

St. John, St. Mary, Visitation Churches

Mass Schedule for March 6th – March 14th

- Sat. 6th 9:00 a.m. Sick & homebound of our community (Visn)
- Sat. 6th 5:00 p.m. Living & deceased of the Victor May family (Visn) (DD)
- Sun. 7th 7:45 a.m. Jerry Gerber (SM) (GV)
- Sun. 7th 9:45 a.m. Living & deceased of the Hemmelgarn family (SJ) (DD)
- Sun. 7th 11:30 a.m. Parishioners (Visn) (DD)
- Mon. 8th 9:00 a.m. Living & deceased of the Charles Metzger family (Visn)
- Tues. 9th 9:00 a.m. Intention of Betty Eales (Visn)
- Wed. 10th 12 noon Intention of Kim Lehman (Visn)
- Wed. 10th 6:00 p.m. Living & deceased of the Homan/Steinbrunner families (Visn)
- Thurs. 11th 9:00 a.m. Ruth Flieman (Visn)
- Fri. 12th 9:00 a.m. Stella Witte (Visn)
- Sat. 13th 9:00 a.m. Joe Cost (Visn)
- Sat. 13th 5:00 p.m. Margaret Kramer (Visn) (DD)
- Sun. 14th 7:45 a.m. Dennis Heidelberg (SM) (DD)
- Sun. 14th 9:45 a.m. Parishioners (SJ) (GV)
- Sun. 14th 11:30 a.m. Living & deceased of the Furrey family (Visn) (GV)

**Confessions Saturday 4:00 – 4:30pm Visitation
Wednesday 5:00-6:00pm Visitation**

March Meetings/Activities

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| <u>Parish Council meetings</u> | <u>Holy Hours</u> |
| March 8 St. Mary 7p.m. | March 11 St. Mary 7p.m. |
| March 15 St. John 7p.m. | March 18 St. John 7p.m. |
- March 15 **St. Anne's Sodality meeting**
Visitation 9:30a.m.

Thank you for your continued support of our parishes through your donations.

Offertory February 21, 2021
 Visitation \$2240.00 St. John \$676.00
 St. Mary \$1060.00
 Ash Wednesday
 Visitation \$172.00 St. John \$148.00
 St. Mary \$35.00

Lenten Events

- Stations of the Cross/Rosary at St. John**
Tuesdays at 6p.m.
- Stations of the Cross/Rosary at St. Mary**
Wednesdays at 8p.m.
- Stations of the Cross at Visitation**
Fridays at 7p.m.



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LENTEN FISH FRY #3698

DRIVE THRU ONLY

DATES: MAR. 12, 19, 26

Drive-Thru TIME: 4:30pm TO 7:00pm

LOCATION: VISITATION CHURCH, EATON

COST: \$9.00 OR 12 AND UNDER \$5.00

Beer Battered *Fresh U.S.A. Pollack*, Hush Puppies French Fries, Vegetable and Dessert. **Gluten and Dairy Free** available upon request. See preblecountycatholics.org or the Catholic Community of Preble County Facebook page for Menu and details.

During Lent, Visitation Church will be open to the public for private prayer Monday through Friday from 8a.m. to 8p.m. Come by yourself or bring a friend. Come spend some time with our Lord.

Third Sunday of Lent

Dear Friends in Christ,

In John's Gospel in chapter 18:12-27 we are invited to enter into the High Priest's Courtyard and witness something tragic and amazing. There is a great contrast in this moment of the Lord's Passion between Jesus and religious authorities and Jesus and Peter.

Let us take Peter's actions and words first. We would hope that Peter's great faith is on display. After all, he is the "rock" upon which Christ will build His Church. So we see that, Peter said to him, "Master, why can't I follow you now? I will lay down my life for you." Jesus answered, "Will you lay down your life for me? Amen, amen, I say to you, the cock will not crow before you deny me three times." I think it is no coincidence that in praying the Stations of the Cross we pray to the Lord who fell under the weight of the cross three times and the corresponding denials of Peter. Peter's first denial is in his violent defense of Christ when he cut off the right ear. Jesus said that this is the "cup" of suffering which he must drink. Peter could not understand this willingness to suffer so that sins might be forgiven. This stubbornness of heart in Peter led him to deny Jesus two more times when he denied ever knowing the Christ. Immediately a cock crowed and Peter wept bitterly with his sins.

In between Peter's denials is the questioning of the religious authorities. They would not recognize "truth" even if it sat before them. Even in the midst of such hostility with someone striking our Lord on the face, Jesus remains composed. Truth will never be changed. God is love and no matter what might happen Jesus will suffer for us out of love for us. Truth can be denied, accepted, or questioned. With Jesus in the Lord's passion we see clearly that the truth does not change. We are called to love God and our neighbor as Christ has loved us.

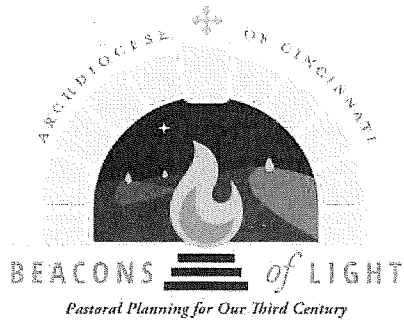
God Love You,
Fr. David Doseck

What is the Eucharist? Why go to Mass? Join Fr. David for a seven-part program, *The Mass*, to help you understand how to fully, consciously and actively participate in the source and summit of the Christian life. See how the Mass brings us out of the fallen world and into the heavenly realm, how it resonates with a call from God and a response from his people, the Church, and, most importantly, how we are intimately joined with the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of Jesus through the Holy Eucharist. **The sessions will be in the Visitation church hall on Saturday morning, 10 – 11:30a.m., February 20 – April 10.**

Calling All Men Everywhere! Experience the first Catholic men's conference that started it all. The **Cincinnati Men's Conference** is Saturday, March 13. Speakers include Fr. Mike Schmitz, Dr. Ray Guarendi and Tony Maas. In person attendance is filled, but you can still attend virtually. Go to www.CincinnatiMensConference.com to register for this free event.

Led by the Spirit - 40 Days to Grace and Glory: Go to FORMED.ORG/LENT to sign up for free daily Lenten reflection with Dr. Tim Gray. Each day you will receive a short video which features Dr. Gray commenting on the daily Mass readings, explaining the Scripture, and providing you with concrete ideas on how to apply them to your Christian life.

*Day of GRACE - Confession for
Preble County Catholic Region on
Sunday, March 21, 1 - 8p.m. at
Visitation Church in Eaton. Go to
Confession and BE FORGIVEN.*



Guiding Principles

Beacons of Light is a multiyear process of pastoral planning for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Rooted in prayer, groupings of parishes will come together as one faith community. These new Families of Parishes will be stronger together, focused more on mission than on maintenance. In the Families of Parishes we will grow closer to God, follow Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit and radiate Christ in our lives.

1. **Eucharist:** The Mass is the source and summit of the whole Christian life. Accordingly, the Eucharist is the essential moment for building up and strengthening the parish community, along with the sacraments and other celebrations of the paschal mystery — the passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.
2. **Church:** Each of us is called to actively participate as a member of a parish, the Universal Church and our local Church, led by our archbishop. Parishes continually deepen the bonds of communion with other parishes.
3. **Leadership:** Pastors, in collaboration with parochial vicars, deacons and lay ministers, according to their proper roles and charisms, share responsibility for pastoral leadership. The spiritual, physical and mental health and ongoing support of ordained and lay leaders is vital for Families of Parishes.
4. **Stewardship:** Families of Parishes are communities of grateful disciples. Recognizing God's gifts, they use their talents, skills and resources to build up the Church and live as Christ's body in the world.
5. **Evangelization:** As centers of missionary outreach, Families of Parishes find new ways to foster discipleship among all the baptized. Schools, religious education, faith formation and indeed the domestic Church itself are centers of this essential work.
6. **Love in Action:** Families of Parishes will be communities of charity and justice, serving those most in need and working to change systems that oppress and marginalize.

BEACONS *of* LIGHT

High Level

| | Autumn – Winter 2020 | Winter 2020 – Spring 2021 | Summer 2021 | Autumn 2021 | Winter 2021-Spring 2022 |
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| Strategic Planning | <p>Research</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data Team Formation Process Design 2019 FY Data Gathering Setup and Populate Insight Data System *Determine Formal Inclusion of School Data | <p>Data Analysis</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Execute a 60-Day Analysis Period Determine Analysis Guidelines and Structural Parameters Create DRAFT Current Reality Report Apply 2020 FY Data | <p>Report Refinement and Model Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> “Internal” Confidential Consultation: DRAFT Current Reality Report Mid-Year 2021 FY Data Update Refine Current Reality Report Consultation on Archdiocese long term Data Processes Plan Create Regional Models Create Models & Start Reviews | <p>“Inform” Archdiocese</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data “Story” Development “External” Data Communication Strategy Development Based on Audience Support Public “Inform” Process Model Reviews and Formalization | <p>Priest Assignments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Archbishop Model Approval Confidential Consultation on Priest Assessment and Assignment Modeling Final Refinement Based on Consultation Archbishop Assignment Approval |
| Pastoral Planning | <p>Roadmap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clarify pastoral focus Create master multi-year planning roadmap Review and provide communications feedback Design and deliver deanery convocations | <p>Guiding Principles</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Principles, Vision Points, Parameters Development Parameters Consultation | <p>Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Planning process development Build materials and processes Schedules of meetings, number and sequence of meetings Skill-based training for deans and priests Strategies for managing resistance | <p>Pilots and Implementation through 2022</p> <p>Fall 2021: Pilot 1: Selected already-existing regions Spring 2022: Pilot 2: Selected already-existing regions Summer-Fall 2022: Wave 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consulting and support of the implementation of the Archdiocesan pastoral plan Support core team monthly ongoing development Consultation during and following pilots Skill-based training for facilitators | |
| Communications | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> One-page overview Introductory meetings – priests, deacons, Pastoral Center staff, parish leaders | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beacons of Light in CT Microsite and e-news Mtg prayer/reflection Beacons Roundtable begins Theological foundations | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beacons of Light in CT Groupings of parishes document/discussion Mtg prayer/reflection | <p>Looking back, looking ahead – Announce the upcoming formation of groupings of parishes, describe planning process, share pilot process success stories</p> | |