

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23 St. Polycarp

6:45AM Richard Gerhardt—Hein Family

8:00AM Bob Kettner—The Hetzers

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 24

6:45AM Special Intentions of Sherwood Kelley—Family

8:00AM Howard Fey— Anniv. Rem.— Family

7:00PM Way of the Cross

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

6:45AM Walter Volz— Neal & Mary Ann Mills

8:00AM Harry Herdeman— Ralph & Carol Schroer

12:45PM Way of the Cross

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26

6:45AM Margie Gold— Jim & Ruth Hoeting

8:00AM Teresa Lanza—Anniv. Rem.— Anna Bonavita

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

6:45AM Endowment Fund Honorees, both living and deceased

8:00AM Caroline Rettig— Anniv. Rem.— Ed & June

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

8:00AM Matthew Schiller—Mike Schiller Family

4:10PM Evening Prayer

4:30PM Special Intentions of Andy & Nancy Nutini— Jack & Ginny Turner

SUNDAY, MARCH 1 Second Sunday of Lent

8:00AM For our Parishioners

9:30AM Joseph Dwyer— Bd. Rem.— Family

11:30AM Bonnie Horn— Bd. Rem.— Family

CONFESSIONS

Thursday, February 26, 7:30PM—8:00PM

Saturday, February 28, 3:00PM to 4:00PM

THANK YOU to Esterkamp Automotive and Alignment for advertising in our bulletin.

MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL was offered for Jane Moore. Please keep Jane and her family in your prayers.

R - O - S - A - R - Y

Monday thru Friday after the 6:45AM and 8AM Masses .

Mondays 7:00PM Fatima Prayer Group in the Chapel.

Friday mornings at *MaryAnn Baverman's* home for *Moms of all ages* and young children. We extend an invitation to all moms to join our group for prayer on *Friday mornings from 10AM to 11:00AM.* We will show you how to pray the rosary. Please call *MaryAnn* at 503-9537 for details.

Saturdays after the 8 AM Mass in church.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION in the chapel every Friday, following the 8AM Mass until 10PM. Except on Good Friday.

LECTORS Feb. 28 & March 1, 2015

4:30PM J. Squeri P. Autenrieb

8:00AM M. Kiely B. Bohan

9:30AM M. Freudiger T. Freudiger

11:30AM J. Willig D. Willig

SERVERS February 23-27, 2015

6:45AM Kyle Sweeney Jack Oliver

8:00AM Bailey Venard Ella Willig

February 28—March 1, 2015

4:30PM Molly Guenther, Abby Kock, Katee McBride

8:00AM Matthew, Molly and Megan Kock

9:30AM Victoria Freudiger, Mary & Tom Feldman

11:30AM Andrew & Ben Schmutte, Cooper Mullen

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS Feb. 28 & March 1

Not available at deadline time.

**25th, 50th, 60th, 70th, & 75th
WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES IN 2015**



If you are celebrating one of these anniversaries this year, please notify the rectory office at 922-5400 x2, with your name, spouse's name, address, phone number and your wedding anniversary date **before March 2, 2015.**

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT



Things I've Seen and Heard Musings of Fr. Bryan Reif

Today is the First Sunday of Lent. Once more, the Church walks this journey through this holy season of repentance focusing on prayer, fasting, and the giving of alms. Lent is a great opportunity that the Lord gives us each year for taking a look at ourselves, and our relationship with God and with others. It is an opportunity to make course corrections, and to deepen our spiritual lives and prayer. Throughout this season, there will be opportunities to do just that here at St. Antoninus. First and foremost would be daily Mass. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass is the greatest and most powerful prayer this side of Heaven, because it is a participation in the action of our Salvation won for us by Jesus on the Cross. At Mass, the Lord Jesus truly becomes present to us in the Eucharist, Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity, offered to the Father. Every Mass we stand at Calvary, and we witness the work of Salvation accomplished.

Another opportunity to deepen our prayer would be Eucharistic Adoration on Fridays. In Adoration, we adore the Lord, who is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament. Recently I was asked if we could dedicate a special time at Adoration for families. While it would be difficult to dedicate a specific time during the day, it would be a wonderful thing for families to come and pray at Adoration, for families to sit together before the Lord of Glory bringing to Him their love, their cares, and their concerns.

Another opportunity would be Stations of the Cross which will be prayed twice weekly (times are in the bulletin). Remembering the Lord's Passion in this wonderful and powerful prayer helps us to understand the great love the Lord has for us in what He has done for us.

Another opportunity would be the Sacrament of Reconciliation or Confession. The Lord waits for us, and wants to bestow abundant Mercy upon us, and calls us to repentance in this great sacrament. We will continue to have our confessions at our regular times, as well as from 7-9 pm on March 3rd, for the diocesan-wide "The Light is on for You." I encourage all of us, and invite all of us to drink from the well of God's Mercy this Lent by celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

The prayer books given out last weekend entitled "Living Lent with a Passion" is another exercise in daily prayer that we all can take on as well.

The Friday Fish-Fry is also another Lenten opportunity to assist us with our Lenten Fasting and Abstinence. It is also a great opportunity for fellowship, and spending time with and catching up with fellow parishioners. There is a good deal happening this Lent. Please keep your eyes on the bulletin from week to week.

Take good care,
Fr. Bryan

SUNDAY ACCOUNTING TEAMS

We are in need of three new Sunday accounting teams. The teams are made up of two, unrelated individuals who count and record our Sunday collections about once every six weeks. Counting starts between 10:30AM and 10:45AM and usually finishes no later than 1:00PM. If you love working with numbers and are interested in volunteering your time, please contact the Business Manager, Steffany Reid at 922-5400 x 3, Monday through Friday between 8:30AM and 3:30PM. Volunteering is a great way to give of your time and talents while also meeting fellow parishioners.



ST. JOSEPH STEWARDSHIP

Weekly amount needed \$26,540

As of February 14 & 15, 2015

Remember St. Antoninus Parish in your will.

271 Envelopes	\$13,939.00
Loose monies	350.30
Electronic Transfers	4,888.00
YTD Collections	\$769,493.12
YTD Fund Drive	24,217.81

YTD Fund Drive And Coll. Under Budget (\$82,109.07)

2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from Saint Antoninus Parish who has pledged to the 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. These important local ministries depend on our help each year. To make a pledge securely online, please visit CatholicAppeal.net. Our parish goal is \$58,621.14. **As of Monday, February 16, we have reached 36.76% of our goal.**

GIFT CARDS — USE THEM FOR YOUR EVERYDAY PURCHASES. We have Busken Bakery \$10 gift cards, \$10 Kroger gift cards, \$20 Holy Grail, \$10 Price Hill Chili, \$10 Ron's Roost, \$10 Chipotle, \$5 Skyline, \$25 Allison Landscaping and \$10 Servatti's gift cards. We receive 4% of your purchases at Kroger's, Remke's and GFS. By patronizing these establishments, you are also helping us raise funds for St. Antoninus Church. You may purchase gift cards at *the rectory, open, as it is, 8AM-3PM, Monday thru Friday.*

Another way to contribute to St. Antoninus is by using a Remke Reloadable card. You can obtain one from the Parish Rectory if you do not have one.

You can load whatever dollar amount you want to on the card either right at the check-out or at Customer Service. We get 4% of what is spent using your Remke card. **IT DOESN'T COST YOU ANYTHING!** The cards are already linked to St. Antoninus. Help us keep Catholic education at St. Antoninus affordable by simply taking advantage of these two programs. Thank you so much for your participation!



St. Antoninus Parish & Kroger Community Rewards

There are many ways to contribute to St. Antoninus and help our school stay affordable simply by linking your Kroger Plus Card to St. Antoninus. Simply register your Kroger Plus Card to our ID - **80164**. Directions are below.

TO USE THE KROGER COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

- Be sure to have your Kroger Plus Card Number handy. Do you use your phone number at the register? Call 800-576-4377, select option 4 to get your Kroger Plus card number. Register on line at www.krogercommunityrewards.com
- Select your Location, Click on "Enroll" (highlighted in blue).
- Scroll down and look on the lower right side of the page. Click on "GET STARTED, SIGN UP TODAY".
- Sign up for a Kroger Community Rewards Account by entering your email address and creating a password.
- Enter your zip code, select your favorite store then click "save and continue".
- Select "Yes, I have a Kroger Plus Card".
- Enter your Kroger Plus Card #, Last name and zip code then click "save and continue".
- Verify your information, agree to the terms and condition then click "complete registration".
- At this point you will need to check your email for a message from Kroger, click on the link within the body of the e-mail, it will redirect you to Kroger's website to activate your account.
- Click on "Log in to your Account" and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
- Click on Kroger Community Rewards, and then on Edit Kroger Community Rewards Program Information and input your name and address.
- Update or confirm your information.
- Enter our organization number (**80164**) then click "search".
- Select St. Antoninus then click "save changes". **REMEMBER, purchases will not count until after you register your card.**

If you do not have a computer, please call the rectory office at 922-5400 x 2.

WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE

St. Antoninus is in the process of revamping this committee under a new name, Parish Advancement. The Parish Advancement Committee would be a group of six to eight volunteers primarily responsible for fundraising events for the Parish.

Currently this consists of selling local gift cards, our annual 250 Lotto, the Kroger Community Rewards program, The Remke Market Caring Neighbors Reloadable cards and the annual Main-A-Vent. If you are looking for a great way to get involved in the Parish and give of your time and talents, this is an important ministry and one where you can make a huge positive impact.

For more details please contact Steffany Reid, our Business Manager at 922-5400 x 3, Monday through Friday between 8:30AM to 3:30PM or at reid@saintantoninus.org. Thank you in advance for taking an interest in this ministry!

K through fourth grade families: The Altenaus and the Beekleys invite you to enjoy a "Taste of the West Side" as you help support the Main-A-Vent—the church's largest fundraiser. Please join us at the Beekley's house from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm, on **Saturday, February 28**. Bring a gift certificate from your favorite restaurant or another gift of your choice. **RSVP by Saturday, February 21**, to ashaltenau@yahoo.com or maureen.beekley@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In today's Gospel, Jesus overcomes the temptations to wealth, power and esteem. As we begin Lent, may we open our hearts to the grace of prayer, fasting and almsgiving. This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to assist 5 families, providing \$460.00 in food and 1,335.00 for utility, rent and other bills. God Bless You!

FOUR SIGNS OF A DYNAMIC CATHOLIC DISCUSSION/STUDY GROUPS Books and study-guides will be provided. If you would be interested in participating please contact Judy Bonhaus at 451-6718 or at bonhaus@hotmail.com.

WANT TO HAVE THE BEST LENT EVER? Each week, participants will receive short videos and inspiration from Matthew Kelley. Go to this web page to sign up: <http://dynamiccatholic.com/>. Click on the box that says, "BEST LENT EVER".

#ShareJesus: Do Something Big This Lent!
Go to: www.redeemedonline.com, enter your name and your e-mail address, then click on Sign Up. You will receive a 2-3 minute video each day.

Caregiver Resource Connection: *Who is a caregiver?* You are a caregiver whether you devote 5 minutes a week or as much as 24 hours a day. This month's meeting is **2/23/2015 from 1:30 - 3:00 pm in the Holy Family Room**. This group is free and open to the public. If you have questions, please call the Caregiver CAREline at 869-4483 or visit www.ccswoh.org/caregivers for more information.

Give the Gift of Music and Support Catholic Elementary Education

\$5 from each ticket purchased can be donated to the Catholic elementary school tuition assistance program of your choice and those donations are matched by the ESAP (Educational Scholarship and Assistance Program) for a combined \$10 per ticket donation! Toronto-based award-winning a' cappella group, **Cadence, will also be at St. Xavier on Feb. 28**. For show information and tickets, go to www.gcparts.org or call 570-0652 for information.

ST. ANTONINUS WIDOWS GROUP will have a luncheon at Nick and Tom's, 5774 Bridgetown Rd., at 12:30PM on **Wednesday, March 11**. Meal is individual choice, individual payment. RSVP before March 6, to Martha Reilly at 922-8136.

ST. ANTONINUS MEN'S ANNUAL RETREAT will be at the Milford Spiritual Center on **Friday, March 6**, beginning with a social hour at 5:30PM. Followed by dinner at 6:30PM. The retreat will end with lunch on Sunday, March 8. Our retreat director will be Fr. Leo Cachat, S.J.. The theme of the retreat is "Growing in Friendship with Jesus."

For reservations call Mary Ellen at 248-3500 x 10 or Bill Kaye at 505-1533.

The Main-A-Vent will be held on Saturday, March 21st
\$50.00 per person. We have begun to sell Grand Raffle Tickets for a chance to win \$10,000 cash and an opportunity for a St. Antoninus Family to win (1) Tuition Credit for the 2015-2016 school year. There will only be 250 tickets sold. Order forms and rules are also available on the website at mainavent.org. We will be selling Grand Raffle Tickets after church in the upcoming weeks as well.

Cincinnati Catholic Engaged Encounter is an excellent marriage preparation to help you fulfill your Pre-Cana requirement for getting married in the Catholic Church. The next date is April 17-19, May 15-17, July 31-August 2 and October 9-11. For registration and info go to www.cincinnatiengagedencounter.org. Or call Ashley Altenau, at 479-1700 or ashaltenau@yahoo.com with any questions.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

Because of the cancellation of last week's Prayer Group due to weather conditions, we are revising the Lenten schedule.



During Lent, the Prayer Group will be meeting in chapel immediately after the Stations of the Cross. You may wish to continue your Lenten devotion by joining us in prayer, praise, and reflection on one of the Penitential Psalms and other Lenten devotions. We will finish at 8:30 PM.

On this Tuesday evening, Ben Klaene will lead the reflection on Psalm 32 including the reading of the Psalm as well as a meditation on its message. The Psalms are especially powerful because they emerge from the deep sentiments in the heart of the Psalmist as he faces his own sinfulness and the mercy of God.

In addition, we will speak about prayer – its great value and the ways that we can integrate it into our busy lives. We will allow time for discussion and questions. Join us in Chapel immediately after the Stations of the Cross which begin at 7:00 PM.

ROSARY MEMORIAL GARDEN



For information about engraved stone blocks please call Mrs. Steffany Reid, Business Manager at 922-5400, weekdays, between the hours of 8:30A-3:00P.

FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

If you wish to dedicate the placing of flowers for one week at the altar in memory of a loved one or to honor a person or special occasion, please send \$50 to the rectory office with your name, phone number (and the week you would like to reserve). More than one family may reserve the same week. ***There will be no flower arrangements during the Lent and Advent seasons.*** If you have questions call Steffany Reid, Business Manager, at 922-5400.

MOPS: Mothers of Potential Saints group (this includes mothers of children 2nd grade and younger) meets here at St. Antoninus Parish on **(March 4) the first Wednesday of each month in the undercroft from 9:15 AM to 11:00 AM**. Babysitting is available. If you have any questions please contact, mops@saintantoninus.org

ADULT SOCIAL GROUP Membership dues of \$5.00 per person is due before March. The Keeneland trip is closed. Thank you for responding promptly!

March luncheon and Communion service will be on **Monday, March 9**. RSVP with your \$9 per person before Wednesday, March 4, to Dottie Brown, 5559 Lucenna Dr., 45238.

DECREE ON CHILD PROTECTION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

VIRTUS MEETINGS WILL BE HELD, IN THE CHURCH UNDERCROFT, ON THE FOLLOWING DATES **7:00pm, Monday, March 9, 7:00pm, Wed., April 22, at 7:00pm, Tuesday, May 19, at 7:00pm, Tuesday, June 2, at 7:00pm**

ALL EMPLOYEES AND REGULAR VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ONE VIRTUS TRAINING MEETING. YOU MAY ATTEND HERE OR AT ANY OTHER LOCATION WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT: www.virtus.org. MAKE SURE THAT THE "USER'S LOCATION" YOU CHOOSE DURING REGISTRATION IS ST. ANTONINUS – EVEN IF YOU ATTEND VIRTUS AT ANOTHER LOCATION. PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE DOWN YOUR VIRTUS USER- ID AND YOUR PASSWORD. YOU WILL NEED TO USE THEM MONTHLY.

Volunteers (unless you coach high school students) are no longer required to go for fingerprints. Instead, volunteers are required to complete an on-line background check. If you wish to pay for the on-line background check yourself, you can complete it as a part of the VIRTUS registration. If you volunteer at St. Antoninus and would like a pre-paid code to pay for the background check, do not start the background check when you register for VIRTUS. Instead, send an e-mail to Deacon Bob Schroeder at:

schroeder@saintantoninus.org. He will send the pre-paid, one-time-use code to you via e-mail. If you coach high school students, you are also required to complete fingerprinting. Kindly e-mail Deacon Bob at the address above and he will send directions.

TRAVELING CHALICE

Please call Debbie at 922-2414, to sign up for one week to take the Traveling Chalice into your home. The presence of the chalice in one's home is a reminder to pray for vocations. A small prayer-booklet comes with the chalice.

Thank you for your generous contributions to the Collection for the Church in Central and Eastern Europe. Your gift is an expression of solidarity with the suffering people of this region. Through joining in the work of this collection, you are helping to restore the Church and build the future. Please visit www.usccb.org (search "Church in Central and Eastern Europe") to learn more about what your donations have accomplished.

40 Days for Life thru March 29th, 2015. Plan to come anytime 7am - 7pm daily with weekly Friday Group Vigils 7-8pm, outside Planned Parenthood abortion clinic, 2314 Auburn Ave. To join with others from the parish, call Joan Loebker, 922-0348. For info, go to: www.40daysforlife.com/cincinnati