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NEWSLETTER

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The Annunciation, 1472, Francesco del Cossa



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MASSES

Sunday

7:30 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
9:30 a.m. | Sung Traditional Latin
11:30 a.m. | German
1:00 p.m. | English

Monday-Friday

7:15 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
12:10 p.m. | English

Saturday

7:15 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin
9:00 a.m. | English

First Friday Mass

6:30 p.m. | Traditional Latin

SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Sunday

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m. &
12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Monday-Friday

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Tuesday

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. & 7:30 p.m. - 8:15 p.m.

Saturday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

Evening Masses

45 minutes before Mass

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Tuesday

8:00 a.m. - noon & 5:30 - 8:30 p.m. with
Holy Hour with Benediction beginning at 7:30 p.m.

First Friday – All Night Vigil

Following the 6:30 p.m. Mass



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11:00 a.m. | Sung Traditional Latin Mass

Tuesday-Friday

9:00 a.m. | Low Traditional Latin Mass

First Saturday

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SACRAMENT OF PENANCE

Sunday

8:30 - 8:45
10:30 - 10:45

Tuesday - Friday

8:15 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.

First Saturday

8:15 to 8:45 a.m.



GENERAL SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Holy Day Masses

Please check bulletin.

Baptisms

If possible, please contact the parish office one
month prior to due date to start planning.

Weddings

Contact parish office at least six months prior.

Anointing of the Sick

Contact a parish priest as soon as possible.

Laudetur Jesus Christus! Gelobt sei Jesus Christus! Sia lodato Gesù Cristo! Praised be Jesus Christ!

NOTE from the PASTOR



As we prepare to begin Lent this upcoming Wednesday, March 2, may we prepare ourselves to enter this holy season with humility and temperance. Please remember that Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence. *Please see page 5 for the norms.*

In addition to preparing ourselves to participate in the passion of Christ and celebrate His resurrection on Easter Sunday, the Church, in her wisdom, gives us this season because we grow too comfortable with the world at times. We grow too comfortable with ourselves and the mediocrity we find ourselves. This is very harmful to us spiritually because ultimately, as St. Philip Neri reminds us, our citizenship is in Heaven.

So we enter into this holy season with a sense of humility and temperance because we must learn and teach ourselves to live not for and in the world but to live for and with God. This is why our fasting and penances are so necessary. It is a preparation for eternity.

Most of the things we have in the world we simply don't need. They are certainly convenient, they make life easier, they are enjoyable, but do we truly need them? Especially the things we become so attached to. The dangers in our material world, especially with our possessions, are very real. We begin to

determine human value and worth based upon belongings. Our worth to the corporate world is based on what and how much we buy from them. Our worth to the government is based on how much we pay taxes. However, we are much more than that, and Christ purchased us at a great price. His own blood!

So strive this Lent, as I remind you every year, not to just give up superficial things for Lent. While I don't dispute the value of those penances either, I simply encourage everyone also to give up something meaningful, challenging, something that you make hurt a bit. Look also for a particular vice you may have, and seek to give up the corresponding sin and grow in the opposite virtue. Ensure you pray more often, get to daily Mass regularly, and do some spiritual reading. And certainly seek to care for those less fortunate than ourselves, those impoverished materially, physically, mentally, spiritually. This will fulfill the command of the Lord, to pray, to fast, and to give alms.

We may stumble a bit this Lent but pick back up strong if you do, and don't think that Lent was for nothing. The Lord is ever patient with us, and if we are willing to keep trying, God will send us His help. I pray we all have a fruitful Lent, grow in virtue, and carry the cross with the Lord. And may Our Lady ever keep us close!

Fr. Jon Paul Bevak

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Old St. Mary office hours are Mon.-Thurs., from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. and Friday, from 9 a.m. - noon.

Sacred Heart office hours are by appointment.



Join the **Sorrowful Mother Adoration** group on the **2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Fridays of the month** for Mass and all-night Eucharistic Exposition at Old St. Mary. Mass begins at 7:00 p.m., followed by the novena. All-night vigil goes until 7:00 a.m. Saturday morning, concluding with benediction followed by Mass at 7:15 a.m. Call Mr. Shannon Roblin at 513-502-8548 or Mrs. Dolores Brandstetter at 513-561-4155 for additional information.

Please remember the church is the House of God. It is important to remember that in church, we are in His presence. Please try to maintain a prayerful spirit while also being respectful of others who come for quiet prayer. There is much noise and talking in the world, the church is our refuge into silence, to which Cardinal Robert Sarah calls us. **Please keep talking and distractions to a minimum** and talk to the Lord in the silence of your own heart.

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40 DAYS FOR LIFE™

Want to be a HERO? You are invited to take part in the international 40 Days for Life peaceful prayer effort from Ash Wednesday through Palm Sunday outside the Planned Parenthood abortuary on Auburn Avenue in Clifton. Coordinating this during Lent is no coincidence, as we pray and fast in imitation of Our Lord, for an end to this evil as well as in reparation for the destruction of the most vulnerable among us. Please consider volunteering to pray for one or more hours during these 40 days, and spread the word to others about this important life-saving effort.

Our parishes plan to stand in prayer witness from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at Planned Parenthood on Saturday, March 5.

To sign up for an hour, or for more information, please contact Pam Bucher at: mamabucher11@gmail.com or 859-802-7537

Conversion Classes

We have closed the classes to new candidates at this time. We have begun our list for the next set of classes that will begin this summer. **Please contact Fr. Henry at lhoffmann@cincinnati.rr.com for more information.**

Adorers Needed!

We are in need of adorers on First Fridays for our 8:00 p.m. hour, 10:00 p.m. hour, 11:00 p.m. hour, 1:00 a.m. hour, & 4:00 a.m. hour. Please contact the parish office if you can take any of these hours. In order to have adoration, we have to guarantee at least two adorers per hour. Even if you can't take a regular hour, but can be a substitute, please contact the parish office. Please help us keep adoration at Old St. Mary alive! It would be very helpful if we had an overall coordinator for adoration, or even one for Tuesday and another for First Friday. This person or persons should be devoted to adoration, be highly organized, and able to work closely with the parish office. **Please contact Fr. Jon-Paul if able and interested!**



Stations of the Cross will be held on Fridays of Lent after the 9:00 a.m. Mass at Sacred Heart and at 5:30 p.m. at Old St. Mary's. Please join us!

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no evening Adoration on Tuesday March 1.

First Friday and First Saturday

There will be **no** First Friday evening Mass or all-night Adoration this First Friday of March due to the Fish Fry. We are also in desperate need of adorers to keep the vigil going. Please see page four for more information. Be sure, however, to join us for our monthly First Saturday Mass (Low Traditional) at Sacred Heart at 9:00 a.m.

Ash Wednesday is March 2

Please remember that this is not a holy day of obligation, but it is a day of fasting and abstinence. Masses at Old St. Mary will be at 7:15 a.m. (Low Latin), 12:10 p.m. (English) and 6:30 p.m. (Sung Latin). Mass at Sacred Heart will be at 9:00 a.m. (Low Latin). Please join us for Mass to begin the Lenten season.

Ash Wednesday and Lenten Fast and Abstinence

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics. In addition, all Fridays during Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. For members of the Latin Catholic Church, the norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until age 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal. Two smaller meals may also be taken, but not to equal a full meal. The norms concerning abstinence, that is not eating meat, are binding upon members of the Latin Catholic Church from age 14 onwards.



Bockfest Fish Fry

Old St. Mary's Bockfest Fish Fry is back! Sandwiches, sides, and drinks (pop, water, and beer)

will be available starting at about **4:30 p.m. on**

Friday, March 4, until they are gone. All proceeds

go to Old St. Mary's Church, so it's good food for a good cause! **Please note that the fish fry will be canceled if the city cancels the Bockfest parade.*

Women's Oratory

The Women's Oratory meets monthly on Saturday mornings at Sacred Heart to help all women of our parishes grow and to support them in their Christian walk. **Upcoming meeting dates are 2/5/22, 3/5/22, 4/2/22, and 5/7/22.** For more information, please contact Lisa Bloomfield at lisamarielbloomfield@gmail.com or Suzan Sammons at suzan@poverellos.com.



Bockfest Mass

Old St. Mary is once again honored to host the annual Bockfest Mass, which this year will take place **Sunday, March 6 at 11:30 a.m.** Mass will begin and end with a procession of all German society flags and banners,

so please be sure to arrive by 11:15 a.m. to line up. Started in 1992, Cincinnati's Bockfest celebrates the centuries-old German custom of Bock, a vitamin-fortified beer that was brewed in times of fasting, most notably in Lent. Bockfest has come to symbolize Cincinnati's great German and brewing heritages, and Old St. Mary's Church is proud to play a role in the festivities!

Forty Hours

Forty Hours will open with Mass at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, March 11 at Old St. Mary. Adoration will continue until 10:00 p.m. on Saturday night. We will resume Adoration following Masses on Sunday, March 13, with the concluding procession and prayers at 3:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars! You can find more information and sign up here: <http://fortyhours.oldstmarys.org>.

PLEASE NOTE: There will be no sung Sunday Vespers on March 13. The closing of Forty Hours will replace Vespers.

Feast of St. Joseph Solemn Mass

There will be a Solemn Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph on **Saturday, March 19 at Old St. Mary. Mass begins at 9:30 a.m.** This is the anniversary day of the establishment of the Cincinnati Oratory. There will be no 9:00 a.m. English Mass this day.

Solemn First Vespers

Join us for Solemn First Vespers of the Annunciation of the Lord at Old St. Mary on **Thursday, March 24, at 5:30 p.m.**

Feast of the Annunciation Solemn Mass

There will be a Solemn Mass for the Feast of the Annunciation on **Friday, March 25 at Old St. Mary's. Mass begins at 6:30 p.m.** This is the feast of the parish and a plenary indulgence, under the usual conditions, is granted to all who visit Old St. Mary on this day and recite the Creed and Our Father.

PLEASE NOTE: The parish office will be closed on Friday, March 25 for the Feast of the Annunciation.



BAPTISMS

Welcome, children of God...

Luke Zion Freudiger (OSM)
 Theo Anthony Lussi (OSM)
 Timothy Edward Zix (OSM)
 Gregory Martin Landreaux (SH)

✚ REST IN PEACE ✚

Ronald A. Panioto (SH)

PLEASE NOTE: you must be an active parishioner for at least three months before letters of good standing can be issued by the parish.

Pray for our Sick

... at Old St. Mary

Kate Schneider, Judy Benvie, Bill Otteson, Jeannie Mueller, John Paul Downes, Jennifer Borek, Noelle Polisso, John & Erin Hays, Deacon Ken DeHanes, Wilma & Gary Brown, Karl Fry, Bob Gruber, Gale Campbell, Richard Buettner, Margaret Lang, Mary Gardner, Bob Ball, Mary Frances & Sophia Sharpshair, Tom & Maria Grow, Julie Dietrich, Steven Marsh, Steve Fiest, Paul Bevak, Callie, Susan Mueller, Diana Dahlhausen, Terri Huwel, Regina Albers, Tom Franz, Marlene Riehle, and Jenny Welsh Desmond

... and at Sacred Heart

Paul Gallagher, Alexander Piening, Jackson, Melissa, Terri, Emmy & Abby, Ginny Tullo, Carlos Latorre, and Christine Marshall



Palm Sunday Ravioli

We are planning on resuming the sale of ravioli this coming Palm Sunday! While this will not be the full dinner, we plan to sell frozen ravioli and sauce on Palm Sunday (April 10) and then resume sales out of the office after that. Unfortunately, there will most likely be a price increase due to the current inflation. More details will follow soon, but pray we can get this started again and return in full force this fall!

Please ensure that anything you want to place out in church has been pre-approved by Fr. Jon-Paul. Anything set out without his approval will be removed. Things placed out do not mean Fr. Jon-Paul or the other Fathers necessarily agree with material or promote it, only that there is nothing contrary to the teachings of the Church.

Pregnancy Center

Celebrate the Annunciation as the Day of the Unborn

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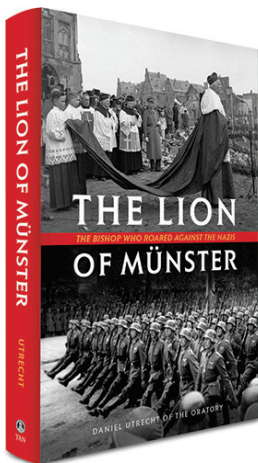
Priests for Life, along with many other pro-life groups, urges believers to celebrate this day as a **Day of the Unborn Child**, with special observances that highlight the Church's pro-life teachings.

The Magisterium's most comprehensive statement on the sanctity of life, the encyclical *Evangelium Vitae*, was issued on March 25, 1995, the Solemnity of the Annunciation. This feast marks the moment at which the Incarnation took place. At Mary's "Fiat," God began existing in a human nature—a human nature at the earliest stages of its development within Mary's body.

"Mary's consent at the Annunciation and her motherhood stand at the very beginning of the mystery of life which Christ came to bestow on humanity." (Evangelium Vitae, 102).

At a time when our society is beset with the evil of abortion, and when the human embryo is treated as a mere object for scientific research, Priests for Life believes that the celebration of the Feast of the Annunciation is more important than ever. By celebrating this Feast with special solemnity, and by spending more time meditating on its doctrinal and spiritual lessons, the faithful can be even more solidly rooted in their pro-life convictions, and spurred on to effective action in defense of life.

CONFESSIONS: With the (blessed) growth of our parishes, confession lines have been overwhelmed. Only Fr. Jon-Paul and Fr. Henry have full-time assignments to the parishes. Fr. Brent is part-time on music and part-time assisting in the parish. Fr. Adrian's primary assignment is at Christ Hospital and the Hamilton County Jail and he helps out with Masses and other tasks as needed. So, we offer what we are able to right now. Confession times before 9:00 a.m. daily Mass at Sacred Heart and before Old St. Mary's 12:10 Mass are often not full. Saturday mornings are usually less crowded with two priests generally hearing confessions at that time. If you are able to make it to a less busy time, please do so for those who can't. Please always try to be concise, clear, and well prepared, especially when the confession line is long. If you need spiritual advice on any matter that requires more than a few minutes, please make a separate appointment—we're happy to be of service. Thank you for your consideration and cooperation so that we may make the Sacrament of Penance available to as many people as possible.



“The dear God placed me in a position in which I had a duty to call black ‘black’ and white ‘white.’” These words were spoken by Cardinal Clemens August von Galen, the bishop of the diocese of Münster in Germany from 1933 to 1946. In so doing, he risked death at the hands of the Nazis, one Gestapo leader even urging that he be publicly hanged. Joseph Goebbels and others in the Nazi leadership, knowing the bishop’s popularity, advised waiting, subscribing to the adage that “revenge is a dish best served cold.”

In this, the definitive English language biography of the great **Lion of Münster**, readers will encounter the young von Galen as he learns the Catholic faith and love of the fatherland from his family, members of the German aristocracy. A nobleman, a “prince” of his people and of his Church, the boy grew into a man, a six-and-a-half-foot tall giant of a man, who, though he loved his homeland, loved God, His Church and His law even more; for he knew that calling his homeland back to the ways of God is the one way in which a bishop can best demonstrate that love for the people under his spiritual care. And so, in three magnificent sermons and countless other speeches, communiques and gestures, the Lion roared. – *tanbooks.com*

The Sermons of St. Francis de Sales reflect on key aspects of the Christian life given during Lent, 1622— fasting, how to resist temptation, the danger of losing one’s soul, living faith vs. dead or dying faith, Christian attitude toward death, proper conduct in illness, God’s special providence toward those living a spiritual life, the hidden meanings of our Lord’s Passion, eternal happiness, and mutual charity.

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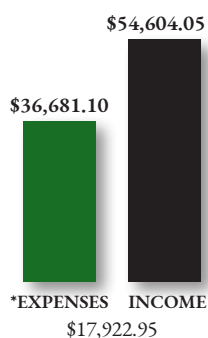
Cincinnati Right to Life is once again hosting the annual **Heartbeats for Life 5K** to support life in Greater Cincinnati on **Saturday, April 9**. The culture of death is becoming stronger in the United States and Heartbeats for Life provides Pro-Life Cincinnati with an opportunity to meet like-minded individuals and support the incredible work of Cincinnati Right to Life. Please visit CincinnatiRightToLife.org to purchase tickets and find out more.



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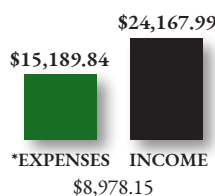
“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” – *Matthew 6:21*

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