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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



EASTER SEASON

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In my Father's house there are many
dwelling places. If there were not,
would I have told you that I am going to
prepare a place for you?"*

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*Saturday, May 13th
Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima*

Dignity of Life Threatened in Ohio

A Catholic perspective on the proposed constitutional amendment to expand and enshrine abortion in our state.

WHAT IS HAPPENING?

A proposed amendment to Ohio's Constitution claims to recognize reproductive freedoms, but it furthers a culture of death and removes current safeguards for women. As Catholics, we find the proposed amendment dangerous, unjust, and contrary to our belief in the sacredness of all life.

WHAT CAN I DO NOW?

Groups are currently collecting citizen signatures to add the amendment to the November 2023 ballot. More informational resources are coming, but in the meantime:

- Decline to sign any petition to put this amendment on the November ballot
- Pray, Learn, and Volunteer by visiting the "Protect Them Both" resource center at www.ohiocathconf.org/protect



**PROTECT
THEM BOTH**



OUR CONCERNS

1

PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

2

**ENDANGERS
PREBORN CHILDREN**

3

**ENABLES THOSE WHO
PRESSURE WOMEN**

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Where Does the Amendment Say That?

1 PUTS WOMEN AT RISK

- Vague language would challenge any attempt to regulate who could perform an abortion and the standards of care required
- Could eliminate current safety standards, such as the presence of a licensed physician and assurance of hospital access in an emergency

“The State shall not... interfere with...an individual's [abortion]... unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means”

2 ENDANGERS PREBORN CHILDREN

- Would force Ohio to abandon protections enacted for preborn children with a detectable heartbeat
- Permits abortions at any time in pregnancy; a clinician could justify a woman's anxiety or depression as a reason for late-term abortion

“...in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health”

3 ENABLES THOSE WHO PRESSURE WOMEN INTO ABORTIONS

- Majority of women who have had an abortion report “high levels of pressure” to seek the abortion+
- Anyone who transports, counsels, or pressures a woman into an abortion, including abusers, traffickers, and negligent clinicians, would be protected by law
- Parents would no longer need to give consent or even be informed if their minor is seeking an abortion, removing their ability to report suspected abuse of their daughter

“The State shall not... penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against... A person or entity that assists an individual [to get an abortion]”



Dear Friends:

The 2023 Appeal is underway and many of you have received a brochure and letter from Bishop Earl Fernandes asking for your support. This year's Appeal theme "Forward With Jesus," encourages us to move forward in the Light of Christ, becoming ever more dependent on our Lord who is with us always.

The Appeal, supporting Catholic ministries is a major source of funding that supports the many needs throughout our diocese. This year's Diocesan goal is \$7 million. Contributions will help evangelization efforts in our parishes, schools, and college campuses, seminarian education and formation cost, tuition assistance to Catholic school students in need, and social concern efforts. Supporting The Appeal helps us live a Christian life of charity, justice, and hope.

Our parish goal is \$129,126.25 and it is my hope that we can achieve this in gifts and pledges by the end of May. As we move forward in Christian stewardship, I know there are many obligations facing our families. I only ask that you prayerfully consider your gift knowing no gift is too large or too small. I also hope that we exceed our goal which will enable us to use our rebated funds for our own special projects.

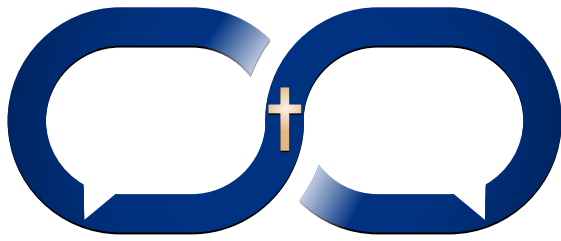
Please join me in praying for the success of The 2023 Appeal. I ask each of you to participate to the best of your ability. I am confident that together, with everyone's participation, our parish can meet the challenges of today and exceed our goal, ultimately benefiting Catholic ministries and our parish.

I thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Fr. Matthew Morris





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Father Dan Dury
Pastor of St. John Neumann Church

Father Dan Dury is currently the Pastor at St. John Neumann Parish in Sunbury. He is a vibrant speaker, presenter and evangelist who has spoken at multiple Men's Conferences, parish retreats and Diocesan encounters - and well-known around the Columbus Diocese as a dynamic Catholic leader.



Dr. Marlon De La Torre
Sr Director of Evangelization for the
Diocese of Columbus

Dr. Marlon De La Torre currently serves as the Executive Director for Evangelization and Missionary Discipleship for the Archdiocese of Detroit. His professional catechetical background spans over twenty-seven years as director, dean, educator, and published author.

SCHEDULE

8:30am
Mass (Optional)

9:00 - 9:30am
Registration & Light Breakfast

9:30 - 9:50am
Opening Comments & Setting the Stage.

9:50 - 10:30am
Father Dan Dury

10:30 - 10:45am
Break

10:45 - 11:15am
Dr. Marlon De La Torre

11:15 - 11:45am
Small Group Discussion

11:45 - 12:15pm
Closing: What now? What's next?

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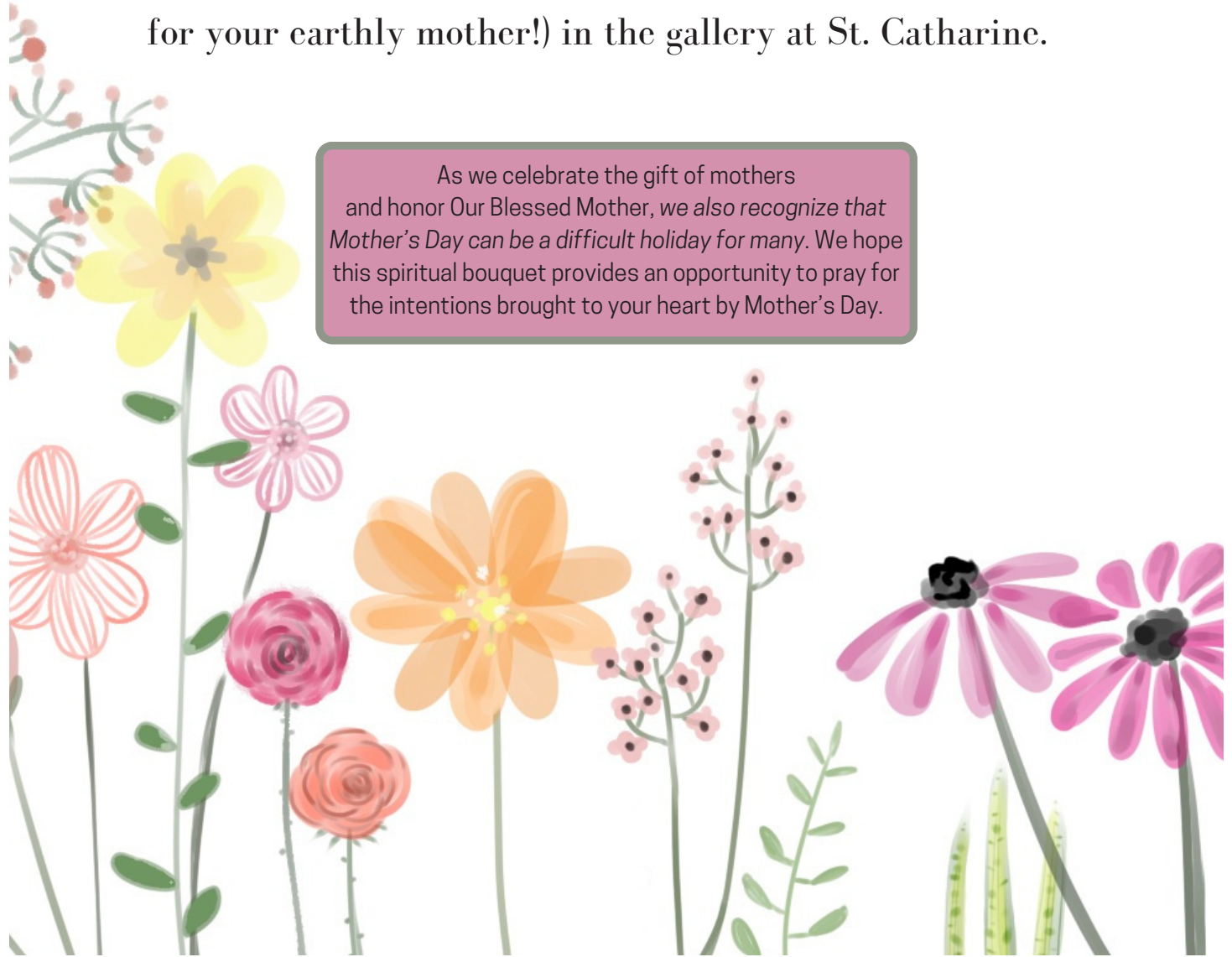
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*Mother's Day is the first day of family
month in the Diocese of Columbus!*

Please join us in offering a spiritual bouquet to Our Blessed Mother. Following each Mass next weekend, you will be invited to write prayer intentions and offer them to Our Lady along with flowers of thanksgiving for her motherly love and intercession. You can purchase a flower after the Masses for Our Blessed Mother (and maybe one for your earthly mother!) in the gallery at St. Catharine.



As we celebrate the gift of mothers and honor Our Blessed Mother, we also recognize that Mother's Day can be a difficult holiday for many. We hope this spiritual bouquet provides an opportunity to pray for the intentions brought to your heart by Mother's Day.

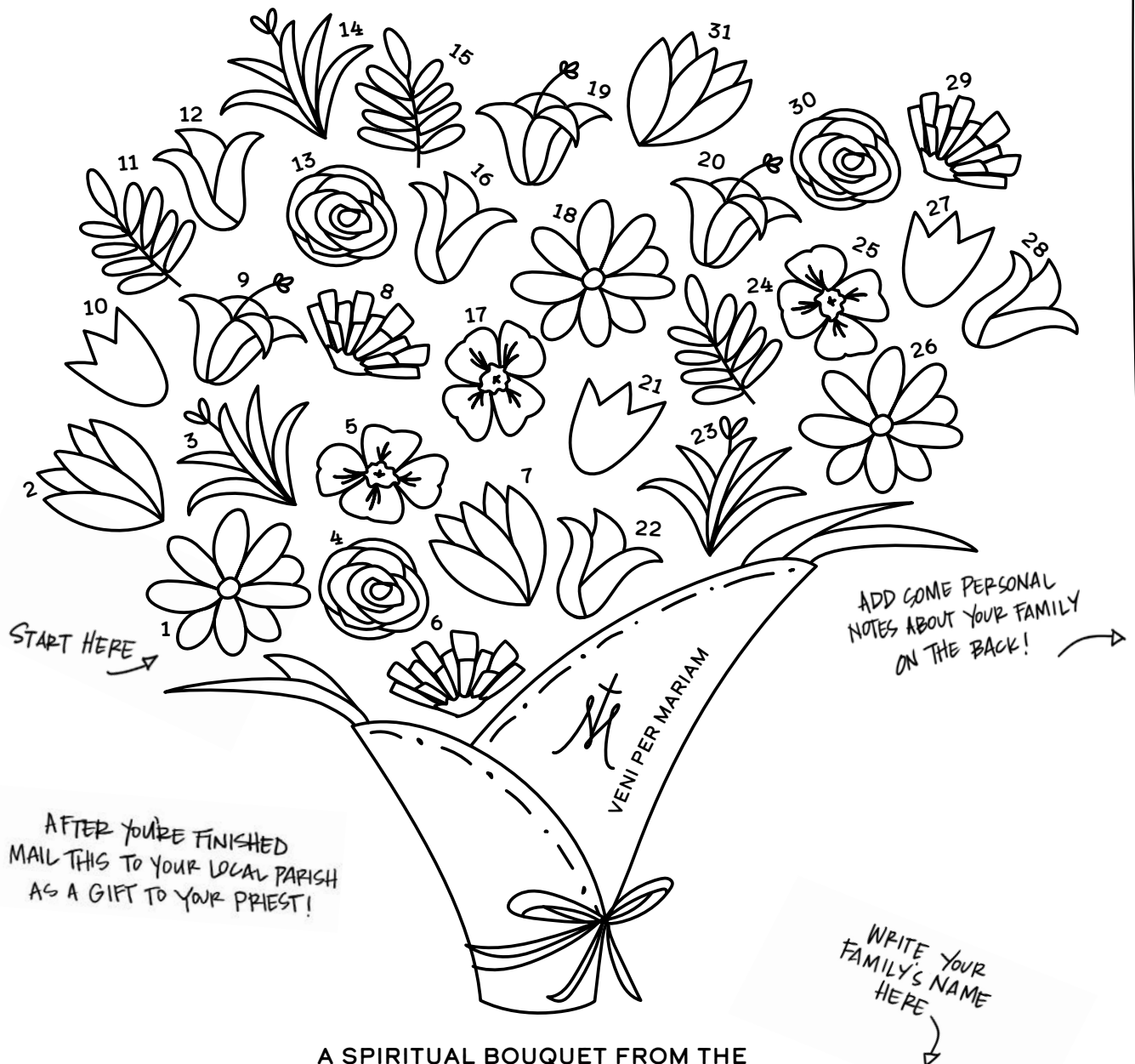
ROSARY A DAY IN MAY

FOR

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AND THESE LOCAL PARISH PRIESTS:

You're invited to join other families throughout the Diocese in interceding for Bishop Fernandes, as well as the intentions of your parish priest or another priest in your life! Color a flower each day of the month of May after praying the Rosary. This sheet may also serve as a gift to your priest, so consider giving it to him when you're finished!



A SPIRITUAL BOUQUET FROM THE

FAMILY

FEASTING

Celebrate the feasting and fasting of our Catholic Faith with your family all year long!

May

It's the month of Mary! Decorate your prayer table, plant a Mary garden ... you can find lots of ideas online.

5/13 Our Lady of Fatima

Learn about the Miracle of the Sun. Join a Fatima procession. Make dancing sun cupcakes for dessert.

5/14 Mother's Day

Honor our Blessed Mother and your earthly Mother with a flower. Purchase one (or two!) after the Masses in the gallery at St. Catharine.

5/21 Ascension of the Lord

Climb a mountain, fly a kite, search for shapes in the clouds, pray the Glorious mysteries of the rosary!

5/28 Pentecost Sunday

Have a bonfire and read the Pentecost story in Acts 2:1-41.

5/29 Mother of the Church

Make a family pilgrimage to the Marian grotto here at St. Catharine.

5/31 Visitation of the BVM

Visit someone special today, bring a treat, and pray a rosary together.



Le Brun: *The Resurrection of Jesus Christ*

Happy Easter, Easter People! Alleluia is Our Song!

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Eastertide lasts from the Resurrection of Our Lord until Pentecost, so keep celebrating that Good News with your family. Have you tried praying the Stations of Light yet? It is the Easter counterpart to the Lenten Stations of the Cross devotion. Every station is something that happened between Easter and Pentecost, and they are a wonderful way to focus on the risen Christ during the Easter season.

How many ways can you think of to keep the Easter celebration going until Pentecost? On May 19, begin a family novena leading up to Pentecost - sign up for reminders at praymorenovenas.com. The feast of the Ascension is the perfect day for kids to help make dessert - blue jell-o with whipped cream "clouds," of course. On Pentecost, don't miss the excitement at the St. C 11:00am Mass. Celebrate the day with a birthday cake for the Church 🎂, a bonfire, and a family reading of the Pentecost story in Acts 2.

May is dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mary is the Queen of May and it is traditional to honor her in a special way this month. If you have a statue of Mary, consider having a May Crowning at home (loosely twist some flexible wire around itself three times to form a crown, leaving openings to weave flowers in between the wires). You could also add picture of Our Lady to your prayer table and let your children decorate it for



her with flowers from the yard, candles, hand drawn pictures, even streamers or balloons - whatever they think is special.

We can never love Mary more than Jesus did, and it is so important to allow children

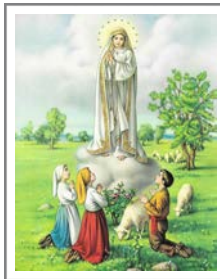
to develop a special relationship with her. Make time for a family pilgrimage to honor our Blessed Mother in the grotto at St. Catharine this month. We will add small gifts to the blue box in the grotto to make your visit extra special - please help yourself. Consider planting a Mary Garden, featuring an outdoor statue of Mary with flowers and herbs.

Throughout the month, enjoy listening to our Feast Day playlist on Spotify honoring Mother Mary with songs both old and new. Click the QR code to listen! >>



May 13, Feast of Our Lady of Fatima

On May 13, 1917, the Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three young peasant children in Fatima, Portugal. A "lady all in white, more brilliant than the sun... indescribably beautiful" appeared to the children who were tending their family's sheep. Our Lady asked the children at Fatima to pray the rosary, so it's most important to pray a rosary together today.



This is also a great day for a rosary procession. In Columbus, a procession will begin at Holy Family Church at 7pm. It will proceed through downtown, passing St. Joseph Cathedral, ending at St. Patrick Church with Benediction. Shuttles will rotate (beginning at 6pm) from church to church to get everyone to their cars. Worried about the long walk with little ones? The Blessed Sacrament will be exposed at St. Patrick until Benediction, so you could visit Jesus and then watch for the procession to arrive! In previous years 700-1,000 people have gathered to ask Our Lady's intercession and pray for peace. How exciting!

*family
month*

May 14, Mother's Day

This year, the Diocese of Columbus will celebrate Family Month, beginning on Mother's Day and ending on Father's Day. Please join us in offering a spiritual bouquet to Our Blessed Mother. Following each Mass, you will be invited to write prayer intentions and offer them to Our Lady along with flowers of thanksgiving for her motherly love and intercession. You can purchase flowers after the Masses for our Blessed Mother (and maybe one for your earthly mother!) in the gallery at St. Catharine.

Another focus for family month is Family Adoration. Watch for opportunities to visit Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament together as a family.

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Becoming Catholic and Confirmation for Adults

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Or do you have questions about how someone becomes Catholic or gets Confirmed as an adult? Contact Mike Denz, and he will answer any questions you have to help you take your next step: mike@stcatharine.com

Children's and Family Ministry

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd // CGS registration is now open for parish children in Pre-K through 1st Grade. Wednesday is full, but we still have room in our Sunday session. Interested in donating to the atrium? Visit www.stcatharine.com/cgs to see our wishlist or to register for 2022-2023. Interested in assisting? Reach out to Rachel Green • rgreen2@cducation.org

Little Saints // 1st Tuesdays at 9:00am in the Lower Level during the School Year. A time of music, activities, and prayer for mothers and their little ones. No sign up. Just show up. Questions? Heidi Thompson • heidithompson522@gmail.com

Confirmation for 8th Grade Students

Every baptized person not yet confirmed should receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation together constitute the sacraments of Christian initiation, and reception of the sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. Confirmation for 8th grade students typically takes place in the late Spring at St. Catharine. Questions? Toni Carmon • toni@stcatharine.com or www.stcatharine.com/confirmation

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Everyone is invited to spend time with Jesus at our Adoration Chapel. Committed Adorers commit to adoring Jesus for a specific hour once a week at the same time. These Adorers enable us to have Eucharistic Adoration for any and all persons wanting to make a shorter visit to be with Jesus. To make a commitment visit www.stcatharine.com/adoration

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First Communion and First Confession for 2nd Grade

The forgiveness of sins committed after Baptism is conferred by a particular sacrament called the sacrament of Confession or Reconciliation, and the Eucharist is rightly called "the source and summit of the Christian life." First Confession for 2nd grade students typically takes place in the late Winter, and First Communion in the late Spring. Questions? toni@stcatharine.com or www.stcatharine.com/first-confession-communion

Men's Ministry

That Man is You! // TMIY begins Saturday, September 10th and runs through April. Saturdays 7:00am-8:30am in the Parish Center. TMIY addresses the pressures and temptations that men face in our modern culture, especially those relating to their roles as husbands and fathers. Breakfast served. No sign up. Just show up. Questions? Paul Wills • pkawills7@gmail.com

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Men's Rosary // Last Wednesdays of the Month at 7:30am in Church

Women's Ministry

Holy After Hour // Don't limit Holy to an Hour. Happiness and holiness go hand in hand, and as a community of women at St. Catharine, we want to dive into both, together! Join us on Third Thursdays at 8:00pm after ADORE (7pm-8pm) for friendship, conversation, drinks, and a short reflection. No sign up. Just show up. Questions? Amber DeMatte • amber.dematte@gmail.com

Women at the Well // Women at the Well is for all women ages 18 and older who are looking for an opportunity to start, deepen, or renew their relationship with Jesus. We will connect with Jesus and other women in the parish through coffee, prayer, and small groups. There is no sign up. Simply come as you are. Join us on First Saturdays from 6:30am-8:00am in the Parish Center. Questions? Elyse Salisbury • ehueckel@gmail.com

Youth Ministry

High School Youth Group (9th-12th) will meet every Sunday from 6pm-8pm. No sign up. Just show up.

Middle School Youth Group (6th-8th) meet on 1st Sundays of the month from 6pm-8pm in the Parish Hall. No sign up. Just show up.

You can reach our new Full Time Youth Minister, Christiana Lee, at christiana@stcatharine.com

The Next Two Weeks...

Week of May 7th The Fifth Week of Easter

Sunday, May 7th

Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30am	Holy Mass (Elizabeth Sahr)
8:45am	Confirmation Candidate Session
9:30am	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
11:00am	Holy Mass (Jim Silk)
5:00pm	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
6:00pm	Catechism in a Year Dinner & Discussion Group

Monday, May 8th

8:00am	Holy Mass (Charles Robert Onda)
6:30pm	Scouts
7:00pm	The Chosen: Season 3, Episode 2

Tuesday, May 9th

7:00pm	Holy Mass (Jim Luchtenberg)
7:30pm	Confessions

Wednesday, May 10th

Memorial of St. John of Avila, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Memorial of St. Damien de Veuster, Priest

8:00am	Holy Mass (Joseph Ridgeway)
8:00am	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
9:00am	School Mass (Intentions of Mrs. Shelby Dimel)
5p - 8p	Johnson's Ice Cream Community Night
7:00pm	Choir Practice

Thursday, May 11th

8:00am	Holy Mass (Laura Gardner)
7:00pm	ADORE Night (Confession & Adoration)
7:30pm	Knights of Columbus Meeting

Friday, May 12th

Memorials of Sts. Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs

Memorial of St. Pancras, Martyr

8:00am	Holy Mass (Don Borowy)
2:00pm	School May Crowning

Saturday, May 13th

Memorial of Our Lady of Fatima

7:15am	That Man is You!
8:30am	Holy Mass (Joseph Ridgeway)
9:00am	Confessions
10:00am	Pre Cana Retreat

Offering (Sunday, April 30th)

Data not available at press time

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Week of May 14th The Sixth Week of Easter

Sunday, May 14th

Sixth Sunday of Easter

8:30am	Holy Mass (Jimmy Corrova)
9:30am	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
11:00am	Holy Mass (Carol Ghiloni)
5:00pm	Holy Mass (People of the Parish)

Monday, May 15th

Memorial of St. Isidore

8:00am	Holy Mass (The Intention of Stephanie Place)
6:30pm	Scouts
7:00pm	The Chosen: Season 3, Episode 3

Tuesday, May 16th

9:00am	Storytime with Jesus
7:00pm	Holy Mass (Sue Foody)
7:30pm	Confessions
7:30pm	Confirmation Rehearsal

Wednesday, May 17th

8:00am	Holy Mass (Ron Wentland)
8:00am	Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
10:00am	School Mass (Intentions of Mrs. Cindy Oddi)
7:00pm	Choir Practice

Thursday, May 18th

Memorial of St. John I, Pope and Martyr

8:00am	Holy Mass (Mike Huggins)
2:00pm	All School Adoration
7:00pm	Confirmation with Bishop Fernandes

Friday, May 19th

8:00am	Holy Mass (Doris Hecker)
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Saturday, May 20th

Memorial of St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest

8:30am	Holy Mass (Joe Creedon)
9:00am	Confessions
9:00am	Continue the Conversation Men's Mini-Conference

Eucharistic Adoration Chapel

Sunday - Friday	6:00am - 12:00am
Saturday	6:00am - 4:00pm

Confession Times

Tuesday	7:30pm
Thursday	7:00pm (ADORE Night)
Saturday	9:00am

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JOIN THE MOVEMENT



We invite you to join us in launching a parish-wide movement of evangelization! As Catholics, we are called to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with others, and this moment in history is begging for ordinary men and women to rise up. Bring your ideas and help us to shape the future so that all might know Jesus and be saved.

There is no sign up, just show up!



SCOTTY'S CAFE

2980 E BROAD ST.



6:30PM

WEDS, MAY 10TH & WEDS, MAY 24TH

"Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world."

-St. Teresa of Avila

LET US SET THE WORLD ON FIRE FOR JESUS!

QUESTIONS?

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