

# 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

January 10, 2021

### *The Baptism of the Lord*

*This is My Beloved Son, Listen to Him.*

On New Year's Day, I was excited to preside over the Baptism of seven children, all of whom are my relatives. It was a joyful day for the whole church in Nyamitanga and my family. As we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we are all reminded of our own baptismal calling, to make a change to the world.

We hear in the Gospels how God anointed His son to heal the sick and save the world as evidenced at His Baptism. God revealed that mission to the world, something we also shared at our Baptism.

We know that John was already baptizing people, preparing for the Messiah. However, his Baptism was an invitation for the people to come and confess their own sins and turn to God. His Baptism with water continues to be a symbol for us to go down into the waters and be washed clean, something that all of us are called to embrace in this new year.

Since John's Baptism was for people who recognized their need for God, this is what we are all called to do. Because of this, John was hesitant to accept baptizing Jesus because He had no sin and so He needed no cleansing.

He did so to give us an example of how to embrace new life and God's mission and receive forgiveness. He would later take all our guilt and pain on the Cross. That's why we believe that, through our own Baptism we too share in Christ's death and Resurrection.

When water is poured out on a child, a covenant with God the Father is made through the Son and the person receives new life, thus a new beginning.

And so, we not only celebrate Christ's Baptism but also God's gracious coming among us. As we begin this year, let us have new hope and faith in the Lord, put behind all the fears and anxieties of 2020. Let our actions bring change to our lives and the lives of others. Since we are all beloved sons and daughters of God, He will only be pleased if we live according to our baptismal promises with hope, love and faith in the year 2021.

Greetings from the Friends of Nyamitanga and in a special way from my own family here in Uganda. God bless you all. Happy new year.

Fr. Elias

### **St. Susanna Welcomes Rev. Pascal Kumanda, CICM**

We welcome Father Pascal Kumanda of Cross Catholic Outreach, who is speaking this weekend at all Masses on behalf of the poor in developing countries. Cross Catholic Outreach was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.



Father Pascal NG. Kumanda, CICM, is originally from the Democratic Republic of the Congo. He was ordained in 2013 in the Archdiocese of San Antonio, and is a missionary of the Congregation of the Immaculate Heart of Mary. As a missionary in Africa, he dedicated himself to the service of the sick, elderly, orphans, abandoned children and vulnerable communities.

Father Kumanda has ministered in the San Antonio Archdiocese, Raleigh Diocese and is currently in Arlington. He has served as an Associate Pastor and remains involved in Hospital, Hospice and Social ministry. He is fluent in English, Spanish and French. His passion and love for the abandoned, suffering and vulnerable children of God, led him to join Cross Catholic Outreach where he hopes to inspire others to bring hope and life to the poorest of the poor around the world.

# MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKEND PRESIDERS

## Monday, January 11

6:00pm\* Mary Kay Beriani

## Tuesday, January 12

8:30am\* Joshua Duke

## Wednesday, January 13

8:15am Barbara J Greve

## Thursday, January 14

8:15am Marie Barck

## Friday, January 15

8:15am Luann Defife

## Saturday, January 16

8:15am Chuck Grime

5:00pm (Fr. Barry) Mary Jean Miller

## Sunday, January 17

7:30am (Visiting Priest) Katherine Joachim

9:30am\* (Fr. Barry) Janet Oaks,  
Joe & David Rolfes

11:30am\* (Fr. Barry) Bill Berger

## Weekend Mass Times

Saturday at 5:00pm

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

## Mass in Spanish

4:00pm on the 2nd, 4th, & 5th

Sundays of every month

## Daily Mass Times

Monday at 6:00pm

Tuesday at 8:30am

Wednesday through Saturday at 8:15am

## Reconciliation

Monday after the 6:00pm Mass

Saturday at 9:00am

## Holy Hour with Eucharistic Exposition

Monday 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

David Philip Sievers

Son of Timothy and Natalie Sievers

Carter James DePietto

Son of Christopher DePietto and

Shannon Niehaus

## In Loving Memory

Terry Abaray

Son of Tudy and Ray Abaray

Wilma Rakes

Mother of Terry Rakes, Jill Duke,

and Mike Rakes

Jim Wessel

Husband of Pat Wessel and Father of

Sheri Weingartner, Dee Hamilton,

and the late Jimmy Wessel

## Prayers for Those in Need

Ray Abaray, Jack Albrinck, Jean

Alexander, Julio Argote, Jaxon

Aschenbrenner, Sue Back, Florence

Bailey, Molly Baker, Dan Breniser, Denise

Brown, 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, Elizabeth Huff,

Lyle Jones, Raymond Kissel, Joe Koenig,

Janice Koncius, Toni Kuhlman, Denise

Landise, Janice Lawson, Jerry Lindsly,

Joanne Maggard, Michael McCarty,

Mary McLocklin, Lisa Mitchell, Jeanne

Mullett, Karen Neff, Angela Orick,

Edward Orick, Gabriel Orick, Steven

Orick, Bev Oscar, Jeanie Pence, Richard

Perez, Christine Phelan, Connie Rave,

Bill Reynolds, Conner Sands, Leslie

Marie Sauer, Becky Schmitz, Doreen

Schowalter, Wayne Schowalter, Matt

Shawhan, Mary Anne Spanyer, Martha

Steigelman, Betty Strzelecki, Marci

Tabor, Stephanie Tobiaf, Scott Trapp,

Brian Whitmer, Jennifer Williamson

## Prayers for Those Serving Overseas

Alex Back, Joseph Patrick Fusco, Sarah

Kaletka, 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)

[renos@stsusanna.org](mailto:renos@stsusanna.org)

## First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Kristen Tell (ext. 3135)

[tellk@stsusanna.org](mailto:tellk@stsusanna.org)

## 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)

[meyerc@stsusanna.org](mailto:meyerc@stsusanna.org)

## Holy Orders

Fr. Barry Stechschulte (ext. 3101)

[stechschuldeb@stsusanna.org](mailto:stechschuldeb@stsusanna.org)

## Anointing of the Sick

Sharon Osborne (ext. 3100)

[osbornes@stsusanna.org](mailto:osbornes@stsusanna.org)

## 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, January 11th

2021-22 Preschool Registration Opens for Current Families!

7:00pm SVdP Commission Mtg.

### Tuesday, January 12th

10:00am Adult Class: The Eucharist

6:30pm Knights of Columbus Mtg. (Virtual)

### Wednesday, January 13th

9:15am Adult Class: True Devotion of Mary

5:00pm Boosters Sports Photos

7:00pm Church Choir Practice

7:00pm Adult Class: The Eucharist

### Thursday, January 14th

7:00pm RCIA: Marriage,  
Holy Orders (16 & 29)

### Friday, January 15th

### Saturday, January 16th

9:00am Risen Life Prayer Group

10:00am Hispanic Mass Coordinator Training

### Sunday, January 17th

10:30am Sunday Café

## Need Low-Gluten Hosts?



Low-gluten hosts are available at all Masses for Holy Communion. *If you would like to*

*receive a low-gluten host, stop by the Sacristy prior to Mass and ask one of the Mass Coordinators to set it up for you.*

When Communion is distributed, go to the priest's line and say "low-gluten," and he will give it to you. If you or your child is a regular low-gluten host recipient, you are encouraged to introduce yourself to Father Barry. We want everyone to enjoy the benefits of Holy Communion, so don't hesitate to ask. Please know that the Church does not provide gluten-free hosts.



to do. But most of the time, if we aren't working on things consistently throughout the year, we probably won't make good on our resolutions.

There is one New Year's resolution I think we all need to make. And that is to live in the state of grace from this day forward. Really, it's to live a "life of grace," a life in union with God. The first step is to examine your life and see where you are objectively with God and the Church. Are you baptized? Check. Have you received First Communion? Check. Have you been confirmed? Check. Have you been going to Sunday Mass each week? Is your marriage valid in the Catholic Church? This is vital because there are people who have been divorced and remarried outside the Church, which puts them objectively outside of the grace of God. A Catholic must be married in the Catholic Church to have a valid marriage. If you have any questions about your marital situation, please see a priest immediately. The Church can help with the annulment process if needed (which doesn't cost a thing anymore).

Finally, you have to see if you have committed a mortal sin, a grave offense that you know is serious and you willfully did. Sins such as these literally kill the soul, hence the term "mortal." They take away the gift of sanctifying grace (the grace given at Baptism that makes you holy and saves you). Only through sacramental Confession can that grace be restored. If you discover you have committed such a sin, you must refrain from receiving Holy Communion. That would be a sacrilegious Communion, since by your sin you are not in communion with Christ who you are receiving. But remember, just because you can't receive Holy Communion in the state of mortal sin, you still must go to Mass and try to get to Confession as soon as possible. Use a good examination of conscience to prepare for Confession. If you are not sure if it was a mortal sin, talk to the priest in Confession. It's better to be safe than sorry in the matter of the gravity of a sin.

One situation today that presents a difficulty in living a life of grace is unmarried couples living together before they get married. I know there are economic reasons for doing this, especially if the couple is engaged. But really, they are putting their souls in jeopardy by being in an occasion of mortal sin. Having sexual relations outside of marriage is a mortal sin. Jesus and the Church are very clear on this. Why would you want to be in mortal sin with the person you are going to be married to and try to help to get to Heaven, just because you want to save a few bucks? I was shocked by the number of couples living together before marriage. Do they know the danger they are putting their souls and their future marriage in? I, as a priest and pastor, can't be silent on this. I must speak out against what has become the status quo for Catholic couples. Their souls are too important.

I hope we all will examine our lives as we begin this new year, and make a firm resolution to live a life of grace from now on. An eternity in Heaven or Hell is on the line. With the same care and attention we put towards our physical health, we should do even more for our spiritual health.

May God bless you in the New Year!

*Fr. Barry*

The start of a new year brings a lot of promise and hope. We make a lot of promises to be better people and we hope we can follow through on them. Don't get me wrong, making New Year's resolutions is a very good thing

## Mini March for Life

at St. Susanna Parish • Mason, Ohio

January 23, 2021 at 1:00pm

Be sanctuaries of respect for life, proclaiming the sacredness of every human life from conception to natural death.

Pope Francis

## Mini March for Life

Saturday, January 23rd at 1:00pm

Please RSVP to help us gauge numbers:  
[www.stsusanna.org/respectlife](http://www.stsusanna.org/respectlife).

Contact Chloé Fasano with any questions at [fasanoc@stsusanna.org](mailto:fasanoc@stsusanna.org) or 513-398-3821, ext. 3110.



## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration is one of the best ways to spend time in prayer. It refers to time spent with Jesus in His Eucharistic presence. Adoration with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (with the white Host visible within a golden display case called a Monstrance) is a more intense moment of grace for the person in Adoration.



Here at St. Susanna, the newly renovated Blessed Sacrament Chapel will be a Chapel of Perpetual Adoration. *At every hour of the day and night, one of you will be in prayer before the Sacred Host exposed in the Monstrance.* It will be the powerhouse of prayer for our parish and the motor behind our charitable works.

Please visit [www.stsusanna.org/perpetualadoration](http://www.stsusanna.org/perpetualadoration) and sign up for an hour of your choice to make your weekly holy hour. There is nothing quite like being alone with our Lord in the intimacy of the chapel. Don't pass up this wonderful opportunity for your spiritual life.

Of course, you always may spontaneously come in and pray at any time, day or night. However, we would ask that no one be in the chapel during the celebration of the Mass in the main church.

### 2021 Trivia Night

The 2021 Annual Trivia Night is going virtual! We will be playing on *Saturday, January 23rd from 7:00-9:00pm*. Teams may sign up at [www.stsusanna.org/rsvp](http://www.stsusanna.org/rsvp). Cost is \$50 per team. We will use Kahoot and a video conference platform. Each team will be authorized to register one device (such as a mobile phone) to enter the team's answers. No limit on team size. Play as a family or a group of friends. (How good is your bubble at trivia?) As usual, it's tailgate style! Prizes for best team name, best team costumes, and more!



### From the St. George Food Pantry:

On behalf of the St. George Food Pantry clients, we want to thank you so much for all the beautiful gifts you donated this year. If you could see the impact of your generosity, you would see smiling faces, bright eyes and even some happy tears. And you would be receiving some COVID-safe "air hugs" and elbow bumps. One woman said that she had never seen such beautifully wrapped gifts and another said that she needed a new blanket "so badly." You definitely made a difference in many lives. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. May each of you be blessed abundantly in the New Year.

### "Praying In Solidarity"

Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio and the archdiocesan Catholic Social Action Office invite you to join their weekly live streamed prayer service, Mondays at 11:00am on [www.facebook.com/CatholicCharitiesSWOhio](https://www.facebook.com/CatholicCharitiesSWOhio) to pray for the needs of our community. Everyone is invited to submit prayer intentions at [www.ccswoh.org/prayers](http://www.ccswoh.org/prayers).

**SUPER BOWL SATURDAY VIII**  
**2021 ST. SUSANNA MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

**MAKE YOUR HALFTIME ADJUSTMENTS AND RETAKE THE FIELD!**  
**FEATURING SPEAKER: COACH STEVE SPECHT**  
**XAVIER HIGH SCHOOL HEAD FOOTBALL COACH**

**FEBRUARY 6TH, 2021**  
**9:00AM - NOON AT ST. SUSANNA CHURCH**

**OPEN TO ALL MEN AND THEIR SONS (AGE 16 AND OLDER)!**  
**MASKS AND SOCIAL DISTANCING PROTOCOL WILL BE USED!**  
**THE LIVE EVENT WILL BE LIVE STREAMED!**

**REGISTER ONLINE:**  
**PLEASE REGISTER IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND IN-PERSON OR VIRTUALLY!**  
**[WWW.STSUSANNA.ORG/SUPERBOWLSATURDAY](http://WWW.STSUSANNA.ORG/SUPERBOWLSATURDAY)**

### Permanent Deacon Application Cycle to Begin

Men of the archdiocese who are interested in applying for the Permanent Deacon Formation class which will begin in September 2022, should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, at 513.263.6641 or [deaconoffice@catholicacoc.org](mailto:deaconoffice@catholicacoc.org). The application cycle for the next class will begin in early 2021. Prerequisites, qualifications and procedures will be discussed with each man considering the Diaconate.

### Explore Religious Life

Avow Discernment Group will be meeting *Tuesday, January 12th, 7:00-8:30pm* at the Holy Spirit Center, 5440 Moeller Avenue, Norwood, OH 45212. Build relationships and community with others on a similar spiritual journey and discover what your discernment steps could look like. Men and women welcome. #Cincyconsecrife Maria Reinagel 513.278.8220.

### Catholic Education Foundation

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati is once again providing needs-based tuition assistance grants to elementary school students for the 2020-2021 school year. Applications will be accepted through February 8, 2021. For more information and to apply, please visit [catholicbestchoice.org](http://catholicbestchoice.org).



On December 8th, Pope Francis declared this will be the Year of Saint Joseph! (Remember, the New Liturgical Year/Calendar for the Catholic Church begins every Advent.) Spend some time this week as a family talking about St. Joseph! May each family, especially fathers, cultivate a special devotion to him!



### Who is Saint Joseph?

St. Joseph was the husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus. According to the earliest Christian traditions, he was a carpenter or woodworker. The Gospel of Matthew calls him a "righteous man," meaning he was an observant Jew who obeyed God's law.

Joseph was engaged to Mary, but when he discovered that she was pregnant with Jesus, he decided to call off the marriage - but "quietly," since the penalty for adultery was death by stoning.

However, the angel of the Lord told him in a dream that he should go ahead with the marriage because Mary's child was conceived by the Holy Spirit.

This was the first of four divinely inspired dreams that are recorded in the Gospel of Matthew; for this reason, he is sometimes called "the dreamer." After each of these dreams, "he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him" (Matthew 1:24).

The Gospel of Luke tells us that when Jesus was twelve, Joseph took Him and Mary to Jerusalem to visit the Temple. They became separated, and Mary and Joseph spent three days looking for Him. When they found Him, Mary said to Jesus: "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." In reply, Jesus said: "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" (Luke 2:48-49)

Mary referred to Joseph as Jesus' father, honoring his role in caring for and protecting Jesus, and raising Him in the Jewish faith; the reply of Jesus refers to God as His Father, and introduces a common theme in His preaching: Our faithfulness to God must come before even our closest human relationships.

The Solemnity of St. Joseph is celebrated on March 19th (or the next available date, if it falls on a Sunday). He is also honored as the patron saint of workers on May 1st.

*Feast Day:* March 19th

*Attributes:* Carpenter's square or tools, the infant Jesus, staff with lily blossoms, two turtle doves, rod of spikenard.

*Patronage:* Catholic Church, unborn children, fathers, immigrants, workers, employment, traveler, carpenters, realtors, against doubt and hesitation, and of a happy death.

### A Story about Saint Joseph

by Maria LaVoy

From *Living Sparks of God: Stories of Saints for Kids to Color*

Jesus looked up at him. No words needed to be spoken. In the silence, they understood one another. As Jesus waited for Joseph's approval, Joseph chuckled to himself. He didn't doubt that one day the student would surpass the teacher! It was clear the skills of Joseph's trade came naturally to Jesus.

"Your mother will love it!" Joseph said with great affection. As the earthy smell of wood shavings filled the air, Joseph thought about how much he treasured the simple time they got to spend working alongside one another, perhaps even more now. Was it already a month ago when he and Mary had been filled with such great anxiety as they searched for Jesus in Jerusalem? Joseph's heart tightened as he thought about the fear he and Mary had felt when they couldn't find him.

A sudden stab of pain shot through Joseph's finger.

"I'm so sorry, Father!" Jesus exclaimed.

"Don't worry, Jesus . . . my finger and the hammer are not strangers. They have met many times before!" Joseph laughed and tousled Jesus' hair. "But what do you say we take a break for lunch?"

### A Child's Prayer to St. Joseph

St. Joseph, watch over me and care for me just as you cared for the child Jesus; and by your help, may I come to know your Son, and so grow in strength and wisdom and the favor of God. Amen.



- Saint Joseph -



**January 10th - The Baptism of the Lord**

*Isaiah 55: 1-11 • 1 John 5: 1-9 • Mark 1:7-11*

Jesus' Baptism is the acceptance and the beginning of His mission on this earth. He allowed himself to be numbered among sinners to save us from our sins. Jesus submitted Himself entirely to His Father's will. As His followers, we should reflect on whether we are following the will of God in all that we do. At the end of our life, we hope to hear the same words that were said by the Father to Jesus: "In You I am well pleased."

*Dear Lord, show me what You would like me to do to complete the mission You have for me. Help me to be obedient and loving in all things.*

**Is there a particular commandment that you find most difficult to obey? Remember, these are God's laws given to us for guidance.**

## 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)  
[fasanoc@stsusanna.org](mailto:fasanoc@stsusanna.org)

### Preschool (Ages 2-5)

Weekdays in the Undercroft  
Joette Ewing (ext. 3131)  
[ewingj@stsusanna.org](mailto:ewingj@stsusanna.org)

### St. Susanna School (Grades K-8)

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

## Children's Envelopes for 2021 are Available in the Gathering Space

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.



## 2021-22 Preschool Registration is Almost Here!

- Registration for our current preschool families begins on Monday, January 11th.
- New families will have the opportunity to enroll on Monday, February 1st.



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 offer 2s through Pre-K morning & afternoon sessions. A registration fee of \$150 per child (\$200 per family) secures your little one's spot for next school year. *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 to see first-hand what being a student at St. Susanna Preschool is all about, please contact Joette Ewing at 513-398-3821, ext. 3131 or [ewingj@stsusanna.org](mailto:ewingj@stsusanna.org).

## A Church in Action

Coach Diaz's 5th grade volleyball team made inspirational plaques for the COVID-19 staff at Atrium Medical Center in Middletown along with a basket of goods for them to snack on during their long hours. On the back of the plaques each girl wrote inspiring messages to the staff.



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).

### PTO 365-Day Raffle Winners



12/20	Patti Reibling	\$100
12/21	Matt Patterson	\$40
12/22	Christine Damron	\$40
12/23	Lauren Brandner	\$40
12/24	Shannon Pilgrim	\$40
12/25	Mike Woodstock	\$500
12/26	Madeline Skinner	\$40

## STEWARDSHIP

Christmas BUDGET	Christmas ACTUAL	Christmas OVER / (UNDER)	Fiscal Year to Date BUDGET	Fiscal Year to Date ACTUAL	Fiscal Year to Date OVER / (UNDER)
\$56,000	\$21,000	(\$35,000)	\$1,004,000	\$910,000	(\$94,000)

December 27, 2020 BUDGET	December 27, 2020 ACTUAL	December 27, 2020 OVER / (UNDER)	Fiscal Year to Date BUDGET	Fiscal Year to Date ACTUAL	Fiscal Year to Date OVER / (UNDER)
\$38,000	\$47,000	\$9,000	\$1,042,000	\$957,000	(\$85,000)

January 3, 2021 BUDGET	January 3, 2021 ACTUAL	January 3, 2021 OVER / (UNDER)	Fiscal Year to Date BUDGET	Fiscal Year to Date ACTUAL	Fiscal Year to Date OVER / (UNDER)
\$54,000	\$47,000	(\$7,000)	\$1,096,000	\$1,004,000	(\$92,000)

## This Week, from the St. Susanna Vincentians...

After Jesus was baptized, He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and a voice was heard "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased." As we give to the poor, we also can hear these same words. Have you considered joining the Society of St. Vincent de Paul so that you can live your Baptism more fully?



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, please contact the Parish Office, 398.3821, ext. 3100, or visit [www.stsusanna.org/altarflowers](http://www.stsusanna.org/altarflowers).



## Servicios en Español

**Misa:** 2do., 4to. y 5to. Domingo del Mes 4:00 PM

**Confesiones:** 1er. Sábado del Mes 9:00 AM  
1er. Miércoles del Mes 7:30 PM

**Clases pre-bautismales:** 1er. Sábado del Mes 10:00 AM

**Rezo del Santo Rosario (ZOOM):** Todos los Martes 7:30 PM  
ZOOM ID 591 598 021 Password: 45040

### Horario de la Oficina (Español)

Lunes, Miércoles y Jueves 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**Tel. Ministerio Hispano** 513-398-3821 ext. 3202 (Deje mensaje)

Es indispensable registrarse en la Parroquia para todos los sacramentos o cualquier trámite que desee realizar.

**Enero**  
**Quinto Domingo del Mes**  
**Tercer Misa en Español**  
**Día 31 4:00 PM**

## ¿Necesita Ayuda?

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Fechas:

## Fiesta del Bautismo del Señor

**Fiesta, con la cual se cierra el tiempo litúrgico de Navidad.**

En el pasaje del Evangelio del día de Hoy estamos siendo testigos de una teofanía, recordemos que una teofanía es una aparición de Dios a la humanidad. Un solo Dios, tres personas distintas. Así, estamos siendo testigos de una teofanía trinitaria. Está presente el Hijo siendo bautizado en las aguas del Jordán, el Espíritu Santo se hace presente en forma de paloma y también se encuentra presente el Padre quien dice: "Tú eres mi Hijo amado; yo tengo en ti mis complacencias". Bajo todo este escenario, tiene lugar precisamente el comienzo de la misión mesiánica de Jesús de Nazaret.



En la Fiesta del Bautismo Jesús nos recuerda nuestro Bautismo, y nos alienta a vivir nuestro bautismo en constante unión con Él. Así, encontramos ciertas similitudes, en aquel momento era absolutamente nuevo que Jesús fuera bautizado por Juan, que el cielo se abriera y el Espíritu Santo descendiera en forma de paloma y que se escuchara una voz del cielo diciendo: "Tú eres mi Hijo amado; yo tengo en ti mis complacencias".

En nuestro tiempo, también nuestro Bautismo representa una constante novedad en nuestras vidas, para describir un poco esta nueva realidad, podríamos decir que la novedad tiene 3 características:

- 1) Viene de Dios, necesitamos de la ayuda de Dios para alejarnos del pecado;
- 2) Es invisible, aunque no se vea, actúa directamente en el espíritu de cada persona;
- 3) Es eficaz, si la persona permite que la novedad actúe en ella, sus acciones cambiarán y se logrará modificar la historia de la humanidad.

Y así como Jesús es el Hijo amado del Padre, también nosotros, renacidos del agua y del Espíritu Santo, sabremos que somos hijos amados ¡El Padre nos ama a todos! Pero al igual que Jesús, tenemos que mostrar acciones que nos identifiquen como bautizados, es importante mostrar acciones de perdón que manifiesten el perdón de Dios hacia nuestros hermanos, acciones transformantes que pongan de relieve el poder de Dios y acciones unificadoras y vivificantes que muestren por medio de las personas la extraordinaria vida de Dios uno y trino a la vez. Somos Bautizados para Siempre.

En el catecismo de la Iglesia Católica se dice que el bautismo imprime carácter, es decir, el Bautismo se recibe una sola vez y para toda la vida. El Papa Francisco nos recuerda que una buena forma de vivir con plenitud nuestro Bautismo es asistiendo a Misa de una manera consciente de lo que está sucediendo. Cuando celebramos la misa, —puntualizó el Pontífice— no hacemos una representación de la Última Cena». La Misa «no es una representación; es otra cosa. Es propiamente la Última Cena; es precisamente vivir otra vez la pasión y la muerte redentora del Señor. Es una teofanía: el Señor se hace presente en el altar para ser ofrecido al Padre para la salvación del mundo». También el Papa mencionó cómo el Señor se hace presente durante la Misa en su Palabra y en cada uno de los que ahí nos encontramos reunidos. Renovemos nuestras promesas Bautismales y vivamos con más pasión nuestro Bautismo en el diario vivir!

## My Son, My Daughter

**W**ho was not asked, at the dawn of young adulthood, “What do you want to be when you grow up?” Today there are so many options for girls and boys. How does one decide? Money and security are very tempting, as are fame and reputation. And then there is the other side of the story when, in the quiet of our thoughts, we wonder if we became everything we might have been. Did we choose the right path or the easy one? Did we rise to the occasion when life challenged us, or did we stay where it was comfortable? Did we really grow up, or did we just get older?

Today we cross the threshold of Christmastime and into Ordinary Time, when the readings focus on discipleship. What kind of disciple do we want to be? Regardless of the past, today we have a chance to start

anew. Today’s Gospel passage places Jesus before us as a model to follow. He is at the threshold of his ministry. Stepping out of the waters of the Jordan, he is told: “You are my beloved Son.” As Son, his role is to bring God’s goodness to the world. Through baptism and profession of faith, we too are filled with God’s spirit. We too are beloved sons and daughters of God, called to bring God’s goodness to the world. What does this mean for us? To what kind of lives does this call us? What do we want to be when we grow up?

*Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA*

### FOR *Reflection*

- ✧ *What can you do to make your part of the world a better place?*
- ✧ *Look deep within yourself. To what might God be calling you?*



*And a voice came from the heavens, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.”* MARK 1:11



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