

# 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

## Emergency Phone Number

If you or your family need to contact one of our Parish Priests, please call the Parish Office any time Monday-Friday from 8:30am-4:30pm. However, if your need is urgent and outside of normal business hours, please call 513-398-3821, ext. 3200.

## St. Vincent de Paul Helpline

To request assistance, please call our confidential helpline at 513-398-3821, ext. 3500 and leave your name and contact phone number so a St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) volunteer can get in touch with you.

## 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.

## GOSPEL REFLECTION

December 6, 2020

### *The Second Sunday Of Advent*

#### *Prepare Your Heart for the Lord.*

As we celebrate the second Sunday of Advent, this week we focus on necessity of getting ready for Christ's coming. We look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ two thousand years ago, which helps us to prepare ourselves for His second coming in glory. But we should also remember that Christ comes to us every day in the Eucharist whenever we offer the Sacrifice of Mass. He comes to our lives whenever we receive Him and remains in our midst in the tabernacle. That is why mother Church encourages us always to spare some time every day or every week to come before the Lord and adore Him in the Blessed Sacrament.

There are many people including some Catholics who do not understand or believe in the **REAL PRESENCE** of Jesus in the Eucharist. But we believe that, during the consecration at Mass, the bread and wine change their very substance and become the body and blood of Christ, which is a special gift that Jesus gave us at the Last Supper. He went ahead to give us a command to do the same and every time we come to Mass, we are preparing for His coming, which happens after the Eucharistic prayer. And since we believe that Christ is present in the Eucharist, it is therefore right that we should spend more quiet time before Him in Adoration either as an individual, as a family or as a community. We need to put aside all that we do at least one hour in a week and come to be with our friend, master and Lord, a gift that is only found in the Catholic Church.

It is true that you can spend some time in Adoration before the tabernacle, but it is more rewarding when you come before the Exposed Blessed Sacrament visible to you so that His presence can radiate into your heart and gain special graces that will help you to be ready for His second coming. When we come before the Blessed Sacrament, we see Christ, talk to Him, ask Him for whatever we need, and give thanks for the gifts He has given us. I believe this is what all of us want. Many Saints became what they are by spending more time before the Blessed Sacrament in Adoration, praying for themselves and the whole world. It is the most effective way of establishing peace in our lives, our families and the world. A practical example of our time is Mother Teresa who told her sisters to spend at least an hour in Adoration every day, something that has built and supported their order to flourish throughout the world.

As we journey together in this season of Advent, Jesus tells us to stay awake just like He told His disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane and allow ourselves to meditate on our lives and see where we are heading to. If you can plan and spend your precious time with your spouse, children and friends, what about Jesus our Lord? Your relationship with Him is what will make you a best dad, mum and a person. This weekend, we hear John the Baptist in the desert calling people to prepare the way for the Lord, I also invite you to come and join us every Monday from 6:00pm to be with the Lord in the Eucharist and Holy Hour with Benediction at 7:30pm. Do not miss this opportunity every week. You could also invite a friend or family member for this awesome encounter with the Lord, and by doing this, you will be preparing yourself for His second coming. Prepare the way for the Lord.

God bless you.  
Fr. Elias

# MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKEND PRESIDERS

## Monday, December 7

6:00pm\* William J. Bross, Sr.

## Tuesday, December 8

8:30am\* Phillip Graham

7:00pm Intention of the Parishioners

## Wednesday, December 9

8:15am John Ewald

## Thursday, December 10

8:15am Nicholas Kohut

## Friday, December 11

8:15am Tim Petric

## Saturday, December 12

8:15am Jaime Portillo Family (*Special Intention*)

5:00pm (*Fr. Barry*) Jeff McEvoy

## Sunday, December 13

7:30am (*Fr. Elias*) Carolyn Hambly

9:30am\* (*Fr. Barry*) Jennifer Marr

11:30am\* (*Fr. Elias*) Marguerite Clark

4:00pm\* (*Spanish*) Reinaldo Dorado

### Weekend Mass Times

Saturday at 5:00pm

Sunday at 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am

### Mass in Spanish

4:00pm on the 2nd & 4th

Sundays of every month

### Daily Mass Times

Monday at 6:00pm

Tuesday at 8:30am

Wednesday through Saturday at 8:15am

### Reconciliation

Monday at 6:45pm

Saturday at 9:00am

### Holy Hour with Eucharistic Exposition

Mondays, after the 6:00pm Mass

Benediction at 7:30pm

### First Friday

After 8:15am Mass Friday to beginning  
of 8:15am Mass Saturday

### \*Live Streamed Masses:

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

Mondays at 6:00pm

Tuesdays at 8:30am

Sundays at 9:30am and 11:30am

Spanish Mass at 4:00pm

### Celebration Of Baptism

Adam Yee Sukits,  
Emiko Irene Sukits,  
and Joshua Peter Sukits  
*Triplets of Peter Sukits  
and Meagan Yee*

### Celebration of Matrimony

Rebecca Katlein & John Schirmer  
*December 5, 2020*

### In Loving Memory

Olga Gachassin Fufelie  
*Mother of Karen Mathews*

### Prayers for Those in Need

Ray and Tudy Abaray, Jack Albrinck,  
Jean Alexander, Julio Argote, Jaxon  
Aschenbrenner, Sue Back, Florence  
Bailey, Molly Baker, Carol Bosse,  
Dan Breniser, Steve Bruce, Deborah  
Burkardt, Edward Crick, Darla  
Dalhover, Filomena DeChellis, Lauren  
Killion Eigner, Marcela Farrell,  
Lorraine Forsythe, Karen French, Jim  
Gibson, Edna Gilb, Pauline Hammill,  
Maxine Hefelfinger, Keith Hepp,  
Bill Horstmann, Marley Johns, Lyle  
Jones, Raymond Kissel, Joe Koenig,  
Janice Koncius, Toni Kuhlman,  
Janice Lawson, Jerry Lindsly, Joanne  
Maggard, Michael McCarty, Lisa  
Mitchell, Jeanne Mullett, Karen Neff,  
Gabriel Orick, Edward Orick, Bev  
Oscar, Jeanie Pence, Richard Perez,  
Christine Phelan, Connie Rave, Bill  
Reynolds, Leslie Marie Sauer, Becky  
Schmitz, Doreen Schowalter, Wayne  
Schowalter, Matt Shawhan, Mary  
Anne Spanyer, Martha Steigelman,  
Betty Strzelecki, Stephanie Tobiaf,  
Scott Trapp, Brian Whitmer, Jennifer  
Williamson

### Pray for Those Serving Overseas

Alex Back, Joseph Patrick Fusco,  
Sarah Kaleta, Matthew Kyler Saurine,  
Zachary Saurine, Justin Schuh,  
Christian Sornsen, Brandon Wesley,  
Michael Zeller

Sacraments require preparation.  
Please contact the following for  
more information:

### Baptism

Shayne Reno (ext. 3146)  
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### First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Kristen Tell (ext. 3135)  
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### Confirmation

Shayne Reno (ext. 3146)  
[renos@stsusanna.org](mailto:renos@stsusanna.org)

### Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Joe Schleicher (ext. 3169)  
[schleicherj@stsusanna.org](mailto:schleicherj@stsusanna.org)

### Marriage

Cathy Meyer (ext. 3113)  
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### Holy Orders

Fr. Barry Stechschulte (ext. 3101)  
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### Anointing of the Sick

Sharon Osborne (ext. 3100)  
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### 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).

### 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.

## Things Happening This Week at St. Susanna

If you would like more information about an event listed below, please call the Parish Office at 513-398-3821, ext. 3100.

### Monday, December 7th

- 6:45pm Reconciliation
- 6:45pm Holy Hour w/ Eucharistic Exposition
- 7:00pm Christians In Career Transition (CICT)

### Tuesday, December 8th

- 10:00am Adult Class: The Eucharist
- 7:30pm Hispanic Rosary (Virtual)

### Wednesday, December 9th

- 9:15am Adult Class: True Devotion of Mary
- 4:00pm Women's Assoc. Christmas Party
- 4:30pm Boosters Sports Photos
- 7:00pm Adult Class: The Eucharist

### Thursday, December 10th

- 6:30pm MOMs Group Meeting
- 7:00pm Church Choir Rehearsal
- 7:00pm RCIA (The Eucharist)

### Friday, December 11th

- 8:30am Food for All
- 9:30am Wrapped in Love

### Saturday, December 12th

- 7:00am Men's Prayer & Fellowship
- 9:00am Reconciliation
- 10:00am Baptism Preparation Class
- 4:30-6:30pm Giving Tree Gift Collection
- 5:00pm Bilingual Mass

### Sunday, December 13th

- Fair Trade Sale after All Masses
- 7:00am-5:00pm Giving Tree Gift Collection
- 10:30am Sunday Café (Divine Mercy)
- 7:00pm Healing Prayer Service



Tuesday, December 8th, we will celebrate it at the 8:30am Mass. It will be live streamed as well. I hope you can join us.

Mary was definitely a very special person. God preserved her from original sin so as to prepare a worthy vessel for His Son. Next to Christ, she was the freest individual in history, because she was totally free from the shackles of sin. She was able to make the freest choice therefore to accept God's Will and bring salvation to us when she gave birth to Jesus. Unlike Adam and Eve who were equally free of sin, Mary chose God's plan over her own. Adam and Eve, deceived by Satan, chose their own way and were cast out of Eden, a symbol of their loss of sanctifying grace and friendship with God.

So, when we look at the Immaculate Conception of Mary, we see how we ought to have been and also what we can still be, through the sanctifying death and Resurrection of Christ. As Mary was preserved from sin at her conception, we are restored to grace by Baptism; a great gift of God our Father at the cost of His Son's blood shed on the Cross.

This feast also makes it very clear that human life begins at the moment of conception. Science now backs up this truth; but we knew it already from the revelation of God through the teachings of the Church. We should therefore work tirelessly for the rights of these pre-born individuals, from the very first moment of their existence as a fertilized egg in their mothers' wombs. Every conceived person ought to have the right to life and Baptism, and it is a horrendous crime both to end that life and to justify in law, and in the courts, the killing of an innocent human being. The number of abortions each year is still staggering, and we have elected a pro-abortion president, who also says he is a good Catholic. We need to pray and work even harder for the Pro-Life cause. Otherwise our country is doomed.

For this reason, we are going to start a parish group for Pro-Life here at St. Susanna's. Anyone interested in giving of themselves to help promote Pro-Life causes and education, please contact the church office and we will put a team together.

*Fr. Barry*

## Celebrate Christmas at ST. SUSANNA

Thursday, December 24<sup>th</sup>

3:00pm (Church & Meyer Center)

5:30pm (Church & Meyer Center)

10:00pm (Choral Music at 9:30pm)

Friday, December 25<sup>th</sup>

9:30am & 11:30am

Online Registration

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

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to Father Barry's Christmas Wish List! Many items have been purchased, with only a few remaining!

- Holy Water Fonts (2 of 4)
- Book Stand
- Holy Water Bucket

Donors will be thanked for their gifts (with permission) in an upcoming bulletin. To purchase, or contribute towards, an item on the list visit [www.stsusanna.org/wishlist](http://www.stsusanna.org/wishlist).

### Father Barry's Christmas Wish List

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

1. Holy Water Fonts (Qty 4) - \$510 each
2. Book Stand - \$1,275
3. Altar Candel **PURCHASED!** 30 each
4. **PURCHASED!** 25
5. **PURCHASED!**
6. **PURCHASED!**
7. Tabernacle **PURCHASED!** 2,575
8. Sanctuary Lamp **PURCHASED!** - \$2,050
9. Candlestick **PURCHASED!** - \$785 each
10. **PURCHASED!** 25
11. Holy Water Bucket - \$680

# ADULT FAITH FORMATION



## Advent Healing Prayer Service

"These signs will accompany those who believe... They will lay hands on the sick and they will recover." Mark 16:17

Are you in need of healing? St. Susanna will host an Advent Healing Prayer Service on **Sunday, December 13th from 7:00-9:00pm** in the church. Join us for an evening of praise and worship followed by an opportunity for Prayer Teams to pray for you and any current needs. Masks are required and social distancing will be observed. Please contact Marc Learned at [marclearned@gmail.com](mailto:marclearned@gmail.com) with questions.

## Evening of Reconciliation

Please join us for a special evening of Reconciliation **Tuesday, December 15th from 7:00-9:00pm**. There will be light worship music, and a number of priests available to hear Confessions both evenings at St. Susanna. Please feel free to come at any time during this period for Confession, and leave when you are ready. If you are unable to join us on these two evenings, Confessions will also be offered throughout December at our regularly scheduled times on Monday evenings at 6:45pm and Saturday mornings at 9:00am.



## Spirits with the Saints

A night of culture, faith and encouragement for young dads (25-50) of St. Susanna will take place on **Monday, December 14th, from 7:30-10:30pm** in the St. Susanna Room, with an eggnog and bourbon tasting, a conversation about St. Nicholas, and family traditions. Eggnog will be provided, BYOB (bring your own bourbon). Social distancing will be observed. To RSVP, please visit [www.stsusanna.org/dadsgroup](http://www.stsusanna.org/dadsgroup) or call Sharon Osborne at 513-398-3821, ext. 3100.

## Respect Life Corner

"The right to religious freedom has its foundation in the very dignity of the human person." - Pope Paul VI, Declaration on Religious Freedom, USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, 2020

Due to COVID-19, we will not be organizing a group to travel to Washington D.C. this year. Instead, this January we will be hosting a month of prayer offerings at St. Susanna, including a Mini March!

### Mini March for Life, Saturday, January 23rd

We are currently forming a team to help with the March for Life at St. Susanna! If you are interested, please contact Chloé Fasano at [fasanoc@stsusanna.org](mailto:fasanoc@stsusanna.org) or 513-398-3821, ext. 3110.



## Retrouvaille

### A Lifeline For Married Couples

The next program will begin the weekend of January 8-10, 2021. It is for couples that have experienced a breakdown in communication, become unloving and uncaring, thinking of separation or divorce or who are separated. For further information, please visit the website at: [helpourmarriage.org](http://helpourmarriage.org).



## Bilingual Mass

You are invited to attend the bilingual enthroning Mass of the statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe on **Wednesday, December 16th, at 7:00pm**. Come welcome her to her new location in church!

## The Parish Council At St. Susanna

Yes, there is a parish council at St. Susanna's. Father Bob got the council together a few years ago with members who were appointed. There was no election for the parish council at that time. Either way, by election or appointment, is valid in forming a parish council.

By canon law, every parish should have a parish council. It is also referred to as the pastoral council. From now on at St. Susanna, it will be called the "Parish Council."

Since the arrival of Father Barry as pastor in July, the parish council has met two times. The first meeting held on August 18th, served as an introduction of Father Barry and an initial setting forth of future work as a council. All but one member of the council agreed to stay on for the coming year to keep continuity with the last parish administration. In the second meeting, held on November 19th, the council agreed to hold elections for membership after Christmas. It also set the parameters for council involvement in decision making as a consultative body. The council will propose parish mission emphases in the future and will prioritize and approve all major capital expenditures.

Currently, the parish council does not have officers (President, Vice President, and Secretary). When it does, the agenda for each meeting will be set by the members and minutes of the meetings will be printed in the parish bulletin. After the election of new members, all officers will be chosen by vote within the council.

A Parish Council is an essential part of the structure of a parish. It serves as a representation of the parishioners and helps the pastor set the scope and priority of the pastoral work of the parish.

Special thanks to those who are currently serving on the council. If any parishioners are interested in running for membership to the council, please submit your name and a short bio to the parish office and you will become a candidate.

## Purchase an Engraved Brick

Support the further beautification of the Blessed Virgin Mary shrine behind the church by purchasing an engraved brick. **The cost of the pavers is \$50.00 for 4x8, and \$100 for 8x8.** For more details and an order form, please see the display in the Gathering Space or visit [www.stsusanna.org/brickorders](http://www.stsusanna.org/brickorders). **All orders are due by December 31, 2020.**



# DISCIPLES IN ACTION

## Christmas Town Hosted by the Schuh Center

On December 19th, our neighbors who visit the Schuh Center and who have been referred by our SVdP Conference are invited to come and "shop" for Christmas presents for their family members. Neighbors will be "shopping" from 9:00am-Noon.



*For this event to be successful, volunteers are needed:*

- Friday, December 18th, from 3:30-6:30pm, in the School Cafeteria for setup
- Saturday, December 19th, from 8:00-10:00am and 10:00am-12:00pm, in the School Cafeteria to help neighbors shop, keep the tables tidy, wrap gifts and tear down at the end of the day

To volunteer, please visit [www.stsusanna.org/schuhcenter](http://www.stsusanna.org/schuhcenter).

## Charitable Computing Ministry Update



Due to COVID-19, the decision has been made to not accept computers at this time in order to keep everyone safe. The hope is to resume the Charitable Computing Ministry in mid-January. Please check CCM's website [www.stsusanna.org/charitablecomputingministry](http://www.stsusanna.org/charitablecomputingministry) for updates on the status.

## Giving Tree Gifts Due Next Weekend!



The trees for the annual parish Giving Tree ministry are on display in the gathering space and by the elevator. This year, three organizations will benefit from the donations: the Schuh Center, St.

George Food Pantry in Clifton and St. Vincent de Paul St. Joseph Conference in Adams County. *There are still approximately 65 gifts needed for the families of Adams County.* Gifts for the families of SVdP St. Joseph Conference can be found online at [www.stsusanna.org/givingtree](http://www.stsusanna.org/givingtree).

Please stop by the trees or visit the website to take an ornament... or 2 or 3. Purchase the item listed on the ornament. Pay close attention to the ornament if the gift needs to be wrapped or not. Return the gift with the ornament attached to the truck in the parking lot before and after Masses next weekend, December 12th/13th.

For those who are not wanting to visit stores at this time, there is also the option of making a donation and the Giving Tree Committee will purchase gifts for you. Online donations can be made at [www.osvhub.com/stsusanna/funds](http://www.osvhub.com/stsusanna/funds). If you have an account set up, log in or there is a Quick Give option. Click on Give a New Gift and select Giving Tree.

*Volunteers are still needed on the weekend of December 12th/13th to collect the gifts.* Volunteers are also needed on December 14th to deliver the gifts to St. George Food Pantry and SVdP St. Joseph Conference in Adams Co. To volunteer for these opportunities, visit: [www.stsusanna.org/givingtree](http://www.stsusanna.org/givingtree). Volunteers are required to wear a face mask. If you have questions, please contact Mary Jo Burns at [burnsmj@stsusanna.org](mailto:burnsmj@stsusanna.org) or 398-3821, ext. 3120.

## Looking for a job? Know someone who is?

Christians in Career Transition ("CICT") helps current or soon-to-be job seekers with planning their job search, creating a resume, leveraging their network, and preparing for interviews.



This ministry meets the *first and third Monday of each month from 7:00-8:30pm* in the St. Isidore and St. Susanna Rooms located in the Undercroft (entrance is to the left of the main church entrance and just to the right of the Parish office entrance). We will be following social distancing guidelines, so please wear a mask.

While not required, if you are able, please let us know you are coming and RSVP online at [www.stsusanna.org/cict](http://www.stsusanna.org/cict).

## Thank You!!

Indeed, our Lord is great and wonderful in ALL His works. While we were challenged this year with a global pandemic and an ominous weather forecast, Our Lord truly revealed His works as He provided for the safety for each of us, showed a way to respond to the weather that offered even better experiences, and supplied all the gifts we needed as we served those in need and grew as one body of Christ.

Through His work through us, *we were able to provide turkeys and meals for 450 families with 280 of these meals having a fried turkey.* Each meal was fully stocked with supplies for a full Thanksgiving meal along with personalized cards, rosaries, and a note from the family who packed the box. Additionally, each family received a bag of supplies to help them through the week.

We are grateful for what God has given to us through the people in our lives and the goods of the world. Let us continue to have a living faith that is fueled by this spirit of gratitude throughout the year. Here are a few ideas for you to consider in service to one another and for His glory.

- Volunteer or donate to the Schuh Center
- Join the St. Vincent de Paul Society
- Connect with Mary Jo Burns as part of Peace and Justice
- Offer your prayers of gratitude at Adoration on Monday evenings and First Fridays

On behalf of our community in action, Karen and Ricky Mathews



## Have Faith in the Mighty One

Advent is an opportunity to stay awake, to retreat to a quiet place, and wait for the One who is coming!

There are so many images associated with Advent and Christmas. There's a bright star shining in the dark, a stable, hay and animals, shepherds and their sheep, singing angels, and wise men from the East who bring gifts that sometimes don't make much sense in our 21st century culture.

These things are not random though. They call to minds the Christmas story! Even twinkling Christmas lights hanging off the edges of our rooftops are there to remind us of that shining star of Bethlehem. To remind us what this entire season is about: the arrival of Jesus Christ, the Light of the World, and the Mighty One, who has come to baptize us with the Holy Spirit and with blazing fire.



The images, sounds, and smells of Christmas are so familiar to us. They're comforting and give most of us warm fuzzies. We're happy as we hear carols, bake cookies, and light the candles of our Advent wreaths. Things feel cozy and busy, yet somehow easy.

Our brief Gospel passage for this Sunday talks about repentance. Missing are the sweet and gentle images of the season. This language from the Gospel reminds us that the Holy Babe in the manger is the King of Kings, and He comes to love us, calls us to repent, and asks us to give our lives to Him! His coming at Christmas is about more than fuzzy feelings, it is about Christ our Savior! The Redeemer of the world!

## Pick a Weekly Challenge

- Select a favorite Christmas image. Create a prayer spot in your bedroom with that image. Take a few minutes each day to look at it and pray. How does this image lead you closer to God?
- Pick a chore you tend to avoid. Repent by doing that chore with joy and enthusiasm this week! Make it a sign of love for your family during this time of waiting and anticipation.
- Read the story of John the Baptist (Matthew Chapter 3) every day. Focus on a different part of the story each day. What can you learn from John about making the way for Jesus in your life this week?



## Let Us Pray

Jesus, You are God. I am not. Help me remember that. Set my soul on fire for love of You this Advent! Amen.

## 2nd Sunday in Advent

*Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 • 2 Peter 3:8-14 • Mark 1:1-8*

Preparing is what everyone seems to be doing this time of the year. People are buying presents, writing cards, making cookies, and decorating homes.

These ways of preparing to celebrate Jesus' birth are lots of fun. But how are we preparing our hearts? There are many special things we can do during Advent, such as a Jesse Tree which reminds us of Jesus' lineage. We could do Advent meditations as a family to help us think about Christ's coming. We could find a way to serve those in need together. Or we could just pray together as a family in front of our Christmas tree and ask Jesus to help us prepare our hearts for Christmas. Whatever we choose, let us find a special way our family can "prepare the way of the Lord."

*Dear Lord, please help us to prepare our hearts in a special way as we prepare to celebrate Your birth.*

*What will we do as a family this Advent to prepare our hearts for Jesus' birth?*

## As a Family

Pray The Litany of Humility this week. Ask for the humility and strength of St. John the Baptist.

## Litany of Humility

○ Jesus! meek and humble of heart, Hear me.

From the desire of being esteemed,

**Deliver me, Jesus.**

From the desire of being loved...

From the desire of being extolled...

From the desire of being honored...

From the desire of being praised...

From the desire of being preferred to others...

From the desire of being consulted...

From the desire of being approved...

From the fear of being humiliated...

From the fear of being despised...

From the fear of suffering rebukes...

From the fear of being calumniated...

From the fear of being forgotten...

From the fear of being ridiculed...

From the fear of being wronged...

From the fear of being suspected...

That others may be loved more than I,

**Jesus, grant me the grace to desire it.**

That others may be esteemed more than I...

That, in the opinion of the world,

others may increase and I may decrease...

That others may be chosen and I set aside...

That others may be praised and I unnoticed...

That others may be preferred to me in everything...

That others may become holier than I, provided that I may become as holy as I should...

## YOUTH

### Nursery

Sundays at 9:30am and 11:30am  
Email [nursery@stsusanna.org](mailto:nursery@stsusanna.org) or call ext. 3126 or for details

### Sunday School (Ages 3 - Kdg)

Sundays at 9:30am  
Lauren Zinnecker (ext. 3400)  
[zinneckerl@stsusanna.org](mailto:zinneckerl@stsusanna.org)

### CCD (Grades 1-8)

Sundays 10:35-11:20am  
Mondays 6:45-7:30pm  
Joe Schleicher (ext. 3169)  
[schleicherj@stsusanna.org](mailto:schleicherj@stsusanna.org)

### Faith Alive (Grades 6-8)

Chloé Fasano (ext. 3110)  
[fasanoc@stsusanna.org](mailto:fasanoc@stsusanna.org)

### LIFE (Grades 9-12)

Chloé Fasano (ext. 3110)  
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### Preschool (Ages 2-5)

Weekdays in the Undercroft  
Joette Ewing (ext. 3131)  
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### St. Susanna School (Grades K-8)

Celeste Griffin, School Secretary  
(513) 398-3821 ext. 3108



### Mark Your Calendars!

Who: (High School) LIFE Group  
Grades: 9th-12th  
What: Christmas Celebration  
Where: Youth Room in the Undercroft  
When: Sunday, December 20th  
Time: 1:00-3:00pm



### A Church in Action

Coach Fortman's 4th grade girls volleyball team filled buckets with cleaning supplies for the Schuh Center!

If you would like to share any photos to be featured in future bulletins, please email them with a description to Teresa Johns at [johnst@stsusanna.org](mailto:johnst@stsusanna.org).



Due to this never-ending pandemic, we missed having our families share in their little ones' Thanksgiving Feast Day here at preschool. The children worked very hard though creating Pilgrim & Native American Indian costumes (and little turkeys, too), place mats, centerpieces, and stringing beautiful noodle necklaces for a small feast in their classrooms instead. We are truly blessed and thankful for our wonderful families here at St. Susanna Preschool!



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November 15, 2020 BUDGET	November 15, 2020 ACTUAL	November 15, 2020 OVER / (UNDER)	Fiscal Year to Date BUDGET	Fiscal Year to Date ACTUAL	Fiscal Year to Date OVER / (UNDER)
\$40,000	\$33,000	(\$7,000)	\$744,000	\$693,000	(\$51,000)

November 22, 2020 BUDGET	November 22, 2020 ACTUAL	November 22, 2020 OVER / (UNDER)	Fiscal Year to Date BUDGET	Fiscal Year to Date ACTUAL	Fiscal Year to Date OVER / (UNDER)
\$35,000	\$32,000	(\$3,000)	\$779,000	\$725,000	(\$54,000)

November 29, 2020 BUDGET	November 29, 2020 ACTUAL	November 29, 2020 OVER / (UNDER)	Fiscal Year to Date BUDGET	Fiscal Year to Date ACTUAL	Fiscal Year to Date OVER / (UNDER)
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### This Week, from the St. Susanna Vincentians...

In today's Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to "Prepare the way of the Lord." We are called to help prepare the way of the Lord by making the real meaning of Christmas come alive in our own hearts, in our family and to reach out to those in need. Is there a family you know who needs assistance? Please call the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that together we can help the suffering and poor to celebrate Christmas.

## ESTE MES EN PARROQUIA ST. SUSANNA • DICIEMBRE 2020

### Noticias

- Horario en la oficina para ayuda en español: Lunes, Miércoles y Jueves 10AM-4PM
- Confesiones en español: Primer sábado de cada mes 9 AM; Primer miércoles de cada mes 7:30PM
- Acompáñenos a rezar el Santo Rosario en español a través de Zoom, ID:591598021, Password:45040 Martes 7:30PM
- Clases pre bautismales en español los primeros sábados de cada mes de 10:00-11:00am. Para más información y para registrarse llamar al número del ministerio hispano 513-398-3821 ext. 3202.
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Estás invitado a asistir a la Misa bilingüe de entronización de la imagen de Nuestra Señora de Guadalupe. Ven a darle la bienvenida a su nueva ubicación dentro de la Parroquia. **Miércoles. 16 de Diciembre, 7:00 PM**

You are invited to attend the bilingual enthroning Mass of the statue of our Lady of Guadalupe on **Wednesday, December 16th, at 7:00pm**. Come welcome her to her new location in church!

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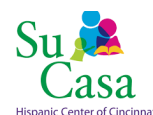
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**Mason:** 9:30am-12:30pm Martes y Jueves Sinclair Community College 5386 Courseview Dr. Mason OH 45040.



## Prepare the Way of the Lord

**T**he admonition in the title of this reflection is found in the reading from Isaiah and in the Gospel passage. Isaiah describes a long line of exiles returning to Jerusalem after many hard years in Babylon. God leads them back home. In preparation for God's and the people's entry, the way is made clear: "Every valley shall be lifted up...The rugged land shall be a plain" (Isaiah 40:4). The road is repaired, just as we might do if someone important were coming to town. The Gospel writer reinterprets this passage. Instead of repairing an actual roadway, the words of John the Baptist prepare for the entrance of Jesus into his public ministry. Despite their differences, both passages

speak of the "way of the Lord," which is the way of salvation.

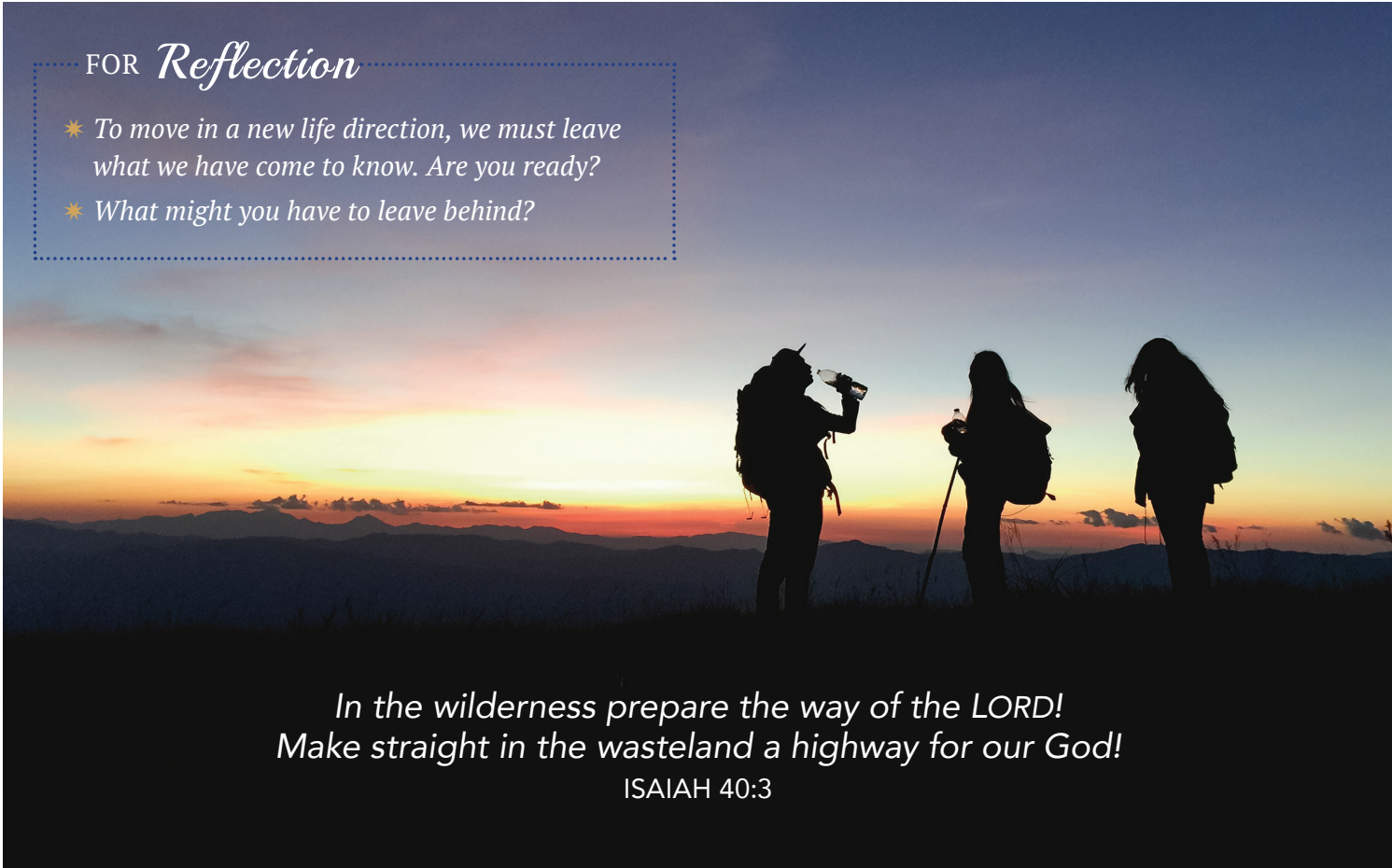
The people are told they will get a new start. In the first reading it will be after exile; in the Gospel it is the new ministry of Jesus. Even St. Peter refers to this newness. He calls it "new heavens and a new earth" (2 Peter 3:13). He goes on to explain what this means. It will be existence "in which righteousness dwells." Saint Peter further states that this will come to pass on "the day of the Lord," the day when God's promises will be fulfilled and "all should come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9–10).

The events described in all three readings unfold because of God's merciful love of all. It is for such a day that we are called to prepare. Are we willing to exert the effort? Are we willing to listen to God's words?

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ *To move in a new life direction, we must leave what we have come to know. Are you ready?*
- ★ *What might you have to leave behind?*



*In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD!  
Make straight in the wasteland a highway for our God!*  
ISAIAH 40:3

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