

Message from the Pastor

On Tuesday, I finally got a new cassock (the black robe I wear). This was a huge occasion for me because I had had my previous cassock for 12 years. Twelve, long years! Needless to say, I was pretty attached to it. But it needed to be replaced and when I put the new one on, I knew it was going to be up to the task. I just hope it lasts another 12 years!

The day I decided that I would primarily wear a cassock (as opposed to a clerical shirt like many priests wear) was May 14, 2019. Although I had to look up that day on my calendar, I will always remember it. I was at a conference in Cincinnati with a large percentage of the priests of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and their parish staffs. They had just served us a box lunch and we had a break. Another priest named Fr. Jarrod and I had eaten and decided to go for a walk and discuss our thoughts on the conference. As we left the convention center and stepped into the heart of downtown Cincinnati, we saw a young woman standing outside with a cardboard sign. At her feet were about a dozen of the boxed lunches that people had given her in charity. I will always remember her standing in the sun, holding her sign, asking for help...until she saw Fr. Jarrod. When she saw him, her eyes opened wide, and she ran up to us, leaving her boxes of food behind. Coming up to Fr. Jarrod, she said with excitement, "Are you a real priest?"

It stunned us both. Literally, a hundred other priests had walked past her, given her food, maybe offered her some money. Some had been dressed business casual and undoubtedly looked no different from their business managers. Most, like me, had been dressed in the classic clerical shirt. Fr. Jarrod was one of 2 or 3 priests at the conference to have come wearing his cassock. And out of all of these people, when she saw Fr. Jarrod *something* had happened in her that she left her food and sign and ran up to him. We talked with her for about 20 minutes as she shared her story. We gave her the pens and paper we had (she had told us she had food, but the only thing keeping her sane was being able to journal and she was running low on supplies), we prayed with her, I gave her a rosary, and Fr. Jarrod blessed her. She gave us both a hug and went back to her place.

I learned a powerful lesson that day: God will never let boldness of faith go to waste. If we are bold in our faith, not shying away from it, not making excuses for it, but if we embrace it, God will do incredible things that He does not permit otherwise.

Your Pastor,

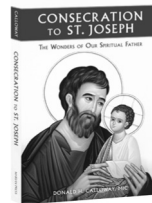
Fr. Witt

COVID GUIDELINES

The guidelines, in regards to wearing masks, remains in effect for all functions for both parishes: Mass, CCD, School, Bible Studies, etc. Masks are to be worn at all times that you are inside any of our buildings.

Please be considerate of others in addition to the guidelines set forth by the State of Ohio. This is for the safety of not only yourself, but also for those around you.

**Join Us For a 33 Day
Spiritual Preparation
& Consecration
To St. Joseph**



We will meet:

*February 15 & 22
March 1, 8, 15, 19*

at 6:30pm in the cafeteria.

Please contact the parish office at 419-394-5050 to sign up and order a book by February 1st. Book cost is \$15.

Devotion to Joseph is on the choicest graces that God can give to a soul, for it is tantamount in revealing the entire treasury of our Lord's graces. When God wishes to raise a soul to greater heights, he unites it to St. Joseph by giving it a strong love for the good saint.

~ St. Peter Julian Eymard

Healthcare Workers!

Join Fr. Witt for a discussion on the Ethical & Religious Directives for Catholic Health Care Services of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops.



**Sundays during Lent
6:30pm in the Cafeteria**

- Feb. 21 Part 1: The Social Responsibility of Catholic Health Care Service
- Feb. 28 Part 2: The Pastoral & Spiritual Responsibility of Catholic Health Care
- Mar. 7 Part 3: The Professional-Patient Relationship
- Mar. 15 Part 4: Issues in Care for the Beginning of Life
- Mar. 21 Part 5: Issues in Care for the Seriously Ill & Dying

Prayer Hotlines	Weekend Mass Attendance	
Holy Rosary:	4:30pm	199
Julie 305-7937	8:00am	142
St. Patrick	9:30am	125
Mary 657-2346	11:00am	<u>154</u>
		620

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

MASS INTENTIONS

Mon. 01/25	Conversion of St. Paul <i>Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Mk 16:15-18</i> 8:15am Mary Lou Dingledine
Tues. 01/26	St. Timothy & St. Titus <i>2 Tim 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Mk 3:31-35</i> 8:15am HR Rita Cianciola
Wed. 01/27	St. Angela Merici <i>Heb 10:11-18; Mk 4:1-20</i> 12:05pm HR Levern & Joy Homan
Thurs. 01/28	St. Thomas Aquinas <i>Heb 10:19-25; Mk 4:21-25</i> 8:00am SP Thomas & Julia Cogan Family L&D
Fri. 01/29	Weekday <i>Heb 10:32-39; Mk 4:26-34</i> 8:00am HR Vernon Mallory
Sat. 01/30	Weekday <i>Heb 11:1-2, 8-19; Mk 4:35-41</i> 4:30pm HR Moe Rammel
Sun. 01/31	Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time <i>Dt 18:15-20; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28</i> 8:00am HR Tyson Goubeau & Kristeenu Clack 9:30am SP David & Isabella Burke Family L&D 11:00am HR Sarah Long

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sunday	January 24 8:00am Mass at Holy Rosary 9:30am Mass at St. Patrick 11:00am Mass at Holy Rosary - Live Streamed
Monday	January 25 Fr. Zink 8:15am Mass at Holy Rosary 9:30am SP Ladies Fellowship & Rosary - Rectory
Tuesday	January 26 Fr. Zink 8:15am Mass at Holy Rosary
Wednesday	January 27 Fr. Zink 11:30am Confessions at Holy Rosary 12:05pm Mass at Holy Rosary Following Mass Legion of Mary - Upper Room 6:30 pm CCD at St. Patrick 7:00pm CCD at Holy Rosary - Grades K-12 8:00pm CONNECT at Holy Rosary - Rectory Basement
Thursday	January 28 Fr. Zink 8:00am Mass at St. Patrick 7:00pm RCIA - Cafeteria 8:00pm Knights of Columbus - K of C Hall
Friday	January 29 Fr. Zink 8:00am Mass at Holy Rosary 6:00pm 7 Sensational Dates - K of C Hall
Saturday	January 30 8:00am Latin Mass at Holy Rosary 3:30 - 4:15pm Confessions at Holy Rosary 4:30pm Mass at Holy Rosary
Sunday	January 31 8:00am Mass at Holy Rosary 9:30am Mass at St. Patrick 11:00am Mass at Holy Rosary - Live Streamed

Holy Rosary Adopt-a-Student

Current Week Donations:	\$ 265.00
Total Donations Received:	\$ 70,023.40
Parishioner Participation:	108 Families
The monthly Adopt-a-Student collection is to help Holy Rosary School with its operating expenses.	

Holy Rosary Collection

Weekly Collection	\$ 5,550.00
Online Giving	\$ 2,104.32
Mailed in Donations	\$ 0.00
Total Collected for the Week	\$ 7,654.32

St. Patrick Collection

Weekly Collection	\$ 1,243.00
Mailed in Donations	\$ 0.00
Total Collected for the Week	\$ 1,243.00



This Week's Bulletin Sponsor

R.J. Burke Insurance Agency

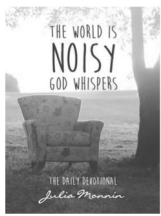
LITURGICAL ROLES

Sat. January 30 HR 4:30pm Mass
Lectors: Dave Helmstetter, Kristi Koch
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Volunteers

Sun. January 31 HR 8:00am Mass
Lectors: Pam Vossler, Esther Carpenter
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Volunteers

Sun. January 31 SP 9:30am Mass
Lector: Kent Schlegel
Sacristan: Diane Wright
Ushers: Janet Ott, Mike Ott

Sun. January 31 HR 11:00am Mass
Lectors: Sally Angel, Bill Angel
Extraordinary Ministers of Communion: Volunteers



SAVE THE DATE

“The World is Noisy -
God Whispers”

Women’s Spa For the Soul

April 9, 2021

Guest Speaker: Julia Monnin

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

CONNECT High School Youth Group will celebrate Super Bowl weekend, February 6th and 7th, with their Annual **Souper Bowl of Caring** Collection after the weekend Masses.

Soup pots will be at the entrances to collect loose change and cash to help **Tackle Hunger** in our community. Please be generous!

All donations will go to Agape Food Pantry.



Wine, Women & Scripture Monday, February 8 @ 6:30pm in the Holy Rosary Cafeteria

Enjoy an evening of fellowship
with the women from our parishes.

Our group study will continue to meet on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30pm in the cafeteria.

During the meetings, we will use an *Endow* study, *JP II's Letter to Women*. Within each chapter, we will read & have discussion questions that tie the concepts of the study with our everyday lives.

Books are recommended
& available in the parish office for \$26.

Questions? Contact:
Nan Mielke 419-300-1045
Terri Maze 419-305-0672
Stacy Smith 419-733-5805

22nd Annual

Life in the Spirit Seminar
For Teens and Young Adults

REDEEMED

The Cross Already Won the War

March 19 - 21

Spiritual Center of Maria Stein

Registration begins Friday night at 5:30pm

Registration forms and details are available on:
Facebook (Life in the Spirit Seminar)
and
www.LIFEINTHESPIRIT-SEMINAR.com

Deadline to register is Sunday, March 7.

Questions about the seminar or financial assistance,
please call Kelly Horstman at 567-644-4363.



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Ft. Loramie Men’s Conference

**** Location Change****

The 2021 Ft. Loramie Men’s conference is set for Saturday, March 6th, 8:00am – 3:30pm, at Romer’s in St. Henry, with a NEW optional Latin Mass starting at 7:00am. This is a great day for all men, from high school age to 100. Please come enjoy the day and expand the growth of your faith. The theme this year is “Building on Faith”.

Tickets are available for \$25 each. This includes 2 meals, books and materials.

Returning keynote speaker: Fr. Nathan Cromley

Please pre-buy tickets as with the COVID-19 restrictions we will only be allowed 350 seated in the hall. Tickets can be purchased on-line at:

<https://www.facebook.com/FLMensConference/>

RCIA HOSPITALITY

To help with welcoming our RCIA candidates each Thursday evening, we would like to offer snacks & hospitality at our meetings.

If you would like to provide refreshments (chips, cookies, fruit, snacks) for a meeting or two, please call the parish office at 419-394-5050 to schedule a time.

St. Patrick Parish Council Meeting of January 11, 2021

Please note, this meeting was done by email rather than meeting in person.

Those who responded: Father Alex Witt, Ellen Brown, Nick Brackman, Kevin Ott, Melissa Knapke, LuAnna Scott, Missy Chalk, Dave Dwenger.

Minutes from the November 9, 2020, meeting will be approved at the next in person meeting.

Minutes and Financial report were emailed to everyone.

Finance report: The parish remains in good standing financially, but collections are down 27% (\$10,853.49) below budget. Parishioners are encouraged to continue their donations.

Old Business: A second bid was received from Lima Asphalt for \$35,625.00 received 1/12/2021. Buehler Asphalt submitted a bid of \$30,515.00. The bids will be reviewed at the next in person meeting in March.

Church Organ: As stated in the November 9th minutes, Father Witt has purchased a used organ. At this time, Council continues to explore the feasibility of locating the organ in the choir loft.

Fundraiser: Council decided to do a fundraiser in 2021 since our collection funds are down. Nick Brackman will chair the event and will start holding meetings to organize the event which possibly will be held this summer. We are looking for ideas and volunteers to help with this event so please let Nick know if you want to help.

Next meeting will be March 8, 2021, at 7:00 pm at St. Patrick rectory.

St. Patrick Pastoral Council Members

Nick Brackman (President)	937-467-9315
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David Dwenger	937-489-9372
Melissa Knapke	419-733-6271
Kevin Ott	567-356-1355
Melissa Chalk	419-733-6341