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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

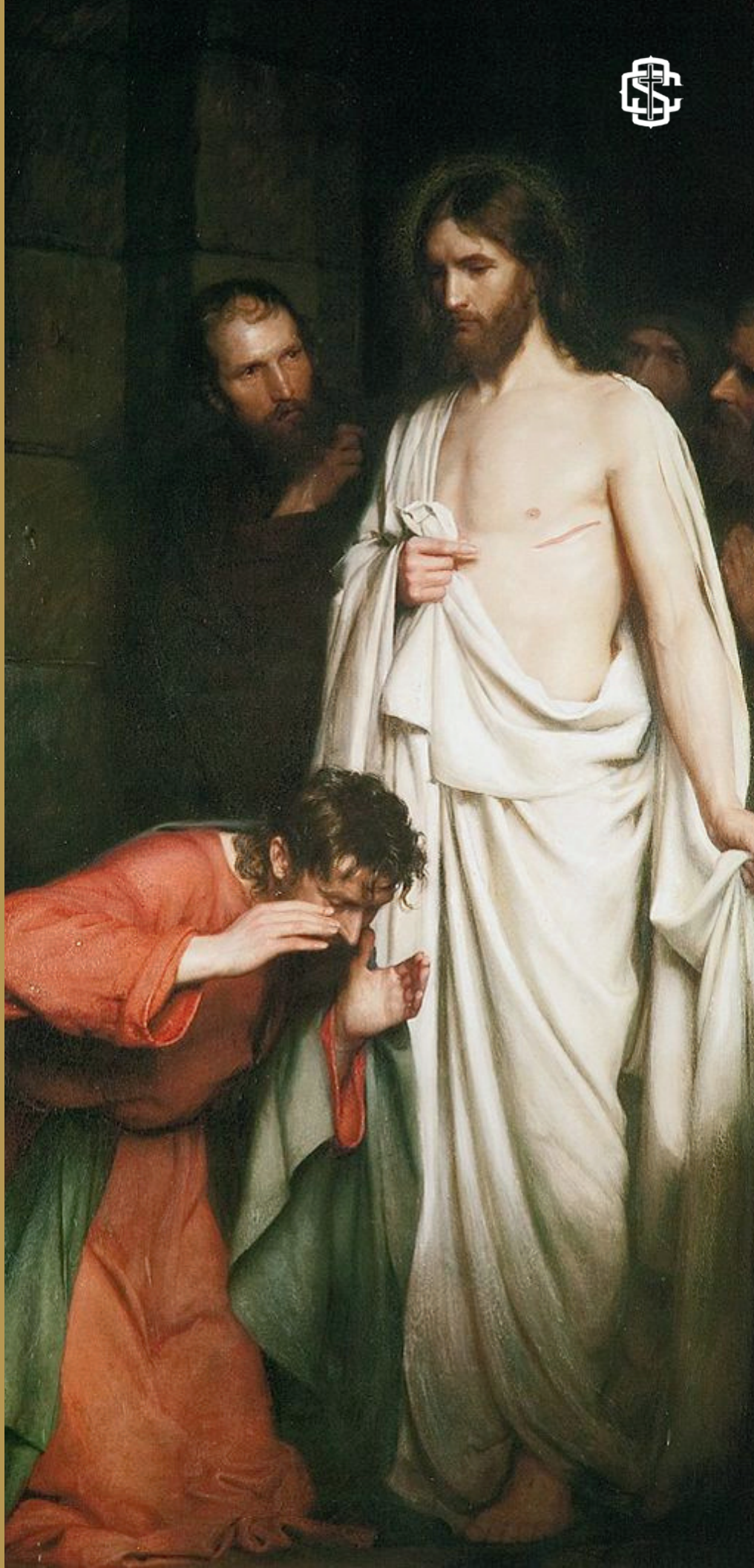


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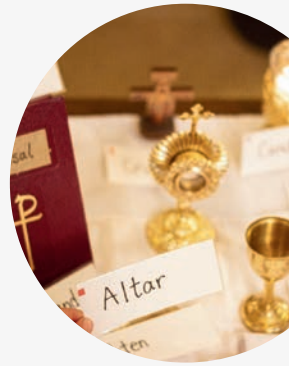
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Please register by Tuesday, April 16th

Questions? Kate Allwein • kateallwein@yahoo.com



Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Come & See

WHAT?

The children of the atrium invite you to an open house to observe and learn more about their work with Jesus, The Good Shepherd

WHERE?

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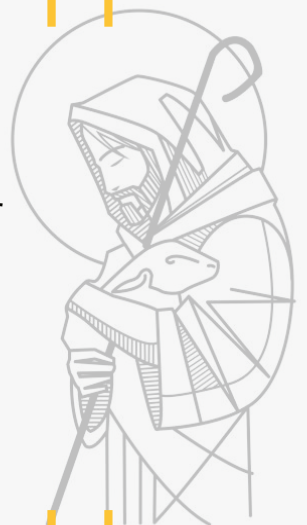
WHEN?

Sunday April 21st
12:30pm-2:00pm

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BRING THE
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Find out more and register:
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Womb to Tomb Ministry Invites You To a

BABY Shower

SUNDAY, APRIL 28TH

2:00pm-4:00pm
The Sarko Residence

Please pray for this courageous mother who has chosen life!

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Building a Culture of Life in Ohio

A Catholic Approach After Issue 1



The Way Forward...

Remembering Who We Are

After the tragic passage of Issue 1 in November 2023, we must remember that Catholics can transform the culture. Catholics established the first public hospitals and poor houses. Christianity inspired the abolition of slavery and the recognition that race, gender, and class do not determine a person's dignity.

Today, we can create a state where abortion becomes unthinkable. To do so, we must build a culture of life by...

Proclaiming the Dignity of Life:

- Serving women and families during and after pregnancy.
- Teaching solidarity with vulnerable people in every circumstance and stage of development in parishes and schools.
- Participating in ministries that encounter the poor and strangers around us.

Bringing Our Faith to Public Policy:

- Advocating for laws that prioritize the needs of pregnant women and young children.
- Calling for policies that assist family formation from affordable housing to paid leave.
- Opposing the culture of death, including abortion, the death penalty, and assisted suicide.

About Issue 1

An amendment to Ohio's Constitution guaranteeing every "individual" a right to "reproductive decisions" became law on December 7, 2023.

Pre-existing pro-life laws remain in place until legislative or judicial action.

Current Law in Ohio

- Abortion is prohibited after twenty weeks post fertilization (*Ohio Rev. Code § 2919.201(A)*).
- Abortion is prohibited on the grounds of a diagnosis of Down syndrome in the unborn child (*Ohio Rev. Code § 2919.10(B)*).
- Abortion providers are subject to various health and safety standards (*Ohio Rev. Code § 2919.201(B)(3)*).
- Miscarriage care has always been available and does not depend on laws related to abortion.

*For more details and updates on pro-family policies in Ohio, visit ohiocathconf.org and **subscribe to our newsletter.***





St. Catharine's Day 2024



Sunday
April 28th

5:00pm Holy Mass
The Vigil of St. Catharine

Followed by an Outdoor Procession and Party in the Parish Center



Christ the King/St. Catharine Appalachian Project



What is the Appalachian Project?

- * An outreach program that serves the disadvantaged families in southern Ohio since 1994
- * Participants are 9th grade through college-age students assisted and trained by a team of skilled adults
- * Volunteers are expected to attend monthly meetings to form community, learn construction skills, discuss social justice and Appalachian culture
- * During our project week we provide home repairs, such as painting, siding, building decks, etc
- * Every year, the Appalachian Project is full of faith, fellowship, fun, and hard work!

Meet

Monthly
Meetings @
Christ the King

7 - 8 PM

March 3
April 7
May 5
June 2

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Cost

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participant the
cost is \$100.

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to reduce the
cost are
available.



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needed, just a
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glasses,
a pair of work
gloves, and a
generous spirit.



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2024 Project
Work week:
Sunday June 23 -
Saturday June 29



The Mass

"Do This in Remembrance of Me" **A Step-By-Step Walk Through the Mass**

Fr. Luke Spannagel



Part 43: The Preface



As we continue our journey through the Eucharistic Prayer, we turn to teaching from the Diocese of Peoria: "The Eucharistic prayer is the center and summit of the entire Mass. Eucharist means thanksgiving. The Eucharistic prayer is a celebration of thanksgiving and sanctification. The Mass offers the fitting praise and worship to God as it places before his throne the sacrifice of his Son on the Cross... The Eucharistic Prayer offers gratitude to God, as it is the prayer of his Son, Jesus. Acting in the person of Christ, the priest, in the name of the community, offers this great prayer of adoration and praise to the Father through the power of the Holy Spirit" (*A Study of the Mass*, p. 13). Very clearly at the forefront, we are giving thanks to God as we are gathered around the altar. A special part of the prayers at the altar that highlights thanksgiving is called the **Preface**.

A Prayer That Unifies through the Centuries

The Preface begins with a familiar dialogue:

The Lord be with you. And with your spirit.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right and just.

As Edward Sri notes, "This dialogue is first reported in the Eucharistic prayer of St. Hippolytus (c. A.D. 215). Now, eighteen centuries later, we continue to say the same words, uniting us with the Christians of the early Church" (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, p. 95). I enjoy sharing this stretch into history with people when I offer explanatory Masses. Just let it sink in for a moment: one of our oldest accounts of the Mass includes this dialogue. Think about all the Masses celebrated throughout history; think about that unity in prayer with all those who have gone before us! As a priest, I am always strengthened by the thought that some of those early priests who were saints and martyrs would have used these same words when offering the Mass. What an amazing reminder of the unity we share through the Mass!

The first part of this dialogue takes us back to the beginning of the Mass, when the assembly is greeted by the celebrant. As Edward Sri explains, the next part of the dialogue recalls Lamentations 3:41, "Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven." For us, Sri says, this is a "wake-up call" where the priest "is summoning us to give our fullest attention to what is about to unfold." Sri quotes St. Cyprian (+ A.D. 258), commenting on this part of the dialogue: "When we stand praying, beloved brethren, we ought to be watchful and earnest with our whole heart, intent on our prayers. Let all carnal and worldly thoughts pass away, nor let the soul at that time think on anything but the object of its prayer" (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, p. 96-97). Very clearly, the second exchange in the dialogue helps us renew our attention to God as we enter the Eucharistic Prayer.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

For the last section of the dialogue, Sri reminds us that giving thanks to God "is a common biblical response to God's goodness and to his saving works in our lives" (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, p. 98). As we will see more next time, the words that follow in the Preface will remind us of many different reasons to be thankful to God. Tying back to the Offertory, we can recall that we are thankful for the blessings we have in terms of our livelihood and resources. We can think of God's care for us and all he provides for us. As Sri says so well, "We also should be thankful for the miracle about to take place in our midst, as the bread and wine on the altar will be changed into the body and blood of Jesus. Our Lord and King will soon be with us in the Real Presence of the Eucharist. Our hearts should be filled with gratitude as our church becomes like a new holy of holies, housing the divine presence. What an awesome privilege it is for us to draw near! [...] There is so much to be thankful for at this moment in the Liturgy! We therefore acknowledge that gratitude is the only fitting response to the mysteries about to unfold before us. In answer to the priest's invitation to thank the Lord, we say, 'It is right and just'" (*A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, p. 99). Amen!

For Reflection:

1. In your own time of prayer, whether in private or with others, consider using the Preface dialogue as a guide to beginning your meditation in three phases: 1) Take a moment to be aware of God's presence. 2) Consciously lift up your heart to the Lord. 3) Give him thanks. Let your prayer proceed from this starting point.
2. Father Luke, quoting Edward Sri, references Lamentations 3:41: "Let us lift up our hearts and hands to God in heaven." As the title of this book of the Bible suggests, this verse comes from a chapter about suffering. Consider reflecting on or even reading Lamentations 3 out loud as a way of praying for those who are suffering at this time.

Source: www.eucharisticrevival.org/blog



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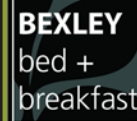


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The Next Two Weeks...

Week of April 14th The Third Week of Easter

Sunday, April 14th

Third Sunday of Easter

8:30am Holy Mass (People of the Parish)
9:30am Family of Faith
9:30am Catechesis of the Good Shepherd
9:30am First Communion/Reconciliation Prep
11:00am Holy Mass (Diane Nester)
5:00pm Holy Mass (Rose Adamescu)
6:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, April 15th

8:00am Holy Mass (Richard Lumpe)
6:30pm Family of Faith
6:30pm Scouts
7:00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, April 16th

7:00pm Holy Mass (Intentions of Lisa Kelley)
7:30pm Confessions

Wednesday, April 17th

9:00am Holy Mass (Intentions of Mrs. Lisa Gullett)

Thursday, April 18th

8:00am Holy Mass (Gennie Sauer)
9:00am Story Time With Jesus
3:00pm Virtues & Arrows Club
7:00pm ADORE Night (Confession & Adoration)
7:30pm Knights of Columbus
8:00pm Women's Water Color Painting

Friday, April 19th

8:00am Holy Mass (Carl P. Hudson)
6:00pm Father Daughter Dance

Saturday, April 20th

7:15am That Man Is You!
8:30am Holy Mass (Dr. Joe Gallen)
9:00am Confessions
11:00am Confirmation

Week of April 21st The Fourth Week of Easter

Sunday, April 21st

Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:30am Holy Mass (Andrew Pallay)
9:30am Confirmation Preparation
11:00am Holy Mass (Joe Ghiloni)
12:00pm Coffee & Donuts
12:00pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Come & See
5:00pm Holy Mass (People of Parish)
6:00pm High School Youth Group

Monday, April 22nd

8:00am Holy Mass (The Intentions of Mike & Michael)
6:30pm Family of Faith
6:30pm Scouts
7:00pm Choir Practice

Tuesday, April 23rd

7:00pm Holy Mass (Thomas Fredrick Beck)
7:30pm Confessions
7:30pm First Communion Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 24th

9:00am Holy Mass (Intentions Mr. Brian Gerson)

Thursday, April 25th

Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist
7:30am Men's Rosary
8:00am Holy Mass (Dan Strominger)
3:00pm Courageous Daughters of the Eucharist
6:00pm Parish Leadership Summit
7:00pm ADORE Night (Confession & Adoration)

Friday, April 26th

8:00am Holy Mass (Ed Stormont)

Saturday, April 27th

7:15am That Man Is You!
8:30am Holy Mass (Dottie Stormont)
9:00am Confessions
12:00pm First Holy Communion
5:00pm Appalachian Project Bourbon Tasting Fundraiser

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Sunday, April 7th

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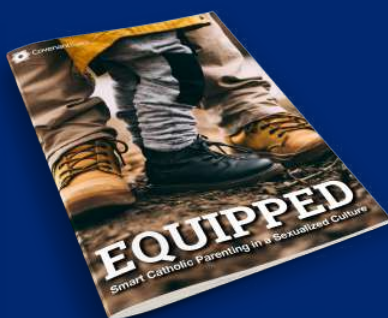
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