



Our Lady of Peace *Family of Parishes*

Holy Family - Holy Name of Jesus - Our Lady of Sorrows

MARCH 22, 2026 | 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Pastor: Rev. Paul Gebhardt, Sr. Parochial Vicar: Rev. John Civile, Parochial Vicar: Rev. Benjamin Mersch,
Deacons: John Lyons, Bill Schaefer, Larry Gronas, & Jack Schaefer

Our Lady of Peace

w: olopeace.org

Holy Family

201 Clark Street, Middletown, OH 45042
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Holy Trinity Church

201 Clark Street
Sunday 9:00 am (*Live streamed*)

St. John Church

1405 First Avenue
Saturday 4:30 pm & Sunday 10:30 am
Reconciliation: Saturday 3:30 pm

St. John XXIII Catholic School

3806 Manchester Road
Middletown, OH 45042
p: 513-424-1196, f: 513-464-9955
w: stjohn23school.org

Holy Name of Jesus

222 Hamilton Ave., Trenton, Ohio 45067
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w: holynamenameofjesuscatholicchurch.org
e: holynamercc@gmail.com

Weekend Mass Schedule

Sunday - 8:30 am

Reconciliation (Confessions)

2nd & 4th Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 pm
Sundays 7:30-8:00 am

Our Lady of Sorrows

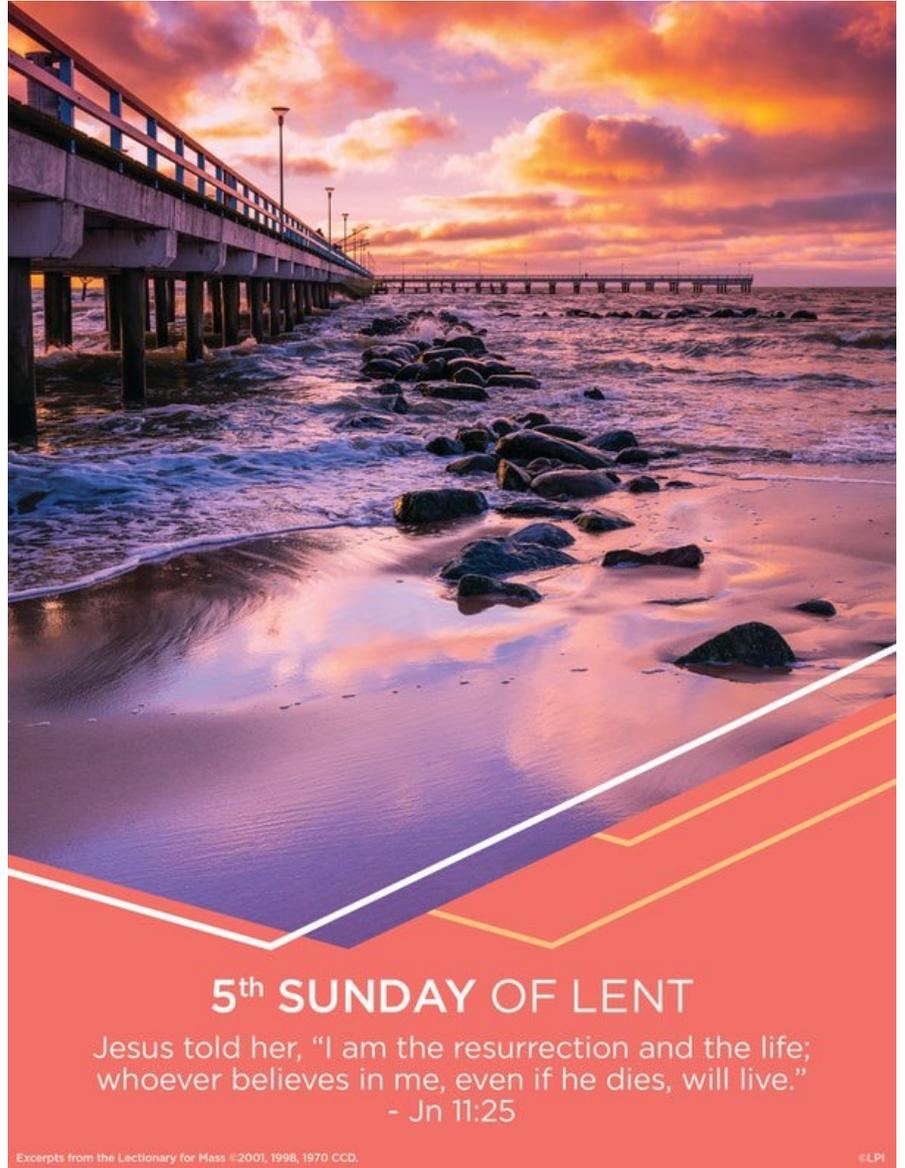
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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00 pm, Sunday - 10:30 am

Reconciliation (Confessions)

1st & 3rd Wednesdays 6:30-7:00 pm
Saturdays 3:00-3:30 pm



5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life; whoever believes in me, even if he dies, will live."
- Jn 11:25

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Upcoming Events

Fish Fry's..... Friday's in Lent
Stations of the Cross..... Friday's in Lent
Communal Lenten Penance Service Holy Trinity..... Mar 26
SVDP 5th Sunday Collection..... Mar 29
OCIA Informational Meeting OLOS..... Apr 1
Holy Thursday St. John Church..... Apr 2

WELCOME



Readings for the week of March 22, 2026

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11
 Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59
Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56
Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11
 Mt 26:14-27:66 or 27:11-54

Parish Staff

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 HF Music Ministry: Joseph Barnett
 HF Music Ministry: Mike Kramer
 HF Facilities Manager: Beverly Mabry
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 OLOS Music Ministry: Michelle Markert

Introductions to Sunday Readings: *by Bishop Ken Untener, in collaboration with Catherine Haven & Fr. Bill Taylor*



First Reading - Ezekiel 37:12-14...The prophet Ezekiel spoke to God's people during their exile in Babylon, six centuries before Christ. In today's passage, the prophet (using the image of death and resurrection) assures the people that God will one day bring them back to their homeland.

Second Reading - Romans 8:8-11...Paul's letter to the Romans is his most detailed and important theological work. Through-out the letter, he teaches that Jesus overcame sin and the effects of sin. In today's passage, Paul stressed that through the Spirit, this saving power of Jesus is present and active in Christians of all times and places.

Bulletin/Announcement Deadline:
 Friday at noon - 1 week in advance via email to your parish office.

MASS SCHEDULE FOR OUR LADY OF PEACE							
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
HOLY TRINITY CHURCH	N/A	N/A	12:10 PM	12:10 PM	8:00 AM	N/A	9:00 AM 2:00 PM Spanish
ST JOHN CHURCH	N/A	*8:15 @ St. John XXIII School	N/A	N/A	N/A	4:30 PM	10:30 AM
HOLY NAME OF JESUS	N/A	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	8:30 AM	N/A	N/A	8:30 AM
OUR LADY OF SORROWS	8:30 AM	N/A	11:00 AM Korean	6:00 PM	9:00 AM 11:00 AM Korean	4:00 PM	10:30 AM 3:00 PM Korean

Baptisms.....Contact your Parish Office. Baptismal preparation is required.
Marriages.....Contact your Parish Office at least 6 months before the desired date.
Vocations.....Contact a member of your pastoral staff or visit cincinnati vocations.org.
Pastoral Care of the Sick.....May be arranged through your Parish Office.
Becoming Catholic.....Contact your Parish Office.
St. John XXIII Catholic School.....Parish school for Preschool—8th Grade—www.stjohn23school.org.

OUR DOORS ARE OPEN: No matter what your present status in the Catholic Church, no matter what your current family and marital situation, no matter what your personal history, age, background, race, etc., no matter what your own self-image, you are invited, welcomed, accepted, loved and respected here at Our Lady of Peace Family of Parishes.

COMMUNITY

Scholarship Opportunity... The

Notre Dame Alumnae Association is pleased to announce they will be awarding **6 one-time \$1,000 Scholarships** for the upcoming 2026-2027 school year. This scholarship is open to any 8th grade girl who has registered to attend Badin High School next school year. Applications were emailed to the parents of the girls who are currently registered to attend Badin. If you did not receive an application or have questions, please contact Lillian Pater at (513) 484-8775 or Kim Graham at (513) 863-3993 ext. 128. *All applications must be postmarked or submitted digitally by April 3, 2026 to be eligible for the scholarship.*



Lenten Recipe Corner:

Vegan Zucchini Pasta

atelizabethstable.com

Prep Time: 10 minutes

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Total Time: 30 minutes

Servings: 6

Ingredients:

- 1 Pound Pasta of choice
- ½ Cup Pasta Water
- 3 Medium Zucchini, quartered and sliced
- 1 Small Yellow Onion, diced
- ¾ Cup Regular or Non-Dairy Cream Cheese
- ¼ Cup Nutritional Yeast
- 2 Ounce Package Basil
- 1 Teaspoon Salt
- ½ Teaspoon Pepper
- 2 Cups Frozen Shelled Edamame, microwaved according to the package directions

Instructions: Bring a large pot of salted water to a boil. Cook the pasta according to the package directions. Reserve ½ cup of pasta water before draining. Leave the pasta in the colander until step 5. Meanwhile, in a large, deep non-stick skillet, sauté the zucchini and onion for 7-10 minutes, until starting to soften and brown. Add the cream cheese, nutritional yeast, basil, salt, pepper, and pasta water. Stir to incorporate the cream cheese, then turn the heat to high and and cover. Let cook for 10 minutes. Transfer the zucchini mixture to a blender and blend until smooth. Pour the sauce back to the skillet. Add the pasta and cooked edamame, then stir well to toss. Serve immediately. **Enjoy!**



TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE:

CATHOLIC TRIVIA

Question: What are the four main signs of Christ's presence in the liturgy?

(Hint: 2 who, 2 what) See page 9 for the answer!



Pictured above are some of the OCIA elect & candidates at the Rite of Elect that was held on Feb. 22nd. Please continue to pray for those going through the OCIA process. We will welcome them into our parish community in a few short weeks at the Easter Vigil.

OLOP Informational meeting for OCIA on Wednesday April 1st at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall at OLOS.



OLOP COLLECTIONS: Week of March 8th

Holy Family.....	\$ 30,234
Holy Name of Jesus.....	\$ 6,148
Our Lady of Sorrows.....	\$ 17,864
Total.....	\$ 54,246

COMMUNITY

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday - March 29th

regular Mass schedule for all Parishes

Holy Thursday - April 2nd

7:00 PM Mass St. John Church

Good Friday - April 3rd

12:00 PM Stations of the Cross Holy Name
1:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Holy Name
1:30 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion St. John Church
2:00 PM Stations of the Cross Our Lady of Sorrows
7:00 PM Liturgy of the Lord's Passion Our Lady of Sorrows



Easter Mass Schedule

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 4th

8:45 PM Holy Trinity Church

Easter Sunday - April 5th

8:00 AM Holy Trinity Church
8:30 AM Holy Name Church
9:00 AM St. John Church
10:30 AM Our Lady of Sorrows
11:00 AM St. John Church



Confirmation at The Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains



Congratulations to the 53 OLOP 8th grade parishioners who received the sacrament of Confirmation this past weekend at St. Peter in Chains Cathedral.

St. Vincent de Paul Society



Thanks to everyone for your continued support and contributions, with which the SVDP volunteers were able to assist our neighbors again this past month. Here are the February numbers:

SVDP Pantry Food Donations

138 Households totaling 362 people
75 senior citizens, 199 adults & 88 children

SVDP Help Line Utility Bill Assistance

34 households - 26 Duke and 8 Water

SVDP Outreach Ministry

7 Deliveries of new beds
1 Delivery of donated furniture
68 Vouchers to the SVDP Thrift Shop
0 Reference to New Life Furniture Bank
15 Rental Assistance

Requests of Note....We find ourselves running low on full size bed sheets. If you would like to donate either new or clean, gently used sheet sets, we would appreciate your assistance. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Thank you for your generosity & continued support!

5TH SUNDAY SVDP COLLECTIONS OCCUR FOUR TIMES A YEAR. OUR NEXT ONE IS MARCH 29TH!

Embrace Grace...Embrace Grace has started another session with one single pregnant young woman; her name is Tessa. We ask that you pray for her and her baby. The baby shower is scheduled for May 3rd. We will be putting out the giving boards for baby items on April 12th. **Your gifts are greatly appreciated!**



SVDP 5th Sunday Collection Next Sunday...

SVDP 5th Sunday Collections occur four times a year and makes possible the Pantry, Help Line and Outreach Ministries. For your convenience, we've included a special "SVDP 5th Sunday" envelope in the June pack for Holy Family parishioners. Our Lady of Sorrows parishioners will find green envelopes in the back of the Church. **Please make your check payable to Saint Vincent de Paul.** You can place your donation in the collection baskets at the front of the churches or mail it in or drop it off at the parish offices. **Thanks!**



HOLY FAMILY

Easter Home Visits

Fr. Civile is hoping to schedule Easter visits to homebound parishioners this year. If you or someone you know would like to be included, please call the parish office 513-422-0602.



Easter Flower Offering

If you'd like to remember deceased loved ones with an Easter flower offering, please use the special envelope in the March packet and drop it in the collection basket, slip it through the parish office front door mail slot, or send it via USPS. The list of names will be posted in both churches for Easter.



Please print names clearly and make your donation by Palm Sunday, March 29th.

Baptism Preparation Class

Wednesday, March 25th 7 PM
St. John Rectory

If you are expecting your first baby or want your first child baptized we ask that you attend a baptism preparation class, offered quarterly throughout the year. Call the parish office 513-422-0602 to register for the baptismal preparation class.



Communal Lenten Penance Services

Thursday, March 26th
Holy Trinity Church

We hope you'll join us for a Communal Lenten Penance Service after the 12:10 PM Mass and again at 7:00 PM.



FAMILY EUCHARIST WORKSHOP

Parish 2nd graders practiced special hymns, rehearsed receiving Communion, made their very own Blessing Cups and learned more about the sacrament as part of the Family Eucharist Workshop that was held a few weeks ago. Thanks to Flavia DeBiasi, Karen and Ryleigh Bender. Please keep these children in your prayers as they continue to prepare for their First Eucharist.



Our Prish 2nd graders will make their First Eucharist on May 2nd or May 3rd.

HOLY FAMILY

HOLY FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday and Sunday - March 21 and 22

4:30 PM Mass SJ Osust Family

9:00 AM Mass HT Jerry Pennington

This Mass live streamed and available on the website anytime.

10:30 AM Mass SJ Oscar & Betty Koepfel -Wed. Anniv. Rem.

Monday, March 23

No Mass

Tuesday, March 24

8:15 AM Mass SJ23 Jo Marie Van Cleve - Birthday Rem.

Wednesday, March 25

12:10 PM Mass HT Thomas & Patricia Byrne-Birthday Rem

Thursday, March 26

12:10 PM Mass HT Frank Pressler

Friday, March 27

8:00 AM Mass HT William S. Staffen

Saturday, March 28

4:30 PM Mass SJ Russell Jennewine - Birthday Rem.

Sunday, March 29 Palm Sunday

9:00 AM Mass HT People of the Parish

10:30 AM Mass SJ Regina Chase - Birthday Remembrance

Weekly Collections Stewardship

Sunday, March 15th \$19,366.05

Thank you for your generous stewardship!

MINISTERS NEXT WEEK

Mar 28/29	4:30 PM SAT	9:00 AM SUN	10:30 AM SUN
Eucharistic Ministers	Barbara Heinle 1B	Barb VonderHaar 1B	Beth McGuire 1B
	Mike Klapheke 2B	Gail Clarey 2B	Marcia Egelston 2B
	Fran Sack 3B	Mike Clarey 3B	Christine Whittington 3B
	Carolyn Kraft 1C	Mary Anne Kelley 1C	Joe Zappia 1C
	Kathy Kraft 2C	Marlene Ruwe 2C	Janet Zappia 2C
Lectors	Kelley Hale (Nar)	Greg Waddell (Nar)	Christy Hawkins (Spkr)
	Pat Montgomery (Spkr)	Monica Cummins (Spkr)	Joe Nalepka (Nar)
Server	Dick Montgomery	Kara Jackson	CeCe Hawkins
Greeters	Bill Purcell D1	Don Accurso D1	Puthoffs D1
		Lee Ann Glick D2	

Our Prayers & Sympathy are Extended

to the family and friends of Debbie Geswein in the death of her mother Betty Isaac who died Tuesday, March 10th.



In Your Prayers Remember John Markey, Mary Kay Blake, and Art Rossi at Atrium.

You're Invited to the 2026 HOLY FAMILY EASTER EGG HUNT



Holy Saturday, April 4th

Holy Trinity Grounds

11 AM - Arrive early! It's over in minutes!

Three Age Groups:

3 & under

4 to 7

8 to 10

All participants must bring their own basket and be accompanied by an adult!

Alms Boxes can be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the parish office during office hours. The practice of giving up candy or a movie and contributing the money saved to the missions is a longstanding Lenten tradition. These donations will be given to Sr. Sarah's Clinic - our Guatemalan Mission Twin.

St Vincent de Paul Outreach Ministry Requesting Full Size Sheets



Our parish SVDP Outreach Ministry is in need of full size bed sheets. These full size sheets can be new or clean gently used. **We can help!** These sheets will go with the new beds that they deliver to those in need. Please place your donations in the donation bins at both churches.

HOLY FAMILY

St. John XXIII

Catholic School Pre-K to Grade 8

Traditional Values • Exceptional Education

Principal Mrs. Dawn Pickerill

513-424-1196



Frank D. Vitori
Lodge 2142

ORDER
Sons and Daughters of Italy
IN AMERICA

Let's Get Ready to



Sunday April 19, 2026

1 to 4 PM

Holy Trinity Center

201 Clark St

Middletown, OH 45042

LIMITED SEATING

\$15 Per Person Advance Payment

Additional \$5 Entry for the Lion Game

Winner Takes Home \$100!

LUNCH and Refreshments Included

Cash Accepted or

Make Checks Payable to Frank D. Vitori Lodge 2142

Please Include Name, Phone & Mark **BUNCO** on Envelope

Place in Any Collection Basket at Church or Mail to
J Bowman 17 Kenec Dr, Middletown, OH 45042

Or Call 513-594-8114 to Make Other Payment Arrangements



Tickets for Madagascar, Jr.

We invite you to support our talented students by attending a performance on Sunday, March 29. Tickets for both the 2:00 PM and 6:00 PM shows are available for purchase on our school website at www.stjohn23school.org.



Upcoming Events

April 2: Religion Bee

Grades 3-5 8:30am

Grades 6-8 9:30am

April 3 - 12 Spring Break *Office Closed*



Annual Lenten
Fish Fry Fridays



5 to 8 PM

Fridays in Lent



Hosted by the
Knights of Columbus

Fried & Baked Fish,
& Popcorn Shrimp

Green Beans, Mac & Cheese, French Fries, Hush
Puppies, Cole Slaw & Choice of Bread

Cheese pizza & Peanut butter & Jelly also available

Adult Meals start at \$13

Kids under 12 start at \$8



Eagle's Lodge

1300 FIRST AVENUE
CORNER OF FIRST AVENUE & CLINTON
ONE BLOCK WEST OF ST. JOHN CHURCH

- Dine-In Available
- For pick up Pre Order online at www.council1610.org

HOLY NAME OF JESUS



Prayer List.... *Pray for the Sick at Holy*

Name of Jesus: Deacon Bill & Jean Schaefer, Virgil & Sue Harris, Steve Drake, Becky Hedges-Kamps, Jose Gonzalez, Raymond Martin, Wendall Draman, Bebe Orth, Blair and Casey Mitchell, Teresa Adams, Nancy Carroll, Brenda Hicks, Diane Frain, Anna Hunsinger, Rob Burgher, Adam Willke, Doug Ritter, Betty Issacs, Paul Foley, Tina Smetek, Trevor Lacey, Dr. Thomas Willke & Jim Schneider. ***If you want to be on this list, or have recovered & would like to be removed from this list, please call the office.***

Traveling Chalice....



For Vocations to the Priesthood:

Rick and Carolyn Angst received the chalice after Mass on March 15th and will have it for two weeks. Ken and Connie Thomas will receive the chalice after Mass on March 29th. If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please contact the office. ***When to return the chalice?*** Anytime during the week before Sunday. ***Deacon Larry requests that you leave the chalice on the altar rail.***

PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS.... *Please continue to pray for the priests in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati!*

A list of priests to pray for this week is available on the table in the back of the church.

Financial Stewardship Summary

36th Sunday of fiscal year as of 3/8/2026

	Last Week	Year to Date
Parish Needs:	\$ 4,235	\$ 152,460
Parish Receipts:	\$ 6,148	\$ 162,198

Total Envelopes Used: 35
Total Electronic Givers: 15

Note: Fiscal year budget for 7/1/2025 to 6/30/2026 is \$220,140

This week's receipts: Sunday & Holy Day Offerings - \$3,080, Fish Fry - \$2,475 Mass Stipends - \$70, Candles - \$73, Easter Flowers - \$200, Funeral Stipend - \$200 & Catastrophic Fund - \$50

Designated Collection: EMA Food Pantry - \$50

Your generosity helps us do God's work. Thank you!

Help Needed... We are in

need of others in the parish to help pray for vocations to the priesthood. If you would be able and willing please call the office, tell Deacon Larry after Mass or email: holynamercc@gmail.com.



Embrace Grace:



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LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR MARCH 2

	SUNDAY 8:30 am Mass
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Bill Jones (1) Harry Hunsinger (2)
SERVERS	Louise Dennis Ava Hughes
READER(S)	Tammy Menninger (1)
USHERS	Chris Boyland Mike Schenck
COMMUNION HOMEBOUND	
COLLECTION TEAM	Mary Draman Debbie Peter Connie & Mike Schenck

In Need of a Handyman?

The Knights of Columbus can perform light/minor household maintenance or repairs for those in need of a helping hand. Contact Jim Schneider at 513-748-7504 for more information or to schedule an appointment.



HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Fish Fry Fridays of Lent:

LAST Fish Fry - March 27th

Come join us for our last Lenten Fish Fry from 5:00 - 7:00 pm.



Stations of the Cross....

Join us this Friday for our last Stations of the Cross during Lent at 7:30 pm in the Church.



Answer from page 3:

A: Word, Presider, Eucharistic Species, People of God

LIVE THE LITURGY

INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

"Lazarus, come out!"

Jesus calls into the tomb.

These same words he cries into the depths of our hearts. "Come out!"

God is calling you. Come out from the sleep of your indifference.

Easter is near.

Now is the time.

Come out!

Events in the Holy Name of Jesus Parish

Saturday, March 21

Sunday, March 22

7:30 - 8:00 am Confessions

8:30 am Mass - 5th Sunday of Lent

Monday, March 23

Tuesday, March 24

8:30 am Mass

6:30 pm OCIA in church basement

Wednesday, March 25

8:30 am Mass - The Annunciation of the Lord

6:30 - 7:00 pm - Confessions

6:30 - 7:45 pm - PSR Classes

Thursday, March 26

8:30 am Mass

9:00 am - Noon Exposition & Adoration

Friday, March 27

5:00 - 7:00 pm Fish Fry - Parish Hall

7:30 - Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28

Sunday, March 29

7:30 - 8:00 am Confessions

8:30 am Mass - Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Young at Heart... will be back after Easter.

Watch the bulletin for updated information!



Mass Intentions for the Week

Day	Date	Mass	For	Requested By
Sunday	3/22	8:30 am	Carlo Pellizzon	Harry & Anna Hunsinger
Tuesday	3/24	8:30 am	Purgatorial Society	
Wednesday	3/25	8:30 pm	People of the Parish	
Thursday	3/26	8:30 am	Anna White & Poor Souls	Sue Hamlin
Sunday	3/29	8:30 am	Paul & Joe Kuzma	Agnes Kuzma

OUR LADY OF SORROWS

Stewardship: Giving Time, Talent & Treasure as a Way of Life

The budget is based on a fiscal year ending June 30, 2026.

The weekly need of \$11,250 X 36 weeks = \$405,000

Week of March 8 (2 weekends ago)

		Total
Sunday Offerings:	\$ 5,702	\$ 283,046
Electronic Contributions:	\$ 12,162	\$ 164,831
Total:	\$ 17,864	\$ 447,877



SCAN TO GIVE

Total Envelopes Used: 55

Total Cash (not in envelopes): \$ 788

Parish Needs: \$ 405,000

Collections: \$ 447,877

Or visit: give.olosmonroe.com/give

Music Ministry News...

Adult Choir Schedule:

Thursdays - 6:00 pm in the PAC.

Youth Choir Schedule:

Tuesdays - 5:30 pm in the Church.

Teen Choir Schedule:

Thursdays - 4:00 pm in the Church, except for the 3rd Thursday of the month.



Do you know about the hidden treasure of the OLOS Parish Library?



To find this inviting place, take a left as you enter the gathering space. The library is always open and available to parishioners of all ages. We encourage you to visit, browse, and borrow from the collection of Catholic items. This month is the library's 20th anniversary being open. It came into being when a grant of \$1,000 was awarded to us from the Catholic Library Association of Cincinnati. The library started with about 100 items and now has well over 1,200 items on the shelves. As you think about the different ministries highlighted by the First Fruits initiative, think of getting involved in the library team. It doesn't take much time, and we have two experienced volunteers to get you started. Questions? Ask Karen Redmond in the office or Bev Gorman 513-405-2641 or Debbie Kuntz 513-335-0840.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS March 28 - 29

MASS	Saturday 4:00 pm	Sunday 10:30 am
COORDINATOR	Nora Neu	Teresa Johnson
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS	Vicky Gerber Tom Kettler Deb Saluke Mary Varga Sue Willis	Chris Baumgardner Steve Baumgardner Barb Downs Ruth Frankey Michelle Samocki Rose Thiemann
SERVERS	Tom Schindler	Lesley Anjang Julia Samocki
GREETER	Barbara Hyduchak	Ann O'Neill
READERS	Mark Redmond (1) Chris Burkart (2)	Kelly Huntey (1) Beckie Schretter (2)
USHERS	Rick Propps Chuck Sperrick	Gavin Nickell Shelley Nickloes
COLLECTION TEAM		Peg Everson Rebecca Slough



Attention All Bakers....Last week to donate desserts...



Our Parish School of Religion families have been volunteering at the Fish Fry dessert table to help raise money for St. Michael Indian School. Be on the lookout for the Flocknote sign up in your email to volunteer to bring a dessert. Some good items are 2-3 dozen cookies or cupcakes, a cake, pie, brownies, or anything special you like to bake. **Thank you for your help and dessert donations!**

Family Promise...In



2025, Family Promise served

27 families in the shelter. One family, a mom and her 8 children, was in the shelter for 200 days before moving into permanent housing. There were 93 adults (4 of those were pregnant moms) and 53 children served. Thank you for supporting this important ministry. If you'd like more information about volunteering at Family Promise, contact Mary Varga at 513-207-7146 or vargamtv18@gmail.com.

OUR LADY OF SORROWS



March First Fruits Living

Opportunity... This year we will learn about First Fruits Living by highlighting ministries, community events, and ways to give of your time talent and treasure. *The March Ministry focus is Family Promise. How can I get involved?* See poster in the gathering space for specific opportunities.

Friday Fish Frys ...

Last Lenten Fish Fry - 27...

from 4:30-7:30 pm in the Parish Activities Center (PAC). The menu is at olosmonroe.com & includes all-you-can-eat fried fish and sides. Adults \$14, Seniors (60+) \$12, Kids (4-12) \$6 and Children (3 and under) eat free. Pizza is \$2. Prices include meal, lemonade, coffee, and water.



Donations for the Month of March...

Please consider donating an item to those families in need through the Monroe School system. The donated items will help families in our community.

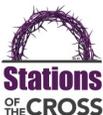
Items needed: Deodorant, Shampoo/Conditioner, Body Wash, Toothpaste/Toothbrush, Laundry soap, Multi-purpose cleaner for the home. Look for a collection basket in the gathering space to place your donation.

Thank you for your generosity!



Stations of the Cross...

Please join us for the last Stations of the Cross before the Fish Fry on Friday at **5:00 pm in the church**.



Religious Education Corner...



- **PSR** (Parish School of Religion) – *Classes are 9:00 - 10:15 am in the Parish Hall.*
- **Baptism** – Are you expecting or recently had a baby - if so congratulations! Contact Gene for prep, dates and details.
- **OCIA** (formerly RCIA) – Informational meeting Wednesday April 1st at 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall.
- **Blue Sheets** are a great way to prepare for next week's Gospel reading. Available in the Gathering Space.
- **Small Church Communities**—Easter Break - Next Session Week of April 12th.
- **Pray N Play** – Next Session - *April 19th from 9:00 - 9:45 am.*

Mass Intentions & Events at Our Lady of Sorrows

Saturday, March 21

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Confessions in the Reconciliation Chapel

4:00 pm Mass

† Robert & Mary Philhower

Sunday, March 22

9:00 - 10:15 am

5th Sunday of Lent

10:30 am Mass

Parish School of Religion Grades K-8

† Colin McClure

Monday, March 23

8:30 am Mass

† Nikki Nelson

9:00 - 10:00 am

Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction

Tuesday, March 24

6:30 pm

Rosary in the Daily Mass Chapel

Wednesday, March 25

Thursday, March 26

6:00 pm Mass

† Souls in Purgatory

Friday, March 27

8:30 am

Morning Prayer (Lauds)

9:00 am Mass

† William Joseph Drusky

4:30 - 7:30 pm

Fish Fry in the PAC

5:00 pm

Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28

3:00 - 3:30 pm

Confessions in the Reconciliation Chapel

4:00 pm Mass

† John & Mary Lou Jones

Sunday, March 29

9:00 - 10:15 am

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

10:30 am Mass

Parish School of Religion Grades K-8

† Karla Young

Upcoming:

Wednesday, April 1

OCIA Informational Meeting - 7:00 pm

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