

February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time



PASTOR

Rev. Matthew Robben

PAROCHIAL VICARS

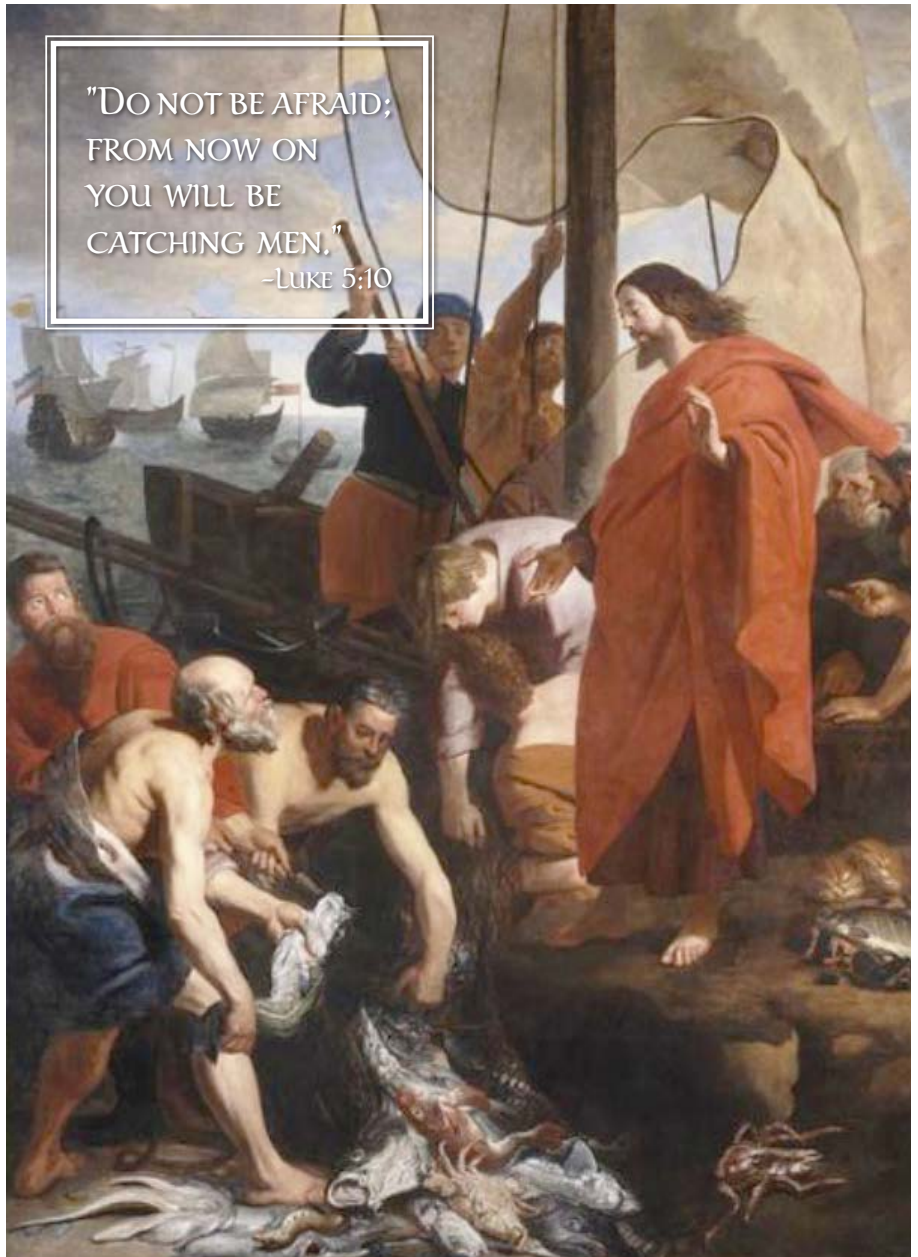
Rev. Benson Lokidiriyo
Rev. Louis Jacquemin

DEACONS

Robert Schroeder,
St. Antoninus
Mark Madden, OLL
Thomas Westerfield,
Senior Status, OLL

Church Office:

513-494-HOST (4678).
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Cincinnati, OH 45238.



WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil

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

Sunday Mass

8:00 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes
9:00 a.m. St. Martin of Tours
10:00 a.m. St. Antoninus
11:00 a.m. St. Catharine of Siena
11:00 a.m. St. Aloysius Gonzaga

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 a.m. St. Martin of Tours
9:00-9:30 a.m. Our Lady of Lourdes

Wednesday

8:30-9:00 a.m. St. Catharine of Siena

Thursday

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

Saturday

8:30-9:30 a.m. 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 a.m. St. Martin of Tours

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Antoninus

Sunday 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
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.
Friday 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga

Thursday 8:30-9:30 a.m.

Our Lady of Lourdes

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

ST. ALOYSIUS
stalsbridgetown.org

ST. ANTONINUS
saintantoninus.org

ST. CATHARINE
stcathos.org

ST. MARTIN
martinoftours.org

OUR LADY OF LOURDES
lourdes.org

Visit Our Family Website: fmhe.org



MASS INTENTIONS:

To schedule a Mass Intention, stop by the Parish Central Office or call 513-494-4678, ext. 1000. You can also complete a Mass Intention envelope (located in the back of the church) and place it in the collection basket.

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 Thursday by 4:00 p.m. (two Thursdays before the Sunday!) Submissions appear in the following weekend, not the coming weekend bulletin. Please submit items to: bulletin@fmhe.org.

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.

ONLINE GIVING:

Support your parish the easy and efficient way through online giving! Online giving is an ample way to donate to your parish without having to write checks or remembering your envelope for the Sunday basket! It's a time saver for you AND for Parish Staff! Please go to fmhe.org or your parish website and click on "Online Giving." For questions, please contact Beth at 513-494-4678, ext. 1026.

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If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion or Lector at any of our five parishes, you will need to be Commissioned. To sign up, please contact Christy Welsh, Liturgy & Worship Coordinator, at cwelsh@fmhe.org or call 513-494-4678, ext. 1016.



MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 8

8:00 a.m.	St. Antoninus	Archbishop Schnurr	Fr. Matthew Robben
3:30 p.m.	St. Aloysius	Alvin J. Ritter †	Fr. Benson Lokidiriyo
4:00 p.m.	St. Antoninus	For the Sick, Homebound & Dying	Fr. Louis Jacquemin

Sunday, February 9

8:00 a.m.	OLL	Philip DePaoli†	Fr. Matthew Robben
9:00 a.m.	St. Martin	Living & Deceased Members of FMHE	Fr. Benson Lokidiriyo
10:00 a.m.	St. Antoninus	Ronald & Patricia Eisenacher†	Fr. Matthew Robben
11:00 a.m.	St. Catharine	Joseph Fiorini†	Fr. Benson Lokidiriyo
11:00 a.m.	St. Aloysius	John & Mary Jo Ventre †	Fr. Louis Jacquemin

Monday, February 10

8:00 a.m.	St. Martin	All Seminarians	Fr. Benson Lokidiriyo
8:30 a.m.	OLL	All Future Vocations of the Church	Fr. Ric Dressman

Tuesday, February 11

8:00 a.m.	St. Aloysius	For All Who Care for the Sick	Fr. Matthew Robben
8:00 a.m.	St. Antoninus	Marilyn Jaeger†	Fr. Anthony Dattilo

Wednesday, February 12

8:00 a.m.	St. Catharine	Deborah Luebbe†	Fr. Matthew Robben
8:30 a.m.	OLL	Keith Connolly†	Fr. Benson Lokidiriyo

Thursday, February 13

8:00 a.m.	St. Aloysius	For the Sick, Homebound & Dying	Fr. Benson Lokidiriyo
8:00 a.m.	St. Martin	Celebrant's Intentions	Fr. Matthew Robben

Friday, February 14

8:00 a.m.	St. Antoninus	Dr. Andrew Nutini	Fr. Benson Lokidiriyo
8:00 a.m.	St. Catharine	Viola & Fred Wahlbrink†	Fr. Matthew Robben

Saturday, February 15

8:00 a.m.	St. Antoninus	All Future Vocations of the Church	Fr. Benson Lokidiriyo
3:30 p.m.	St. Aloysius	Gerald Karle†	Fr. Benson Lokidiriyo
4:00 p.m.	St. Antoninus	Deceased Members of Weaver Family†	Fr. Matthew Robben

Sunday, February 16

8:00 a.m.	OLL	Living & Deceased Members of FMHE	Fr. Louis Jacquemin
9:00 a.m.	St. Martin	Mary Hamberg†, Julianne Shumrick†	Fr. Matthew Robben
10:00 a.m.	St. Antoninus	Susan Mary Polewski†	Fr. Louis Jacquemin
11:00 a.m.	St. Catharine	Loretta Held†	Fr. Matthew Robben
11:00 a.m.	St. Aloysius	Archbishop Schnurr	Fr. Benson Lokidiriyo



THE SACRAMENTS

Christ instituted the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, Reconciliation, Eucharist, the Anointing of the Sick, Holy Orders and Matrimony. The seven sacraments touch all the stages and important moments of Christian life. Please find below information on obtaining the sacraments.

BAPTISM: Expectant parents are asked to call the Evangelization office approximately three months before the anticipated birth date to enroll in the parental preparation program. Contact Erin Dwyer at edwyer@fmhe.org with questions.

MATRIMONY: We ask that either the bride or groom be a registered, active parishioner for at least six months before arranging a date for your wedding. To get started in your preparation process, please call the Worship office at least six months before your wedding date. Contact Christy Welsh at Cwelsh@fmhe.org to discuss the marriage preparation process.

ANOIDING OF THE SICK: If you are anticipating surgery or have become ill and would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, please contact Christy Welsh in the Worship office.

HOLY ORDERS: If you are interested in learning more about the priesthood, please contact Fr. Michael Willig, Archdiocese of Cincinnati Vocations Director, at 513-263-3390 or vocations@catholicaoc.org.

May They Rest in Peace



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

Joan Branno – Our Lady of Lourdes

Donald Horak – St. Antoninus

Mary Lou Pauline Boderone – St. Martin of Tours

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



It is with very heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Deacon Tom Westerfield. Deacon Tom was a deacon for the Our Lady of Lourdes community for 33 years and has been a beacon of light to all those who were blessed to know him. We pray for his family during this difficult time and thank them for sharing his life with the many, many people whose lives are better for knowing him. Visitation will take place on Monday, February 10th from 4:00-8:00 p.m.; Mass of

Christian Burial will take place on February 11th (the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes), at 11:00 a.m. *Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. And may all the souls of the faithful departed, rest in peace.*

EMAIL AND TEXT NOTIFICATIONS

Did you receive the emails via Flocknote regarding Mass cancellations due to the weather? If not, please contact bulletin@fmhe.org to ensure we have your most up-to-date information.

If you would like to receive text notifications in the event of an emergency or Mass cancellation, please contact bulletin@fmhe.org or call the Central Parish Office.



MEALS FOR PRIESTS

We have a NEW schedule to bring meals to our priests! This is a great opportunity to offer a Corporal Work of Mercy to the men who give us the "bread of life" daily! Go to the front page of fmhe.org to find the SignUpGenius and sign up to bring a meal or scan the QR code. Thank you!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Sign up for St. Antoninus at :

Adorationpro.org/saintantoninus

Sunday, 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.

Monday, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Tuesday, 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

Children's Adoration and Holy Hour

Tuesdays from 2:30-3:30 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. 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.

St. Catharine,

Friday, after 8:00 a.m. Mass.

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

The prayer chain ministry serves to join in prayer with others for our sick, for the elderly, and those who request prayer for a specific need:

Our Lady of Lourdes: Please contact Sharon McBreen at sdphoto12@fuse.net.

St. Aloysius Gonzaga: Please contact

Pat Schlimm at 513-662-7151.

St. Martin of Tours: Please contact

Carol at 513-451-8566.



THE MASS IN FOCUS



Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them; for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." - Matthew 19:14

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS:

THE COLLECTION'S SACRIFICIAL NATURE

Is there any liturgical significance to placing one's offering in the basket? Like nearly all liturgical elements, the Preparation of the Gifts or offertory is rich in significance. The liturgy's "sacramental principle" has inward and otherwise undetectable realities made manifest through sensible signs and symbols. As the General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) directs, "Even though the faithful no longer bring from their own possessions the bread and wine intended for the liturgy as was once the case, nevertheless the rite of carrying up the offerings still keeps its spiritual efficacy and significance" (73).

The question is, first, what does the Preparation of the Gifts mean, and, second, what is the most suitable way to signify, symbolize, or sacramentalize this unseen reality?

While there is certainly a practical reason for the details of the preparatory rites—bread and wine, vessels and cloths need to be arranged—there is also a spiritual, yet no less real, meaning to the preparation of the altar and gifts.

The gifts that are brought forward—bread, wine, and even monetary offerings—represent the heart of those offering the gifts. The GIRM describes the oblation, the offering of the Eucharistic Sacrifice, in these insightful terms: "in this very memorial, the Church, in particular that gathered here and now, offers the unblemished sacrificial Victim in the Holy Spirit to the Father. The Church's intention, indeed, is that the faithful not only offer this unblemished sacrificial Victim but also learn to offer their very selves, and so day by day to be brought, through the mediation of Christ, into unity with God and with each other, so that God may at last be all in all" (GIRM 79).

The Book of Daniel's story of the three young men in the fiery furnace illustrates well the heart's movement at this point in the Mass. Having been thrown by King Nebuchadnezzar in the white-hot flames, Azariah offers this prayer: "For we are reduced, O Lord, beyond any other nation, brought low everywhere in the world this day because of our sins. We have in our day no prince, prophet, or leader, no burnt offering, sacrifice, oblation, or incense, no place to offer first fruits, to find favor with you. But with contrite heart and humble spirit let us be received; as though it were burnt offerings of rams and bulls, or tens of thousands of fat lambs, so let our sacrifice be in your presence today and find favor before you; for those who trust in you cannot be put to shame. And now we follow you with our whole heart" (3:37-41).

In other words, the only gifts the three young men had to offer to God was their hearts! God hears their prayer, sending His angel to drive out the furnace's flames, "as though a dew-laden breeze were blowing through it. The fire in no way touched them or caused them pain or harm" (Daniel 3:50).

The Preparation of the Gifts signifies our own offering hearts. The priest himself will even pray the words of Azariah after their

preparation: "With humble spirit and contrite heart may we be accepted by You, O Lord, and may our sacrifice in Your sight this day be pleasing to You, Lord God." He will then command us to pray that his sacrifice and ours "may be acceptable to God the almighty Father."

If the preparation of ourselves to offer our hearts to God is at the "heart" of the Preparation of the Altar and Gifts, then what is the spiritual sacrifice we are called to offer along with the bread, wine, and money? There are at least three ways in which our spiritual sacrifices may be offered at the altar.

1. The Sacrifice of Bodily Suffering: In Colossians 1:24, St. Paul says, "Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am filling up what is lacking in the suffering of Christ...." What is missing from the suffering of Christ? ...nothing but our participation! When we celebrate the Most Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, we make present the sufferings of Christ on the cross on the altar. When we place our sufferings offered for the good of the world, our suffering is united to Christ's suffering and thus participates in the redemption of the world.
2. The Sacrifice of Little Crosses: "Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.'" (Matthew 16:24-26) Every day we face trials and tribulations. Whether it be a long day of work to support your family, spending time helping the poor, running the kids to soccer practice, volunteering at church, etc., each of these small crosses provide an opportunity for a sacrificial offering. Sometimes we carry these crosses well; other times, not so much. Either way, we place them upon the altar where the sacrifice of Jesus perfects them in God's sight.
3. The Sacrifice of Sinfulness: The thought of placing our sinfulness anywhere near the altar, on the surface, seems like the last place we should put them. However, placing our sinfulness at the foot of the altar is the most vulnerable place to put them, before our God. Sin always includes an element of pride and by placing our pride (sin) at the foot of Jesus when He is most vulnerable as a human, dying on the cross, we humble ourselves to the source of our healing.

When we place our money in the basket, literally or through automated means, and we process forward with the bread and the wine, we symbolize a deeper reality of offering our very selves. Our sacrifice united and perfected by the sacrifice of Jesus, offered to the Father, is beautiful in His sight. The result, the most amazing gift the Father can give us, is the healing, strengthening Body and Blood of His Son.

Resource: ADOREMUS and Reverend Matthew J. Robben

CHILDREN'S HOLY HOUR

Are you the parent of young children and want to teach them the goodness of Eucharistic Adoration? Tuesday Children's Holy Hour is for you! Parents and children of all ages are welcome to come and pray, listen to teachings and sing hymns, as well as have an opportunity to go to the Sacrament of Confession. Children's Holy Hour is in St. Antoninus' main body of the church Tuesdays starting at 2:30 p.m. ending with Benediction around 3:30 p.m.

Please take note: The Central Parish Office will be closed Monday, February 17 in observance of Presidents' Day.

Adoration

Visit our beautiful St. Antoninus Adoration chapel for a few minutes or sign up for an hour.

Adoration Monday through Friday and Sunday. We now are planning to include Saturday when we fill the schedule.

NEW! Saturday 8:00am - 4pm



SIGN UP TODAY AT:
adorationpro.org/saintantoninus



ST. MARTIN OF TOURS SACRED ARCHITECTURE TOUR PRESENTED BY THE ANGELICO PROJECT

Join us Saturday, March 8th at 9:00 a.m. as we explore the Sacred Architecture of Greater Cincinnati! Few realize that we have sacred spaces in our own "backyard" that rival the beauty of some of Europe's most historic churches. Don't miss the next stop on our 2024-2025 sacred architecture adventure. Together, we will explore the hidden gem, St. Martin of Tours in Cheviot, Cincinnati. All are welcome. Visit <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/sacredarchitecturetours/event/stmartinoftours/> for more information!

VISIO DAY

If you attended the first Visio Day on October 5, 2024, we invite you to join us for our second Visio Day on **Saturday, February 15, 2025** at St. Antoninus. We will meet for 8:00 a.m. Mass, then proceed down to the undercroft to discuss the vision for the future of our family of parishes. We hope to see you there!



OUR LADY OF LOURDES FEAST DAY: FEBRUARY 11TH

In Lourdes, France, a young peasant girl by the name of Bernadette Soubirous saw the Blessed Virgin Mary a total of 18 times at the Grotto of Massabielle.

On February 11, 1858, the Mother of God first appeared to Bernadette in the town of Lourdes in the Pyrenees Mountains in France. Accompanied by her sister and a friend,

Bernadette went to the grotto of Massabielle on the banks of the river looking for driftwood to sell in order to buy bread for her family. Removing her socks to cross the little stream, she heard a great gust of wind in the stillness and she looked up toward the grotto:

"I saw a lady dressed in white, she wore a white dress, an equally white veil, a blue belt and a yellow rose on each foot."

The beautiful lady smiled at Bernadette and asked her to say her Rosary. Bernadette said her prayers and when she was finished, she looked up and the lady had vanished.

Bernadette felt drawn to the grotto and returned there on the next Sunday. Again, Bernadette saw the beautiful lady. The beautiful lady asked Bernadette to come there every day for fifteen days. She said that she wanted Bernadette to tell the priests to build a chapel there.

On March 25, 1858, the Lady revealed that she was the Immaculate Conception, confirming the dogma that Pope Pius IX defined in his encyclical *Ineffabilis Deus* in 1854. The purpose of her appearing to Bernadette was to warn her to pray and make sacrifices for sinners. One of the things that Mary asked of Bernadette was to dig in the soil beside the grotto. Once Bernadette did as requested, a spring of water gushed forth. This miraculous water saw many miracles of body and soul that still continue to this day.

At the age of 22, Bernadette became a nun and devoted her life to the Blessed Mother, and heeded her request to continue to pray for the conversion of sinners and to live a life in service to God. She died on April 16, 1879, at the age of 36. To this day, Lourdes remains one of the most frequented Christian shrines in the world.

Resource: CNA



HONORING OUR ARMED FORCES, POLICE & SECURITY PERSONNEL

Today we honor our Armed Forces, Police and Security Personnel. A special blessing will be given after all Masses for those men and women who serve to keep us safe.

Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

Jubilee of the Armed Forces, Police, and Security Personnel

The FMHE Parishes will be honoring all our Armed Forces, Police, and Security Personnel with a special blessing at each of the weekend Masses on February 8th and 9th. If you are part of any of the above organizations, you will be asked to stand in place after the homily to receive a blessing.

The FMHE Parish office is also trying to update their military records.

As a parish, we would like to pray for you. Please fill out the information below and return in a collection basket to Cindy Weidner at FMHE or email the information to cweidner@fmhe.org.

Name:

FMHE Parish:

Branch of Service:

of Years Served:

Phone:

Email:

☐ Active

☐ Retired



You may also use scan the QR code to complete this information or visit fmhe.org/news/military-records

A Tradition since 1947

OLL Sauerkraut Supper

Fat Tuesday – Men's Stag



Tuesday, March 4th 2025

Our Lady of Lourdes Cafeteria – 5835 Glenway Ave.

- Great Food – Great Fun -

Featuring - Ed's Famous Fresh Mett

Plus - Brats, Regular Metts, Sauerkraut,

Mashed Potatoes, Fruit Pies

- Cold Drinks & Snacks –

Dinners 6:00 – 7:30 pm. - Social & Games until 10:00 pm.

All Men Are Welcome to Attend

Members – Family – Friends – Relatives – Neighbors

Join us for an evening of food, games, entertainment, and friendship.

Admission Donation - \$25.00

Carry Out Is Available for \$15.00

Steve Klaserner 451-0202 or Mike Gener 922-6215

Call to reserve a table for your group.

Walk-ins always available.

Proceeds benefit FMHE - Our Lady of Lourdes School



As an expression of our
gratitude for all that you do to serve
the Church, you are cordially invited
to our annual 2025

APPRECIATION DINNER

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!

9th of March 2025 at 5:00pm

Fr. Mick Hall: St. Martin of Tours campus

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RSVP to Bunny at 513- 494-4678 or
email evangelizationFMHE@gmail.com



ADULT FAITH LEADERS

The next Adult Faith Leaders meeting will be Tuesday, February 11th at 5:30 p.m., in the FMHE office, large conference room. For any questions, please contact Erin Dwyer-Evans at eEvans@fmhe.org.

LAY APOSTLES OF THE RETURNING KING PRAYER GROUP

Next meeting: February 19, 7:00-8:00 p.m., St. Antoninus, Fr. Mick Room.

Need some encouragement? Feeling a little stressed? How about joining us for a calming time to hear an inspiring message and pray the Rosary with others? The Lay Apostles of the Returning King is a new prayer group open to all people looking for some peace and direction in this changing world. For more information or to read lots of encouraging words, go to directionfourtimes.com and scroll down to the free online library to read the HEAVEN SPEAKS booklets or take a copy from the back of the church. Questions? Contact Mary Ann Baverman at maryannbaverman@gmail.com.



LAUDATO SI' CIRCLE

Wednesday, February 12th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. online. *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* by C.S. Lewis.

Using a book study from the Sr. Miriam Heidland's podcast *Abiding Together*, we journey into this wonderful story that can help us reflect more deeply on our relationship with Christ, our own story of faith and redemption, and the invitation to adventure with God. Please dust off your copy or go online for a pdf or audio version of this short book to read before the meeting. Email Monica for the Zoom link at: laudatosicircle@gmail.com.

SUNDAY COLLECTION JANUARY 25/26, 2025

Our Lady of Lourdes	\$ 10,961.95
St. Aloysius Gonzaga	\$ 7,117.28
St. Antoninus	\$ 13,062.20
St. Catharine	\$ 7,168.08
St. Martin of Tours	\$ 46,763.20

MASS ATTENDANCE – January 25/26

MASS			Attendance	Capacity	Empty Seats
Saturday, January 25	3:30 p.m.	St. Aloysius	299	550	251
	4:00 p.m.	St. Antoninus	199	840	641
Sunday, January 26	8:00 a.m.	OLL	186	760	574
	9:00 a.m.	St. Martin	302	655	353
	10:00 a.m.	St. Antoninus	534	840	306
	11:00 a.m.	St. Catharine	206	475	269
	11:00 a.m.	St. Aloysius	174	550	376
TOTAL			1,900	4,670	2,770



CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL

2025 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL (CMA)

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from the Family of the Most Holy Eucharist who has pledged to the 2025 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. You will find extra pledge envelopes in the back of church for your convenience this weekend. To make a donation today, please visit catholicaoc.org/CMA. Thank you!

BEACONS of LIGHT

Read About Parish Vitality & Tell Us What You Think

Curious about progress toward parish vitality and the goals of Beacons of Light in our 57 Families of Parishes? Archbishop Schnurr has released the 2025 Parish Vitality Report to bring everyone in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati up to date. In addition to facts, figures, stories and witness, there's an opportunity for you to give feedback on your experience of parish life, which will be used in future planning for our Family of Parishes.

Report can be found on all the parish websites as well as fmhe.org

Check it out at : catholicaoc.org/pvr

Attention Men of the Family of the Most Holy Eucharist

You are invited to a morning of Men's Spiritual Fellowship on Saturday, February 22nd, following 8AM Mass at St. Antoninus. Then, join us at 9 AM at Our Lady of Lourdes, Trinity Hall, for food (breakfast), fellowship, a faith filled reflection and discussion followed by prayer. It ends at 11 AM, but you can leave earlier if needed.

- **Who:** All interested men are welcome. The speaker will be Paul Autenrieb and the topic of the talk will be "Building Brotherhood."
 - **When:** Saturday, February 22nd, 9AM - 11 AM.
 - **Where:** Mass at St. Antoninus at 8 AM, then head to Our Lady of Lourdes Trinity Hall (above OLL Church on the upper east side).
 - **What & Why:** Food, fun, fellowship, and faith building
- Please call Jerry (513) 659-9270 with any questions.



EVENTS THIS WEEK

February 8

8:30-9:30 a.m. – Confessions – St. Antoninus
 9:00-10:30 a.m. – 2nd Sign Study Group –
 St. Antoninus, Holy Family Room
 12:00-3:30 p.m. – Adoration – OLL Church
 2:00-3:00 p.m. – Confessions – OLL Church
 2:00-3:00 p.m. – Confessions – St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church
 6:00-11:00 p.m. – Blue & Gold Gala –
 St. Catharine of Siena, Gymnasium

February 9

8:00-8:30 a.m. – Confessions – St. Martin of Tours Church
 9:30-10:30 a.m. – RCIA Breaking Open the Word –
 St. Martin of Tours, Rectory
 11:00 a.m. – FMHE Winter Athletics Mass –
 St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church
 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. – Adoration – St. Antoninus Chapel

February 10

7:15-7:45 a.m. – Confessions – St. Martin of Tours Church
 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. – Adoration – St. Antoninus Chapel
 10:00 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – Monday Morning Bible Study –
 St. Catharine of Siena Rectory
 12:00 p.m. – FMHE Adult Social Group Luncheon –
 St. Antoninus, Undercroft
 6:00 p.m. – Family Mondays – St. Martin of Tours, Fr. Mick Hall
 7:00-8:00 p.m. – Our Lady of Fatima Prayer Group/Rosary –
 St. Antoninus Church
 7:00 p.m. – Women's CRHP 6 Evening of Discipleship –
 St. Antoninus, Holy Family Room

February 11

9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. – Adoration – St. Antoninus Chapel
 2:30-3:30 p.m. – Children's Adoration Holy Hour –
 St. Antoninus Church
 5:30 p.m. – Adult Faith Leaders Meeting –
 Central Parish Office, Lg. Conference Room
 6:00 p.m. – Young Adult Men's Group –
 St. Martin of Tours, Rectory
 7:00-8:30 p.m. – Walking with Purpose –
 Our Lady of Lourdes, Trinity Hall

7:00 p.m. – Worship Commission Meeting –
 Central Parish Office, Lg. Conference Room
 7:30 p.m. – Book Club – St. Catharine of Siena, Rectory
 8:00-9:30 p.m. – FMHE Mom's Group –
 St. Antoninus, Holy Family Room

February 12

8:30-9:00 a.m. – Confessions – St. Catharine of Siena Church
 9:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. – Adoration – St. Antoninus Chapel
 9:30-11:00 a.m. – Walking with Purpose –
 Our Lady of Lourdes, Trinity Hall
 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Adult RCIA Meeting –
 Central Parish Office, Lg. Conference Room
 6:30 p.m. – Laudato Si' Circle meeting – via Zoom
 7:00 p.m. – First Communion Parent Meeting – St. Antoninus Church
 7:00 p.m. – Bingo – St. Martin of Tours, Fr. Mick Hall

February 13

8:30-9:00 a.m. – Confessions – St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church
 8:30-9:30 a.m. – Adoration – St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church
 9:00 a.m.-8:00 p.m. – Adoration – St. Antoninus Chapel
 6:30-8:00 p.m. – Confessions – St. Antoninus Church
 6:30-8:30 p.m. – Choir & Bell Choir Rehearsals –
 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Presentation Room
 8:00 p.m. – St. Joseph Bootcamp – St. Antoninus, Holy Family Room

February 14

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

February 15

6:30-8:30 a.m. – St. Joseph Bootcamp –
 St. Aloysius Gonzaga, Undercroft
 8:30-9:30 a.m. – Confessions – St. Antoninus
 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. – Vision Meeting – St. Antoninus, Undercroft
 12:00-3:30 p.m. – Adoration – OLL Church
 2:00-3:00 p.m. – Confessions – OLL Church
 2:00-3:00 p.m. – Confessions – St. Aloysius Gonzaga Church
 6:30-11:30 p.m. – Lourdes-a-Palooza –
 Our Lady of Lourdes, Gymnasium

February 16

8:00-8:30 a.m. – Confessions – St. Martin of Tours Church
 11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. Adoration – St. Antoninus Chapel

Twinning/ Sister Parish Discernment



Wednesday, FEBRUARY 19 at 6:00pm
 Trinity Hall at OLL Campus

In November, a small group of parishioners met and discussed the possibility of pairing with a parish either locally (within the US) or internationally. It was decided that we would invite a speaker to come to FMHE and explain what it means to have a "Twinning parish" or "Sister parish". On Monday, January 27th Dr. Mike Gable from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Mission Office came and gave this presentation. At this time, there is enough interest for us to move forward with considering options for beginning a Twinning/ Sister Parish relationship with our FMHE parishes. Join us at our upcoming meeting as we continue to learn and explore this exciting ministry opportunity!

February

Family Mondays

Free dinner at 6pm
 Presentation following

February 10- Fr. Matthew Robben

Presenting an update on our Family of Parishes

**February 17- President's Day
 No Family Monday**

**February 24- Fran Buchert, FMHE
 Schools Business Mgr.**

Presenting an update on our 4 parish schools

Fr. Mick Hall @ St. Martin of Tours Campus





OLL'S DAY AT THE REDS

Friday, April 11th, will be Our Lady of Lourdes Day at the Cincinnati Reds game. The Reds have reserved seats for us with a discounted price of \$16.00 per ticket. Our Lady of Lourdes Children's Choirs will sing the National Anthem at 6:30 p.m.! Order forms can be found in the back of church or can be printed by going to <https://fmhe.org/events/oll-reds>. Please return the order form and payment (check made out to *Our Lady of Lourdes*, money order, or cash) to the school office, Central Parish Office or any collections basket (clearly marked "Reds Game") by April 1st. Questions? Email Kelly Routt at kroutt@lourdes.org. Thank you for your support. Go Reds!



LOVE IN ACTION

All of the St. Vincent de Paul Conferences greatly appreciate your generosity and stewardship. All Conferences continue to need food donations as well as monetary support for rent and utilities. If you would like to donate monetarily, please use the envelope in the regular envelope collection at your parish, or, place an envelope in the basket marked "St. Vincent de Paul."

Most of our parishes have St. Vincent de Paul containers for food donations. If you have items to donate, please place them in the appropriate marked bins. We are always looking for dedicated and caring people to assist with helping in our mission of serving our neighbors in need. If you are interested in supporting your community and spreading the gift of brotherly love by volunteering with SVdP, please sign up at fmhe.org under the Ministries - Community Outreach tab.

Specific St. Vincent de Paul Conference Needs:

Our Lady of Lourdes: The OLL SVdP Pantry is in need of personal care items like shampoo, body wash, deodorant, soap, lotion and hand cream. Please place your donations in the SVdP boxes in the church vestibule. Thank you!

St. Martin: The St. Martin SVdP has an unusual request this week... *¿Sabes hablar español?* We have a rising number of families visiting our pantry speaking only Spanish and we have a very difficult time communicating with them. If you would be able to help with translating when we meet with these new families, we could use your help! Please contact Debbie Brunst at 513-508-6031 if you would be able to help us with this effort.

For our pantry shelves this week, we need toilet paper and shampoo. Items may be placed in the bins located at each door of the church. Thank you for all you do to help us help our neighbors.



TENDER MERCIES DINNER

The February 17th Tender Mercies Dinner will be hosted again this year by longtime supporters and friends of the dinner ministry, Debbie Berndsen and Paula Vickery. This dynamic duo have been bringing their delicious chili on cold winter nights to the residents for many years. There is a sign-up board in the St. Al's Tekulve Room if you would like to contribute needed items for the dinner. All donations will need to be returned to the St. Al's Servers Sacristy by Sunday, February 16th. Thanks in advance to Debbie and Paula and all who support this loving ministry. *If you are interested in hosting a future dinner or would like more information, please call Marilyn Schutte at 513-574-9859.*

SCHOOL NEWS & FUNDRAISERS

PLEASE JOIN US FOR THE

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6 PM

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NORTH BEND, OH 45052

\$75 PER PERSON INCLUDES
BUFFET DINNER WITH
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SILENT AUCTION & RAFFLE BASKETS

RSVP BY FEBRUARY 14TH

Use the QR code to purchase your tickets or go to the "Forms" section through Online Giving.



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\$20,000
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Saturday, February 15
6:30 - 11:30pm

Fr. Rudy Gym

FREE entry!

Gaming tables, food, full bar,
silent auction items, gift basket raffle, and more!



Visit lourdes.org/news/lourdes-a-palooza
or scan the QR code for more information!





Hollywood STARS!
2025 ST. ANTONINUS MAIN AVENT
PRESENTED BY THE ST. A LEGACY CAMPAIGN

MARCH 1, 2025
6:00PM - 11:00PM
St. Antoninus Undercroft

THE 2025 MAIN AVENT

RESERVE YOUR NIGHT OF FUN!

The 2025 Main A-Vent will be here soon! Gather with your friends and register your spot for a night of great food, drinks, and fun! Visit saintantoninus.org/main-a-vent to purchase seats, raffles and more!

BID ON GREAT ITEMS!

During the Main A-Vent we will auction off gift cards, merchandise, and services generously donated by businesses and parishioners to help support the school.

WIN BIG AT SPLIT THE POT!

CHANCES ARE \$20. WINNER IS DRAWN AT THE MAIN AVENT. BUY YOUR CHANCE TODAY!

CASH or CHECK: Return raffle tickets to the address provided on the ticket. Need more tickets? Contact the family parish office.

ONLINE: Purchase tickets through our Online Giving Portal, visit www.saintantoninus.org and click the Main A-Vent logo.

SPONSOR OR DONATE

Contact Bob Flick @ Rflick10@gmail.com

St. Aloysius Gonzaga School
Monthly Progressive Raffle
October 2024 - May 2025
\$100 - \$500 monthly cash prize*
\$500 - \$1,000 final cash prize for May 2025 drawing*
(*dependent on number of tickets sold each month)
\$5 each, or 5 for \$20
Drawings to be held the 3rd Friday of every month
All tickets sold carry forward through the final drawing

 **REGISTER YOUR CHILD**

FOR KINDERGARTEN TODAY!

All FMHE schools offer a faith-based curriculum in our full-day Kindergarten programs. Visit during the upcoming Open House hours, or contact our schools to schedule a visit!

St. Aloysius Gonzaga also offers Preschool for children ages 3, 4 and 5! Visit saintals.org/preschool/ for more details and to enroll. Questions? Email Stephanie Goettke, Preschool Director, at goettke_s@saintals.org.

SUPPORT YOUR CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Foundation for Catholic Education (EIN 45-5404691; also known as The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati or CEF) has been certified by Ohio as a scholarship-granting organization (SGO). In keeping with the mission of CEF and the regulations of an SGO, CEF-SGO provides financial-need-based scholarships to students in grades K-12 within the Catholic schools of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati.

WHY DONATE TO CEF-SGO?

Supporting students and their formation through Catholic Education is a great way to share our blessings and faith with younger generations. The CEF-SGO may now allow for Catholic Education supporters to be able to receive a tax credit for their generosity. *Ohio taxpayers who donate to SGOs may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable* tax credit on their state income tax return for up to \$750 per donor (up to \$1,500 if married and filing jointly). Please note: According to a representative from the Ohio Department of Taxation, if you file a married joint return, each taxpayer needs to make their own \$750.00 contribution to claim the maximum tax credit of \$1,500.00. To make a donation, please click on the QR code or visit: <https://catholicbestchoice.org/sgo/>.*

ST. ANTONINUS PARISH THEATRE PROUDLY PRESENTS



MARY POPPINS JR.

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Jolly Holiday with Mary!

PERFORMANCES
FEB 13 AT 7PM; FEB 14 AT 7PM
FEB 15 AT 1:00PM & 7:00PM

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FOLLOW HIM

Reflection on Luke 5:1-11

It is the struggle of every disciple of Jesus – of each of us – to live intentionally the mission of Jesus with which we have been entrusted. To do so we must confront head-on the distractions of this world, all the voices coming at us that speak contrary to Jesus, that are hindrances to living the Gospel.

It comforts me to know that even the great disciples, like Peter and Paul, had the same struggle. Jesus joins Simon's fishing expedition today, and Simon, who will later be called Peter, becomes weak in the knees realizing he is called to a new vocation. There is a lot for him to leave behind in following Jesus.

Paul hears Jesus rebuking him in the midst of a flashing light, and he no longer sees what he saw before. He also had to leave much behind in order to follow Jesus. And so it is for us. Leave behind what is necessary; ignore the contrary voices, and launch out into deep waters to lure the world to Christ. Become fishers of men and women.

– Fr. Jay

WEEKLY SCRIPTURE

Sunday, February 9, 2025

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 6:1-2a, 3-8
Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
1 Corinthians 15:1-11
Luke 5:1-11

Monday, February 10, 2025

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Genesis 1:1-19
Psalm 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10, 12, 24, 35c
Mark 6:53-56

Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Weekday

Genesis 1:20-2:4a
Psalm 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9
Mark 7:1-13

Wednesday, February 12, 2025

Weekday

Genesis 2:4b-9, 15-17
Psalm 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30
Mark 7:14-23

Thursday, February 13, 2025

Weekday

Genesis 2:18-25
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5
Mark 7:24-30

Friday, February 14, 2025

Saints Cyril, Monk, and Methodius, Bishop

Genesis 3:1-8
Psalm 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7
Mark 7:31-37

Saturday, February 15, 2025

Weekday

Genesis 3:9-24
Psalm 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13
Mark 8:1-10

Access Daily Readings from
the New American Bible,
Revised Edition (NABRE) online at
<https://bible.usccb.org>

SAINTS CYRIL AND METHODIUS

Saints of the Day: February 14

Patron Saint of Slavic People

After a brilliant course of studies, Cyril (called Constantine until he became a monk shortly before his death) refused the governorship of a district such as his brother had accepted among the Slavic-speaking population. Cyril withdrew to a monastery where his brother Methodius had become a monk after some years in a governmental post. Cyril and Methodius undertook the missionary task.

Cyril's first work was to invent an alphabet, still used in some Eastern liturgies. His followers probably formed the Cyrillic alphabet. Together they translated the Gospels, the psalter, Paul's letters and the liturgical books into Slavonic, and composed a Slavonic liturgy, highly irregular then.

The bishop refused to consecrate Slavic bishops and priests, and Cyril was forced to appeal to Rome. On the visit to Rome, he and Methodius had the joy of seeing their new liturgy approved by Pope Adrian II. Cyril, long an invalid, died in Rome 50 days after taking the monastic habit.

Methodius continued mission work for 16 more years. He was papal legate for all the Slavic peoples, consecrated a bishop and then given an ancient see. When much of their former territory was removed from their jurisdiction, the Bavarian bishops retaliated with a violent storm of accusation against Methodius. As a result, Emperor Louis the German exiled Methodius for three years. Pope John VIII secured his release.

Because the Frankish clergy, still smarting, continued their accusations, Methodius had to go to Rome to defend himself against charges of heresy and uphold his use of the Slavonic liturgy. He was again vindicated. In a feverish period of activity, Methodius translated the whole Bible into Slavonic in eight months. He died on Tuesday of Holy Week, surrounded by his disciples, in his cathedral church.

Read the full article: "Saints Cyril and Methodius" Franciscan Media, Franciscan Friars, franciscan1stg.wpengine.com/saint-of-the-day/saints-cyril-and-methodius/ (Accessed January 27, 2025).

*In the sight
of the angels I will
sing your praises,
Lord.
– Psalm 138:1*