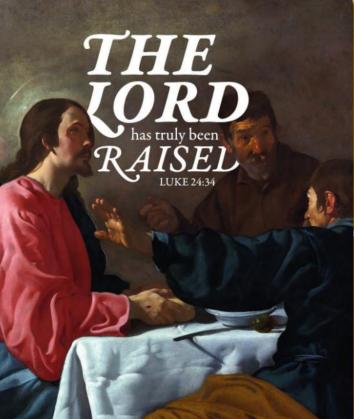
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## SAINT PAUL

THE APOSTLE

April 14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter



#### **Weekend Masses**

Saturday (Anticipated)-4:00 PM Sunday-8:00 AM, 10 :00AM, Noon, 5 :00 PM

#### **Daily Masses**

Monday, Wednesday, Friday-6:40 AM
Monday - Saturday-8:30 AM
Thursday-6:15 PM
We livestream our Sunday 10:00 AM, Saturday 4:00 PM, and 8:30 AM Masses, and weddings, funerals, and special events upon request at <a href="mailto:stpace.org/livestream">stpace.org/livestream</a>.

#### **Mass Times for Holy Days**

Please refer to the parish website or call the Parish Office to confirm Mass times.

#### **Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

Thursdays after the 8:30 AM Mass until 5:55 PM unless otherwise noted.

First Fridays after the 8:30 AM Mass until 4:00 PM

#### Rosary

After the 8:30 AM weekday Masses Mondays at 6:30 PM in the Church and First Saturdays at 7:00 PM at stpacc.org/onlinerosary

#### **Divine Mercy Chaplet**

Monday - Friday-3:00PM

Third Sunday of Easter

If you are interested in information about becoming Catholic, getting married in the Church or having your children baptized, please turn to page 4 of this bulletin.

#### Featured -

St. Vincent De Paul



This weekend (April 13 and 14) we are having our monthly food pantry collection. Please bring your items to the narthex of the church and place them in the blue bins. As always we need cans of fruit, vegetables, and soup, packs of snack crackers, large bags of cookies, and pretzels. Toilet paper, juice boxes, canned meats and peanut butter are also appreciated. Thank you for caring for those in need.

## Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church

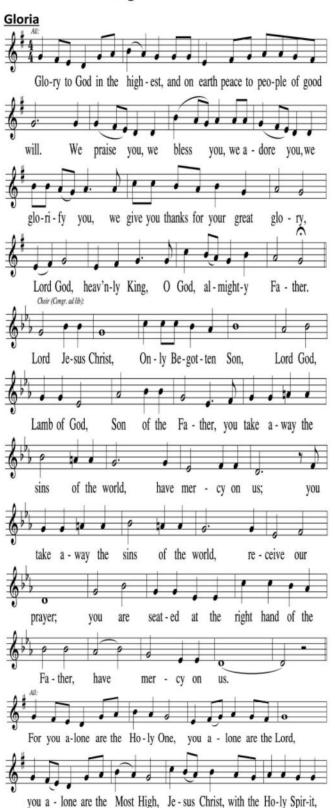
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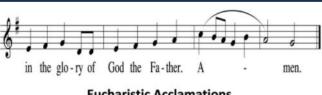


#### Worship Hymnal Readings - #1083

#### Hymns

Entrance – I Know That My Redeemer Lives #527 Offertory – Come You Faithful Raise the Strain #509 Post Communion - Regina Caeli #519







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#### **Choir Anthem Lyrics**

#### Offertory Anthem - Rejoice In The Lord

"Rejoice in the Lord!" I will say it again, "Rejoice!"
"Rejoice in the Lord!" I will say it again, "Rejoice!"
Do Not let your heart be troubled, for God knows your deepest longings.

Let the peace of God protect your heart and mind. (repeats)

Peace, peace, God's holy peace will transcend all understanding.

Peace, peace, God's holy peace; God's gracious peace will abide with you.

God's peace will see you through. Rejoice in the Lord, rejoice!

"Rejoice in the Lord!" I will say it again, "Rejoice!" . . .

#### Canticle of Praise - Fairest Lord Jesus

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature, O thou of God and man the Son. Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer who makes the woeful heart to sing. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer than all the angels heaven can boast. Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, now and forevermore be thine.



For those who are unable to clearly hear the priest's homily or the beautiful choir while at Mass, we encourage you to acquire the FREE Listen EVERYWHERE app that brings clear audio to your smartphone.



Simply download the app by scanning the QR code, then plug in either your earphones, or connect your hearing aid or cochlear implant via Bluetooth

Be sure your device is connected to our Wi-Fi so the app can connect to our audio channel: Network Name: St. Paul Church Guest Password: WelcomeHome.

## The Pastor's Corner

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Staying informed: If you do not have Flocknote, I ask that you to please consider getting the app so you are "in the know!" To secure the Flocknote app, just go to <a href="mailto:stpacc.org/flocknote">stpacc.org/flocknote</a> or text STPACC to the number 84576.



Clergy Assignments:

This past weekend clergy assignments were announced by the Diocese of Columbus. Father Olvera has been named the Pastor at St. Bernadette Parish in Lancaster (including St. Joseph Church, Sugar Grove). Additionally, Father Antony Varghese, has been appointed to serve as the Administrator at both St. Dominic Church and St. Francis of Assisi Church (both in Columbus). The assignments are effective July 9.

Father Olvera and Father Antony have both made a permanent mark on our parish and they will unquestionably be missed. I am confident that as they move on, they will guide their new parishioners in their faith journey as well.

Please look for more information about our plans to send them off with our heartfelt best wishes. In the meantime, please do keep all our clergy in your prayers.

Safe Haven Sunday:

This weekend, St. Paul, along with the Diocese of Columbus, participates in Safe Haven Sunday, which seeks to address the scourge of pornography and its effects, including human trafficking. It is one of the leading causes of addiction, adultery, divorce, and produces distorted attitudes toward the body. See page 12 of this bulletin for a link to resources.

Our Sunday Offering:

I want to sincerely thank the very many who regularly give of their time, talent, and financial support to our parish. WeShare Online Giving is a secure, and convenient platform. Just text stpaulohio to 800-950-9952 or go online to <a href="www.stpacc.org/donate.">www.stpacc.org/donate.</a> If you have any questions about your parish offertory or WeShare Online Giving, please contact Parish Accountant Deb Hawking at either <a href="mailto:dhawking@stpacc.org">dhawking@stpacc.org</a> or 614-882-2109 ext. 229. Thank you!

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Wilson

## MASS INTENTIONS

#### Sunday, April 14

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9; 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Lk 24:35-48

8:00 AM † Dennis Kairis

12:00 PM † Bob Searles 5:00 PM † Ubalo Monaco

#### Monday, April 15

Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29

6:40 AM † Mary Ellen Churchill Travis 8:30 AM Andrea Roby (Intentions of)

#### Tuesday, April 16

Acts 7:51–8:1a; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 7b and 8a, 17 and 21ab; Jn 6:30-35

8:30 AM † Abundia Macatangay

#### Wednesday, April 17

Acts 8:1b-8; Ps 66:1-3a, 4-5, 6-7a; Jn 6:35-40

6:40 AM † Donald Francis Pasqualone 8:30 AM Cody McKnight (Intentions of)

#### Thursday, April 18

Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:51; Jn 6:44-51

8:30 AM † Frank McCabe

6:15 PM † Donna Kinehan McKinney

#### Friday, April 19

Acts 9:1-20; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Jn 6:52-59

6:40 AM † Maria Tang Thi Ruyen

8:30 AM † Ivan Smith

#### Saturday, April 20

Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-13, 14-15, 16-17; Jn 6:60-69

8:30 AM † Cecilia Guzzo

#### Fourth Sunday of Easter (anticipated)

#### Sunday, April 21, Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

8:00 AM † Susan A. Barr

\*\*10:00 AM † Trevor Williams

12:00 PM † Bob Searles

5:00 PM † Dick Rano

## NEW TO ST. PAUL?

## Here's what you need to know:

Welcome to Saint Paul the Apostle Catholic Church. Inspired by our patron Saint Paul, we are a parish of disciples of Jesus Christ called to bring His truth and love into our community through humble, collaborative service that is faithful to the Word of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, and centered on the Holy Eucharist.

#### **Welcome Home**

Whether you are brand new or returning after a while, we are excited to welcome you to Saint Paul. We look forward to seeing you at Mass and around the parish!

#### Stay Connected with us

We would love to stay connected with you! There are always new and exciting things happening at Saint Paul. Sign up for our Flocknote newsletter to receive email and text updates from our parish!



TEXT STPACC TO 84576



#### **Interested in Becoming Catholic?**

If you are curious about Catholicism or seeking to enter the Church, we invite you to get involved in our preparatory program for the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA). We're happy to accompany you! Find more information about the program at <a href="mailto:stpace.org/rcia">stpace.org/rcia</a>.

#### **Get Involved**

Looking to get involved in a vibrant Catholic community, or serve the Lord and our local Westerville community? We invite you to get to know one of our community opportunities and explore our many ways to serve among all our parish ministries. This week's schedule can be found in this bulletin. More can be found at stpacc.org/ministries

#### St. Paul School

Want to give your children a Catholic education? Discover our St. Paul Catholic School (preschool and grades K-8) dedicated to teaching, living, and learning in the light of Christ. <a href="stpaulk-8.org">stpaulk-8.org</a>

<sup>\*\*</sup>Mass with incense.

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## Parish Office Hours

Our Parish Office is open Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM.

## Parish Registration

If you will regularly be worshiping with us, we encourage you to register at stpacc.org/register.

## **Baptisms**

Families wishing to have their child baptized should contact Annette Ramos at aramos@stpacc.org.

## **Matrimony**

If you would like to be married at St. Paul the Apostle, please visit stpacc.org/weddings to begin planning.

#### Confessions

9:15 AM on Thursdays; at 2:30 PM on Saturdays. The confessionals are located in the Church.

## Marian Gift Shop

Our Marian Gift Shop is located in the Church and is open from 9:00 AM to 1:30 PM on Sundays; closed on Mondays; open on Tuesday and Thursdays from 2:30-6:30 PM; and on Wednesdays, Fridays, and also on Saturdays from 9:15 AM until 12:30 PM. 614-882-5257; stpacc.org/shop

### **Bulletin**

Articles for the bulletin must be submitted two weeks in advance to stpaulcommunications@stpacc.org. Thank you!

## **Important Contacts**

Parish Office 614-882-2109 St. Paul School 614-882-2710 614-394-9731 Preschool Parish School of Religion 614-882-5045

Prayer Line stpaulprayerline@stpacc.org

St. Vincent DePaul Helpline 614-973-9772

Young Professionals StPaulYoungProfessionals@gmail.com

Spirit of Peace Counseling stpacc.org/counseling-services

## **Pregnancy Support Resources**

Women's Care Center 614-251-0200 Birthright 614-221-0844 **PDHC** 614-444-4411 Mommies Matter 614-723-9308

Option Line optionline.org 1-800-712-4357

614-445-8400 Stowe Mission, Columbus Pregnancy Resources of 740-417-9358

**Delaware County** 

## THE CATECHETICAL CORNER



## The Necessary Sacrament

During the pandemic, many crazy and unfortunate actions took place. However, I will never forget seeing a photo of a priest baptizing a baby by way of a squirt gun. I am hoping that this photo was staged and/or that his bishop saw it and he got into trouble. Even if you have many people to be baptized, this method should never be a viable option. For example, St. Paul the Apostle Parish was blessed to baptize 37 people at this year's Easter Vigil, and no squirt guns were involved. This high number of baptisms begs the question, why do so many people want to be baptized? Why is it so important for parents to have their babies baptized? What does baptism do to us?

Baptism is not merely a ritual or tradition; it is a sacred act instituted by Christ Himself, essential for our initiation into the life of the Church and our journey of faith. In the Gospel, according to Matthew, Jesus commissions his disciples, saying, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" (Matthew 28:19). Here, we see the explicit command of Christ to baptize, emphasizing its importance in the life of every believer.

Baptism marks the beginning of our Christian journey, washing away our original sin and grafting us into the mystical body of Christ. Through baptism, we are reborn as children of God, filled with the Holy Spirit, and incorporated into the Church. Through this sacrament, we become members of the body of Christ, united with Him and one another in a profound and mystical way. Through this sacrament, we receive an "indelible mark" on our souls. This mark can never be removed. We cannot wish or pray it away. We cannot become unbaptized. We also cannot be rebaptized as our Protestant brethren believe.

This debate of "rebaptism" extends to the time of St. Augustine when there was debate as to whether heretics needed to be rebaptized.

Augustine's position on this matter evolved. Initially, Augustine believed in the necessity of rebaptism for heretics. He argued that since heretics were not in communion with the Catholic Church and did not possess the true faith, their baptisms were invalid. Therefore, upon joining the Catholic Church, they needed to be rebaptized to properly receive the grace of baptism. However, as Augustine engaged in further theological reflection and dialogue with other church leaders, his position began to shift. He came to emphasize the unity of the Church and the principle of "one baptism for the forgiveness of sins" (as stated in the Nicene Creed).

It is important to note that baptism is not merely a symbolic gesture but a sacrament imbued with grace, as St. Augustine states. In the waters of baptism, we are cleansed of sin and given new life in Christ. As St. Paul writes in his letter to the Romans, "We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life" (Romans 6:4). Through baptism, we take off the old and put on the new. Baptism symbolizes our participation in Christ's death and resurrection and imparts the grace necessary for us to live as His disciples.

Baptism is the gateway to the other sacraments of the Church. Through baptism, we are prepared to receive the Eucharist, Confirmation, and the other sacraments that sustain and nourish us on our faith journey. It is the foundation upon which the entire Christian life is built. We must be validly baptized to receive the other sacraments Christ gives us.

Baptism offers hope and light in a world filled with darkness and sin. Through baptism, we are freed from the bondage of sin and welcomed into the family of God. Pope Francis reminds us, "Baptism is the door of the spiritual life and the gateway to the sacraments. We are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission" (Angelus, 13 January 2019).

Therefore, let us never underestimate the necessity of baptism in our lives. Through this sacrament, we are initiated into the life of the Church, marked as Christ's own forever, and empowered to live as His disciples in the world. Let us embrace our baptismal identity with gratitude and live out our faith joyfully, knowing that we are beloved children of God, called to proclaim His kingdom to all nations.

Andrew 7. Burson

Andrew T. Burson, Director of Parish Ministry

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## YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT VOCATION NIGHT



## APRIL 14 | 6:30-8:30PM KLINGER CENTER

Come and explore God's rich plan for your life. Hear from Fr. Olvera and an incredible panel of speakers. Network with religious orders and mission organizations from around Columbus. Dinner is included!

No registration needed. Bring yourself and friends!

- Hear from Speakers
- Socialize with Friends

Ask Questions

- Explore Religious Orders
- Learn to Discern Well
- Free Food



Contact Nathan Forsthoefel: nforsthoefel@stpacc.org | 614.882.2109



#### This Week in Our Parish Sunday, April 14

## St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Pantry Collection

#### 'Super Subs for St Paul'

What better way to enjoy watching baseball than feasting on tasty Knights of Columbus submarine sandwiches! The K of C will be selling subs after masses on Saturday April 13 and Sunday April 14. All proceeds go to the St Paul Parish Building Fund.

#### 11:00 AM - RCIA Klinger Center

Interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith? Learn more about the RCIA process at stpacc.org/rcia

#### 6:00 PM – Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

Alcoholics Anonymous holds twice-weekly meetings. On Sundays they meet at 6:00 PM and on Fridays at 7:30 PM in Room 2 of the Parish Office.

#### 6:30 PM - Youth and Young Adult Vocation Night Klinger Center

The night will feature a fantastic panel of speakers including Father Daniel Olvera, to address questions about God's plan of life and love for us through vocational preparation and discernment. Dinner is included and registration is not required. All high school students and young adults are invited to attend.

#### Monday, April 15

#### 3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

The Divine Mercy Chaplet is prayed every weekday at 3 PM in the church. Join us in praying this devotion to the mercy of God! Learn the prayers at <a href="mailto:stpacc.org/chaplet">stpacc.org/chaplet</a>

#### 6:30 PM - Rosary Church

Join us in this timeless prayer, enriching your spiritual life as we contemplate the life of Christ through the eyes of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

7:00 PM - Nar-Anon Room 1 (Parish Office)

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#### Tuesday, April 16

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:00 PM - St. Vincent de Paul Meeting Parish Office Room 2

7:30 PM - Young Adult Open Gym Klinger Center

#### Wednesday, April 17

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

#### 4:45 & 6:45 PM -PSR Classes St. Paul School

Parish School of Religion is part of the educational arm of the parish community, responsible for providing religious instruction, formation and sacramental preparation to children attending public or non-Catholic private schools. <a href="mailto:stpacc.org/psr">stpacc.org/psr</a>

<u>6</u>:00 PM - Young Catholic Professionals St. Peter Room

6:45 PM - 8:00 PM High School Discipleship in Lower Level Room 3 (Church)

7:00 PM — Overeaters Anonymous Parish Office Room 2

7:00 PM - Bereavement Ministry Spring Support Group Lower Level Room 2 (Church)

#### Thursday, April 18

6:00 AM – Into the Breach - That Man is You! St. Peter Room

#### 9:15 AM – Confessions Church

Catholics can experience healing through forgiveness of sins and reconciliation with God and His Church. Catholics are always welcomed back to receive this sacrament - whether it has been two weeks or two decades since the last Confession.

stpacc.org/sacraments/reconciliation

## 9:30 AM – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Church

Spend some time in the real presence of Jesus after the 8:30 AM Mass. Adoration concludes with benediction at 5:45 PM.

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:00 PM - Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

7:00 PM - Young Adults Bible Study Lower Level Room 1 (Church)

7:30 PM Al-Anon Room 1 (Parish Office)

#### Friday, April 19

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:30 PM-Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

#### Saturday, April 20

#### 7:00 AM - Men's Bible Study St. Peter Room

We invite all men in the parish to join us on the second, third, fourth and fifth Saturdays (if applicable) of the month for Bible Study stpacc.org/menbiblestudy

9:00 AM - Catholic War Veterans Lower Level Room 2

10:00 AM - Prayer Shawl Ministry Lower Level Room 4

2:30 PM - Confessions Church



April 16th April 23rd April 30th Open Gym 7:30-9:30pm Klinger Center

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#### Sunday, April 21

Knights of Columbus Breakfast After the AM Masses in Miller Hall. All are invited! Bring your families!

#### 11:00 AM - RCIA Klinger Center

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#### 6:00 PM - Alcoholics Anonymous Room 2 (Parish Office)

Alcoholics Anonymous holds twice-weekly Sundays and Fridays in Room 2 of the Parish Office

#### 6:15 PM - Middle School Youth Ministry Klinger Center

Our Youth Ministry's mission is to bring the youth of our parish into a deep and personal relationship with Jesus by giving opportunities to have an authentic encounter with Christ through His Church. Ends at 7:45 PM. <a href="mailto:stpacc.org/ym">stpacc.org/ym</a>



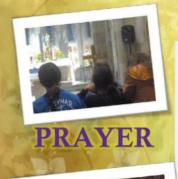
## St. Paul Bereavement Support Group



The Bereavement Ministry of St. Paul is sponsoring a support group for anyone grieving the loss of a loved one. Recognizing that grief has no timelines, the group is open to anyone who would like the mutual support of others, regardless of when their loved one passed. The group will meet on Six (6) Wednesday evenings, April 17-May 22 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM in Room 2 on the lower level of the church (accessible by elevator). Pre-registration is required; space is limited. Please call one of the facilitators listed here for more information and/or to register: Lisa at 317-809-1151 or Sharon at 614-329-9010.







## APRIL 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 7 P.M.

PRAYER GATHERING for young women

(from high school juniors to young professionals)



## DISCIPLESHIP

APRIL 20<sup>TH</sup> 10 A.M.-1:30 P.M.

#### **DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS** for girls:

1st - 2nd, 3-5th and 6th -10th grade Adoration, catechesis, games & crafts!

Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus St. Therese Shrine 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio



at columbus@hsmcj.org or call for more information: 614-986-7007

## PILGRIM STATUE

We are blessed to announce that our parish now has a second Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima, providing more families the opportunity to host and experience this devotion each week. For those interested in this beautiful devotion and to schedule your time with the statue, please see the reservation book available at the Mass Ministry Coordinator's table in

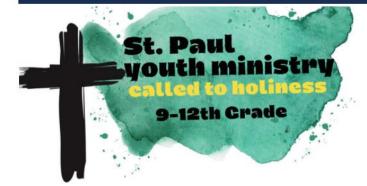
To learn more about this devotion, please visit stpacc.org/pilgrim-statue

the vestibule.



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April 17,24

April 14

**April 28** 

Discipleship 6:45pm-8:00pm

**Youth and Young Adult Vocation Night** 6:30pm-8:30pm

> **High School Night** 6:30pm-8:30pm

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April 7

Middle School Night 6:15pm-7:45pm

April 21

Middle School Night 6:15pm-7:45pm

April 24

Bible Study 2:45pm-3:45pm



More Info!

Join our Flocknote!

Contact: Nathan Forsthoefel Coordinator of Youth Ministry nforsthoefel stpace.org

## St. Paul the Apostle's Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Our Recent Mass Attendance & Offertory Collection

Week Ending	Count	Collections		
March 17	3,297	\$92,271.83		
March 25	4,187	\$56,229.76		
March 31	6,251	71,959.65		
April 7	3,436	130,474.62		

#### Year to Date Collection Summary through April 7, 2024

Note: Collection totals vary primarily due to the timing of online contribution reporting.

Summary for Week # 40	Actual	Budget	Difference	Last Year Actual	Prior Year +(-)
Sunday & On-line Collections	\$3,018,394	\$3,129,692	\$(111,298)	\$2,777,545	\$240,849
Christmas	\$86,383	\$85,000	\$1,383	\$83,782	\$2,601
Easter	\$35,716	\$38,000	\$(2,284)	\$1,457	\$34,259
Major Collection Totals	\$3,140,493	\$3,252,692	\$(112,200)	\$2,862,783	\$277,709
Prior Week Totals	\$2,944,023	\$3,051,450	\$(107,427)	\$2,747,935	\$196,088

Special Collections To Date Include:		*Church Building Fund Envelopes	
St. Vincent DePaul	\$ 65,346	\$ 71,523	
WARM	\$ 57,807	Church Loan Balance: \$3,592,978	
Parish Mission	\$ 7,367	*Parish fiscal year is July 1 to June 30	

Our Offertory Weekly Goal is \$78,244.

This amount includes weekly withdrawals for: Accelerated Principal Payments on Debt of \$ 7,750

Savings Deposit to our Emergency



Why use offertory envelopes when you can give online via WeShare? It's a safe and convenient platform. Text stpaulohio to 800-950-9952 or simply go to stpacc.org/donate.



## Catholic Men's Luncheon Friday, May 3, 2024

Speaker: Father Steven Beseau

Join the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for a talk by Fr. Steven Beseau, President/Rector of the Josephinum on the Status of the Josephinum. The May luncheon is sponsored by Jim Flaherty. If you are interested in sponsoring a luncheon, contact Pat Foley at foleyp513@gmail.com.

Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 am followed by lunch at 12:10 pm and Fr. Beseau's presentation. No reservations are necessary. \$12 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

Our final luncheon before the summer break is Friday June 7, 2024, and will feature Patrick Madrid who will give a talk entitled "Ten Recent Discoveries That Point To The Existence of God." Mark your calendar now so you don't miss it!

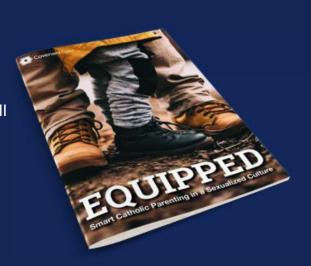


FREE SHEETS WITH ANY MATTRESS PURCHASE OVER \$399

## **Celebrate Safe Haven Sunday**

Priests throughout the Diocese of Columbus are here to provide help and support in overcoming addictions and re-focusing on the vision of God. They make themselves available to you in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Lord's love and mercy is much greater than our sin. There are resources available to help you begin having conversations with your family about these issues as well as ways to overcome addictive behaviors and to protect your families.

This year there is a specific focus on the dangers of pornography and its relationship to the evil of human trafficking. All of the resources can be found on the Diocese of Columbus website by visiting columbuscatholic.org/safe-haven.



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### Reflecting on the Gospel for the Third Sunday of Easter, April 14, 2024

First Reading: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19; Second Reading: 1 Jn 2:1-5a; Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Imagine if Jesus appeared to you. What if He showed you the wounds in His hands and feet and invited you to touch Him so as to believe. Would you believe? Most likely you would, to a certain extent. It would be the beginning of an experience that could be life-changing, just as it was for these disciples. Our Lord's appearance to the disciples led to their transformation from men who were confused and doubtful to men who were filled with joy and zeal. Eventually, they would go forth preaching about Jesus as witnesses to His death and Resurrection with courage and with a desire that all who heard them would turn to Jesus as their Savior.

In the first reading of today's Mass, Saint Peter is recorded as doing this very thing. After healing a crippled man at the gate of the Temple, a crowd gathered in amazement and Peter preached to them about Jesus. He concluded His sermon by saying, "God has thus brought to fulfillment what he had announced beforehand through the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ would suffer. Repent, therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be wiped away."

Today, we are entrusted with the same mission given to our Lord's disciples, and we must preach with the same zeal, courage and conviction with which they preached. First, we must become as certain as they were about Jesus' triumph over sin and death. We must turn from all sin and believe that the fullness of life is found only in Christ Jesus. But then we must commit ourselves to the proclamation of this faith with every fiber of our being.

Begin by considering how deeply you believe in Jesus as the Savior of the World. Though it might be tempting to think that having Jesus appear to you in person would help deepen your faith in Him, the truth is that the first disciples were not primarily convinced because of the physical appearances of Jesus. Rather, this gift came primarily through the spiritual touching of their minds. After appearing to the disciples physically, we read that Jesus "opened their minds to understand the Scriptures."

This was what convinced them more than anything—the spiritual gift of understanding. And that gift is offered to you today, just as it was to the first followers of Jesus.

Saint Thomas Aquinas explains that the spiritual gift of understanding is a gift that reveals to us the very essence of God. He explains that it is a much deeper form of knowledge than that which is obtained through our five senses. Thus, simply seeing something with our eyes, touching it or hearing it is not nearly as convincing as the knowledge obtained through the spiritual gift of understanding. The gift of understanding enables us to "read inwardly" and to penetrate the very essence of something. For that reason, the physical appearance of Jesus might have been the first step toward believing, but it wasn't until these same disciples encountered our Lord within their souls, perceiving the very essence of His Resurrection inwardly, that they were forever changed. Only this form of knowledge could then convince them to go forth and proclaim the message of salvation.

Reflect, today, upon your own knowledge of Jesus and the transforming power of His Resurrection in your life. Has God spoken to you within the depths of your soul? Have you perceived this inward knowledge and had your mind opened? Listen attentively to our Lord—not just with your ears but primarily with your spirit. It is there, within you, that you, like the first disciples, will come to know and believe in the life, death and resurrection of Christ so that you can then go forth empowered to proclaim these truths to others.

My revealing Lord, You showed Yourself to Your disciples not only physically but spiritually, revealing Your very essence to them interiorly. Please bestow this gift upon me, dear Lord. May I come to know You and believe in You with all my heart. As I do, please use me as an instrument of Your mercy to others. Jesus, I trust in You.

Readings for each day and links to daily reflections can be found at <a href="mailto:style="color: blue;">style="color: blue;">style="c

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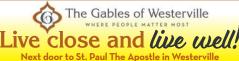
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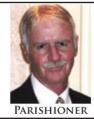
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