



February 19, 2017

Seventh Sunday in
Ordinary Time

7770 Beechmont Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio 45255

Parish Office Hours

Monday–Thursday: 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
Friday: 9 a.m.–4 p.m.
Saturday: 9 a.m.–12 p.m.

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www.ihom.org



Our Church at Prayer

Sacrament of the Eucharist

Sunday Mass

Saturday: 5 p.m.

Sunday: 7:30, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m. (*en Español*) and 6 p.m.

(Child care available for age 1 and walking to age 3 during 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Masses)

Weekday Mass

Monday, Wednesday, Friday: 12 p.m.

Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday: 8:15 a.m.

Holy Day of Obligation Mass: 6:30 a.m., 8:15 a.m., 12 noon and 7 p.m.

Civil Holidays of Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Thanksgiving Day Mass: 9 a.m.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament in the Tabernacle:

Sunday: 8 p.m.–Saturday: 12 p.m. (*excluding regularly scheduled Mass times*)

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament in the Monstrance:

Thursday: 9 a.m.–Friday: 5 a.m.

Friday: 1–6 p.m. (*On First Fridays, Exposition continues until 10 p.m., excluding Mass time.*)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual (Saturday): 3:30–4:30 p.m.

Recitation of The Rosary:

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: in Church, following the 12 p.m. Mass.

Saturday: 7:45 a.m. in Church.

Sunday: 8:50 a.m. in Church.

Every 3rd Thursday (*en Español*): 9 a.m. in Lourdes.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Welcome This Week

Immaculate Heart of Mary extends a warm welcome to our new parishioners. We hope that they will come to find peace and joy as they become active members of our worship community.

James & Sonya Center and
Wyatt & Gavin

Justin & Elizabeth Hollander
and Peyton

Mike & Erica Riggall and Jake & Luke

Parish Membership

We joyfully welcome new members of our parish community. Please register in the Parish Office or after each weekend Mass in the Lourdes Room. Please also let us know if you plan to move from the parish.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the souls of

Frank Dalton, husband of Cindy Dalton

Al Volz, husband of Betty Volz

Sacrament of the Sick

Contact Marisue Naber in the Parish Office at 388-4184. Parishioners scheduled for surgery are encouraged to celebrate this sacrament at a weekday liturgy before they go to the hospital.

MASS INTENTIONS AND READINGS

Sunday, February 19

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48

Monday, February 20

Weekday

Sir 1:1-10/Mk 9:14-29

12 p.m. †Jim Klump, req. by Mary Ann Thoman
†Ryan Considine, req. by Marjie & Mike Cassani
†Gordy Massa, req. by Mr. & Mrs. Ward Sheeran
†Gert Schweikert, req. by the David Brown Family
†Harry Schoettelkotte, req. by Mary Beth Conover
†Karen Flaherty, req. by Jack & Joann Clark & Family

Tuesday, February 21

Weekday

Sir 2:1-11/Mk 9:30-37

8:15 a.m. †Joseph Alvaro, req. by the Family

Wednesday, February 22

The Chair of Saint Peter the Apostle

1 Pt 5:1-4/Mt 16:13-19

12 p.m. †Ann Cooper, req. by Pat Riehle
†Eve Stephens, req. by Pat Kinsella
†Julie Matre, req. by Gail & Tim Finn
†Mary Kay Budar, req. by Ed & Mary Lou Skelly
†Janet Champness, req. by Bill & Peggy Davis
†John Doerflein, req. by Pat Kinsella

Thursday, February 23

Saint Polycarp, Bishop and Martyr

Sir 5:1-8/Mk 9:41-50

8:15 a.m. John & Julie Forsthoefel, req. by the Forsthoefel Family

Friday, February 24

Weekday

Sir 6:5-17/Mk 10:1-12

12 p.m. †Earl Franklin, req. by Terri Hudson

Saturday, February 25

Weekday

Sir 17:1-15/Mk 10:13-16

8:15 a.m. Mass of Reparation

Sunday, February 26

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 49:14-15/1 Cor 4:1-5/Mt 6:24-34

5 p.m. (Sat.) Intentions of Mary Baugh, req. by Paul & Eileen Karl

7:30 a.m. †Ryan Considine, req. by Jack & Dee Gauche

9:30 a.m. †Janet Champness, req. by Mike & Pat Merz

11:30 a.m. †Gordy Massa, req. by Greg & Mary Massa & Family

1:30 p.m. For the Parish

6 p.m. Dr. John Williams, req. by Ralph & Barbara Gruppo

At all Masses, please pray for vocations to the priesthood, religious life, and diaconate.

A Stewardship Parish, celebrating 72 years as a faith community

FROM OUR PASTOR

Dear Friends,

Over the last couple of weeks we began to introduce our parish to a new ministry—Works of Kindness. The purpose of this ministry is to match the talents of our IHM parishioners with the needs of people in our parish who, because of age, injury or some other limitation, are not able at this time to get done what needs to be accomplished. These needs may be physical—yard issues like tree trimming or gutter repair, but may also involve something indoor—simple painting or touch-up, basement or attic cleaning, to name a few. While neither medical nor transportation needs are included in this ministry, help with shopping can be.

I want to invite participation in this ministry, both from offering your talents, and from making use of these opportunities in someone's need. We are blessed with many people with such a wide array of gifts, who may be looking to provide one or two hours here or there to help a senior citizen or someone who otherwise would not be able to get this accomplished without some type of assistance. As the ministry brochure states, "This program is designed to help the elderly and in need persons and not to be taken advantage of by just anyone with plenty of means."

I want to thank Len Leber for organizing this ministry and helping to get it off the ground. Thank you, Len, for your leadership and generous gift of your time and talents.

To be placed on our volunteers list, please email your name, phone number and email address to worksofkindness@ihom.org.

To submit a need, please email or leave a brief description of the need, your name and phone number by calling 513-388-4190.

If you have any questions on this wonderful ministry you may use the above email or phone number and leave your contact information for a response.

We look forward to wonderful things through this ministry as God's people work to help one another. Thank you!

God Bless you all,



Fr. Tom

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STEWARDSHIP ALIVE

Worship & Serve: volunteer@ihom.org

Glad you could celebrate with us today!

Want more information about our parish?
Send your email address by texting:

JOIN IHM

to 22828 to get started.

Message and data rates may apply.

Socks & Such Thank You!

The Socks and Such donations were divided between Cincinnati's Drop In Center and IHM's twinning community, Our Lady of the Mountains in Stanton, Kentucky. A heartfelt thank you to IHM parishioners who generously support this worthwhile ministry. Socks and Such is an activity of IHM's Social Action Commission.



Works Of Kindness

The NEW Works of Kindness ministry taps the many talents of our IHM parishioners in helping those in need with simple projects, needs, or chores.

This program is designed to help the elderly and in need persons and not to be taken advantage of by just anyone with plenty of means.

To be placed on our volunteers list just email your name, phone number, and email address to worksofkindness@ihom.org.

Ministerio Hispano

Nuestra parroquia ofrece misa en español todos los domingos a la 1:30 p.m.

Quienes formamos parte de la comunidad hispana sabemos que puede ser difícil vivir en un país distinto al país de origen, tratando de mantener nuestra propia cultura y costumbres. IHM nos ha dado un espacio para juntarnos y ayudarnos mutuamente. La comunidad hispana en IHM sigue creciendo, con nuevas familias y miembros que se unen cada semana para participar en misa y en otras actividades. Si usted o su familia son de habla hispana y se han mudado recientemente a Anderson Township, Mt. Washington, Amelia, u otras comunidades vecinas, le invitamos a formar parte de IHM. No se pierda esta maravillosa oportunidad de compartir con otros que comparten su misma fé.



Adoration and Exposition

PEA MOST URGENT needs are on Friday at 3 a.m. & 1 p.m. To volunteer or add your name to the sub list, contact Claire Richard at clairerichard25@gmail.com.



Support

Weekly Offertory		Fiscal Year to Date		
February 12 Actual	February 12 Budget	Actual through 33 weeks	Budget through 33 weeks	% Increase or (Decrease)
\$34,844	\$35,000	\$1,688,097	\$1,703,887	-0.9%

Please remember our church in your will.

Are you interested in investing in the future of our parish? A bequest in your will for IHM could provide for enhanced and expanded ministries for God's people. Please call 388-4084 if you would like more information on how to donate.

Food from the Heart Collection

The collection will be February 18 & 19 for SEM Food Pantry. Southeastern Ecumenical Ministry Food Pantry distributes food to applicants who have been screened to ensure eligibility.

By donating just a few cans or boxes of non-perishable food items or toiletries such as shampoo, bar soap, or deodorant, we can help families who have fewer resources than us. Please bring donated items to church next week and put them in the bin provided in the vestibule. For additional info please call Sherrie Heyse at 474-1514.

Knights of Columbus Parish Breakfast

The Knights of Columbus monthly breakfast will be held Sunday, February 19 following 7:30 & 9:30 a.m. Masses

We have buffet favorites including biscuits & gravy, pancakes, home-made potatoes, ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, fruit, bakery, along with orange juice and coffee. We also feature made-to-order omelets and goetta. Adults are \$7, children 3-12 are \$4, and all children under the age of three are FREE! All new parishioners are also invited to be our guest FREE OF CHARGE. Bring the entire family for a delicious breakfast prepared by the Knights of Columbus. Members of the welcoming committee, IHM staff and other members of the IHM community will be available to welcome you and to answer any questions you may have.



Heritage Luncheon

Seniors 60 and over are invited to lunch on February 21st in Heritage Hall. Stephen Codekas will be joining us. Doors open at 11:30 a.m., with lunch served at noon. Please make reservations by calling the parish office 388-4466 so we are sure we are well prepared for everyone. If there is no answer, please leave a message.



Vocation Essay Contest Winners

The 2016-2017 Vocation Essay Contest, sponsored by the IHM Vocations Committee, asked our 7th and 8th grade students to reflect and write about "How might my God-given talents and gifts be preparing me for a religious vocation?" Four winners were selected from the essays received by the committee. Olivia Ramundo won First Place and the three runner-ups are: Kaitlyn Finnigan, Lauren Kuhlman and Ranny Khoury. Their essays will be included in the next issue of the Heartbeat. A special thank you to all the students who submitted essays for the contest. Your insights demonstrate how God is working in your lives.

The Crosses are Coming!

The 4,000 crosses are coming! Saturday, March 11. We ask ALL people of IHM to come help put in the Cemetery of the Innocents crosses at 10:30 a.m. We are always done by 12 noon, and, with a good showing, by 11:30 a.m. But we need many hands on deck! Refreshments are served in the portico. The Cemetery represents the number of babies lost to abortion every day in our country. The display needs to be removed Friday, March 24, and we welcome adult help for Brother Ed's students, who take the crosses down after noon Mass. Thanks to all who have helped with this in the past and please come back this year!

The sign-up for helping with the crosses will be on the table in the vestibule of church from the end of February until March 10th. Anyone can come on March 11, even if they have not signed up.



2017 Spring CRHP

Women, looking for a real opportunity to bloom in your faith? Take some time for yourself to be with the Lord.

Consider signing up for an upcoming Christ Renews His Parish Renewal (CRHP) weekend on March 25–26, 2017. CRHP is a transformative 30-hour retreat open to adults of our parish who have not experienced a CRHP retreat in the past 10 years. Please email ihmcrhp68@gmail.com or call Joy Copfer 513-310-6776 or Karla Cruz 513-206-5159 for more information. We are so looking forward to meeting you.

The next Men's Weekend is April 29–30. Contact Bill Rehl for more information, at blrehl_3@fuse.net or 513-319-9290.

Interested in becoming an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion?

February 20–21, 2017
7–9 p.m. in the church

Please call the church office to register
or for more information



SHOP\$MART FOR IHM Tip of the Week

For Special Occasions, Thank You Gifts or for Friends Dealing with an Illness—Use Gift Cards from Shop\$mart

Gift cards from Shop\$mart can be used as gifts for:

- Bridal and Baby Showers
- Birthdays, Weddings or Anniversary Gifts
- Creating Baskets for fund raisers
- Study breaks for college students
- For meals for families dealing with an illness.

Give gift cards as a thank you for:

- Coaches of winter sports
- Neighbors who help
- Friends who watch your pets or house while you are away
- Any act of kindness.

Voluntary Simplicity, the impact it can have on our lives!

The Social Action Commission will be hosting a follow up to the “Justfaith™” Ecological Crisis with a 6-week course on Voluntary Simplicity referencing Pope Francis’ Laudato Si. Please join us on Tuesday evenings at 7 p.m. from February 21st–March 28th. Voluntary Simplicity helps participants examine how modern society may interfere with caring for the planet. Together, we will explore how consumer patterns have an impact on you and your relationships, as well as the environment. Discover ways to slow down and live simply. If you are interested, please email Debbie Metz, debbie.metz@zoomtown.com. The cost of the course is just \$28 for the book.

Caregiver Support Group

The Caregiver Support Group meets on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in the Guadalupe room from 6–7:30 p.m. The group is open to the public and offers support for anyone caring for a disabled or elderly loved one, whether it is for 5 minutes a week or 24 hours a day. The group also hosts periodic educational presentations on caregiving related topics. The contact is the Caregiver Assistance Network (513) 869-4483.

CAMP BOSCO

Camp Bosco Registration is open!!

IHM is proud to announce its fourth annual Camp Bosco, this summer from June 26–30! Come and explore our awesome Catholic Faith through games, talks, community, adventures (including a trip to Coney Island!), and the Sacraments. This year's theme is all about Mary, the Mother of God—Our Mother too. If you want to have fun and make some awesome memories while growing in your faith, Camp Bosco is for you!

Open to all incoming 6–8 grade students (as of 2017–18 school year). Visit ihm.org to learn more and register!!

IHM Spring Sports Registration NOW OPEN!

On-line registration for all IHM Boosters Spring 2016–2017 Sports offerings are open at www.ihmboosters.org for Boys & Girls Track and Boys Volleyball. Register before Midnight on the deadline date listed for each sport.

The Booster program will be collecting many of the necessary waivers and paperwork online. Please take time to review each item during the registration process for the Spring Sports Season.

Please see the below for the registration details and other information for each sport.

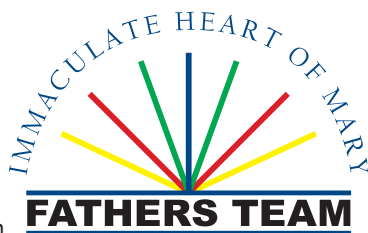
Sport	Grade	Fee	Registration Begins	Registration Ends
Boys Volleyball	3–8	\$40	1/23/2017	2/19/2017
Boys & Girls Track	K*–8th	\$35	1/23/2017	2/28/2017

**The Annual Booster Fee of \$80 per family is waived for Track for grades K–2.*

Go to www.ihmboosters.org to login and register. Please act now. If you have questions about any of the sports, or would like to volunteer as a coach or assistant coach, please email us at ihmboosters@gmail.com.



Lent begins on March 1st with Ash Wednesday. How can we best prepare for this Holy Season? Come to our Fathers Team meeting on Friday, 2/24/17, at 6:03 a.m. in the St. Matthew Room of the IHM Welcome Center to receive inspiring ideas of how to grow in your faith and deepen your commitment as a disciple of Jesus. Our topic for presentation and discussion is: “Lent: Denying Ourselves by Picking up our Cross and Following Jesus.” We will be brainstorming of practical ways that we can pick up our crosses and walk more faithfully in Jesus’ footsteps. All men and fathers are welcome.



Take These Steps for a Healthier Heart

February is “Heart Health Month” and the American Heart Association is quick to remind us that heart disease is the leading cause of death for BOTH women and men. Here are a few tips to reduce your risk and ensure a healthier heart:

Tip #1. If you smoke, Stop! After quitting smoking, your risk of dying from a heart attack is reduced by up to 50%. Smoking, even just a few cigarettes a day has been linked to a variety of health conditions, including cardiovascular problems.

Tip #2. Know your cholesterol numbers. Cholesterol is a soft, wax-like substance found in all parts of the body. While your body needs a little bit of cholesterol to work properly, too much cholesterol can clog arteries, causing heart disease. It is important to know your total cholesterol number. The standard cholesterol goals for adults are:

Best: lower than 200

Borderline High: 200-239

High: 240 and higher

LDL, or “bad” cholesterol level is what doctors watch very closely. The optimal LDL for most people is below 100. Your health care provider may want this number lower if you have a cardiac history. If your cholesterol levels are in an unhealthy range, you may be asked to make positive lifestyle changes like exercising, diet changes or medications to lower cholesterol.

Tip #3. Lower your Body Mass Index (BMI). Being overweight puts extra strain on your entire body, especially your heart. It is important to maintain a BMI no more than 25.





Catholic Singles Dance

February 25th, 8 p.m. to midnight, with “Second Wind”

Cost \$15 includes snacks, soft drinks. Beer and wine will be sold. Immaculate Heart of Mary, 7820 Beechmont Ave.

E6 Catholic Men’s Conference

The tri-state’s only Catholic Men’s Conference of 2017 is coming soon, featuring Patrick Madrid, Dr. Ray Guarendi and Anthony Munoz! Please join us for the E6 Catholic Men’s Conference, which will be taking place on Saturday, March 4th 2017, at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center in St. Leon, IN (only 30 minutes northwest of Cincinnati). We cordially invite every man to attend this 2nd annual event. Tickets are on sale now at www.e6catholicmensconference.com.

Mount Notre Dame High School Grande Raffle

Mount Notre Dame High School is sponsoring a Grande Raffle as part of their Grande Gala scheduled for Saturday, March 4.

The Grande Prize is \$10,000 and will be awarded the night of the Gala. There are 22 other opportunities to win money with this Raffle. On February 16, there will be \$1,000 drawing for early birds. Those tickets will be put back into the hopper.

At the Gala, there will be 5 \$500 drawings and 15 \$250 drawings. Winners do not need to be present!

There are only 500 tickets being sold, \$100 per ticket. When the tickets are gone...they are gone! Nearly \$20,000 will be paid out in cash prizes.

If the 500 tickets are not sold by the Gala, the prize amounts will be pro-rated. Tickets can be purchased online at <http://www.mndhs.org/supportmnd/the-grande-gala/the-grande-raffle> or through the Advancement Office at the school.

For additional information about The Grande Gala or the Grande Raffle, contact Lisa Houser, Director of The Grande Gala, at 513.821-3044, ext. 141 or lhouser@mndhs.org

Interfaith Dialogue 2017

celebrating relationship & riches in human diversity

Four Wednesday evenings 7–8:30 p.m.

February 22 Introductions to 3 faith traditions

St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church 8101 Beechmont Ave, 45255; sainttimothys.com

March 8 Prayer & Devotional Practices

Hindu Temple of Greater Cincinnati 720 Barg Salt Run Rd, 45244; cincinnatiemple.com

March 15 The Role of Women

Clifton Mosque 3668 Clifton Ave, 45220; cliftonmosque.org

March 22 Extremism

St. Timothy’s Episcopal Church 8101 Beechmont Ave, 45255; sainttimothys.com

This interfaith dialogue series celebrating understanding, diversity, & relationship began in Cincinnati in 2007.

The hosting faith communities for this session are listed above. Each evening will include a brief presentation about the scheduled topic from each community, small group conversations, and a tour of the worship spaces.

For more information, contact:

Patricia Rose patriciar@sainttimothys.com, 474-4445

Acharya Kailash Sharma acharyaksharma@yahoo.com, 528-3714

Karen Dabdoub kdabdoub@cair.com, 281-8200

A Healing Service with Mass

Will be held on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm, in St. Ignatius Church, 5222 North Bend Rd., Cincinnati at I-74.

Healing includes the physical, spiritual, emotional, psychological and relational aspects of our lives; it is not limited to a physical cure. You can receive prayer for yourself or any of your loved ones.

Come and experience Jesus’ healing power! Sponsored by Lighthouse Renewal Center.

For more info call 513-471-LITE (5483) or Visit our web site at www.LRCI.org



"Lord, Teach Us To Pray"

— Luke 11: 1-4

Save the Date and Register!!

Announcing the 3rd Annual Greater Cincinnati Catholic Women's Conference.

The first Saturday of Lent this year is March 4 and what better way to start lent than a spiritual day of prayer, great talks, and spiritual renewal? This year the theme is: "Lord, Teach Us to Pray". Registration is now available on line at: www.catholicwomenofcincinnati.com

Last year the event was sold out so register early and bring a friend!

Book Collection

If you are looking to clean out your collection of old books, please consider donating to Under the Stars Shoppe, 97 E. Main Street, Batavia. 20% of all used book sales will be going to The House of Peace which is a YWCA domestic violence center for abused women and children in Clermont County. Any kind: fiction or non, new or gently used, soft or hard cover, children, teens, or adults. Books may be dropped off at IHM's Welcome Center. For questions contact John Hunt, 513-943-4247 or Under The Stars owner Vicki Watkins 513-238-7913. Thank You.

Sponsor of the Week

Bob's Auto Repair

Major & Minor Repair

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2nd Annual Rock N' Revival For A Cure

Come support our Forsthoefel family, March 4, 5 p.m.

During September 2015, the Forsthoefel brothers in The Grove were shaken by the news that their beloved father, John, was diagnosed with a brain cancer called Glioblastoma. The Grove has put together their second annual 'Rock N' Revival for a Cure' event at The Southgate House Revival with the help of some of Cincinnati's finest local bands, The SGHR Staff, and all of the supporting friends along the way. All proceeds benefit the UC Brain Tumor Center and their research for finding a cure.

Healing the Divorced Heart & Finding Lasting Love

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Separated & divorced Catholics-if it is recent or has been years-we invite you to discover healing through the genius of Catholicism.

WHEN: Friday, March 3, 2017, 6 PM

WHERE: Ruah Woods, 6675 Wesselman Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45248

COST: \$10. Includes talk, handouts, light refreshments

ONLINE REGISTRATION: www.ruahwoods.org/resources

Space is limited to 70 participants

CONTACT: Laura Strietmann, Curriculum Consultant

Email: lstrietmann@ruahwoods.org

Phone: 513-407-8672

Race & Racism in Cincinnati

On Tuesday February, 21st. at 7 p.m. Anderson Churches for Racial Unity (ACRU) will be presenting a program, Race & Racism in Cincinnati, The History and Beneficiaries. This program is in conjunction with Rethinking Racism. The speakers will be Troy Jackson, PhD from Amos and Ms. Elizabeth Hopkins. It will be held at Faith United Church of Christ, 6886 Salem Rd. Reservations are suggested but not required at www.ipccincinnati.org or by phone (513)579-8547. IHM is a member Church of ACRU. This program is one in a series of programs sponsored by ACRU that are both informative and enjoyable.

WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday, February 20 President's Day			Tuesday, February 21			Wednesday, February 22		
Parish Office Closed			9:30 AM	Pastoral Staff Meeting	Bernardin	8:15 AM	School Mass Practice	Church
			9:30 AM	WOW Bible Study	St Matthew	9 AM	True Devotion to Mary	St Matthew
4:30 PM	Boosters	Gymnasium	11:30 AM	Heritage Luncheon	East Heritage	3 PM	GS Grade 3	East Heritage
7 PM	Pastoral Council	Bernardin	1 PM	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Legion of Mary	3 PM	After Care	Gymnasium/Cafeteria
7 PM	PEA Meeting	Fatima	1:30 PM	Divine Will Group	Fatima	3:15 PM	School Musical Auditions	Music Room
7 PM	CS Pack Meeting	Cafeteria	4 PM	Stretching & Fitness Class	Preschool	4 PM	Grief Support Group	Guadalupe
7 PM	Boy Scouts	East Heritage	4:30 PM	Boosters	Gymnasium	4:30 PM	Boosters	Gymnasium
7 PM	Eucharistic Minister Training	Church	6:30 PM	Reconciliation	Lourdes	6 PM	Anderson Cub Scout Leaders	East Heritage
7 PM	Small Faith Group	Parish Library	6:30 PM	Lamb's Supper Book Club	West Heritage	7 PM	Bible Study	St Matthew East
7:30 PM	Salve Regina Cenacle	Lourdes	6:30 PM	Garage Sale Meeting	St John Huddle	7 PM	Small Faith Group	Lourdes
9:30 PM	Men's Basketball	Gymnasium	7 PM	Finance Comm	Bernardin	7:30 PM	Hope Group	Guadalupe
			7 PM	Formation Comm	Guadalupe	7:30 PM	Choir Rehearsal	Church/St. Cecilia
			7 PM	K of C East	Heritage Hall	7:45 PM	Divine Will Cenacle	Fatima
			7 PM	True Devotion to Mary	Blessed Mother			
			7 PM	Eucharistic Minister Training	Church			
			7 PM	Justfaith: Justmatters	St Matthew			

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Thursday, February 23

7 AM	Staff Breakfast Byte	West Heritage
8:15 AM	Mass with School Children	Church
9 AM	Childcare	St Gabriel
9 AM	Shop\$mart	Fatima
9:30 AM	Bible Study	Blessed Mother
10 AM	Moms Bible Study	St Matthew
3 PM	After Care	Gymnasium/Cafeteria
3:15 PM	Musical Auditions	Music Room
4 PM	Stretching & Fitness Class	Preschool
4:30 PM	Boosters	Gymnasium
7 PM	Spanish Charismatic Prayer Group	Blessed Mother
7 PM	CRHP Men #68	Parish Library
7:30 PM	RCIA	Legion of Mary/ St Francis of Assisi/St Matthew
9:30 PM	Men's Basketball	Gymnasium

Friday, February 24

6:03 AM	Fathers Team	St Matthew
3 PM	After Care	Gymnasium/Cafeteria
4:30 PM	Boosters	Gymnasium
7 PM	PTO Jr High Dance	Cafeteria

Saturday, February 25

8 AM	Boosters	Gymnasium
8:15 AM	Parish Leadership Retreat	Church/ Heritage
9 AM	Vocations Committee	Lourdes
5 PM	Shop\$mart	Fatima
6 PM	Boosters	Gymnasium
8 PM	30+ Singles Dance	Cafeteria

Sunday, February 26

8 AM	Shop\$mart	Fatima
9 AM	RCIA Dismissal	Guadalupe
9:15 AM	PRP Classes	Cafeteria/Heritage
11:30 AM	SM Widening the Circle	St Matthew
12:30 PM	Boosters	Gymnasium
6 PM	Shop\$mart	Fatima
7 PM	Boosters	Gymnasium
7 PM	HS Youth Ministry	Youth Room
7:15 PM	Confirmation Meeting	Heritage
7:30 PM	AA Meeting	St Matthew

Immaculate Heart of Mary School

Enriching Minds and Nurturing Hearts for Life-long Success Preschool through Grade Eight

*Have you submitted paperwork to enroll your child in our parish school? Please don't wait!
If you would like a personal tour just give us a call at 388-3020!*



Did you know:

- The IHM Class of 2016 Received \$552,700 in Academic Scholarships
- An Affordable Before and After School Care Program is Available
- Kindergarten Classes are Full Day
- Grade 6–8 1:1 Tablet Program
- Band/Strings/Choir/Drama
- Spanish in Grades K–5, Latin in Grades 6–8
- Weekly Mass
- Community and Global Outreach
- Gifted Program
- Student Services Team including Reading, Math, Gifted, Intervention and Language Specialists
- ACE Enrichment
- 500+ Student Tablets and Laptops
- Educational Assistants at All Grade Levels

Deadlines to Register for 2017–18:

WEEK OF February 20 (NOTE: School is closed February 20): Children whose families are parishioners at another Catholic Parish which does not have a school with the agreement of their pastor to pay the parish subsidy. Registration for children of non-parishioners.

**Contact us for a private tour of
our award winning school!**

Registration forms can be downloaded at www.ihomschool.org or pick up a registration packet at our school office M–F, 7:30–3:30.





Impact

Bring faith to life. Find life in faith.

Turn on the light

Sometimes it seems that darkness is everywhere. Turn on the light.

Daylight hours are short this time of the year. The absence of the sun in the early morning and late afternoon reminds us of other forms of darkness in our world. Newscasts are filled with reports of violence and war. Too many people are touched by poverty, racism, abuse, injustice and hatred. Conflict at home, work, and local communities wears us down.

YET, ONE LIGHT CAN PIERCE THE DARKNESS.

Jesus Christ is the light of the world. Christ's light shines even in the darkest hour. Especially then. When we are touched by sadness, anger, or grief, we are reassured that Jesus has experienced these very feelings. No matter how dark it may seem, Christ's light shines through.

ONE LIGHT TRANSFORMS DARKNESS INTO DAWN.

Jesus tells us how to live in the light: Be reconciled with those who have hurt you. Love your enemies. Pray for those who persecute you. Feed the hungry, clothe the naked, care for the least ones among us. This is how God's love is known. It is how Christ's light is shown.

THE GLOW OF ONE CANDLE IS ALL IT TAKES TO START A FIRE.

Each of us has a light within us. In baptism, we are immersed in Christ's light and life. The burning flame of love of the Holy Spirit dwells in our hearts. The light of faith illumines our minds, providing clarity when the darkness of confusion and turmoil threatens to overtake us. When we fear the darkness may win, we look deep within ourselves, rely on the nourishment of the sacraments and prayer, and the support of faithful friends, and we are assured that God's light is there. With this assurance, we reach out and share the light with others.

THE LIGHT IS NOT DIMINISHED WHEN IT IS SHARED. IT IS MULTIPLIED.

The light we have is uniquely ours. It is a reflection of Christ's light, which we are called to bear. Each of us is given particular gifts, qualities, talents, and strengths. If we do not do what we can in the world, something is missing. Darkness will not be dispelled. Christ's light will not be known. Christ's light shines brightly when we offer care and service, advocate for justice, seek peaceful solutions to conflict, generously give of resources, and stand up for what is right, true, and beautiful.

DARKNESS IS EVERYWHERE. TURN ON YOUR LIGHT.

Impact this month

How will you bring Christ's light to the world? Use Isaiah 58:7-10 as a guide for your reflection and commitment to action:

- Share your bread with the hungry: How will you give to those who do not have enough food? In what ways may you grow as a person who hungers for peace, compassion and justice?
- Shelter the oppressed and the homeless: What parish or local forms of outreach could benefit from your participation? How may you become more sensitive to those who are oppressed, un- or under-employed, or homeless?
- Clothe the naked: What clothing do you have that can be given to those who are in need? How might you adopt a simpler lifestyle?



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As close as your next-door neighbor

Even the simplest task, when done in love, shines with Christ's light. The parent who answers a child's cry in the middle of the night is love for the child, showing God's ever-watchful care. The teenager who helps a classmate with homework, even when he or she would

rather be visiting with friends witnesses to Christ's mercy. The one who serves in the soup kitchen and the one who receives the food with gratitude give evidence of the mystery of the presence of the Holy Spirit who compels, strengthens and inspires us in times of bounty and in times of need.

Who needs your light?

This month, be attentive to those who need care, compassion, and companionship.



Notice the neighbor who goes out of his or her way to be nearby when you return from work. Or the family member who texts right at dinner time. Or the co-worker who lingers at the end of the day. Think of the new resident in your city or neighborhood, the people in the nearby care facility, or the homeless and hungry. Plan now

to visit, call or share a simple meal; reach out beyond your comfort zone; make a difference in someone's life.

We know that many times our actions are not filled with light. Whether out of haste, impatience, anger, or sheer disregard for others, we often fail to be vessels of God's presence, even when we could easily do so. Here is the rub: the light never stops shining. God will never stop loving you no matter how busy, stressed, or stubborn you are. God sends his son Jesus, to show us how to live in the light, and Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to give us the inspiration and the tools we need to share the light.

We are called to tip the scale more each day toward loving, serving, and giving. Recognizing our blessings, being mindful of God's grace, and responding with our lives, even (especially) when doing so calls us to sacrifice...that is the pattern of a life through which darkness is cast away and Christ's light is shown.

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Salt, service and stewardship

"Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God." (1 Cor 4:1-5) When we speak of mystery in our Catholic faith, we are not speaking of an unsolved riddle. The mysteries of God are the truths of God's love and mercy, the depths of which we cannot fathom.

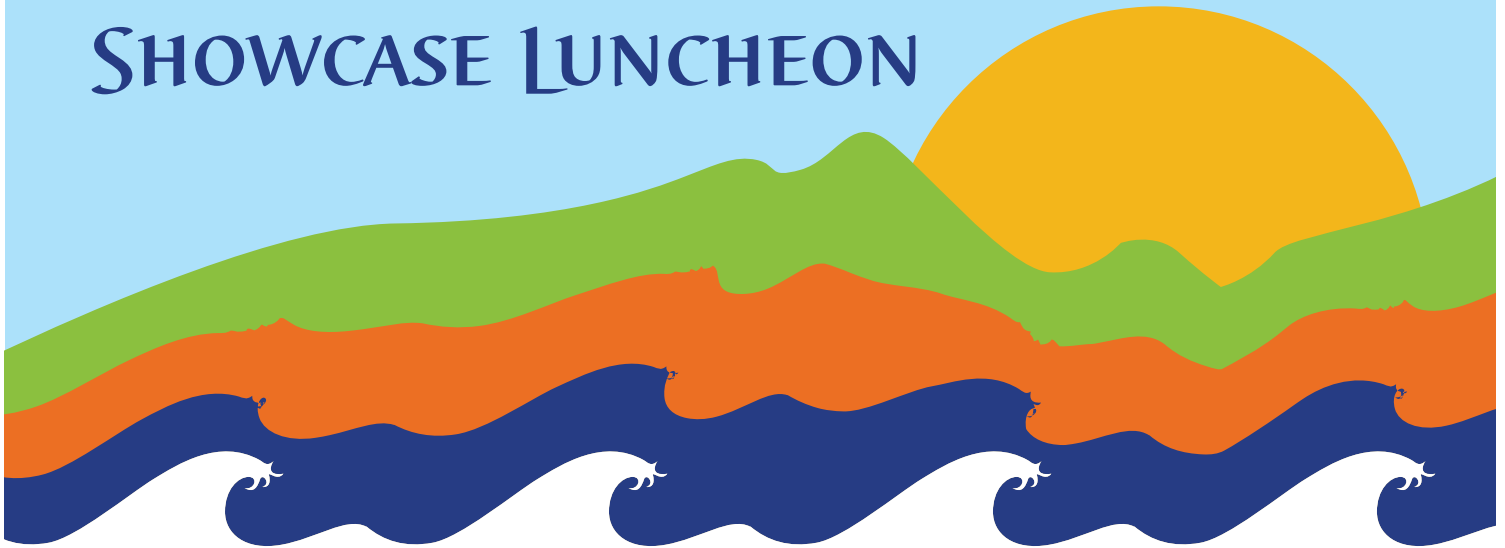
How, then, are we to be stewards of these mysteries? Through our words and actions, as "servants of Christ." We who serve Christ do so through the ways in which we reach out to others. "You are the salt of the earth..the light of the world..your light must shine before others, that

they may see your good deeds and glorify your heavenly Father," Jesus says. (Mt 5:13-16) Salt gives flavor and preserves food; even a single light pierces the darkness. When we

give of ourselves in even the smallest of ways, we add the flavor of care; preserve the goodness in which all is created; bring the light of compassion. In doing so, we steward well the mystery of God's love and mercy.



FROM THE MOUNTAINS TO THE SEA SHOWCASE LUNCHEON



IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, HERITAGE HALL
FRIDAY, APRIL 28, OR SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017
12:00 NOON

COME JOIN US IN CELEBRATING THE CULTURES OF OUR TWINNING COMMUNITIES!

Experience the cuisine, music, artisan crafts and meet the people from the Cultural Center of Batahola Norte and Our Lady of the Mountains Parish. Enjoy with us a meal, fellowship, and an opportunity to show your support for our twinning communities.

- Raffle will be held for a chance for a one week stay at an Italian villa (\$100 a ticket, please see reverse side for Villa description & details)
- Entertainment: **Friday** - Bluegrass music; **Saturday** - Asi Es Colombia Dance Ensemble
- Babysitting will be available on Friday - contact Michelle Dietz at info@signupgenius.com
- Questions, please contact Maggie Rosch at 513-232-4051 or Grottons@fuse.net

The price of \$20/person includes an international buffet. Donations can also be made in addition to the luncheon or if you can't attend but want to support our cause.

All profits directly benefit IHM's two twinning communities, Our Lady of the Mountains (OLM), Stanton, KY and Cultural Center of Batahola Norte, Managua, Nicaragua. The IHM Social Action Commission sponsors this event.

To register for the luncheon via credit card, visit <https://ihom.weshareonline.org/FromtheMountaintotheSeaLuncheon>. Raffle tickets are not tax deductible. You can also drop off the completed form below at the IHM Welcome Center.



LUNCHEON TICKETS

\$20 PER PERSON X _____ = \$ _____

FRIDAY OR SATURDAY LUNCHEON (CIRCLE ONE)

GUESTS' NAMES: _____

PLEASE MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY, EARMARK FTMTTS. PLEASE MAIL OR DROP OFF AT THE IHM PARISH OFFICE.

*I AM UNABLE TO ATTEND. PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION OF \$ _____

RESERVATIONS: MAGGIE ROSCH, 513-232-4051 OR Grottons@fuse.net

RAFFLE TICKETS

\$100 PER TICKET X _____ = \$ _____

NAME & ADDRESS: _____

TICKET WILL BE MAILED TO ADDRESS ONE WEEK PRIOR TO THE LUNCHEON IF NOT ATTENDING THE LUNCHEON.

RAFFLE TICKET INFORMATION: SUE KEEFE, SKKEEFE37@GMAIL.COM

ITALIAN VILLA RAFFLE!

Living La Dolce Vita includes one week accommodation in an Italian villa in the Abruzzo region, fully equipped kitchen, TV/internet, washing machine. Package limited to four people. Flight not included. Must be used by May 2018. Some date restrictions apply. Fair Market Value \$2500. Villa donated by Carl Marinacci. Calascio is a hilly town.



“The villa in Calascio is perfectly situated for a relaxing tour of Italy, and in particular the less-traveled and lovely region of Abruzzo. Starting the day with a morning climb up a mountaintop in Calascio and with fresh bread from a local barcafe is amazing. The villa is a perfect jumping-off point for delightful day trips to the Gran Sasso (highest point of the Appennines), wildflowers in the Campo Imperatore, dipping toes in the Adriatic in nearby Pescara. We loved the specialty pastas, montepulciano wines from the region, hand-painted pottery souvenirs, and living La Dolce Vita without bumping into the crowds of tourists in, say, Rome or Florence or Venice. Staying at the villa remains one of our favorite family vacations of all times. Bid now!”

Kirsten Keefe



PROMOTING PEACE IN OUR COMMUNITIES

- Archdiocese of Cincinnati
- Xavier University: Institute For Spirituality and Social Justice
- Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio
- Bellarmine Chapel

Eucharistic Celebration: Promoting Peace In Our Communities

Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 4:00 p.m.

Bellarmino Chapel, Xavier University

President: Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr,
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

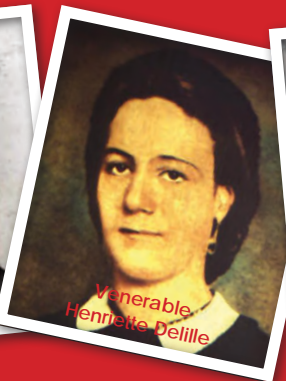
Homilist: Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz
Archdiocese of Louisville, Past President USCCB

Carrying Out Our Prophetic Ministry In Times of Racism and Violence

Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 7:00 p.m.

Schiff Conference Center, Cintas Center
Xavier University, 1624 Herald Avenue

Keynote Address: Archbishop Joseph E. Kurtz
Archdiocese of Louisville, Past President USCCB



Contact Information: rwinters@catholiccincinnati.org

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE FEBRUARY 25 & 26 (DEACONS PREACH)

	Presider	Deacons	Coordinators	Lectors	Servers
5 p.m. (Sat.)	Fr. Kreidler	Dcn. Shaffer	Carol Braun Ed Bayliss	Pat Ruthmeyer Gene Baker Charlie Pfizenmayer (C)	Eric Ellert Jacob Ellert Patrick Kling Megan Mencsik Shelby Pairan*
7:30 a.m.	Fr. Kreidler	Dcn. Feldkamp	Ellen McInnis	Cathy Beumer Lori Laux Ted Bergh (C)	Daniel Reuss Jacob Reuss* William Reuss
9:30 a.m.	Fr. Williams	Dcn. Feldkamp	Mark & Nancy Kleespies	Tim Becker Kip Backscheider Kristin McLane (C)	Ericka Carlson* Noah Kocher Landon Mohr Paul Rahner Caitlyn Voet
11:30 a.m.	Fr. Williams	Dcn. Shaffer	Jeff & Linda Gauggel	Gloria Heideman Jerry Metz Steve Latreille (C)	Marian Favro Madalyn Favro Calla Garretson Monica Navey*
1:30 p.m.	Comboni Priest		Gloria Milord	Alirio Bocanegra Pilar Hernandez Maritza Mojica Gloria Ramirez	Mathew Bykadorov Nataly Morales Vanessa Morales
6 p.m.	Fr. Cross	Dcn. Feldkamp	Tom & Val Kellerman	Therese Hazzard Dan Coletta Margaret Stigler (C)	Mia Lawrence Alex Stewart* Max Stewart Nicholas Stewart

Reconciliation: Fr. Kreidler

(C) Commentator

* Server Captain

PARISH MINISTRY CONTACTS Consult Parish Directory for Phone Numbers

Adoration	Claire Richards	Evangelization/Catechesis Comm.	John Fahrmeier	Prayer Circle	JoAnn Best
Admin. & Fin. Comm.	Tom Armstrong	Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion	Rusty McHugh	Prayer Shawl Ministry	Carol Stretch
Altar Servers	Deacon Dave Shaffer	FATHERS Team	Rick Kasper	Prison Ministry	Terry Alvarez
Alzheimer's Family Support	Marisue Naber	Festival	Rudy Noble	PRP	Charlie Pfizenmayer
American Heritage Girls	Elizabeth Ryan	Festival Volunteers	Dale White, Jr.	RCIA	Pete Taylor
Art & Environment	Dave Auxier	Food from the Heart	Craig Connolly	Respect Life	Tina Ramundo
Boosters	Brian Young Dave Caldwell	Girl Scouts	Scott Ackerman	Retrouvaille	Jay Mather
Boy Scouts	Thomas Vaughan	Grief Support Group	Sherrie Heyse	SEM Manor	Jane Elfers
Bread Ministry	Tracy Boone	Health Ministry Comm.	Becky Leibreich	St. Vincent de Paul	Dick & Mary McConn
Bulletin	Michelle Peters	HeartBeat	Judy Sherlock	Scheduling Rooms	Cathy Beumer
Cancer Support Group	Sharon Sanker	Hispanic Ministry	Pat Armstrong	SHOP\$MART	388-4191
Catholic Divorce Survival	Carol Higgins	Hispanic Ministry Choir	Michelle Peters	Small Faith Groups	Linda Reekers
Caregiver Careline	513-929-4483	Hope Group	Gloria Milord	Social Action Coordinating Comm.	Marge English
Charismatic Prayer Group	Betsy Ross	Hospitality	Don Harrison	Theology of The Body	Debbie Birck
Child Care	Michelle Dietz	Knights of Columbus	Jan Bolubasz	Twinning CCBN	Deacon Russ Feldkamp
Communications/Print/Electronic	Michelle Peters	Lectors	Kristy Click	Twinning OLM	Missy Feldkamp
Communion/Anderson	JoAnn Best	MAGIC	Tim Arnold	Welcoming Committee	Sue Keefe
Communion/Asbury Woods	Vivian Willging	Marriage Prep	Mike Merz	Winter Gala	Judy O'Brien
Communion/Homebound	Marge Gutekunst	Men's Fellowship League	Michael Miller	Worship Commission	Gloria Ann Castleman
Communion/NEC	Carol Stretch	Music Ministry	Roxanne Your	Youth	Nickie White
Communion/SEM Manor	Joe Keeler	New Parishioner Registration	Linda Reekers		Lisa Riccardi
Core Nurses Group	Marisue Naber	NFP (Natural Family Planning)	John Hunt		Bob Andrews
CRHP Continuation Chair	Gloria Ann Castleman	PTO	David Auxier		Joanne Curoe
Cub Scouts	Kevin Novotny	Parish Coffee	Jill Ambrose		Michael Haley
Education Commission	Lea Beck	Pastoral Council	Missy Feldkamp		
Elizabeth Ministry	Marisue Naber	Planned Giving Committee	Carie Masoner		
Enthronement of the Sacred Heart	Jill Coffey Sally Schroder		Pam/Dan Payne		
			Walt Moll		
			Dick Schimpf		