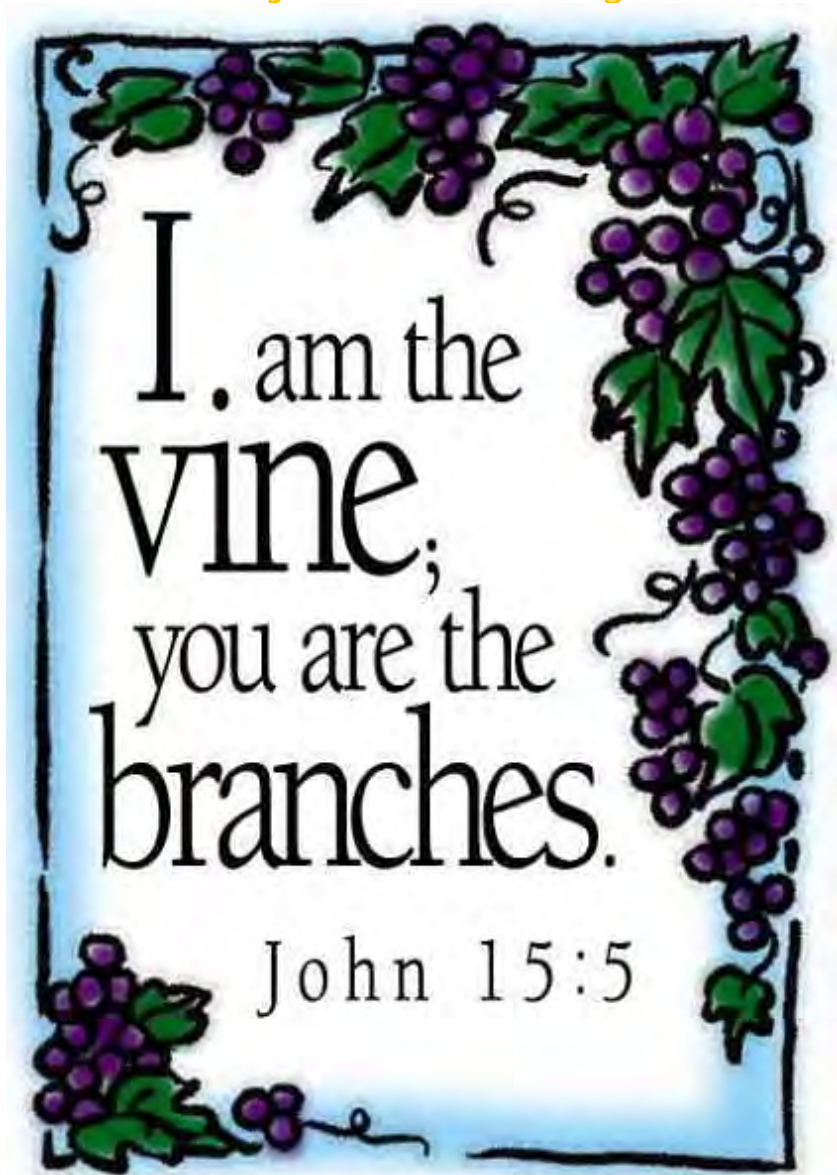


# EASTER SEASON

## Fifth Sunday



*To be living branches in the vineyard of the Church means above all to be in living communion with Christ the vine. The branches are not self-sufficient; they are totally dependent on the vine. In the vine is the source of their life. Likewise, in Baptism, each one of us was grafted onto Christ, and received the free gift of new life. To be living branches, you must live this reality of your Baptism, deepening every day your communion with the Lord, by listening to his Word and obeying it, by participating in the Eucharist and the sacrament of Reconciliation, and by speaking personally with Our Lord in prayer. Jesus says: "He who abides in me and I in him bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).*

+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.

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# 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.

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## APRIL 28, 2024

### DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

#### Saturday, April 27

4:00 p.m. + For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

#### Sunday, April 28

8:30 a.m. + Chuck & Joann Melekian (Terri & Stan Bradham)

10:30 a.m. + Tony Petrarca (St. Michael Church Choir)

12:30 p.m. For the 40th Wedding Anniversary of Bill & Laurie Demidovich

5:00 p.m. + Jeff Brader (The DeCenzo Family)

#### Monday, April 29

6:30 a.m. + Jim Brickweg (The Brickweg Family)

8:15 a.m. + Marilyn Ann Hall (Chuck & Maureen Meck)

#### Tuesday, April 30

6:30 a.m. + Robert McAuliffe (Leo Zupan & Family)

8:15 a.m. + Betty Lavin (Deacon John Crerand)

#### Wednesday, May 1

6:30 a.m. +Souls in Purgatory

8:15 a.m. For the School

6:00 p.m. +Robert Woodruff

#### Thursday, May 2

6:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Carmelite Sisters for the Aged & Infirm

8:15 a.m. Special Intention of JoAnn Lund (The Lund Family)

#### Friday, May 3

6:30 a.m. All who are ill & infirm and their caregivers

8:15 a.m. + Elizabeth Wallenfelsz

#### Saturday, May 4

8:15 a.m. + Robert & Joan Brown (The Brown Family)

4:00 p.m. For Our First Communicants & Their Families

#### Sunday, May 5

8:30 a.m. For the Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

10:30 a.m. + Liz Greve (The Jimenez Family)

12:30 p.m. + Bill Costello

5:00 p.m. + Catherine Lampe

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### APRIL 21, 2024

Envelopes.....\$ 8,101.00

Online Giving .....\$ 10,329.00

**Total: .....\$ 18,430.00**



### 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).

## SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Are you planning for a scheduled medical procedure, or are you being admitted to a hospital or other out-patient facility for surgery or for medical treatment? If so, please see one of the priests before or after any of our parish Masses so that he can provide you with the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick **BEFORE** you have your procedure, treatment or surgery. In the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick, the priest anoints the seriously ill, injured, or the elderly with the "Oil of the Infirm" which is a special oil, blessed by the Bishop, used for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick. Obviously, there are emergency situations, but anything that you can do in advance to receive the sacramental graces of the Anointing of the Sick – physical, spiritual and emotional healing – is helpful to you, your family, and to the priests.

## 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).

## PARISH CALENDAR APRIL/MAY

<b>SUNDAY, April 28</b>	11:30 a.m. RCIA (UMR) 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (Gym) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Group (MH)	<b>Thursday, May 2</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 5:30 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting (U) 6:00 p.m. Festival Planning Meeting (UMR) 6:30 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study (LMR)
<b>Monday, April 29</b>	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U)	<b>Friday, May 3</b>	Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
<b>Tuesday, April 30</b>	7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)	<b>Saturday, May 4</b>	7:00 a.m. Pietra (LMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
<b>Wednesday, May 1</b>	6:00 p.m. Mass, Holy Hour & Confessions (C)	<b>SUNDAY, May 5</b>	Friendship Sunday after all Masses 11:30 a.m. RCIA (UMR) 2:00 p.m. Baptisms (C) 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Group (Gym) 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 FIFTH SUNDAY IN THE SEASON OF EASTER,** Jesus reminds us in today's Gospel of the importance of having an intimate, close, deeply personal relationship with Him – one that is literally life-giving. Think about it. Unless the branches are joined to the center-vine, unless there is a union among them, the branches will not grow and develop and live. Moreover, the branches and the center-vine need one another, because only together do they make up the complete vine. So then, by using the image of vine and branches, our Blessed Lord is calling each one of us to intimate union with Him and, through Him, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Jesus is inviting each one of us to experience and to live within the Community of His Disciples, the Church, a deeply personal relationship with the Trinity. I repeat, this invitation, this call, is offered to every person, to first enter into the Mystical Body of Christ through Baptism, then to progress forward in varying steps receiving the graces of the various sacraments, entering into a deep life and union with Christ. As Jesus Himself tells us today, "Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing." This call to live in a deeply personal relationship with Christ can actually be experienced only when two interconnected realities are working together: deepening conversion and deepening prayer. True, conversion and prayer go hand in hand. The image of the vine being pruned can help us to understand. The vine and its branches grow healthier and stronger by being pruned now and then; cutting off the dead part of the branch does not hurt, but instead, helps. So too, our personal relationship with Christ grows healthier and stronger as we become more and more converted, that is, turned back toward Him. This pruning occurs as we willingly put to death within us those things that separate us from the Lord. The more we die to self by putting aside pride or selfishness or greed or lust or apathy – any form of sin or those things which lead us to sin – the more our union with Christ develops. Yes, this kind of pruning, this dying to self and living for the Lord and others is, in the end, truly good and helpful. Again, Jesus reminds us, "I am the true vine and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes, so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you." The word Jesus speaks of is conversion and repentance:

**conversion** [ *kuhn-vur-zhuhn, -shuhn* ], noun: 1. the act or process of converting; state of being converted; 2. a change in character, form, or function; 3. a change from one religion, political belief, viewpoint, etc., to another; 4. a thoroughgoing spiritual change that involves repentance and a turn toward God or right living; 5. a change of attitude, emotion, or viewpoint from one of indifference, disbelief, or antagonism to one of acceptance, faith, or enthusiastic support, especially such a change in a person's religion.

**repentance** [ *ri-pen-tns, -pen-tuhns* ], noun: 1. deep sorrow, compunction, or contrition for a past sin, wrongdoing, or the like; 2. regret for any past action.

As the dead branches are cut away, as we experience deepening conversion through this daily dying to self, our hearts open to a deepening experience of the Lord's presence and love. His life fills us more fully. Prayer is the way by which we truly experience His life-giving presence within us. Prayer is the way by which we hear Him speaking to our hearts and strengthening our wills. Now, when we live and experience this deeply personal relationship with the Trinity, sustained through deepening conversion and deepening prayer, then we become equipped and strengthened for fulfilling the particular vocation God has given us, whether that be priesthood, permanent diaconate, consecrated religious life, marriage or the chaste single life. When we are living in close union with the Lord, then we can be witnesses both in word and in action (as "doers of the word, not hearers only" – James 1:22) as we saw Saint Paul (the former Saul) doing in today's first reading from the Acts of the Apostles. Then too, we can love "not in word or speech" alone, but also "in deed and truth," as Saint John counsels us in today's second reading from his First Letter. All of us are called to live in close union with the Lord – it is this very union that gives us direction, purpose, and meaning in life so that we may share eternal life with Him!

**OF NOTE: We have cause to celebrate the young people of our parish making their First Holy Communion (next Saturday, May 4, 4:00 p.m. Mass) and receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation (Saturday, May 11, 4:00 p.m. Mass).** Since each of these Masses will include visiting family members and guests, I would ask that everyone who normally attends the 4:00 p.m. Mass to plan ahead for seating in Marian Hall. By doing so you are extending charity and hospitality to visiting family and guests in the Church. If you are concerned about being at a full Church (parking, etc.), you might consider attending any of the four Masses here on Sunday. In the meantime, let us pray for the young members of our parish and their families in making these great strides in their sacramental and faith lives! Truly a time for celebration in our parish family!

*God bless,  
Fr. Mike*



April 23, 2024

Dear Parish Family:

When I was asked by Bishop Fernandes to come last July as your Pastor, he had informed me of a few challenges – mostly of a financial nature. Within a couple of weeks of arriving I had no choice but to request a loan from the Diocese in the amount of \$204,000 just to make payroll for the parish and parish school, as funds in our checking account were insufficient, and our parish savings account had been virtually depleted after several years of covering for significant budget deficits.

Just when we were beginning to make some headway, the Diocese contacted us last Fall to inform us the parish was in arrears for some \$100,000 for unpaid Diocesan fees, assessments, goods and services – some dating back to 2018.

Also, the addition to Marian Hall (offices, meeting rooms) still has an outstanding loan from the Diocese. This building was completed in 2013 and, in many respects, this loan should have been paid off by now; we still owe \$225,000 on this loan, plus interest.

Folks, here is what I am proposing to do with this year's **"The Appeal"** (formerly known as the Bishop's Annual Appeal, or "B-A-A"). Our parish Appeal goal, designated by the Diocese, is \$148,861 – an increase of just under \$10,000 over last year. We all know how beneficial The Appeal is to our Diocese, and our need to support it. But in case you are unfamiliar, The Appeal is a diocese-wide effort to support the essential ministries, formation, and outreach throughout our 23 county Diocese. It is a powerful opportunity each year to unite as one Church and one Body of Christ to share in our call to be good stewards of our Church and its people. With your help, and generosity, I would like to raise our Appeal goal to \$500,000, with these additional funds allocated to pay down our debts. These debts are dogging us, and we need to get out from under them. Please remember that every penny donated over and above the goal of \$148,861 is returned to our Parish free of the Diocesan tax (8% FY2023-24, 9% FY2024-25, 10% FY2025-26), so it is a great savings to us to raise funds in this manner. Let's look at what we, as a parish, are responsible for right now:

\$148,861	-	2024 Appeal goal designated by the Diocese
\$204,000	-	Loan to make payroll
\$100,000	-	Unpaid monies owed to the Diocese
\$225,000	-	Existing Diocesan Loan on Parish Offices
<b>\$677,861</b>	-	<b>TOTAL</b>
-\$500,000	-	Enhanced 2024 Appeal goal
\$177,861	-	Remaining balance ( <i>making progress</i> )

Now let's dice and slice these figures a bit. If we could have 500 parishioners or families donate \$1,000 each, we will have reached our goal. If we could have 1,000 parishioners or families donate \$500 each, we will have reached our goal. If you can afford to make a more significant donation – *thank you!* If you can afford to give a smaller donation – *thank you!* What's important is that we all participate for the benefit of our parish as a parish family.

I personally am in for \$2,000.00; I want to be part of the solution to this financial issue by donating my fair share as Pastor of this wonderful parish family.

Fr. Kitsmiller is also in for \$2,000.00; he also wants to put some skin in the game for the benefit of this parish which he is very happy to be a part of.

Fr. Wojciech and Fr. Fagen are religious priests who take a vow of poverty and, as such, are unable to make such donations.

Our two Permanent Deacons – Deacon John Crerand and Deacon Bill Demidovich – are also in for \$1,500.00 each.

So, we're up to \$7,000.00 for a start just from the clergy who are here to serve you – a start to get out from under this debt, and to continue the positive trajectory that we are on as a parish family, working together as we have been.

You can use the enclosed envelope to make your donation, **OR** you can now make your donation on-line via our secure webpage, making a one-time donation, or by making a recurring donation over a 10-month period. You can use your credit cards (and get your credit card points) or have deductions from your bank account. Go to this secure web page:

<https://www.columbuscatholicgiving.org/make-a-gift-now>

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**OR**

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**THEN**

- Complete the requested name, address and account information;

**THEN**

- In the "Member Details" section, scroll down and select **St. Michael Church (Worthington)** so that your generous donation is credited to our parish.

I've already made my on-line donation, and it took less than five minutes. Secure, quick, easy. Plus, I got my credit card points!

Moving forward, I want everyone to know that we have made budget reductions in the parish and in our parish school, changing the way we do things without impacting what needs to be done, and holding back on some expenditures. Like your home, our parish and parish school need to live within our means – a valuable lesson taught to me by my parents, and a philosophy that I have embraced wherever I have served as Pastor.

Conversely, we also need to plan for our parish home. Like any home, "things" need updating and/or replaced. For example, the bathrooms in Marian Hall and in the Cafeteria/Undercroft need updating; estimates for this project is \$120,000. Spot tuckpointing, flashing and roof issues on the Church, School, Rectory and Convent require \$60,000. Upgrades to our parish Wi-Fi and internet system cost \$30,000 (a cost already incurred because of the need). Our Church HVAC system is also on the radar. These and other replacements/upgrades can be tackled through future Appeal donations, or through a capital campaign. But before we undertake these projects, we must first get rid of the significant debt that we currently carry. Think this over, pray about it; working together we can make this happen!

God bless, folks, for contributing generously to this year's Appeal!

*Fr. Mike*

Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor

**For more information on The Appeal, visit:**

<https://columbuscatholicgiving.org/appeal>

# DOERS OF THE WORD

SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH + 5750 N. HIGH STREET + WORTHINGTON, OHIO 43085

## “God loves a cheerful giver...”

by *Kathleen Foley*

*“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”*

SECOND LETTER OF SAINT PAUL TO THE CORINTHIANS 9:6-8

The great thing about gifts is that, more often than not, giving and receiving them are occasions of joy and happiness. The only time I have ever truly surprised my husband – to the point of him being speechless – was more than twenty years ago. We had been together for about a year, and I surprised him with tickets to an event. I felt overjoyed to be able to give that gift to him!

At my former parish, we had a big fall festival each year and I had a booth at the market fair selling the rosaries I make. Normally, I would keep the proceeds from my sales, but one year, the priests wanted to renovate a room in their rectory to convert it into a chapel. I decided that I would match the amount I made at the fair and donate it to the project. I felt delighted to be able to give that gift to our valued priests.

When I was a single mom in my early twenties, I had finally gotten a good, full-time job and was able to afford my own apartment. Since I had no money for furniture, a group from my church, who managed a small warehouse of donations, helped me choose a couch, a dining room table and chairs, and bedroom furniture. I felt humbled and blessed to receive that gift.

More than fifteen years ago, after having been away from the Catholic Church for nearly twenty years, I went to confession. I can never fully describe the joy I felt, and I will be forever grateful for that gift of forgiveness. *“Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!”* (2 Cor 9:15)

In moments such as these, where we experience such delight and gratitude, we are quite close to what God intended for us to experience all the time! Genesis 3:8 begins, “When they heard the sound of the Lord God walking about in the garden at the breezy time of the day...” Adam and Eve were not startled by this, so we can infer that this was a regular thing for God. Can you imagine how happy we would be, just managing the beautiful gardens and chatting with God as he wandered by in the “breezy time of day”?! Unfortunately, this verse ends with, “...the man and his wife hid themselves from the Lord God among the trees of the garden.” Sin had entered the world when they ate of the forbidden fruit. Therefore, we don’t get to enjoy that blissful garden experience. However, we have an even more amazing example of God’s giving nature: Jesus. *“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life”* (John 3:16). God **gave** us his son – willingly!

Giving is part of us. God literally designed us to be givers, too! When we give, we feel a certain sense of joy and fulfillment. When we receive gifts, we experience a humble happiness, especially if there is no way that we could return the gesture. Countless studies have been done on how a daily sense of gratitude can influence nearly every aspect of our lives. An article from Harvard Health Publishing of Harvard Medical School indicates, “gratitude is strongly and consistently associated with greater happiness. Gratitude helps people feel more positive emotions, relish good experiences, improve their health, deal with adversity, and build strong relationships” (<https://www.health.harvard.edu/healthbeat/giving-thanks-can-make-you-happier>). Amazingly,

the more grateful we are for our own blessings, the more we want to share our blessings with others!

Ultimately, when we give, we fulfill a core aspect of our humanity. *This* is why we encourage everyone to donate to many causes throughout the year, volunteer for numerous ministries and events, and share ideas, skills, and prayers with others. Spontaneous giving and random acts of kindness are fun ways to give and usually make for great stories. However, large or long-term gifts take planning. Often, we might “count the cost” of a gift based on its value in time or money. “*How long do I have to commit to this ministry or that event?*” “*How much money do I have right now to give?*” If we consider only the immediate value of the reward, then we are not thinking about the long-term benefits of our own giving.

Intentionally planning a gift makes it more valuable. If on Sunday, I give whatever cash is in my pocket, it won't be much because I hardly ever carry cash! If I think about volunteering, it might be for a short amount of time at a single event. Yet committing to a ministry for a year means I might need to adjust my calendar to ensure I can be at each meeting. Likewise, if I want to provide a meaningful gift to our parish, I need to include it in my monthly budget. How many times do we hear about recurring gifts to the church or other charity? When presented with an opportunity to give our time, talent, or treasure, we may respond with a one-time yes. However, if there is an option to give once a month, then we have easily multiplied our gift!

Considering all of the responsibilities in life that require our time and money, it's easy to see why planning ahead becomes more beneficial to both ourselves and those receiving our efforts. The popular adage, “time is money,” is especially true when it comes to our parish! Hundreds of people in our parish give their time to various ministries. From one hour of adoration in the chapel, to serving at Mass, to helping the needy through our Saint Vincent de Paul Chapter – the combined value of time is immeasurable. Our prayers and works build up the Body of Christ – not only our parish family of families, but also the greater Church!

Parish staff members make every effort to communicate the many ways to give at our parish so that you can prepare. If you have questions about The Appeal, your weekly Offertory, a charity, second collection, or organization that we ask you to support, please feel free to call the parish office as we are more than happy to discuss, research, and implement prudent changes to ensure the best use of our efforts.

If you are interested in becoming more intentional about your own giving to your parish, we encourage you to sign up for recurring Offertory – whether through our online giving option (via credit card, bank account) or through your own bank's bill-pay or recurring check system. To sign up for our secure, easy recurring Offertory, visit:

**<https://giving.parishsoft.com/app/giving/PS-1442>**

Likewise, it is even more important to become intentional about your prayer life. While there are numerous smartphone apps or daily devotionals to choose from, we would like to recommend one of the most profound ways to deepen your prayer time: a holy hour every week with Jesus! Making a commitment to the same hour each week might mean adjusting your schedule, but we can guarantee that you will be blessed – multiple times over – for that time you give to Him.

This week, as we look at the needs of our Parish – especially The Appeal, and perhaps switching your weekly Offertory from using the traditional envelope to making your Offertory through secure on-line giving (and in doing so, making your Offertory a regular, automatic part of the stewardship of your parish even when you're on vacation or away from the parish for the weekend) – consider how giving, gratitude, and intentional efforts might enrich your life as well as the lives of others. What a perfectly joyful win-win situation!



# Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

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“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)

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*The month of May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary.*

***“The holy and inspired Scriptures are sufficient of themselves for the preaching of the truth.” ~SAINT ATHANASIUS***

**Monday, April 29 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter  
Saint Catherine of Siena, Virgin, Doctor of the Church**

**Holy Gospel: John 14:21-26** Jesus said to his disciples: “Whoever has my commandments and observes them is the one who loves me. Whoever loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and reveal myself to him.” Judas, not the Iscariot, said to him, “Master, then what happened that you will reveal yourself to us and not to the world?” Jesus answered and said to him, “Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; yet the word you hear is not mine but that of the Father who sent me. “I have told you this while I am with you. The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name he will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.”

**Meditation:** God’s love for each of us is as real and tangible as the love of a mother for her child and the love of a lover who gives all for his beloved. God made us for love – to know him personally and to grow in the knowledge of his great love for us. How can we know and be assured of the love of God? The Holy Spirit helps us to grow in the knowledge of God and his great love. The Spirit enables us to experience the love of God and to be assured of the Lord’s abiding presence with us (see Romans 8:35-39). The Holy Spirit also opens our ears to hear and understand the word of God. Do you listen attentively to God’s word and believe it? Ask the Holy Spirit to inflame your heart with the love of God and his word.

**Prayer:** O God, who set Saint Catherine of Siena on fire with divine love in her contemplation of the Lord’s Passion and her service to your Church, grant, through her intercession, that your people, participating in the mystery of Christ, may ever exult in the revelation of his glory. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

**Contemplation:** Do you know the love that surpasses all, and that love is stronger than death itself (ref. Song of Songs 8:6)? In Jesus’ last supper discourse he speaks of the love he has for his disciples and of his Father’s love. He prepares his disciples for his imminent departure to return to his Father by exhorting them to prove their love for him through their loyalty and obedience to his word. He promises them the abiding instruction and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Saint Augustine says “the Lord loves each of us as if there were only one of us to love.”

**Tuesday, April 30 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter  
Optional Memorial: Saint Pius V, Pope**

**Holy Gospel: John 14:27-31a** Jesus said to his disciples: “Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me tell you, ‘I am going away and I will come back to you.’ If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father; for the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it happens, so that when it happens you may believe. I will no longer speak much with you, for the ruler of the world is coming. He has no power over me, but the world must know that I love the Father and that I do just as the Father has commanded me.”

**Meditation:** Nothing can take us from the peace and joy of Jesus Christ. No sorrow or grief, no danger, no suffering can make it less. Jesus also speaks of his destination and ultimate triumph over the powers of evil in the world. In the eyes of the world the cross stood for shame, humiliation, and defeat. Jesus went to the cross knowing that it would lead to victory over the powers of sin and of Satan. Jesus also knew

that he would return to his Father in glory. The cross brought glory to Jesus and to the Father and it is our way to glory as well. In the Cross of Christ we find true peace and reconciliation with God. Do you live in the peace of Jesus Christ?

**Prayer:** O God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, grant your people constancy in faith and hope, that we may never doubt the promises of which we have learned from you. 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:** In his farewell discourse, Jesus Christ grants peace as his gift to his disciples. What kind of peace does he offer? The peace of Christ is more than the absence of trouble. It includes everything which makes for our attaining the highest good. The world's approach to peace is avoidance of trouble and a refusal to face unpleasant things – and a growing aspiration to embrace a life of “political correctness” as opposed to embracing what is right and good and true according to living our lives according to God’s will and Christ’s teachings. Jesus offers the one true peace which conquers all of our fears and anxieties. Do you seek his peace before other sources of peace which are fleeting at best?

### **Wednesday, May 1 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter Saint Joseph the Worker**

**Holy Gospel: Matthew 13:54-58** Jesus came to his native place and taught the people in their synagogue. They were astonished and said, "Where did this man get such wisdom and mighty deeds? Is he not the carpenter's son? Is not his mother named Mary and his brothers James, Joseph, Simon, and Judas? Are not his sisters all with us? Where did this man get all this?" And they took offense at him. But Jesus said to them, "A prophet is not without honor except in his native place and in his own house." And he did not work many mighty deeds there because of their lack of faith.

**Meditation:** The liturgy for this feast vindicates the right to work, and this is a message that needs to be heard and heeded in our modern society. In many of the documents issued by Pope Saint John XXIII, Pope Blessed Paul VI, the Second Vatican Council and Pope Saint John Paul II, reference is made to the Christian spirit that should permeate one's work, after the example of Saint Joseph, recognizing that all of our gifts and talents are gifts to us from God, and should be used to help build up His kingdom here on earth. In addition to this, there is a special dignity and value to the work done in caring for the human family.

**Prayer:** O God, Creator of all things, who laid down for the human race the law of work, graciously grant that by the example of Saint Joseph and under his patronage we may complete the works you set us to do and attain the rewards you promise. 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:** Worth contemplating on this Feast is a brief excerpt from a document of the Second Vatican Council “The Church in the Modern World” – *Gaudium et Spes* – which notes: “Throughout the course of the centuries, men have labored to better the circumstances of their lives through a monumental amount of individual and collective effort. To believers, this point is settled: considered in itself, this human activity accords with God's will. For man, created to God's image, received a mandate to subject to himself the earth and all it contains, and to govern the world with justice and holiness; a mandate to relate himself and the totality of things to Him Who was to be acknowledged as the Lord and Creator of all. Thus, by the subjection of all things to man, the name of God would be wonderful in all the earth” (No. 34).

**About Saint Joseph the Worker:** “May Day” has long been dedicated to labor and the working man. It falls on the first day of the month that is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. Pope Pius XII expressed the hope that this feast would accentuate the dignity of labor and would bring a spiritual dimension to labor unions. It is eminently fitting that St. Joseph, a working man who became the foster-father of Christ and patron of the universal Church, should be honored on this day. The texts of the Mass and the Liturgy of the Hours provide a catechetical synthesis of the significance of human labor seen in the light of faith. The Opening Prayer states that God, the creator and ruler of the universe, has called men and women in every age to develop and use their talents for the good of others. The Office of Readings, taken from the document of the Second Vatican Council on the Church in the modern world, develops this idea. In every type of labor we are obeying the command of God given in Genesis 2:15 and repeated in the responsory for the Office of Readings. The responsory for the Canticle of Zechariah says that “St. Joseph faithfully practiced the carpenter's trade. He is a shining example for all workers.” Then, in the second part of the Opening Prayer, we ask that we may do the work that God has asked of us and come to the rewards he

has promised. In the Prayer after Communion we ask: "May our lives manifest your love; may we rejoice for ever in your peace." The liturgy for this feast vindicates the right to work, and this is a message that needs to be heard and heeded in our modern society. In many of the documents issued by Pope John XXIII, Pope Paul VI, the Second Vatican Council and Pope John Paul II, reference is made to the Christian spirit that should permeate one's work, after the example of St. Joseph. In addition to this, there is a special dignity and value to the work done in caring for the family. The Office of Readings contains an excerpt from the Vatican II document on the modern world: "Where men and women, in the course of gaining a livelihood for themselves and their families, offer appropriate service to society, they can be confident that their personal efforts promote the work of the Creator, confer benefits on their fellowmen, and help to realize God's plan in history" (no. 34).

### **Thursday, May 2 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter Saint Athanasius, Bishop and Doctor of the Church**

**Holy Gospel: John 15:9-11** Jesus said to his disciples: "As the Father loves me, so I also love you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. "I have told you this so that my joy might be in you and your joy might be complete."

**Meditation:** Do you know first-hand the love that produces immeasurable joy? Jesus speaks of the love which the Father and he have for those who belong to him. We can never out give God in love, because he has loved us without measure. Our love for him is a response to his exceeding mercy and kindness towards us. Paul the Apostle tells us that we can abound in joy and hope because "God has poured out his love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom he has given us" (Romans 5:5). In God's love we find the fullness of grace, life, peace, and joy. Jesus gives his disciples a new commandment – a new way of love. We are to love others as Jesus has loved us.

**Prayer:** Almighty ever-living God, who raised up the Bishop Saint Athanasius as an outstanding champion of your Son's divinity, mercifully grant, that, rejoicing in his teaching and his protection, we may never cease to grow in knowledge and love of you. 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:** What is the essence of this new commandment? True love is sacrificial. It gives all to the beloved. And there is no greater proof in love than the sacrifice of one's life for the sake of another. Jesus proved his love for his disciples by giving his life for them, even to death on the cross. We prove our love for God and for one another when we embrace the way of the cross. What is the cross in my life? When my will crosses with God's will, then God's will must be done. Do you know the joy and contentment of a life fully surrendered to God and consumed with his love?

### **Friday, May 3 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter Feast of Saints Philip and James, Apostles**

**Holy Gospel: John 14:6-14** Jesus said to Thomas, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, then you will also know my Father. From now on you do know him and have seen him." Philip said to him, "Master, show us the Father, and that will be enough for us." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you for so long a time and you still do not know me, Philip? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I speak to you I do not speak on my own. The Father who dwells in me is doing his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, or else, believe because of the works themselves. Amen, amen, I say to you, whoever believes in me will do the works that I do, and will do greater ones than these, because I am going to the Father. And whatever you ask in my name, I will do, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything of me in my name, I will do it."

**Meditation:** What's the greatest thing we can aim for in our brief earthly life? Fame? Riches? Power? The greatest thing we can aim for is to know, love and serve God. What is the best thing we can possess in this life, bringing more joy, contentment, life and happiness, than anything else? Knowledge of God! *Thus says the Lord:* "Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, let not the mighty glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches; but let him who glories glory in this, that he understands and knows me" (Jeremiah 9:23-24). One of the greatest truths of the Christian faith is that we can know the *living* God. Our knowledge of God is not simply limited to knowing something about God, but we can know God personally. The essence of Christianity, and what makes it distinct from Judaism and other religions, is the

personal knowledge of God as our Father – the one who created us out of love, and who out of love for us sent his only son into this world – Jesus Christ – to save and redeem us.

**Prayer:** O God, who gladden us each year with the feast day of the Apostles Philip and James, grant us, through their prayers, a share in the Passion and Resurrection of your Only Begotten Son, so that we may merit to behold you for eternity. 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.

**Contemplation:** In Jesus we see the perfect love of God – a God who cares intensely and who yearns over men and women, loving them to the point of laying down his life for them upon the Cross. Jesus is the revelation of God – a God who loves us unconditionally – without reservation, unselfishly – for our sake and not his, and perfectly – without neglecting or forgetting us even for a brief moment. Jesus promises that God the Father will hear our prayers when we pray in his name. That is why Jesus taught his followers to pray with confidence, "*Our Father who art in heaven...give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses...*" (Matthew 6:9-11; Luke 11:2-3). Do you pray to your Father in heaven with joy and confidence in his genuine love and care for you?

### **Saturday, May 4 ~ Fifth Week in the Season of Easter**

**Holy Gospel: John 15:18-21** Jesus said to his disciples: "If the world hates you, realize that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, the world would love its own; but because you do not belong to the world, and I have chosen you out of the world, the world hates you. Remember the word I spoke to you, 'No slave is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you. If they kept my word, they will also keep yours. And they will do all these things to you on account of my name, because they do not know the one who sent me."

**Meditation:** When Jesus says "you are not of this world" many are initially confused by what this means. The "world" in scripture refers to that society of people who are hostile towards God and opposed to his will. The world rejected Jesus, and his disciples can expect the same treatment. Jesus leaves no middle ground for his followers. We are either for him or against him, for his kingdom of light or for the kingdom of darkness. The prophet Isaiah warned that people who separate themselves from God because of their rebellion and spiritual blindness would end up calling evil good and good evil (Isaiah 5:20).

**Prayer:** Almighty and eternal God, who through the regenerating power of Baptism have been pleased to confer on us heavenly life, grant, we pray, that those you render capable of immortality by justifying them may by your guidance attain the fullness of glory. 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:** If we want to live in the light of God's truth, how can we rightly distinguish good from evil? True love of God and his ways draw us to all that is lovely, truthful and good. If we truly love God then we will submit to his truth and will for our lives. A friend of God cannot expect to be a friend of the world because the world opposes God. Jesus' demand is unequivocal and without compromise. Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in him (1 John 2:15). We must make a choice either for or against God. Do you seek to please God in all your thoughts, actions, and relationships? Let the Holy Spirit fill your heart with the love of God (Romans 5:5).

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#### **PRAYER OF POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**

*O Mother, you know the sufferings and hopes of the Church and the world:  
come to the aid of your children in the daily trials which life brings to each one,  
and grant that, thanks to the efforts of all, the darkness will not prevail over the light.*

*To you, Dawn of Salvation, we commit our journey through this new Millennium,  
so that with you as guide all people may know Christ, the light of the world and its only Savior,  
Who reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit for ever and ever. Amen.*

# Think about this...

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## Bringing God to Work

by Mary Beth Bonacci

I belong to a prayer group on Facebook. People post their intentions and the other members pray. It's a great use of social media.

The other day I posted, as I sometimes do, a request for the members to pray for a transaction I've been working on in my real estate business. It's been stressful and has caused me significant anxiety. The other members, as always, were supportive and assured me of their prayers. But then one faithful member asked if I think it's appropriate to ask for success in business negotiations. She wasn't objecting, mind you. But apparently she had done the same on another prayer site, and was told this was not a proper topic for a prayer request. She went on to tell me that she thought it was perfectly appropriate, since her business is really an apostolate, and they make rosaries. Surely worthy of prayer.

And I started to wonder — are rosary manufacturers the only “businesses” we can pray for? Do we have to be somehow engaged in direct, church-related ministry before God wants to hear what we're up to?

I think, as Christians, we tend to divide the world — and our lives — into the “sacred” and the “secular.” “Sacred” is Sunday Mass, prayer time and evangelization. Work only is sacred if it's for the church, or directly related to evangelization. Everything else — our softball teams, the PTA, our grocery shopping, our non-pilgrimage vacations, and especially “the business world” — is purely “secular.” God is interested in the former. The latter, He doesn't care about so much.

Is that true?

Pope Saint John Paul II, in his encyclical “*Laborem Exercens*,” tells us that work is a fundamental aspect of man's life on earth, the place where he joins with God in His work of creation and fulfills His early command to “subdue the earth.”

Pope Saint John Paul II, in his beautiful book *Love and Responsibility* defines what he calls the personalistic norm, which states that the only proper and adequate response toward a human person is love. In the negative, because each of us is created in the image and likeness of God, no person can be seen merely as an object of use.

The “business world” is simply the place where these two concepts meet. To me, that makes it a sacred place. And God cares very much what happens there.

When we walk into work on Monday morning, we don't leave the personalistic norm at the door. We are persons created in the image and likeness of God, joining with other persons created in His image to accomplish some work here on earth. And we are called to that as Christians — loving each other, doing our best, and through that bringing Christ into our workplace.

We need His help to do that.

If we dismiss the “business world” as merely secular, we risk dismissing God from our lives during the 40-plus hours we spend at work every week. To the extent that we apply these ideas to the “business” side of ministry, we corrupt that as well. I have been told by ministry leaders that poor treatment of their employees was justified because, “We have to run it like a business.”

That's not how any business, sacred or secular, should be run.

C.S. Lewis once wrote that “you have never met a mere mortal.” In the same way, I think you have never done anything that is merely “secular.” We are working out our salvation, every minute of every hour of every day. That includes our time at work.

Whatever the work you do, the God who has numbered the hairs on your head wants to be involved in it. He wants you to pray — for your co-workers, for your safety, for your mission. And yes, for the success of your endeavors, if that is His will.

Don't forget to bring God to work.

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# And this as well...

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## On Pruning...

*Following is a translation of a commentary by  
Capuchin Father Raniero Cantalamessa, preacher to the Pontifical Household,  
on this Sunday's Gospel reading.*

***"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower.  
He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit,  
and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit" (John 15:1-2).***

In his teaching, Jesus often begins with things that are familiar to those listening to him, things that everyone could see. This time he speaks to us with the image of the vine and the branches.

Jesus sets forth two situations. The first is negative: The branch is dry, it bears no fruit, and so it is cut off and thrown away. The second is positive: The branch is living and healthy, and so it is pruned.

This contrast already tells us that pruning is not a hostile act to the branch. The vinedresser expects much from it; he knows it can bear fruit; he has confidence in it. The same happens on the spiritual plane. God intervenes in our lives with the cross. It does not mean he is irritated with us but, in fact, the opposite.

But, why does the vinedresser prune the branch and make the vine "weep," as is usually said. For a very simple reason: If it is not pruned, the strength of the vine is wasted; it will bear perhaps more bunches than it should, with the consequence that not all will ripen and that the rating of the wine will be lower. If it remains a long time without being pruned, the vine even becomes wild and produces only vine tendrils and wild grapes.

The same happens in our lives. To live is to choose, and to choose is to deny oneself. The person who wants to do too many things in life, or cultivates innumerable interests and hobbies, is dispersed, and will not be outstanding in anything.

One must have the courage to make choices, to put some secondary interests to one side to concentrate on the primary. To prune!

This is even truer in the spiritual life. Holiness is like a sculpture. Leonardo da Vinci defined sculpture as "the art of removing." The other arts consist in adding something: color to the canvas in painting, stone on stone in architecture, note after note in music.

Only sculpture consists of removing, of taking away the pieces of marble that are in excess, so that the figure can emerge that one has in mind. Christian perfection is also obtained like this, by removing and making useless pieces fall off, namely, desires, ambitions, projects, carnal tendencies that disperse us and do not let us finish anything.

One day, Michelangelo walking through a garden in Florence saw a block of marble in a corner protruding from the earth, half covered by grass and mud.

He stopped suddenly, as if he had seen someone, and turning to friends, who were with him, exclaimed: "An angel is imprisoned in that marble; I must get him out." And, armed with a chisel, he began to work on that block until the figure of a beautiful angel emerged.

God also looks at us and sees us this way: as shapeless blocks of stone. He then says to himself: "Therein is hidden a new and beautiful creature that waits to come out to the light; more than that, the image of my own son Jesus Christ is hidden there, I want to bring it out!" We are predestined to "be conformed to the image of his son" (Romans 8:29).

Then, what does He do? He takes the chisel, which is the cross, and begins to work on us. He takes the pruning shears, and begins to prune us.

We must not worry ourselves thinking of what terrible crosses he may send us! Normally, he does not add anything to what life presents us in terms of suffering, effort, tribulations. He makes all these things serve for our purification. He helps us to not waste them.

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## AROUND THE PARISH

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

### The Adventurers

Food Games Food

Sunday April 28  
3:00 - 4:30 pm  
Gym



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### 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).

### ST. VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY

The St. Vincent de Paul Society Food Pantry is in need of boxes of instant mashed potatoes and tomato products (tomato sauce, paste, diced tomatoes). Thank you for your continued generosity!



### THE CENTRAL OHIO PURGATORIAL SOCIETY

Praying for the dead is a spiritual work of mercy. Join the Central Ohio Purgatorial Society in praying a chaplet and litany after the 6:30 a.m. Mass on the first Tuesday of each month at St. Michael Worthington, in the church. For more information, see <http://holsoulsolumbus.com/>.

### LIVE WIRES SPRING BANQUET TUESDAY, MAY 14TH 11:30AM MARIAN HALL LUNCH IS PROVIDED!

A headcount is needed for planning purposes,  
please RSVP to the parish office at 614-885-7814  
by 9:30am on May 13.  
We hope to see you there!

## SCHOOLS

### 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.

### SUMMER CAMPS AT ST. FRANCIS DE SALES HIGH SCHOOL

Registration is now open for the summer camps offered at St. Francis De Sales High School during June and July. Families can choose from a broad menu of programs that include a variety of sports, academic enrichment, and faith-based activities specifically for kids to explore their passions! Please visit [www.sfdstallions.org/summercamps](http://www.sfdstallions.org/summercamps) to sign up today!

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# 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, Parish Festival, and Volunteer Appreciation Night
- 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

### SAINT ELIZABETH ANN SETON ROUTE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION JUNE 24 - JUNE 30, 2024

#### MONDAY JUNE 24

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Somerset  
**8:00 am** All Day Eucharistic Adoration  
**7:00 pm** Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes  
**8:00 pm** Eucharistic Procession

#### TUESDAY JUNE 25

St. Francis de Sales Parish, Newark  
**4:00 pm** Eucharistic Procession Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Newark  
**5:15 pm** Eucharistic Adoration  
 St. Francis de Sales, Newark  
**6:30 pm** Picnic Dinner

#### WEDNESDAY JUNE 26

Seton Parish, Pickerington  
**9:00 am** All Day Eucharistic Adoration  
**6:00 pm** Mass  
**7:00 pm** Eucharistic Procession  
**8:00 pm** Picnic Dinner

#### THURSDAY JUNE 27

Christ the King, Columbus  
**6:00 pm** Eucharistic Adoration  
**7:00 pm** Mass (Spanish)  
 with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes  
**8:00 pm** Picnic Dinner

#### FRIDAY JUNE 28

St. Charles Preparatory School, Columbus  
**5:30 pm** Arrival time  
**6:00 pm** Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes (Bilingual)

#### SATURDAY JUNE 29

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, Westerville  
**9:00 am** Eucharistic Adoration  
**10:00 am** Mass with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes  
**11:00 am** Eucharistic Procession  
**12:00 pm - 2:00 pm** Vocations Fair in the Klinger Center

#### SUNDAY JUNE 30

St. Joseph Cathedral, Columbus  
**12:30 pm** Mass (Bilingual)  
 with Bishop Earl K. Fernandes  
**2:00 pm** Eucharistic Procession  
**2:30 pm** Picnic Dinner

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