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CHURCH of THE INCARNATION

March 16, 2014

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Registration

New parishioners are asked to contact the office. A warm welcome to all.

Baptisms

Baptisms are held on the first three Sundays, after the noon Mass. Baptisms may be scheduled on the 4th Sundays during the noon Mass (limit 4). First time parents should plan to attend the Baptismal Preparation Program offered the first Thursday of each month (7:30 Parish Center).

RCIA

Obtain information on The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults by calling Tim Niesel.

Marriages

Please plan for six months preparation time. Contact Mrs. Porcino.

Hospital & Home-bound Visits

We take particular care to visit those hospitalized and homebound. If you or a family member are hospitalized or homebound, please call the parish office. If there is a need to be anointed, you may contact the office with that request.

Mass Intentions

Call or visit the Pastoral Center.



And the
Word became
flesh and lived
among us...

John 1:14

MASS TIMES

D a i l y _____

6:30, 8:30*: (*All school Mass Fridays 9:00 Church)

Saturday: 8:30am

S u n d a y L i t u r g y _____

Sat. 5:30pm Sun: 7:30, 9:00, 10:30, noon—Church
9:30 and 11:00—Parish Center

H o l y D a y s _____

Holy Day- 6:30, 9:00, noon, 7:00pm

C o n f e s s i o n s _____

Saturday mornings, 9:00-9:45

E u c h a r i s t i c A d o r a t i o n _____

3rd Mondays, 7:00pm, with Exposition and Benediction
Church open (door closest to Rectory) throughout the week for
private adoration: Mon-Thurs, 6:00am-9:00pm; Fri, 6:00am-5:00pm;
Sat, 8:00am-6:30pm; Sun, 7:00am-9:00pm

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon....Dn 9:4b-10 • Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13 • Lk 6:36-38
Tue.....Is 1:10, 16-20 • Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21, 23 • Mt 23:1-12
Wed....2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16 • Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29 • Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22
.....Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Thu.....Jer 17:5-10 • Ps 1:1-4, 6 • Lk 16:19-31
Fri.....Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a • Ps 105:16-21 • Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat.....Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 • Ps 103:1-4, 9-12 • Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun.....Ex 17:3-7 • Ps 95:1-2, 6-9 • Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 • Jn 4:5-42

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

"This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Matt. 17:5

Each year we begin our journey through Lent with this scene of the Transfiguration. Perhaps it's meant to help us set our sights on our goal as we begin this 40-day walk through the season of penitent reflection. If our goal as Christians is to become more Christ-like, then seeing and reflecting upon this vivid, powerful portrait of Our Lord is a good way to begin.

As the scene opens, Jesus chooses Peter, James and John and takes them up a high mountain. In Scripture, anytime anyone goes up "a high mountain," we know that the stage is set for a major revelation. Moses, for example, went up "a high mountain" to see God and receive the Ten Commandments. On *this* high mountain, Jesus is transfigured before his disciples in a truly amazing scene. His face begins to shine like the sun and his clothes become white as light. Two figures appear and begin to talk with Jesus: one is Moses, representing the Law, and one is Elijah, representing the prophets. Together, they form the foundation of Jewish beliefs, the foundation upon which Jesus will build his teachings.

Without waiting to see how this vision will unfold, Peter, impetuous as he often is, offers to build three tents for Jesus, Moses, and Elijah. Throughout the Gospels, Peter frequently speaks for *us*, and he certainly does in this scene. I know myself that it's so hard to stay in the present, to stay in the moment, and appreciate it. I, like Peter, have a tendency to want to catch the moment, pin it down, make it last. In doing so, the moment of encounter can slip away, barely noticed.

So while Peter is trying to capture this moment for eternity, God interrupts—as God so often does. Interestingly, a *bright* cloud casts a *shadow* over them, when we might expect the cloud to be dark. But the cloud itself is bright, shining with the presence of God. A voice comes from it, saying exactly what was said at Jesus' baptism: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." And what are the next words Jesus speaks, the ones to which we are to listen? He says, "Rise, and do not be afraid."

Jesus says this over and over throughout the Gospels, and it is, apparently, written in Scripture 365 times, once for each day of the year! This seems to be a point that God very much wants to make, despite the fact that we, like the disciples, tend to fall prostrate and be "very much afraid" at the very thought of God. But God is reaching out to us constantly, using every trick in the book to let us know how very much God loves us, and to let us know that we, too, are beloved sons and daughters of God.

So God has chosen to come to us as "Jesus alone," just what the disciples saw when they raised their eyes. Jesus alone, the beloved Son in whom God is well-pleased, is the human face of God. Jesus is the one who is so lovable, and who so obviously loves us. Jesus is the one who is willing to live with us and to die for us. Jesus is the one who will be raised from the dead, who will give us new life as well. Jesus is the one who will integrate both the Law and the Prophets into his teaching, much as his clothes, on this mountain, absorb all colors to become "white as light." Jesus is the one who touches us, reassures us, says, "Do not be afraid." And Jesus is the one who also says, "Rise!" Jesus is the one who invites us to follow him, to live as he does, in union with the Father, to rise up and become the true sons and daughters of God that we are created to be. Lent is before us, the journey has begun, and we must remember to "be not afraid."

Marilyn Porcino, Pastoral Associate

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 17

6:30—Gert Clemens (d)

8:30—Colin Murphy (d)

Tuesday, March 18

6:30—Bertha Enslein (d)

8:30—Millie Nieberding (d)

Wednesday, March 19

6:30—Brinkman Family

8:30—Barbara Caulfield (d)

Thursday, March 20

6:30—Murphy Family

8:30—Leonard Bedel (d)

Friday, March 21

6:30—Marilyn Agnew (d)

9:00—Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Stief (d)

Saturday, March 22

8:30—Dolores Mahle (d)

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 22

5:30: Fr. Lawrence

Sunday, March 23

7:30: Fr. Lawrence

9:00: Fr. Stretch, *Adult Choir*

9:30: Fr. George w/Dcn Duffy

10:30: Fr. Scott, *Children's Choir*

11:00: Fr. George w/Dcn Duffy

12:00: Fr. Scott

SUNDAY COLLECTION

February e-giving _____ \$27,917

Ash Wednesday _____ \$4,450

March 9 _____ \$44,654

Social Outreach _____ \$4,441

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

Is there someone you love who has stopped coming to Mass or feels separated from the Church? Join the Lord in inviting him or her back to church. Catholic churches across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be open for quiet prayer and confession on Tues, March 18, from 7-9PM. Invite your friend to enjoy the quiet and peace of people gathered in silent prayer. If the time is right, also invite him or her to consider talking with a priest or receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Learn more at www.lightison4u.com

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

March 27, 7PM, Incarnation

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7PM, Church

Mar 21 (Prep students lead), Mar 28,

April 4, April 11

*Good Friday, April 18 at Noon with the choir

LITURGICAL BITS & BYTES

Parking Lot Spirituality

We have all heard the "jokes" about the good Christians who go to church but then contend with one another to get out of the parking lot quickly. How long does our liturgical spirituality last? Can it get us out of the parking lot? Does it change how we drive on the roads and freeways? Are we generally more considerate of people we encounter throughout the week? Is this something we should focus on?

HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION Mon, March 17, 7PM

FAITH HEALTH MINISTRY will be offering free blood pressure screenings for parishioners 18 years and older Sun, March 16, 8am-1pm, rm 104, Parish Center.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP Thurs, March 20, 7:00 PM, Parish Center, Room 104. Men's Fellowship continues with its 2013/2014 HERE I AM LORD program with a presentation by Fr. Paul Ruwe, Instructor in Spiritual Theology, Athenaeum of Cincinnati (Seminary). Fr. Ruwe will speak on Meditation as a form of prayer rooted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church. Fr. Paul, a native of Cincinnati was ordained in 2005. He has served as Parochial Vicar at St. Maximilian Kolbe and Pastor at St. Mary's in Hyde Park. Please join us for dinner, refreshments and an awesome presentation. I know we will walk away from the meeting with a greater understanding of how to advance in our faith and the power of prayer in our lives.

DAILY ROSARY Make a positive resolution for Lent—Stay for the Daily Rosary after 8:30 Mass; one day or six, you are always welcome. On Monday and Friday we are in the choir room.

ROSARY During the Sundays of Lent the Knights of Columbus will be leading the Rosary in The Chapel 30 minutes before the 9:30 and 11:00 Masses at the Parish Center. Please join them for them for this powerful prayer.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

There will be Eucharistic Adoration with Exposition after 8:30 mass until 1PM on the six Wednesdays in Lent. Sign up sheets are in the foyer of church. You can sign up for 30 minutes or an hour. Enter church by the door near the Sacristy.

SUPPORTING OUR SPECIAL NEEDS FAMILIES: A PANEL DISCUSSION

How can I help you? Encountering parents of a special needs child can seem uncomfortable. But do not let this stop you from befriending and supporting them. The Incarnation Respect Life committee is hosting *Supporting Our Special Needs Families: A Panel Discussion* on Tues, April 1, at 7PM in parish center room 104. Join us as we listen to our fellow parishioners share their stories as special needs parents and teach us how we can help them. We will have panel speakers to address the medical and spiritual perspectives as well.

"Whatever you do to the least of My people, that you do unto Me." Mt 25:40

WHO IS A DEACON? WHAT DOES A DEACON DO? WHY DO WE NEED DEACONS?

You are cordially invited to a meeting of interested men (and wives) to learn more about the role of deacons in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and to obtain information about the requirements for admission into the Deacon Formation Program. There will be an explanation of the ongoing process of discernment to the diaconate and possible discernment methods. Finally there will be time for you to ask any questions which are on your mind in order to help you to better understand the ministry of deacons. Thurs, April 10, 7-8:30pm, Parish Center room 104

PARISH OFFICE POSITION Requires availability four days a week, M-Th, from 3:30-7pm. Contact: Fr. Stretch at Larry.Mierenfeld@incarnation.catholic.org.

BAPTISMS

Caleb Michael Crotty

Son of Colin and Emily (Schoenfeld)

Carson Michael Jecker

Son of Stephen and Cynthia (Duckro)

Nora Rose Strauchon

Daughter of Christopher and Mollie (McCullough)

INCARNATION SCHOOL

Incarnation School is an excellent school that reflects the faith values that are important to your family. If you are interested in a Catholic education, please contact the Principal, Dr. Cheryl Reichel, for a meeting and tour of the school. You may contact our Registrar, Mrs. Kim Shield, 433-1051, x134, to begin the registration process. Visit our website at www.incarnation-school.com for more info.

Dear Parish Members,

Hi, My name is Anna and I am an eighth grader here at Incarnation School. I'm preparing to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. The sacrament of confirmation is important to me because I will officially be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit. I hope to strengthen my relationship with God through this holy, important time of my life. I ask you to pray for me while I'm on this spiritual journey. Thank You!

*8th Grade Confirmation
Candidate*

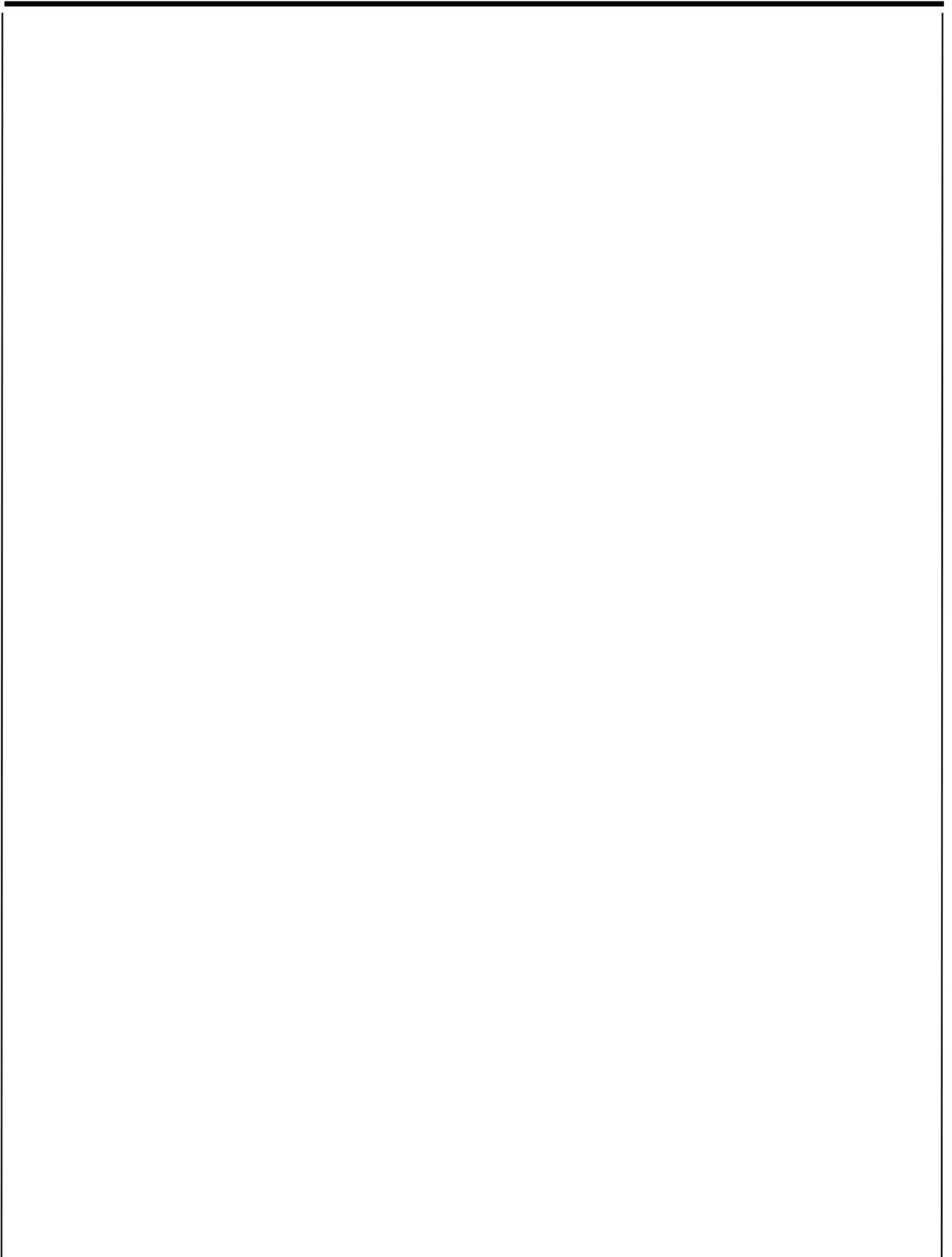
Alter Music Association Annual Mulch Sale: March 22/23 and March 29/30 at Alter High School parking lot. Orders being taken through March 29. Mulch orders may be picked-up or delivered. **Free delivery for orders placed by March 17** (\$10 per order for orders placed after March 17) All Natural, Supreme, Dark Hardwood Bark Mulch. Price per LARGE 3 cubic ft bag: \$5.75/1-15 bags, \$5.25/16-24 bags, \$5/25+bags. Order online to www.AlterMA.org and click on 'Mulch Sale' or call 401-0011.

Alter High School All Parents and Alums Trivia Night March 22. Alter Cafeteria. Proceeds benefit the Guatemala Trip. RSVP: theresa.sugrue@alterhs.org

Summer Days and Knights at Alter HS Academic, Artistic and Athletic camp programs for grades K-12. Info and registration now available: alterhs.org/camps

This year's Spring Campaign for 40 Days for Life continues until Palm Sunday, April 13. Each day of Lent we need people who will come and pray for one hour outside the Women's Medical Center at 1401 E. Stroop Rd. in Kettering. These praying people will be witnesses of life to the women and girls who enter the Women's Med Center. God can use your prayers to turn a woman's life around. Please sign up after daily Mass at the main entrance to Church or contact Jenny Belckonny 439-4753 for more information. A group of parishioners meets each Wednesday at noon to pray the Rosary; this would be a comfortable way to come to the Women's Medical Center for the first time.

Cheer Madness! The Centerville HS Cheerleaders will host their annual Clinic from 6-8PM March 17, 18, 19, at Centerville High School. Registration for this fundraiser is \$45. Jenny Kuhnash 885-6278 or Tonya Hamilton 886-0773 or visit our website at www.CHScampsquad.com/CheerMadness



NEW LIFE RETREAT AT A NEW TIME OF YEAR



"I know well the plans I have in mind for you," says the Lord, "plans for your welfare, not for woe! Plans to give you a future full of hope."
Jeremiah 29:11

Don't we all want a future full of hope? At one time or another, every one of us feels overwhelmed by life and in need of more strength. We may even pray, but sometimes nothing seems to change. Yet God is still with us, right here, in the middle of our life, yearning to set us free for a future full of hope.

Make a decision to **REVIVE** your faith when Incarnation offers our New Life Retreat!

Space is limited, so register **NOW** before you forget! Mark your calendar for a life-changing spiritual event.

With a newly-streamlined format, the New Life Retreat will be offered on:

Thursday	April 24	6:30-9:30 pm
Friday	April 25	6:30-9:30 pm
Saturday	April 26	8:00 am-5:00 pm
Sunday	April 27	8:00 am-5:00 pm (includes Mass)

No overnights, meals included, all sessions held in our own Parish Center: what could be better? We even provide child care if needed, if reservations are received before Friday, April 11. Have questions? Want to register? Call Marilyn Porcino at 433-1188, ext. 201. Remember: space is limited so register **NOW!**

SHARE LUNCH WITH THE LORD

Each Lenten Thurs, through April 10, from 12:10-12:50pm, a local Scripture expert will lead a free reflection on the upcoming Sunday Gospel at St. Henry Parish. A choice of soup and drinks will be provided, or bring a brown-bag lunch. Deepen your appreciation of the Lenten Scriptures as together we reflect on their impact in our lives. Speakers include Dennie Stieritz, Mary Wlodarski, Fr. Dan Meyer, Sr. Carol Gaeke, and Dave Riley. The series is co-sponsored by St. Charles, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Henry, Incarnation, and St. Leonard. Feel free to attend one or all of the presentations. Questions? Contact Mary Ehret at 434-9231.

YOUTH MINISTRY

All youth ministry activities are open to 9th-12th graders. All high school students are welcome at any time! There is no signing up!

Thurs, Mar 20, Centerville High School Bible Study, 7:10-7:40am, CHS-East 164

- ✚ Come find out more about the Bible and about your faith!
- ✚ We will look at the upcoming readings for Sunday's mass.
- ✚ We will have doughnuts or bagels.

Thurs, Mar 20, Youth Ministry Night, 7-9pm, Community Room

- ✚ Topic: "Social Night"
- ✚ If the weather is nice we will be outside! Dress for doing something active.

High School Summer Mission Trip:



When: July 6-12.
Where: Appalachia, KY.
We will be serving through the Father Beiting Appalachian Mission Center.
Who: All high school students (rising 9th - graduated 12th graders)

***For more details come to the informational meeting Wed, March 19th from 7-8pm in the Community Room or contact Danny!

Daniel.dunn@incarnation.catholic.org or text any inquires to 937-542-9134