

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

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

## REFLECTING WITH THE PAROCHIAL VICAR

APRIL 8, 2018

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

### SHOW MERCY, BECOME A SAINT

If ever there were someone we might think perfectly justified in seeking revenge, it was a little boy whom friends and family called Lolek. His mother died when he was only 9 and his only brother, to whom he was very close, when he was 12. As a young college student, his university was suppressed when the Nazis invaded. After his father's untimely death, Lolek entered the seminary, which had to be done in secret for fear of persecution. Ordained in Rome, he returned home to serve a community afflicted under Communist rule. As a priest and then bishop, he was in a privileged position to witness the great suffering of his people. If there were anyone who we might think justified in harboring bitterness and anger, of withholding mercy from untold enemies, it's Lolek—or, as we know him today Karol Wojtyla, Pope John Paul II.

Not only did John Paul II not withhold mercy, he became one of the Church's great saints of mercy. He canonized as a saint a Polish nun blessed with a vision of God's mercy, Sr. Faustina Kowalska. Her diary is now considered a spiritual classic on the mercy of God. He instituted the first Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday. He promoted praying the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. As pope, he wrote an encyclical on mercy, *Dives in Misericordia*. So imbued is John Paul II with God's mercy that he continues this divine mission of mercy from the halls of Heaven.

The towering example of mercy in his life is when John Paul II forgave the man who attempted to assassinate him. In this, he imitated his Divine Master, Jesus Christ, who from the Cross, hanging upon His instrument of torture faced those who were murdering Him, and said, "Father, forgive them, they know not what they do." These men were not repentant, but Jesus pleaded that forgiveness be granted. At the point of death, only a heart filled with mercy, though still laden with sorrow, could make such a plea. A new book has brought to light that John Paul II decided to forgive his assassin when he was in the ambulance, immediately after being shot. Hanging on the brink of death—though he would survive—this great disciple followed in the footsteps of Jesus.

Saints show us the mercy of Jesus Christ. Christ the Son reveals the Father of mercy; while we were still sinners, He died for us; we are called to the same outpouring of generosity of heart. We are called to unilateral forgiveness. This must never be a condescending or holier-than-thou attitude, but one which opens us up to being receptive of the other. This openness, this receptivity, makes possible reconciliation when the one who has trespassed against us shows repentance then asks our forgiveness. How much easier it is to give if all along we've been eagerly waiting in joyful hope for the other to ask for it. This is taking on the heart of Christ that burns with love for us while we were still in sin. This is imitating our Blessed Mother, who intercedes most tenderly for the conversion of sinners.

This is the joy of Easter! During the Easter season, God calls us in His Church in a special way to pray for the conversion of sinners, for the strength to resist our own sinfulness, and particularly for the final repentance of those nearing death. There is no more critical time for us to truly believe in the mercy of God so as to have the wisdom to turn to Jesus, the humility to repent of our sins, and the courage to embrace Him who saves us, than as we are enfolded in the shroud of death. At these moments, we are most in need of remembering the joy of Easter, our hope in the promise of the Resurrection, and the power of forgiveness born of our faith in Jesus Christ.



*Fr. Eric Roush*

## MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKEND PRESIDERS

### Monday, April 9

6:00pm Kathy Wajciechowski

### Tuesday, April 10

8:15am Intention of the Parishioners

### Wednesday, April 11

8:15am Steve Beitman

### Thursday, April 12

8:15am Norb Backhus

### Friday, April 13

8:15am Intention of the Parishioners

### Saturday, April 14

8:15am Intention of the Parishioners  
5:00pm (Fr. Farrell) Traci Raley

### Sunday, April 15

7:30am (Fr. Farrell) Martha Ifcic  
9:00am (Fr. Roush) Dorthy Kroeger  
11:15am (Fr. Roush) Nicholas Kohut  
6:00pm (Fr. Farrell) Richard Pohlman

### 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  
Joseph Patrick Fusco  
Justin Schuh  
Christian Sornsen  
James Wernke  
Rachelle Wernke  
Brandon Wesley  
Ryan Whitaker  
Jim Wykoff  
Michael Zeller



### PRAYERS FOR THOSE IN NEED

Judy Babich  
Eileen Bees  
Jack Brady  
Donna Brown  
BettyLu Bryan  
Jeffery Burbridge  
Erica Burger  
Pam Burger  
Deborah Burkardt  
Linda Burnside-Heine  
Dolores DiAngelo  
Tony Dierkers  
Ashley Douglas  
Lucy D'Souza  
Joann Fath  
John Gavin  
Peggy Gospodarek  
Scott Greisl  
Norma Grone  
Scarlett James  
Lyle Jones  
Kimberly Kelly  
Frank Lahrman  
Stephen Lutes  
David Magella  
Susan Marsh  
Lucas McCrea  
Ines Morita  
Jeanne Mullett  
Sarah Nadolny  
Philip Nwankpa  
Chidinma Nwankpa  
Eloise Pitstick  
Michael Pottner  
Barbie Quinto  
Joel Rivera  
Doreen Schowalter  
Wayne Schowalter  
Marie Seuberling  
Nathan Shackleford  
Millie Smeltzer  
Richard Smith  
Rodney Smith  
Paul St. Clair  
Kelly Stevens  
Julia Theil  
Beverly Ward  
Jenny Weibel  
Robert Wiggins

### 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](mailto:nursery@stsusanna.org) for details.

### Children's Liturgy of the Word

For children in grades K-2, September through May, 9:00 and 11:15am Masses. For details, contact Kristen Tell, ext. 3135 or [tellk@stsusanna.org](mailto: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](mailto:keysoldt@catholiccincinnati.org).

Misa en español es el segundo y cuarto domingo del mes a las 4:00pm.

### Parish Membership

We joyfully welcome new members of our parish community. Please register by calling the Parish Office (513-398-3821), or online ([www.stsusanna.org](http://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](mailto:bulletin@stsusanna.org) and we will begin publishing them weekly.

### IN LOVING MEMORY...

Emily Marie Casey  
Daughter of TJ & Jennifer Casey

Richard Lee Dollins  
Husband of Frances Dollins

## 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](http://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](http://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.



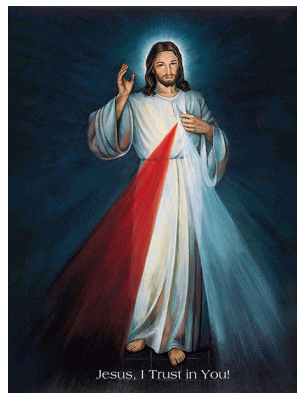
### DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

From Creation, God has revealed His nature as love itself, in Sacred Scripture and most perfectly in the life, Passion, death and Resurrection of His Son, Jesus. We have moved through Holy Week and have been touched by God's love and mercy. In his second encyclical, *Rich in Mercy*, Pope Saint John Paul II offers an extended meditation on the mystery of God's mercy, which he calls "the greatest of the attributes and perfections of God" (*Dives in Misericordia*, 13).

*As a gift to humanity, which sometimes seems bewildered and overwhelmed by the power of evil, selfishness, and fear, the Risen Lord offers His love that pardons, reconciles, and reopens hearts to love. It is a love that converts hearts and gives peace. How much the world needs to understand and accept Divine Mercy! Lord, who reveals the Father's love by Your death and Resurrection, we believe in You and confidently repeat to You today: Jesus, I trust in You, have mercy upon us and upon the whole world. - Bl. Pope John Paul II*

*For the sake of His sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world.*  
- Chaplet of Divine Mercy

As you join us for Mass, open your heart to God's mercy. Humbly come before the Lord and pray the following prayer:



*Eternal God,  
In whom mercy is endless  
And the treasury of compassion  
- inexhaustible,  
Look kindly upon us  
And increase Your mercy in us,  
That in difficult moments  
We might not despair  
Nor become despondent,  
But with great confidence  
Submit ourselves to Your holy will,  
Which is Love and Mercy itself.  
Amen.*



### BAPTISM PREPARATION

The next Baptismal Preparation class is Saturday, April 14th, at 10:30am in the St. Isidore Room.

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

### 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 **April 21st at 8:15am.**





## ADULT FAITH FORMATION



The parish staff would like to thank all the parishioners who brought various kinds of wonderful food for the reception following the Easter Vigil during which we welcomed our newly baptized and confirmed members. The

help of the maintenance staff and many volunteers was greatly appreciated as we celebrated the Resurrection of Christ with our newest members. A special thank-you goes to Mary Jo Drohan who spent many hours organizing this event.

### TAIZÉ PRAYER

Thursday, April 19th from  
6:30 – 7:00pm

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



### YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE ORDINATION OF JEFFREY STEGBAUER

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati would like to announce the ordination of Jeffrey Michael Peter Stegbauer to the Sacred Order of

Deacon at 11am on Saturday, the 28th of April, 2018 at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral in Cincinnati. Please pray for his classmates and him in these final weeks of preparation. Open seating will be available at the Cathedral if you desire to attend the Ordination Mass.

Jeff will serve as deacon and preach at St. Susanna Catholic Church in Mason on Sunday, April 29th at the 11:15am Mass.



### THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS AND GUESTS FOR MAKING THIS YEAR'S FISH FRY A SUCCESS!!

Thank you to the hundreds of volunteers that gave of their time over the 6 weeks of the Fish Fry. It takes a parish community to run a Fish Fry and with the help of all of you, it ran smoothly! Thank you also to the MANY, MANY guests that attended the Fish Fry! Many of you came all 6 weeks!! We hope you enjoyed the food! We are happy to say, that with your support, we were able to raise the funds needed to help offset the cost of installing security cameras and equipment on the school grounds!! We wish you all a Blessed and Happy Easter, and look forward to seeing you next year! If you have any suggestions on how to make the Fish Fry even better, please feel free to send a note to Scott Kososki and skososki@cinci.rr.com.

God Bless! The St. Susanna Parish Fish Fry Committee.  
(Pat, Pam, Joe, Michelle, Bob, Zach and Scott.)

### SHARING CHRIST BEGINS NEXT WEEK!



sharing  
CHRIST

Sharing Christ is an experience that focuses on personal or friendship evangelization, sharing our relationship with Jesus in our daily encounters with people. This program trains Catholics to share Jesus Christ with others and invite them to be part of the Church. This is the third in a series. There are six sessions and a day retreat. *You must have completed Following Christ before beginning Sharing Christ.*

**Where:** St. Isidore Room, located in the Undercroft

**When:**

- Thursday Mornings at 9:30am, April 12th through May 17th (Retreat May 19th)
- Monday Evenings at 7:00pm, April 9th through May 14th (Retreat May 19th)

**Register:** [www.stsusanna.org/sharingchrist](http://www.stsusanna.org/sharingchrist)



The Women's Association will hold a *members' business meeting* April 14th, at 9:30am in the St. Susanna Room. Upcoming

events will be discussed, especially the June 22nd and 23rd Garage Sale. All women of the parish are invited to attend. Remember, many, many hands are needed to make the Garage Sale a success. This sale enables the Women's Association to provide many items for the parish that are not in the budget.

### ATTENTION, MEN OF ST. SUSANNA PARISH...

**Welcome.**  
There is **More to Life**

We are excited to announce "Welcome," the updated version of "CRHP" (which is now owned by Matthew

Kelly). It's run by parishioners for parishioners, and it's re-energizing parishes across the country.

Most of the people you see every day feel like something is missing in their lives. *Welcome* is an incredible experience that helps them discover what that something is – and what to do about it. If you're reading this, there's a good chance you should be a part of the weekend. Don't wait – spaces are filling up fast.

*The St. Susanna Welcome weekend retreat for men will be held Saturday, May 19th and Sunday, May 20th.* Through fellowship, faith sharing, hospitality, music, individual and group activities, Mass, and more, participants have the opportunity to step back from the everyday to reflect on their lives and their spiritual journeys and build meaningful relationships with other men in the parish.

*Welcome* is free to attend and all meals are provided. Contact Fraser McCurrach at [crhp29stusue@gmail.com](mailto:crhp29stusue@gmail.com) for more information, or by phone at (513) 515-7793.

## DISCIPLES IN ACTION

### A TALK ABOUT THE CULTURAL CHALLENGES OF MILITARY NURSING

Joan Peskin of the Women's Association is giving a talk titled Cultural Challenges of Military Nursing in the Middle East during Desert Storm on **April 11th, at 7:00pm.** in the St. Isadore Room. This should be very interesting since Joan was a nurse in Saudi Arabia during Desert Storm. Everyone is invited.

### YOUNG AT HEART APRIL 18TH LUNCHEON

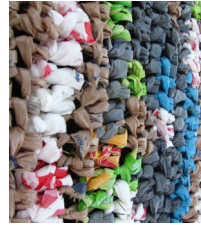
We "promise" you no snow for our April 18th Young at Heart luncheon at noon. *If you sent in your money for the March luncheon, you are paid up for April. However, do contact the office no later than Friday, April 13th, to notify us that you are coming in order for us to have a good count for our caterer.*



Our program will be provided by our very own Barry Polley. His "Downsizing Seminar" is aimed at motivating and educating folks to reduce our worldly possessions in favor of more important priorities of faith, family, and friends. Barry includes strategies for ridding our lives of that unneeded stuff we have accumulated over the years. Looking forward to seeing you on the 18th for what promises to be a very practical topic. For questions call Gretchen Osner (398-4820).

### SLEEPING MATS FOR THE HOMELESS

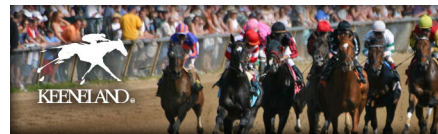
*Thursday, April 12th at 6:30pm in the St. Susanna Cafeteria.*



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.



*The St. Susanna Young at Heart is sponsoring a trip to Keeneland on April 19th. It should be a beautiful spring day*

with all of the flowers in bloom at the race track. Keeneland is a spectacular track right in the middle of the Kentucky horse farms in Lexington. Included in the price of \$60 is the transportation, lunch and reserved grandstand seating. It should be a fabulous day.

Please come along by taking a check made out to St. Susanna, with "Keeneland" on the memo line and delivering it to the office, or place the check in a separate envelope marked "Keeneland" on the outside, and drop it in the Sunday collection. For questions or further information, contact Russ Clark at 339-0711.

### IN LOVING MEMORY...

*The beautiful flowers adorning the Church this Easter season have been donated in loving memory of...*

The Albrinck Family  
Bollmer, Vivian and Richard  
Brady, Elizabeth & Patrick  
Burke, Lois and Dan  
Cardarelli, Dominick  
Cardarelli, Mary  
Cardillo, Barbara  
Chambers, Jane  
Chavez, Chelo  
Chavez, Luz  
The Compton Family  
Connor, John & Julia  
Decker, Catherine and Nick  
DeGollado, Alice  
DiBartolo, Philip & Josephine  
Dilapidilap, Asunceon  
Doerfleer, Harold & Katherine  
DuVall, Robert & Dorthy  
Feiertag, Charlotte  
Fernandez, Caridad  
Frances, Anna Frank  
Frederick, Richard  
Frost, Warren

Gamble, Ernest  
Gannon, Tom  
Geren, Ernie  
Gillotti, Steve  
Hanes, Carol  
Hass, Mr. & Mrs. Wm.  
Hasselschwert, Jean  
Hasselschwert, Richard  
Haurin, Donald  
Haurin, Eileen  
Haurin, Margret  
Hodgins, Tami  
Horstman, Olga  
Huston, Mr. & Mrs. Arthur  
Jacob, Herbt & Theresa  
Jaimes, Benjamin & Maria  
Kaseman, Dr. Deborah  
Kastner, Sylvia  
Kensil, Margareta  
Klenke, Cicconardi  
Krumm, Bill & Mary Ann  
Lasrado, Dr. & Mrs. Albert  
Lena

Lopez, Sabastian  
Lopez, Tato  
Loren, Ruth & Jesse  
Lucas, Burnett  
McCarty, Fredrick  
McGregor, Robert  
Miller, Shirley  
Oceak, Mary  
Oliger, Ed  
Ortiz, Alonzo  
Papincak, Mary & Joseph  
Petty, Eric  
Pickering, Stanley  
Pickering, Vera  
Pickering, Vivian  
Poling, Frank  
Pollack, Michael  
Raney, Rita  
Schmidt, Charles  
Schoemy, Jim  
Sroufe, Beulah  
Stallo, Caroline  
Stallo, Nancy

Steele, Marie  
Steele, Rosemarie  
Steele, Ulrich  
Stines, Robert  
Strobeck, Herman  
Strobeck, Mary  
Stroufe, Wilson  
Suwiryer, Anthonius Andy  
Szparkowski, Richard (Rick)  
Topper, Betty K.  
Topper, Wayne W.  
Turney, Jerry  
Vazquez, Julian & Maria  
Watson, Helen Mary  
Watson, John  
Wetterich, Robert  
White, Emily & Steve  
Williams, Earl  
Yost, Charlie  
Yost, Gracie  
Zordlo, Kay

## STEWARDSHIP

March 25, 2018 BUDGET	March 25, 2018 ACTUAL	Over / (Under) Budget
\$34,754	\$47,964	<b>\$13,210</b>

Year to Date BUDGET	Year to Date ACTUAL	Over / (Under) Budget
\$1,574,411	\$1,798,619	<b>\$224,208</b>

April 1, 2018 BUDGET	April 1, 2018 ACTUAL	Over / (Under) Budget
\$51,179	\$71,430	<b>\$20,251</b>

Year to Date BUDGET	Year to Date ACTUAL	Over / (Under) Budget
\$1,625,590	\$1,870,050	<b>\$244,460</b>



### NEXT WEEK IS THE THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION

Next week, our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## CHILDREN'S FAITH FORMATION

### 2018/19 CFP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

Registration for the 2018/19 CFP session is now available.

- Sunday 10:15am-11:30am
- Sunday 4:30pm-5:45pm
- Monday 6:00pm-7:15pm



Numbers will be capped for each session, assignments will be made in the order of registration completion. Formal classes will begin September 16th and 17th, running through May 5th and 6th. 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. Please direct questions to Kristen Tell, 513.398.3821, ext. 3135 or [tellk@stsusanna.org](mailto:tellk@stsusanna.org).

To register for the 2018/19 CFP sessions, please visit: [www.stsusanna.org/cfpregistration](http://www.stsusanna.org/cfpregistration).

### NURSERY HELP NEEDED

*The youngest members of our parish are in need of your service.*

The nursery is seeking individuals with experience and interest in caring for multiple children birth to 4 years old to join our staff. The position requires a commitment of Sunday mornings 8:30-12:30 twice a month with flexible scheduling and some compensation. If interested, please contact Kate Sylvester, by phone, 513-226-5717, email [nursery@stsusanna.org](mailto:nursery@stsusanna.org) or the Parish Office.

### 2018/19 OPENINGS AT ST. SUSANNA SCHOOL



There are still openings in select grade levels for the 2018/2019 school year. If you would like to schedule a tour, please contact 513-398-3821, ext. 3108.

### BOOSTERS NEWS

Registration is open for Girls Volleyball, Football, and Golf. Please register online at [www.stsusannatitans.com](http://www.stsusannatitans.com).



#### Boosters is seeking:

- Golf Coaches - 1 for B team and 1 for C team
- Coordinator for Boys Basketball - Youth (3rd-5th Grades)
- Gym Scheduling Coordinator for Volleyball and Basketball seasons

For more information, please contact Mark Cravens at (859) 916-6161 or [mcravens@apctowers.com](mailto:mcravens@apctowers.com).

### PRESCHOOL OPENINGS FOR THE 2018 - 2019 SCHOOL YEAR!



It's not too late to register!!! 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 2s Class as well as 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](mailto:ewingj@stsusanna.org). Thank you!

## 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, sackriderr@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, and Mondays, 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.

### **REGISTER NOW FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

June 25th - 29th from 9:00am-Noon



Vacation Bible School has a great need for Adult Volunteers for the week of June 25th. Please register online, or contact Rebecca Sackrider at sackriderr@stsusanna.org, if you can help our children have a wonderful week with Jesus.

To register a participant or as a volunteer, please visit: [www.stsusanna.org/vbs](http://www.stsusanna.org/vbs).

### **EARLY CHILDHOOD WELCOMES CHILDREN AGES 3 THROUGH KINDERGARTEN**



Registration for the Early Childhood Program for the 2018/19 school year is now available. This Bible School 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 2018/19 Early Childhood Program, please visit: [www.stsusanna.org/ecregistration](http://www.stsusanna.org/ecregistration).

If you have questions or are interested in being a catechist or aide, please contact: Rebecca Sackrider at sackriderr@stsusanna.org or 513-398-3821, ext. 3126.



#### **FAITH ALIVE**

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

*April 8th  
No Faith Alive! Come to our Spring  
Retreat, "So Adored." The retreat will be  
held at St. Susanna. It starts on Friday at  
5:00pm and is over after the 11:15am  
Mass on Sunday!*

*April 15th, 4:00-5:45pm  
"Rest In Peace"*

Join us as we walk over to a  
neighboring cemetery and offer up  
prayers to our beloved deceased.

*April 22nd, 4:00-5:45pm  
"CoCo"*

Join us as we watch Disney's CoCo  
and celebrate the Hispanic tradition!

*April 29th, 4:00-5:45pm  
"Year In A Glimpse"*

As we look back at Faith Alive's year,  
let us praise God for the friends we  
made and ask Him to guide our future!

*May 6th, 4:00-5:45pm  
End of the year social!!*



#### **LIFE**

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

*April 8th, 7:00-9:00pm  
"Life After LIFE"*

We will have returning LIFErs coming  
back and talking about how they have  
stayed true to their Catholic faith during  
their transition to college!

*April 15th, 7:00-9:00pm  
"Spiritually Sick"*

At LIFE, we will be exploring what  
it means to be spiritually sick and  
understanding how we can be there for  
each other!

*April 22nd, 7:00-9:00pm  
"Anointing the Sick"*

How can God anoint our sickness?

*April 29th, 7:00-9:00pm  
"Talent Show"*

Come celebrate the talents that God has  
given you!

*May 6th, 7:00-9:00pm  
SENIOR MEETING!!*



## ESTE MES EN PARROQUIA ST. SUSANNA • ABRIL 2018

### MISA EN ESPAÑOL

Segundo y cuarto Domingo del Mes 4:00pm

### ORACIÓN TAIZE Y CORONILLA DE LA MISERICORDIA

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

### PROGRAMA DE FORMACION CRISTIANA



Ya están abiertas las inscripciones del programa de religión de St. Susanna (CFP) para niños de 1 a 8 grados, para el año escolar 2018/2019.

Puede registrar a sus hijos en la oficina llenando la hoja de registro o por la página web. Si su hijo/a necesita un Sacramento se necesitan 2 años de formación religiosa. Clases empiezan en Septiembre.

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 Hispánicas al (513) 421.3131 ext. 2718.



### GRUPO DE APOYO PARA SOBREVIVIENTES DE VIOLENCIA DOMÉSTICA.

Todos los Martes de 5:30-7pm. Llame al (513) 381-5610 para mas información y lugares. Hay cuidado de niños.

### 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.



La próxima semana realizaremos The Catholic Relief Services Collection (CRSC). Los fondos recaudados en esta colecta ayudan a proporcionar alimentos a los que pasan hambre, apoyo a los refugiados desplazados y trae el amor y la misericordia de Cristo a todos los pueblos, aquí en casa y en el exterior. La próxima semana por favor contribuye generosamente a la CRSC y ayuda a Jesús con otro rostro, ¿le ayudarás? Infórmate más sobre esta colecta en [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

### 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.

### ¿CONOCE A ALGUIEN A QUIEN EL ALCOHOL Y LAS DROGAS REPRESENTAN PROBLEMAS EN SU VIDA?

- Grupo Oxford tiene sesiones: Lunes, Miércoles y Viernes de 7 a 9 PM
- Grupos de Familia Al-Anon: Jueves y Viernes de 7-9:00pm.

Para más información por favor llame a:  
(513) 614-8784 (513) 390-3825

### 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



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



April 8, 2018

Second Sunday of Easter (B)

Acts 4:32–35

1 Jn 5:1–6

Jn 20:19–31

## Leaning Upon God

This painting is a powerful image of paternal love and union. It recalls the historic moment when St. John Paul II, at the Mass of his elevation to the papacy, embraced his lifelong mentor, Stefan Cardinal Wyszyński. The painting is a moment frozen in time that represents something much bigger than the event that inspired it.

The two figures are barely distinguishable. They seem to be fused, like two figures carved out of one piece of marble. It is the mutual love of giving and receiving that makes this exchange so moving. Indeed, it reminds us of the embrace of love we seek in this life from our loved ones as well as in eternal life. There is no distance between them, rancor, or questioning—only the total happiness of being united with a friend.

The pope's strong, broad shoulders are penetrated by the grasping hands of the one embraced. There is a clenching need to find security in the other. We all search for love, forgiveness, and for strength we do not find in ourselves. We wish our faith were stronger but, the truth is, we need to be constantly turning to God for his mercy.

Yet, he is pleased to be our rock upon which we lean, the one we can touch in our doubt. Turn to him

Piece: *The Embrace*, 1980  
Artist: Pedro Cano  
Location: Vatican Museums



in need, for he is happy to save you from the trials of this life. He wants to be the risen one who restores our faith. He rejoices that we need him and return to him.

—Fr. Mark Haydu, LC

### *For Reflection*

*Do I find security in the love of another in a healthy way? Is it the fruit of giving and not possessing? Is my strongest foundation in the love and mercy of Jesus?*

*[Jesus said,] “Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”*

*John 20:29*

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### **PTO 365 DAY RAFFLE WINNERS**



3/25	Carla and Bill Thornton	\$100
3/26	Gina Dye	\$40
3/27	Rick & Mary (Charlie) Eck	\$40
3/28	Rick Losekamp	\$40
3/29	Sean Peppard	\$40
3/30	Garmhausen	\$40
3/31	Rebecca Wafzigi	\$40