

February 4, 2024  
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



**PASTOR**

Rev. Matthew Robben

**PAROCHIAL VICARS**

Rev. Henry Hoffmann

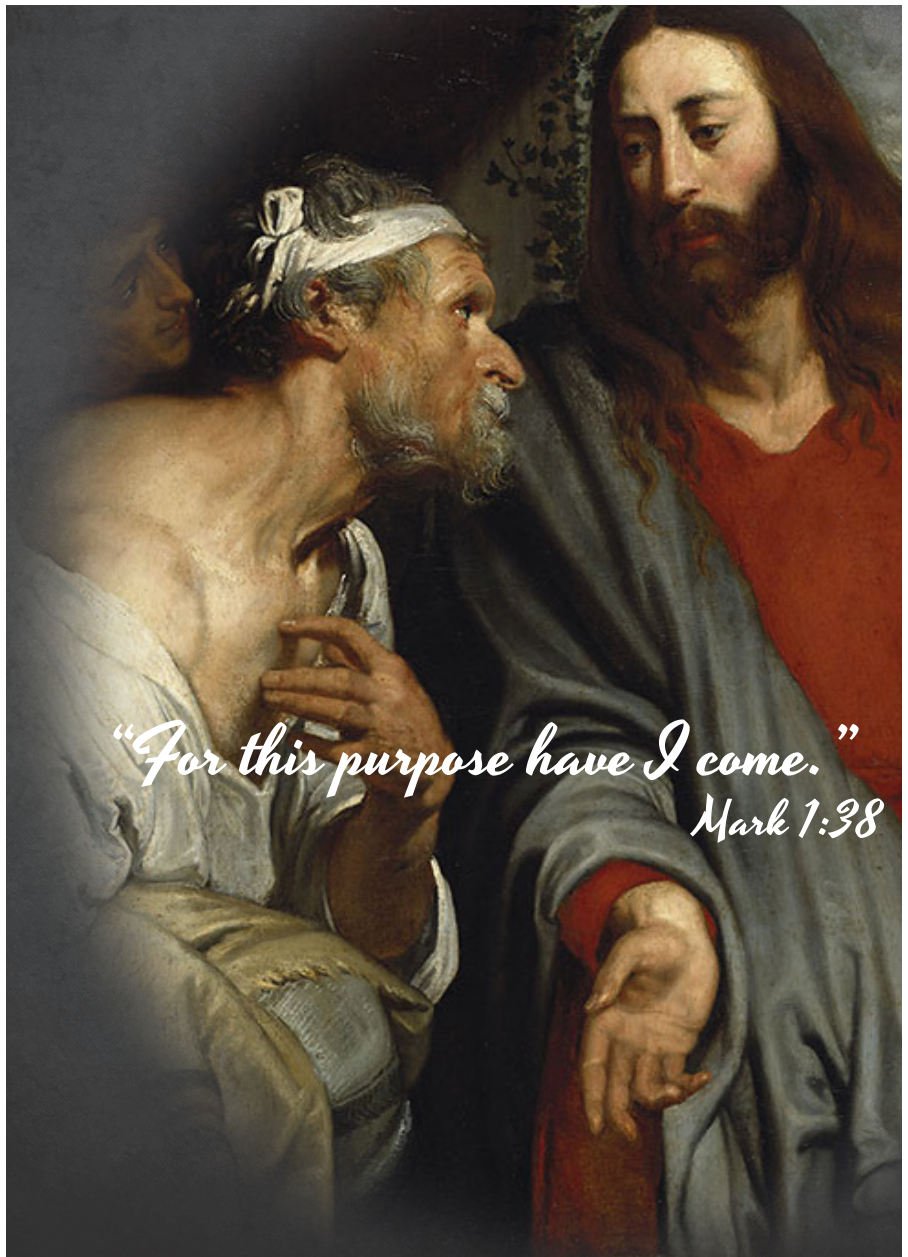
**SENIOR PAROCHIAL VICAR**

Rev. Anthony Dattilo

**DEACONS**

Robert Schroeder,  
St. Antoninus

Mark Madden, OLL  
Thomas Westerfield,  
Senior Status, OLL



*"For this purpose have I come."*  
Mark 1:38

**WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday Vigil**

3:30 p.m. St. Aloysius Gonzaga  
4:00 p.m. St. Antoninus

**Sunday Mass**

8:00 am Our Lady of Lourdes  
9:00 am St. Martin of Tours  
10:00 am St. Antoninus  
11:00 am St. Catharine of Siena

**After Hours Sacramental Emergency**

If you have a Sacramental Emergency (Anointing, death in the family, etc.) and the FMHE central Office is closed, please call 513-910-3971.

**RECONCILIATION**

**Monday**

7:15-7:45 am St. Martin of Tours  
9:00-9:30 am Our Lady of Lourdes

**Wednesday**

8:30-9:00 am St. Catharine of Siena

**Thursday**

8:30-9:00 am St. Aloysius Gonzaga  
6:30-8:00 p.m. St. Antoninus

**Saturday**

8:30-9:30 am St. Antoninus  
2:00-3:00 p.m. Our Lady of Lourdes  
2:00-3:00 p.m. St. Aloysius Gonzaga

**Sunday**

8:00-8:30 am St. Martin of Tours

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**St. Antoninus**

Monday 9:00 am-10:00 p.m.  
Tuesday 9:00 am-10:00 p.m.  
Wednesday 9:00 am-10:00 p.m.  
Thursday 9:00 am-8:00 p.m.  
Friday 9:00 am-10:00 p.m.

**St. Aloysius Gonzaga**

Thursday 8:30-9:30 am

**St. Catharine of Siena**

First Friday 1:00-3:00 p.m.

**Our Lady of Lourdes**

Saturday 12:00-3:00 p.m.

ST. ALOYSIUS  
stalsbridgetown.org  
513-574-4840

ST. ANTONINUS  
saintantoninus.org  
513-922-5400

ST. CATHARINE  
stcathos.org  
513-661-0651

ST. MARTIN  
saintmartin.org  
513-661-2000

OUR LADY OF LOURDES  
lourdes.org  
513-922-0715



### MASS INTENTIONS:

To schedule a Mass Intention, please contact your parish office.

### GIFTS OF TREASURE:

Parishioners may place their giving envelopes in the offertory at any Mass and the contribution will be forwarded to the parishioner's home parish. Anyone who wishes to enroll in automatic online giving, please contact your parish office.

### BULLETIN INFORMATION:

Please turn in bulletin submissions Monday by 4:00 p.m. (two Mondays before the Sunday!) Submissions appear in the following weekend, not the coming weekend bulletin. Please submit items to: [bulletin@fmhe.org](mailto:bulletin@fmhe.org). Please note the email address change.

### MASS ATTENDANCE:

Monitoring Mass attendance allows us the ability to ensure adequate space for parishioners at liturgies and to monitor the growth of our parishes.

### GIFTS OF STOCK:

If you currently work for, or are retired from, a company that has a Matching Gift program, you can make a contribution to the parish or school that will be matched by your company. Contact Jeff Rinear for more information at 922-0715, ext. 3328 or [jrinear@fmhe.org](mailto:jrinear@fmhe.org).

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### RECONCILIATION TIMES FOR PARISH FAMILIES

#### Monday,

7:15-7:45 a.m. St. Martin

9:00-9:30 a.m. OLL

#### Wednesday,

8:30-9:00 a.m. St. Catherine

#### Thursday,

8:30-9:00 a.m. St. Aloysius

6:30-8:00 p.m. St. Antoninus

#### Saturday,

8:30-9:30 a.m. St. Antoninus

2:00-3:00 p.m. OLL

2:00-3:00 p.m. St. Aloysius

#### Sunday,

8:00-8:30 a.m. St. Martin



### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, February 3

8:00 a.m. St. Antoninus

3:30 p.m. St. Aloysius

4:00 p.m. St. Antoninus

Fr. Donald McCarthy †

Bill Hinton †

Ben Rapien †

Fr. Henry Hoffmann

Fr. Matthew Robben

Fr. Tony Dattilo

#### Sunday, February 4

8:00 a.m. OLL

9:00 a.m. St. Martin

10:00 a.m. St. Antoninus

Joe Westerfield †, Mary Jo Berding †

Robert Niehaus, Sr. †

Special Intentions of Del Langenbrunner (92nd birthday)

Edward C. Clott †

For the Sick & Homebound

Fr. Henry Hoffmann

Fr. Matthew Robben

Fr. Henry Hoffmann

Fr. Tony Dattilo

#### Monday, February 5

8:00 a.m. St. Martin

8:30 a.m. OLL

Beatrice Galecka †

Celebrant's Intention

Fr. Matthew Robben

Fr. Henry Hoffmann

#### Tuesday, February 6

8:00 a.m. St. Aloysius

8:00 a.m. St. Antoninus

For the protection of the unborn

Timothy Dolaghan †

Fr. Henry Hoffmann

Fr. Matthew Robben

#### Wednesday, February 7

8:00 a.m. St. Catharine

8:30 a.m. OLL

Linda Collins †

Joe Westerfield †

Fr. Tony Dattilo

Fr. Henry Hoffmann

#### Thursday, February 8

8:00 a.m. St. Aloysius

8:00 a.m. St. Martin

Celebrant's Intention

All Souls in Purgatory

Fr. Henry Hoffmann

Fr. Matthew Robben

#### Friday, February 9

8:00 a.m. St. Antoninus

Mary Jo Ventre † (Birthday Remembrance),

Michael Zieverink †

Herb Gable †

Fr. Tony Dattilo

Fr. Matthew Robben

#### Saturday, February 10

8:00 a.m. St. Antoninus

3:30 p.m. St. Aloysius

4:00 p.m. St. Antoninus

Marilyn Jaeger † (Birthday Remembrance)

Bernice Lorenz †

Deceased Members of the

Weaver Family

Fr. Matthew Robben

Fr. Tony Dattilo

Fr. Henry Hoffmann

#### Sunday, February 11

8:00 a.m. OLL

9:00 a.m. St. Martin

10:00 a.m. St. Antoninus

Anne Kastel Metzler †

Memorial Fund

Patricia Eisenacher †,

Special Intentions of the John &

Mary Jo Ventre Family

For All Those Preparing for Marriage

Fr. Matthew Robben

Fr. Henry Hoffmann

Fr. Tony Dattilo

Fr. Matthew Robben

### *May They Rest in Peace*



Please pray for the following parishioners within the Family of Parishes who have recently passed away:

*Geraldine Kaiser – St. Martin of Tours*

*June Brady – St. Antoninus*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord,  
and let perpetual light shine upon them.*

**PALM COLLECTION**

Do you have palms from Palm Sunday or old palms that have been sitting around for a while? We have the solution! All parishes will have baskets at the church doors on February 4th and February 11th for collection. *The palms you receive on Palm Sunday are blessed and are NOT to be thrown in the trash. The proper disposal of blessed items is either to have them burned or bury them, but never discard them in the trash.*

**EVENTS THIS WEEK****Saturday, February 3**

8:30-9:30 a.m. – **St. Antoninus** – Church – Confession  
 12:00-3:00 p.m. – **OLL** – Church – Pro-Life Prayer Service/Adoration  
 2:00-3:00 p.m. – **OLL** – Church – Confession  
 6:00-11:00 p.m. – **St. Catharine** – School – Blue & Gold Auction/Gala  
 6:30-11:30 p.m. – **OLL** – Fr. Rudy Gym – Lourdes-A-Palooza

**Sunday, February 4**

8:00-8:30 a.m. – **St. Martin** – Church – Confession  
 9:30-10:30 a.m. – **St. Martin** – Rectory – Adult RCIA

**Monday, February 5**

7:15-7:45 a.m. **St. Martin** – Church – Confession  
 9:00-9:30 a.m. – **OLL** – Church – Confession  
 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. – **St. Antoninus** – Chapel – Adoration  
 10:00 a.m. – **St. Catharine** – Rectory – Bible Study  
 6:00 p.m. – **St. Martin** – Fr. Mick Hall – Family Mondays  
 7:00-8:00 p.m. – **OLL** – OLL Church – Confirmation Rehearsal  
 7:00-8:00 p.m. – **St. Antoninus** – Church – Fatima Prayer Group/Rosary

**Tuesday, February 6**

9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. – **St. Antoninus** – Chapel – Adoration  
 6:00-9:00 p.m. – **St. Antoninus** – Undercroft – Eric Genius Concert

**Wednesday, February 7**

8:30-9:00 a.m. – **St. Catharine** – Church – Confession  
 9:30 a.m. – **OLL** – Trinity Hall – Walking with Purpose  
 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. – **St. Antoninus** – Chapel – Adoration  
 7:00 p.m. – **OLL** – Church Archive Room – Walking with Purpose  
 7:00-8:30 p.m. – **St. Catharine** – Rectory – Evening Bible Study  
 7:00-9:00 p.m. – **St. Martin** – Rectory – RCIA

**Thursday, February 8**

8:30-9:30 a.m. – **St. Aloysius** – Church – Confession/Adoration  
 9:00-10:00 a.m. – **St. Antoninus** – Chapel – Adoration  
 4:00-9:00 p.m. – **St. Aloysius** – Church – Choir Rehearsals  
 6:30-8:00 p.m. – **St. Antoninus** – Church – Confession

**Friday, February 9**

9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. – **St. Antoninus** – Chapel – Adoration

**Saturday, February 10**

8:30-9:30 a.m. – **St. Antoninus** – Church – Confession  
 12:00-3:00 p.m. – **OLL** – Church – Adoration  
 2:00-3:00 p.m. – **OLL** – Church – Confession

**Sunday, February 11**

8:00-8:30 a.m. – **St. Martin** – Church – Confession  
 9:30-10:30 a.m. – **St. Martin** – Rectory – Adult RCIA  
 12:30 p.m. – **St. Martin** – Fr. Mick Hall – FMHE Appreciation Lunch  
 2:00-4:00 p.m. – **OLL** – Trinity Hall – FMHE Baptismal Prep

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**

Sign up for **St. Antoninus** at :  
[adorationpro.org/saintantoninus](http://adorationpro.org/saintantoninus)

**Monday**, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.  
**Tuesday**, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.  
**Wednesday**, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.  
**Thursday**, 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m.  
 Rosary with Benediction and  
 Adoration at 7:00 p.m.  
**Friday**, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

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**Our Lady of Lourdes**

Saturday, Noon-3:00 p.m.  
**St. Catharine**  
 1st Friday, 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
**St. Aloysius**  
 Thursday, 8:30-9:30 a.m.

**ROSARY**

**St. Antoninus**  
 After 8:00 a.m. weekday Masses  
**Monday**, 7:00 p.m., Church,  
 Fatima Prayer Group  
**Thursday**, 7:00 p.m., Church  
**First Friday**, 2:00 p.m., Church  
**St. Aloysius**  
**Tuesday & Thursday**, 7:35 a.m., Church.  
**First Saturday**, before 3:30 p.m. Mass  
**St. Catharine**  
**Friday**, 7:30 a.m., before 8:00 a.m. Mass  
**Our Lady of Lourdes**  
**Sunday**, 7:30 a.m.,  
**Monday & Wednesday** 8:00 a.m.  
**First Saturday**, Noon in church

**FATIMA HOLY HOUR  
WITH ROSARY**

Every Monday | 7:00 p.m. |  
**St. Antoninus Chapel**

**DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET**

**St. Martin**, Monday, after 8:00 a.m.  
 Mass when school is in session.  
**St. Catharine**, Friday, after 8:00 a.m.  
 Mass when school is in session.







## 2024 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

This is Commitment Weekend for the 2024 Catholic Ministries Appeal. More than

anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. Join us in supporting these ministries! Pledge cards are available in the back of Church for your convenience this weekend.

If you have already responded by mail or online, or if you brought your completed pledge card to place in the offertory today, thank you! To make a gift online, visit [CatholicAOC.org/CMA](http://CatholicAOC.org/CMA).

## ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION

This year, Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th. The collection will be for the churches in Central Eastern Europe and/or the Church of Africa. Please help to support the churches in need.

## FMHE BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

Are you expecting a child or have an infant needing the Sacrament of Baptism? You're invited to attend our next Baptism Preparation Session, **Sunday, FEBRUARY 11, at 2:00 p.m.** in Our Lady of Lourdes Trinity Hall.

Questions or need to RSVP? Please contact Erin Dwyer at [edwyer@lourdes.org](mailto:edwyer@lourdes.org).

## RITE OF SENDING FOR ELECTION – SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

On February 18 at the 9:00 a.m. Mass at St. Martin of Tours we will celebrate the Rite of Sending for Election with our catechumens: Brandon Banks, Fred Harvey, Jr., Desiree Thompson, Natalya Thompson, Layla Thompson, Jordan Bockting, and Nadia Jeffers. The Church has discerned their readiness for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

After this rite is celebrated at St. Martin's, the catechumens and their godparents will attend the Rite of Election presided over by the Very Rev. Steve Angi, Vicar General, at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains at 3:00 p.m.

Please continue to pray for our catechumens as they begin the final stage of their preparation for Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.



## BENEFIT DINNER AND CONCERT WITH ERIC GENUIS Tuesday, February 6, 2024

Please join us for cocktails and an evening of inspirational music with composer and pianist Eric Genuis whose live performances are moving and powerful experiences. Event details:

St. Antoninus Church Undercroft, 1500 Linneman Road, Cincinnati, OH 45238. Cocktail hour at 6:00 p.m. with heavy hors d'oeuvres. Concert from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Please **RSVP** to Marty Arlinghaus at [marlinghaus@serenelliproject.org](mailto:marlinghaus@serenelliproject.org).

Donations: Your donation helps Serenelli Project create a community for people seeking restoration in Christ and to make atonement through Him. We will open our first house this year. We need your support more than ever. Give the gift of transformation to someone who will pray for you for the rest of their lives.

Checks can be made out directly to the Serenelli Project and sent to: P.O. Box 15170, Cincinnati, OH 45215. We also accept donations of stock. Contact Marty at: [marlinghaus@serenelliproject.org](mailto:marlinghaus@serenelliproject.org) for details.

Want to see Eric's impact on prisoners? RSVP to [marlinghaus@serenelliproject.org](mailto:marlinghaus@serenelliproject.org) to attend a performance at a prison. Tell us which one you would like: Dayton Correctional on February 5, Arrive at 4:30 p.m.; Lebanon Correctional on February 7, arrive at 4:30 p.m.; Warren Correctional on February 8, arrive at 5 p.m.



## Information Sessions

Want to learn more about Beacons of Light and how it will enable your parish to continue to fulfill the mission of the Church in the 21st century?

February 7

ELDER H.S.

7-8:30pm

To learn more and to register, visit our website at [www.catholic.org/beaconsinfosessions](http://www.catholic.org/beaconsinfosessions)



## MASS ATTENDANCE – January 20/21

MASS			Attendance	Capacity	Empty Seats
Saturday, January 20	3:30 p.m.	St. Aloysius	385	550	165
	4:00 p.m.	St. Antoninus	214	840	626
Sunday, January 21	8:00 a.m.	OLL	158	760	602
	9:00 a.m.	St. Martin	256	655	399
	10:00 a.m.	St. Antoninus	267	840	573
	11:00 a.m.	St. Catharine	194	475	281
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>1,474</b>	<b>4,120</b>	<b>2,646</b>



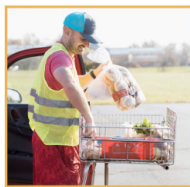
# 2024 CMA CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

How your support of the CMA makes an impact:



## Seminary & Vocations

**40** men are in formation for the Archdiocese. **7** will be ordained to the priesthood this spring.



## Catholic Charities & Social Services

**362,436** meals served. Food distributed to **24,796**.



## St. Rita School for the Deaf

**72** full-time students and ASL training for nearly **200** people.



## Center for the New Evangelization

**752** couples attended GENESIS marriage preparation retreats.



## Retired Priests & Senior Clergy

**105** retired priests supported, many continue helping parishes.



## Campus Ministry

Well over **1,000** students are actively involved on a weekly basis.



## Hospital Ministry

Over **40,000** hospital visits to patients, staff, and family members last year.



## Prison Ministry

**7** inmates completed RCIA and were received into the Church.

Visit [CatholicAOC.org/CMA](http://CatholicAOC.org/CMA) to give online.



## PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Junior High students from St. Antoninus School, St. Catharine of Siena School, Our Lady of Lourdes School, and the FMHE Parish Religious Education Program will celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation together at the Cathedral with Archbishop Schnurr on Tuesday, **February 6** at 7:00 p.m.

Please pray that our young people will experience a deeper awareness of the Holy Spirit and be strengthened to act as true witnesses to Christ in their families, schools, and communities.

## ST. ANTONINUS ROSARY GARDEN

Please contact the main office at 513-922-0715 if you would like information regarding the purchase of memorial bricks for the Rosary Garden.

## FEBRUARY PRAYER REQUESTS

D. Luebbe, C. Bennett, R. Berens, S. Crowell, J. Thiemann, M. Placke, C. Seta, D. Walz, D. Burke

## LOURDES-A-PALOOZA EARLY BIRD

Congratulations to Donna Senger, winner of the \$250.00 Early Bird Raffle Drawing. Her ticket goes back into the hopper for a chance to win the \$20,000.00 Reverse Raffle Drawing at Lourdes-a-Palooza.

## ST. AL'S TENDER MERCIES DINNER

The next St. Al's Tender Mercies Dinner will be **Monday, February 19th**. The dinner will be captained by Debbie Berndsen and Paula Vickery. This dynamic duo have been strong supporters of the Tender Mercies spirit and mission for countless years. Each February with their steaming bowls of chili spaghetti and their warm smiles, these friends have brought comfort to those often forgotten in our city. Thanks for all you continue to do and to all those volunteers throughout the year who do so much. With your help, God's loving work continues. If you would like to be a part of this loving ministry, please contact Marilyn Schutte at 513-574-9859.

## SUNDAY COLLECTION JANUARY 20/21, 2024

Our Lady of Lourdes	\$ 4,244.00
St. Aloysius Gonzaga	\$ 6,223.00
St. Antoninus	\$ 18,400.00
St. Catharine	\$ 5,017.00
St. Martin of Tours	\$ 6,223.00

## FAMILY MONDAYS

Be sure to make Family Mondays part of your week! Join us on Monday, February 5 at St. Martin of Tours in Fr. Mick Hall. Free dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. with a presentation to follow at 6:45 p.m. All are welcome!

## 2ND SIGN STUDY GROUP

Join us from 9:00-10:30 a.m. in St. Antoninus undercroft – Holy Family Room, February 10th as we enter Lent, to view *Suffering* (Online – YouTube) from Bishop Robert Barron. Bishop Barron shares his thoughts about faith and suffering. Suffering should never negate the existence of God and while it is perfectly understandable, we might shout our protest against God when we suffer. A handout by Fr. Paul O'Sullivan, O.P. on SUFFERING will also be available. For questions, contact Marilyn W. at [sentra121@fuse.net](mailto:sentra121@fuse.net).

## ST. ANTONINUS WIDOWS GROUP

The Widows Group from St. Antoninus will gather for brunch at Aston Oaks on Sunday, **February 18, 2024**. Please contact Donna Vitt at 513-922-0833 for information and to RSVP.

*Forming Friendships*  
Widow and Widower Ministry  
*Welcome 2024!*

Join us for lunch, bingo, split the pot & friendly conversation.  
**Tuesday, February 27**  
**NOON - 2:30pm**  
Our Lady of Lourdes, TRINITY HALL  
Cost \$12.00  
Reservations due by February 20th  
Jeanne 513-347-9245 or Diane 513-470-0643

## FMHE ADULT SOCIAL GROUP – FEBRUARY 12, 2024

St. Antoninus will host the next Family of the Most Holy Eucharist Luncheon on February 12 at Noon in St. Antoninus Undercroft. This month's presentation is provided by Hamilton County Park District regarding Medicinal Plants. Cost for lunch is \$13.00 (new cost). Please have payment to the St. Antoninus Rectory by February 7. Questions/confirmation – Please call Carole Jones at 513-922-2177.



**SAVE THE DATE** – Please join us at the Kickoff Rally to the 40 Days for Life prayer campaign on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Meet at Holy Name Church, 2422 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati, 45219, to hear Rachel Citak, President of the Board of Cincinnati Right to Life speak and find out how you can take part in this peaceful, prayerful Pro-life witness to the sanctity of innocent human life. As part of the Kickoff, we will process to Planned Parenthood for prayer before returning to Holy Name Church. For information, contact Mary Clark at [cincy40days@fuse.net](mailto:cincy40days@fuse.net) or 513-365-2606 or Joan Loebker at 513-922-0348.

## HNOJ LAUDATO SI' CIRCLE – FEBRUARY 14 MEETING

HNOJ Laudato Si' Circle Zoom meeting **Wednesday, February 14th**, starting at 6:30 p.m. Our prayer time is devoted to the new Apostolic Exhortation *Laudate Deum* (Praise God), followed by our topic, Ecological Economics from 7:00-8:00 p.m. We will view a portion of the documentary "The 25th Hour" from the Economy of Francesco community that shows how young economists, entrepreneurs and change-makers have been establishing a fair, sustainable and inclusive economic system over the last four years. For the Zoom link or more information, email [socialconcern@hnojnc.org](mailto:socialconcern@hnojnc.org).

## ST. CATHARINE BOOK CLUB

The St. Catharine Book Club will be meeting on **Tuesday, February 13th at 7:30 p.m.** in the Rectory meeting room. February's book is **The Mostly True Story of Tanner and Louise** by Colleen Oakley. Questions? Please contact Ginger Klein by phone at 513-800-3020 or by email at [leftycenter@hotmail.com](mailto:leftycenter@hotmail.com).

## 2024 SAUERKRAUT SUPPER STAG, FEBRUARY 13TH – AN ANNUAL TRADITION SINCE 1947.

The annual Our Lady of Lourdes "Fat Tuesday" Sauerkraut Supper Stag is Tuesday, February 13th from 6:00-10:00 p.m. in the OLL cafeteria at 5835 Glenway Avenue. Enjoy the feast and festivities before the Lenten fast. Great food, fun, and games. Featuring Ed's Famous fresh-mett, brats, regular metts, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, pie, drinks, and snacks. Bring some friends or just join in. Attendance donation is \$25.00 per person. Carry-out is also available for \$15.00. Call Steve Klaserner at 451-0202 or Mike Gener at 922-6215 for table reservations; walk-ins are welcome. Proceeds benefit OLL school and parish. All men are welcome. Volunteer workers are

As an expression of our gratitude for all that you do to serve the Church, you are cordially invited to an  
**APPRECIATION LUNCH**

All FMHE Lectors, Greeters, Altar Servers, Sacristans, Eucharistic Ministers, Catechists, Choirs & Musicians, Collection Counters, Art & Environment committees, St. Vincent de Paul Conference volunteers, and Ministry Volunteers & Leaders

**Please Join Us!**

11th of February 2024 at 12:30pm  
Fr. Mick Hall: St. Martin of Tours campus  
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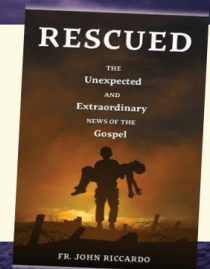
RSVP to Bunny at 513- 661-2000 or email [evangelizationFMHE@gmail.com](mailto:evangelizationFMHE@gmail.com)



# Lenten Small Group Book Study

Please join us each  
Tues., Feb. 20 - March 26, 1-2:30PM  
Our Lady of Lourdes Archive Room

In this powerful book, Fr. John Riccardo helps us see the world through God's lens, with a clear vision of the plot and the outcome of the story we're living in.



For more information or to register, please contact Kris Krimm 513-347-2646 or [kkrimm@fmhe.org](mailto:kkrimm@fmhe.org)

“Around the Lenten Circle”

It's that time of  
year when we ask  
the question:  
“What should I do  
for Lent?”

Mark your calendar for  
Tuesdays: February 13, 20, 27 and March 5, 12, 19

On **Tuesdays** beginning on **February 13th** from **8:45 am to 10:00 am** we open our doors with an invitation to take a step back and reflect on the upcoming Lenten Sunday readings. These readings all lead to the greatest act of love the world has ever known – God's only Son dying on a cross **FOR YOU!**

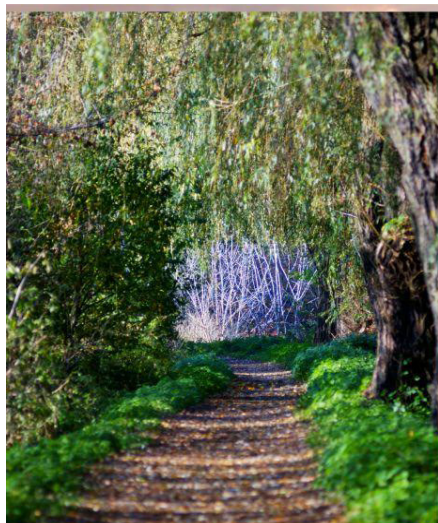
No need to bring anything but yourselves. A handout every week will be given with the readings and a few questions to reflect upon. We will meet in the **Tekulve Room** located in the back of St. Aloysius Church. Coffee and pastries will be served.

This is an opportunity to share in walking our Lenten journey together. Please join us!



# Impact

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.



Your ways, O Lord, are  
love and truth to those  
who keep your  
covenant.

Your ways, O Lord, make  
known to me; teach me  
your paths, guide me in  
your truth and teach me,  
for you are God my  
savior.

Remember that your  
compassion, O Lord, and  
your love are from of  
old. In your kindness  
remember me, because  
of your goodness, O  
Lord.

Good and upright is the  
Lord, thus he shows  
sinners the way. He  
guides the humble to  
justice, and he teaches  
the humble his way.

Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

## Life can be hard. Walk in faith.

**Life can be hard.** We all have moments when times are tough. Challenges with health, work or school may bring anxiety. The pace of life may seem unbearable. Our mental and emotional health may be fragile; life may be filled with loneliness and discomfort (the opposite of being settled and comfortable with one's circumstances). We're not only concerned about ourselves and our lives, the state of life for our family, friends, and those in the wider community are on our minds and in our hearts. We may feel helpless and doubt God or our ability to carry on.

**Be honest.** Sometimes we may feel that being a person of faith means never admitting our challenges or doubts. Surely, we think, if our faith was strong enough, the difficulties of life wouldn't get to us. The witness of the saints who precede us tells us that people of faith do indeed have difficulties. We can learn from them and be honest with ourselves, others, and God when life is hard.

**Walk in faith, even when we are tempted to give up.** This month, we hear the stories of people who placed their trust in God in their most vulnerable and challenging moments. Job endured trials and voiced his discouragement and weariness, and eventually found the consolation for which he longed. Peter brought his worry for his mother-in-law to Jesus who healed her and the crowds who gathered at her door. The leper knelt at Jesus' feet, declaring his faith that Jesus could heal him and was given more than he could have imagined, healing and forgiveness.

**Jesus faced temptation too.** He held fast, trusting that the Father and the Holy Spirit were with him. Our Lord understands when we struggle. Jesus knows our human condition in all its frailty and is with us as we seek consolation, light, and peace.

**Jesus took his disciples up on a high mountain where he was transfigured** before their eyes. They held on to the experience during the profound grief of Jesus' passion and death and in the uncertain days that followed.

**Lent is a season in which to draw near to our Lord.** Gain new perspective as we re-order our lives in the light of Christ's love. When we feel we are in the desert, alone with little around us in which to find hope, we remember that the Holy Spirit drove Jesus to the desert, where he found the grace to withstand temptation, hunger, and isolation. When we are sick, tired, and afraid, we remember those who have gone before us who experienced similar trials and were consoled by the Lord's presence and peace. When we are just going through the motions in life, we can take a step toward Jesus who knows our every need. When life is hard, grow in trust that through the grace of God, you and all you face may be transformed. Walk in faith this Lent and always.



## IMPACT THIS MONTH

Take time this month to reflect on the ways you are and are not living as a faithful follower of Jesus. Resolve to turn away from sin and toward God. Embrace the Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and giving as you repent, change, and grow as a disciple and steward.

## BRING FAITH TO LIFE

Sometimes it is difficult to think about God's will. Our fierce human independence balks at the idea of someone else's will being important, even if it is God whose will we are considering. Yet each of us has moments in which we sense what we are called to do: dreams of making a contribution in the life of another; a simple act of kindness that could make a real difference; a sense of purpose or fruitfulness in which we may

find meaning in life; a desire to show compassion, share mercy, forgive another, or give of ourselves in a new and substantial way. St. John XXIII understood these interior promptings that are glimmers of the will of God (see quote below).

This Lent, discern God's will and resolve to live in the way God most desires. Dream boldly and grow as a good steward. Use your talents, resources, time, and presence to make a difference in the life of another. Bring faith to life.

*"Consult not your fears but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern yourself not with what you tried and failed in, but with what it is still possible for you to do."* - St. John XXIII

## MORE OR LESS

**We might think of Lent as a season of less and more.** Less focus on stuff; more on giving of time or attention. Less time absorbed in self; more in prayer and serving the needs of others. Less of unnecessary things; more on the most important ones, which usually aren't things at all.

**We often think of Lent as a time to "give up" something,** which leads us to less of a favored food or activity, and which ideally gives us more of an experience of sacrifice, and more time or money for

another. Will your Lenten practice this year lead you to be less distracted, more prayerful, less stressed, and more trusting in God's goodness?



May this Lent be a season of "less is more": as you free yourself from whatever keeps you from following Jesus, may you find more of all that you truly need: grace, forgiveness, mercy, compassion. And may you share these gifts with others. As you do so, you will surely also discover the grace of the Spirit of God within you, empowering you to act as a person of Christ in the world.

**This Lent, let us make "less is more" our motto** as we repent and change and grow in faith.





## IGNATIUS WEEKEND RETREAT

**"Come and See" - John 1:46**

Experience the great treasures of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola as you deepen your relationship with Christ while on an Ignatian weekend retreat.



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## Save the Date!!

2024 Family of the Most Holy Eucharist

# LADIES' TEA

April 6th at 12 noon

Details to come!



## Did you Know?

The Family of the Most Holy Eucharist holds an annual

# LADIES' TEA

for all the ladies in the family & their friends!

## Now Seeking Table Captains!

Part of what makes the Ladies Tea special are the beautiful tables, which are set with fine china! Here's what Table captains do:

- Table captains bring their china for 6, a teapot, flatware, tea cups/saucers, dessert plates and cloth napkins. All place settings are to be the same, at the table.
- This year, the tables will be set on Friday evening, the day before the Tea.
- The table captain will then "host" those at their table, ensuring the teapot is filled with hot water, and water glasses are filled. (All food, sugar, lemon slices, etc. needed for tea are provided for each table.)
- There can only be ONE table per Table captain this year.

If you're interested in being a Table captain, please contact Erin Dwyer.

This is a LOT of FUN, so prayerfully consider joining us!

The Ladies Tea will be held Saturday, April 6 at 12 Noon.

Our Lady of Lourdes campus



To register as a Table Captain, call Erin Dwyer @ 513-661-2000 or email [edwyer@lourdes.org](mailto:edwyer@lourdes.org)

## Come as you are.

YOU ARE WELCOME HERE

"God can write straight with crooked lines. So regardless of what has occurred in the past or is happening in your present, there is always hope."

If we were created for relationship, why is it so incredibly hard? Perhaps what we are looking for in others and what we expect of others can only be found in God. Married or not, join the women of Walking with Purpose as we dive into all things relationship!

As usual, the coffee will be on, the conversation fulfilling, the hope abounding, and the video, *Marriage—Transformed By Grace*, utterly inspiring! Never been to Walking with Purpose? Perfect! We look forward to seeing you!

**Wednesday, February 7, 2024**  
 Morning: 9:30 at Our Lady of Lourdes - Trinity Hall  
 Evening: 7:00 at Our Lady of Lourdes - Archive Room

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