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February 18, 2024 **1st Sunday in Lent**

Beneath the cross one learns to love

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 stpacc.org/livestream.

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:OPM

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

If you are interested in information about becoming Catholic, getting married in the Church or having your children baptized, please turn to page 5 of this bulletin.

Featured

Parish Mission

Our Annual Parish Mission will take place on Sunday, March 17 – Tuesday, March 19 at 7:00 PM in the Church. We welcome Rev. Pawel Rytel-Andrianik, SSD, DPhil, Chief of the Polish section of the Vatican Radio and Vatican News, and a resident of the Vatican, as our mission preacher. Each night will feature a unique talk relating to the Eucharist. Please plan now to join us!



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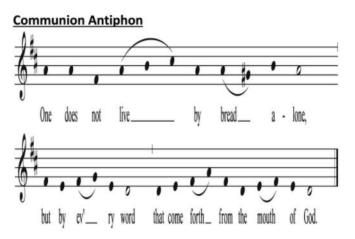
Worship Hymnal Readings – #1028

Hymns

Entrance – Forty Days and Forty Nights #466 Offertory – Jesus Tempted in The Desert #459

Eucharistic Acclamations





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Choir Anthem Lyrics

Offertory Anthem – Miserere mei

Miserere mei, Deus: secundum magnam misericordiam tuam. Et secundum multitudinem miserationum tuarum, dele iniquitatem meam.

Have mercy upon me, O God: after Thy great goodness. According to the multitude of Thy mercies, do away mine offences.

Canticle of Praise – Adoramus Te

Adoramus te, Christe, (We adore Thee, O Christ,)

et benedicimus tibi, (and we bless Thee,)

quia per sanctam crucem tuam (Who by Thy Holy Cross)

redemisti mundum. (hast redeemed the World)

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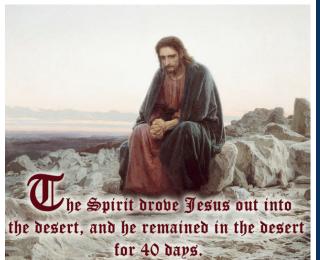
"Hear us, O Lord, and have mercy on us, for we have sinned against thee..."

FRIDAYS OF LENT February 16, 23 March 1, 8, 15, 22 5:00PM · Fish Fry in Miller Hall 7:30 PM · Stations of the Cross

PENANCE SERVICES

Wednesday, March 13 Wednesday, March 20 7:00 PM · Adoration & multiple Priests available for Confession

PARISH MISSION Rev. Pawel Rytel-Andrianik Sunday, March 17 Monday, March 18 Tuesday, March 19 7:00 – 9:00 PM



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 <u>stpacc.org/flocknote</u> or text STPACC to the number 84576.



Lent is very much a season intended to help us to be renewed in our baptismal call. How will you make Lent meaningful for you and your family? There are so very many opportunities in the days and weeks ahead including the Columbus Catholic Men's Conference (February 24). It's not too late to attend the conference. I encourage our High School youth to consider attending a retreat entitled Made Whole on March 1-2. A link to Information about the retreat can be found on page 9. Our Annual Parish Mission, entitled "This Is My Body" will be March 17-19. Find more information on page 7.

Friday Fish Fries and Stations:

Our Knights of Columbus are again hosting their fabulous Friday Fish Fries during Lent. Bring your family and friends to Miller Hall (the school cafeteria), anytime from 5:00 and 7:30 PM. Dine in or carry out. Also, on Fridays at 7:30 PM we will pray the Stations of the Cross in the Church. Praying the stations is a spiritual pilgrimage, a beautiful way to reflect on the passion of our Lord. I hope you will join us.

Lenten Resources from the Augustine Institute:

I encourage you to sign up for the Augustine Institute Lenten resources by going to <u>daily.formed.org/lent</u>. If you have not yet accessed your free subscription to Formed.org, head to <u>stpacc.org/formed</u>.

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 the number 800-950-9952 or go online to <u>www.stpacc.org/donate.</u> If you have any questions about your parish offertory or WeShare, please contact Parish Accountant Deb Hawking at either <u>dhawking@stpacc.org</u> or 614-882-2109 ext. 229.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Wilson

MASS INTENTIONS Sunday, February 18, First Sunday of Lent

Gn 9:8-15: Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9: 1 Pt 3:18-22: Mk 1:12-15

† Mary Yannon
† Mario Romanelli
† Jim Imperata

5:00 PM † Mary Yannon

Monday, February 19

Lv	19:1-2,	11-18;	Ρs	19:8,	9,	10,	15;	Мt	25:31-46	

6:40 AM	Xavier Prichard (Living)
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8:30 AM † M. Jean Rizek

Tuesday, February 20

Is 55:10-11; Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19; Mt 6:7-15

8:30 AM † Steven Pusateri

Wednesday, February 21

Jon 3:1-10; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19; JI 2:12-13; Lk 11:29-32

6:40 AM † Dollie Zito

8:30 AM Sheumaker Special Intention (Living)

Thursday, February 22. Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-3a, 4, 5, 6; Mt 16:18; Mt 16:13-19

8:30 AM † Mary Lou Del Bianco

6:15 PM † Mary Yannon

Friday, February 23

Ez 18:21-28; Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8; Mt 5:20-26

6:40 AM † Cecilia Guzzo

8:30 AM Noah Pusateri (Living)

Saturday February 24

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

8:30 AM † Terry Keating

Second Sunday in Lent (anticipated)

4:00 PM † John Seitz

Sunday, February 25, Second Sunday in Lent

Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18; Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19; Rom 8:31b-34; Mk 9:2-10 8:00 AM † Jeanne Willett **10:00 AM † Tom Creamer

- 12:00 PM † Thomas N. Rouhana
- 5:00 PM † Duke and Mary Yannon

**Mass with incense.

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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!





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 <u>stpacc.org/rcia.</u>

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 <u>stpacc.org/ministries</u>

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. <u>stpaulk-8.org</u>

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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
Preschool	614-394-9731
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 Llne	optionline.org 1-800-712-4357
Stowe Mission, Columbus	614-445-8400
Pregnancy Resources of Delaware County	740-417-9358

February 18, 2024 View this bulletin online at www.DiscoverMass.com

The First Sunday of Lent

THE CATECHETICAL CORNER



No Meat for You!!

I have a confession to make. I hate seafood. All of it. Whether it is the taste, the texture, or the smell, I cannot eat it. It is not from a lack of trying. My wife likes for me to try different things before I say that I do not like them. I can honestly say to quote a "medical professional" from my childhood:

I do not like them in a house. I do not like them with a mouse. I do not like them here or there. I do not like them anywhere. I do not like shrimp and fish.

Trying new things is only fair, as I see myself doing this with my children regarding broccoli. Growing up sans seafood, many people would ask me, perplexed, "What do you eat on Fridays during Lent?" I always thought this was an odd question. On Fridays during Lent, do all the vegetables disappear? Are there no salads? Where did the pasta go? What do vegetarians eat on these days? Is the only food on the planet fish on these seven Fridays? It still perplexes me to this day when people ask me. So, if you ask me what I eat on Fridays during Lent, be prepared for a bewildered look on my face. Nevertheless, this does bring up a great question. Why are we not supposed to eat meat on Fridays, and more importantly, why are we prohibited on Fridays during Lent?

First and foremost, we should recall that Catholics are obliged to refrain from eating meat every Friday during the year (see Canon 1251). There are, though, as is often the case with canon law, exceptions: unless the Conference of Bishops decides otherwise or a particular Friday happens to be a Solemnity. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has decided to allow Catholics to eat meat on Fridays outside of Lent if — and here's the kicker — they perform a different act of penance in its place. I know, crazy, right? So, every Friday outside of Lent, when you are enjoying your medium rare filet mignon with crumbled bleu cheese topping, you should be thinking about another act of penance you can perform in its place. Second, we should note that we are not required to eat fish on Fridays; we are required to abstain from meat. In Latin, we are told to abstain from carnis, which from the most ancient of times has always meant the meat of things that walk on the ground. This practice dates from as early as the first century.

There are many people—even today—who claim Catholics eat fish on Fridays because one of the medieval popes wanted to help support the fishmongers, an entirely false claim. There is, however, some semblance of history to this claim, but about the Church of England. In 1563, Queen Elizabeth I, the daughter of King Henry VIII, mandated fasting from meat on Wednesdays specifically to support the fishing industry. Catholics eat fish on Fridays because they cannot eat meat (and do not want to eat a meal of only grains, fruits, or vegetables).

So, let's go back to abstinence from meat on Fridays. Why does the Church abstain from meat, and why on Fridays? Meat is known as a food of the rich. By abstaining from its delightful smell and delicious taste, we, as members of the Church, enter into a bit of what Christ did. He entered into the poverty of humanity so that our humanity might be conquered for God in the full "yes" to him.

So, too, we deny ourselves the riches of this world to conquer with Christ our fallen humanity and the devil who prowls around looking to destroy us. Only in denying ourselves of these passing riches can we receive the riches of life with God. And why Fridays? Friday has always been a special day to become poor with Christ. On Friday, Jesus humbled himself to the point of death on the cross for our salvation. We have always regarded this day as a reminder to practice Christ's perfect "yes" to the Father. It is also a day to suffer with Christ for the sanctification of the Church. The Church, therefore, gives us this rule not to control us but to remind us to detach ourselves from things that are passing away so that we might receive eternal things-life, love, and the joy of God. Any good and loving parent would command the same of his or her children, not to control them, but out of love. In a recent pastoral letter, Bishop Fernandes encourages (not obliges) us to refrain from eating meat every Friday for the sins committed against the unborn.

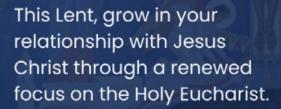
So, during these upcoming Fridays during Lent, know that a double cheeseburger from Five Guys will sound even better to you than it would on a Tuesday.Temptation! When you cannot have something, you want it even more (much like Chick-fil-A on Sundays). When temptation occurs, and you are at Miller Hall enjoying the Knights of Columbus Fish Fry, know I am somewhere enjoying a nice bowl of lettuce.

Andrew **7**. *Burson* Andrew T. Burson, Director of Parish Ministry

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March 17 • 18 • 19, 2024 7:00 PM **St. Paul the Apostle**

FEATURING THREE TALKS BY **REV. PAWEL RYTEL-ANDRIANIK**

Night 1: **Eucharistic Miracles in the 21st Century**

Night 2: **Two Tables, One Mass**

Night 3: The Eucharist and the Devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

Father Pawel Rytel-Andrianik, a Polish priest and professor at the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross in Rome, is head of the Polish Section of Vatican Radio - Vatican News and deputy director of the Abraham J. Heschel Center for Christian-Jewish Relations at the Catholic University of Lublin.



stpacc.org/parish-mission

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This Week in Our Parish Sunday, February 18

11:00 AM – RCIA Klinger Center

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

2:30 PM – Youth Choir Rehearsal Choir Classroom

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. stpacc.org/ym

Monday, February 19

Presidents Day School Closed

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 <u>stpacc.org/chaplet</u>

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, February 20

2:30 PM – Youth Choir Rehearsal Choir Classroom

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

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

Wednesday, February 21

9:30 AM - Sabbatical Presentation Lower Level Room 3

To share the wealth of experiences and knowledge gained during his sabbatical, Father Wilson will be giving two presentations to our parish community on February 21. The first session will begin at 9:30 AM in Lower Level Room 3 of the church and the second at 7:00 PM in the Klinger Center, providing flexible options for all to attend. These presentations are a reflection of Father Wilson's gratitude for the opportunity to grow and learn, as well as his desire to share his experience our parish community.

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. <u>stpacc.org/psr</u>

6:30 PM – That Man is You! St. Peter Room

Rosary at 6:30 PM; meeting at 7:00 PM That Man is You! honestly addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. <u>stpacc.org/tmiy</u>

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

7:00 PM - Sabbatical Presentation Klinger Center

7:00 PM – Overeaters Anonymous Parish Office Room 2

7:00 PM - Men's Conference Planning Parlor 1

7:00 PM - Bereavement Ministry Lower Level Room 2

Thursday, February 22

6:30 AM – 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. <u>stpacc.org/sacraments/reconciliation</u>

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.

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

The Prayer Shawl Ministry meets four times a month on the first and third Saturdays and the second and fourth Thursdays.

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

7:00 PM – Adult Choir Rehearsal Church

7:00 PM - Knights of Columbus Lower Level Room 2 Officers' Meeting

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

Young Adults is a group of young Catholics looking to grow in faith and fellowship. Anyone ages 18 to 40 is welcome to join us for our meetings. <u>stpacc.org/ypm</u>

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

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Friday, February 23

3:00 PM – Divine Mercy Chaplet Church

5:00-7:30 - Fish Fry Miller Hall

7:30 PM - Stations of the Cross Church

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

Saturday, February 24

7:30 AM - Catholic Men's Conference Ohio Expo Center Kasich Hall

2:30 PM – Confessions Church

Sunday, February 25 Guatemalan Coffee Sale After AM Masses Parlor 1

2:30 PM – Youth Choir Rehearsal Choir Classroom

The Youth Choir program begins in September and ends with its service at the 10:00 AM Easter Sunday Mass. stpacc.org/ministries/youth-choir

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Opportunities to Serve

Altar Linens Ministry Help Needed!

We are looking for one to two people interested in helping out with cleaning and ironing the altar linens, corporals, and other linens used during mass. No experience is required, you will be trained. Commitment is one month per year. Please contact Amy San Filippo at <u>sanfilippo_amy@yahoo.com</u> for more information.

Rosary Making Group

All who are interested in sharing the gift of the rosary are invited to join the Rosary making group at St. Paul's. No experience or knowledge of making rosaries is required and anyone can be easily taught to make them! All materials for rosary making will be provided and finished rosaries will be sent to missions across the world. Meetings will be held once a month in Lower Level Room 2 on second Tuesdays at 7pm. First meeting is on March 12

Please reach out to Dominica Bean (614-271-9450, <u>dominicabean13@gmail.com</u>) with any questions."



DISCIPLESHIP IS FOR ALL AGES. Participate in a MONTHLY PRAYER GROUP for GIRLS and YOUNG WOMEN

PRAYER. FORMATION. COMMUNITY.

ST. THERESE SHRINE 5277 E. BROAD ST. COLUMBUS, OHIO

for 1st-10th grade girls:

Saturday, February 24 10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

for 11th-12th grade, college and up:

Friday, February 23 7 p.m.



Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus Please RSVP your participation: 614-986-7007 or columbus@hsmcj.org

Power and Love 2024 High School Spring Retreat

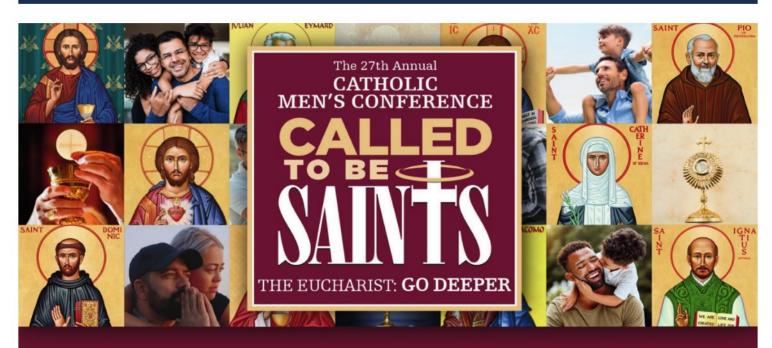
MADE WHOLE

March 1st and 2nd



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Saturday + February 24, 2024 + Kasich Hall + Columbus, OH

Register here: www.catholicmensministry.com/2024conference

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

Our Recent Mass Attendance & Offertory Collection

Week Ending	Count	(Collections			
January 14	3,139	\$	85,827.50			
January 21	3,425	\$	68,944.03			
January 28	3280	\$	54,798.28			
February 4	3252	\$	124,459.90			

Year to Date Collection Summary through February 4, 2024

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

Summary for Week # 31	_	Actual	 Budget		Difference	_	Last Year Actual	P	rior Year +(-)
Sunday & On-line Collections	\$	2,174,929	\$ 2,425,512	\$	(250,582)	\$	2,126,993	\$	47,937
Christmas	\$	86,254	\$ 85,000	\$	1,254	\$	83,552	\$	2,702
Easter	\$	923	\$ -	\$	923	\$	757	\$	166
Major Collection Totals	\$	2,262,106	\$ 2,510,512	\$	(248,405)	\$	2,211,301	\$	50,805
Prior Week Totals	\$	2,156,810	\$ 2,347,269	\$	(190,460)	\$	2,048,358	\$	108,451
Special Collections To Date Include:St. Vincent DePaul\$ 55,781WARM\$ 46,614		*Church Bu Church Loai	\$ 58	3,109	т	his a	Offertory Weekly mount includes wee Principal Paymen	kly with	hdrawals for:
Missionary Appeal \$ 16,855	*Parish fiscal								



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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.



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Sabbatical Presentation

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Adult Meal - \$15.00 Seniors (65+) - \$12.00 Children (6-11) - \$6.00 Family - \$50.00 (Parents + 3 or more kids) Slice of Pizza - \$4.00 Desserts - \$2.00 Soups - \$4.00

The First Sunday of Lent

Around the Diocese





SERRA, NOW MORE

NO PRIEST, NO EUCHARIST!

BECOME A SERRAN!

Serrans ensure the future of the Catholic Church by creating a culture of vocations in our Columbus Diocese.

Serrans affirm and encourage our priests and supporting vocations to the priesthood and religious life.

Serrans assist and encourage one another to respond to God's call to holiness.

Check out our website SERRACOLUMBUS.ORG for more information and scheduled events.

Come and See Weekend at the Pontifical College Josephinum

The Pontifical College Josephinum, in Columbus, Ohio, has scheduled a "Come and See" Live-In weekend for March 7-10, 2024. The weekend has been set aside to allow young men (high school juniors, seniors, and college-aged students) to visit the seminary for a few days. Live-in participants will experience seminary prayer life, classes, communal worship, and interaction with current seminarians, faculty, and staff. Live-in weekends include introductory presentations on discernment, student life, and the college seminary formation program.

The weekend begins with arrival at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 7, and concludes with departure at noon on Sunday, March 10. All meals and recreation are included. There is no charge to participate. For more information, contact the Vocations Office, 614-221-5565, or email <u>vocations@columbuscatholic.org</u> or contact your parish priest.

A GOOD and GROWING NEED

It costs **\$55,000** per year to educate and form a seminarian.

The Diocese of Columbus has a **GOOD AND GROWING NEED** by virtue of **16 ADDITIONAL** young men interested in the priesthood. A contribution from you today will support this immediate need to fund future priests throughout our Diocese.

<u>stpacc.org/seminarian-support</u>

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Reflecting on the Gospel for the First Sunday in Lent, February 18, 2024



First Reading: Genesis 9:8-15; Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:18-22; Gospel: Mark 1:12-15

What an amazing event we reflect upon today. Jesus, the Son of God, the Second Person of the Most Holy Trinity humbled Himself in two ways in the passage quoted above. First, He allowed Himself to endure the temptations of satan. Second, He permitted His very own creation, the good angels, to minister to Him in His human form.

First of all, recall that satan is a fallen angel. He was created by God and was created good. But the Book of Revelation (12:4) indicates that one-third of the created angels were cast out of Heaven to roam the earth. These demons act under the direction of the highest fallen angel, satan. Thus, according to the passage above, it was satan himself who tempted Jesus in the desert. Additionally, Jesus permitted the good angels to minister to Him in His human nature. These acts reveal the perfection of the virtue of humility within the humanity of our Lord.

According to Saint Thomas Aquinas, angels were created for three primary reasons. The first is for the purpose of worship. Worship of God brings about communion with God and enables perfect love to flow back and forth from God to each angelic being. Second, angels enact the will of God in all things. This includes the implementation of the laws of nature and the imparting of the grace that Christ won on the Cross. Third, God uses angels as messengers. Scripture records various ways that the angels spoke to the prophets, to our Blessed Mother, to Saint Joseph and to others. Saint Thomas Aquinas also believed that each of us is given a particular guardian angel whose role is not only to protect us but also to communicate the will of God to us.

As God, Jesus was the Creator of all angelic beings with the Father and the Holy Spirit. As man, Jesus was the recipient of both the ministry of the good angels and the attacks of the fallen angels. By humbly subjecting Himself to the natural powers of these angelic creatures, Jesus was also teaching us that we must do the same.

One of the primary natural powers of both the good and bad angels is the power of influence and suggestive thought. Angelic beings have the ability to put before your imagination ideas meant to either influence you for the good (the good angels) or to deceive you and lead you into sin (the bad angels). These communications are real, and we should be aware of them. In his book, The Spiritual Exercises, Saint Ignatius of Loyola devotes much time and energy to the ministry of angels. He teaches how to distinguish the lies and deceptions of the fallen angels from the consoling direction communicated by the good angels. In many ways, our Gospel passage today, by which Jesus submitted Himself to the temptations and ministry of the angels, lends much support to the importance of trying to understand how these angelic creatures influence us. For more on this, see the book Probing the Depths: Ignatian Lessons and Meditations Arranged According to the Liturgical Year.

Reflect, today, upon the amazing truth that both angels and demons are constantly active in your life, seeking to influence you. As you ponder their spiritual role in your life, consider the various ways you can learn more about them. Speak to your guardian angel. Ask for the intercession of the highest of angels. Try to join them in their divine worship. Pray for their protection. Ask them to communicate to you the highest of truths from God. Seek to be attentive to these holy angels so that as you learn to discern their voices, you will be ready to follow the direction they give to you from God.

My Lord and Creator of All, You created the angelic order for the glorious purpose of love and worship. You also give them the mission of enacting Your holy will and communicating to us on earth. Please help me to be more aware of the deceptions of the fallen angels and the direction of the good angels. Angels of God, pray for me, protect me and guide me into God's perfect will. Jesus, I trust in You.

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