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March 9, 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....Lv 19:1-2, 11-18 • Ps 19:8-10, 15 • Mt 25:31-46
Tue.....Is 55:10-11 • Ps 34:4-7, 16-19 • Mt 6:7-15
Wed....Jon 3:1-10 • Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 • Lk 11:29-32
Thu.....Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25 • Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8 • Mt 7:7-12
Fri.....Ez 18:21-28 • Ps 130:1-8 • Mt 5:20-26
Sat.....Dt 26:16-19 • Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 • Mt 5:43-48
Sun.....Gn 12:1-4a • Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22 • 2 Tm 1:8b-10 • Mt 17:1-9

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

This past Wednesday, we marked the beginning of Lent. So often we begin Lent with the best intentions. We think that we are really going to take it seriously and have a good and prosperous and holy Lenten season. Sometimes we do and sometimes our Lenten experience doesn't always live up to our intentions. We need to be realistic and take on Lent with a practical and doable approach. If we dread Lent as a yearly ordeal to endure- we have set ourselves up for failure. Indeed, Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and self-denial. Lent is also a season of renewal and conversion in which we can grow closer to our good and gracious God- and that's a good thing!

During this Lent, it is a time to nurture and cultivate the soil of our souls. Look at those things in our lives that are going well- our strengths- how can we improve or add to those good things. Look at those things in our lives that are not going well- our weaknesses- how do we 'get rid of those weeds'.

Be real and practical. 1) Pray everywhere and always- short moments, longer moments- communicate with Our Lord- ask him to show us the way. 2) Count your blessings each and every day- you might even jot them down- after forty days you might be surprised. Having a grateful heart adds dimension to our lives. 3) Make family dinner time a priority. Families are gifts from God that are nurtured around the dinner table- do we not gather around the table of our Lord on Sundays? 4) Kiss and make-up. If we need to say we are sorry or need to mend a broken fence- Lent is a perfect time. Because God is Love, he treasures relationships and he calls us to restore our relationships with Him and those relationships in our lives.

Lent provides us with the opportunity of time- be real, be practical and have a good and holy Lenten season!

Tim Niesel, Pastoral Associate

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from Incarnation Parish who pledged to the 2014 Catholic Ministries Appeal during Catholic Ministries Appeal Commitment Weekend. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. You will find extra pledge envelopes in the pews for your convenience. For more information, please visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, March 10
6:30—Guess Family
8:30—Hugh Podvin (d)
Tuesday, March 11
6:30—Daniel Budi (d)
8:30—Mary's Group
Wednesday, March 12
6:30—Mattingly Family
8:30—Homan and Thesken Families
Thursday, March 13
6:30—Mick Family
8:30—Anna Zanni (d)
Friday, March 14
6:30—vonClausburg Family
9:00—Thurman Mattingly, Sr. (d)
Saturday, March 15
8:30—Ronald Edsall (d)



Blessed rest:
Mary O'Neill



WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday, March 15
5:30: Fr. Stretch
Sunday, March 16
7:30: Fr. George
9:00: Fr. George, *Children's Choir*
9:30: Fr. Scott w/Dcn Zinck
10:30: Fr. Stretch, *Adult Choir*
11:00: Fr. Scott w/Dcn Zinck
12:00: Fr. Stretch

SUNDAY COLLECTION

March 2, _____ \$39,247

LENT

The Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th until their 59th birthday.

THE LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU

This year in parishes across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Tues, March 18, from 7-9PM, Consider making a commitment this Lent to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive the healing grace of God's forgiveness and love. Learn more at www.lightison4u.com

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

March 13, 7PM, St. Francis
March 27, 7PM, Incarnation

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays, 7PM, Church
Mar 14, Mar 21 (Prep students lead),
Mar 28, April 4, April 11
*Good Friday, April 18 at Noon with the choir

LITURGICAL BITS & BYTES

Lent, a Preparation for Resurrection

Have you decided what you are going to do for Lent this year? Instead of giving up something you enjoy, consider doing something to help someone else. Help in a food pantry, donate to a clothes closet, visit someone who is ill, write letters to someone who has fallen out of touch, give someone a ride to church or to the doctor. Get involved in the parish outreach projects. See what you can do to make life better or easier for someone, or work on improving relationships.

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.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

“Whatsoever you do to the least of My people, that you do unto Me.” Mt 25:40

FAITH HEALTH MINISTRY will be offering free blood pressure screenings for parishioners 18 years and older Sun, March 16, 8am-1pm in room 104 of the 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.

TRACK TEAM registration deadline is Mon, March 10. The first practice will be held on Mon, March 10 from 6-7:30 at the Parish Activity Center. For more information call Bob Tomasoski (435-1147) or visit our website at incarnationtrack.net.

LEISURE CLUB meeting will be held on March 13, in the Parish Center. Members and guests are asked to arrive between 10:15 and 10:45am. The meeting will begin 15 minutes earlier than usual at 10:45am so that our entertainment can begin promptly at 11:30. The Fourth grade choir directed by Mrs. Maslin will entertain us. Luncheon will feature a chicken dinner. All parishioners over 55 are invited. If you have any questions, please call Irene 291-1346 or Jean 433-1925.

TRAVELING CRUCIFIX

The Gulas and Welch Families are scheduled for the transfer on March 16, at the 9:30 mass.

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 also 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

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,

I am excited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation because I want to become closer to God and deeper in my Faith. I am looking forward to being sealed with the Holy Spirit and going out to spread the love of Jesus. I will help people to see God for all that he is; sometimes He is just taken for granted. People neglect to acknowledge that he is always with us not just when we need him. Incarnation Catholic School has helped me realize all of this and made me look at my faith for all that it is worth.

8th Grade Confirmation Candidate

FISH FRY

Fri, March 14

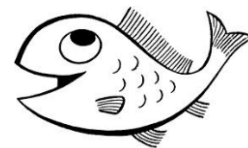
Carry out 5-6:30pm

Dine in 7-midnight

(over 21 only)

\$10/person in advance

\$15/person at the door



Advance tickets can ONLY be purchased two ways:

- Tickets will be sold on Sun, Mar 9, in the school lobby from 9-1pm, and in the parish center lobby from 9-noon. Tickets will also be sold on Sat, Mar 8, in the school lobby from 6-7pm.
- Tickets can be purchased at the school office or at the Pastoral Office M-F, from 9-3.

*Horse Races, Casino, Bingo,
Card Games of Chance & Silent Auction*

The Fish Fry needs volunteers!
Please sign up on the below link:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COF48A5A82CA7FA7-incarnation>

or email Suzie Kreuzsch with questions
skreusch@woh.rr.com.

Stay in touch with your Catholic faith each day of the week by tuning into Sacred Heart Catholic Radio: 740 AM, 89.5 FM or online at sacredheartradio.com
Stirring The Flame of Faith Emmanuel Catholic Church Lenten Parish Mission, **March 10-12**. Presenter: **Mr. Steve Ray** is an intrepid traveler, expert on the Holy Land, Popular Catholic apologist, documentary producer, Bible teacher and best-selling author. Do not miss this chance to see Steve Ray in person on Monday and Tuesday of the Mission!

Catholic Medical Association Retreat The Bergamo Retreat Center. For All Health Care Providers and Administrators. March 28-30. "Intentional Discipleship: Forming a Personal Relationship with Jesus Christ". Fr. Paul J. Keller, O.P., The Athenaeum of Ohio. \$150 Single; \$225 Couple
Contact: Gary L. George, MD gary1956@woh.rr.com; 241-1989

Lay Ministry Formation Opportunities: Grow in faith, knowledge and skills. The Athenaeum of Ohio Lay Pastoral Ministry Program equips men and women to evangelize and catechize more effectively in their families, communities and workplaces. Graduates serve as catechists, advocates for life, permanent deacons, staff members in parishes and non-profit agencies and volunteers in a variety of roles and settings. Non-degreed Certificate option classes are being held in McCarville next year. Call Deacon Hal Belcher at 419-305-5486 for more information or to set up an interview.

St. Patrick's Day Card Party The **Dayton Catholic Women's Club** invites you to its St. Patrick's Day Card Party on Sat, March 15, from 10am to 3pm; the \$25 lunch (\$10 tax deductible) of Stuffed Chicken or Vegetarian Strudel will be served at 12 noon at the Presidential Banquet Center, 4548 Presidential Way (off East David Road between Marshall & Bigger). Join friends and family members to play your favorite games in support of this fundraiser for the charitable work of DCWC. Please call Julianne McCain at 694-2176 prior to the March 10 deadline. Donations will be accepted for the money raffle as well. (Non-perishable foods & personal hygiene items will be accepted to donate to one of our charities.) For more info, you may also contact your parish liaison, Nancy Vergamini, 436-5807.

Support the Music Programs at Alter! Alter Music Association Annual Mulch Sale: March 22/23 and March 29/30 at Alter High School parking lot.
Orders being taken now 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 for 1-15 bags, \$5.25 for 16-24 bags, \$5.00 for 25+bags. To Order, go online to www.AlterMA.org and click on 'Mulch Sale' or call 401-0011.

Job Opportunity The Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford is seeking for a part-time kitchen assistant. Flexible work hours with some evening and weekend hours are required. Contact Pam Elsass at pelsass@jesuitspiritualcenter.com or call 513-248-3500 ext.22.

Catholic Relief Services Annual Conference at The University of Dayton: Imagine sitting as an innocent man on Ohio's Death Row waiting for your execution and a Catholic priest meets you and uses his previous training in the medical and legal field helps to exonerate you. This is the story that Fr. Neil Kookoothe and Joe D'Ambrosio will share as keynote speakers at the annual Catholic Relief Services Global Solidarity Conference Sat, March 15, from 9am to 5:30pm at Kennedy Union on the University of Dayton campus. The conference will focus on the Catholic Teaching of the Consistent Ethic of Life. Presenters will discuss a variety of life issues, including abortion, Project Rachel, euthanasia, assisted suicide, domestic violence, bullying, gun control, ex-offender re-entry efforts, war and strife in Syria and the Gospel's call to each of us to respond through service and in love. Catechists can also obtain credit for the Justice and Peace course offered through the Office of Evangelization and Catechesis. Visit www.catholiccincinnati.org/socialaction for a brochure and online registration or call 224-3026.

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. Many are driven there by fear and intimidation and they don't know where to turn. By standing up for life outside the Women's Medical Center you can make a difference in that woman's life. Will you take the challenge to at least try it? God can use your prayers to turn a woman's life around. We cannot be silent any longer. Please sign up after daily Mass at the main entrance to Church or contact Jenny Belokonny 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.

Wish You Could Make Your Own Personal Lenten Retreat? EWTN Can Help! Make a retreat from the comfort of your own home. Tune in to "Lenten Reflections" with Bishop Phillip Egan, watch the Benedictine Sisters of Mary, Queen of the Apostles, in a televised performance of their new album, "Lent at Ephesus," and much more. Get the full schedule at www.ewtn.com/tv/index.asp. Find EWTN television in your area at www.ewtn.com/channelfinder, listen us on EWTN Radio through one of our affiliates (www.ewtn.com/radio/amfm.asp) or via EWTN's Sirius Satellite Channel #130, or watch us online by visiting www.ewtn.com. We look forward to seeing you this Lent!

The Sisters of the Precious Blood are hosting a vocation discernment retreat for women 18-40 who are interested in learning more about life as a consecrated woman. The retreat is March 21-23 at Maria Stein Spiritual Center. Reservations are due by March 19 and can be made by emailing Sister Mary Yarger at vocations@cppsadmin.org or by calling 837-3302 or 999-8456. There is no cost for this event.

Alter High School All Parents and Alums Save the Date for Trivia Night March 22. Alter Cafeteria. Proceeds benefit the Guatemala Trip. Tables fill up quickly at these events so reserve yours today! RSVP: theresa.sugrue@alterhs.org

What scholarships are available for my child at Alter High School? Information and deadlines available online: <http://alterhs.org/admissions/scholarships/>
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

Upcoming Retreats at the Jesuit Spiritual Center at Milford

Women's Journey Weekend — Seasons of Life March 21 - 23 This retreat will focus on the gifts and challenges of each season as it relates to our spiritual journey and life experience. Along with some guided prayer, participants will meet individually with a spiritual director and have ample quiet time for personal reflection on the seasons of her journey of life. Art, journaling, poetry, music and spending time in nature will augment our time for prayer and reflection. For information on all our retreats, or to register, call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10, or visit www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com.

Ignatian Lenten Retreats Looking for a quiet and reflective way to celebrate Lent? Join us for dinner and a presentation on various Lenten themes. Cost is \$25 for one session or \$100 for all five.

Tuesday, March 11 — Where Can I Find God? — Fr. John Ferone, SJ

Tuesday, March 18 — How Can I Pray? Try the Daily Examen, — Julie Murray

Tuesday, March 25 — Finding God in All Things — Fr. Pat Fairbanks, SJ

Tuesday, April 1 — Discernment: Making Inspired Choices — Fr. Tom Ryan, SJ

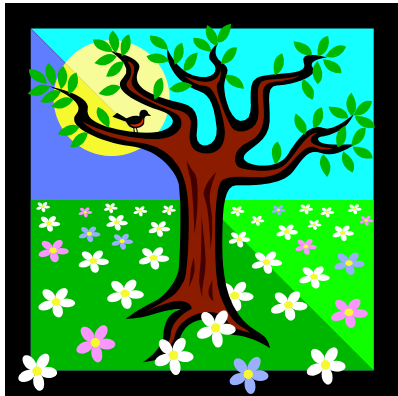
Tuesday, April 8 — Contemplatives in Action — Being Men & Women for Others — Mary Anne Reece

For information on all our retreats, or to register, call (513) 248-3500, ext. 10, or visit www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com.

OLGH Euchre Tournament Fundraiser Our Lady of Good Hope Parish in Marnsburg is hosting a Euchre Tournament to benefit their High School Youth Mission Trip to Nashville, Tennessee this June. The Euchre Tournament is being held March 22, at 6:00pm in the St. Joseph Parish Center. Entry cost is \$15, space is limited, and prizes will be awarded. To register, call or email Jenny Sickinger at 937-866-4380; jennys3girls@aol.com.

Faith and Justice Internship for 2014-2015 The Archdiocese of Cincinnati Catholic Social Action Office is hosting a 14-15 hour/week, paid internship to support its activities for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the U.S. Catholic Church's social justice, anti-poverty campaign in America. The intern helps to administer grants to self-help projects developed by grassroots groups of empowered poor persons who are working to address the root causes of poverty in their communities. He or she also works to increase Catholics' awareness of poverty in the U.S., educate about the Catholic social tradition, and build bridges between poor and non-poor communities. Young Catholics, ages 18 to 30 are welcome to apply. The internship will run from Sept. 2014 to May 2015. To receive an application or learn more, please contact us at (513) 421-3131, x2660 or csa@catholiccincinnati.org. Applications are due March 24.

NEW LIFE RETREAT



It's Never Too Early...

One New Life Retreat participant said, *"I feel renewed and strengthened in my faith. The New Life Retreat is an extremely moving and powerful experience. My wish is for everyone to share such a wonderful encounter with God."*

Another participant claimed, *"This retreat lives up to its name. As hard as it may seem to carve out time, the experience was well worth it. I will always consider this retreat to be the beginning of my relationship with God. I am in awe of God's enduring love!"*

Do you want to experience such New Life? It's never too early to plan to attend Incarnation's next New Life Retreat—now at a new time of year! With a newly-streamlined format, the New Life Retreat will be offered on:

Thurs, April 24	6:30-9:30pm
Fri, April 25	6:30-9:30pm
Sat, April 26	8:00am-5:00pm
Sun, April 27	8:00am-5:00pm (includes Mass)

This retreat experience involves no overnights, and meals are included. All retreat sessions will take place in our own Parish Center, and the registration fee is only \$50. What could be better or easier? We even provide child care if needed, if reservations are received before Fri, April 11. Have questions??? Want to register? Call Marilyn Porcino at 4233-1188, ext. 201. Remember: space is limited so register NOW!

SHARE LUNCH WITH THE LORD

Each Lenten Thurs, March 6—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 13, Youth Ministry Night, 7-9pm, Community Room

- ✝ Topic: "Season of Love"
- ✝ This season of Lent is really about Love! We will be discussing how the season of Lent is ultimately about the sacrificial love Christ has for us!
- ✝ ALL high school students are welcome!
- ✝ This would be a great night to start coming to Youth Group and have fun.

Mar 14-16, Youth Retreat: Forever Changed Camp Kirkwood in Wilmington
\$75/person (financial assistance available)

3 day, 2 nights stay at Camp Kirkwood, All meals and drinks for the weekend, Retreat t-shirt, An awesome faith experience and an opportunity to get to know others in faith.

**Youth Ministry contact: Danny Dunn
Daniel.dunn@incarnation.catholic.org or text any inquires to 937-542-9134