

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK**Saturday, January 23, 2021**

4:00 PM Mary Patrick Woolf—KC

Sunday, January 24, 2021

10:00 AM Sant Patrick Parishioners (Pro Populo)

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

8:00 AM Carol O'Rielley-John Kuwik

Saturday, January 30, 2021

4:00 PM Saint Patrick Parishioners (Pro Populo)

Sunday, January 31, 2021

10:00 AM Barry D. Cordell-Michael and Tracy Brady

Mass Attendances: Jan 16 and 17, 2021—235**Parish Offering:** Jan 16 and 17, 2021

Sunday Offering \$6,224.27

Improvement Fund \$ 60.00

Assessment \$ 277.00

Cost of Envelopes \$ 60.00

TOTAL COLLECTION \$6,621.27

Your parish thanks you for giving your time and devotion to our parish. May our dear Lord bless you as you serve.

January Ministry**Sat., Jan 30@ 4:00 pm****Servs: Sutton Daring, Olivia, & Matthew Dearwester****Readers: Tim Smith, Deb Baker****EEM: Mary Smith****Sun, Jan 31@10:00am****Servs: Brenden, Conner, & Kevin Eckstein****Readers: Gabby Oen, Mary Giannola****EEM: John Vicario**

Several Christmas cards have been returned, if you failed to receive your card please call the office so we can update your mailing address.

January 31, 2021, there will be a second collection for Saint Vincent de Paul.

2021 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

This weekend we will be listening to an audio message from Archbishop Schnurr explaining how our support of the Catholic Ministries Appeal allows us to stand with the ministries that teach, feed, and heal throughout the archdiocese. Thanks to the generosity of many families here at **Saint Patrick Church** a total of \$13,064.27, was contributed to the 2020 CMA from our parish community. This year, our goal is **\$13,363**.

Families will be receiving a CMA mailing from Archbishop Schnurr in the coming week or so. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card and envelope to Mass. For more information or to donate online, please visit www.AOCstewardship.org. Thank you!

Upcoming Events

**7:00 AM (RCIA Rm) Catholic Men's Gp
Every Saturday**

YOU'RE INVITED!

Saint Mary of the Woods is putting on their 24th annual Valentine Dinner on February 13th. Please check out the insert for details. The 2021 Dinner will be modified to meet public health orders. There will be a reduction in tables, seats, and total number of maximum attendees. These reductions will afford us the ability to properly Social Distance the tables; and maintain a maximum of eight (8) persons per table. Likewise, there will be no self-service buffet; as plans are being developed to serve attendees at their respective tables. Please call Saint Mary of the Woods at 937-843-3127 with any questions.

Pastoral Planning

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati is beginning a new phase of planning for the future. The goal is to help our parishes to be 'Beacons of Light' that are vibrant and effective in bringing the Gospel to the world. The planning will also require us to adapt to a projected decline in the number of pastors available to serve our parishes in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. For more details on this process, see the following link:

<https://resources.catholicaoc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/Beacons-of-Light-2.pdf>

The Catholic Telegraph Online—For the latest in Catholic news and events on the local, national, and global levels, be sure to visit <http://www.thecatholictelegraph.com>

Bulletins and Calendars can be read online—

St. Patrick Church: www.catholicbellefontaine.org

St. Mary of the Woods: www.saintmaryofthewood.com

MASS INTENTIONS: Please, fill out the form below and drop in the collection basket or mail to the office. There is a \$5 stipend for each Mass requested. **PLEASE, PRINT!**

Intention: _____

Offered by: _____

Date requested: _____

Mass requested: _____

We will make every attempt to get them on the date you request; however, funerals, prior requests and other events may prevent this, a specified date needs a 3-week notice to meet publication deadlines, first-come, first-served.

WHAT IS THE EUCHARIST ALL ABOUT??

In John chapter 6, Jesus gives a long speech called the Bread of Life Discourse. The most striking phrase in that whole speech is “eat my flesh and drink my blood,” which Jesus repeats several times:

“I am the living bread that came down from heaven; whoever eats this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give is my flesh for the life of the world” (John 6:51).

“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you do not have life within you” (John 6:53).

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day” (John 6:54).

“For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink” (John 6:55).

“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him” (John 6:56).

“Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me” (John 6:57).

It kind of seems like Jesus was trying to make a point, doesn't it?

The Eucharist is the most dearly held sacrament of the Catholic Church, and it is also the one teaching that makes us unique from every other Christian tradition. Catholics believe that when we receive the bread and wine at Mass, it is not a symbol of Jesus' body and blood, but that it actually becomes Jesus' body and blood. It may look like, taste like and feel like bread and wine, but it's actual substance has changed into Jesus' body and blood. “The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life” (Lumen Gentium, 11).

Does this sound strange? Sure. Is it hard for many people to believe? Absolutely! Nevertheless, it was the belief of all of Christianity for the first 1,500 years of Christianity, up until the rise of Protestantism. We aren't surprised that some Christians abandoned this teaching. Jesus covered this in His Bread of Life Discourse as well:

“Then many of his disciples who were listening said, ‘This saying is hard; who can accept it?’” (John 6:60).

“As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied him” (John 6:66). Jesus didn't apologize for this teaching, and He didn't run after the disciples who were leaving to tell them He was just kidding. He turned to the apostles with one question: “Will you also leave?” (John 6:67).

The Eucharist is all about Jesus' giving Himself entirely — body, blood, soul and divinity — to you so that you may be saved. Jesus asks you, just like He asked His apostles, “Will you leave also?” It's up to you. Will you go, or will you respond as Peter did:

“Lord, to whom else shall we go? Only you have the words of everlasting life” (John 6:66).

ANGEL OF GOD, my guardian dear, to whom God's love commits me here, ever this day be at my side to light and guard, to rule and guide, Amen

THIS WEEKS SCRIPTURE READING:

Mon., Jan 25: Acts 22:3-16 Ps 117:1-2 Mk 16:15-18

Tues., Jan 26: 2Tm 1:1-8 Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a,10 Mk 3:31-35

Weds., Jan 27: Heb 10:11-18 Ps 110:1-4 Mk 4:1-20

Thurs., Jan 28: Heb 10:19-25 Ps 24:1-4b, 5-6 Mk 4:21-25

Fri., Jan 29: Heb 10:32-39 Ps 37:3-6,23-24, 39-40 Mk 4:26-34

Sat., Jan 31: Heb 11:1-2,8-19 (Ps)Lk 1:69-75 Mk 4:35-41



Dt 18:15-20
Ps 95:1-2,6-9
1 Cor 7:32-35
Mk 1:21-28

PLEASE COME AND JOIN US: The Rosary will be recited: Saturday at 3:30 pm and Sunday at 9:15 am before the Mass. Volunteers are needed. ALL ARE WELCOME!

Parish Prayer Line: Tammy Bauer, 937.441.0645

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND: If you are a registered parishioner who is homebound and would like to receive Holy Communion, please contact the office.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY (937. 592.9455)
Hours: 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Tuesday & Thursday;
5:00-7:00 pm, Wednesday. Dates: Jan 12,13,14, 2021
Money Spent: \$545.00 Clients: 22
Things we need: toilet paper, egg noodles. Thank you