

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.

After Hours Adoration

Those wishing to visit the Church for Adoration after regular hours, please contact the Parish Office at 513-398-3821.

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for all articles for the Sunday bulletin is Friday afternoon, (9) days before the article appears in the bulletin. Please send items, along with the dates they should run, to bulletin@stsusanna.org for submission.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

April 4, 2021
Easter Sunday

Alleluia, Alleluia! He is Risen as He Said.

When England went to war with Napoleon at the battle of Waterloo, the British placed a sign at the bell tower of a Church to remind people on how the war was progressing. One morning, the sign was partly obstructed by the fog and people could read "England Defeated." Whoever read this felt devastated and defeated until the fog cleared and the whole sign could be read as "England Defeated Napoleon." From that moment, people's sorrows turned into joy as they began to celebrate their victory over the enemy. Similarly, when Jesus died on the Cross on good Friday, His followers felt lost and defeated. They lost hope for a bright future that He had preached to them, but in just a couple of days, their sorrow turned into joy when the women found an empty tomb and the angel told them that He had risen. All their hopelessness was consumed by Jesus' victory over death. People who had been consumed by the darkness of death, received the light of the Risen Lord and took this good news to all the others.

And so, on this Easter Sunday, we celebrate that victory over death which no longer has power over us who believe in Christ, but just a process through which we pass, to our victory from the suffering of this world. This reminds us that, there is a bright future in store for us, as we transit from this passing world and focus on the Spiritual world which does not pass away. That's why St. Paul exhorts us: "If then you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God" (Col 3:1-2). But ask yourself; as I live in this world, where am I heading to after completing my journey? The answer is that, just like the women who went to the tomb to search for Jesus, we too must always keep searching for Him with hope even when we are in our darkest moments of life. These women never expect to find an empty tomb but because they had trusted and waited in faith, they were given a surprise of their lives. They became the first bearers of the good news about Christ's victory over death and blessed with peace and newness of life. This is what all of us should search for. If Jesus had not risen from the dead and appeared to these women, we would never have heard of Him. And so, this is fundamental to our faith. Christ's Resurrection gives us the mandate to be His witnesses. As He commanded His disciples to go and make disciples of all nations (Mt 28:19-20), we too are sent to spread that good news to others, beginning from our own families, places of work and all those we encounter every day. Jesus tells us, "I am the resurrection and anyone who believes in me, even though that person dies, will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die" (Jn 11:25-26).

Dear friends, unlike the disciples who saw the empty tomb and believed, our evidence today is in the Scriptures. Let us find hope in the words of Jesus to Thomas, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." This truth should give us hope, and assurance of our final victory and eternal salvation. Happy Easter to you all and God bless you. Christ is Risen.

Easter Blessings,
Fr. Elias



MASS INTENTIONS & WEEKEND PRESIDERS

Monday, April 5

6:00pm* Bob Puthoff

Tuesday, April 6

8:30am* Matt Wagner, *Special Intention*

Wednesday, April 7

8:15am John Holtzmacher

Thursday, April 8

8:15am Tony Karsnia

Friday, April 9

8:15am Laurie Gallagher

Saturday, April 10

8:15am Lennie Thomas

5:00pm (Fr. Elias) Carroll Ann Jessup

Sunday, April 11

7:30am (Fr. Barry) Thomas U. Todd

9:30am* (Fr. Elias) Jim Wessel

11:30am* (Fr. Barry) Maria Villanueva

4:00pm (Spanish) Intention of the Parishioners

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 after the 8:15am Mass

Holy Hour with Eucharistic Exposition

Thursdays at 6:00pm*

*Live Streams:

www.stsusanna.org/onlinemass

Mondays at 6:00pm

Tuesdays at 8:30am

Thursdays at 6:00pm

Sundays at 9:30am and 11:30am

Spanish Mass at 4:00pm

Due to ongoing Covid-19 restrictions, we will not be using lighted candles at the Easter Vigil Mass on Saturday night, April 3rd. *In place of these we would like everyone to light a "virtual candle" on your phone.* Suggestions for free candle apps:



Apple Devices
(Candle HD)



Android Devices
(Virtual Candle HD)

Prayers for Those in Need

Ray Abaray, Jack Albrinck, Jean Alexander, Julio Argote, Jaxon Aschenbrenner, Roman Arnold, Sue Back, Florence Bailey, Molly Baker, Kathy Blenkle, Rita Bregger, Dan Breniser, Denise Brown, Steve Bruce, Roberta Brunck, Deborah Burkardt, June Campbell, Jean & James Cifuentes, Edward Crick, Darla Dalhover, Chuck Decker, Andrew Eysoldt, Lauren Faller, Lorraine Forsythe, Karen French, Ramona Gordon, Sarah Grothjan, Deanna Hamm, Pauline Hammill, Maxine Hefelfinger, Keith Hepp, Elizabeth Huff, Raymond Kissel, Joe Koenig, Janice Koncius, Toni Kuhlman, Denise Landise, Alice Lamping, Janice Lawson, Jerry Lindsly, Joanne Maggard, Mary McLocklin, Lisa Mitchell, Karen Neff, Angela Orick, Carol Orick, Edward Orick, Gabriel Orick, Steven Orick, Bev Oscar, Richard Perez, Christine Phelan, Mike Reilly, Bill Reynolds, Conner Sands, Leslie Marie Sauer, Gerry Schroeder, Becky Schmitz, Matt Shawhan, Mary Anne Spanyer, Martha Steigelman, Betty Strzelecki, Marci Tabor, Stephanie Tobiaf, Pete Warner, Brian Whitmer

Prayers for Those Serving Overseas

Alex Back, Joseph Patrick Fusco, Sarah Kaleta, Chester H. Mastalerz II, Matthew Kyler Saurine, Zachary Saurine, Justin Schuh, Christian Sorfnen, Brandon Wesley, Michael Zeller

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

Baptism

Shayne Reno (ext. 3146)

renos@stsusanna.org

First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion

Kristen Tell (ext. 3135)

tellk@stsusanna.org

Confirmation

Shayne Reno (ext. 3146)

renos@stsusanna.org

Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Joe Schleicher (ext. 3149)

schleicherj@stsusanna.org

Marriage

Cathy Meyer (ext. 3113)

meyerc@stsusanna.org

Holy Orders

vocations@catholicaoc.org

Anointing of the Sick

Sharon Osborne (ext. 3100)

osbornes@stsusanna.org

For assistance in Spanish / Para asistencia en Español:

Aracelia Ayala (ext. 3107)

ayalaa@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.

Prayer Requests

If you have people to be prayed for and would like to have them in the bulletin, please email bulletin@stsusanna.org and we will begin publishing them weekly.

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.

April 5th-9th School Spring Break

Monday, April 5

Parish Office Closed

7:00pm CICT

Tuesday, April 6

10:00am Adult Group Study

7:00pm Boy Scout Troop #500

Wednesday, April 7

9:30am Mom & Tots Prayer Group

7:00pm Adult Group Study

7:00pm Spirits with the Saints

7:30pm Hispanic Reconciliation

Thursday, April 8

7:00pm Church Choir Practice

7:15pm FoN Steering Team Meeting

Friday, April 9

Retrouvaille Retreat

8:30am Food for All

9:30am Wrapped in Love

Saturday, April 10

2021 VBS Registration Opens

7:00am Men's Prayer & Fellowship

9:00am Risen Life Prayer Group

9:00am Women's Monthly Book Study

Sunday, April 11

10:35am CCD: 1st Communion Retreat

2:00pm Divine Mercy Sunday Service

3:00pm Singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by Benediction

7:00pm KoC Volleyball

Parish Council

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move forward in our faith, growing in grace with every new day.

Next weekend is Divine Mercy Sunday. We will have a special Holy Hour with Rosary recited and Chaplet of Divine Mercy sung for all parishioners, English-speaking and Hispanic. This will begin at 2:00pm and will be followed by the Mass in Spanish at 4:00pm.

This is a very special day given to us as a pure gift of God through the work of Pope St. John Paul II, offering the abundant grace of God to all who participate in the feast day of Divine Mercy. Jesus promises that the person who has been to Confession and receives Holy Communion on that day will be completely wiped clean of the stain of sin on their soul and freed from the punishment because of their sins. The special grace promised by our Lord for Divine Mercy Sunday is nothing less than a complete renewal of baptismal grace in the soul. Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound!

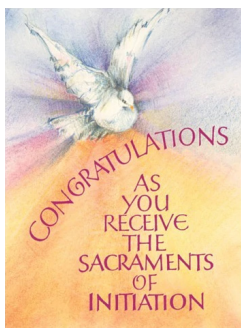
There is no limit to the merciful love of God which Christ won for us by His death and Resurrection. The Church, as the official dispenser of this grace, has an infinite treasury at her disposal. God desires us to swim in His grace and spares no expense that we should have easy access to it. That is Divine Mercy! The Church, the Body of Christ, is the instrument, the faucet, that we can turn on and gain that grace of God won for us by Christ.

This next Sunday is a more recent addition to the Church's tools to grant God's grace. St. Faustina's visions of Christ as Divine Mercy in the 1930's was the start of it, and Pope St. John Paul II, guided by the Holy Spirit, launched it out in 2002 into the Universal Church.

So, there is no excuse for anybody going without the grace of God. The faucet is always on. The well is always overflowing and gushing out the life-giving waters of salvation. Don't be like the man who during a storm and flood chose not to get in the police car and go to safety; he said, 'God will save me.' When the waters started to rise, he went to the upstairs floor of his house, and refused to get in the boat that would take him away; 'God will save me.' Then, going up on the roof when the waters got even higher, he refused to get in the helicopter that came down to rescue him; 'God will save me'. When he drowned and came to the Pearly Gates, he complained to St. Peter that God never came to help him. St. Peter, a bit exasperated, asked him, 'Hey, God sent you a police car, a boat, and even a helicopter, why didn't you get in one of these!'

The Church offers so many ways and tools to help us on the way to salvation; so many means of gaining God's grace. Why don't we take advantage of them? Come to the services on Divine Mercy Sunday, Mass and Holy Hour. Receive Holy Communion; go to Confession. Bask in the grace of God freely given.

Fr. Danny



Congratulations to those Receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil!

Tyrone Ugarte

Aimee Ugarte

John Campbell

Jessica Wernke

WORSHIP

Breaking Bread eMissal App

For those uncomfortable using worship aids or picking up a physical Breaking Bread/Music Issue hymnal during Mass, you can now download the *Breaking Bread 2021 eMissal* app to your phones! The USCCB-approved app is available in both the Apple and Google Play stores for just \$4.99.



Update Worship Guidelines

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati has updated their guidelines that were issued in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifics for St. Susanna:

- Singing is allowed during Mass. Page numbers will be announced during services.
- Half of the seating area (the organ side) will no longer be roped off. Anyone who was vaccinated, or feels comfortable with less social distancing, can sit in those pews.
- The Holy Water fonts at the door will contain water that will be refreshed regularly.

We continue to pray for our parishioners and our church, that we come out of this dark time with renewed faith and strengthened devotion. We wholeheartedly look forward to worshipping with you all in person once more.

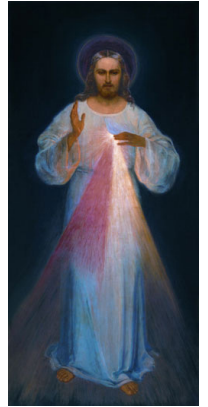
Mass Coordinators Needed!

We are in need of substitute Mass Coordinators to fill in when needed. Mass Coordinators set up the Altar ahead of Mass. Fr. Barry will provide a brief training session. If you are interested, please contact Sharon Osborne at osbornes@stsusanna.org or 513-398-3821, ext. 3100.



Next Weekend (April 11th) is Divine Mercy Sunday!

In the Jubilee Year 2000, Pope John Paul II proclaimed that the Second Sunday of Easter would be celebrated as Divine Mercy Sunday. This was proclaimed at the Canonization Mass of St. Faustina Kawalska, who worked throughout her life to make all aware of the merciful love of God.



St. Faustina's contemplation on the Mercy of God led her to develop a childlike trust in God and deep love for her neighbor. In her years in the convent, St. Faustina heard a call from God to make God's mercy known to the world so that the world may more fully receive God's healing grace. St. Faustina promoted the Chaplet of Divine Mercy which consists of the recitation of prayers to the Eternal Father with the use of the Rosary for the sake of Christ's sorrowful passion.

When celebrating Divine Mercy Sunday, the faithful are called to reflect more personally on the graces won through the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this way their hearts may be more fully aware of the mercy of God for them personally and for the sake of the world.

Please join us in celebrating God's merciful love at St. Susanna on April 11th for:

2:00pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
Recitation of the Rosary (Bilingual)
Quiet time for Prayer
Sacrament of Confession (5-7 priests available)

3:00pm Singing of the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, followed by Benediction

Hispanic Mass will begin at 4:00pm as usual.

STEWARDSHIP

March 28, 2021 BUDGET	March 28, 2021 ACTUAL	March 28, 2021 OVER / (UNDER)	Fiscal Year to Date BUDGET	Fiscal Year to Date ACTUAL	Fiscal Year to Date OVER / (UNDER)
\$42,000	\$36,000	(\$6,000)	\$1,568,000	\$1,437,000	(\$131,000)

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

Today, as we celebrate the feast of Easter we find the challenge of also seeing and believing the resurrection that comes through our own lives of self-sacrifice which brings new life to others. As you consider a donation to St. Susanna's St. Vincent de Paul Conference, know that you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them Easter hope and joy.

2020 St. Susanna Giving Statements

If you plan on writing off your 2020 contributions to St. Susanna for tax purposes, you will need a Giving Statement. In an effort to save on printing and mailing costs, we are encouraging our contributors to simply download their statement. If you have already retrieved your annual statement, please verify it matches the official finalized statement that is available now. Please visit www.stsusanna.org/givingstatements and follow the simple steps to print or download your Giving Statement. Cathy Meyer at meyerc@stsusanna.org or 513-398-3821, ext. 3113 is happy to help you and answer any questions you may have.



DISCIPLES IN ACTION

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.

Anyone in the community is welcomed to join us. You do not need to be a member of the parish.

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). *Our next meeting is Monday, April 5th.* While not required, if you are able, please let us know you are coming and RSVP online at www.stsusanna.org/cict.

We are looking for someone with social media/marketing expertise to help us in spreading the word throughout the community. If you are interested, please reach out to Kelly Moertle at kjmoertle@gmail.com.

The Women's Association

I would like to introduce you to the Women's Association - a community of women who come together for social, spiritual, and service

opportunities. All adult women of the parish are automatically members, and there are no membership dues. We have evolved from the days of the Altar Rosary Society, but the mission is the same: fellowship and service to our parish and our Lord!



We encourage all women to actively join us at one of the future events. We offer a day of prayer, outings (when the world opens again), and Spring and Christmas socials. Some of our service opportunities include assisting in the making of the baptismal bibs and shawls for the newly baptized children, no-tie blankets for the Schuh Center, and working the Cake Booth at the Festival.

Our main fundraiser is the Annual Garage Sale, which will be held on June 25th and 26th. The many things that the Association purchases for the church would be impossible without the garage sale. We have contributed toward the window blinds in the church, the sound system for the Meyer Center and the current piano in the church to name a few. We need volunteers to make the sale a success. Any time or energy you can give is not too small.
Millennials, Gen X, Y, and Z... the Baby Boomers need your help!

So, ladies, come to our next membership meeting on April 17th at 9:30am in the St. Susanna Room. We will have a brief meeting sharing about our upcoming events; then we will devote the rest of the meeting to discussing the Garage Sale. Please come to see what we are about and how you can help with the Garage Sale! For questions or more information, contact Jean Robbins at jeanrobbins27@gmail.com or 513-236-5436.

St. Susanna's Festival is BACK!

Mark your calendars for September 10th, 11th & 12th. We need more people to help with planning this year's events. Email us at festivalstusanna@gmail.com. Have you "liked" our facebook page yet?? Get online and go to www.facebook.com/stsuefestivalmason and check it out!!



Young at Heart 2021 Travel Plans

On Tuesday, *June 8th*, we will journey to an area around Grand Lake St. Mary in northwestern Ohio, known as "the Land of the Cross Tipped Churches." The area was settled by German immigrants who established a combination of 60 (mostly Catholic) brick churches, rectories, schools, and convents radiating 22 miles around the former Maria Stein Convent. We will visit three churches to see their beauty and learn their history. Along the way we will enjoy lunch at an Italian restaurant on the shore of the lake, take a city tour of Celina, tour the Maria Stein Shrine, and drive through the grounds of the St. Charles Center, a former seminary, known as the "Castle in the Cornfields." The trip will be fully guided. The cost is \$60.



October 2nd-10th, we will travel to Albuquerque for the famous Balloon Festival, where we have very special arrangements at the festival. We will also enjoy guided tours of Albuquerque, Santa Fe, Acoma Pueblo and many other historical and unique features of the area. En route we will visit the Oklahoma City National Memorial and Museum (commemorating the bombing of the Federal Building in 1995). The trip includes 9 days with 8 nights lodging, 8 breakfasts, 5 dinners. The price per person is \$1,482 double occupancy or \$1,971 for single occupancy.

For more information, brochures and reservation forms for each of these trips, please contact Russ Clark at 513-484-4027 or clark.russ26@gmail.com.

Wrapped in Love Prayer Shawl Ministry

Calling all knitters and quilters - the Prayer Shawl Ministry needs you! St. Susanna's



St. Susanna Prayer Shawl Ministry

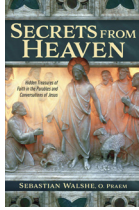
Wrapped In Love Ministry is extending an invitation for new members to help create Charity Quilts and Prayer Shawls which are blessed and shared with the Schuh Center, area hospitals, and other people in need in our Community. This beautiful outreach Ministry is also accepting donations of yarn, any fabric (scraps and strips welcome), thread, and batting which can be dropped off at the Parish Office. Helping this amazing group of talented volunteers can be done in the comfort of your own home.

If you like to sew and have a heart for giving your time and talents through creating a beautiful keepsake that will comfort and share the love of Christ with others, please contact Brenda Harvey at 513-257-6412 or email at thebonz@me.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Women's Monthly Book Study

Ladies, please join us for a casual book discussion on the first Saturday of each month beginning at 9:00am and finishing up at 10:00am. (Please note, the group will be meeting the second Saturday in April.) Come when you can - the only cost is to buy the book!



Current Book: *Secrets from Heaven - Hidden Treasures of Faith in the Parables and Conversations of Jesus* by Fr. Sebastian Walshe

Our next meeting will be Saturday, April 10th in the St. Jerome Room and we will be discussing Chapters 3 and 4. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Steff at barbara.steff@gmail.com. Please RSVP so we know how many are coming, by visiting www.stsusanna.org/bookstudy.

Retrouvaille - A Lifeline For Married Couples



The next program will begin the weekend of **April 9-11, 2021**. Retrouvaille is a Catholic sponsored, confidential program open to all faiths. It offers a chance to rediscover yourself, and your spouse. 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.

Spirits with the Saints

The next night of culture, faith and encouragement for all of the men of St. Susanna will take place on **Wednesday, April 7th at 7:00pm** in the St. Susanna Room.



We will be having **Irish Whiskey** and Graeter's **ice cream**. We will also have a conversation about **St. John Paul II** and **Divine Mercy**. BYOB (Bring Your Own Bourbon) if you wish. Social distancing will be observed.

To RSVP, please visit www.stsusanna.org/dadsgroup or call Sharon Osborne at 513-398-3821, ext. 3100.

Men of St. Susanna Parish,



The 31st **Welcome! Christ Renews (WCR)** retreat will be held **Saturday, May 22nd to Sunday, May 23rd** at the Meyer Center. The WCR weekend is a retreat for adult men seeking to deepen their Catholic faith and to expand their fellowship with other men of the parish.

Attending WCR has changed many lives - personally, spiritually, and professionally - over the last 30 years. If you're reading this, there's a good chance you should be a part of the weekend. Don't wait; spaces are limited.

Consider taking part in an enjoyable and memorable weekend of fellowship. All you have to do is listen. WCR is free to attend and all meals are provided. Please contact the WCR30 Team for more information; we can be reached at wcr3031@gmail.com.

YOUTH

Register Now for Fall Sports

Registration for the 2021 Fall sport season is now open on the St. Susanna Athletic Boosters website: www.stsusannatitans.com.



Click the registration banner at the top of the page. If you do not already have an account, you will need to create an account to register. Registration is open to all those attending St. Susanna School and those enrolled in the Parish CCD program. General information and additional details on each sport can be found under each sport heading on the website.

- Girls Volleyball (Rising 3rd-8th Graders) - Closing April 30th
- Boys & Girls Golf (Rising 6th-8th Graders) - Closing May 15th
- Football (Rising 1st-8th Graders) - Closing May 31st
- Cheer (Rising 1st-8th Graders) - Closing June 30th

Thank you for your support of Titan Athletics!

Save the Date for Vacation Bible School!

- **June 14th-18th**
- Monday through Thursday, 9am - Noon and Friday, 10am - Noon
- Open to kids ages Pre-K through 5th grade
- **Registration will be open April 10th through May 10th.** There will be no late registrations this year due to COVID-19. Numbers will be capped so please register promptly to ensure your children get a spot!
- Fee: \$25 per child, or \$50 per family
- **Adults and teen volunteers are needed!** Teens must be rising 6th graders or older in the Fall for 2021 to volunteer.
- Contact: Lauren Zinnecker at zinneckerl@stsusanna.org



Volunteers Needed for 21-22 Sunday School!

The Sunday School Program (for kids ages 3 years old through Kindergarten) is looking for volunteer catechists to teach our youngest members of the church during 9:30am Mass. The 2021-22 Sunday School year will begin in late September, with catechist meetings in early August. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Lauren Zinnecker at zinneckerl@stsusanna.org for more information.

YOUTH

Nursery

Sundays at 9:30am and 11:30am
Email nursery@stsusanna.org or call the Parish Office for details

Sunday School (Ages 3 - Kdg)

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

CCD (Grades 1-8)

Sundays 10:35-11:20am
Mondays 6:45-7:30pm
Joe Schleicher (ext. 3149)
schleicherj@stsusanna.org

Faith Alive (Grades 6-8)

Chloé Fasano (ext. 3110)
fasanoc@stsusanna.org

LIFE (Grades 9-12)

Chloé Fasano (ext. 3110)
fasanoc@stsusanna.org

Preschool (Ages 2-5)

Weekdays in the Undercroft
Joette Ewing (ext. 3131)
ewingj@stsusanna.org

St. Susanna School (Grades K-8)

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

Looking for a School Community?

We invite you to join us at St. Susanna Parish School - a Christ-centered, academic environment, where effective, meaningful and engaged learning and instruction promote student achievement. *It's not too late to register for the 2021-22 School Year!* For more information, please contact Celeste Griffin in the school office at griffinc@stsusanna.org or 513-398-3821, ext 3108.



Coming Fall 2021: a new STEM lab!

New/additional gym space, and a theater stage are also in the near-future plans!



The Catholic School Difference

"... They compared children in Catholic schools with those in public schools and other private schools, religious and secular. The authors found statistically meaningful evidence that students in Catholic schools exhibited less disruptive behavior than their counterparts in other schools. Specifically, students in Catholic schools "were more likely to control their temper, respect others' property, accept their fellow students' ideas, and handle peer pressure." In other words, they exhibited more self-discipline... The correlation is strong between the focus that Catholic schools put on self-discipline and better student behavior... **Don't underestimate the power of religion to positively influence a child's behavior.**"

- The Wall Street Journal, *The Catholic School Difference*; June 1, 2018

St. Susanna Parish School Affiliated Parish Program



The parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows, St. Maximilian Kolbe, St. John's, and Good Shepherd Parishes **receive a \$500 tuition discount** off of the annual non-parishioner rate for each child enrolled. Please share this information with your families, friends and neighbors who may be looking for a new school!

PTO	3/14	Charles Molloy	\$100
365-Day	3/15	Greg Bucks	\$40
Raffle	3/16	Rachel Pyles	\$40
Winners	3/17	Emily Conger	\$40
	3/18	Marianne Torontali	\$40
	3/19	Michael Baldwin	\$40
	3/20	Jim Fada	\$40



PRESCHOOL registration



Preschool Registration for 2021-22!

It's not too late to register for preschool! If you are looking for a nurturing environment for your little one with a variety of opportunities to learn & play all while discovering God's wonderful world, St.

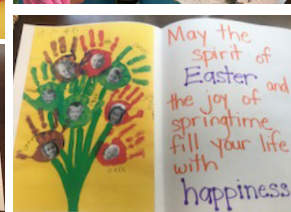
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Parenting Programs

Do you feel like your kids are out of control or maybe you just need a little guidance on fine tuning your parenting skills? Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio offers Parenting Programs that can help you in either area. Some classes are only offered two or three times a year and others run all year round. Call 513-867-7072 or email pbolden@ccswoh.org to let us help you pick which class best fits your personal needs.



Preschoolers participated in the Parish-wide FON Lenten project by making cards to send to their new friends in Africa!



Christ is Risen! Alleluia! He is Risen Indeed! Alleluia!

Easter Sunday may only be one day, but the season of Easter goes on for fifty days! From now until Pentecost, keep the Risen Christ alive with your family at home!

What Easter Looks Like:

The Liturgical Seasons that our Church has put in place creates a beautiful rhythm for the Christian life. May this colorful poster full of signs and symbols be a reminder of the Easter Season. Let us join in prayer these next 50 days of celebrating the Resurrection of Christ and the new life we have in Him! You can hang this image in your home, on your fridge, or use it for journaling.

We hope your family has a wonderfully fruitful Easter Season this year!



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La Arquidiócesis de Cincinnati ha actualizado sus directrices que se emitieron en respuesta a la pandemia COVID-19.

Específicos para St. Susanna:

- A partir de inmediato, está permitido cantar durante la misa.
- A partir del Domingo de Ramos: la mitad de la zona, al lado del órgano, ya no será atada. Cualquier persona que fue vacunada, o se siente cómoda con menos distancia, puede sentarse en esas bancas. Esto proporcionará asientos adicionales ya que la asistencia de gente aumentará en los próximos meses.
- A partir de la Vigilia Pascual: las fuentes de Agua Bendita a los lados de las puertas contendrán agua (que se refrescará regularmente).

Seguimos orando por nuestros feligreses y nuestra iglesia, para que salgamos de este tiempo oscuro con fe renovada y devoción fortalecida. Esperamos de todo corazón poder adorar con todos ustedes en persona nuevamente.

Se Buscan Líderes para Grupo Juvenil Hispano (Fidelis – Hispanic Youth Group)

El ministerio Hispano de St. Susanna solicita estudiantes de universidad interesados en liderar con formación de fe a futuro grupo juvenil Hispano. Si conoce a alguien interesado favor de compartir el contacto de Dante Villarreal danteandres.villarreal98@gmail.com y (513) – 807 – 0859. Los candidatos deben tener al menos 21 años, el idioma no es requisito.



¡Aleluya, Aleluya! Ha Resucitado Como Él Dijo.

Cuando Inglaterra fue a la guerra con Napoleón en la batalla de Waterloo, los británicos colocaron un letrero en el campanario de una Iglesia para recordar a la gente cómo avanzaba la guerra. Una mañana, el letrero estaba parcialmente obstruido por la niebla y la gente podía leer "Inglaterra Derrotada". Quien leyera esto se sintió devastado y derrotado hasta que la niebla se despejó y todo el letrero se podía leer como "Inglaterra Derrotó a Napoleón". A partir de ese momento, las penas de la gente se convirtieron en alegría y comenzaron a celebrar su victoria sobre el enemigo. Del mismo modo, cuando Jesús murió en la Cruz el viernes santo, sus seguidores se sintieron perdidos y derrotados. Perdieron la esperanza de un futuro brillante que Él les había predicado, pero justo en un par de días, su dolor se convirtió en alegría cuando las mujeres encontraron una tumba vacía y el ángel les dijo que Él había resucitado. Toda su desesperanza fue consumida por la victoria de Jesús sobre la muerte. Las personas que habían sido consumidas por la oscuridad de la muerte recibieron la luz del Señor resucitado y llevaron esta buena noticia a todos los demás.

Y así, en este Domingo de Pascua, celebramos esa victoria sobre la muerte que ya no tiene poder sobre nosotros los que creemos en Cristo, sino sólo un proceso por el que pasamos, a nuestra victoria del sufrimiento de este mundo. Esto nos recuerda que hay un futuro brillante reservado para nosotros, mientras transitamos en este mundo que pasa y nos enfocamos en el mundo Espiritual que no desaparece. Es por eso por lo que San Pablo nos exhorta: "Si entonces fuiste resucitado con Cristo, busca lo que está arriba, donde Cristo está sentado a la diestra de Dios" (Col 3, 1-2). Pero pregúntate a ti mismo, mientras vivo en este mundo, ¿a dónde me dirijo después de completar mi jornada? La respuesta es que, al igual que las mujeres que fueron a la tumba a buscar a Jesús, nosotros también debemos seguir buscándolo con esperanza incluso cuando estamos en nuestros momentos más oscuros de la vida. Estas mujeres nunca esperaron encontrar una tumba vacía, pero debido a que habían confiado y esperado con fe, se les dio la sorpresa de sus vidas. Ellas se convirtieron en las primeras portadoras de la buena noticia sobre la victoria de Cristo sobre la muerte y fueron bendecidas con paz y una nueva vida. Esto es lo que todos debemos buscar. Si Jesús no hubiera resucitado de entre los muertos y aparecido a estas mujeres, nunca habríamos oído hablar de él. Y así, esto es fundamental para nuestra fe. La resurrección de Cristo nos da el mandato de ser Sus testigos. Al ordenar a Sus discípulos que fueran y hicieran discípulos de todas las naciones (Mt 28, 19-20), nosotros también somos enviados a difundir esta buena noticia a los demás, comenzando por nuestra propia familia, en nuestros lugares de trabajo y a todos los que encontramos cada día. Jesús nos dice: "Yo soy la resurrección y cualquiera que crea en mí, aunque esa persona muera, vivirá, y quien viva y crea en mí nunca morirá" (Jn 11, 25-26).

Queridos amigos, a diferencia de los discípulos que vieron la tumba vacía y creyeron, nuestra evidencia hoy está en las Escrituras. Encontremos esperanza en las palabras de Jesús a Tomás: "Bienaventurados los que no han visto y, sin embargo, han llegado a creer". Esta verdad debe darnos esperanza y seguridad de nuestra victoria final y salvación eterna. Feliz Pascua a todos ustedes y que Dios los bendiga. ¡Cristo ha resucitado!

Bendiciones de Pascua.
Padre Elías



¡Feliz Pascua! Y felicidades a todos los que recibieron los Sacramentos este año en nuestra parroquia, nuestra Arquidiócesis y alrededor de nuestro país. Estamos construyendo el Reino de Dios y el Cuerpo de Cristo. Sigamos avanzando en nuestra fe, creciendo en la gracia con cada nuevo día.

El próximo fin de semana es el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Tendremos una Hora Santa especial con rosario recitado y la coronilla a la Divina Misericordia cantado por todos los feligreses, de habla inglesa e hispana. Esto comenzará a las 2PM y será seguido por la misa en español a las 4PM.

Este es un día muy especial que se nos da como un don puro de Dios a través de la obra del Papa San Juan Pablo II, ofreciendo la abundante gracia de Dios a todos los que participan en la fiesta de la Divina Misericordia. Jesús promete que la persona que ha estado en confesión y recibe la Santa Comunión, ese día será completamente limpiada de la mancha del pecado en su alma y liberada del castigo debido a sus pecados. La gracia especial prometida por nuestro Señor para el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia es nada menos que una renovación completa de la gracia bautismal en el alma. ¡Gracia Increíble! ¡Qué dulce suena!

No hay límite para el amor misericordioso de Dios que Cristo ganó para nosotros por Su muerte y resurrección. La Iglesia, como dispensadora oficial de esta gracia, tiene un tesoro infinito a su disposición. Dios desea que nademos en Su gracia y no escatima ningún gasto para que tengamos fácil acceso a ella. ¡Eso es la Divina Misericordia! La Iglesia, el Cuerpo de Cristo, es el instrumento, la llave, que podemos abrir y obtener esa gracia de Dios ganada por Cristo.

Este próximo domingo es una adición más reciente a las herramientas de la Iglesia para conceder la gracia de Dios. Las visiones de Santa Faustina de Cristo como Divina Misericordia en la década de 1930 fueron el comienzo de esta, y el Papa San Juan Pablo II, guiado por el Espíritu Santo, la lanzó en 2002 a la Iglesia Universal.

Por lo tanto, no hay excusa para que nadie se vaya sin la gracia de Dios. La llave siempre está abierta. El pozo siempre está desbordando y sacando las aguas que dan vida a la salvación. No seas como el hombre que durante una tormenta e inundación prefirió no subirse al coche de policía e ir a un lugar seguro; dijo: 'Dios me salvará'. Cuando las aguas comenzaron a subir, fue al piso de arriba de su casa, y se negó a subir al barco que lo llevaría; "Dios me salvará." Luego, subiendo al techo cuando las aguas subieron aún más, se negó a subir al helicóptero que bajó para rescatarlo; 'Dios me salvará'. Cuando se ahogó y llegó a las Puertas del Cielo, se quejó con San Pedro de que Dios nunca vino a ayudarlo. San Pedro, un poco exasperado, le preguntó: 'Oye, Dios te envió un coche de policía, un barco e incluso un helicóptero, ¿por qué no te subiste a uno de estos!'

La Iglesia ofrece tantas herramientas y formas para ayudarnos en el camino hacia la salvación; tantos medios para obtener la gracia de Dios. ¿Por qué no nos aprovechamos de ellos? Ven a los servicios del Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, a la misa y Hora Santa. Recibe la Santa Comunión; ve a la Confesión. Disfruta de la gracia de Dios libremente dada.

Fr. Daung

¡El 11 de Abril es el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia!

En el Jubileo del año 2000, el Papa Juan Pablo II proclamó que el Segundo Domingo de Pascua se celebraría como Domingo de la Divina Misericordia. Esto fue proclamado en la Misa de Canonización de Santa Faustina Kawalska, quien trabajó a lo largo de su vida para dar a conocer el amor misericordioso de Dios.

La contemplación de Santa Faustina sobre la Misericordia de Dios la llevó a desarrollar una confianza infantil en Dios y un profundo amor por su prójimo. En sus años en el convento, Santa Faustina escuchó un llamado de Dios para dar a conocer la misericordia de Dios al mundo para que el mundo reciba más plenamente la gracia sanadora de Dios. Santa Faustina promovió la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia, que consiste en la recitación de oraciones al Padre Eterno con el uso del rosario por el bien de la dolorosa pasión de Cristo.

Al celebrar el Domingo de la Divina Misericordia, los fieles están llamados a reflexionar más personalmente sobre las gracias ganadas por medio de la vida, la muerte y la resurrección de Jesucristo. De esta manera sus corazones pueden ser más plenamente conscientes de la misericordia de Dios para ellos personalmente y por el bien del mundo.



Únase a nosotros para celebrar el amor misericordioso de Dios en Sta. Susana el 11 de empezando a las 2pm para: Exposición del Santísimo, Recitación del Rosario (Bilingüe), Tiempo tranquilo para oración, Sacramento de la Confesión en inglés y español (5-7 sacerdotes disponibles). **A las 3:00pm** Canto de la Coronilla de la Divina Misericordia finalizando con la Bendición. **La Santa Misa en español comenzará a las 4:00 pm y continuarán las confesiones en español hasta las 3:55pm.**



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April 4, 2021

Easter (B)

Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8

Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7



*Then the other disciple also went in,
the one who had arrived at the tomb first,
and he saw and believed.*

JOHN 20:8

Seeing Is Believing

Clever phrase. But is it accurate? Believing means that we sometimes accept as true something for which we have no positive proof. We might base our belief on the word of someone we consider reliable, but we ourselves have no undeniable evidence. We may use this phrase in everyday conversation and know what we really mean, but when it comes to the resurrection of Jesus, the phrase “seeing is believing” really doesn’t fit well.

In today’s first reading, Peter states that Jesus was visible to some of his followers. What does this mean? It’s clear from most of the Easter narratives that many people had a profound, life-transforming experience of the risen Jesus. They may not have realized this at first, but they were convinced of it when he allowed them to recognize him. Was it a visual experience? Was it auditory as Paul describes (Acts 9:4)? Or was it

touch as Thomas demanded (John 20:25)? Every mystic describes a revelation of Christ as an experience of one or more senses. For example, St. Bernadette saw our Lady, while St. Francis heard a voice. This isn’t to say that the revelations weren’t real. It is to say that our senses are our only way of experiencing it or talking about it. We are, after all, only human.

Maybe when referring to the resurrection we should modify this phrase: believing is seeing or hearing or feeling or being somehow convinced that he is really here. And this can be true for all of us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

For Reflection

- ★ *Have you ever had a moment of profound religious insight? If so, how would you describe it?*
- ★ *The risen Christ is with us still. Think about that for a moment.*

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