nationals and San

Diego Padres. This year's theme is: "Spring Training: There is work to be done." Craig will share his Catholic faith experience along with lively stories from Major League Baseball. *The event will be held on Saturday, February 3rd, 9:00am to Noon, at the Meyer Center.*

Seating is limited so please go to www.stsusanna.org/superbowlsaturday to register.



Young at Heart February meeting is scheduled for the 21st at 12:00 noon in the St. Susanna Room. Our program will be presented by the Cincinnati Museum Center. The title of the program is "Cincinnati and the Presidents."

Reservations and the \$12.00 per lunch are due in the parish office no later than Friday, February 16. Be sure to have the correct change or to mark "YAH lunch" on the memo line of your check. We will also be collecting canned goods for the Schuh Center. For questions, contact Gretchen Osner (398-4820).



Ladies, you won't want to miss this! The Fourth Greater Cincinnati Catholic Women's Conference, "Here I am, Lord," will take place on *March 3, 2018* at The Manor

House (7440 Mason Montgomery Road, Mason, Ohio 45040).

Tickets are available at www.CincinnatiCatholicWomensConference.org.

There is an amazing lineup of speakers, confessions, vendors, visiting with friends, and Mass with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. Take a little time for yourself this coming Lent and enjoy this day of spiritual renewal. Bring a friend!

THE FIRST PARISH FISH FRY IS FEBRUARY 16TH!!



The Fish Fry needs many volunteers to be successful, and your help is needed! It is a great opportunity to serve the Parish community and take part in the fellowship of working with other St. Susanna parishioners during the Lenten season. If you are new to the parish and want to get to know some of your fellow parishioners, sign up! The Fish Fry runs Fridays between Ash Wednesday and Good Friday (February 16 – March 23). *The volunteer sign-up can be found at www.stsusanna.org/fishfry*. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Kososki at 513-461-9098 or skososki@cinci.rr.com or the Parish Office. Thank you!!

"FAST FACTS" FROM OUR GLOBAL FAMILY MINISTRY



In his January 14th homily for World Migrant Day, Pope Francis challenges us: "In the true encounter with the neighbor, are we capable of recognizing Jesus Christ who is asking to be welcomed, protected, promoted and integrated?" www.stsusanna.org/ourglobalfamily.

CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

Early Childhood 2017-2018

Faith formation for 3, 4, pre-K 5-year-olds and kindergartners meets on Sunday mornings at 9:00am. For more information, contact Rebecca Sackrider, ext. 3126, sackrider@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.

Faith Alive

Grades 6-8 (2017-2018)

Sundays at 4:00pm to 5:45pm in the St. John Bosco Youth Room. For more information, contact Gabbi Montavon, ext. 3195 or montavang@stsusanna.org.

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. For more information, contact Gabbi Montavon, ext. 3195 or montavang@stsusanna.org.

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



FAITH ALIVE

If you would like updates
texted to you, please text
@328637 to 81010.

January 28th, 4:00 – 5:45pm
"Spread Love"

Join us for Faith Alive as we spread love to those who are sick and homebound!

February 4th
There is **NO FAITH ALIVE!**
Happy Super Bowl Sunday!

February 11th, 4:00 – 5:45pm
"Positive Posters"

Faith Alive will be making posters for our local KAIROS retreat. Explore what it means to truly forgive and be forgiven by others.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Faith Alive's Spring Retreat will be held on St. Susanna's campus on April 6th-8th!



LIFE

If you would like updates
texted to you, please text
@life20172 to 81010.

January 28th, 7:00 – 9:00pm
"Stump the Priest"

During LIFE, you will have a chance to ask Fr. Eric or Fr. Bob the hard questions about our religion. Is there something you don't understand? Do you want to know the deeper meaning of something? Get all your questions answered at this meeting!

February 4th
There is **NO LIFE!**
Happy Super Bowl Sunday!

February 11th, 7:00 – 9:00pm
"Vocational Voices"

At this LIFE meeting, we will have 3 representatives from each vocation come and tell their story. You will have a chance to ask them questions and really get to know them and their vocation on a deeper level.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

LIFE's Spring Retreat will be held at the Tau House on March 16th-18th!

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION

Come and see what being a student at St. Susanna Preschool is all about! **Be sure to mark your calendars for our Open House on Thursday, February 8th from 6:30pm – 7:30pm.**

Registration for our current preschool families began on Monday, January 8th. **New families will have the opportunity to enroll starting on Monday, January 29th.** Classes fill up quickly, so please enroll early to ensure your class preference this fall! If you have any questions or would like to schedule a tour, please contact Joette Ewing at 513-398-3821, ext. 3131 or ewingj@stsusanna.org. Thank you!



**Celebrate
Catholic Schools
Week 2018**

January 28 – February 3
#CSW18

2018 CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week is January 28th - February 3rd! St. Susanna Parish School would like to thank the community, especially the St. Susanna Parishioners, for their prayers, guidance, and continued support. Our school is great because of you!

VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Those volunteering with children must fulfill the following requirements:



- must attend a Protecting God's Children seminar provided by VIRTUS. *The next open seminar at St. Susanna Parish is Tuesday, February 20, 2018 at 9:30am.* You must register online to attend, visit www.virtus.org to register!*
- have a cleared background check
- and must read monthly training bulletins online

*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.



Registration for the 2018/2019 at St. Susanna Parish School runs through February 16th.

If you have any questions please contact (513) 398-3821, ext. 3108.

FORMED PICK OF THE WEEK

Saint John Bosco

Mission to Love

Meet St. John Bosco, Patron Saint of Young People

Discover the inspiring story of St. John Bosco, a brave priest whose ministry to homeless, outcast boys of Turin, Italy inspired the formation of the Salesians. See the incredible joy, trials, and profound charity that allowed John Bosco to win young souls for Christ.

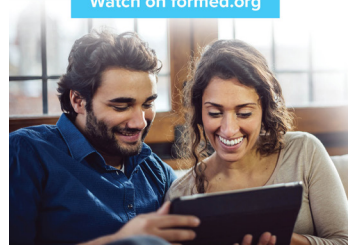


Watch on formed.org



"Might be the best made saint movie ever! I watch a lot of saint movies, and I thoroughly enjoyed this one from start to finish... I highly recommend it."

—Kevin L., Tempe, AZ



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STEWARDSHIP

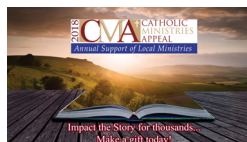
CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES FOR 2018 ARE AVAILABLE



Stewardship is not just for adults. It is so important that our children learn how much they have been blessed by God and how much God longs to see them share their blessings with others. Indeed, stewardship is a wonderful way of life for all of us. Sharing a little can mean a lot. One of the best ways to teach children about giving to others is to offer them the opportunity to place their own contribution envelope in the collection basket each week. Please consider using children's envelopes in your family this year. Boxes are in the Gathering Space.

2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

Next weekend is Commitment Weekend for the 2018 Catholic Ministries Appeal. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are Impacting the Story through local, Catholic ministries for people right here in our communities. These ministries depend on our help each year! You can mail your pledge card or bring it to Mass next weekend. For more information about the CMA, visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!



January 21, 2018 BUDGET	January 21, 2018 ACTUAL	Over / (Under) Budget
\$43,433	\$42,050	(\$1,393)
Year to Date BUDGET	Year to Date ACTUAL	Over / (Under) Budget
\$1,212,586	\$1,381,109	\$168,523

DISCIPLES IN ACTION



The St. Susanna Young at Heart is going to be wagering at Keeneland on **April 19th**. For

\$60 per person you get bus transportation, reserved seating in the Grandstand, and lunch in route. We will depart at 9:00am, return at 6:30pm. If interested, place a separate envelope in the Sunday collection with your check marked on the memo line "Keeneland". Limited to 40 total.

Questions: contact Russ Clark at 339-0711.

THE FESTIVAL COMMITTEE NEEDS YOU!

The Festival Committee is looking for a few individuals to join the planning committee. If you have a desire to become involved in the festival and are able to dedicate some time before festival weekend, we could use your help. Currently we need a **Basket Booth Co-Chair**, a **Parking Co-Chair** and a **Public Relations/Social Media Chairperson**. The Festival Committee meets monthly until festival weekend. If you are interested, please contact Brenda Stier at lstier@cinci.rr.com.



DONATIONS NEEDED

The Charitable Computing Ministry of St. Susanna specifically needs: **Flat Screen Monitors, Keyboards, Mice, Related Cords, and Android Phones**. They all play a big part in our help to the needy community. We will clean your disk and make it run like a new Linux machine. To donate, please call our hotline at 513-668-7483 or email us at c_c_m@earthlink.net.



For more information regarding this ministry, please go to www.stsusanna.org/charitablecomputingministry.

SEMINAR ON "END OF LIFE" PREPARATION

Dates: **February 21st**

Times: 2:00pm or 6:00pm

Location: Gate of Heaven Cemetery, 11000 Montgomery Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45249

Presented by: The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Office of Cemeteries and Gate of Heaven Cemetery

Reservation Required. Call 513-489-0300. No cost involved.

SLEEPING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

Wednesday, January 31st at 6:30pm in the St. Susanna Cafeteria.

Learn how to make sleeping mats for the homeless - no experience needed!

Before you throw away that plastic grocery bag, consider this: It could be helping the homeless get a better night's sleep. Join fellow parishioners in learning how to make "plarn" (plastic yarn) and crochet it into a sleeping mat. The advantage of using plarn is that it keeps individuals off the ground which can be cold and damp. Plarn also provides for additional comfort.



WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION SERVICE PROJECT



Women of the parish are invited to participate in an evening Service Project sponsored by the Women's Association, **February 7th, 7:00pm, in the school cafeteria**. Comfort pillows for breast cancer patients will be constructed (stuffing them and sewing them closed). Packets for Baptismal Bibs will also be assembled. Each baby who is baptized at St. Susanna receives this white cloth bib as part of the symbol of new life in Christ.

There will be activities for both those who sew and those who don't. Come, bring scissors, and needle, and thread (various colors) if possible. Refreshments will be served. **No RSVP is needed.** Questions should be directed to Fran Kester, 513-573-0994 or fkester@cinci.rr.com.

STUFF.

Is your car parked in your driveway because your garage is full of "stuff"? Is your basement crammed with boxes and bags of "stuff" just to get it out of sight and which you plan to get to later and "later" never comes? Consider this: St. Susanna Women's Association has scheduled the annual Garage Sale for June 22/23, 2018. Now would be a good time to start eliminating some of that "stuff" that is clogging up your life.



Keep in mind that all monies raised from the Garage Sale come back to the Parish – to purchase special items and to assist with Parish ministries. If you are unable or unwilling to hold your items till June, there are members of the Women's Association who are willing to accept your items to store until then. If necessary, they would even consider pick-ups. Contact Christine Phelan at 513-492-7265 or jazzcat1946@aol.com.

MISA EN ESPAÑOL

Segundo y cuarto Domingo del Mes 4:00pm

ORACIÓN TAIZE

Tercer Jueves del mes a las 6:30pm

NECESITAMOS SU AYUDA!!

Con dos Misas al mes en Español, necesitamos ayuda. Ministros de Eucaristía, Ujieres, Lectores, Monaguillos. Se provee entrenamiento.

Para el Coro contactar a: Nicolas Ortiz smtjedi@yahoo.com

GRUPO DE JOVENES!!!!

FAITH ALIVE: Domingos de 4-5:45pm en el cuarto de St. Jerónimo en el sótano de la Iglesia para jóvenes de 6-8 grados.

LIFE: Domingos de 7-9pm en el cuarto de St. Jerónimo en el sótano de la Iglesia para jóvenes de 9 a 12 grados. Para más información contacte a Gabbi Montavon en la oficina de la iglesia.

Todas las jovencitas que quieren tener celebraciones de Quince años en St.

Susanna tienen que

participar en un retiro que se da sola- mente una vez

al año. Y hay otra formación y requisitos para ayudarles en esta etapa de madurez tan importante.

Llame a Karla Eysoldt cuando su hija cumpla 14 años y ella puede avisarle de todos los requisitos.

Próximo retiro será el 17 de Marzo del 2018.



SU CASA SE HA MUDADO

La nueva dirección es: Mid Pointe Tower
7162 Reading Rd, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237.
Tel 513-761-1588.

Para Servicios Legales de Inmigración: (513) 672-3746



DEPARTAMENTO DE SERVICIOS LEGALES DE INMIGRACIÓN DE CARIDADES CATÓLICAS

Ofrecerá consultas gratuitas sin cita en St. Susanna el 15 de Marzo del 2018 de 10am a 4:30pm. Para más información comuníquese con Karla Eysoldt.

NOTICIAS

- Grupo de Oración para adultos en Español todos los Martes a las 7:30pm en el cuarto de St. Jerónimo abajo de la Iglesia.
- No se les olvide registrarse a la parroquia! Cualquier programa que quieran participar, cartas de la Iglesia, hacer algún sacramento, tienen que estar registrados.
- Para más información o si tiene alguna pregunta por favor comuníquese con la Iglesia. *El número de teléfono en Español de St. Susanna es:* (513) 398-3821 Ext. 3202 por favor deje mensaje.

El Ministerio Hispano Católico los invita al:

RETIRO DE PAREJAS

El 28 de Abril del 2018

de 8:30am-4:00pm

Iglesia de St. Susanna en Mason



Se aceptan parejas que vivan en unión libre, parejas preparándose para Matrimonio y parejas que estén casadas por lo civil ó por la iglesia. Registro necesario con Karla Eysoldt al (513) 448-8994 o keysoldt@catholiccincinnati.org.

¿HA PENSADO USTED EN LA MEJOR EDUCACIÓN PARA SUS HIJOS?



Las escuelas católicas ofrecen una enseñanza superior en un ambiente de fe, valores y disciplina. Venga a visitarnos y no se arrepentirá. ¡Las inscripciones ya están abiertas! Tenemos becas y ayuda financiera disponible. Para más información, por favor comuníquese con Mayra Wilson—Coordinadora de Relaciones Hispanas al (513) 421.3131 ext. 2718.

ESCUELAS CATÓLICAS -

¡La mejor opción para lo que más importa!

El programa de ABLE ofrece clases de Inglés. Para más información comuníquese al (513) 695-2987. Clases en Lebanon en las tardes.



STEWARDSHIP

ST. SUSANNA PARISH AND SCHOOL FINANCIAL RESULTS FROM FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2017 COMPARED TO 2016 & FY 2018 BUDGET

	FY 2016 ACTUAL	FY 2017 ACTUAL	NEW FISCAL YEAR 2018 BUDGET
Stewardship of Treasure	\$2,502,926	\$2,531,212	\$2,219,640
Parish Share from One Faith, One Hope, One Love Campaign	\$103,743	\$100,438	\$85,000
School Tuition	\$2,694,747	\$2,752,791	\$2,822,575
State Funding, Financial Aid to School	\$311,348	\$273,945	\$290,000
School Lunch and Milk Receipts	\$232,151	\$238,037	\$225,724
St. Susanna Festival Revenue	\$96,000	\$70,000	\$96,000
Children's Faith Formation Fees	\$101,347	\$89,680	\$92,000
Pre-School Tuition/Fees	\$95,465	\$117,425	\$139,365
Interest Income	\$93,148	\$98,079	\$90,000
Outreach and Other Ministry Fees and Donations	\$38,880	\$45,613	\$33,700
TOTAL REVENUE AND FUNDING SOURCES	\$6,269,756	\$6,317,219	\$6,094,004
Salaries and Wages	\$2,704,169	\$2,831,001	\$3,005,741
Employee Benefits	\$859,112	\$873,765	\$980,149
Repairs, Maintenance - Properly, Equipment	\$451,609	\$573,031	\$507,684
Interest Expense/Service Charges	\$189,407	\$185,773	\$184,625
Office Equipment/Supplies/Computers	\$206,499	\$292,920	\$294,016
Utilities	\$226,225	\$218,368	\$220,550
Liturgy, Outreach, and Other Parish Ministries	\$199,374	\$124,944	\$120,900
Cafeteria - Food & Other (not including salaries/benefits)	\$156,773	\$159,627	\$145,750
Assessment/General Liability Insurance	\$322,853	\$317,071	\$336,000
Miscellaneous Costs	\$62,010	\$53,415	\$75,150
TOTAL OPERATION/FACILITY COSTS	\$5,378,031	\$5,629,916	\$5,870,565
NET FY AVAILABLE TO INVEST IN OUR MINISTRY, CAPITAL NEEDS AND ADDITIONAL DEBT PAYMENTS	\$891,725	\$687,304	\$223,439
Principal Payments on our Church, Land Loan	\$417,360	\$941,630	\$255,581

STEWARDSHIP

COMMENTS ON FY 2017 OPERATING RESULTS:

STEWARDSHIP FUNDING

- Our Stewardship Funding was up approximately 1.2% this year in comparison with the prior fiscal year.
- We ended the year with 4,445 registered families - an increase of 103 families compared to June, 2016.

PLEDGES FOR ONE FAITH, ONE HOPE, ONE LOVE CAMPAIGN

- We received \$100,438 from the pledges from our Parish family towards the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign.
- The total pledged from St. Susanna families thus far is nearly \$2.2 million. Of this total pledged, 80% is devoted to sustaining and growing various ministries throughout the Archdiocese and 20% is returned to the Parish which we are using to pay down our church and land debt.
- All of this \$100,438 was paid to the bank as additional principal payments this past fiscal year.

BANK LOAN BALANCE

- We began FY 2017 with a bank loan balance of \$3,934,769.43.
- Due to conservative spending, increased stewardship, and committed savings, the Parish Finance Committee approved a \$505,000 additional principal payment to our Church (building & land) loan. With our additional principal payments, we closed the year at June 30, 2017 with a principal balance of \$2,993,139.93. Therefore, in 2017 we paid off close to \$1,000,000 of our Parish debt.
- We are committed to making sure we are good stewards of the Parish's finances and we remain committed to paying off the Church debt as quickly and responsibly as possible. Thank you again to all our Parishioners who donate to the Parish debt and are working to help us achieve this goal.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

- In Fiscal Year 2017, we completed phase one of our HVAC project. Due to the extensive work needed, and trying to work within the Parish budget, the project will be done in several phases. Phase one of the project cost \$93,500. The next phase will consist of replacing the old boiler system in the older part of St. Susanna School and installing a more energy efficient system. This will allow us to keep heating and cooling costs down, be more environmentally friendly, and heat and cool the school more effectively. Phase two is estimated to cost \$65,000. The subsequent phases (five in all) are estimated to cost \$135,000. The total cost of the project will be approximately \$300,000.
- Beyond brick and mortar projects, we are investing in parishioners through adult and youth faith formation, a strong, vibrant school, youth ministry, and outreach ministries. More still needs to be done with pastoral concerns; bereavement, marriage enrichment, divorce/remarriage support, Hispanic Community, and young adult. Your generous gifts will allow us to move forward in these areas.

As always, we work diligently to control our operating costs and remain ever mindful of our awesome responsibility and privilege to dedicate your generous contributions towards meeting the current and future needs of all St. Susanna Parish and School families. We would also like to thank the Parish Finance Committee Members and the Parish Facility Committee Members for all the hard work they do throughout the year to help ensure we are being mindful stewards of the Parish's finances and working hard to make important decisions about our facility needs.

STEWARDSHIP: THE ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Stewardship is the response of each person's call to discipleship, a lifelong way of life in which one responds to the mission and ministry of the local and universal Church, sharing the Gospel of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. It's about turning gratitude, love and conversion into action through time, talent and treasure - along with prayer because we are so grateful to God for all we have been given to share with those in need.

At the end of June, 2017, we had *4,445 registered families* in the parish. Our contribution records indicate that a total of 2,130 families did not make any financial contributions to the parish this past year. *So, only 47% of our parish families are financially contributing to the Parish.* 168 of our families contributed less than \$5 each week, and 2,147 families made contributions of \$5 or more.

We currently have 635 families who are making their financial contributions to St. Susanna electronically. For those families who would like more information on this convenient and safe method of online giving, please visit <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/749> to set up an account. Also, a small number of families choose to make contributions through stock or foundation gifts. You can sometimes double your charitable contributions through matching gifts. These forms of giving can provide maximum tax benefits for you and serve as a tremendous support for our Parish.

All of our St. Susanna Parish and School Ministries are funded by the generosity of our Parish Families. Our Adult Faith Formation Programs are welcoming many parishioners in our classes and workshops.

We are serving well *over 700 children in our Children's Faith Formation Program* and in addition, we have *60 kids in our Early Childhood Program* and another *93 students enrolled in our PreSchool*. We are excited about the growth in our Youth Ministry Programs.

We served *327 children in this summer's Vacation Bible School* and we have *698 students enrolled in our Saint Susanna Blue Ribbon Parish School*. We are blessed with incredible staff and faculty members and we could not begin to serve all of the children in our various programs without the hands-on support and devoted dedication of hundreds of parents and family members' volunteer efforts.

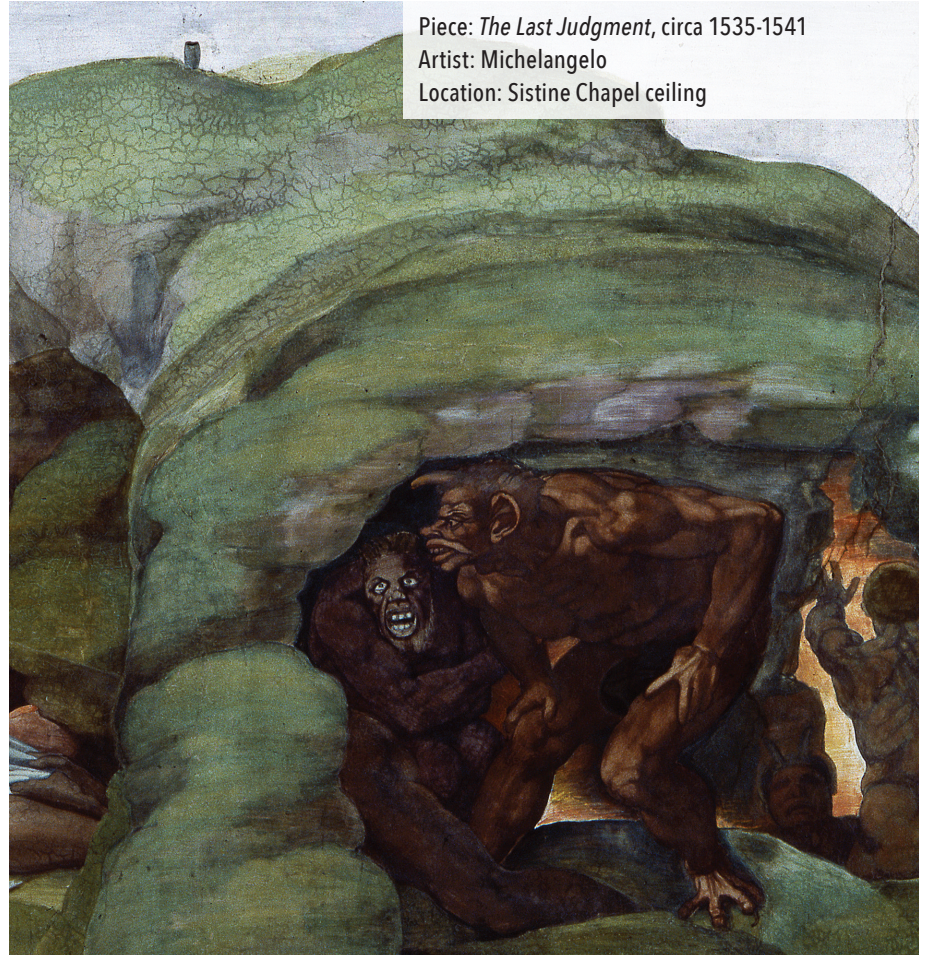
Thank you all for your support. May our Generous and All Loving God continue to bless you!

Progress Isn't Always Easy

Jesus' miracles and preaching were part of what convinced people that he was the Son of God. He spoke like no other and then backed up his words with amazing and wonderful actions. For example, he confronted evil spirits and cast them out. The people were amazed and saw this as evidence of his divinity, because no one had absolute power over evil—except God himself. This is a power the Church continues to practice today through the ministry of healing and exorcism.

Jesus did not want to see people suffer under the power of Satan but rather wanted them to live full and happy lives. “I came that they might have life and have it abundantly,” Jesus said in John 10:10. This strong desire of Jesus to heal and save drove him to tirelessly preach and do good. And because of this combination of goodness and power in his person, his fame spread. Yet the message he preached was challenging and demanding. Eventually many preferred to silence that good, powerful, but demanding voice.

Today, like Jesus, the Church still longs for nothing less than humanity's complete health and happiness. Yet, at times, the path to that human progress is not the easiest. Like temperamental children are chided by loving parents to eat healthy food rather than just what they like, so the good and powerful voice and



Piece: *The Last Judgment*, circa 1535-1541

Artist: Michelangelo

Location: Sistine Chapel ceiling

actions of the Church are challenged.

We find our full flourishing as human beings and as Catholics by embracing Jesus' words and desires for us.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

For Reflection

Am I letting myself be tricked into eating any moral junk food that isn't healthy for my long-term spiritual and moral flourishing?

*Jesus...said, "Quiet! Come out of him!"
He commands even the unclean spirits and they obey him.
(Mark 1:25, 27)*

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PTO 365 DAY RAFFLE WINNERS



1/14	Angela Walls	\$100
1/15	Erin Rosen	\$40
1/16	Schirmer Family	\$40
1/17	Tatiana Butts	\$40
1/18	Bill Gawkins	\$40
1/19	Lori Bateson	\$40
1/20	Susie Clendenin	\$40