

CHURCH of THE INCARNATION

January 20, 2019

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Registration

New parishioners may register via an automated process through our parish app or 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). Call the office to register for class.

RCIA

Obtain information on The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults by calling Stacy Stang.

Marriages

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

Hospital & Homebound 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 office.

Pastoral Council Meetings

1st Mondays, Sept-June,
7:45PM, Parish Center
Tony Deliberato, Jeff Dundon,
Denny Hays, John Martin, Russ
Brown, Monica Turner, Matt
Gottschall, Will Nordmeyer,
Diane Gulas, Glen Carr, Matt
Savage, Jeff Meineke

Finance Commission

John Bradley, Jim Frient, Bob
Gutmann, Mike Krug, Steven
Skerl, Karen Smith, Jeff
Umbreit

Education Commission

Christina Anderson, Lou
Brinkman, Julie Capozzi, Amy
Doorley, Jack Grobmyer,
Michele Jakoboski, Ingrid
McCalmont, Will Nordmeyer,
Dennis Percy

Worship Commission

Gerry Budi, Jeff Bull, Tony
Deliberato, Tom Kolber, Kathy
Lammlein, Adam Miller, Ruth
Reeve, Cheryl Reichel, Blake
Rinderle, Jim/Ruth Schumacher

Social Outreach Commission

Jeannie Barr, Dave Berling,
Kyle Brandon, Glenn/Lynn
Carr, Dave/Mary Ann
Cavanaugh, Bill Engel, Pat
Fillingim, Lisa Hetrick, Linda
Koeller, Sam Kuper, Phil
McLaughlin, Marlene Orendorf,
Christy Piskiewicz, Jim
Powers, David Ryan, Megan
Sparks, Wakiuru Wamwara,
Kathy Welfare, Glen Whaley,
Bob Wolf



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

John 1:14

MASS TIMES

Daily 6:30, 8:30* (*All school Mass Fridays 9:00 Church); Saturday : 8:30am

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

Confessions Sat 9-10:00am—Church; Tues 7:15-7:45am—Parish Center rm 105
2:45-3:30pm—Church; Th 6-6:30pm—Church

Eucharistic Adoration

Church open (door closest to Rectory) throughout the week for private adoration:
M-F, 6am-9pm; Sat, 8am-6:30pm; Sun, 7am-9pm
3rd Mon, 7:00pm, with Exposition and Benediction.
4th Sun, 7:00pm, Eucharistic Hour of Praise with Benediction.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Mon....Heb 5:1-10 • Ps 110:1-4 • Mk 2:18-22

Tue.....Heb 6:10-20 • Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c • Mk 2:23-28

Wed....Heb 7:1-3, 15-17 • Ps 110:1-4 • Mk 3:1-6

Thu.....Heb 7:15-8:6 • Ps 40:7-10, 17 • Mk 3:7-12

Fri.....Acts 22:3-16 • Ps 117:1b-2 • Mk 16:15-18

Sat.....2 Tm 1:1-8 • Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10 • Mk 3:20-21

Sun.....Neh 8:2-4a,5-6,8-10 • Ps 19:8-10,15 • 1 Cor 12:12-30 • Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

If we look at these last few weeks from Christmas, we clearly see it as a season of “epiphanies.” The Liturgy is showing us who Jesus is and what He has revealed about our relationship with God. Last week (the Baptism of Jesus) and the week before (Epiphany), the imagery was royal and filial – Jesus is the newborn king of the Jews who makes us co-heirs of Israel’s promise, beloved children of God.

Last week we went to a baptism. This week we find ourselves at a wedding.

We are being shown another dimension of our relationship with God. If we’re sons and daughters of God, it’s because we’ve married into the family. Have you ever noticed the Bible begins and ends with a marriage – Adam and Eve’s in the garden (Genesis) and the marriage supper of the Lamb (Revelation)?

Throughout the Bible, marriage is the symbol of the covenant relationship God desires with His chosen people. Jesus is the divine bridegroom; humanity is His beloved and sought-after bride. We see this reflected beautifully in the today’s First Reading. When Israel breaks the covenant, she is compared to an unfaithful spouse, but God promises to take her back, to “espouse” her to Him forever in an everlasting covenant. In today’s Gospel, Jesus changes water into wine at the wedding at Cana. It’s regarded as Jesus’ first miracle, but the Gospel writer, John, does not refer to these acts as miracles. He calls them “signs” for they are performed in order to “reveal” God’s presence in human history. Jesus transforms water, which guests use to prepare for a wedding (ceremonial washings), into wine, which guests use to celebrate the wedding. We will see this wine again when Jesus’ hour truly comes: at the Last Supper, where it becomes His blood, and on the cross, where He drinks fully from the cup He cannot let pass, the cup of salvation. By our baptism, each of us has been betrothed to Christ as a bride to a husband. The new wine that Jesus pours out at today’s Mass is the gift of the Holy Spirit given to His beloved bride, the church.

Kevin Samblanet
Director of Music

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, January 21

6:30—Priest’s Intention

8:30—Doris Francis (d)

Tuesday, January 22

6:30—Priest’s Intention

8:30—Cecil Wathen (d)

Wednesday, January 23

6:30—Fr. Larry (L)

8:30—Marie Rousseau (d)

Thursday, January 24

6:30—Priest’s Intention

8:30—William Dierker (d)

Friday, January 25

6:30—Priest’s Intention

9:00—Bill Ryan (d)

Saturday, January 26

8:30—Violet Arsenault (d)

5:30—Mary Bednorz (d)

Sunday, January 27

7:30—People of the Parish

9:00—Those in the RCIA process

9:30—Baptismal & Confirmation sponsors

10:30—Katherine Eggerss (d)

11:00—2nd & 8th graders & their parents

12:00—Mary Chance (d)



Blessed rest:
Marilyn Briley
Werner Piekenbrock



WEEKEND SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 26

5:30: Fr. Smith

Sunday, January 27

7:30: Fr. Pat

9:00: Fr. Smith, *Incense used*

9:30: Fr. Pat

10:30: Fr. Smith

11:00: Fr. Pat

12:00: Fr. Smith

SUNDAY COLLECTION

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The monthly collection for St. Vincent DePaul will be next weekend. Please use the special envelope included in your packet. Thanks.
God bless you.

**HOLY HOUR WITH EXPOSITION AND
BENEDICTION: Monday, January 20, 7PM**



**CATHOLIC
MINISTRIES
APPEAL**

This weekend we will be listening to an audio message from

Archbishop Schnurr explaining how our support each year of the Catholic Ministries Appeal is part of our commitment to our faith. Thanks to the generosity of many families here at **Incarnation Parish**, a total of **\$208,417.68** was contributed to the 2018 CMA from our parish community. This year, our goal is **\$108,296**.

Families will be receiving a CMA mailing in the coming weeks. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card to Mass. For more information, please visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!

Catholic Ministries Appeal and the Central Offices!

Need a good lawyer? We got one! Catholic Ministry Appeal (CMA) time is here! What does the CMA have to do with a good lawyer?

In more recent years, the focus of the CMA has shifted to outstanding ministries in the archdiocese, ministries such as caring for the poor and the blind, providing chaplains to colleges, hospitals and prisons, and forming seminarians to be outstanding priests. Indeed, the shift in focus is a good one because those are most essential ministries!

However, years ago the CMA was called the “Archbishop’s Fund Drive.” With that name the appeal’s focus seemed to me to be more directed toward funding the archdiocesan central offices, the administration of the archdiocese. I suppose some in marketing thought that the central offices and administration of the archdiocese is not so glamorous an approach. I disagree!

I have always appreciated the abundant blessings that the archdiocesan central offices provide for parishes. I can’t imagine how many dozens of daily calls are made to the central offices by so many parish staff members needing help to minister well to God’s holy people in their parishes! As pastor, the chancery is my most common call.

Just last week I contacted Bishop Binzer with a question about some abuse crisis facts. I knew there was a document out there, but I couldn’t find it. I am inspired by how cordial and positive Bishop Binzer was in wanting to help, when he probably ought to have said—like mom said more than a few times—“if you would use the brain God gave you, you’d have figured that out yourself!”

In addition to the chancery, another key dimension of the central offices I most appreciate is the no-cost to-the-parish legal counsel. In the second year of my assignment at St. Joseph, Wapakoneta, sadly, St. Joseph School was closed. The campus was separate from the parish plant and not being utilized well for any other purpose. We worked for six years to find a buyer for the building and property. I contacted legal counsel countless times over those years, drawing up nearly a dozen listing and several purchase contracts, racking up nearly a hundred hours of attorney time. What a blessing to a parish!

Thanks to those who support the Catholic Ministries Appeal. As you will notice in our letters sent from Archbishop Schnurr, as our generosity exceeds our parish goal, 50% of the money over our goal will go to the Incarnation Social Outreach Commission to benefit many important agencies and causes who apply for assistance!

Those following the Mount St. Mary’s Seminary collection to name a room in honor of Fr. Stretch please note that nearly \$45,000 has been contributed thus far, not yet matched by the parish! Money is still coming in. We’ll be contacting the seminary soon and the final details ought to be in by the end of February.

I regret that I was mistaken about the date for the Catholic Ministries Appeal audio homily of Archbishop Schnurr. Thinking it was to be next week, I intended this weekend’s homily to focus on the baptismal sponsorship forms in last week’s bulletin. Baptismal sponsorship will be tackled during next week’s homily!

Sincerely and with Love in Christ,
Fr. Pat

The following is part three of a three part bulletin series.

What I’d Like to Hear...Just Once

In a front page article on December 23 the Dayton Daily News falsely characterized the archdiocese of Cincinnati as committing wrongdoing. In last week’s bulletin article I described the false characterization in detail. This week I would like to write about the harm this and other biased acts against the Church causes. My essential claim is that the very good news of Archdiocesan and general church reform related to child protection is not being proclaimed, which hurts victims of abuse, the Church and society. But first, I’d like to relate a story.

Making eye contact with me behind him in the checkout line, and with a smile on his face, Harry introduced himself and offering a hand shake he said “Please pray for me father, I have been clean for over 100 days!” I gripped his hand enthusiastically, smiled back and thanked him for being in recovery. I offered a silent prayer to the Lord Jesus to add him to the list of people for whom I pray the

Liturgy of the Hours/Breviary four times a day. I prayed a brief prayer with him out loud as we waited our turn to check out.

Indeed, sobriety, being clean, healing from sickness, overcoming a weakness and turning away from sin are awesome accomplishments requiring heroic effort, incredible humility, faithful support and, above all, Jesus’ grace.

I don’t know if Harry committed any sins or broke any laws due to drinking before his recovery. Most certainly he hurt himself and injured loved ones in many ways. Clearly such injury can’t be undone. Even as those hurt strive to forgive, injury is real and lasting. However, if he has admitted his sickness and sin, done restitution required and continues to guard himself through a recovery process, we are hopeful and joyful for him! What if his recovery lasted longer?

How would things be for Harry and his family if his recovery was in its fifteenth or thirtieth year? Even as we acknowledge the tenuousness of sobriety, most would say greater praise is due to the Lord through Harry. So too, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has experienced abundant years of victory over the evils of the abuse crisis and all that accompanied it. Let me share again the good news of transformation in response to the child abuse crisis born out in our archdiocese.

The first triumph over priest child abuse began over thirty years ago when the seminarian screening process was improved tremendously. Not one priest who has entered the seminary since the mid-eighties has been convicted of child abuse or even to my knowledge credibly accused.

In bulletins past I shared my own experience of having to take the barrage of psychological entrance tests...three times! Each level of the seminary process requires the testing which makes a measurement of personal maturity, psychosexual development and abnormal personality.

Once in seminary, seminarians are scrutinized by a team of lay, vowed religious and lay people. This close scrutiny over years of time is mainly geared toward personal growth, helping the individual prepare to be the best priest possible. However, it also adds additional rigorous screening of all dimensions of a seminarian’s life. The formation and close scrutiny moves some candidates to discern they are not called to the priesthood. Others are asked/told to leave formation. Many continue formation and are ordained.

Unfortunately, the Dayton Daily News is not interested in reporting truth about a sweeping transformation and what seems to be astoundingly positive results!

Another victory over the abuse crisis occurred fifteen years ago with the Dallas

Charter, mentioned in last week's article. To succinctly summarize the many dimensions of the charter I will use an extended quote from Msgr. Stephen Rossetti's article "The Clergy Abuse Crisis: DIDN'T WE FIX THIS?" He relates the newly initiated programs and approaches of the Church in the United States:

...mandatory reporting, zero tolerance, background checks and mandatory child-safe education...victim assistance coordinator, safe environment coordinator and an expert review board with prominent lay membership...allegation of abuse of a minor...reported to civil authorities...Any person, including a priest, known to have abused a minor will never minister again...

Those active in church life are aware of most of the above. However, some are not. Perhaps few in the general public are aware. The Archdiocese of Cincinnati embraced all dimensions of the 2002 Dallas Charter. That is not all.

At that same time a Hamilton County grand jury was assembled to begin a twenty-month investigation, after which Archbishop Pilarczyk pleaded "no contest regarding five misdemeanor charges of failure to report allegations of child abuse." Since that time, the archdiocese has been conscientious and open regarding reporting, helping victims and preventing abuse. The quote in this paragraph and additional related documents, including a posting of priests convicted or removed from the clerical state, are posted on the archdiocesan website and have been for years. (From the homepage of catholiccincinnati.org go to the "Protecting our Children" tab at the top of the page and then note the tabs/titles on screen left.)

While it is true some dioceses have not dealt with the abuse crisis as openly as ours, and while it is true that the world bishops' meeting in Rome in February will undoubtedly initiate a media frenzy of anti-Catholicism, I would just once like to see the Dayton Daily News claims of non-bias reporting say something like "The archdiocese of Cincinnati has had no credible allegations/convictions of child abuse by a priest who entered seminary in the past thirty years."

I would also like to see a Dayton Daily News offer an investigative report on outside authored articles about the Catholic Church chosen by the editorial staff for publication in the DDN over the past three or six months. What percentage of those articles have anything positive to say about the Church? Does that miniscule percentage ring true to what is actually happening in Catholic Churches and institutions for the people and the poor of Dayton?

The Archdiocese of Cincinnati admits its sin

and has made miraculous progress to reform itself and to protect children. It needs to continue to help victims and their families. Unfortunately, the Dayton Daily News denies potentially healing truth, festering past injury. I'm torn. Do I cancel my subscription, moved by the same fatalism fostered by our local paper...or do I watch, speak out and pray in Christ?

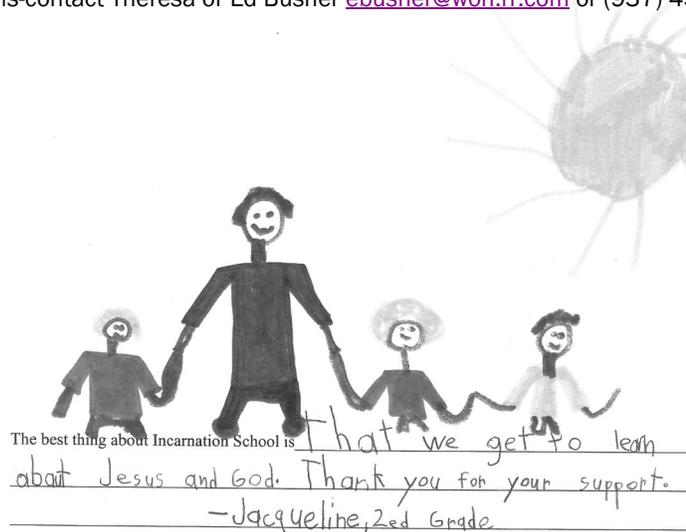
Sincerely and with Love in Christ,
Fr. Pat

INCARNATION SCHOOL 433-1051 www.incarnation-school.com

Incarnation School is fully accredited with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati and the Ohio Department of Education and offers grades pre-k through eight. World Languages, music (including band and orchestra), art, and integrated technology and STEM are part of our rigorous curriculum. If you are interested in learning more about this three-time Blue Ribbon of Excellence school, or to arrange a tour, please contact Mrs. Leah Coghlan, principal, at 937-433-1051, extension 137 or Mrs. Kim Shields, registrar, at 937-433-1051, extension 134.

HELP NEEDED: JR. HIGH SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES! Thurs, Jan 24, 8:15-11:30am
Asking for Volunteers to have a Science Background. If interested please contact Cassie Garison at cassie.garison@incarnation-school.com

TRIVIA NIGHT 2019! Get your table together for our Annual Trivia Night on Friday, January 25. Doors open at 6:30pm, game from 7:30-11pm at the Parish Center. Each table of 8 is \$100. You're encouraged to "dress your theme" for this adults age 21+ -only evening. As we had last year - beer and wine will be available for purchase, bring your own food/snacks/non-alcoholic drinks. Deadline for reservations is Tuesday, January 22. Checks for \$100 (entire tables only) made payable to Incarnation PTO may be sent to "ATTN: Trivia Night" c/o Incarnation School, 45 Williamsburg Lane, Centerville OH 45459. Please include your email and phone# for reservation confirmation. All proceeds benefit Incarnation School. Questions-contact Theresa or Ed Busher ebusher@woh.rr.com or (937) 436-0046.



DID YOU ENJOY YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT?

This year Incarnation gave a special gift to all guests and parishioners who attended our Christmas celebrations: Matthew Kelly's book *The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity*. We hope that you found the book both entertaining and engaging! Now we can offer you the chance to dig even more deeply into Kelly's provocative book in our next book study. **The study will be offered on Thursdays from 2-4pm and again from 7-9pm in the evening in Room 104 A&B of the Parish Center on January 31, February 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 14.** One of our two priests will lead the study, and—best of all—the price is **FREE** since you already have the book! To register or for more info, contact Marilyn Porcino, 433-1188, x201 or marilyn.porcino@incarnation-parish.com. If you missed the book at Christmas, let us know when you call to register and we will order one for you as our gift. Free child care will be available during the afternoon and evening sessions by contacting Sally Josefczyk at 513-252-7660 or at sjosefczyk@gmail.com.



It is time for our annual parish food drive! Since 2016 our junior high Food for All team, made up of students from the school and PREP, has been working hard to plan our whole parish food drive.

Especially with the recent government shutdowns, the need for food is as great as ever. Our local food pantries are counting on us! All donations will bring us closer to our goal of 11,000 food items!

The food banks we will be helping (First Dawn in Centerville, Catholic Social Services, St Vincent de Paul, and Springboro Community Assistance Center) can use any of the following:

- Canned chicken, tuna
- Granola bars, other lunch snacks
- Canned chili
- Soup
- Rice
- Pasta (all shapes)
- Cereal
- Jam, peanut butter
- Condiments
- 100% juice boxes
- Canned beans, vegetables, fruit, tomatoes

We will also be collecting items that families cannot buy with food assistance, what the pantries call "dignity items". These include:

- Toilet tissue
- Toothpaste
- Soap (bar or dish)
- Deodorant
- Shampoo or Conditioner
- Diapers

Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated. If you would prefer to make a monetary donation, please make out your check to Incarnation and put it in an envelope marked "Food for All". This can be placed into the weekly collection basket at mass. You can drive by the front of Incarnation School **Sun, Jan 27**, and our Food for All Team will come out to get any items you wish to donate!

Thanks in advance for showing mercy through your generosity!
~Your Junior High Food for All Team

ESL GROUP is reaching out to prospective students of all nationalities and faiths who wish to improve their English. If you or anyone you know could benefit from such a program, we have dedicated teachers who are eager to help. Contact Barbara Monnig, 433-1660, or Roberta Patterson, 435-5756, or stop by room 104 in the parish activity center any Saturday morning at 10:30



FRIDAY NIGHT DATE NIGHT

Join a romantic group of married and engaged couples for a fantastic evening—or maybe two—guaranteed to enrich your marriage! On **February 8**, **Norm Rich** will share the secrets of the **Five Love Languages**. Couples frequently express and receive love differently, which can lead to conflict.

Understanding each partner's love language smooths the path to better communication. On **February 22**, **Sara and Brad Seligmann** will guide us through **Finding Unity in Our Differences**. Their program will help us navigate differences in faith, philosophy—and dishwasher arrangements! Both programs are offered in the Franciscan Center at St. Leonard's. The cost—\$10 per couple—covers dessert and the presentation, plus free child care. Please register by calling Beth Gregg at 434-9272, or emailing to bgregg@stcharles-kettering.org. Include your name, phone number, and the names and ages of children needing child care. Please consider making the evening complete by dining at the Station House restaurant at the Franciscan Center between 5-7pm. For dinner reservations call 439-7154.

UPCOMING GRIEF SHARE OPPORTUNITIES

It hurts to lose someone. If you've lost a spouse, child, family member or friend, you have probably found there are not many people who understand the deep hurt you feel. This can be a confusing time when you feel isolated and have many questions about things you've never faced before.

GriefShare is a friendly, caring group of people who will walk alongside you through one of life's most difficult experiences. You don't have to go through the grieving process alone. The GriefShare support group is led by people who understand what you are going through and want to help.

- **GriefShare** (13 week program) begins on **Wed, Jan 16 from 10am-12pm**. Community Room, parish office building.
- **Evening sessions** start **Thurs, Jan 17**. Parish Activities Center, rm 103B, 7-9pm.

If you would like to participate in either of the upcoming sessions please contact Candee Mackell at 419-348-2753 or mamamac@woh.rr.com. Please be sure to indicate whether you will attend the daytime or evening session. We will be happy to respond to any questions you may have.

BOTTLES FOR BABIES The Respect Life Committee is sponsoring Bottles for Babies which is a short, fun event to help raise money for the lifesaving work of Elizabeth's New Life Center. Pick up a baby bottle after Mass on Jan 19/20, 26/27, and then fill it with coins, cash, or checks (made out to "ENLC"). Bottles need to be returned to church on Feb 2/3. All proceeds will be used to help Elizabeth's New Life Center save lives. In addition to offering free pregnancy tests, ENLC offers limited ultrasounds, consulting/mentoring, prenatal care, educational classes and material assistance to expectant moms and to moms and their babies. The cost to ENLC to save one baby from abortion is about \$500. Why don't we as a parish commit to saving 20 babies this year. Please contact Jenny Belokony at 439-4753 if you have any questions.

FAITH HEALTH MINISTRY will be offering free Blood Pressure Screenings for parishioners 18 years and older **Sun, Jan 20**, 8am-12pm, rm 104, Parish Center.