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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER APRIL 14, 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, APRIL 14, 2024

8:00 a.m. Edward Nerswick (Theresa Korte) St. Mary

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 Regina Schmidt (Adam Rockey)

Noon St. Benignus Janet & Larry Sowders (Debbie & Susie Kennedy)

Fr. Mark Bredestege

TUESDAY, APRIL 16, 2024

9:15 a.m. St. Mary Danny Trumble, Jr. (Mary Tamborski) ROSARY EVERY TUESDAY AT 11:00 A.M. AT ST. BENIGNUS CHURCH

The Gallagher and Wagner Families (Bob Dye) 11:30 a.m. St. Benignus

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

7:00 p.m. St. Mary Kelly Trumble (Mary Tamborski)

Fr. Mike Paraniuk

FRIDAY, APRIL 19, 2024

St. Benignus Leonard Boulas (Ellen Clark) Noon

Fr. Mark Bredestege

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024

3:30 p.m. St. Benignus Rosemary Kropfelder (Jerry Uhl) Ellwood & Ellen Walker, Harold Baker 5:30 p.m. St. Mary

> (Joyce & Gary Baker) Fr. Mike Paraniuk

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

8:00 a.m. St. Mary Zachary Schmidt (Bob & Joyce Wendell)

10:00 a.m. St. Mary Norm Breckel (Dr. James Pardi) St. Benignus Anthony Beverly (Josh Beverly) Noon

Fr. Mike Paraniuk



ST. MARY COLLECTION - APRIL 7, 2024

Weekly Need\$	6,500.00
Weekly Collection\$	
Variance\$	
FISCAL YEAR NEED\$	
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED\$	251.012.00
VARIANCE\$	

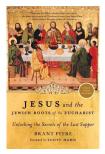
ST. BENIGNUS COLLECTION - APRIL 7, 2024	
Weekly Need\$	1,900.00
Weekly Collection\$	2,377.00
Easter Collection\$	140.00
Variance\$	+617.00
FISCAL YEAR NEED\$	77,900.00
FISCAL YEAR COLLECTED\$	94,639.00
VARIANCE\$	+16,739.00

Thank You for your Generosity!



BEACONS OF LIGHT

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



OUR LADY OF THE HILLS FAMILY BOOK CLUB

As part of the National Eucharistic Revival book (Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist)

Start: April 16th, 2024, meet at St. Mary Church in the Parish Hall at 6:00 p.m.

(this time can be adjusted going forward)

Books are already purchased, please sign up on the bulletin board in the Narthex or by sending an email to stmarycre119@gmail.com if interested.

DATES TO REMEMBER

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 2024

8:45 a.m. PSR – Parish Hall – *St. Mary* 10:30 a.m. PSR – Rel. Ed. Bldg. – *St. Benignus*

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2024

6:00-7:30 p.m. St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry – Rel. Ed. Bldg. – St. Benignus

SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024

8:45 a.m. PSR – Parish Hall – *St. Mary* 10:30 a.m. PSR – Rel. Ed. Bldg. – *St. Benignus*

SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024

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

APRIL CLERGY COMMUNICATIONS

ATTEND THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS JULY 17-21 IN INDIANAPOLIS

Join thousands of fellow disciples from across the U.S. and beyond for this event, which will include prayer, workshops, concerts, and more. The National Congress is a centerpiece of the multi-year Eucharistic Revival initiated and led by the U.S. Catholic Bishops. Groups or individuals may register for the entire event or for just a day. For more information, go to https://www.eucharisticcongress.org/.

FOOD FOR ALL

Nutritional, affordable food is not readily available to every person in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Hunger exists in our communities. Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio travels to where hunger is located in Adams, Brown, Clermont, Clinton and Highland Counties. Interested in reducing hunger and food insecurity, volunteering at a mobile pantry or learning more about hunger in our area? Call April Hoak, Food for All coordinator, at 513-672-3720 or email ahoak@ccswoh.org.

BECOME AN EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF HOLY COMMUNION (EMHC)

Formation and training for new and veteran Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place this spring. Some sessions will focus on ministry to the sick, hospitalized, and homebound and all sessions will prepare you to serve as an EMHC in your parish community. You can find more info and register at www.catholicaoc.org/worship.

MEN INQUIRING ABOUT THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

Any man who may be discerning a possible vocation to serve the Church as a Permanent Deacon should contact Deacon Mark Machuga, Director of the Office of the Diaconate, to discuss the discernment process, prerequisites and the formation cycle. Deacon Mark can be reached at 513-263-6641 or deaconoffice@catholicaoc.org.

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

Brittany Kinzer, Eric Arrington, Paula Miller, Ann Marie Gunderman, Claudia Frank, Holly Ruth Givens, Jeff Hadley, Becky Hiser, Theresa Shackelford, Cathy Thompson, Teresa Staten, Edna Maxwell, Jean Smith, Howard Smith, Deacon Len Parker, Todd Blankenship, Tina Hudson, Kirk Wuelnar, Elaine Feder, Thomsen Family, Slack Family

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

\$70,532.21 Debt on Fr. Luehrmann Hall.



Total since May 5, 2023: \$12,352.15 Bingo Team 1 (May 5, 2024)

Anne Lerch, Taryn Hastings, Jane Horne, Barb Rayburn, Michelle Salyer, Josh Pohlman, Tom Moran

BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS!

April 14 – Jamie Corns, Dr. Sophela Mesina, Mary Wise

April 15 - Libby Whitt

April 16 – Chyanne Collins, Lori Clifford, Myles Fouch, William Roark

April 17 – Tava Combs, Joan Winner

April 19 - Brantley Collins, Olivia Worley

April 20 – Wes Stultz

April 21 - Abby Kelly, Dave Tamborski

April 22 – John Miller

April 24 – Janet Butler, Janet Inkrot, Mary Remsing

April 25 - Tabor Tesmer

April 26 – Leah Salyer, Joyce Wendell

April 27 – Kimber Cooper, Bryant Salyer

April 28 – Ken Nauman, Caleb Worley

April 29 - Vickie Everhart

April 30 – Linda Schweitzer, Mike Witt

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL MONTHLY REPORT FOR MARCH, 2024 FROM THE ST. MARY PARISH IN HILLSBORO.



Receipts

Donations 793.00 Raffle 22.00 Total 815.00

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

Expenditures

Assistance to neighbors:

833.00

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. A parishioner in need of SVdP assistance. The local SVDP phone number for a neighbor in need is 937-205-0919.

ST. BENIGNUS LADIES AUXILIARY WILL BE HOSTING A FLOWER SALE.

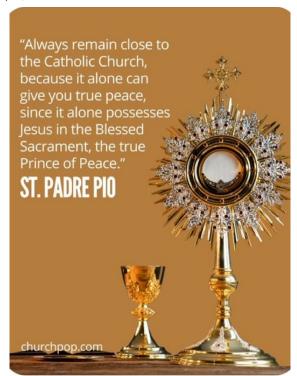
Flowers will be able to be picked up the weekend of May 4/5, 2024. The hanging basket will have one of the three different type of flowers. Offered will be REGULAR PETUNIA; GERANIUM; OR BEGONIA.

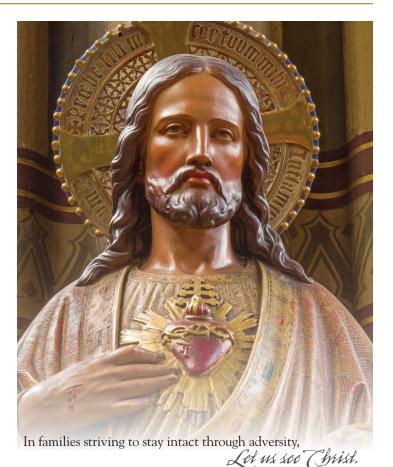
The basket of flowers will cost \$30.00 and payment will be paid at time of order. Order forms can be found in the back of church. Order forms returned will be placed in the special collection basket by April 20/21, 2024. Checks are to be made out to St. Benignus Ladies Aux. We thank you for your order.

Ladies Aux. meets on the second Thursday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in the Religious Ed. Bldg. All ladies of the parish are invited.

> April 11 May 9 June 13 July 11 August 8 September 12 October 10 November 14 December 12 - Christmas Party

Thank you, Paula





In the poor and lowly of the world,

Let us see Thrist.

In those forced to leave their homes because of war or famine, Let us see Thrist.

In children who go to bed hungry and who cannot Let us see Thrist. attend school,

In those who are living with HIV/AIDS

Let us see Thrist. and other diseases,

In immigrants and refugees seeking freedom and hope, Let us see Thrist.

In those who are orphaned or abandoned,

Let us see Thrist.

In the elderly who are forgotten,

Let us see Thrist.

In those who struggle to find meaningful work,

Let us see Thist.

In those who work for justice and peace for all people,

Let us see Thrist.

LET US PRAY.

Jesus, teach us to recognize your presence in those who are in need. May we give of ourselves in service to them and so hasten the coming of the Kingdom you have promised, where you live with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **AMEN.**



SERMON ON LUKE 24:35-48

A man went to his Pastor for spiritual advice. He complained that he was bombarded with many temptations that led him to sin. He described his soul as "filled with cobwebs all around me. They are my temptations. I get stuck on them. They trap me." Frustrated, he asked the Pastor, "How can I clear my soul of these pesky cobwebs?" The Pastor looked at him with compassion and wisely said, "Kill the spider."

So often, I seek God's forgiveness of my sins. But that is not enough. I must ask God to help me see the cause for why I do the sin. That is the spider. Some spiders are so strong I can't remove it by myself. But once I name that spider and claim it as an unwanted squatter in my soul, then with God's grace (His Love in action) He can dump it out of my life. Jesus said in John 8:32 "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free."

For ten years, I worked as a counsellor at the Care Unit of Cincinnati. It was a hospital for alcohol and drug recovery. I saw too many destroyed lives and broken hearts walk through those doors due to drug addiction. There was one person's journey to health that showed me the spiritual side of recovery. Overcoming addiction is more than just healing the body. You got to kill that spider in the soul that makes cobwebs trapping you into the addiction. Any recovery must include a relationship with God.

I worked with this patient for many months whom I'll call Joe. He had what others might see as the American dream come true. He had a devoted wife, nice kids, good well-paying job, and loving family. Then he self-destructed. Drinking took over his life. I did an intervention with Joe that got him into the Care Unit. Blessings still came to him. His wife stayed devoted, his family still loved him, and his boss was very supportive. When he left the hospital, he had every reason in the world to stay sober. He had the tools needed for recovery like a sponsor and AA meetings.

I was shocked when just a few months later, he relapsed. Joe readmitted himself back to the Care Unit after an all-weekend bender. I realized something was missing in his recovery. There was something in his soul causing him to self-destruct.

Finally, after weeks of intense counselling, the spider showed itself. Joe finally revealed he had an older teenage brother who died in a car crash after illegally drinking at a party. Joe begged his brother not to drink and drive. He pleaded with him not to go to the party. The older brother pleaded with Joe not to tell his parents about the party. He said, "Joe, if you love me, don't tell mom and dad." Joe kept quiet. The words of his brother pleading for silence were the last words Joe heard his brother speak.

All these years, Joe felt responsible for his brother's death. The name of his spider was guilt. The spider made Joe punish himself and everyone around him. But once that spider was named, then the healing could begin. Joe slowly began to see he was not the cause for his brother's death. Most importantly, he discovered God. That was the missing piece in his recovery. I assured Joe God was not out to get him. I used to tell him, "God does not have a smite button on his computer."

Today,z Luke tells the story of Jesus appearing again to the disciples. They thought Jesus was a ghost come back from the dead to seek revenge for their disloyalty. Jesus calms their fears. "Touch me and see, because a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you can see I have." Then he proved it by eating some fish. In those days, the devil was depicted as a big ugly fish. Jesus eating a fish was the sign He had destroyed the devil.

I convinced Joe, Jesus was not a ghost of punishment, but a real, loving, human God who will touch you with Divine Mercy. Once Joe accepted Jesus into his life, he squashed the devil...like a bug. Happy Easter.

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