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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT MARCH 10, 2024

CONFESSION (RECONCILIATION): CONFESSION IS AVAILABLE BEFORE THE MASSES OR BY APPOINTMENT.

ROSARY EVERY SUNDAY AT 7:40 A.M. AT ST. MARY CHURCH

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Isidor & Lydia Brown (Lydia Breckel)

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY AT 9:45 A.M. EVERY SUNDAY

BEFORE 10:00 A.M. MASS AT ST. MARY CHURCH

10:00 a.m. St. Mary Charles Elking (Blake Walters)

Noon St. Benianus Janet & Lawrence Sowders (Debbie & Susie Kennedy)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2024

9:15 a.m. Gerald Swisshelm Birthday Remembrance March 10th St. Mary

(Mary Lou Swisshelm Starr)

ROSARY EVERY TUESDAY AT 11:00 A.M. AT ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH

11:30 a.m. St. Benignus Roy Dye (Birthday) (Bob Dye)

Fr. Mark Bredestege

ROSARY EVERY THURSDAY AT 6:30 P.M. AT ST. MARY CHURCH 3RD THURSDAY MASS EVERY MONTH IS DEDICATED TO PRO-LIFE

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

7:00 p.m. St. Mary Lloyd Richendollar Anniversary (Lois Richendollar)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

FRIDAY, MARCH 15, 2024

Noon St. Benignus Kathy Dye (Bob Dye)

Fr. Mark Bredestege

7:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross – St. Benignus (Fr. Mark Bredestege)

Stations of the Cross - St. Mary 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, MARCH 16, 2024

St. Benignus Rosemary Kropfelder (Jerry Uhl) 3:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m. St. Mary Linda Hovan Anniv of Passing February 24th (Tom Hovan)

Fr. Mark Bredesteae

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

St. Mary 8:00 a.m. Edward Nerswick (Ann Schlater)

10:00 a.m. St. Mary Healing for Suzanne Walters (Walters Family) Loren, Margaret & Michael Hays (Patty Hays) Noon St. Benignus

Fr. Mark Bredestege



Weekly Need\$	6,500.00
Weekly Collection\$	8.393.00
Variance\$	
FISCAL YEAR NEED\$	
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED\$	215,113.00
VARIANCE\$	•

ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION - MARCH 3, 2024	
Weekly Need\$	1,900.00
Weekly Collection\$	
Variance\$	
FISCAL YEAR NEED\$	
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED\$	84,360.00
VARIANCE\$	+15,960.00

Thank You for your Generosity!

BEACONS OF LIGHT

Evangelization Team: Meets April 11, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary – Hillsboro

Love In Action Team: Meets April 13, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary – Hillsboro

Stewardship Team: Meets April 18, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. at Mary Queen of Heaven – Peebles





March 18 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. Confession at St. Mary Church.

ST. MARY

The sign-up sheet for the Holy Week Mass schedule is posted on the bulletin board. We need Eucharistic Ministers, Ushers, and Servers.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

8:45 a.m. PSR – Parish Hall – *St. Mary*

10:30 a.m. PSR Religious Ed. Bldg. – St. Benignus

1:00 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Rel. Ed. Bldg. - St. Benignus

THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024

6:00 p.m. Ladies Auxiliary Meeting – St. Benignus

SUNDAY, MARCH 17, 2024

8:45 a.m. PSR – Parish Hall – *St. Mary*

SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

8:45 a.m. PSR - Parish Hall - St. Mary

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27

6:00-7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Outreach – Parish Hall – St. Mary

SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2024

11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Youth Group – Parish Hall – St. Mary

SATURDAY, APRIL 13, 2024

11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Soup Kitchen – Parish Hall – St. Mary

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

INCREASING DISASTERS, INCREASING RESILIENCE

Located in Southeast Asia between the Pacific and Indian Oceans, Indonesia has beautiful beaches, diverse cultures and the world's fourth largest population. Many of the country's more than 17,000 islands are in the Ring of Fire, where volcanic eruptions and earthquakes are common. Climate-related disasters such as cyclones are also becoming more frequent and destructive. Find out how – with the support of Catholic Relief Services and generous communities like yours –

Evita and her disaster preparedness group are working to keep their community safe. Visit crsricebowl.org to read this week's Story of Hope.



PLEASE PRAY FOR

Remember in your prayers those parishioners or their family or friends who are sick, in the hospital, nursing home, homebound or in need of prayers...

ST. BENIGNUS & ST. MARY PRAYER LIST

Holly Ruth Givens, Jeff Hadley, Becky Hiser, Theresa Shackelford, Cathy Thompson, Teresa Staten, Edna Maxwell, Jean Smith, Howard Smith, Deacon Len Parker, Sandy Singer, Ed Davis, Lillie Myers, The Feltner Family, Nancy Bushelman, Nick Oglesby, Todd Blankenship, Greyson Meyer

To Add/Remove from Parish Prayer List, please inform the office (937-840-9932, St. Mary) or leave a note in the collection basket. (St. Benignus Church Office, 937-981-2785)

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Please submit by Monday 10:00 a.m. in writing or e-mail at justleahatstmary@ gmail.com, or submit in my mailbox located at the front of the school or call the office at 937-840-9932.

FR. LUEHRMANN HALL \$73.041.81 Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall.



ST. MARY CHURCH BINGO INCOME

Total since May 5, 2023: \$12,352.15 Bingo Team 2 (April 5, 2024)

Sally Frydryk, Tara Bloom, Joyce Combs, David & Mary Tamborski, Kevin & Teresa Stuebs

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

March 10 - Bridget Remsing

March 11 - Chuck Craycraft,

Bob Everhart, Nic Wells

March 12 – Patty Baldwin, Joseph Markland

March 14 - Scott Engle

March 15 – Alan Heyob

March 16 – Cathy Breckel, Regina Melink, Jim Poole, Charlee Rusch

March 17 – Marc Duckwall, Christy Kelner

March 18 - Linda Bradford, Kit Lowe

March 19 – Jim Georges, Patti Herron, Lil Piezer

March 21 - Dennis Lafferty,

Richard Luschek, Ralph Schweitzer

March 22 – Sherryll Cordrey

March 23 - Rick Howell

March 25 - Marie Marshall

ST. MARY CHURCH ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH

CONCERT SEASON 2023-2024

Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains: https://www.stpeterinchainscathedral.org/concert-season-2023-2024

Note that if interested and concerned for driving at night, we can try to set up a carpool.

MARCH CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

CATHOLIC SISTERS WEEK

Catholic Sisters Week is celebrated every March 8-14 during Women's History Month. Since March 2014, it has been a part of Women's History Month to honor religious Catholic women. Please recognize a Catholic sister you know with a letter, card or flowers! It would also be a fitting time to remember Catholic sisters who have passed away in your prayers.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CERTIFICATES

Are you celebrating a significant wedding anniversary in 2024? 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60, 65, 70, or 75 years ... Request a certificate signed by Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr by visiting the Archdiocese of Cincinnati web page at: https://bit.ly/3lgyXfv. Questions? Please contact the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Marriage & Family Evangelization Office at cne@catholicaoc.org.

ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2024?

Married couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2024 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses:

• Saturday, September 7 at 4:00 p.m. at St. John the Baptist, Tipp City. Celebrant: To be determined • Sunday, September 8 at 11:00 a.m. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati. Celebrant: Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr. Registration is required to attend one of the Golden Jubilee Wedding Anniversary Masses. Please register online by completing the anniversary certificate request form linked here: https://bit.ly/3lgyXfv. Questions? Please contact the Archdiocese of Cincinnati Marriage & Family Evangelization Office at cne@catholicaoc.org.

WAY OF THE CROSS FOR JUSTICE

Join us for this annual Good Friday prayer service connecting the suffering of Jesus with the suffering brought about by injustice in our day. The event will take place on the riverfront, starting at 12:00 p.m. at the American Queen Paddle Wheel (100 Joe Nuxhall Way), proceed through Smale Park, and end at the Castellini Esplanade. This is an ecumenical event that will include prayer, music, fellowship, and education. For any questions, please contact Andrew Musgrave at 513-263-6691 or amusgrave@catholicaoc. org.

WOMEN'S RETREAT - MARCH 15-16



Evangelizing and Discipling The Family and Beyond Be encouraged and lifted up. Join your sisters in the Lord as we seek to live the Great Commission and begin with our own families.

Presentation Ministries'
Our Lady of Guadalupe Discipleship Center
5701 Lawshe Road, Peebles, OH 45660

To register, go to www.presentationministries.com or call 513-373-2397.

Cost: Donation which Includes meals, lodging, publications and retreat.

SVDP MONTHLY REPORT FOR FEBRUARY AT ST. MARY PARISH IN HILLSBORO

St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Report for February, 2024 from the St. Mary Parish in Hillsboro.

RECEIPTS

Donations\$	647.00
Bingo Concessions	240.00
Total\$	887.00

Thank you for your generous financial contributions. Your contributions will enable us to help more families and individuals in crisis.

EXPENDITURES

Assistance to neighbors:.....\$ 1,620.00

This includes with help paying utility bills, gasoline, rent, temporary housing, furniture, and groceries.

Please contact George Sakash (SVdP President) at 419-310-0867 for the following inquiries: to join the SVdP Board, donate to SVdP, or if a parishioner is in need of SVdP assistance.

St. Vincent de Paul board members and The Knights of Columbus appreciate you supporting the Fish Fry at St. Mary. There will be a Fish Fry Dinner every Friday through March 22nd. If you are interested in helping at the Fish Fry or want to bring a dessert, there will be a sign-up sheet in the Narthex each week. The contact person is Lois Richendollar at 513-543-4098. The local SVdP phone number for a neighbor in need is: 937-205-0919.

Holy Week & Easter





Palm Sunday

8:00am - St. Mary 10:00am- St. Mary Noon- St. Benignus Fr. Mike Paraniuk



Holy Thursday

St. Benignus 7:00pm *Fr.Mark Bredestege*



Good Friday

Noon- St. Mary 6:00pm - St. Benignus 7:30pm- St Mary *Fr. Mike Paraniuk*



Holy Saturday - Easter Vigil

8:45pm - St Mary Fr. Mike Paraniuk



Easter Sunday

8:00am - St Mary 10:00am-St Mary Noon- St. Benignus *Fr. Mark Bredestege*

SERMON ON JOHN 9:1-41

Lent 1977 irrevocably changed my life forever. I watched the TV miniseries "Jesus of Nazareth". In this one scene, the Roman soldiers came through a Jewish town killing and stealing. A man throws himself down onto the dirty street, crying out to God, "How long, O Lord, must we wait for you to help us? God has abandoned us!" As this distraught man keeps yelling out "How long", the camera zooms in on the face of the young Jesus, God's answer to his prayers, standing only a few feet away. For four years I was pleading for God to answer my life's question, "Do I return to the seminary and become a priest or should I stay in the world?" When I saw this scene, I realized the answer was there all along, right in front of me. Fear of losing the false joys of the world blinded me to God's chosen path for my life. I told God my life is good out here in the world. I was making great money advancing in a good job that I liked...selling radio and TV components. I was being groomed to take over as office manager for a factory that hired only young women. A bachelor's heaven on earth. I didn't want God to mess up my life. I was comfortable right where I was at. But once I said "Yes" to God's will, I could clearly see the true treasure of my heart's desire. God opened me to a new world where He gave me blessings I could never have dreamed of. Serving you as Pastor is one of many blessings. It's ironic that God spoke to me through an old black and white TV with parts made by the company I worked for.

The miniseries about Jesus showed the healing of the man born blind that gave me a new spiritual understanding. The blind man sits all day begging. He yells out, "I was born blind. Help the poor blind man. May the Lord give you happiness! Please help the poor blind man." The blind man has a fairly secure life. He doesn't suffer due to loss of sight because he never had sight. He lives off the kindness of others. He doesn't have to work. Everything is given to him. Life is simple and easy. Why would he want to change that?

Some of the bystanders pick up the blind man and drag him over to Jesus. The man loudly protests, "leave me alone!" One bystander remarks, "He does too well as a blind person. If he could see, no one would give anything." Even a disciple says to Jesus, "Master, the man was born blind. Why change that?" Jesus replies, "The man lives in darkness. He deserves to see the light."

Jesus then puts the mud paste made from His spit on the man's eyes. In Jewish belief, the spit of a firstborn son was believed to have healing power. The man continues to loudly protest, "Don't touch my eyes. You are hurting me!" Jesus commands him to wash his eyes in the Siloam pool. The people take him to the pool. The blind man, now healed, yells out, "I can see. I can see all of you. I'm not blind anymore!" The crowd is dumbfounded. They take him to Jesus who reveals to the man his eyes are now looking at the Messiah. He worships Jesus. Jesus calls him from his old life of begging to a new life of believing. Then the Pharisees enter the scene where they angrily accuse the man of being a fraud and Jesus a sinner.

The healing of the man born blind has given me a new spiritual understanding of my journey to God. God always calls you out of your old comfort zone. God continually challenges you to grow in love and mercy. Make no room for complacency in your soul.

Complacency is spiritual poison that makes you blind. What is complacency and how does it hurt you? It is defined as "a feeling of being satisfied with yourself so that you do not think any change is necessary." It hurts you by deceiving you into thinking that you see but you really don't. It is a smug self-satisfaction that I have all the answers to everything. I am in control. No need to change that. The evil fruit of complacency is Pride. The Pharisees are the perfect example. They knew the "law" and anyone who acted outside the law was a sinner. The Pharisees considered Jesus a sinner because He healed blind eyes on the Sabbath and He mixed His spit into the dirt smeared on the blind man's eyes. The Sabbath law prohibited "kneading" which is mixing. They boxed themselves so much into law they couldn't see God's Love in action that we call "Grace".

I think there is a bit of Pharisee in all of us. There are four ways to tell if you are acting like a Pharisee with smug complacency.

- 1) You look down on and judge others who you do not consider as pious and holy as you are.
- 2) You criticize others who do not think and act like you do.
- 3) I'm right and you're wrong. Don't tell me what to do.
- 4) I'm really good at worshipping God on the outside but not being "Christ-like" on the inside.

God saved His harshest condemnations for hypocrites. God defines hypocrisy in Luke 6:46 "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do what I tell you?" Don't become a "Christian Non-Christian".

Start your day with Psalm 25:4-5 "Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long." Happy Lent... Fr. Mike

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