

**Preble County Catholics
St. John, St. Mary and Visitation Churches**

March 1, 2020

Mass Schedule for February 29th-March 8th

- Sat. 29th 5:00 p.m. - Intention of Juanita Hake (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Sat. 29th 7:00 p.m. - Parishioners (St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 1st 8:00a.m. - Jerry Gerber (St. M) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 1st 9:30a.m. - Living & Deceased of the Hemmelgarn Family (St. J) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 1st 11:00a.m. - Richard Rumpke (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Mon. 2nd 9:00a.m. - Living & Deceased of the Vonderhaar Family (Visn)
- Tues. 3rd 9:00a.m. - Sick & Homebound of our Community (Visn)
- Wed. 4th 12:00p.m. - Living & Deceased of the Subler/Moore/Hubacher Family (Visn)
- Thurs. 5th 9:00a.m. - Private Intention (Visn)
- Fri. 6th 9:00 a.m. - Fr. Tom Espelage (Visn)
- Sat. 7th 5:00p.m. - Rick & Sharon Spahr (Visn) (Fr. DD)
- Sat. 7th 7:00p.m. - Parishioners (St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 8th 8:00a.m. - Victor Geise (St. M) (Fr. DD)
- Sun. 8th 9:30a.m. - Anne McLaughlin (St. J) (Fr. GV)
- Sun. 8th 11:00a.m. - Victor May (Visn) (Fr. DD)

Confessions heard 30 minutes before weekend Masses

Offertory 2/23/20		
		Goal
Visitation-	\$2,810.00	\$4,063.00
St. John-	\$1,244.00	\$1,062.00
St. Mary-	\$1,441.00	\$1,275.00

Calendar Visitation:

- Sun. Mar. 1 **RCIA** 9:30 a.m.
- Sun. Mar. 1 **Children's Liturgy** 11:00 a.m.
- Sun. Mar. 1 **Coffee & Donuts** 12:00 p.m.
- Mon. Mar. 2 **Parish Council** 7:00 p.m.
- Tues. Mar. 3 **Faith & Fitness class** 10 a.m.
- Tues. Mar. 3 **No Greater Love** 6:30 p.m.
- Tues. Mar. 3 **K of C** 7:00 p.m.
- Wed. Mar. 4 **No Greater Love** 10:00 a.m.
- Wed. Mar. 4 **CCD HS** 6:30 p.m.
- Wed. Mar. 4 **CCD** 7:00 p.m.
- Thurs. Mar. 5 **Faith & Fitness class** 10 a.m.
- Thurs. Mar. 5 **Way of the Cross** 7:00 p.m.
- Fri. Mar. 6 **Fish Fry** 4:00 - 6:30 p.m.
- Sun. Mar. 8 **RCIA** 9:30 a.m.

Calendar St. John:

- Sun. Mar. 1 **Fellowship Breakfast** following the 9:30 a.m. Mass
- Tues. Mar. 3 **Recitation of the Rosary** at 5:30 p.m.
- Tues. Mar. 3 **Way of the Cross** 7:00 p.m.
- Sun. Mar. 8 **Presentation of the Gifts** Dan & Cindy Kramer

Calendar St. Mary:

- Sun. Mar. 1 **Breakfast in the Basement** following Mass.
- Wed. Mar. 4 **Way of the Cross** 8:00 p.m.
- Mon. Mar. 9 **Parish Council** 7:30 p.m.

"Praying the Scriptures"
Introduction to Lectio Divina
Visitation Church Hall
Sunday, March 15th from 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Please bring your Bible and smart phones
Contact: Fr. David Doseck @ 937-456-3380

St. Anne's Sodality Scholarship

St. Anne's Sodality of Visitation will be presenting \$1000 in scholarship funds to a worthy student, not just a new high school graduate, but for any woman of any age who is furthering her education. Application guidelines will be available at the church entrances March 14. Applications must be submitted by May 11.

The Light Is On For You-Encounter the Peace of Christ During the Season of Lent

The Light Is On For You! On Tuesday, March 24 from 7:00 pm-9:00 pm all Catholic parishes/pastoral regions will open their doors and provide the opportunity for private confession. If you have been reluctant to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, have been away from the Church for some time, or just find it difficult to get to a regularly scheduled confession time or communal penance service, this is your chance to experience the reconciling peace of Christ through the grace of the Sacrament. No stress, just peace! Learn more at: www.222.EncounterPeace.org

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear Friends in Christ,

I pray that you all have a holy lent this year. We are always called to repent and believe in the Gospel, that is, to be renewed spiritually by an encounter with Christ in his church during this year. Please make a determination in your life to commit to a life of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in a way that is appropriate for you. As Pope Francis encourages us, "Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus' Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them."

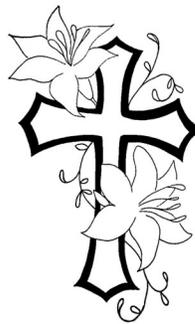
During this Lent, I wish to reflect on the seven last words (phrases) of the Lord each Sunday in the bulletin. We usually remember the last words that we ever had in conversation with somebody that we have lost. So too with our Lord Jesus Christ, we have in scripture these last words given to us out of love. Let us listen to them this lent and allow Jesus to enter into our own hearts and minds.

First Word: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do." Amidst such pain such as the crucifixion one would expect a human being to express themselves in tears or yelling and crying out with a loud voice. Cicero even tells us that it was necessary to cut out the tongues of those who were crucified, to stop their terrible blasphemies. Yet, experiencing such terrible pain, the Lord turns to all those who have rejected him and because of their ignorance says, "Father forgive them." My friends, do we not see Jesus again in the confessional in the ministry of a priest and the forgiveness of sins? The priest, upon hearing of the sins of the penitent, desires to act in the person of Christ and be the minister of God's reconciling love.

Through the priest hands and words of forgiveness we are forgiven and restored to a loving relationship with God and his church. If we knew how much mercy there was in the sacrament of reconciliation, and still refused to bend a humble knee to a hand that had the power to loose both in heaven and on earth, we should be lost. Let our hearts be found in the forgiving words of Christ continued through every century through the hands and words of the priest in confession.

Friends, the Lord Jesus loves us and wants to forgive us, that is why he gave us priests and the sacrament of reconciliation. We do not need to stay seated in our place of ignorance in our sins but let Christ's words restore our hearts to walk with him into the life of grace. Make it a point this lent, at some moment, to go to confession and to hear the words of Jesus, "I absolve you from your sins. Go in peace."

God love you,
Fr David Doseck



Memorial Crosses

For Easter beautiful crosses will be placed on a live tree in Visitation Church to honor loved ones. The cost of each cross will be \$5.00. If you wish to order see Marcia Hoskins after the 5:00 p.m. Saturday Mass or send the names and your check to: Marcia Hoskins, 1409 Williams Parkway, Eaton, OH 45320.

All checks should be made payable to St. Anne Sodality. Orders will be accepted until March 15, 2020.

If Your Marriage Needs Help . . .

Retrouvaille . . . A Lifeline

Retrouvaille is a confidential peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and healing, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faith as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. No couple is ever denied the chance to heal and renew their marriage because they face financial difficulties. For more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille of Cincinnati/Tri-State Weekend— March 27-29, 2020, go to www.cincyretrouvaille.org, www.retrouvaille.org, www.helpourmarriage.org, or call: 513-922-6045.

MEN, TODAY IS THE LAST DAY...to turn in your Form 100 so you can join the Knights. Maybe you're still waver- ing. Maybe you just don't have the time right now. Maybe you want to join, but you already have a commit- ment on March 15. We get it. We've been there, done that. The Knights of Columbus will always be able to find a way to help a brother join us. Until then, remember our motto: Vivat Jesus! Jesus lives! In our hearts, our minds, our words, our works. See you at the fish fry!



***Knights of Columbus
LENTEN FISH FRY
Fridays - 4:00-6:30 p.m.
March 6, 13, 20, & 27
Visitation Church Hall***

\$8.00 adults (13 and up)

\$4.00 kids (12 and under)

\$20.00 family (2 adults + 2 or more kids under 13)

(includes: 2 piece meal, dessert, and drink)

*****Fresh USA caught & processed Pollock*****

###Gluten Free & Dairy Free Meals Available####

Full menu on Facebook and Website