

“And the  
*Word*  
became flesh and  
*dwelt*  
among us.”

- John 1:14

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**MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**

**Tuesday, January 14th**  
8:00 a.m. † Bill Dobbling

**Wednesday, January 15th**  
5:30 p.m. † Cliff Perkins

**Thursday, January 16th**  
8:00 a.m. † Lillian Kohrs

**Friday, January 17th**  
St. Anthony  
8:30 a.m. † Robert, Juanita & Tom Schroder

**Saturday, January 18th**  
8:00 a.m. Desmond Family  
4:30 p.m. Members of the Parish

**Sunday, January 19th**  
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time  
10:00 a.m. † Tony Hopkins

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS  
OF HOLY COMMUNION  
January 18th & 19th**

**4:30 p.m. Host:** Diane Hamberg

**Cup:** Judy Rose, Kelly Hergott, Sub Needed

**10:00 a.m. Host:** Elise Rulli, Brian Dinkelacker, Jeanne Hicks

**Cup:** Martie Iker, Jen Kirst, Karen Little, Sub Needed

**LECTORS  
January 18th & 19th**

**4:30 p.m.** Chris Capal

**10:00 a.m.** Michael Hicks

**SERVER SCHEDULE  
January 14th-19th**

**8:00 a.m. – Tuesday**  
Keegan Collopy, Ryan Garlich

**5:30 p.m. – Wednesday**  
Ryan Stacey, Ava Youngquist

**8:00 a.m. – Thursday**  
Matilda Faust, Molly Muench

**8:30 a.m. – Friday**  
Reese Desmond, Josh McSorley, Alison Wagner

**8:00 a.m. – Saturday**  
Josie Bozeman, Tim Garlich

**4:30 p.m. – Saturday**  
Graham Gillen, Lucy Gillen, Sam Gillen

**10:00 a.m. – Sunday**  
Max Holbrook, Josie Messmer, Maggie West

**GREETERS SCHEDULE  
January 18th & 19**

**4:30 p.m.** Barb Venable

**10:00 a.m.** Chris & Kristen Gerrein & Family, Martie Iker

**SUNDAY COLLECTION RECAP**

	<u>12/15/2024</u>	<u>12/17/2023</u>
Weekly Offering	\$27,168	\$25,940
Fiscal YTD Offerings	\$353,521	\$372,673
Fiscal YTD Budget	\$429,327	\$585,271
Fiscal Annual Budget 2024/25	\$950,000	\$1,260,000
Number of registered families	334	371
Tuition Assistance awarded for 2024/25	\$0	\$ 0
Tuition Assistance donations FYD	\$331	\$277
School Registration for 2024-25	106	
School Registration for 2023-24		116
DPAA 2024	<u>Goal</u>	<u>Pledged</u>
	\$71,000	\$91,290
		<u>Over</u>
		\$20,290

**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

Is 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:4-11; Jn 2:1-11

**THIS WEEK****TODAY**

Mass, 10:00 a.m.

School Open House, 11:00 a.m.

Small Faith Group Kickoff Event, 6:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

**MONDAY**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 3:30 p.m.

American Heritage Girls, 6:30 p.m., McCrystal Hall

**TUESDAY**

Mass 8:00 a.m.

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, 8:30 a.m.

Confessions, 5:30 p.m.

Benediction, 6:45 p.m.

Rosary, 7:00 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY**

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 3:30 p.m.

Mass, 5:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY**

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 3:30 p.m.

Choir, 6:30 p.m., Church

All School Meeting, 7:00 p.m., McCrystal Hall

**FRIDAY**

Mass, 8:30 a.m.

**SATURDAY**

Mass, 8:00 a.m.

Confessions immediately following Mass

Mass 4:30 p.m.

**NEXT SUNDAY**

Mass, 10:00 a.m.

## Please Pray for Our Sick

Doug Powrie, Tom & Mary Ann Ferring, Sherry Milleck, Peter Defoe, Kay Grothaus, Ann Basham, Bob Rulli, Cris Bear, Larry Beiting, David Garner & Gabby Thomas. Also, remember all our parishioners in nursing homes as well as those confined to their homes in your prayers.

## Please Pray for the Following Soldiers Serving Our Country

William Pikar, Luke Norman, Jay Blinn, Michael Beiting, Joe Fitzgerald, Brian Clayton, Michael Dunn, Trent Moeves, James Taft III, Drew Cecil, Zack Hehman, Adam Kramer, Wolfgang Davis, Clint & Sarah Brandt, Mark Marten, Zachary Dunn and Fr. Bill Appel.

## IN OUR PARISH

**IMPORTANT MEETING THIS WEEK** As you know, various groups within the parish have been discussing, for a while, the state of our parish. Our Ignite teams have been generating ideas to renew the parish, and we have even begun to implement some of those ideas. Part of the work has to do with finances and how to adjust our expenses to fit our income. It is unavoidable that those discussions affect the school. We have scheduled a meeting for 7:00 p.m. Thursday, 16 January in McCrystal Hall to announce the changes that will be coming next year. Everyone in the parish is invited to attend the meeting, but because of the importance of the information, I am requesting that at least one parent from every family with a child in the school be present.

*Fr. Stef*

**BUSINESS MANAGER OPENING** Our current Business Manager, Dennis Hicks, has decided to retire for a second time. He will continue in the role until a replacement is on board. We are grateful for the work he's done and for his commitment to ensuring a smooth transition. This part-time position (approximately 20 hours) reports to the pastor regarding all financial and other business-related activities of the parish. Candidates will have at least a high school diploma or equivalent, have previous accounting/bookkeeping/business experience, preferably in a Catholic parish or school. Must be skilled in current software and online applications, be organized, and able to work without direct supervision. Must pass a background check. Candidates need not be Roman Catholic, but must be living a life consistent with Catholic values and be supportive of the Catholic mission. Interested candidates should send a resume to Fr. Stef at [sbankemper@stcky.org](mailto:sbankemper@stcky.org).

**BURNING OF THE GREENS – SAVE THE DATE!** A family-friendly celebration of Candlemas sponsored by the St. Catherine Men's Group will be held on Friday, January 31st at 7:00 pm next door to the Parish Center in the Boden's sand volleyball court. Offered that night will be heated tailgate treats, roasted marshmallows, warm apple cider, hot chocolate, not-hot beverages, toasty and tasty snacks and lots and lots of burning, flaming, and blazing Christmas trees! Everyone is welcome to come!

### PARISH WEEKLY RAFFLE WINNER

The winner for the week of December 30th was Karen Massaron.

The winner for the week of January 6th was Sally Desmond.

Congratulations!

If you haven't purchased your tickets yet, it's not too late!

Stop by the Parish Office and get in on the chance to win \$100.00 a week!



### SMALL FAITH GROUPS EVENT TODAY!

As most of you know, St. Catherine has the tradition of hosting small faith groups where small groups of 4 to 10 or 12 adults read, watch or listen to something pertaining to an aspect of our faith, then come together for a discussion. These small faith groups offer adults an opportunity to form lasting relationships with other parishioners, grow and learn about our rich and beautiful Catholic faith, and deepen their spiritual life.

Whether you are currently in a small faith group or would just like to find out more about them, we ask you to join us tonight, January 12th at 6:30 p.m. in McCrystal Hall to enjoy some light refreshments, learn more about the topic for the next session and, if needed, find a group to join.

You need not be a theologian to facilitate or join a group! The intention is to grow and learn together, hearing God speak to you through others is a powerful way to strengthen your faith life!

Let the Holy Spirit set our hearts on fire within small groups as we Gather in Faith, Share in Hope and Grow in love.

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR OUR PARISH MISSION!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the evenings of February 2nd, 3rd and 4th for our Parish Mission. Fr. Kevin Scalf from the Archdiocese of Cincinnati will be our presenter. See the insert in today's bulletin for more information.

**WORD OF LIFE** "When we encounter Christ, experience His love, and deepen our relationship with Him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share His love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others' lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them." *USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities, "How to Build a Culture of Life" (respectlife.org/culture-of-life)*

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TO OUR PARISH MISSION

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4:30 pm Mass • Preside and Preach

**SUNDAY FEB 2nd**

10:00 am Mass • Preside and Preach

6:30 pm Prelude Music

7:00 pm Keynote Presentation • Church

**MONDAY FEB 3rd**

7:00 pm Presentation with Group Discussion  
McCrystal Hall

**TUESDAY FEB 4th**

7:00 pm Presentation with Group Discussion  
McCrystal Hall



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**JOIN US FOR SHAKEN NOT STIRRED...  
AN EVENING OF MYSTERY AND INTRIGUE!**

The event will be held at the Fort Thomas Mess Hall on Saturday, January 25th from 7:00-11:00 p.m. and will take you on a trip down memory lane, celebrating 50 years of James Bond, and includes a catered buffet dinner, martini-themed bars, live jazz music and top-secret games.

The major raffle Grand Prize is a vacation package for two. This seven-day adventure includes six-nights lodging with visits to Bond movie locations including Amsterdam, Rome, and London. Also provided are James Bond tours in each city and airfare!

Second Prize is admission for two to the International Spy Museum in Washington, DC, along with a \$500.00 Marriott Hotels gift card.

Third Prize is our "Casino Royal Package," including a poker chip and card set, a poker table-top cover, and a martini cocktail service set, along with starter supplies.

Other separate raffle items will include an assortment of bourbons, an assortment of martini spirits, and the full collection of James Bond movies on Blu-ray.

There will also be a silent auction, featuring a variety of gift baskets. We encourage individuals and/or any parish groups to consider donating baskets/prize packages. Contact the Parish Office if you are interested in doing this.

Tickets for the dinner party are \$70.00 per guest and Raffle Tickets are \$50.00 each. Both can be purchased online on our website or in the Parish Office.

*Please note, there are no requirements or restrictions on attire for this event. Dressing according to the James Bond theme is lightheartedly encouraged to add interest and fun, but it is not required. We invite you to attend and enjoy a festive evening with friends!*

**ST. BERNARD PANTRY**—The pantry is always in need of any nonperishable food items, (peanut butter, cereal, pasta and sauce, canned soup, beans, etc.) paper products and hygiene items for their clients. Additionally, they need clean, plastic bags for food distribution purposes to their clients. All donations are gratefully accepted and can be dropped off in the box at the Rossford entrance or Parish Office. Please be mindful of the Expiration Date or the Best Used by Date when considering your donation. If each family donated just one food item per month, what a difference we could make!

**IN OUR DIOCESE**

**PASSION AND RESURRECTION NARRATIVES**

Fr. Mike Comer will be giving two series of talks between late January and Easter. The first session will be on The Passion Narratives, and the second session will be on the Resurrection Narratives. The Death and Resurrection of Jesus is central to the Christian faith. In this series of talks, Fr. Mike Comer takes us deeper into the mystery of Jesus' Passion, from Gethsemani to Jesus' crucifixion and death by exploring the "Passion Narratives." In the "Resurrection Narratives" Fr. Mike will take us from the tomb to Jesus' victory over death and the promise of eternal life! This event is free and open to all. 11 talks will be held in Mother of God Church at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. on the following dates.

The Passion Narratives talks will be held Thursdays January 23, 30, February 6, 13 and 20.

The Resurrection Narratives-Lent talks will be held March 6, 13, 27, April 3 and 10. (No session March 20th due to DPAA kickoff dinner.) If you missed Fr. Comer's talks on the Infancy Narratives, you can view them at mother-of-god.org under Fr. Mike's Talks.

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