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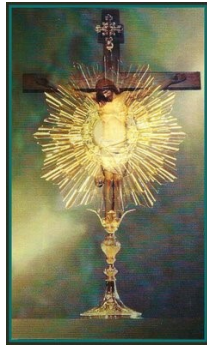
April Adoration At Our Lady

First Friday, April 4th from 10:45^{am} til Noon

April 11th & April 25th : 10:45 - 11:00^{am}

GOOD FRIDAY - April 18th

Services at 2:00^{pm} and 7:00^{pm}



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we transition from the Lenten Season into Holy Week, and then into the Easter Season, we are aware of the mystery of the Life of Faith. We know that our God, the author of all life, has entered the experience of sharing in our humanity in the person of Jesus even in suffering and death. However, Jesus shows us in the Paschal Mystery that our lives continue as the cross leads to the Resurrection! In the Ascension Jesus returns to the Father and at Pentecost, we rejoice in the Gift of the Holy Spirit!



Unfortunately, we live in a world in which many have not embraced or accepted the Gift of Faith and therefore struggle to find lasting meaning in their lives; many search in the wrong places or experiences looking for such. Many have expectations that are unrealistic because they are caught up in visible and tangible realities.

As people of faith, we have to ask that God gives us the grace to remain steadfast in faith and to resist the temptation of being judgmental or inhospitable, or unloving. All too often this leads to demonization, hatred, division and violence.

Jesus lived in times when all of those realities existed and yet amidst the difficulties that surrounded Him, He knew the Father was with Him. May we always try to remember that the Father, Son and Holy Spirit are always with us!

Father Leo Connolly

EASTER ALTAR DECORATING

- MARY BISHEL

The end of Lent draws near. I can't believe Easter is almost here. I haven't heard a date for the delivery of the flowers yet, but our usual date to decorate is Good Friday after evening services. Please if you are able to come in or stay after the Good Friday services, I would truly appreciate any assistance. Especially to unsleeve the plants and place them. Usually we start between 8:00- 8:30^{pm}. Again, any and all help is appreciated. Blessings upon all. Prayers for the workers counts too.



FEAST DAYS IN APRIL - 2025

APRIL IS THE MONTH OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST

April 2 - St. Francis of Paola, Hermit

April 4 - First Friday & St. Isidore of Seville, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

April 5 - First Saturday & St. Vincent Ferrer

April 7 - St. John Baptiste de la Salle, Priest

April 8 - St. Julia Billiart

April 11 - St. Stanislaus, Bishop & Martyr & St. Gemma Galgani

April 13 - PASSION SUNDAY & St. Martin I, Pope, Martyr

April 16 - St. Bernadette Soubirous (not celebrated because of Holy Week)

April 17 - HOLY THURSDAY

April 18 - GOOD FRIDAY

April 19 - HOLY SATURDAY

April 20 - EASTER SUNDAY

April 21 - 26 Days within Octave of Easter - Solemnities

April 21 - St. Anselm, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

April 23 - St. George, Martyr & St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

April 24 - St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen

April 25 - St. Mark, Evangelist

APRIL 27 - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY & St. Zita

April 28 - St. Peter Chanel, Priest, Martyr &
St. Louis Mary Grignion de Montfort, Priest
Our Lady of Quito, Ecuador

April 29 - St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church

April 30 - St. Pius V, Pope

May 1 - St. Joseph, The Worker

RECONCILIATION EVENTS FOR APRIL & HOLY WEEK

*Wednesday, April 2 - at Seton Parish: 6:00 to 7:30^{PM}

*Saturday, April 5 - at Our Lady: 10:15^{AM} following 1st Saturday Mass; 3:00-3:30^{pm} before 4:00^{PM} Mass.

*Wednesday, April 9 - at Seton Parish: 6:00 to 7:30^{PM}

*Saturday, April 12 - at Our Lady: 3:00-3:30^{pm} before 4:00^{PM} Mass.

*Monday, April 14 - at Seton: 6:00 to 7:30^{PM}

STATIONS OF THE CROSS with BENEDICTION
FRIDAY EVENING SCHEDULE

April 4TH at 5:30^{pm}

April 11TH at 5:30^{pm}

Volunteer Cantor, 1 lector
& 3 servers are needed

Servers will also assist Deacon Steve or our
assigned priest with Benediction.
Sign-up sheets are located in the sacristy.

**Reconciliation Monday
is April 14TH throughout diocese!**

Please check the Catholic Times at: <https://catholictimescolumbus.org/> as nearly every parish of the diocese will have priests available on Monday, April 14, on the diocese's fifth annual Reconciliation Monday.

For our combined parishes,
Fr. Leo, Fr. Sunder and Fr. Petros will be
available only at Seton Parish from 6:00^{pm} to
7:30^{pm}!

Triduum



HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17TH

- 7:00^{PM} Mass of the Lords'
Supper, Transfer of the Eucharist,
Silent Prayer until 9:00^{PM}.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH

- 2:00^{PM} Good Friday Services
(Reading of the Passion, Eucharist,
Veneration of the Cross).

- 7:00^{PM} - Stations of the Cross &
Veneration of the Cross.

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19TH

- Easter Vigil begins at 9:00^{PM}.

**If you are in serious sin, please make an
Act of Contrition with the intention to go to
Confession as soon as you can!**

There are quite a number of prayers for an Act of Contrition; here
are two which I hope your will find helpful:

ACT OF CONTRITION

Forgive me my sins, O Lord,
forgive me my sins;
the sins of my youth,
the sins of my age,
the sins of my soul,
the sins of my body;
my idle sins,
my serious voluntary sins;
the sins I know,
the sins I do not know;
the sins I have concealed for so long,
and which are now hidden from my memory.

I am truly sorry for every sin, mortal and venial,
for all the sins of my childhood up to the present hour.

I know my sins have wounded Thy Tender Heart,
O My Savior, let me be freed from the bonds of evil through
the most bitter Passion of My Redeemer. Amen.

O, my Jesus, forget and forgive what I have been. Amen.

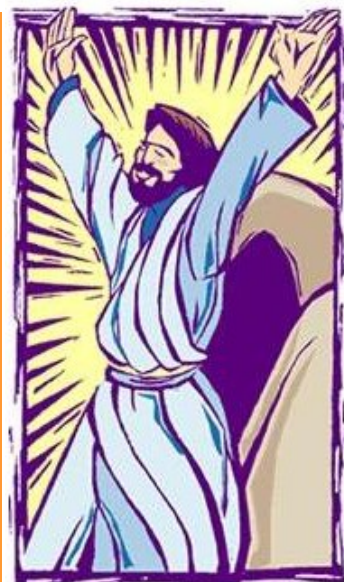
TRADITIONAL ACT OF CONTRITION

O my God, I am heartily sorry for having offended Thee, and I detest
all my sins, because I dread the loss of Heaven and the pains of hell,
but most of all because they offend Thee, my God, Who are all good
and deserving of all my love. I firmly resolve with the help of Thy
grace to confess my sins, to do penance, and to amend my life.
Amen.

CELEBRATE
EASTER

EASTER SUNDAY MASS

APRIL 20TH
- 10:00^{AM} Mass



54 Day Novena of the Divine Mercy Chaplet, 2025

This year's Novena **CONTINUES THROUGH SATURDAY, APRIL 26.**

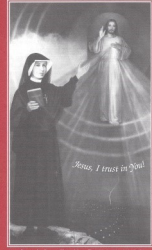
Good Friday (April 18) starts the final Novena! Remember the last 3 are in thanksgiving!

Remember, on Divine Mercy Sunday to go to Reconciliation on Saturday or Sunday, receive Holy Communion and be sure to pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet.

The following schedule shows the corresponding Divine Mercy prayer for each day:

	4 th Chaplet	5 th Chaplet	6 th Chaplet
1 st Day	March 31	April 9	April 18
2 nd Day	April 1	April 10	April 19
3 rd Day	April 2	April 11	April 20
4 th Day	April 3	April 12	April 21
5 th Day	April 4	April 13	April 22
6 th Day	April 5	April 14	April 23
7 th Day	April 6	April 15	April 24
8 th Day	April 7	April 16	April 25
9 th Day	April 8	April 17	April 26

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA AND CHAPLET



Our intentions for this year are:

FOR THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO RETURN TO ONE NATION UNDER

GOD, AND FOR ALL NATIONS TO RETURN TO GOD, FOR THE END OF STRIFE, CONFLICTS, BATTLES AND WARS THROUGHOUT THE WORLD. WE PRAY FOR GOD'S MERCY AND PEACE. WE PRAY THAT THE MOTHER OF GOD SPREAD THE EFFECT OF GRACE OF THY FLAME OF LOVE OVER ALL HUMANITY, NOW AND AT THE HOUR OF OUR DEATH. WE ALSO PRAY FOR OUR HOLY MOTHER THE CHURCH, AND CHURCH OF OUR LADY. AMEN

What Is Divine Mercy Sunday?

In a series of revelations to St. Maria Faustina Kowalska in the 1930s, our Lord called for a special feast day to be celebrated on the Sunday after Easter. Today, we know that Feast as Divine Mercy Sunday, named by Pope St. John Paul II at the canonization of St. Faustina on April 30, 2000.



The Lord expressed His will with regard to this Feast in His very first revelation to St. Faustina. The most comprehensive revelation can be found in her *Diary* entry 699:

My daughter, tell the whole world about My inconceivable mercy. I desire that the Feast of Mercy be a refuge and a shelter for all souls, and especially for poor sinners. On that day the very depths of My tender mercy are open. I pour out a whole ocean of graces upon those souls who approach the fount of My mercy. The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment. On that day are opened all the divine floodgates through which graces flow. Let no soul fear to draw near to Me, even though its sins be as scarlet. My mercy is so great that no mind, be it of man or of angel, will be able to fathom it throughout all eternity. Everything that exists has come from the very depths of My most tender mercy. Every soul in its relation to Me will contemplate My love and mercy throughout eternity. The Feast of Mercy emerged from My very depths of tenderness. It is My desire that it be solemnly celebrated on the first Sunday after Easter. Mankind will not have peace until it turns to the fount of My mercy.

I want to grant a complete pardon to the souls that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion on the Feast of My Mercy (1109).

In all, St. Faustina recorded 14 revelations from Jesus concerning His desire for this feast.

source: <https://www.thedivinemercy.org/celebrate/>

City Wide MASS & PRAISE ADORATION May 3rd

9:30 am -1 pm

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

DIVINE MERCY PRAYER FOR THE DYING

O merciful Jesus, lover of souls, I beseech You, by the agony of Your Most Sacred Heart and by the sorrows of Your Immaculate Mother, wash clean in Your Blood the sinners of the whole world who are now in their final agony but especially those on their way to eternal damnation and who are to die this day.

Heart of Jesus who suffered death's agony, I beg You, have mercy on these poor souls.

Source: Handbook of Devotion to Divine Mercy, Divine Mercy Publications, Tamarac, FL 33320

Adult Ed- Weekly Schedule

Sundays at 11:30^{am} (after Mass)

Gospel of John, Dr. Scott Hahn

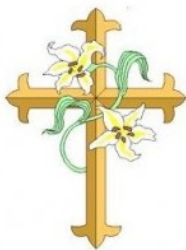
Mondays at 6:30^{pm} - Gospel of John, Dr. Scott Hahn

Wednesdays at 10:00^{am} -

Revelation, Jeff Cavins

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OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation for Adults

This is how the Holy Spirit works!

The last weekend of January 2025, I attended the Saturday evening 4:00pm Mass to give the Stewardship Talk two weeks prior to our Stewardship weekend in early February. Following Mass I was advised that there was someone who wanted to talk about OCIA!

Here I met Delia Hoch and her husband Shawn! For months Delia had been asking God to help her find the True Church!! Her heart had been touched to the point that she looked for the closest Catholic Church-it was Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal! That evening, January 25th was the first time she ever attended Mass at a Catholic Church!



Delia had been reading and studying but something was missing; she was being called to true worship, and – praise God – saw that the Mass was totally different than what she had been experiencing elsewhere.

Delia was baptized in the Baptist Church in the Trinitarian Form which the Catholic Church recognizes as a valid Baptism. She was a faithful follower of the Church of Christ, International for many years and has studied Hebrew as well as additional biblical studies in Jerusalem. Because of her Baptism and Christian background, Delia is a Candidate in the process of becoming Catholic.

Since our first meeting, we have been getting together each week following the Saturday evening Mass. Sandy Trammer is her sponsor as we share the Catholic Faith with all its beauty and depth! Delia's journey is out of the regular sequence of the September to Easter course of instruction that was our previous model. At the direction of Bishop Fernandes, OCIA has been re-thought so that we can now begin a program for each individual when he or she comes to us.

Delia attends the Saturday 4:00pm Mass. We ask that you keep her and her family in your prayers as she travels on 'the Way' to full communion with us in the Catholic Church.

Submitted by Elaine Sturm

RESPECT LIFE CORNER:

As we go through the season of Lent, we must remember that there are those who carry the unbearable sadness and guilt of an abortion experience. If you are aware of anyone who had an abortion or encouraged someone to have an abortion, please remind them that Jesus keeps on loving us no matter what. He is waiting to meet them in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Nonjudgmental, compassionate help is available from experienced clergy and laypeople through the Church's diocesan abortion healing ministry, most often called Project Rachel Ministry. All who suffer from abortion can find a listening ear, comfort, and help. Visit www.HopeAfterAbortion.org or www.EsperanzaPosAborto.org to find help near you. In the Columbus Diocese, per the diocesan website, those who had an abortion can contact [Bethesda Healing Ministry](#), a Catholic Christian Ministry of hospitality and healing. Through a community of love and acceptance, all men and women suffering the effects of an abortion are invited and supported. Please call 614-309-0157 to speak confidentially with a caring and loving advocate.

Partially excerpted from the Lent 2025 message by Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas, Bishop of Toledo and Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities.



How to Obtain a Plenary Indulgence during Holy Week



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By CNA Staff, Mar 2, 2021 / 12:43 am MT ([CNA](#)).

A plenary indulgence is a grace granted by the Catholic Church through the merits of Jesus Christ, Mary and all the saints to remove the temporal punishment due to sin.

The indulgence applies to sins already forgiven. A plenary indulgence cleanses the soul as if the person had just been baptized.

A plenary indulgence can be obtained during Holy Week for oneself or for a deceased person if one of the following works established by the Church is performed.

Holy Thursday

1. If during the solemn reservation of the Blessed Sacrament (typically on a side Altar), which follows the Mass of the Lord's Supper, you recite or sing the Eucharistic hymn "Tantum Ergo."
2. If you adore the solemnly reserved Blessed Sacrament for a half hour.

Good Friday

1. If you venerate the Cross in the solemn celebration of the Lord's Passion.
2. If you piously participate in the Stations of the Cross

Holy Saturday

1. If two or more people pray the Holy Rosary.
2. If you attend the celebration of the Easter Vigil at night and renew your Baptismal Promises, which is part of the liturgy of that Mass.

Conditions in all cases:

In order to obtain the plenary indulgence, in addition to performing the specific works mentioned above, the following conditions must be fulfilled:

A plenary indulgence requires that the individual be in the state of grace by the completion of the acts, and have complete detachment from sin. The person must also sacramentally confess their sins and receive Communion, up to about 20 days before or after the indulgenced act.

A single sacramental Confession is sufficient for several plenary indulgences.

For each plenary indulgence that is sought, however, a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father are required.

The prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father is left up to the choice of the individual.

Source: CatholicNewsAgency

Remember, that when we are trying to fulfill the activities to obtain indulgences we always receive graces which are stored up in Heaven.

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Saturday
April 12, 2025
9:00am - 11:00am
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History of Holy Saturday

In the early Church Holy Saturday was known as Great, or Grand, Saturday, Holy Saturday, the Angelic Night, the Vigil of Easter, etc. It is no longer, like Maundy Thursday, a day of joy, but one of joy and sadness intermingled; it is the close of the season of Lent and penance, and the beginning of Paschal Time, which is one of rejoicing.

By a noteworthy exception, in the early Church this was the only Saturday on which fasting was permitted, and the fast was one of special severity. Dating from the time of St. Irenaeus, *an absolute fast from every kind of food was observed for the forty hours preceding the Feast of Easter*, and although the moment assigned for breaking the fast at dawn on Sunday varied according to time and country, the abstinence from food on Holy Saturday was general.

The night of the Vigil of Easter has undergone a strange displacement. During the first six or seven centuries, ceremonies were in progress throughout the entire night, so that the Alleluia coincided with the day and moment of the Resurrection. In the eighth century these same ceremonies were held on Saturday afternoon and, by a singular anachronism, were later on conducted on Saturday morning, thus the time for carrying out the solemnity was advanced almost a whole day. Thanks to this change, special services were now assigned to Holy Saturday whereas, beforehand, it had had none until the late hour of the Vigil.

This Vigil opened with the blessing of the new fire, the lighting of lamps and candles and of the Paschal Candle, very like our Liturgy today; however, the ceremonies lost much of their symbolism by being anticipated and advanced from twilight to broad daylight!

St. Cyril of Jerusalem spoke of this night that was as bright as day, and Constantine the Great added unprecedented splendor to its brilliancy by a profusion of lamps and enormous torches, so that not only basilicas, but private houses, streets, and public squares were resplendent with the light that was symbolic of the Risen Christ. The assembled faithful gave themselves up to common prayer, the singing of psalms and hymns, and the reading of the Scriptures commentated by the bishop or priests.

The Vigil of Easter was especially devoted to the Baptism of catechumens who, in the more important churches, were very numerous. On the Holy Saturday following the deposition of St. John Chrysostom from the See of Constantinople, there were 3000 catechumens in this church alone. Such numbers were, of course, only encountered in large cities; nevertheless, as Holy Saturday and the Vigil of Pentecost were the only days on which Baptism was administered, even in smaller churches there was always a goodly number of catechumens.

This meeting of people in the darkness of the night often occasioned abuses which the clergy felt powerless to prevent by active supervision unless by so anticipating the ceremonies that all of them could take place in daylight. Rabanus Maurus, an ecclesiastical writer of the ninth century, gives a detailed account of the ceremony of Holy Saturday. The congregation remained silent in the church awaiting the dawn of the Resurrection, joining at intervals in psalmody and chant and listening to the reading of the lessons. These rites were identical with those in the early Church and were solemnized at the same hours, as the faithful throughout the world had not yet consented to anticipate the Easter Vigil and it was only during the Middle Ages that uniformity on this point was established.

Source: *New Advent Encyclopedia with permission*

Spend Time with Mary on Holy Saturday



Mary's Seventh Sorrow

The Burial of Jesus: "Now there was in the place where He was crucified, a garden; and in the garden a new sepulcher, wherein no man yet had been laid. There, therefore, because of the parasceve of the Jews, they laid Jesus because the sepulcher was nigh at hand" (John XIX: 41-42).

Meditation: Consider the sighs which burst from Mary's sad heart when she saw her beloved Jesus laid within the tomb. What grief was hers when she saw the stone lifted to cover that sacred tomb! She gazed a last time on the

lifeless body of her Son, and could scarce detach her eyes from those gaping wounds. And when the great stone was rolled to the door of the sepulcher, oh, then indeed her heart seemed torn from her body!

source: <http://olrl.org/pray/msorrows>

DAILY MEDITATIONS FOR EASTER WEEK on Mary's joys: the fulfillment of Jesus birth; the great wonder of His Resurrection; the marvel of God's family; the incredible possibilities of faith; and the fulfillment of living in joy!

Leader: Let us commend ourselves and all people to the love and protection of the Mother of God.

All: Holy Mother of God, Mary ever Virgin, intercede for us with the Lord our God.

Leader: God who is mighty has done great things for us.

All: And holy is God's name.

Leader: Let us pray:

Easter Sunday

Mary, On this, the Lord's Day, we celebrate with joy the fulfillment of the miracle God began in your womb!

He became what we are so that we might become what He is.

He is Risen, the first-fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

He reigns as Lord and God forever.

In your marveling at the great things the Mighty One worked in you, we find our own awe at being chosen sons and daughters of God, of being empowered to become a nation of saints, of being commissioned to bear Christ to the world. With you as our companion and model, May God bring this good work to completion and may our dedication to you of all that we have and are bring us to share in your blessedness. Amen.

Easter Monday

Mary, God has worked a great wonder: Jesus is risen!

No longer are we caught in the cords of death, for He has loosened our bonds.

No longer need we walk in fear,

For He has become our strong hope.

No longer are we alone and estranged,

For He has called us friends.

May your faith in the face of death - even death on the cross, May your hope - almost buried with Him in the tomb,

May your love - nearly staunch by the fear of His disciples,

May your joy - in the Resurrected Savior be ours this day, as we, in your name for your honor, live out our Easter mission To go forth and teach all peoples. Amen.

Easter Tuesday

Mary, we, your sons and daughters look to you as we treasure and ponder the Rising of Jesus - your Son and our Brother!

Teach us how that marvelous moment can topple the proud, elevate the lowly, feed the hungry, and mission the rich - even today.

Confident in God's power and love, Trusting in the Risen Lord, relying on the Promised Advocate, the Spirit of Life and of Truth, we dedicate our lives, in your name and for your honor to the transforming power of Easter. Amen.

Easter Wednesday

Mary, in the brilliant light of Easter, teach us, too, that nothing is impossible with God!

All our struggles with self and others, all our disappointments and shames, all our failures and sinfulness are as nothing in this healing, life-giving light.

Accept, then, our all. May God look upon it, as once did the Mighty One upon our lowliness, so that we might be gifted with that blessedness promised to all sons and daughters of the Resurrection. Amen.

Easter Thursday

Mary, we sing our Alleluias today, for Jesus is risen!

Our souls proclaim the greatness of God, our spirits rejoice in our Risen Savior. May your song be sung in our lives at every moment of this day so that God's power, which can do far more than we can ask or imagine, may continue to call life from death and light from darkness, transforming our meager efforts into your Son's victory over death. Amen.

Easter Friday

Mary, the cross of death has become the Tree of Life, and we rejoice!

God has sent forth the Spirit, and the world quickens to life anew.

Jesus is risen! Teach us no more to fear the sword of division and death; teach us to welcome Jesus, the sign of contradiction, and to lay bare the thoughts of our hearts to the healing light of Easter.

Then, in your name and for your honor, we will live in the Paschal Mystery today and, with you, see it fulfilled on the day of Resurrection. Amen.

Easter Saturday

Mary, we ask for your powerful presence this day, just as you shared it with the frightened disciples in the Upper Room.

Teach us, as you did them, to rely upon God's promises, upon our Brother and Lord, Jesus, and upon the Advocate and Comforter, the Spirit of Life and Love and Truth.

May we live as you did, in strong hope and invincible confidence and be transformed by the power of the Resurrection into true hearers and doers of God's will. Amen.

[Source: Prayers of the Marianists]

Giving Tree Thank You - 2024

I'm sorry this is so late. The 'thank you' may have been addressed to me, but it was meant for all of the Parishioners at Church Of Lady of the Miraculous Medal that made the gifts available. All I did was put the gift suggestion tags on the trees. You all did the hard part: you chose tags, bought the gifts and brought them back to church. Your generosity touched so many!

Thank you all for being you! I am so proud to be a member of this parish. Your generosity shows no bounds! I do want to put out a special thanks to:

- Tess, Denis and everyone else who helped me move the gifts to where they were to be sorted.

- George Medary and Tom Crosby for packing the donations in George's truck. It was packed to the brim What a blessing we share.

Blessings upon all of you, Mary Bishel

Something New For Fridays in Lent!

We were all disappointed that the Fish Fries were cancelled but Anne Grossman-Peters presented the idea of 'Soup Suppers' that has been very successful for the first two Fridays this Lent. (As of this printing.)



Volunteers can sign up to bring a soup, a salad, bread or rolls. This event is for fellowship, not a fundraiser. So far we have had nearly 40 persons each Friday evening.



Please come for Stations and join us for a light meal and lots of good conversation and fun.



Photos courtesy of Anne Grossman-Peters

Lessons of the Divine Master

First Lesson: We must not choose our crosses, but rather take up the one that God gives us.

When receiving the gift of My Cross, refrain from making a choice, for I know better than you what you are able to suffer.

Second Lesson: We must not drag our cross behind us, but carry it; not be ashamed of it, but glory in it.

When the weight of My Holy Cross is a burden that frightens you, it is your lack of love which is rendering it so heavy for you.

Third Lesson: We must not carry our crosses ostentatiously, but rather with simplicity, upon our shoulders.

Bend your will beneath the yoke of My Cross, carrying this burden with humility.

Fourth Lesson: We must not walk ahead of Our Lord, but rather follow Him.

In vain will you ascend the road to Calvary, if you climb without Me you cannot please Me.

Fifth Lesson: To carry our cross well, we must keep our eyes on Jesus.

If you wish to bear the rigors of the way, always follow Your Model, step by step.

Sixth Lesson: We must carry our cross every day, without setting it aside.

Follow Me without wearying of the way full of sorrow. Each day I count your sufferings and tears.

Seventh Lesson: We must not diminish or remove anything from our cross.

It is in vain that you wish to diminish your hardships.

It belongs only to Me to lighten your load.

Eighth Lesson: We must encourage ourselves by meditating on the ultimate end.

For every evil, know how to consider its end, and you will take up your cross as your only good.

Ninth Lesson: We must motivate ourselves and come to fullness of life by meditating on Heaven.

Happy the one who, for God, suffers by choice. The crown is promised to the lover of the Cross!

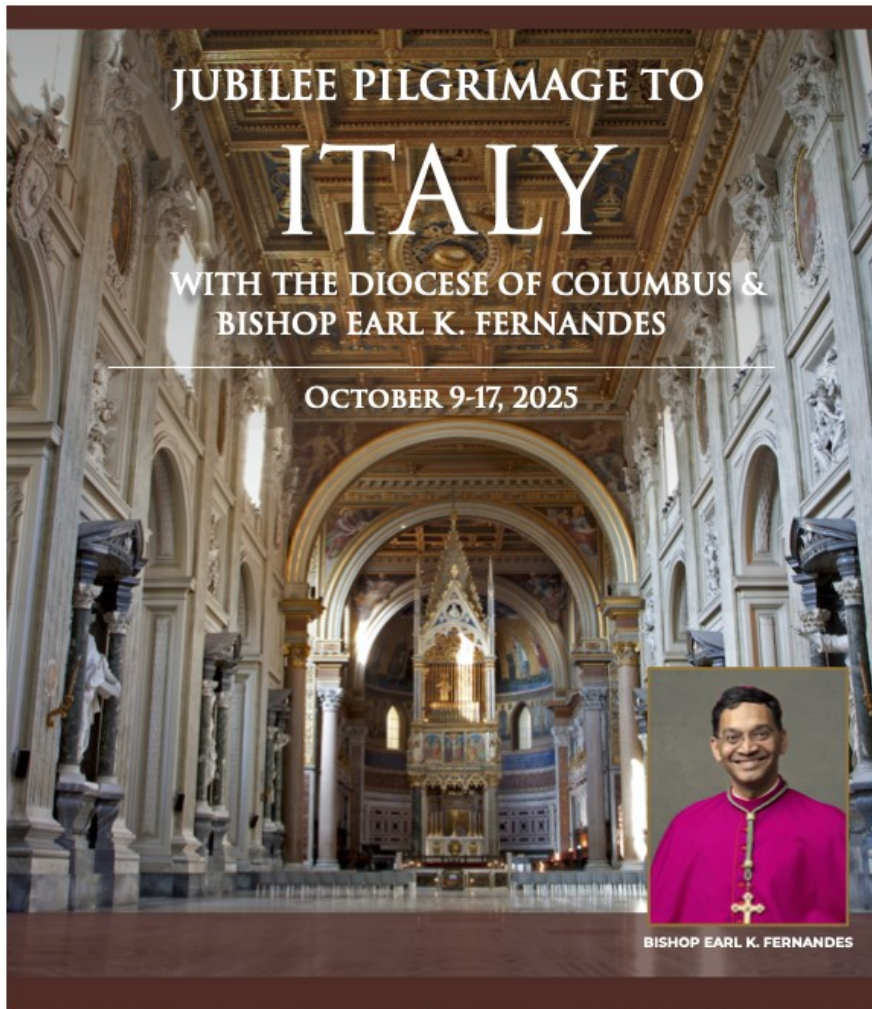
Tenth Lesson: The soul fully given to God takes up her (the soul) cross with love.

For a God whom we love it is a blessing to suffer. It is perfect joy.

We must be poor in our affection for poverty.

Oh! How sweet it is to despoil ourselves of everything for Jesus Christ!

Submitted by Mary Bishel



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Please check the Catholic Times for more information.

Thursday, May 1, 2025



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Emmaus Road Scholarship Updates

Tax season giving us a real bonus! Even though we've turned the calendar to 2025, donors still can make a contribution prior to the April 15 Federal tax deadline and claim it on their 2024 Ohio tax filing. Please continue to promote the SGO in your communities during this critical time. We are closing in on \$400,000 in donations from nearly 500 donors just since January and these numbers only will continue to grow. Collateral materials may be found in our [SGO Dropbox](#). Please reach out to [@Theresa Vivona](#) with any questions.

Go to: <https://emmausroadscholarship.org/> for more information.



"The Way of the Cross happens in the heart of a city where millions of people carry their daily cross, most of the time dreadfully alone: "If God exists, He has nothing to do with my daily life." This is the true cross of every day, the cross of a person abandoned only to himself in his innermost need for never-ending love, truth, beauty and justice. We need the presence of "God with us," Jesus every day. And Jesus, because of the sacrifice of His cross and because of His Resurrection, dwells among us, every day." – Servant of God, Fr. Luigi Giussani, Founder of Communion and Liberation.

Join Bishop Earl K. Fernandes on the Way of the Cross this Good Friday, April 18th from 2:00pm to 4:00 pm at St. Joseph Cathedral.

Knight's News

The following people were chosen by the Council as Knight of the Year and Family of the Year for 2024-2025 because of their generous contributions of their time and talent to the parish and the community.

Knight of the Year:

Joe Cardamone

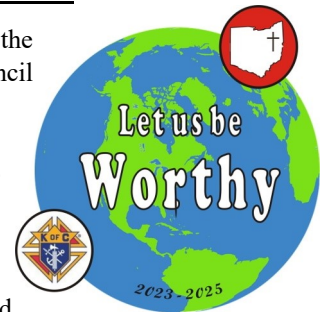
Family of the Year:

Elaine Sturm Family

The nominees will be honored at a banquet hosted by the Greater Columbus Chapter and will also be eligible for consideration for additional honors at the Diocesan and State levels. Congratulations to Joe and Elaine and many thanks to both of them for everything they do.

OUR LADY'S DONATION TO SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS

The generous weekly contributions made by the parishioners of the Church of Our Lady over the past 12 months have allowed Council 11188 to donate \$7000.50 to the State Council's Pennies for Heaven/Support Our Seminarians (SOS) program for the 2024-2025 program period. The Council would not have been able to make this large contribution without the congregation using the yellow "Pennies for Heaven" envelopes in their monthly packets. The money raised for SOS supports the education and training of seminarians in the Columbus Diocese and is also used to promote vocations. Many thanks to everyone for their support of this program this year



KNIGHTS' MOTHERS' DAY FLOWER SALE

Orders for hanging baskets and geraniums will be taken after Masses on April 12th, April 13th, April 26th, and April 27th. (No orders will be taken on Holy Saturday or on Easter Sunday.)

All flowers will be available for pickup on Friday, May 9th, just in time for Mother's Day (May 11th). Unfortunately, the types of plants and pricing will not be available until the first day of the sale. However, plants from the supplier, Thorsen's Greenhouse, can be previewed at retail stores like Costco.

Proceeds from the Knights of Columbus Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale support the charitable functions of the Knights of Columbus.

Knights of Columbus Annual Mother's Day Flower Sale

12" Pot of Geraniums (4-6 plants per pot)
12" Hanging Baskets, 6" Mandevilla Hoops
10" Mandevilla Vine on Teepee Trellis
12" Boston Ferns, 16" Combination Patio Pots



Flowers provided by
Thorsen's Greenhouse



Orders will be taken after all Masses on April 12nd, 13th, 26th, 27th. Order forms can also be found in the West Lobby.

**FULL PAYMENT DUE WITH EACH ORDER
CASH, CHECK, or CREDIT CARD ACCEPTED**

**Pickups will be
Friday, May 9th from
3:00pm to 6:00pm in
Don Ross Hall**



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