

**MASS INTENTIONS/LITURGIES**

JANUARY 20-28, 2024

**Saturday, January 20 | 4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)**  
 Deceased Members of the KC Steggeman Family  
 by the Conkle Family

**6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)**  
 Joanne Maag by Jeff & Ann Cummons

**Sunday, January 21 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)**  
 Mary, Queen of Angels Parishioners

**10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)**  
 Tom Smith by Sue & Jim York

**Tuesday, January 23 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)**  
 Kenneth Zimmer by Tammie Wilson

**Wednesday, January 24 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)**  
 George Walter by George Charbel

**Thursday, January 25 | 6:15 p.m. Mass (SMOW)**  
 6:45 p.m. Adoration/Confession

Kate Warnecke by Catholic Ladies of Columbia

**Friday, January 26 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)**  
 8:45 a.m. Confession

**\*\*CANCELED\*\***

**Saturday, January 27 |**  
 3:00 p.m. Confession (ST. PAT)

**4:00 p.m. Mass (ST. PAT)**  
 Tom Smith by Sue & Jim York

**6:00 p.m. Mass (SMOW)**  
 Mary, Queen of Angels Parishioners

**Sunday, January 28 | 8:00 a.m. Mass (SMOW)**  
 Kate Warnecke by Catholic Ladies of Columbia

**10:00 a.m. Mass (ST. PAT)**  
 Deceased Members of the KC Steggeman Family  
 by the Conkle Family

**DAY OF PRAYER FOR THE LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN - JANUARY 22, 2024**

In all the Dioceses of the United States of America, January 22 shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

**Welcome** Whether you recently moved here or are just visiting, we are happy that you are here with us! If you would like to join one of our parishes, please contact the Parish Office for a registration form.

[champaigncatholics.org](http://champaigncatholics.org)  
[saintmaryofthewoods.com](http://saintmaryofthewoods.com)  
[catholicbellefontaine.org](http://catholicbellefontaine.org)

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS JANUARY 27/28, 2024**

**ST. MARY OF THE WOODS**

**6:00 P.M. SATURDAY**

**SERVERS:** Eli Baughman, Isaac Dillon, Henry Dillon

**READER:** David Goff

**USHERS:** Jeff True, Willie Dearwester, Ken Meier, Derek Zumberger

**CANTORS:** Deb Ulrey, Donna True

**SACRISTAN:** Suzi Corwin

**8:00 A.M. SUNDAY**

**SERVERS:** Caleb Altstaetter, Orville Winner, Ezra Winner

**READER:** Jan Knight

**EEM:** Kevin Knight

**USHERS:** Phil Altstaetter, Shawn Bihn, Charles Seimet, Deb Seimet

**CANTOR:** Ashley Roberts

**SACRISTAN:** Renee Winner

**ST. PATRICK**

**4:00 P.M. SATURDAY**

**SERVERS:** Matthew Dearwester, Naomi Dearwester, Olivia Dearwester

**READERS:** Theresa Dunn, Brant Dunn

**EEM:** Mary Smith

**10:00 A.M. SUNDAY**

**SERVERS:** Brenden Eckstein, Connor Eckstein, Ruth Eckstein

**READERS:** Sharon Traul, Mary Giannola

**EEM:** Catherine Oder

**YOUR TITHE TO GOD**

WEEK OF JANUARY 13/14	ST. MARY	ST. PATRICK
MASS COUNT:		306
SUNDAY COLLECTION:		\$ 4,738.00
ONLINE COLLECTION:		\$ 387.07
OTHER COLLECTIONS:	Information unavailable at time of print	
BUILDING IMPROVEMENT:		\$ 850.00
ARCHDIOCESE ASSESSMENT:		\$ 5.00
OTHER:		\$ 216.00
TOTAL TITHING:		\$ 6,196.07

**ST. PATRICK SVDP SOCIETY (937-210-1280)**

**Hours:**

Tuesday/Thursday: 10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

Wednesday: 5:00-7:00 p.m.

**Needs: toilet paper, egg noodles, canned chicken, and pancake mix. Thank you!**

**(Please make your check payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society.) Thank you!**

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

OF JANUARY 21, 2024

- Sunday:** Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Psalms 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9  
First Corinthians 7:29-31  
Mark 1:14-20
- Monday:** Second Samuel 5:1-7, 10  
Psalms 89:20, 21-22, 25-26  
Mark 3:22-30
- Tuesday:** Second Samuel 6:12b-15, 17-19  
Psalms 24:7, 8, 9, 10  
Mark 3:31-35
- Wednesday:** Second Samuel 7:4-17  
Psalms 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30  
Mark 4:1-20
- Thursday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22  
Psalms 117:1bc, 2  
Mark 16:15-18
- Friday:** Second Timothy 1:1-8 or Titus 1:1-5  
Psalms 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10  
Mark 4:26-34
- Saturday:** Second Samuel 12:1-7a, 10-17  
Psalms 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17  
Mark 4:35-41
- Sunday:** Deuteronomy 18:15-20  
Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9  
First Corinthians 7:32-35  
Mark 1:21-28



Dear, dear friends,

This weekend was incredible. There is so much to think about, and it certainly hasn't all settled in. A large part - a very large part - of what made it so special was you. I can't tell you how much it means that so many of you came to Cincinnati to witness my consecration; but even before that, you showered me with so much support and love that I'm pretty sure it was the excitement of Logan and Champaign Counties that kept the roads passable. I prayed for you in the days leading up to my consecration, and asked that as a fruit of that Mass, you would all be given a deeper love for the One to whom I have given all of mine.

Thank you, also, for a beautiful, very special, and incredibly thoughtful reception. Thank you for somehow working out a top-secret spiritual bouquet (I can't believe I never heard a peep!). Thank you for your donations to St. Vincent de Paul, and for flooding me with cards and gifts and beautiful words of encouragement. I'm so humbled by so many prayers. There is no way I can make a return to you for all of these things, but with many tears (shocking, I know) I have asked the Lord to reward you. I am confident He will.

Thank you.

**SAINT BLAISE AND THE BLESSING OF THE THROATS FEAST DAY**

There will be a communal blessing of the throats at the Masses on Saturday, February 3, 2024:

4:00 p.m., St. Patrick; 6:00 p.m., St. Mary of the Woods

**PLEASE JOIN THE MEN'S GROUP FOR: "THAT MAN IS YOU"**

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in Makley Hall at St. Pat's. For more information, please contact Andy King at 937-539-8920



The Annual Catholic Ministries Appeal ("CMA") kicks off this weekend through the Archdiocese. CMA is the Annual campaign that supports six local ministries: Our Seminary & Vocations; St. Rita School for the Deaf; Catholic Charities & Social Services; our retired Archdiocesan Priests, Campus, Hospital & Prison Ministries; and New Evangelization programming. Please be generous.

**SAVE THE DATE**

Friday, February 9th, 2024, the Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Prime Rib Dinner in Makley Hall to benefit the Archdiocese of Cincinnati's Seminarians. This Dinner is also in honor of the founder of the "Pennies for Heaven" Dinner, K.C. Steggeman. Tickets are \$30.00 per person and can be purchased after Mass at either SMOW or ST PAT, or contact Andy King at 937-539-8920 or Tom Lowry at 937-605-1974.

Whatsoever you do for the least of My people That you do unto Me.

When I was hungry you gave me to eat;  
When I was thirsty you gave me to drink.  
Now enter into the home of my Father.



The Eucharist is alive. If a stranger who knew nothing about the Eucharist were to watch the way we receive, would he know this? When you and I approach the Eucharist, does it look like we believe we are about to take into our bodies the living person, Jesus Christ, true God and true man?

How many times, Lord, have I forgotten that the Eucharist is alive! As I wait in line to receive you each day, am I thinking about how much you want to unite yourself with me? Am I seeing your hands filled with graces you want to give me? Am I filled with awe and gratitude that you love me so much as to actually want to come to me in this incredibly intimate way?

Or am I distracted, busy with other thoughts, preoccupied with myself and my agendas for the day? How many times, Jesus, have I made you sad, mindlessly receiving you into my body, into my heart, with no love and no recognition of your love? How many times have I treated you as a dead object?

The Host that we receive is not a thing! It's not a wafer! It's not bread! It's a person – and He's alive!

– Vinny Flynn



We're back: all high schoolers are invited and welcome. We're different: new time (7:00-8:30 p.m.) and no more pizza. We're better than ever before: it's time to start living as if we really believe in Jesus.

**Loving mom:** "Honey, youth group is starting up again. You should go!"

**Awkward teenager:** "..."

**Little less loving mom:** "Are you listening?"

**Technologically-addicted teen:** "Wait, what? Sorry, I was doing my BeReal. I never miss."

**Mom:** "I said, 'You should go to Zeteo.'"

**Teen:** "Ugh. They don't even have pizza this time. And it's just so awkward."

**Savage mom:** "Have you ever thought that maybe you're awkward?"

**Little brother from the other room:** Got em!!!

Don't let the lack of pizza or your awkwardness stop you: this round of Zeteo is going to be good. We'll meet basically every other Sunday from **7:00-8:30 p.m.** in the undercroft of St. Mary's in Urbana.

Here are the dates:

<b>January 28th</b>	<b>March 24th</b>
<b>February 18th (back to)</b>	<b>April 7th</b>
<b>February 25th (back)</b>	<b>April 21st</b>
<b>March 10th</b>	<b>May 5th</b>



**St. Mary, Urbana**

8:30 a.m.

7:00 p.m.

**St. Patrick, Bellefontaine**

7:00 p.m.

**MASS SCHEDULE**

**February 14th, 2024**

**St. Mary of the Woods,**

**Russells Point**

7:00 p.m.

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Currently, St. Patrick Church is accepting Mass Intentions for **December 2024-January 2025**. Please fill out this form and bring it to the church office or drop it into the offertory basket. There is a \$5.00 stipend for each Mass requested. Each family is allowed 12 requests per calendar year. Only three requests may be submitted at one time.

**PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY!**

Intention: \_\_\_\_\_

Offered by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date requested: \_\_\_\_\_

Mass time requested: \_\_\_\_\_

# of Masses you are paying for: \_\_\_\_\_

**Every attempt will be made to schedule the date and Mass time requested; however, funerals and prior requests may prevent this.**

**MASS INTENTIONS:**

Currently, St. Mary of the Woods Church is accepting Mass Intentions beginning **April 2024**. Please fill out this form and bring it to the church office or drop it into the offertory basket. There is a \$5.00 stipend for each Mass requested. Each family is allowed 12 requests per calendar year. Only three requests may be submitted at one time.

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**LOGAN COUNTY COMBINED  
PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS**

Dale Motzko	Pat Tynan
Shawn Bihn	Adrienne Dearwester
Noah Stolly	Judy Weiser
Lisa Brandel	Derreck Dillon
Barb Ternasky	Renee Winner
Karen Burgel	Sara Marcinko



**PRAYER TO  
SAINT MICHAEL  
THE ARCHANGEL**

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and  
snares of the Devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

# God's Gift of Forgiveness

A Pastoral Exhortation on the Sacrament  
of Penance and Reconciliation

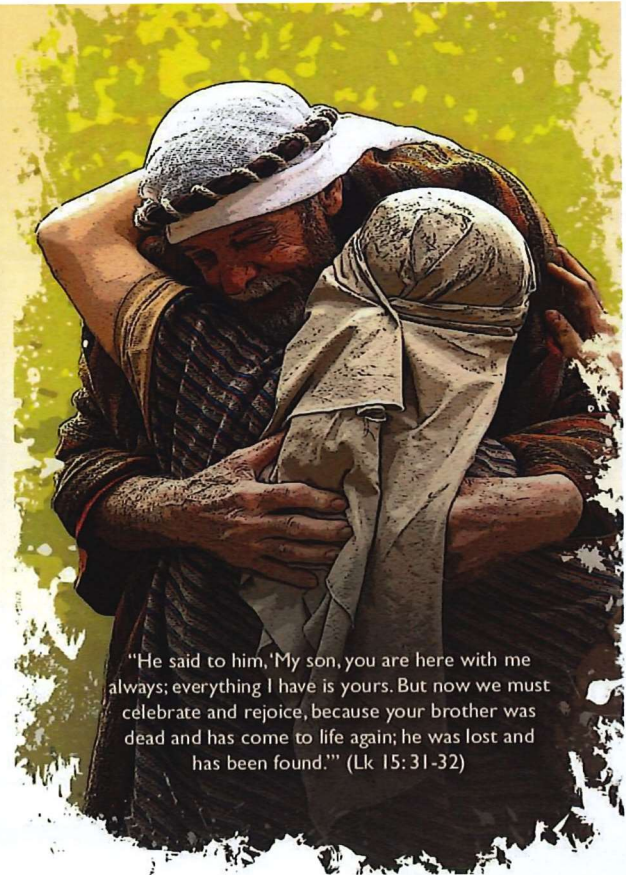
**Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ:**

“Peace be with you!” With these words, the Risen Lord greeted his frightened Apostles in the Upper Room on the day of his Resurrection. They were troubled, anxious, and fearful—much like each one of us at some point in our lives. Christ repeated the words, “Peace be with you.” But then he added, “Receive the holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (Jn 20:19-23).

What an extraordinary gift! The Risen Lord was proclaiming that all the suffering he had just endured was in order to make available the gifts of salvation and forgiveness. He wanted the Apostles to receive these gifts. He wanted them to become apostles of this forgiveness to others.

In the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, also called confession, we meet the Lord, who wants to grant forgiveness and the grace to live a renewed life in him. In this sacrament, he prepares us to receive him free from serious sin, with a lively faith, earnest hope, and sacrificial love in the Eucharist. The Church sees confession as so important that she requires that every Catholic go at least once a year.<sup>1</sup> The Church also encourages frequent confession in order to grow closer to Christ Jesus and his Body, the Church. By the grace of the Holy Spirit, we seek forgiveness and repentance, let go of patterns of sin, grow in the life of virtue, and witness to a joyful conversion. Since the graces of the sacrament are so similar to the purpose of the New Evangelization, Pope Benedict XVI has said, “The New Evangelization . . . begins in the confessional!”<sup>2</sup>

We bishops and priests are eager to help you if you experience difficulty, hesitation, or uncertainty about approaching the Lord in this sacrament. If you have not received this healing sacrament in a long time, we are ready to



“He said to him, ‘My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.’” (Lk 15: 31-32)

welcome you. We, whom Christ has ordained to minister this forgiveness in his name, are also approaching this sacrament, as both penitents and ministers, throughout our lives and at this special moment of grace during Lent. We want to offer ourselves to you as forgiven sinners seeking to serve in the Lord’s name.

During Lent—in addition to the various penitential services during which individual confession takes place—we bishops and priests will be making ourselves available often for the individual celebration of this sacrament. We pray that through the work of the Holy Spirit, all Catholics—clergy and laity—will respond to the call of the New Evangelization to encounter Christ in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation. Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

**FAITH  
WORSHIP  
WITNESS**



**JOURNEY  
WITH CHRIST**

<sup>1</sup> *Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1457-1458.

<sup>2</sup> Pope Benedict XVI, Address to the Annual Course on the Internal Forum Organized by the Apostolic Penitentiary, [www.vatican.va/holy\\_father/benedict\\_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf\\_ben-xvi\\_spe\\_20120309\\_penitenzieria-apostolica\\_en.html](http://www.vatican.va/holy_father/benedict_xvi/speeches/2012/march/documents/hf_ben-xvi_spe_20120309_penitenzieria-apostolica_en.html).