

MONDAY, MAY 1 Saint Joseph the Worker

8:00AM MASS Mary Ellis—Cindy & Ken Kemper

TUESDAY, MAY 2 Saint Athanasius

6:45AM MASS Bernard Haverkamp—Jean & Paul Calme

WEDNESDAY, MAY 3 Saints Philip and James

8:00AM MASS Eugene Santoro—Anniv. Rem.—Anna Bonavita

THURSDAY, MAY 4

6:45AM MASS Joyce Maresco—Bill & Mary Corey

FRIDAY, MAY 5

8:00AM MASS Thomas Simonson— Staff
May Crowning

SATURDAY, MAY 6

8:00AM Communion Service

4:00PM Rosary

4:30PM MASS Jill Brown—Anniv. Rem.—Family

SUNDAY, MAY 7 Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:00AM MASS Intentions of Celebrant

9:30AM MASS Joe Beyersdorfer — Anniv. Rem. —
Family

11:30AM MASS Myrtle Moellmann—Bd. Rem.—
Daughters

1:30PM First Communion



C O N F E S S I O N S

Thursday, May 4, 4:30-5:00 & 7:30-8PM

Saturday, May 5, 3:00-4:00PM

E U C H A R I S T I C A D O R A T I O N

In Matthew 26:40, Jesus says to Peter [and to us], "Could you not, then, watch one hour with me?" Please consider joining your fellow parishioners for 30 minutes, or even one hour, at Eucharistic Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Fridays from 9:00AM until the Adoration ends at 10:00PM.



THANK YOU to West Side Storage & Truck Rental for advertising in our bulletin.

R O S A R Y

Monday thru Friday after the daily Mass.

Saturdays after the 8 AM Communion Service.

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

Friday mornings at *MaryAnn Baverman's home for Moms and grandmoms and young children. We extend an invitation 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.*

St. Antoninus Prayer chain: To intercede for prayer requests, please go to www.saintantoninus.org/prayer-chain, or pick up a list in the back of the greeting room on the right side of the counter. Requests for prayers may be left there, or emailed to: stapraychain@gmail.com, or you may mail request to St. Antoninus Prayer Chain, 1500 Linneman Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238.

S E R V E R S May 1-5, 2017

Monday & Friday, 8AM Mass

Tuesday & Thursday 6:45AM Mass

Hailey Willen Lucy Guenther

Wednesday, 8:00AM Mass

Adult Server

S E R V E R S May 6 & 7, 2017

4:30PM Will Busken, Liam & Brenna Bohan

8:00AM Adult Server

9:30AM Kristen Meyer, Maria Bengel, Kate Oliver

11:30AM Luke Faecher, Grant Kaeser, Harry Hughes

1:30PM Volunteers

E U C H A R I S T I C M I N I S T E R S May 6 & 7, 2017

4:30PM

8:00AM

9:30AM

11:30AM

L E C T O R S May 6 & 7, 2017

4:30PM R. Roederscheimer

D. Kramer

8:00AM C. Kerley

M.L. Rapien

9:30AM Geraghty Family

11:30AM E. Nolan

P. Autenrieb

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THINGS I HAVE SEEN AND HEARD

This weekend is a celebration of the Ministry of the Order of Deacon in our parish. We have two major events going on that are great milestones and events not only for the individuals, but also for the parish and for the life of the whole universal Catholic Church.

First, this weekend, Jacob Willig, who is the son of Dave and Janet Willig and a son of St. Antoninus parish, was ordained a transitional deacon. Deacon Willig, when he was ordained a deacon as the final step along his path towards the holy priesthood, received the sacrament of holy orders, promised to pray the Liturgy of the Hours faithfully, promised obedience to the Archbishop and his successors, and promised celibacy for the rest of his life. Being ordained a transitional deacon is a big deal, and it is when all of the promises to the bishop and the Church are made by the one entering into holy orders. The final year, the deacon year in the seminary, is a busy time for the candidate for the priesthood, and, undoubtedly, will also be a very busy time for Deacon Willig. We wish him our congratulations and best wishes as he enters major orders, becomes a member of the clergy of the Catholic Church, and serves in his ministry not only as a deacon, but, God willing in a year, as a priest.

Second, Deacon Bob Schroeder is celebrating his 25th Anniversary of Ordination as a permanent deacon this weekend. Twenty-five years is a long time, and the Church, as well as St. Antoninus parish, have greatly been blessed and benefited from Deacon Bob's ministry and service. Happy Jubilee, Deacon Bob! May the Lord grant you many more years of active ministry and blessings to come. I hope you will be able to join us after the 11:30 AM Mass this weekend for an ice cream social and reception for Deacon Bob in the undercroft. Please be sure to let him know how grateful you are for his ministry here at St. Antoninus.

Take Good Care,
Fr. Bryan



Parishioners who use this service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. By using online giving, you are helping the parish improve our operational efficiency. **To start, go to the official Saint Antoninus Parish website at www.saintantoninus.org, click About Us, then click Giving, click on the Our Sunday Visitor button, then click the green Create New Account button.** You must set yourself up with your information, including your envelope number. Look on your envelopes, or call the rectory office, for your number. You then have choices of recurring donations or one time donations. If you want this service but do not have a computer, or if you have any questions, please call Beth at the rectory office at 922-5400, x 2.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

For week ending April 16, 2017

Sunday Collections	\$ 7,892.75
Easter	\$27,795.95
School Parish Support	\$ 295.00
Maintenance	\$ 245.00
Holy Days/Special	\$ 1,227.28
Donations	\$ 1,750.00

For week ending April 23, 2017

Sunday Collections	\$13,533.86
Easter	\$ 805.00
School Parish Support	\$ 260.00
Maintenance	\$ 295.00
Holy Days/Special	\$ 1,090.00

Thank you for your continuing support of the parish and school. Please remember Saint Antoninus in your will. Gifts of stock can also be made to St. Antoninus Church. If you currently work for, or are retired from, a company that has a Matching Gift program, you can make your contributions to Parish School Support and have those contributions matched by your company.

HELP JESUS IN DISGUISE

This weekend of April 29/30, we are taking up The Catholic Relief Collection to respond to Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support to struggling communities, and to work toward peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

KROGER PLUS CARD

If you are new to the Kroger Plus Card program, please sign up at Kroger.com. **Go to Account Registration and fill in all your information. Saint Antoninus' number is 80164.** If you are updating your personal information, please follow the same instructions. Your support to St. Antoninus Parish is very much appreciated.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In this Sunday's Gospel, as we hear the story of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, we also come to know that our daily reaching out to our neighbor is our daily walk with the risen Christ; we recognize him in others. **This month, through your gifts, the Society of St. Vincent de Paul of St. Antoninus brought the love and care of Jesus to the poor by assisting eight Western Hills area families, providing \$625.00 in food, \$1,910.00 for utility and rent bills, etc. Thank You!**

Reading I: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33: The Church has always maintained that the Acts of the Apostles is a true history of events. St. Luke's evangelizing and theological purpose did not prevent him from collecting, evaluating, and interpreting facts with a skill that demonstrates he was an excellent historian. Few ancient texts provide such scope for checking their accuracy as Acts does. It is full of references to contemporary (for the time it was written) Jewish, Greek, and Roman history, culture, and topography. Everything it recounts is carefully set into an historical framework. Our reading for this weekend finds St. Peter addressing people who were doubtful about Jesus being the Messiah, foretold in Scripture. Even as the Church, in its earliest days, takes its first steps, St. Peter can be seen to occupy the position of the main spokesman. In verse 14, Peter preaches very boldly and authoritatively, filled with the Holy Spirit, about Jesus being the Messiah. This is quite a contrast for the man who, during the Lord's Passion, denied three times being associated with Jesus! To demonstrate that Jesus of Nazareth is the Messiah foretold by the prophets, St. Peter reminds his listeners of our Lord's miracles as well as of His death and resurrection. St. Peter uses the words of David from Psalm 16 as a basis of his teaching. In addition to the proofs from prophecy, which was very important to the Jewish people, St. Peter adds his own testimony and that of his brother apostles on the resurrection of Jesus.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 16: 1-2, 5-7-8, 9-10, 11 (11a): Our responsorial psalm for Mass this weekend comes from the very Psalm St. Peter quoted in the first reading. It is a **miktam** (a Hebrew musical term) of David which is based on the personal relationship that exists between the Lord and someone totally dedicated to Him. The psalm starts with a plea for the Lord's protection. The author of the psalm has chosen the Lord as his only God, and is at one with all who share in the Lord's holiness. In verses 5 & 6, the psalmist's situation is like that of the sons of Levi, who received no portion of the promised land, because their inheritance was their service in the temple and the share of the offerings allocated to them. In verse 5, the speaker records his contentment with his calling. In verse 7, that contentment is reflected in a praise/blessing offered to God which refers to the benefits that come from God to those who devote themselves fully to Him: He is their constant guide, protector, joy & wellbeing. The psalmist's personal experience of God in verse 9 leads him to address God again and articulate his hope of being released from death and filled with joy, because he has kept the Law and has been the Lord's devoted servant. St. Teresa of Avila expressed this psalm's idea very beautifully when she wrote: *"He who has God wants for nothing. God alone is enough."*

Reading II: 1 Peter 1:17-21: The opening words of this passage, "if you invoke as Father...", may be a reference to the praying of the Our Father. It is known from the **Didache**, or the Teaching of the Twelve Apostles (a text from the apostolic era of the Church), that Christians used to pray the Our Father three times a day. Frequent reflection on the fact that God is our Father fills us with peace and joy, and motivates us to act as children of such a Father. The Christian has attained the honor of being a son or daughter of God. In the next verses, the writer summarizes God's plan for man's salvation, which comes about in Christ. From all eternity, it was God's design to save men through Christ in the sacrifice of Jesus, the prophecy of Isaiah about the Messiah's expiatory suffering. It also completed the liberation of the Israelite first-born in Egypt through the blood of the paschal. The resurrection of Jesus is the basis of Christian faith and hope, and is the main proof of Jesus' divinity and His divine mission. The apostles were, first and foremost, witnesses of our Lord's resurrection, and the proclamation of the Resurrection was the core of apostolic teaching in the discourses of St. Peter and St. Paul in the Acts of the Apostles.

Gospel: Luke 24:13-35: Jesus' conversation (during which they did not recognize Him at first) with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus gives us a very good idea of the disillusionment felt by His disciples after His apparent total failure (the crucifixion). These downcast disciples had given up. They had left everything to follow Jesus, but the events of Good Friday had dashed their hopes, and they were walking sadly back to their old lives. Cleopas' words summarize Christ's life and mission; His passion and death; the despair felt by His disciples, and the events of Easter Sunday morning. Because the disciples are so downhearted, Jesus patiently opens for them the meaning of all the scriptural passages concerning the Messiah. *"Was it not necessary that the Christ should suffer these things and enter into His glory?"* With these words, He rids them of the notion of an earthly and political Messiah, and shows them that Christ's mission is a supernatural one: to save all mankind. Many of our Lord's contemporaries failed to understand His supernatural mission, because they misinterpreted the Old Testament texts, and these disciples were no exception. The journey ends when they reach the village, and Jesus appears to be traveling further. The disciples asked Him to remain with them. This is an important point. Jesus does not force Himself on anyone. He wants us to turn to Him freely. And Jesus stays with them. They are sharing a meal with Him. When Jesus *takes* the bread, *blesses* it, *breaks* it, and *gives* it to them, their eyes are opened and they recognize their Lord. *Continued on the next page.*

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He now vanishes from their midst, but the disciples are overjoyed, and they start traveling once more, even though night is falling, to tell the others about Him, because so much joy cannot be kept in one heart alone. It must be shared. They return to Jerusalem immediately. There, they find the apostles and some other disciples gathered together with Peter, to whom Jesus has also appeared. The newly arrived disciples are told that the Lord has appeared to Peter, and they, themselves, share what had happened on the road, and how they had recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread.

Reflection: Can you imagine what it would have been like to be traveling with Cleopas and his friend as they were walking to Emmaus? How exciting it would have been to hear Jesus interpreting the Scriptures, and to see the look in their eyes when they recognized Him in the breaking of the bread!

Actually, we are much closer to that experience than we might think. How is that possible? Notice how closely the structure of the Mass follows the structure of this encounter between Christ and the disciples on the road to Emmaus: Christ comes to meet them on the road; through the priest, Christ comes to meet us right where we are. In the midst of our sorrows and joys, He is present, veiled behind the personality of the priest, but really through the sacrament of Holy Orders. In the Gospel passage, Christ then explains the scriptures to them, showing how they point to Him, and relating them to the disciples' present needs; and what is the first part of the Mass (the readings and the homily) if not a reenactment of this walk to Emmaus? Finally, Christ joins them for the evening meal, and breaks bread with them; here is the second part of the Mass, the Eucharistic prayers, the consecration of the bread and wine into Christ's Body and Blood, and the reception of Holy Communion. To have the privilege of participating in the celebration of the Eucharist is to encounter the Crucified and Risen One, and to let Him set our hearts on fire. In every Mass, in every Tabernacle, He draws near to us and walks by our side. In Holy Communion, He continues to share His life with us. He is truly present, reaching out to us, speaking to our hearts, behind the thin veil of faith. If only we, like those two disciples, are honest and courageous enough to open our hearts to Him, and invite Him into the secret places of our souls, we will see Him anew, and His love will burn within us. Holy Spirit, help us, the St. Antoninus parish family, at Mass to recognize Jesus in the Liturgy of the Word, and to look beyond the Bread we eat in the Eucharist to see our Savior and our Lord.

ADULT SOCIAL GROUP

On **May 8**, the Communion service will be at 12:30PM in the chapel. Lunch will be served in the undercroft at 1PM. \$9.00 per person is due by Wednesday, May 3, to the rectory office. Call Bob Brown at 451-4842 to RSVP.

SECOND SIGNS STUDY GROUP

Saturday, May 13th at 8:45am: To honor Our Lady of Fatima on her feast day and the 100 year anniversary of Apparitions, there we will: pray for a plenary indulgence in the chapel at OLF statue, then, go to the Holy Family room for a discussion/powerpoint presentation on the Rosary. Suggested: on www.formed.org – movies: "Finding Fatima", "The 13th Day", or "Prayer: a surge of the heart", or Audio, "Praying the Rosary like never before", etc. FREE rosary's and CD's with the rosary, divine mercy chaplet and information from the Mary Foundation will be provided.

DECREE ON CHILD PROTECTION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

VIRTUS MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT ST. ANTONINUS, IN THE CHURCH UNDERCROFT, ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: **May 16 and June 12.**

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 get fingerprinted. 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, contact Deacon Bob Schroeder before you register for VIRTUS, or do not complete the background check when you register for VIRTUS. Contact Deacon Bob Schroeder at: schroeder@saintantoninus.org. He will send the pre-paid, one-time-use, code to you via e-mail. The code will work only for those who have St. Antoninus as their primary user location on their VIRTUS account.

If you coach high school students, you are also required to complete fingerprinting. E-mail Deacon Bob at the address above, and he will send directions to you.



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 (check made out to Saint Antoninus Church, with Altar Flowers in the memo line) 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 Advent and Lent seasons. If you have questions, call Steffany Reid, Business Manager, at 922-5400, x 3.

TRAVELING CHALICE

Now, more than ever, PLEASE consider taking the Traveling Chalice into your home and pray, either as a family or alone, for the intentions of our Holy Church, for Vocations, Pope Francis, all Church leaders, our country, and for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. Call Debbie at 922-2414 to schedule the Traveling Chalice. Thank you to Mary Lynne Rapien for taking the Traveling Chalice into her home.



ST. ANTONINUS NETWORK OF CARE

As we go through life's stages, sometimes we are in a position to help others, while at other times, we are in need of help. A network of volunteers is prepared to serve the St. Antoninus Parish Family by providing a meal after hospitalization, surgery or medical treatments; transportation to medical treatments or to Mass; prayer for the intentions on the St. Antoninus Prayer Chain; and A Listening Ear to parishioners facing difficulties. For more information, please leave a message on the Network of Care Phone Line at 922-5400, ext. 8, and someone will return your call.

HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP

In 1955, Pope Pius XII proclaimed May 1st as a memorial feast day in honor of St. Joseph the Worker. One of the few things we can learn about St. Joseph directly from the Bible is that he was a carpenter, and he taught those skills to his foster son, Jesus. As a skilled craftsman, Joseph is a model for all working people who are dignified by their labor, as they provide for their households and bring Christ into the workplace. Join us on **Tuesday evening at 7 PM in the Chapel** as we explore and contemplate the life of St. Joseph. We will conclude by praying the Litany of St. Joseph. All are welcome!

ST. ANTONINUS WIDOWS are welcome to attend a lunch at Ron's Roost, 3853 Race Road at 12:30PM on **Thursday, May 18**. Meal is individual choice, individual payment. RSVP before May 16 to Joan Friedmann at 574-3388.

ST. ANTONINUS FOOTBALL SIGN-UPS have begun for children in grades K thru 8th grade. The link to Blue Sombrero is <http://sports.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=298914>. You do not have to be a current student at St. Antoninus to play football, but you do have to be a member of the Parish and the Athletic Club and attending PREP religious education classes in accordance with the Archdiocese Charter on Athletics and Youth. Any questions can be sent to ike_kirch@cinfin.com, or 284-9295.

ATHLETIC CLUB SUMMER FESTIVAL JUNE 9,10,11

The summer festival is fast approaching, and we need **many, many volunteers** to make this year a success. This event is the Athletic Club's major fundraiser, and they are asking for your participation. This is a great opportunity to give back to our school/parish while having fun at the same time. How can you help? Please reach out to one of the coordinators if you are interested in working. We are appreciative of all those volunteering to make the festival a success. THANK YOU!!! Coordinators: Jill McDonald, bakermcdonald@fuse.net, (347-0215), and Pam Faeth, faeth.po@pg.com, (658-7416).

The Athletic Club is hosting the Spring Bid N Buy Gift Gathering Party for the St. Antoninus Festival on Friday, May 19, 2017 from 6 – 9 PM at the Schott Field Memorial Patio. Brats, metts and hot dogs provided. Bring your cooler with drinks for your family and a side or desert to share. We will also have spirit wear and forms available to purchase engraved patio bricks.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Mark Winterhalter the winner of the \$200 prize and T. Mechley the winner of the \$50 prize in the St. A 250 Lotto. Thank you.

Cincy Music Series Finale - Arrival - The Music of Abba on Saturday, May 6, at Mount St. Joseph University. For tickets and info, go to www.cincymusicseries.org, or call 570-0652. For each ticket purchased, \$5 will be donated to the Catholic elementary school of your choice. The ESAP (Education Scholarship and Assistance Foundation) will match the donation for a total \$10 per ticket contribution. What a great way to support our Catholic schools! The Cincy Music Series - Where Great Arts Support Great Education!

CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER is a wonderful marriage preparation weekend that fulfills your Pre-Cana requirements for getting married in the Catholic Church. 2017 dates are: **May 19-21**, June. 10-11, Sept. 16-17, & Oct. 6-8. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Altenau at 479-1700. To register, e-mail www.cincinnatiengagedencounter.org.