

**MONDAY, MARCH 30**

**6:45AM** Special Intentions of Ray Nerswick– Bacon Family  
**8:00AM** Jim Conroy– Wedd. Anniv. Rem.– Clarice

**TUESDAY, MARCH 31**

**6:45AM** Endowment Fund Honorees both Living and Deceased  
**8:00AM** Richard Gerhardt—Bev & Vince Meyer  
**7:00PM** Way of the Cross

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1**

**6:45AM** Dick Witte– Anniv. Rem.– Paul & Joan  
**8:00AM** Mary O'Connor—Bd. Rem.—Family  
**12:45PM** Way of the Cross

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2,**

**8AM** Morning Prayer  
**7:30PM** Mass of the Lord's Supper  
(Franco Santoro– Anniv. Rem.– Anna Bonavita)  
After Mass —Adoration until 11PM.

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3,**

**8AM** Morning Prayer  
**12Noon** 7 Last Words  
**12Noon – 12:45PM** Confessions  
**1PM—2:30PM** Liturgy of the Lord's Passion followed by Confessions  
**2:30PM** Way of the Cross  
**7:30PM** Way of the Cross and Confessions

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4,**

**8:00AM** Morning Prayer  
**8:45PM** Easter Vigil

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

**8:00AM** Audrey Deiters - Bd. Rem.—Family  
**9:30AM** Katherine Dene—Bella Panzera  
**11:30AM** Jo Anne Wessendorf– Family



**CONFESSIONS**

**Thursday, April 2,** No Confessions scheduled  
**Good Friday, April 3,** 12Noon to 12:45PM,  
after 2:30PM until 3PM, and 7:30PM  
**Saturday, April 4,** No Confessions scheduled

**THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3RD, AND EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 6TH.**

**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.

*No Exposition on Good Friday.*

**LECTORS APRIL 4 & 5, 2015**

ALL LECTORS WILL BE VOLUNTEERS FOR EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY

**SERVERS MARCH 30—APRIL 1, 2015**

**6:45AM** Winnie & Richie Brunsman

**8:00AM** Sean & Gabe Niedhard

**APRIL 4 & 5, 2015**

ALL SERVERS WILL BE VOLUNTEERS FOR EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS APRIL 4 & 5**

ALL MINISTERS WILL BE VOLUNTEERS FOR EASTER VIGIL AND EASTER SUNDAY

**TRAVELING CHALICE**

**YOUR PRAYERS ARE POWERFUL!!** Now, more than ever, **WE NEED PRAYERS!** PLEASE consider taking the Traveling Chalice into your home and pray alone, or as a family, for the intentions of our Holy Church, Vocations, Pope Francis, all Church leaders, our country, and for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. We are grateful for all those who over the years have served our parish as pastor, and we ask God's blessing on whomever in the days ahead is assigned to that honored office. With Gratitude & Thanks! Call Debbie at 922-2414 to schedule the Traveling Chalice.

**THANK YOU** to American Heating and A/C, Co. for advertising in our bulletin.

# FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



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

This weekend, the Church begins Holy Week. This is the holiest, and most sacred time in the Church's Liturgical calendar. This is the week that we commemorate the Passion and Death of Our Lord, and celebrate His Resurrection from the dead. This commemoration begins today with Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday. Today's Mass is somewhat double sided, in that at the beginning of Mass, we recall the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem and the crowds welcoming him, and acclaiming "Hosanna, blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!" Then, during the reading of the Passion, we recount Our Lord's suffering and crucifixion, where we see the same crowd shouting "Crucify Him! Crucify Him!" On Tuesday evening of this week, the Archbishop will be blessing the Sacramental Oils at the annual Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. Peter in Chains. Typically, most of the priests serving in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati attend and concelebrate this Mass with the Archbishop, during which they renew their priestly vows and commitments to the Lord and His Church. On Wednesday, also at the Cathedral, the Office of Tenebrae is celebrated, which features the extinguishing of candles, as we approach the Passion and death of the Lord. On Holy Thursday, we celebrate in our parish churches the Mass of the Lord's Supper, which commemorates the Institution of the Priesthood, the Institution of the Holy Eucharist, and the call for all of us to serve, which is modelled in the washing of the feet. On Good Friday, we commemorate the Lord's Passion, and venerate the Holy Cross. After the Liturgy of the Passion (which is not a Mass, and Mass is not celebrated anywhere in the Universal Church on this day) the altar is stripped, and the church is left bare. Confessions will be heard at scheduled times on Good Friday, and I invite you to consult the bulletin for those times. On Holy Saturday, the sacraments are not celebrated at all until the Easter Vigil, during which we will receive four candidates into the Catholic Church, and minister to them the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. These three days, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday, are known as the Sacred Triduum, and Morning Prayer, one of the Divine Offices of the Liturgy of the Hours will be prayed publically at 8 am during these three days. I encourage all of you, if possible, please plan to attend, especially if you have never experienced the Triduum Liturgies before.

Finally, this past week, I heard from the Bishop about my next assignment. I have been appointed Pastor here at St. Antoninus. I am grateful beyond words for this assignment, to the Lord, to the Archbishop and Bishop, to the Priest's Personnel Board, and to each and every one of you who wrote a letter of nomination for me, and prayed for me. Thank You! I pray that as we journey together in the years to come, that we grow closer to the Lord and to one another as we live out the Lord's command to love.

Take Good Care,  
Fr. Bryan T. Reif  
Pastor, St. Antoninus Parish

## GOOD FRIDAY FAST AND ABSTINENCE

**Good Friday, April 3**, is a day of abstinence from meat and also a day of fast, that is, limited to a single full meal. The law of abstinence binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The law of fasting binds all Catholics from their 18th birthday until their 59th birthday (canons 97 and 1252). With regard to Good Friday, the teaching of the Second Vatican Council should be recalled. *"Let the paschal fast be kept sacred. Let it be celebrated everywhere on Good Friday, and, where possible, prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the Resurrection may be attained with uplifted and clear mind"* (Constitution on the Liturgy, No. 110). With regard to the obligatory days however, there are frequent questions about the degree of seriousness of the matter. The teaching of Pope John Paul II may be simply paraphrased: the obligation to do penance is a serious one; the obligation to observe, as a whole or "substantially," the penitential days specified by the Church is also serious. No one should be scrupulous in this regard; failure to observe an individual day of penance is not considered serious. People should seek to do more rather than less. Fast and abstinence on the days prescribed should be considered a minimum response to the Lord's call to penance and conversion.



## ST. JOSEPH STEWARDSHIP

*Weekly amount needed \$26,540*

*As of March 21 & 22, 2015*

Kindly remember St. Antoninus Parish in your will.	
266 Envelopes	\$12,813.36
Loose monies	475.16
Electronic Transfers	2,560.00
YTD Collections	\$883,626.26
YTD Fund Drive	26,952.78
<i>YTD Fund Drive And</i>	
<i>Coll. Under Budget</i>	
	<i>(\$97,940.96)</i>

### 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 Parish Church.

**Remember to register your KROGER PLUS CARD on line at [www.krogercommunityrewards.com](http://www.krogercommunityrewards.com).** Account #80164

- **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.**

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Today is Palm Sunday and the beginning of the holiest of Christian weeks. Let us pray for the grace to take up our own cross and to follow Jesus through death to new life. As this year's Lenten season draws to a close, please help St. Vincent de Paul end with a strong push to help the poor in our area and to please place your no-perishable food items in the blue barrel in the greeting room to be distributed at the Holy Family Food Pantry. During Lent, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul was able to bring the mercy of Jesus into the hearts of the poor, by assisting 12 families, providing \$895.00 in food and \$2,255.00 for utility and rent bills. Thank you!

### 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)

Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from Saint Antoninus Parish who has made or pledged a contribution to the 2015 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. These local Catholic ministries (*fund for retired priests, Chaplains, Catholic Social Services, to name a few*) depend on our help each year. To make a pledge securely online, please visit [CatholicAppeal.net](http://CatholicAppeal.net). Our parish goal is \$52,498.00. **As of Tuesday, March 24, 211 families have pledged 69.50% of our goal. Thank you!**

### 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](mailto:reid@saintantoninus.org). Thank you in advance for taking an interest in this ministry!

**The Marthas** are a group of women of the parish who regularly see to it that the church is cleaned and properly prepared for religious services. They perform their work each Thursday morning following the 8:00AM Mass; their job is completed by about 9:30AM. After their work, the women enjoy fellowship with coffee and doughnuts. New members are always welcome. For more information, please call Ginny at 922-1527.

**BIBLE STUDYING on Mondays** in the school library from 7-8PM. The study will be from the readings of the Sundays in Lent. All are welcome to attend.

**IF YOU WISH TO RECEIVE PARISH E-MAIL MESSAGES,** please send your e-mail address to the parish office at [bollin@saintantoninus.org](mailto:bollin@saintantoninus.org). Thank you.

## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL, MR. JACK COREY

I want to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Stephen and Becky Bill as well as Neal and Sondra Gilday. For the past couple of months, they organized this year's Main-A-Vent which took place last Saturday, March 21. Even though the financial figures are not completed as of press time, I can say the event was a great success.

Many of our established parishioners were amazed to see how many new people they did not know. For those who have been here a long time and spent many hours volunteering, it was a great event to see that new parishioners are stepping up and filling in where there is a need. This is encouraging for the future of our parish.

It is hard to believe this Monday starts the final quarter of our school year. If time flies when we are having fun, I must be thoroughly enjoying myself. Plans for next year are taking shape, our kindergarten for next year is bursting at the seams, registration for returning students starts next week, and already books and materials for next year are starting to come in.

Through all of this, we continue with our Lenten journey as we move closer to Easter. Our second graders are preparing for their First Holy Eucharist, and our eighth graders are getting anxious for the transition to high school. Spring has sprung at St. Antoninus and from now until the end of school we will be in a flurry of activity... and I wouldn't have it any other way.



## HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

During Lent, the Prayer Group is meeting in Chapel immediately after the Stations of the Cross. In this Holy Week, we follow up the stations by reflecting on the final Penitential Psalm, number 143. It is the last in a series of seven that the prayer group has studied. *“Teach me to do your will, for you are my God. May your kind Spirit guide me on ground that is level.”* ( Ps 143.10) Thus is the prayer of the Psalmist as he pours out his sinfulness, guilt, and repentance to the Lord requesting forgiveness and above all the guidance and presence of the Holy Spirit. What a powerful way to prepare for Easter! Come and join us in Chapel immediately after the stations .

**MOPS: Mothers of Potential Saints** group (this includes mothers of children 2nd grade and younger) meets here at St. Antoninus Parish on **April 1st, 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](mailto:mops@saintantoninus.org)

## ADULT SOCIAL GROUP

The Steering Committee will meet on Friday, **April 10**, at 1PM in the Youth Room.

Communion Service will be on Monday, April 13, starting at 12:30 PM in the chapel. Luncheon will be served in the undercroft after the service. Our guest speaker will be Rebecca Johnson from the Delhi Historical Society. *\$9 per person is due by Wednesday, April 8th, to Dottie Brown, 5559 Lucenna Drive, 45238*. Make checks payable to “St. Antoninus Adult Social Group”.

## ST. ANTONINUS WIDOWS

All widows of the parish are welcome to attend a dinner at The Farm (239 Anderson Ferry Rd.) at 5PM on **Tuesday, April 14**. Meal is individual choice, individual payment. RSVP before April 8 to Pat Hensler at 467-1024. Dinner is about \$14.00. Payment may be made by credit card, cash or check.

## DECREE ON CHILD PROTECTION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

**VIRTUS** MEETINGS WILL BE HELD, IN THE CHURCH UNDERCROFT, ON THE FOLLOWING DATES **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](http://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.

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](mailto:schroeder@saintantoninus.org). He will send the pre-paid, one-time-use code to you via e-mail.



### 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.

**STEEP CANYON RANGERS**, the 2013 Grammy Award winners for Best Blue Grass album, will perform on **Saturday, April 11, at 7:30PM** in the Martin Marietta Performing Arts Center, Harrison High School, 9860 West Rd., Harrison, Ohio. \$30 in advance. \$35 reserved ticket. Go to [www.gcparts.org](http://www.gcparts.org). \$5 of each ticket purchase goes to the Catholic School of your choice.

**Catholic Singles Spring Dance** at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish, 7820 Beechmont Ave., 45255, featuring "The Whammies", **April 11, 7:30PM to Midnight** - \$15 at the door. *"Our focus is devoted to the needs of Catholic singles thirty years and older, though all are welcome, in the Cincinnati Ohio Tri-State. We seek to promote personal development through spiritual, service and social opportunities"*.

### NIGHT AT THE RACES

Archbishop Purcell Council, Knights Of Columbus, is sponsoring a 'Night At The Races' on **Saturday, April 11, at the Purcell Banquet Center on Glenmore Ave in Cheviot, Ohio**. Doors open at 6:30 with Post Time 7:00 p.m. . Horse Races (10), Split The Pot (3), Reverse Raffle with many, many prizes. Admission \$20.00 at the door, \$15.00 in advance, cost includes \$10.00 betting money, beer, wine, soft drinks & snacks all evening. Bring your own snacks if desired. All proceeds to benefit Pregnancy Center West, Seminarian Support Fund, and the K of C Education Fund. Call Jim Bedel @ 481-8184 or Bernie Karwisch @ 574-8354 for info & tickets.

**Eastertide Vespers** will be held on **April 12 at 7:00 PM** in the Chapel of Mount St. Mary's Seminary. The Easter Vespers (Evening Prayer) includes the singing of hymns, psalms and canticles and will include festival Easter choral music sung by the Athenaeum Chorale & Seminary Schola with the Cincinnati Brassworks Quintet. All are welcome.

**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](http://www.cincinnatiengagedencounter.org). Or call Ashley Altenau, at 479-1700 or [ashaltenau@yahoo.com](mailto:ashaltenau@yahoo.com) with any questions.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKENDS** will be at the Holiday Inn Eastgate during the weekends of **April 17-19** and July 31 to August 2. For reservations call Dave & Jan Stockelman at 251-1940.

*Please pray for the 30 new refugees arriving in Cincinnati. Thirteen individuals have arrived from Bhutan on March 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>. Pray for their adjustment as they learn a new language, culture, and some of them being separated from their families.*



### Volunteer opportunities

Help "welcome the stranger" by volunteering to help pick up donated household supplies or help deliver items to apartments as we help prepare the new home for a refugee who has arrived in this country. To get involved contact Jeanne Cairns, Catholic Charities at **513-672-3707** or by email at [jcairns@ccswoh.org](mailto:jcairns@ccswoh.org).

**Job Opportunities:** Catholic Charities is hiring for several positions. Go to [www.ccswoh.org/careers](http://www.ccswoh.org/careers) for details.

**Are you pregnant?** Catholic Charities' Pregnancy Counseling Program focuses on providing Pregnancy Counseling to women who are struggling with the emotional aspects of their pregnancy. The counseling addresses a wide spectrum of issues, including the initial concerns and anxiety about being pregnant, family discord, mood disturbance, and parenting skills. Licensed counselors provide the counseling. The counseling is performed **at any Catholic Charities office** in the community. For confidential pregnancy counseling services, call 489-8898 to set up an appointment to talk to one of our counselors.