



1ST SUNDAY OF LENT

TEMPTATION

Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me."—Mt 4:8-9

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass ©2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil6:30 p.m.
 Sunday 7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 12:00 Noon
 Weekdays..... 7:30 a.m. Monday thru Friday
 School Mass9:00 a.m. on Fridays

HOLY DAY SCHEDULE: See Mass Intention Times Inside

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays: 11:00 a.m.

Anytime by calling the parish office for an appointment.

BAPTISMS: Presenting a child for Baptism is a serious obligation and requires a faith commitment on the part of the parents and godparents. This commitment is exemplified by being a practicing, active Catholic. Parents are obligated to attend a preparation session before a child's baptism if they have not attended one in the past five years. Sessions are held at 1:15 p.m. on second Sundays of January, March, May, July, September and November, in the Parish Activity Center. Baptisms are at 1:15 p.m. on the third Sunday of January, February, March, May, June, July, August, September, October, November and December and on the fourth Sunday of April.

WEDDINGS: Please phone the parish office to set-up an appointment with a priest, in order to begin the sacramental preparation. Only after this initial meeting and assessment can a date be set for the wedding. The process requires at least 6 months.

COUNSELING SERVICES: Offered by Bob Skipper at Spiritual Center of Maria Stein 1-937-299-9005.

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NEW PARISHIONERS ARE WELCOME

Please come to the parish office to register. If you have a change of address, phone number or email, please inform the parish office.

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT, MARCH 5, 2017

Lent 2017 - Faith Sharing

Everyone is invited to join our Lent 2017 faith sharing sessions, furthering our Catholic-Lutheran dialogues which began last Fall. Whether you attended last Fall or not, all parishioners of St. John Lutheran and I.C., and other friends in faith, are invited to further explore and discuss what our two faith communities have in common and how we can dismantle the walls that have separated us for nearly 500 years. Discussions will spring from the book *One Hope: Re-Membering the Body of Christ*, a collection of essays written collaboratively by three Catholic and three Lutheran scholars and pastoral leaders. The essays explore experiences and activities that both faith communities share and that can help us better communicate with each other and understand and appreciate the richness of both faith traditions.

Discussion groups will meet for five weeks on Thursdays starting on March 9 at I.C. To better accommodate work and family schedules, two group sessions are planned for each day, one starting at noon and a second at 6:00 PM. (Both sessions will begin with a light meal for those interested, discussions begin at 12:30 and 6:30 PM.) Meeting places will again alternate between St. John's and I.C. For more information and/or to reserve a book, call Charlie Mescher at 419-586-5618 or via email: meschercj@bright.net. More details will be forthcoming soon.

The Light Is On for You

This year in parishes across the Archdiocese of Cincinnati the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 from 7:00pm – 9:00pm. Consider making a commitment this Lent to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and receive the healing grace of God's forgiveness and love. Parishes also have other opportunities to celebrate the sacrament either privately or at a Communal Penance Service. Learn more at: www.lightison4u.com.

2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

Each year, the Catholic Ministries Appeal offers us the opportunity to live as disciples of Christ by supporting ministries serving people throughout our archdiocese. Please join with your fellow parishioners of Immaculate Conception and the other 212 parishes in the archdiocese as we all work together to support the CMA. For more information and to pledge securely online, please visit CatholicAppeal.info. Thank you!

Mass Intentions For The Week

Monday, March 6

7:30 a.m. John Schmiesing
6:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Cletus Muhlenkamp

Tuesday, March 7

Saints Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs

7:30 a.m. Jay Osterholt

Wednesday, March 8

Saint John of God, Religious

7:30 a.m. Mary Keller

Thursday, March 9

Saint Frances of Rome, Religious

7:30 a.m. Chris Winkeljohn (Anniversary)

Friday, March 10

7:30 a.m. Violet Schmitz
9:00 a.m. Carol Buehler

Saturday, March 11

6:30 p.m. Curtis Prenger

Sunday, March 12

7:30 a.m. Fred Minnich
9:00 a.m. Louie, Alice & Kathy Quinter
12:00 noon People of the Parish

The *Endowment Fund* received \$25.00 in memory of Jon Jones.

✠ Vocation Cross ✠

March 12-18 -- Adam & Staci Clutter

March 19-25 -- John & Myra Hileman



Legacies and bequests help continue the faith. Please remember Immaculate Conception Parish in your will and expressions of sympathy.

Readings for the Week of March 5, 2017

Sunday: **Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17/**

Rom 5:12-19/Mt 4:1-11

Monday: **Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8-10, 15/Mt 25:31-46**

Tuesday: **Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-7, 16-19/Mt 6:7-15**

Wednesday: **Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/**

Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: **Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-3, 7c-8/**

Mt 7:7-12

Friday: **Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-8/Mt 5:20-26**

Saturday: **Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48**

Next Sunday: **Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22/**

2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

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The Altar Rosary Society "Bakeless" Bake Sale

A bit of news we have today;
A "Bakeless" Bake Sale is on the way.
During this Lent, it has been set,
So this poem explains, lest we forget.



Instead of cupcakes, cookies, or treats to buy,
(Which add inches to the waistline-My, Oh, My!)
Our Society has a Lenten almsgiving opportunity
To help us continue future Altar Rosary activity.

In the donation box, please put any price
Of a cake, or pie, or even just a slice.
With your charitable donation, you've done your part
To support our good works with your generous heart.

This is the end of our SWEET little tale.
Thank you for contributing to our "Bakeless" Bake
Sale!

Boxes will be at the Church doors March 11 and 12.
We appreciate your generosity and kind support!

Invitation from Jesus

"Come to Me in the Blessed Sacrament." Pope Saint John Paul II has said, "Worship given to the Trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit must fill our churches also outside the timetable of the Mass. This worship must be prominent in all our encounters with the Blessed Sacrament....Let us be generous with our time in going to meet Him in adoration and in contemplation that is full of faith and ready to make reparation for the great faults and crimes of the world. May our adoration never cease." You are invited to spend some time in front of our Tabernacle on all the regular Fridays during Lent from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., beginning on March 3. Visit with Our Lord who longs to hear your sorrows and joys.

"Prayer, Basking in God's Presence"

A presentation by Sister Joyce Ann Zimmerman, C.P.P.S. will be held on March 7 from 10:00-11:00 a.m. at the Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics. This session on prayer will consider what prayer is, when and how we pray, what are the prerequisites for prayer and practice composing prayers according to liturgical patterns. The session will be a combination of reflection on and practice of various forms of prayer, with an eye to looking at how prayer is an encounter with God that deepens our relationship with God and with each other.

Explore Life as a Priest or Brother

Men age 18 or older who are thinking about life as a priest or religious brother are invited to a discernment retreat on March 10-12 at St. Charles Center in Carthage, Ohio, sponsored by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, the Congregation that serves this parish. The retreat is an opportunity to learn about discernment to the consecrated life, spend time in prayer, and get to know the Missionaries of the Precious Blood. If you've been wondering if God is calling you to serve Him and the Church, this is a chance to explore that call in a friendly and informative atmosphere. The retreat begins with dinner on Friday and ends with lunch on Sunday. Take time away to pray, to listen, and to gather information. Space is limited. To reserve your place at the retreat or to learn more, contact Fr. Steve Dos Santos, C.P.P.S., director of vocation ministry, at vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org or 937-228-9263

Education Opportunity

The LPMP will offer the full 2 year Certificate Program from August, 2017 through May 2019. Two classes will be offered each Saturday during the academic year, with one class meeting 9:30-12:10 and the second from 1:00-3:40. Students can take one or both, depending on their schedule. Courses include: Old and New Testament Scripture, Church History, Catechism, Basic Doctrine, Discipleship, Pastoral Communication, Using Scripture in Parish Ministry, Jesus the Christ of Faith, Evangelization and Social Media, Ecclesiology, Liturgy/Prayer and Morality and Justice in Catholic Life. Courses are taught at the undergraduate equivalency level and may be used for application to the permanent diaconate or for catechist training. Our faculty is outstanding, with teachers such as Dr. Kevin Schmiesing, Joan Dunn, Denise Warnecke, Deacon Hal Belcher and Sr. Joyce Ann Zimmerman. Classes are engaging, thought-provoking, faith-filled and fun. In addition to course work, students participate in mentoring, supervised Field Education and complete a final Project in Ministry.

We are so pleased to be back in McCartyville, and hope that many men and women in the region will take advantage of the shorter commute and participate either in the full program, or simply come to take a class or two as their schedule allows. People interested in learning more can call our Associate Director, Deacon Hal Belcher at 419-305-5486 or email him at hbelcher001@woh.rr.com.

Bulletin articles are due in writing by 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday. You may email article to: ann@celina-ic.org.



Calendar of Events for the Week

Sunday, March 5

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Nursery available in the PAC
- 10:15 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

Tuesday, March 7

- 7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

Wednesday, March 8

- 7:00 p.m. Religious Education Grades 1-9

Friday, March 10

- 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Prayer before the Tabernacle
- 5:00-7:00 p.m. K of C Fish Fry

Saturday, March 11

- 11:00 a.m. Reconciliation

Sunday, March 12

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:00 a.m. Nursery available in the PAC
- 10:15 a.m. Confirmation Class
- 7:00 p.m. Bingo at the K of C Hall

Saturday, March 11, 6:30 p.m.

Servers: Zachary Hirsch and Cayden Hirsch
 Commentator: Bud Schoenleben
 Lector: Charles Mescher
 Gifts: Rob Luebke
 E. M.: Karen Albers, Jane Mescher, Jim Poepelman,
 James Poepelman, Patty Schoenleben
 Ushers: Team I, Anna Garman, Captain

Sunday, March 12, 7:30 a.m.

Servers: Lauren Schroeder and Kevin Stoner
 Commentator: Lynn Locke
 Lector: Janet Hoyng
 Gifts: Joe Bruns
 E. M.: Richard Carlin, Diane Hunt, Pat Hoyng,
 Larry Sielschott, Sandy Sielschott
 Ushers: Team J, Charles Heckler, Captain

Sunday, March 12, 9:00 a.m.

Servers: Destiny Anderson and Chris Anderson
 Commentator: Dale Sommer
 Lector: Gerald Vian
 Gifts: Mary Dues
 E. M.: X Ron Hoyng, Carol Coy, Harry Coy, Joan
 Wurster, Lisa Schott, Lori Vian, Marge Waterman,
 Diane Wagner, Cissy Muntzinger, Paulette Sommer,
 Jane Homan, Larry Braun
 Ushers: Team K, Tony Grilliot

Sunday, March 12, 12:00 Noon

Servers: Geordan Muether and Mason Muether
 Commentator: Bev Korte
 Lector: Jan Yackey
 Gifts: Roger Flaute
 E. M.: Liz Muether, Joan Koontz, Gerard Ahrns,
 Janet Smith, Jeanne Braun
 Ushers: Team L, Chip Felver, Captain

Nursery March 12, *Pat & Ann Hull

Stewardship Offering February 26

Envelopes/online (300)	\$ 13,118.00
Loose	<u>1,027.00</u>
Total Received	\$ 14,145.00
Weekly Offering:	\$ 14,145.00
Week Budgeted:	<u>14,304.00</u>
Over/Short:	(\$ 159.00)
YTD Total Collection:	\$479,424.04
YTD Total Budgeted:	<u>486,336.00</u>
Over/Short to date:	(\$ 6,911.96)

To give electronically for fiscal year July 1, 2016 to June 30,
 2017 visit www.celina-ic.org and click Donate.

Bingo

Chairperson March 12: Bill Stover
Crew Captain March 12: John Schmidt
Workers March 12: Kathy Mescher, JoAnn Shough,
 Mike Robinson, Eric Clausen, Kent Phares, Janet Stover
Chairperson March 14: Bob McKirnan
Crew Captain March 14: Ginny Bennett
Workers March 14: Dan or Angie Fleck, Kay Wenning,
 Dennis Wagner, Kim Adams, Luke Baucher,
 Mary Jane Wint, JoAnn Felver

Mark Your Calendars!!

On March 12, at 2:00 p.m. Cassella Branch 943 of Catholic Financial Life will be holding their annual Card Party/Marble Tournament to benefit their cluster seminarians at the CFL Hall in Cassella. Snacks, refreshments and pie will be available. All ages welcome!

Fearlessly Feminine-Living Life with Joyful Confidence

Join us for a women's event featuring *His Own Music Ministry* from Nashville, TN! The event will be held Saturday, March 25 from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The day will begin with Mass at St. Henry Catholic Church with the event following in the St. Henry High School Commons. Cost is \$25/person (lunch included) and women of all ages (high school juniors and up) are invited to attend. To register, send name, phone, and email with check payable to: Pam Moody, 5588 Brown Rd., Versailles, Ohio 45380. For more information: ryanpammoody@gmail.com or www.behisown.com. Registration deadline is March 10. Hosted by the St. Henry Cluster.

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