

# EASTER SEASON

## Third Sunday



*“The two disciples of Emmaus, upon recognizing the Lord, ‘set out immediately’ (cf. Lk 24:33), in order to report what they had seen and heard. Once we have truly met the Risen One by partaking of His body and blood, we cannot keep to ourselves the joy we have experienced. The encounter with Christ, constantly intensified and deepened in the Eucharist, issues in the Church and in every Christian an urgent summons to testimony and evangelization. ‘As often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes’ (1 Cor 11:26). The Apostle closely relates meal and proclamation: entering into communion with Christ in the memorial of His Pasch also means sensing the duty to be a missionary of the event made present in that Rite. The dismissal at the end of each Mass is a charge given to Christians, inviting them to work for the spread of the Gospel and the imbuing of society with Christian values. The Eucharist not only provides the interior strength needed for this mission but is also – in some sense – its plan. For the Eucharist is a mode of being, which passes from Jesus into each Christian, through whose testimony it is meant to spread throughout society and culture. For this to happen, each member of the faithful must assimilate, through personal and communal meditation, the values which the Eucharist expresses, the attitudes it inspires, the resolutions to which it gives rise. Can we not see here a special charge?”*

**+POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II**



### HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SEE BULLETIN FOR HOLY DAYS

|                |         |
|----------------|---------|
| Saturday Vigil | 4:00pm  |
| Sunday         | 8:30am  |
|                | 10:30am |
|                | 12:30pm |
|                | 5:00pm  |

#### Daily

|                 |        |
|-----------------|--------|
| Monday-Friday   | 6:30am |
| Monday-Saturday | 8:15am |
| Wednesday       | 6:00pm |

#### SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2:00pm on first and third Sundays.  
Pre-Baptism class is at 2:00pm on second Sunday. All by appointment.  
Sponsors need letter from their pastor.

#### SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

2:30–3:30pm every Saturday;  
Weekly Holy Hour with Confessions from 6:30–7:30pm every Wednesday.  
Anytime upon request.  
(Call for appointment.)

#### SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

No date should be set prior to seeing a priest or deacon six months before desired date.

#### SACRAMENT OF THE SICK

Please contact the Parish office.

614.885.7814

SAINTMICHAEL-CD.ORG  
5750 NORTH HIGH STREET  
WORTHINGTON, OHIO 43085



FIND US ON  
**facebook**

facebook.com/stmichaelworthington

# SAINT MICHAEL STAFF DIRECTORY

Website: [saintmichael-cd.org](http://saintmichael-cd.org)

Parish Office: 614-885-7814

## MINISTERS TO THE PARISH

Pastor: Fr. Michael J. Lumpe

Parochial Vicar: Fr. Wojciech Stachura, SAC

Priest in Residence/Diocesan Judicial Vicar:

Fr. Robert Kitsmiller

Priest in Holy Service: Fr. Peter Fegan, O.P.

Transitional Deacon: Dcn. Sam Severance

Permanent Deacons:

Dcn. John Crerand

Dcn. Bill Demidovich

Dcn. Klaus Fricke (Retired)

Pastoral Minister: Sr. Riya Mary

[srriya@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:srriya@saintmichael-cd.org)

Youth Minister: Jake Asuncion

[jasuncion@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:jasuncion@saintmichael-cd.org)

Director of RCIA: Jake Neal

[jneal@sjchcc.org](mailto:jneal@sjchcc.org)

## PARISH OFFICE

Business Manager: Kris Jesse

[kjesse@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:kjesse@saintmichael-cd.org)

Office Manager: Kathy Trafford

[ktrafford@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:ktrafford@saintmichael-cd.org)

Receptionist/Secretary: Rhonda Marinelli

[rmarinelli@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:rmarinelli@saintmichael-cd.org)

Marketing & Communications: Rebecca Lund

[rlund@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:rlund@saintmichael-cd.org)

Campus Facility and Safety Director:

Steve Moore

[smoore@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:smoore@saintmichael-cd.org)

Safe Environment Coordinator: Bethany Cook

[bcook@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:bcook@saintmichael-cd.org)

Choir Director/Organist: Ron Barrett

[rbarrett@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:rbarrett@saintmichael-cd.org)

## ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Website: [stmichaelworthington.org](http://stmichaelworthington.org)

School Office: 614-885-3149

Principal: Sr. Mary Regina, O.P.

[principal@stmichaelworthington.org](mailto:principal@stmichaelworthington.org)

Preschool Director: Laura Wells

[lwells@stmichaelworthington.org](mailto:lwells@stmichaelworthington.org)

## PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

Athletic Association Representative: Liz Trolli

[smaa@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:smaa@saintmichael-cd.org)

Knights of Columbus Representative:

Seth Walker

[grandknight@kofc11445.com](mailto:grandknight@kofc11445.com)

St. Vincent de Paul Society Representative:

Elaine Miracle

[svdp@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:svdp@saintmichael-cd.org)

# SAINT MICHAEL INFORMATION CENTER



## LOW-GLUTEN HOST

If you are in need of a low-gluten host, please scan this QR code for full details.



## NEW MEMBERS

Registering in a parish is a declaration of your desire to be part of a Catholic community and a commitment to the life of the parish family. We are often asked to provide affidavits for parishioner standing. We can only do this if a person is a registered, active, and contributing member in our parish. You can register by scanning the QR code above or by visiting our website at [www.saintmichael-cd.org](http://www.saintmichael-cd.org).

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

To submit a bulletin request, the request must be made no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday. Send bulletin requests to [rlund@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:rlund@saintmichael-cd.org) with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

## HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing [srriya@stmichael-cd.org](mailto:srriya@stmichael-cd.org).



## ONLINE GIVING

St. Michael offers online giving as a convenient tool for you to use. Scan the QR code to learn more or to set up online contributions.

## ADORATION CHAPEL

There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Consider signing up for Adoration. Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition on Thursdays and Fridays from 9:00 a.m., Thursday morning through 9:00 p.m., Friday evening. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Registration is easy to do from your phone. Visit [StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com](http://StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com) to sign up. You can also visit the Church on Wednesdays for our weekly Holy Hour with Confessions from 6:30-7:30 p.m. each week.

# THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 14, 2024

## DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

### Saturday, April 13

4:00 p.m. + Ron Cottrell (Dcn. Klaus & Sharon Fricke)

### Sunday, April 14

8:30 a.m. + Hubertine Bohnen (Brigitte Bohnen-Hartley)  
 10:30 a.m. Special Intention of Rachel Putnam (SMS 4P Families)  
 12:30 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish  
 5:00 p.m. + Jeff Brader

### Monday, April 15

6:30 a.m. + Poor Souls in Purgatory  
 8:15 a.m. + Bernard Kraus (Jeanne & Jerry Kraus)

### Tuesday, April 16

6:30 a.m. + Peter & Viola Kellenbarger  
 8:15 a.m. + Chuck & Joann Melekian (Terri & Stan Bradham)

### Wednesday, April 17

6:30 a.m. + Msgr. Frank Meagher  
 8:15 a.m. For the School  
 6:00 p.m. + William Harvey

### Thursday, April 18

6:30 a.m. + Jimmy Corrova  
 8:15 a.m. + Emory Surowski (Jeanne & Jerry Kraus)

### Friday, April 19

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of the 2024 Diaconate Class  
 8:15 a.m. + Paul Butler

### Saturday, April 20

8:15 a.m. + James R. Cecil (Rich & Theresa Agnello)  
 4:00 p.m. + Warren, David & Michael Roberts (Carolyn Roberts)

### Sunday, April 21

8:30 a.m. + Thomas Pitcock (The Elliott Family)  
 10:30 a.m. + Chris Damo (The Damo Family)  
 12:30 p.m. Special Intention of Mickey Geslak  
 5:00 p.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

APRIL 7, 2024

Envelopes ..... \$ 14,377.00  
 Online Giving ..... \$ 13,502.00  
**Total:.....\$ 27,879.00**

## ± MARRIAGE BANNS ±



CONGRATULATIONS TO:

**ANDREW GARVER &  
LAUREN SAGARIA**

APRIL 13, 2024

CELEBRATING THE

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY

ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH



## UPDATED DAILY MASS SCHEDULE

**MONDAY: 6:30AM, 8:15AM**  
**TUESDAY: 6:30AM, 8:15AM**  
**WEDNESDAY: 6:30AM, 8:15AM, 6:00PM**  
**THURSDAY: 6:30AM, 8:15AM**  
**FRIDAY: 6:30AM, 8:15AM**  
**SATURDAY: 8:15AM**

Join us on Wednesday evenings as we permanently add the 6:00pm Mass to our calendar followed by our weekly Holy Hour with confessions from 6:30-7:30pm.

## PARISH CALENDAR APRIL

|                                |   |                               |   |
|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|---|
| <b>SUNDAY,<br/>April 14</b>    | 11:30 a.m. RCIA (UMR)<br>2:00 p.m. Baptism Class (UMR)<br>3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (Gym)<br>6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (MH) | <b>Thursday,<br/>April 18</b> | Eucharistic Exposition (AC)<br>5:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting (U)<br>6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study (LMR)<br>7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)<br>7:00 p.m. WFF Candlelight Evening (MH) |
| <b>Monday,<br/>April 15</b>    | 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)<br>6:30 p.m. K of C 4th Degree Meeting (LMR)<br>7:30 p.m. K of C Meeting (LMR)                                       | <b>Friday,<br/>April 19</b>   | Eucharistic Exposition (AC)   |
| <b>Tuesday,<br/>April 16</b>   | No Activities   | <b>Saturday,<br/>April 20</b> | 7:00 a.m. Pietra (LMR)<br>2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)   |
| <b>Wednesday,<br/>April 17</b> | 6:00 p.m. Mass, Holy Hour & Confessions (C)   | <b>SUNDAY,<br/>April 21</b>   | K of C Community Breakfast after the 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Masses<br>11:30 a.m. RCIA (UMR)<br>3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (Gym)<br>6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (MH)  |

(U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel

## FROM THE PASTOR

**ON THIS THIRD SUNDAY OF THE EASTER SEASON,** we are reminded of the importance of the Gospel phrase: **“You are witnesses of these things.”** We can easily see in today’s Gospel how Jesus was putting the final touches in the preparation of His apostles to take His Gospel and proclaim it to the whole world. He had already spent three years with them, calling them to Him, teaching them, sending them out to preach in His name, to cure the sick, to raise the dead. He had already shown them the example of what it means to serve others with love, compassion, and mercy. He had already ordained them priests and given them the ability to bring down His Body and Blood to the altars on Holy Thursday. He had already given them the ability to forgive and retain sins on Easter Sunday evening. He had already shown them that the model to follow, living for God and dying out of love for God and for others. In today’s Gospel, we see how Jesus finishes His preparations. He began by wishing them peace again, eating in front of them and showing them His wounds so that they would know that they were not hallucinating, but that He – Jesus Christ – had truly risen from the dead and He told them. Then, Saint Luke tells us that Jesus did two very important things. First, He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures, so that they would understand that “everything written about (Him) in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled.” Jesus had to do this because the apostles had not gotten the connections Jesus had talked about before which now, after His Resurrection, they would finally be able to understand. Now they would understand the real meaning of the existence of Adam and Eve and the consequences of original sin. Now they would get the real meaning of what happened to Abel, killed by his brother Cain. Abel was a type, a forerunner of Jesus who, though innocent, was killed by his brother. Now they would be able to grasp the story of the sacrifice of Isaac, the only Son, who carried the wood for the sacrifice, and who the Lamb was that God would provide, Jesus, the Lamb of God. Now they would be able to understand the real exodus, the real Passover, which wasn’t just from Egypt through the Red Sea to the Promised Land, but from this life, through death, into eternal life. Jesus opened their minds to understand how all of Sacred Scripture had pointed to Him. Just as Jesus did with the disciples on the road to Emmaus, to whom Jesus said, “Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” Jesus, “beginning with Moses and all the prophets, interpreted to them the things about himself in all the Scriptures.” We’re told in that scene that the disciples’ hearts were burning as they felt incredible consolation that comes from contact with the Truth, who is Jesus. Jesus continues to open up the Sacred Scriptures for us at every Mass, teaching us in the Gospel. Jesus concluded this first thing by summarizing and giving the apostles their full mission: “Thus it is written that the Christ would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day and that repentance, for the forgiveness of sins, would be preached in his name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.” Their mission was to go and witness to Jesus, to preach about Jesus, about His suffering out of love, about His Resurrection and about the call to repentance through the forgiveness of sins. And we see how well they had listened to Jesus and, with the help of the Holy Spirit, followed His marching orders. The question for us today and every day is simply this: How are each of us doing when it comes to listening to Jesus, at following Him, at embracing His way of life, at being “doers of the word, not hearers only” (James 1:22)? When we stray and sin, do we seek Christ’s mercy and forgiveness through the Sacrament of Reconciliation? All of us are called – indeed invited by Christ – when Jesus says “follow me.” How good of a job are we doing at following Him? It’s never too late, folks, to do a turnaround – to undergo that level of conversion of mind and heart, to turn away from the ways of the world and instead embrace the way of Christ. And once we have embraced the way of Christ, to share in Christ’s saving mission to share His way with others, that is how we come to know Him, and to love Him – Christ our Lord, Savior and Redeemer. A piece of blunt, yet very sage advice, is given to us in our second reading from the First Letter of Saint John: “The way we may be sure that we know Him is to keep His commandments. Those who say, ‘I know Him,’ but do not keep His commandments are liars, and the truth is not in them. But whoever keeps His word, the love of God is truly perfected in him.” Let’s think about this today and take action on how we can show greater love for Christ by following Him, living our lives in witness to Him, and sharing in His saving mission. The following is not part of today’s Scripture readings, but is ever-so instructive and inspiring (James 1:19-27):

*Know this, my dear brothers: everyone should be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath, for the wrath of a man does not accomplish the righteousness of God. Therefore, put away all filth and evil excess and humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his own face in a mirror. He sees himself, then goes off and promptly forgets what he looked like. But the one who peers into the perfect law of freedom and perseveres, and is not a hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, such a one shall be blessed in what he does. If anyone thinks he is religious and does not bridle his tongue but deceives his heart, his religion is vain. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world.*

Let us, then, be living witnesses to Jesus Christ by the choices we make and the lives we lead!

– Fr. Mike



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS COMMUNITY BREAKFAST

**SUNDAY, APRIL 21**  
**AFTER THE 8:30AM & 10:30AM**  
**MASSES IN THE CAFETERIA**

Join us for our next community breakfast  
hosted by the Knights of Columbus!  
Come enjoy good food and fellowship. The  
menu will include pancakes (gluten free  
available), sausage, bacon & eggs!

Breakfast is available at NO COST; donations  
will be accepted and all proceeds will go to  
support the Women's Care Center.



### YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Young adults of the parish are invited to join our Bible Study on  
Thursday evenings in the Lower Meeting Room from 6:30-7:30  
p.m. All are welcome, invite a friend to join you! Questions?  
Email Jake Asuncion at [jasuncion@saintmichael-cd.org](mailto:jasuncion@saintmichael-cd.org).

### JOIN US FOR OUR SPRING PRE-K SOCCER PROGRAM!

Preschool students are invited to join our Pre-K soccer program  
this spring! This is a parent-run program that plays at St. Peter's  
soccer fields. Joining together each Saturday at 10:00 a.m.  
through May 18, this program includes 30 minutes of drills, 30  
minutes of scrimmage, and a great way for the kids to meet  
future classmates! Bring a water bottle, soccer ball, and wear  
shin guards and cleats or athletic shoes. There is no cost or  
commitment to attend! Questions? Email Sean Murray at [sean.murray84@gmail.com](mailto:sean.murray84@gmail.com).



### EXPERIENCE PIETRA ...

Join us for *Pietra*: an exercise class that  
strengthens body, mind, and spirit! Upcoming  
classes include *Mother/Daughter*, and our  
regular *Women's Saturday* morning classes.

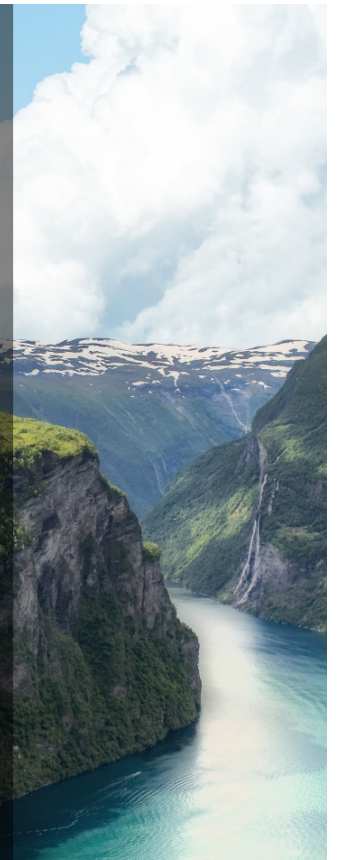
Information and sign-up can be found at the QR code or  
by visiting [www.viribuswellness.com/pietra](http://www.viribuswellness.com/pietra).

St. Michael  
Middle School Youth  
Ministry  
(6th-8th grade)

## The Adventurers

Food Games Food

Sunday April 14  
3:00 - 4:30 pm  
Gym



Women's Faith & Fellowship  
Daughterhood by Candlelight  
with Monica Richards

Thursday, April 18th  
7:00pm  
Marian Hall



RSVP Now!

Join us for an evening of fellowship as we enjoy a meal and listen to Monica Richards share with us about our Daughterhood as beloved daughters of our King. Monica Richards is a full-time missionary with Damascus, wife & mother of five, and licensed Doctor of clinical Psychology. She has an amazing ability to drill fearlessly into deep issues, develop trust, & facilitate pathways toward healing and wholeness for each individual she encounters. *To host a table or RSVP as an individual, please use the QR code to join us for this amazing evening.*

Presented by St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT VOCATION NIGHT



APRIL 14 | 6:30-8:30PM  
KLINGER CENTER

Come and explore God's rich plan for your life. Hear from Fr. Olvera and an incredible panel of speakers. Network with religious orders and mission organizations from around Columbus. Dinner is included! No registration needed. Bring yourself and friends! High School Students and Young Adults are welcome to join us.

- Hear from Speakers
- Ask Questions
- Learn to Discern Well
- Socialize with Friends
- Explore Religious Orders
- Free Food



# OUR Catholic FAITH

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH • 5750 N. HIGH STREET • WORTHINGTON, OHIO 43085 • (614) 885-7814

## Helping Our Children Find Holiness

by Fr. Ed Broom, OMC

The primary obligation of parents towards their children is to pave the way for the salvation of their immortal souls. Jesus pointed this out very clearly: “What would it profit a man if he were to gain the whole world and lose his soul in the process. What can a man exchange for his very soul?” This Biblical passage was instrumental in the conversion of the great missionary, Saint Francis Xavier.

In this short essay, we would like to pinpoint five concrete decisions and practices that parents can undertake so as to pave the way to heaven for their children. Never forget, parents, that your primary obligation is to bring every family member to heaven, to be with God, the Blessed Virgin Mary, the angels and saints for all eternity!

### **1. Baptism**

Provide for the Baptism of your child as soon as possible. During the course of the pregnancy good parents can do all the prior preparations so as to have the child baptized rapidly. Baptismal talks, papers, godparents, etc. can be prepared and ready even before the child is born. Remember the words of Jesus, referring to the small child; “Let the little children come to me because as such is the kingdom of heaven.”

### **2. Pray Immediately**

A child can be compared to a sponge: the nature of a sponge is to absorb, especially liquids and usually water. However, if one puts dirty water into the sponge, then dirty water will be wrung out; clean, then clean water will be wrung out. A three-year-old child can watch TV and repeat dumb, offensive and vulgar words or songs. If this is the case, why should parents not fill the mind, heart and lips of the child with prayers to the Guardian Angel, to Mary, to the Trinity, to the Heavenly Father. Don't allow your child to be filled with junk, but, instead, fill him/her with beautiful prayers!

### **3. Offer it Up**

Parents, we invite you to teach your children the short but all-important phrase: “Offer it up!” What this really means is to take advantage of daily sufferings and crosses that God sends to all of us. Through this process of offering our sufferings, we can help our friends through our prayers and pains.

Much suffering is wasted because it is not offered up to God. Why not teach children, even when they are small, to offer up the headache, toothache, hot or cold weather, the fall and bruise and the cut, so that these sufferings will have infinite value! Mom and Dad, you are the first teachers, especially in the area of faith.

### **4. Love One Another**

The Last and greatest commandment of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was that of love—to love all as he loved us. Parents who are blessed by God to have more than one child should make a concerted effort on their part to love their children and their immortal souls. However, the devil always seeks to sow the seed of discord, confusion, jealousy, rivalry, comparisons, and suspicions. Parents must strive with all of the energy of their wills to foster mutual respect, humility, love and harmony among their siblings.

At all costs parents must avoid the “Cain-complex”. What is the “Cain-complex”? The Cain complex consists in pitting one sibling against the other. It results in the ugly fruits of comparisons, rivalries, jealousy often leading to envy and fights and hatred and killing — if not physically, then at least in the heart.

How can the “Cain-complex” be avoided? A simple remedy! It is all related to union with God in prayer, the three dimensions of family prayer. Parents should pray for their children; parents should teach their children to pray; finally, parents should pray with their children. If done, this will prove to be one of the most efficacious remedies to avoid the ugly, but all too prevalent “Cain-complex.”

### **5. The Real Presence**

Good Catholic parents, we warmly exhort you to teach your children, as soon as possible, the meaning of the Real Presence of Jesus in the Mass, Consecration, Holy Communion. Furthermore, parents should teach their children, even the little ones, where Jesus is truly present in the Church. How is this to be done successfully by parents? Here are some various suggestions:

- **Personal devotion.** Parents work on growing in your own faith in Jesus present in the Eucharist — Nobody can give what he does not possess personally.
- **Holy Mass.** Explain to your children that the most important event every week is attending the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass on Sunday, but also participating fully, consciously and actively.
- **Reverence.** The modern world has lost the sense of the sacred in the churches today. Parents must teach their children that the Church is the House of God and a sacred and holy environment. Therefore, in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, there should be cultivated silence, that fosters both prayer and reverence.
- **Genuflection.** Parents should execute the genuflection properly, right knee to the ground with hands folded over heart, and explain why this is done. It is done to adore the Lord of Lord and King of Kings who is residing in His little Palace or Castle in the Blessed Sacrament. The Kings prostrated themselves before the Child Jesus in Bethlehem; we prostrate ourselves by a reverential genuflection. Remember that Jesus, now present in the Blessed Sacrament, is still Lord of Lords and King of Kings and still worthy of worship and praise. This is done by the genuflection.
- **Visit the Blessed Sacrament.** One of the first little poems I remembered learning as a child was the following related to Eucharistic visits: “Whenever I see a Church, I stop to make a visit, so that when I die the Lord will not say, who is it?” Parents should form the habit of now and then stopping to visit Jesus truly present in the Blessed Sacrament in the tabernacle. Even though the visit might last five minutes, this is very pleasing to Jesus whose Sacred Heart rejoices every time we visit Him and remember Him!

### **Conclusion**

If parents can take seriously their obligation to be a Saint John the Baptist and point the way to Jesus and the Highway to heaven, then the parents will strive to implement these five practical points of advice:

- 1) The graces of early Baptism;
- 2) Prayer which is the key to heaven;
- 3) The value of offering up and suffering for a purpose;
- 4) Love, living out love in family;
- 5) The Eucharistic Lord, growing in faith, knowledge and love for Jesus the Bread of Life, King of Kings and Lord of Lords.

May Mary, the Mother of God, the Mother of the Church and our Heavenly Mother attain for us extraordinary graces through her all-powerful prayers!

*This article is made available courtesy of the Catholic Exchange.*





# Lectio Divina

## SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

---

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

---

*The month of April is dedicated to the Holy Spirit.*

***“Christians must lean on the Cross of Christ just as travelers lean on a staff when they begin a long journey. They must have the Passion of Christ deeply embedded in their minds and hearts, because only from it can they derive peace, grace, and truth.”***

**+ SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA**

### **Monday, April 15 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 6:22-29** After Jesus had fed the five thousand men, his disciples saw him walking on the sea.] The next day, the crowd that remained across the sea saw that there had been only one boat there, and that Jesus had not gone along with his disciples in the boat, but only his disciples had left. Other boats came from Tiberias near the place where they had eaten the bread when the Lord gave thanks. When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea they said to him, “Rabbi, when did you get here?” Jesus answered them and said, “Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal.” So they said to him, “What can we do to accomplish the works of God?” Jesus answered and said to them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent.”

**Meditation:** What do you hunger most for in life? Is it health, wealth, power, titles, fame, love, truth, life? Jesus addressed this issue with those who sought him after the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves. Were they simply hungry for things which satisfy the body or for that which satisfies the heart and soul? Jesus echoes the question posed in the Old Testament by the prophet Isaiah: “Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy” (Isaiah 55:2)? There are two kinds of hunger -- physical and spiritual. Only God can satisfy the spiritual hunger in our heart and soul -- the hunger for truth, for life, and for love. Jesus also spoke about the works of God and what we must do to be doing the works of God, namely to believe in God's Son whom he has sent into the world.

**Prayer:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that, putting off our old self with all its ways, we may live as Christ did, for through the healing paschal remedies you have conformed us to his nature. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus offers a new relationship with God which issues in a new kind of life – in fact the only *real* life. It is a life of love and service, and the forgiveness of others which corresponds to God's mercy and kindness; a life of holiness and purity which corresponds to God's holiness; and a life of submission and trust which corresponds to the wisdom of God. This is the work which Jesus directs us to and enables us to perform in the power of the Holy Spirit. Do you hunger for the bread which comes down from heaven and thirst for the words of everlasting life? Find this hunger, and fulfill it with Christ!

### **Tuesday, April 16 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 6:30-35** The crowd said to Jesus: “What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: *He gave them bread from heaven to eat.*” So Jesus said to them, “Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” So they said to Jesus, “Sir, give us this bread always.” Jesus said to them, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst.”

**Meditation:** Do you have a true and genuine hunger for the bread of life? The Jewish people had always regarded the manna in the wilderness as the bread of God (Psalm 78:24, Exodus 16:15). There was a strong Rabbinic belief that when the Messiah came he would give manna from heaven. This was the supreme work of Moses. Now the Jewish leaders were demanding that Jesus produce manna from heaven as proof to his claim to be the Messiah. Jesus responds by telling them that it was not Moses who gave the manna, but God. And the manna given to Moses and the people was not the real bread from heaven, but only a symbol of the bread to come. Jesus then makes the claim which only God can make: I am the bread of life. The bread which Jesus offers is none else than the very life of God. This is the one true bread which can truly satisfy the hunger in our hearts. So the question becomes for each of us: Do you hunger for God and for the food which produces everlasting life?

**Prayer:** O God, who open wide the gates of the heavenly Kingdom to those reborn of water and the Holy Spirit, pour out on your servants an increase of the grace you have bestowed, that, having been purged of all sins, they may lack nothing that in your kindness you have promised. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Have you tasted the bread of life? Have you come to Jesus? Or are you trying to cram other things in your life, instead of the only thing that will give you meaning, direction – life itself?! So what do you have to do to receive this great treasure - this “pearl of great price” we hear in scripture - this living bread? You have to sell all you have; your desires to go your own way instead of God’s way; your desire to have power or fame. You have to put everything else behind God and seek Him and his righteousness first and all else will be given to you. This is never easy, and it will cost you a great deal. But what you get in return will be worth the price. So, seize this opportunity. Taste the bread that Jesus offers. Saint Augustine wrote a prayer to express his gratitude to God for giving us the bread of life: *You are great, Lord, and highly to be praised; great is your power and your wisdom is immeasurable. Man, a little piece of your creation, desires to praise you, a human being bearing mortality with him, carrying with him the witness of his sin and the witness that you resist the proud. Nevertheless, to praise you is the desire of man, a little piece of your creation. You stir man to take pleasure in praising you, because you have made us for yourself, and our heart is restless until it rests in you. Amen.*

### **Wednesday, April 17 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 6:35-40** Jesus said to the crowds, “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst. But I told you that although you have seen me, you do not believe. Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and I will not reject anyone who comes to me, because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me. And this is the will of the one who sent me, that I should not lose anything of what he gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who sees the Son and believes in him may have eternal life, and I shall raise him on the last day.”

**Meditation:** For us to understand who Jesus is, we need to understand why he called himself the “bread of life.” The Jews understood that God promised them manna from heaven to sustain them on their journey to the promised land. Bread is the very staple of life. We could not live without food for very long. Bread sustains us. But what, then, is life? Jesus clearly meant something more than mere physical existence. The life Jesus refers to is connected with God, the author of life. Real life is a relationship with the living God – a relationship based on trust, love and obedience. This is what Jesus makes possible for us -- a loving relationship with the God who created us for love with Him. Apart from Jesus no one can enter that kind of life and relationship.

**Prayer:** Be present to your family, O Lord, we pray, and graciously ensure those you have endowed with the grace of faith an eternal share in the Resurrection of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Ask yourself: are you satisfied with mere physical existence, or do you hunger for real life? Jesus makes three claims here. First he offers himself as spiritual food which produces the very life of God within us. Second, he promises unbroken friendship and freedom from the fear of being forsaken or cut off from God. Third, he offers us the hope of sharing in his resurrection. Those who accept Jesus as Lord and Savior will be raised up to immortal life with Jesus when he comes again on the last day. Remember, our earthly journey is just that – a journey. And where our journey leads us is up to us as to whom we follow – is it Christ our shepherd and guide? Or is it someone or something else? Jesus leads us to eternal life, everything else leads to a dead end – literally! Knowing this, why would anyone choose to follow anyone or anything but Christ on our earthly journey?

## Thursday, April 18 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter

**Holy Gospel: John 6:44-51** Jesus said to the crowds: "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draw him, and I will raise him on the last day. It is written in the prophets: *They shall all be taught by God.* Everyone who listens to my Father and learns from him comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die. 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."

**Meditation:** God offers us, his people, abundant life. But we can miss it. What is the bread of life which Jesus offers? It is first of all the life of God himself -- life which sustains us not only now in this age but also in the age to come. The Rabbis said that the generation in the wilderness have no part in the life to come. In the Book of Numbers it is recorded that the people who refused to brave the dangers of the Promised Land were condemned to wander in the wilderness until they died. The Rabbis believed that the father who missed the promised land also missed the life to come. When Jesus offers us real life he brings us into a new relationship with God, a relationship of trust, love, and obedience. And he offers us real life which last forever, a life of love, fellowship, communion, and union with the One who made us in love to be with him forever. To refuse Jesus is to refuse eternal life, unending life with the Heavenly Father. To accept Jesus as the bread of heaven is not only life and spiritual nourishment for this world but glory in the world to come. Do you truly accept Jesus as the bread of life?

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, let us feel your compassion more readily during these days when, by your gift, we have known it more fully, so that those you have freed from the darkness of error may cling more firmly to the teachings of your truth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Saint Bonaventure wrote this prayer to Jesus, the bread of life: "Grant that my soul may hunger after Thee, the bread of angels, the refreshment of holy souls, our daily and super substantial bread, having all sweetness and savor and every delight of taste; let my heart ever hunger after and feed upon Thee, upon whom the angels desire to look, and may my inmost soul be filled with the sweetness of Thy savor; may it ever thirst after Thee, the fountain of life, the fountain of wisdom and knowledge, the fountain of eternal light, the torrent of pleasure, the richness of the house of God. May it ever compass Thee, seek Thee, find Thee, run to Thee, attain Thee, meditate upon Thee, speak of Thee, and do all things to the praise and glory of Thy name, with humility and discretion, with love and delight, with ease and affection, and with perseverance unto the end."

## Friday, April 19 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter

**Holy Gospel: John 6:52-59** The Jews quarreled among themselves, saying, "How can this man give us his Flesh to eat?" Jesus said to them, "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. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood has eternal life, and I will raise him on the last day. For my Flesh is true food, and my Blood is true drink. Whoever eats my Flesh and drinks my Blood remains in me and I in him. 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. This is the bread that came down from heaven. Unlike your ancestors who ate and still died, whoever eats this bread will live forever." These things he said while teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

**Meditation:** Why did Jesus offer himself as "food and drink"? The Jews were scandalized and the disciples were divided when Jesus said "unless you eat my flesh and drink my blood, you have no life in you." What a hard saying, unless you understand who Jesus is and why he calls himself the bread of life. The miracle of the multiplication of the loaves, when Jesus said the blessing, broke and distributed the loaves through his disciples to feed the multitude, prefigured the superabundance of the unique bread of the Eucharist, or Lord's Supper. The Gospel of John has no account of the Last Supper meal (just the foot washing ceremony and Jesus' farewell discourse). Instead, John quotes extensively from Jesus' teaching on the bread of life. In the Old Covenant bread and wine were offered in sacrifice as a sign of grateful acknowledgment to their Creator. Melchizedek's offering of bread and wine, who was both priest and king (Genesis 14:18), prefigured the offering made by Jesus, our high priest and king. The remembrance of the manna in the wilderness recalled to Israel that it lives by the bread of the Word of God (Deuteronomy 8:3). When at the Last Supper Jesus described his blood "poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins" (Matthew 26:28), he was explaining his coming crucifixion as a sacrifice for sins. His death on the cross

fulfilled the sacrifice of the paschal lamb. That is why John the Baptist called him the "Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world." Jesus made himself an offering and sacrifice, a gift that was truly pleasing to the Father. He "offered himself without blemish to God" (Hebrews 9:14) and "gave himself as a sacrifice to God" (Ephesians 5:2).

**Prayer:** Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who have come to know the grace of the Lord's Resurrection, may, through the love of the Spirit, ourselves rise to newness of life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Jesus chose the time of Passover to fulfill what he had announced at Capernaum – giving his disciples his body and his blood. Jesus' passing over to his Father by his death and resurrection, the new Passover, is anticipated in the Last Supper and celebrated in the Eucharist, which fulfills the Jewish Passover and anticipates the final Passover of the church in the glory of God's kingdom. When the Lord Jesus commands his disciples to eat his flesh and drink his blood, he invites us to take his life into the very center of our being. That life which he offers is the very life of God himself. Do you hunger for the bread of life?

### **Saturday, April 20 ~ Third Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 6:60-69** Many of the disciples of Jesus who were listening said, "This saying is hard; who can accept it?" Since Jesus knew that his disciples were murmuring about this, he said to them, "Does this shock you? What if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the Spirit that gives life, while the flesh is of no avail. The words I have spoken to you are Spirit and life. But there are some of you who do not believe." Jesus knew from the beginning the ones who would not believe and the one who would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted him by my Father." As a result of this, many of his disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer walked with him. Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God."

**Meditation:** Jesus stated that he is the bread of heaven, the very life of God given to us as spiritual food to sustain us on our journey to the promised land of heaven. Jesus did not leave any middle ground for his hearers. They must either accept his word as divine or reject it as the claim of an imposter. Even the apostles admitted that this was a "hard saying." This expression meant that it was not just hard to understand, but hard to accept. Jesus pressed the issue with his beloved disciples because he wanted to test their faith and loyalty. Jesus promised his disciples nothing less than the full blessing of eternal life and union with God. Jesus assures his disciples that it is his heavenly Father who invites and who gives the grace to follow even in the "hard sayings." Jesus knew that some would not only reject him and his word, but would do so with hatred and violence, even betraying him to his enemies.

**Prayer:** O God, who in the font of Baptism have made new those who believe in you, keep safe those reborn in Christ, that, defeating every onslaught of error, they may faithfully preserve the grace of your blessing. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** It was through the gift of faith that Peter came to understand that Jesus was the true Messiah, the Holy One of God. He believed in the words which Jesus spoke, because he accepted Jesus as the Son of God and savior of the world. Faith is a personal response to God's revelation of himself to us. Faith is the key to understanding and experiencing God's action and work in our personal lives. Do you believe, as Peter did, that Jesus can change your life because he has the words of everlasting life? Ask the Lord to increase your faith that you may grow in your relationship with him and in the knowledge of his love for you.

Scripture passages (NAB translation) courtesy of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops;  
prayers are from *The Roman Missal*, Catholic Book Publishing, 2011;  
information about saints, solemnities, feasts and memorials courtesy of the Catholic Culture web site.

frlumpe:2024



# OUR Catholic FAITH

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH • 5750 N. HIGH STREET • WORTHINGTON, OHIO 43085 • (614) 885-7814

## The Role of Godparents

By Fr. William Saunders

*Please explain the role of godparents in Catholic baptism. How strictly should the potential godparents adhere to traditional Catholic teaching? If a couple does not know sufficiently "qualified" godparents, is it acceptable for them to act as the godparents themselves?*

The role of the godparent for baptism is rooted in the role of the sponsor in the catechumenate, which originated in the early Church. Recall that until the year 313, the Church was under the persecution of the Roman Empire and had to be cautious in conducting its affairs so as to prevent pagan infiltration and persecution. Also, until the Middle Ages, the Sacraments of Initiation — baptism, holy Eucharist, and confirmation — were administered at once. The role of the sponsor then was to attest to the integrity of the person, oftentimes an adult, seeking admission into the Church as well as to assist him during the catechumenate in preparing for these sacraments and in living a Christian life. For infants, these sponsors would also make the Profession of Faith in the child's name and accept the responsibility of instructing the child in the faith, especially if the parents failed in this duty. About the year 800 when infant baptism was truly the norm, these sponsors were called "patrinus," or "godfather." Traditionally, we identify the sponsor of a child for baptism as the godparent — godmother or godfather, but the technical term remains "sponsor."

According to the *Code of Canon Law*, "Insofar as possible, one to be baptized is to be given a sponsor who is to assist an adult in Christian initiation, or, together with the parents, to present an infant at the baptism, and who will help the baptized to lead a Christian life in harmony with baptism, and to fulfill faithfully the obligations connected with it" (No. 872). This statement clearly reflects the historical roots of the role of sponsor.

To be a sponsor, a person must be chosen by the person to be baptized, or by the parents or guardians of a child, or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister of the sacrament. The sponsor must not only have the intention of being a sponsor but also meet proper qualifications. The sponsor must have completed his sixteenth year unless the Bishop has established another age for sponsorship, or the pastor or minister judges that a just cause warrants an exception to the rule. He must be a Catholic who has received the sacraments of holy Eucharist and confirmation, and "leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken." Moreover, the sponsor cannot be impeded by some canonical penalty. Ideally, this sponsor at baptism should also be the sponsor for confirmation. Note that the mother and father of the child cannot serve as sponsors. Also note that these are the same requirements for confirmation sponsors. (Cf. *Code of Canon Law*, No. 874.1).

Strictly speaking, a person only needs one sponsor for baptism — male or female, but may have two sponsors, one male and one female. Here the *Code of Canon Law* wants to eliminate the practice of having numerous sponsors, as has occurred in some cultures (No. 873). Also, in the case of an emergency, such as imminent death, no sponsor is needed.

**Here we should pause to clarify who qualifies as a Catholic godparent. A Catholic who does not practice the faith by regularly attending Mass or who is in an invalid marriage disqualifies himself/herself from being a godparent. Moreover, if a person is Catholic but antagonistic to the faith, i.e. has the attitude "I am a Catholic but...", and would not be a good example and witness to the faith, also disqualifies himself/herself. If a person is not striving to fulfill his own obligations of Baptism and Confirmation, he/she will not fulfill the responsibilities of helping another to do so.**

As a pastor, I am truly frustrated each time someone comes by the rectory office and wants me to sign a sponsor's certificate and attest that he or she is a practicing Catholic when I do not recognize them, they have not registered in the parish, and they do not attend Mass faithfully. In justice, I cannot meet such a request.

Parents need to find good practicing Catholics for godparents. Sadly, this task can be very difficult in today's world. The best place is to look for relatives, even grandparents, who have a blood relationship with the godchild and have kept the faith over the years. Good friends are also appropriate, but sometimes friendships

wane, leaving the godchild without an active godparent. Godparents should be faithful individuals who are ready to accept the responsibility of being a part of a godchild's life for the rest of his life.

What if someone would like to have a faithful Protestant friend as a sponsor? Technically, only Catholics can be godparents or sponsors. A Christian of another denomination, whether Orthodox or Protestant, however, may be a "Christian witness" to the baptism along with the Catholic godparent. The reason for this distinction and restriction is that the godparent not only is taking responsibility for the religious education and spiritual formation of the baptized person, but also is representing the Church, the community of faith, into which the person is being baptized. A Christian who is not Catholic, although perhaps a very holy, Christian, cannot fully attest to the beliefs of the Catholic Church. Likewise, a Catholic can only be a Christian witness for someone who is baptized into another Christian denomination. (Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity, *Directoire pour l'application des principes et des normes sur l'oecumenisme*, March 25, 1993, AAS 85 (1993) 1039-1119; *Directory for the Application of Principles and Norms on Ecumenism* (Washington: USCC, 1993); *Origins* 23 (1993) 129-160).

**In all, godparents serve a special role in the life of the baptized person. Therefore, each parent should choose a godparent not just because of a blood relationship or friendship; rather, a godparent should be a trustworthy witness of the faith who will help the godchild attain salvation.**

*Father William Saunders is pastor of Our Lady of Hope parish in Potomac Falls, Virginia. He is Dean of the Notre Dame Graduate School of Christendom College. The above article is a "Straight Answers" column he wrote for the Arlington Catholic Herald. Father Saunders is the author of [Straight Answers](#), a book based on 100 of his columns, and [Straight Answers II](#). This article is made available courtesy of the Arlington Catholic Herald.*

### **Reflect on the Duties and Responsibilities of Parents and Godparents...**

**During Baptism the parents will be asked:** "You have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training him/her in the practice of the (Catholic) faith. It will be your duty to bring him/her up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us, by loving God and our neighbor. Do you clearly understand what you are undertaking?"

**During Baptism the Godparents will be asked:** "Are you ready to help the parents of this child in their duty as Christian parents?"

### **Parents and Godparents will also be asked during the Baptism Ritual...**

Dear parents and godparents: You have come here to present this child for baptism.

By water and the Holy Spirit he/she is to receive the gift of new life from God, who is love. On your part, you must make it your constant care to bring him/her up in the practice of the (Catholic) faith. See that the divine life which God gives him/her is kept safe from the poison of sin, to grow always stronger in his/her heart. If your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, renew now the vows of your own baptism. Reject sin; profess your faith in Christ Jesus. This is the faith of the Church. This is the faith in which this child is about to be baptized.

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: I do.

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: I do.

CELEBRANT: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

PARENTS AND GODPARENTS: I do.

CELEBRANT: This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Christ Jesus our Lord.

ALL: Amen.

# SCHOOLS

## ST. MICHAEL PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

St. Michael Preschool is now accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year. Please visit [www.stmichaelworthington.org/admissions/prekindergarten/](http://www.stmichaelworthington.org/admissions/prekindergarten/) for the application form and for more information. Completed applications can be emailed to Preschool Director, Laura Wells at [lwells@stmichaelworthington.org](mailto:lwells@stmichaelworthington.org). Please note that we only accept digital copies of the application form. We anticipate having a waitlist so be sure to get your applications in as soon as possible.

## BWHS SUMMER CAMPS

Registration is open for Bishop Watterson's summer art, theatre and sports camps. Woodshop camp information is coming soon. Sports being offered are baseball, boys basketball, girls basketball, cheerleading, field hockey, football, girls soccer, softball, track & field, boys volleyball and girls volleyball.

Go to [bishopwatterson.com](http://bishopwatterson.com) for dates, registration and other details.

## STALLION BOYS BASKETBALL SUMMER LEAGUE

The Stallion Summer League is open to boys entering Grades 5-9 in the fall of 2024. All games are played at De Sales and St. Matthias on Tuesdays and Thursdays in June. Registration by May 1st is \$200.00. Registration after May 1st is \$250.00. Visit [www.stallionpride.com/stallion-summer-league](http://www.stallionpride.com/stallion-summer-league) for information and registration. Contact SFD Boys Basketball Head Coach, Pat Murphy, for any questions at [patmurphy@desales.co](mailto:patmurphy@desales.co).

## SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD OPENING FOR 2024-2025



### THE TIME COMMITMENT:

- Meetings once per month
- 1-3 hours per month of additional committee work
- Events throughout the year such as the New Family Picnic, Open House, Trivia Night, and Parish Festival
- Each position holds a three-year term

### WHAT IS THE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD?

- The School Board (SMSAB) serves as an advisory committee to both the principal and pastor.
- The board's advice is valued because the corporate wisdom and insight of its members are desired and appreciated.
- The board promotes St. Michael School and helps to build a strong school community by outreach to current and new families.



If you are interested in applying for a position on the SMSAB, please contact the principal, Sr. Mary Regina, O.P. at [principal@stmichaelworthington.org](mailto:principal@stmichaelworthington.org) with a brief description stating your interest and your resume by **May 1, 2024**.

## AROUND THE DIOCESE

### CHRIST CHILD SOCIETY MOTHER'S DAY LAYETTES

Need the perfect Mother's Day gift idea? How about the gift of LOVE? Honor your mother or special loved one by sending a newborn home from the hospital swaddled in love. A card with your honoree's name will be included in a layette filled with essentials for baby, lovingly assembled by members of The Christ Child Society for a donation of \$50.00 to The Christ Child Society of Columbus Layette Fund. A beautiful Mother's Day card will be sent to your honoree announcing your gift. CCS Columbus provides almost 2,000 layettes per year to newborns who are in need of resources in the Central Ohio area. For more information or to donate online, go to [www.christchildociety.org](http://www.christchildociety.org). Donations must be received by April 19th. Contact Beth Kistler at 614-214-0124 or [bkistler@msn.com](mailto:bkistler@msn.com) with questions. Blessings and Happy Mother's Day from the Christ Child Society of Columbus.

### MEN'S DAY OF REFLECTION AT THE JOSEPHINUM

Columbus Catholic Men's Ministry and the Pontifical College Josephinum will host "The Eucharist: Sacrament of Truth and Love," a day of reflection for men, from 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 1, 2024, at the Josephinum. Facilitated by Father Peter Fegan, OP, Josephinum assistant professor and spiritual director, the event will include two conferences, the Rosary, outdoor Stations of the Cross, the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Mass, as well as breakfast, lunch, and a tour of the seminary. For more information and online registration, please visit [pcj.edu/mensdayofreflection](http://pcj.edu/mensdayofreflection).



### MISSION FOR PEACE – MAY 31- JUNE 4, 2024 – WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTERS OF PEACE

The Dominican Sisters of Peace invite single, Catholic women, ages 18-45, to attend a no-cost "Mission for Peace" prayer and service immersion program, designed to help women explore contemporary Dominican life. Experience Dominican PRAYER, enjoy a behind-the-scenes glimpse of COMMUNITY LIFE with our Sisters, engage in SERVICE to the local community, and reflect on God's call and PURPOSE for your life. This five-day service program begins at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 31, and concludes at noon, Tuesday, June 4 at the Dominicans Sisters of Peace Motherhouse, 2320 Airport Drive, Columbus, Ohio. For more information, call, or text Sister Mai-dung Nguyen at 405-248-7027 or email [mai-dung.nguyen@oppeace.org](mailto:mai-dung.nguyen@oppeace.org). Use the QR code to register, or for more information.



SEPTEMBER 28, 2024  
PONTIFICAL COLLEGE JOSEPHINUM  
7625 NORTH HIGH STREET

Event parking provided at Crosswoods Center I office park located at 100 Crosswoods Blvd. Jessing Center parking may be used by those with small children, or mobility challenges.

Packet pickup: 7:30am | Start time: 9am  
Swag: All participants receive bread and a bottle of wine, or bread and a jar of Trappist Monastery jam.

Family rate:  
Save \$5 per person when registering at least 3 participants at one time.

PRESENTED BY THE FRIENDS OF THE JOSEPHINUM

### CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON

Join us Friday, May 3 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a luncheon featuring a talk by Fr. Steven Beseau, President/Rector of the Josephinum on the Status of the Josephinum. The May luncheon is sponsored by Jim Flaherty. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Pat Foley at [foleyp513@gmail.com](mailto:foleyp513@gmail.com). Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 a.m. followed by lunch at 12:10 p.m. and Fr. Beseau's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

**Our final luncheon before the summer break is Friday, June 7, 2024, and will feature Patrick Madrid who will give a talk entitled "Ten Recent Discoveries That Point To The Existence of God." Mark your calendar now so you don't miss it!**



# PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR ADVERTISERS, WHO MAKE THIS BULLETIN POSSIBLE. TO PLACE AN AD, CALL DEE PRINTING AT 1-800-292-9020.



**Now Enrolling!**

Learn more about the 19 Primrose schools in Central Ohio.



PrimroseSchools.com/columbus



GENERAL DENTISTRY

**DR. AUDREY LOWER, D.M.D.**  
(614) 888-2563  
6641 N. High Street, Suite 101, Worthington







**FAITH COMMUNITY EXCELLENCE**

BISHOP WATTERSON HIGH SCHOOL

**BISHOPWATTERSON.COM**

**HORVATH VISION CARE**  
NORTHWOODS

180 Northwoods Blvd.  
Columbus, OH 43235  
614-739-0660

Optometrists serving Columbus for 23 years

**SAME DAY APPOINTMENTS**



**acceleration**

Import Car Repair Specialists



- Audi
- BMW
- Volvo
- Mercedes
- Porsche
- Volkswagen
- Toyota
- Acura
- Honda
- Lexus
- Nissan
- Subaru

614-436-8085 5193 N. High St.  
Just north of Graceland Mall



**TO ADVERTISE HERE,  
CALL DEE PRINTING  
AT 614-777-8700**



**THE Basement Doctor**

Drew Sanderell  
614-653-0639  
1-877-DRY-TIME

**www.mybasementdoctor.com**



**SCHOEDINGER WORTHINGTON**  
Creating Healing Experiences

6699 North High St. | 614-848-6699 | www.schoedinger.com

**How Can Better Hearing Improve Your Life? Find out for FREE!**



Call 614-356-8069



Mary Lou Luebbe  
Doctor of Audiology/Patron of Parishes

5074 N. High St. [www.HearOhio.com](http://www.HearOhio.com)

*Shop Local for the Holidays*  
AT YOUR HOMETOWN JEWELER



Worthington Jewelers  
692 High St., Worthington | 614.430.8800 | worthingtonjewelers.com



**Hutta**  
Orthodontic Specialists

Dr. J. Lawrence Hutta & Dr. Tori Hutta

6641 N High St #104,  
Worthington, OH  
614.885.2000  
huttasmiles.com




**Capital Centre, Inc.**  
614.447.1000

PAT KEARNS-DAVIS  
pkdavis@remax.cc.com






*Carfagna's* **MARKET & RISTORANTE**  
CULINARY MERCHANTS SINCE 1937

*Four Generations*  
1440 Gemini Pl., Columbus, 43240  
[WWW.CARFAGNAS.COM](http://WWW.CARFAGNAS.COM) • (614) 846-6340




*Italian Food Headquarters*  
*Ohio's Largest Italian Wine Selection*



**CONNELLS MAPLE LEE**  
FLOWERS & GIFTS

740-548-4082  
800-790-8980

6641 N High St #104,  
Worthington, OH  
614.885.2000  
huttasmiles.com

BRIDGID DAVIS-RAY ADDIE DAVIS-HOLSINGER KEVIN DAVIS



*In Loving Memory of  
Dorothy Murnane*

**framing center**

**25% OFF**  
Custom Picture Framing  
Expires in December  
Polaris/North Pointe Plaza  
Kingsdale Center: 451-8392 • Dublin Plaza: 889-7586  
For more details. Visit [framingcenter.com](http://framingcenter.com)



**HEATING AND COOLING RESIDENTIAL • COMMERCIAL**  
• Gas • Oil • Electric • Heat Pumps • Humidifiers  
1296 Dublin Road  
[www.favret.com](http://www.favret.com) • 488-5211



**JACK L. WOODS PLUMBING**

The Trusted Name in Plumbing Repairs and Remodeling

138 Graceland Blvd.,  
Columbus, OH 43214  
614-987-5147  
[patandgracies.com](http://patandgracies.com)

614-882-9700  
OH Lic. #25971

Please join us for brunch,  
10:30am-2:00pm, Saturday & Sunday



**Catholic Social Services**

**Empowering Change. Transforming Lives.**

Be the change in 1 of more than 14,000 lives transformed each year.

Learn more and give today at [colscss.org](http://colscss.org) or (614) 221-5891.



**MICHAEL RERKO, M.D.**  
HAND & UPPER EXTREMITY  
PARISHIONER  
614-827-8700

OUR SPECIALTIES INCLUDE: GENERAL ORTHOPEDICS - FOOT & ANKLE-HAND & WRIST-JOINT PRESERVATION - NECK & SPINE SURGERY - PHYSICAL MEDICINE & REHABILITATION - SHOULDER & UPPER EXTREMITY - SPORTS MEDICINE - HIP & KNEE REPLACEMENT - TRAUMA & FRACTURE CARE

[www.orthopedicONE.com](http://www.orthopedicONE.com)



**PERSONAL LEGAL SERVICES**

Your case. Your life. Our passion.

307 E. Livingston Ave.  
Columbus, OH 43215

614-224-6488

Auto Service  
**JOHNS AUTO** **Jeep**  
Complete Auto & Light Truck Repair  
749 E. Lincoln Avenue  
614-885-9242

**BUCKEYE ASPHALT**  
Rob Hamm  
Owner  
488 Yoeman Ave,  
43201  
614-489-8121  
<http://www.columbusasphaltcoating.com>

**James J. Pardi, II**  
Attorney at Law Parishioner  
Practice Limited to Domestic  
Relations & Family Law  
614-221-2580  
400 W. Wilson Bridge Rd, Suite 260  
[james@pardilaw.com](http://james@pardilaw.com)

**Edward Jones** Member SIPC

Partnering throughout the years to reach your financial goals.  
**Derek M Voytovich, CFP® CRPC®**  
Financial Advisor/Parishioner  
6797 N High St Suite #218  
Worthington, OH 43085-2533  
614-848-7839  
[edwardjones.com](http://edwardjones.com)

**Worthington OPTHALMOLOGY**  
Trent D. Albright, M.D.  
89 E. Wilson Bridge Rd.  
Worthington, Ohio  
614-885-8833  
[www.worthingtoneye.com](http://www.worthingtoneye.com)

**Echo HEARING SYSTEMS & AUDIOLOGY, INC**  
Hearing Testing & Hearing Aid Fittings  
6641 North High St, Worthington  
[www.echohearing.com](http://www.echohearing.com) • 614-457-5848

**Dr. Anthony Lordo DDS**  
Keep Smiling!  
Parishioner  
"We Welcome New Patients!"  
614-885-4754  
[www.drlordo.com](http://www.drlordo.com)

**Laurie Luft**  
St. Michael Parishioner  
614.893.4200  
[www.LaurieLuft.com](http://www.LaurieLuft.com)

**O'REILLY LAW OFFICES**  
"ALWAYS LOOKING OUT FOR YOU"  
7846 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, OH 43235  
P: (614) 436-6020  
[WWW.OREILLYLAWYERS.COM](http://WWW.OREILLYLAWYERS.COM)

OUR PRACTICE AREAS:

- GENERAL PRACTICE
- REAL ESTATE LAW
- BUSINESS LAW
- CIVIL LITIGATION
- WILLS / TRUSTS / POA
- PROBATE LAW

CALL FOR A FREE CONSULTATION FOR PARISHIONERS!

**THE NORTHEAST WRENCH**  
4330 Indianola Avenue  
614-263-4978   
ASE Certified Technicians  
"Your Preventive-Maintenance Experts!"  
Monday-Friday: 7a to 6p

**GRANVILLE MECHANICAL**  
PO Box 713 | Granville, OH 43023  
740-277-1988  
[www.GranvilleMechanical.com](http://www.GranvilleMechanical.com)  
OH Lic #47238

**UpTowne Flowers**  
Since 1961  
2145 W. Dublin Granville Rd., Worthington  
614-889-1001 • [www.uptowneflowers.com](http://www.uptowneflowers.com)  
Custom-made Birthday, Anniversary, Sympathy and Wedding Flower Arrangements

**RE/MAX North**  
**Austin Goare**  
870 High St., Worthington  
Cell: 614-563-6933  
Each Office Independently Owned & Operated

Faith • Family • Tradition  
**ST. FRANCIS DE SALES HIGH SCHOOL**  
[www.sfdstallions.org](http://www.sfdstallions.org)

**THE ARLINGTON GROUP**  
INVESTMENT CONSULTING, LLC  
Lis McNealey Davies  
[lis@thearlingtongroup.com](mailto:lis@thearlingtongroup.com)  
Jeff Matthews  
[jeff@thearlingtongroup.com](mailto:jeff@thearlingtongroup.com)  
Contact the Arlington Group today at 614.569.0380

**EGAN RYAN FUNERAL SERVICE**  
Owned and Operated by the same family since 1859  
NORTHWEST  
4661 Kenny Rd. • 451-5900  
CENTRAL  
403 E. Broad St. • 221-6665  
[www.egan-ryan.com](http://www.egan-ryan.com)

**Lincoln Financial Advisors®**  
A member of Lincoln Financial Group  
7650 Rivers Edge Dr. Suite 250,  
Columbus OH 43235  
614-431-4329  
[Darnell.Perkins@LFG.com](mailto:Darnell.Perkins@LFG.com)

**Darnell Perkins**  
Financial Planner  
Parishioner

**Rutherford Funeral Homes & Crematories**  
"There is a Difference"  
Rutherford-Corbin Funeral Home  
515 N. High St. • 614-885-4006  
Rutherford Funeral Home  
2383 N. High St. • 614-299-1153  
Funeral Pre-Planning Available  
[RutherfordFuneralHome.com](http://RutherfordFuneralHome.com) • [info@RutherfordFuneralHome.com](mailto:info@RutherfordFuneralHome.com)

**Eagle Specialty Remodeling**  
Kitchens Basements  
Baths Room Additions  
4920 Reed Road, Suite A  
614-326-0011  
The Carskadon Family  
[eagleknowsremodeling.com](http://eagleknowsremodeling.com)

**KERNAN INSURANCE AGENCY, INC.**  
John Kernan, Agent  
614-764-0121 • 800-718-2663 toll free  
614-764-0310 fax  
9932 Brewster Ln., Powell, OH 43065  
[jtkernan@kernaninsurance.com](mailto:jtkernan@kernaninsurance.com)

**Erie Insurance®**  
HOME • AUTO  
LIFE • BUSINESS

**EQUES LAW GROUP**  
**Tom Schmitt**  
Parishioner & Attorney  
• Life Planning • Real Estate  
• Business and Corporate  
1-844-My-EQUES  
[www.eques.law](http://www.eques.law)  
Co-Hatch 240 S. State St  
Westerville, OH

**RESIDENTIAL Designed SOLUTIONS**  
Inspired Ideas. Proven Plans.  
Designing dreams for Worthington and Central Ohio 35 years and counting  
REMODELS • NEW HOMES • ADDITIONS  
614.430.0027  
[RDSHOMEDSIGN.COM](http://RDSHOMEDSIGN.COM)

Call your local licensed Humana sales agent.  
**Aaron Bayer**  
614-329-4026 (TTY: 711)  
Monday - Friday  
8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
[abayer@humana.com](mailto:abayer@humana.com)  
Y0040\_GHHHXDFEN23a\_BC\_C  
**Humana®**

Please Patronize Our Advertisers... To Place An Ad, Call 614-777-8700

Michael, Worthington, OH #3569-MS-2524