



ST. PATRICK CHURCH & SHRINE

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SUNDAY, MARCH 31, 2024

EASTER SUNDAY



He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC... OR WANT TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH

Want to know more about the gifts of God, His Grace & Mercy, present in the church,
Maybe sacraments are for you? Classes 9:50am on Sundays during CCD

RCIA

(859) 356-5151

<https://stpat.church/Spiritual-Formation/RCIA-Program/RCIA-Information-Request>

All adults are welcome to join us!!!



**April 1st to
April 7th, 2024**

Mon	7:35 AM	Repose of the Souls of All of the Faithfully Departed
Tue	7:35 AM	Repose of Willie Todd
Wed	7:35 AM	Repose of Tim Moser
	7:00 PM	Repose of Mike Reynolds
Fri	7:35 AM	Repose of Celine Hynes and For All of the Souls in Purgatory
Sat	8:00 AM	Repose of Frank Lawrence Eilers Living Intention for Charles Edward Compton
	4:30 PM	
Sun	8:30 AM	Repose of Daniel Adkins and For the People of the Parish
	11:00 AM	

Pray For: Jeremy Hurm, Sandy Johnson, Carneal Family, Viola Cleo Bradshaw
Repose of: John "Jack" Lonneman, Mary Catherine Setter, Kathy VanCuren,
Renee Adams

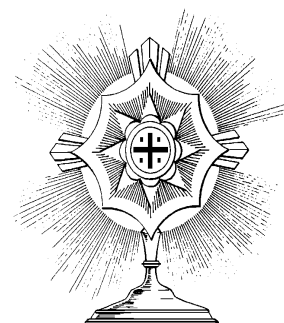


Contact Us

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Bereavement, Welcome Committee & Altar Society:	Judy Schneider Mary Ann Wilson	(859) 356-9562 (859) 356-6498
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Parish Hall:	Pam Nunnelley	(859) 356-5151
Pastor, Spiritual Direction, Adult Formation	Fr. Jeff VonLehmen	859-356-5151

Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses	
Saturday	4:30 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM
	11:00 AM
Holy Day Mass schedule see inside bulletin	
Daily Masses	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:35 AM	
Wednesday (Evening Only) 7:00 PM	
First Saturday Month every month 8am	



Adoration Chapel
Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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St. Patrick Primary School

Phone: (859) 344-7040

Website: <http://stpat.school/>

Facebook: StPatrickTMSchool

Communications: For more info or schedule a tour text the keyword **stpatschool** to the number **84576** & select **Enrollment Info Request** or:
<https://stpatricktm.flocknote.com/signup/81184>

Sacraments

Baptism For more information, please visit the parish website. Baptism classes are generally held at 10am on the first Saturday of every month. Please call the office to register for class or register through the parish website.

Eucharist, Confirmation, & Sacrament of the Sick
Contact the parish office.

Reconciliation Every Saturday 12-1 pm or contact Fr. Jeff anytime for an appointment.

Holy Orders Contact Father Conor Kunath at (859) 392-1566.

Matrimony You must contact the parish at least six months in advance to the desired date. Please complete a Wedding Registration form to schedule a wedding. It is a good idea to confirm the date with the parish first before reserving a reception hall as that date may not be available. For more information, please visit the parish website.

Parish Ministries

Fr. Jeff & Spiritual Direction

Fr. Jeff will be available in the church at certain times for Spiritual Direction. In the case of youth, please bring another person along. If you have a time scheduled, please feel free to come to the church. He is available for about 20-30 minutes per person. However, he will make himself available for longer if needed. Spiritual Direction is a way to help an individual discern how the spirit is leading the person. The role of a spiritual director is not to direct attention to oneself, rather it is to help the directed focus on Christ and sort out confusion or obstacles. Confession is also available during these times. Please contact Fr. Jeff if you would like to schedule a time to meet with him contact the parish office.

Sick & Homebound

If you know of someone in our parish that is: in the hospital, nursing home, sick and/or is homebound, or is in need of the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, please notify us by calling the parish office or email the secretary. Due to privacy laws we are no longer automatically notified unless someone tells us. Please help us serve our fellow brothers and sisters in the parish that are in need of this ministry. Your help in serving them is welcomed and greatly appreciated!

*Thank you and Christ's Peace,
Fr. Jeff*

VIRTUS & Volunteering

Safe Environment Requirements

All volunteers and coaches must be VIRTUS compliant before they may participate.

The first step is to contact the parish office.

Compliance

1. Fill out parish application form.
2. Register online at www.virtus.org, sign up for & attend a class and submit a background check.
3. Background check cleared.
4. Read the bulletins within 30 days of the first Sunday each month.

For more information visit the diocesan website:

<https://covdio.org/safe-environment/how-do-i-start/>

Grief Support Group— Come and be comforted. A group for the bereaved, meets at 9:00am in the parish hall, the second Saturday of the month. Each session explores mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection, activities, and faith sharing. All materials and refreshments are provided.

Ladies Altar Society meets 7pm every 4th Tuesday each month in the Parish Hall.

Liturgical Ministry Volunteers—More volunteers are needed: Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC), Lector, Server & Usher. **All volunteers 18 & over must be VIRTUS compliant.** Choose specific time frames, request a sub for your scheduled position. <http://www.rotundasoftware.com/no-dl/ministry/knock?enroll=1> or call office.

Martha's Ministry -Baby on the way? Loved one sick and in the hospital? Making Meals Meeting Needs is here to help make things a little easier with a meal or two for you and your family. Please contact the office if you would like to help.

New Men's Group Meets on the 2nd & 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in the Mercy Risen Center (building across street with blue cross). Sign up for group notifications: <https://stpatricktm.flocknote.com/signup/94586>.

Parish Nurse Ministry -blood pressure screenings offered the first weekend of each month. Call the office or contact Judy Schneider if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

Project Rachel—God's Greatest Desire is to Forgive if you have ever had an abortion experience, the Catholic Church wants to reach out to you and offer healing and reconciliation through Project Rachel, a confidential ministry for women and men. For more information, please call our Project Rachel confidential telephone number at: (859) 392-1547.



Our donations for February will go to:

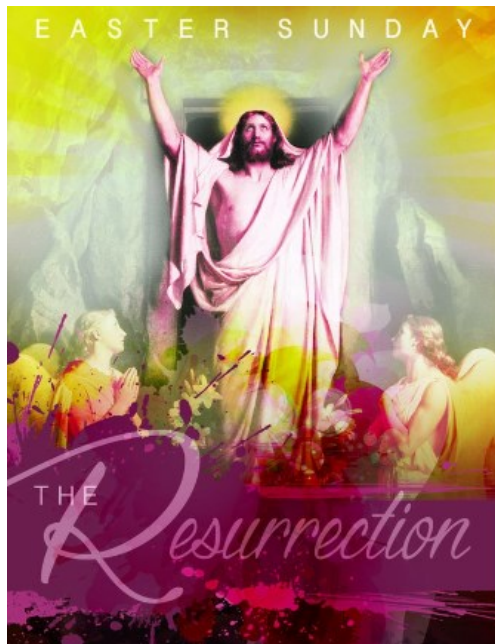
Be Concerned
for the month of March please.

They are asking for cleaning items, dog & cat food, canned goods, baby items, personal hygiene items and toilet paper.

Please say this prayer when assembling your donation then come place it on the shelf by elevator in the upstairs hallway.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving

Thank you Lord, for making my life free of serious want. Protect those in need with food this day. Give me a chance to nourish the poor through my compassion. Help me to see the hungry and never turn away. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.





Stewardship Thank you for your almsgiving, as we have much to do for further development of ministries and maintenance here!

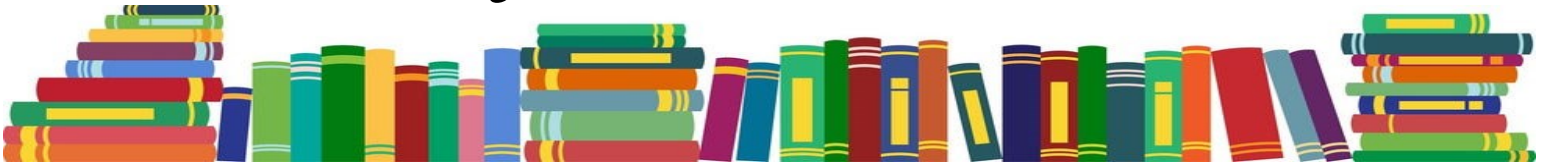
Offertory Program Pledge Amount:	\$ 7,068.00
TOTAL REGULAR OFFERTORY	\$7,378.10
TOTAL BUILDING FUND	\$1,754.50
Maintenance & Repair	(Now included in Building Fund)
Loan Balance as of 3/25/24	\$317,204.59
Parish School Development/Assistance	\$00.00

NOTE FROM FINANCE OFFICE: Offerings given may not be reflected in this weeks totals depending on bank processing.

St. Patrick 2023 DPAA Update as of February 29, 2024

Parish Goal	\$60,300.00
Pledges Received	\$66,396.00
*Actual Amount Collected	\$61,880.52

Thank you!



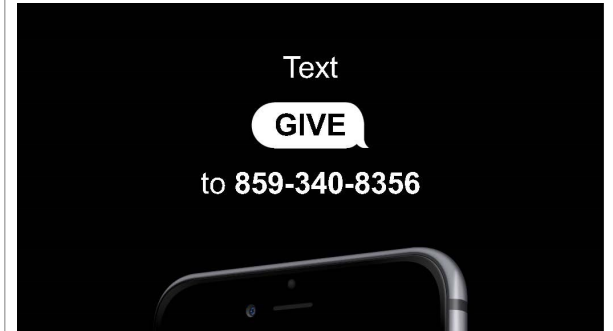
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CCD REGISTRATION IS OPEN
CCD 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

(Preschool Age 4—8th Grade)

In Person & Homeschool Classes Available

CLASS SCHEDULE:

Every Sunday | 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

To register or get more information visit our website:

<https://stpat.church/>

Contact Mallory Hamilton: hamiltonm@stpat.church

or phone: 859-356-5151.

St. Patrick Primary School TM

REGISTRATION IS OPEN PRESCHOOL - 5th GRADE
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Enrollment for all day Kindergarten thru 5th Grade is open to everyone. We welcome enrollment to all children regardless of race, religious affiliation, national origin or sex. Preschool Student Enrollment: There is a registration fee of \$100.00 due at the time of enrollment for all students, and we require a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security card, and current immunization record. Your enrollment is not complete until we receive these three forms and your registration fee. **Not Ready to Enroll... But Would Like to Request More Information:** nunnelleyp@stpat.school
For tuition assistance and more information or if you are interested in a tour, contact us at nunnelleyp@stpat.school or call (859) 344-7040.

For More Information Visit Our Website: <http://stpat.school/>



A special virtue based education is included to help build good character and bring out the image of God in each child

LOW TUITION COST

2024-25 Tuition Kindergarten - 5th Grade: \$4,000/
 student Pay in full or minimum monthly payments (required for 10 months)

EASTER FLOWERS

IN MEMORY OF:

Ken Rudolph
Melissa Folmer
Knox & Folmer Families
Mike Willenborg
Gene & Jane Kremer
Bo & Joe Kremer
Justin & Joyce Reinersman
Patterson Family
Rupert Family
Boy Moser & Barnes Family
Margaret Folding & Margaret Ratkay
Brad Lukey
Ray & Ruth Gausepohl
Herman Liedhegener
Howard & Edna McCubbin
Charles & Maryellen Flesch
Wayne C. Works & Ruth Etson
Justin & Dorothy Schneider
Griffin & Merian Fisk
Skip Fisk
Robert & Angie Barth
Carol Riffle
Terry Lanigan & James McCarthy
Ray Ashcraft & Don Baxter, Sr.
Wanda Kay Stephenson
Shirley Richardson
Alford Mayleben
Marilyn Mayleben
Robert Hartig
Mike Willenborg
Val & Alvina Bilz
Meyer & Hardcorn Families
Patrick Dougherty
Vera Davis & Roger Davis
Audrey Thomas
Katherine Carnahan
Art & Marie Robke
Billy Robke
Joseph Nadicksbernd
Mike Sandfoss
Thomas Sheeran
Justin & Joyce Reinersman
Robert & Marion Kloentrup
Mary Ann Meiman
Mitchell Meiman
Georg Meiman
Janet & Carlos Mahaney
Daniel Adkins
Harthun & Young Families
Charles & Joan Hartman

Lawrence & Mary Robke
Jenna, Jacob & Jordon Goins
Joan Cain & Lura Day
Jim & Sue Korfhagen
Leonard & Dolores Koester
Alan Schippers & Roger Buesing
Fischer & Warken Families
Patrick Farnand & Carolyn Farnand
Ken Frohlich
Carl Tillery
Bill & Barbara Hughes
Sheehy Family
Walter & Shirley Magee
Frank Halpin
Halpin, Matthews & Steeves Family
Stanley & Rosemary Feder
Kenneth & Mary Mullins
Raymond & Lorena Tungate
Baby Augustus Edward Combs
Reinersman & Saner Families
Don Wilson
Diekmann & Wilson Families
Krista Kaelin
Mary Lee Merten
Gene Merten

PARISH FAMILY:

Rose & Louis Schlosser
Anonymous
Lawrence Koehl
Joanne & Alan Daly
Chuck & Arlene Truitt
Mr. & Mrs. John Feldman
Mrs. Carl Tillery
Mr. & Mrs. David VanHorn
Mr. & Mrs. Scott Pragar
Elaine Mulderink
Mr. & Mrs. Joe Gebauer
Marilyn Mills
Mr. & Mrs. Dannie Finke
Mr. & Mrs. Garrett Ferrara
Mr. & Mrs. Martin Whitacre
Mr. & Mrs. Don Best
Mr. & Mrs. Tom Flesch
Bill Hemsath
Mr. & Mrs. Delbert New
Mr. & Mrs. Paul Koch
Anne Adkins
Bobbie & Randal Folmer
Mary Ann Wilson

Parish News & Local Events

CCD NEWS— Sunday, March 31st and April 7th— NO Class— all grades— Happy Easter.

St. Patrick Summer Sacrament Class -St. Patrick Summer Sacrament Class welcomes children grades 3 through 7 into the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. The class prepares the children for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. **The first class will meet in the parish hall in June 2024. Both parents and children are to attend. You will meet the teachers, and determine class day and times best for your family. Registration forms can be filled out during this time. Bring a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate.** There are 14 classes that are approximately 1 hour each. The sacraments will be celebrated in August during Mass. For more information, contact the parish office at 859-356

Chef Barone Fundraiser March 25-April 10—St. Patrick School TM will be selling Chef Barone Pizza and hoagie kits to raise money for **STEM** (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) supplies. Chef Barone is a local store and catering company. The kits will cost \$25 each. The kits will arrive approximately April 22nd. Contact Pam Nunnelley at nunnelley@stpat.school if you are interested in ordering any items.

12" Thin Pizza Kit

These kits include three 12" par baked crusts, 1 pound of freshly grated mozzarella cheese, 5 ounces of pepperoni, and one 19 ounce can of Chef Barone pizza sauce.

Pizza Hoagie Kit

These kits include six precooked hoagie steaks, six 8" par baked hoagie rolls, ½ pound of freshly grated mozzarella cheese, and a 19 ounce can of Chef Barone's special recipe pizza sauce.

Mushroom Hoagie Kit

These kits include six precooked hoagie steaks, six 8" par baked hoagie rolls, ½ pound of freshly grated mozzarella cheese, and a 19 ounce can of mushroom steak gravy.

Bereavement Committee— Please prayerfully consider volunteering some time to serve on this amazing committee. There are many pieces to helping those who have lost a loved one. What a beautiful time to serve the Lord by serving others at this delicate time. The hope is to get enough volunteers to be able to rotate the time to be "available" to help. Would you like to know more? Please call or email Christy at the parish office. 859-356-5151 and parishoffice@stpat.church

You will be amazed at the graces that come back to you.

HCHS Mulch & Pine Straw Sale -Holy Cross High School is having its 26th Annual Mulch Sale, selling 3 colors of mulch in 2 cubic foot bags for \$4.95 per bag and Pine Straw for \$9.75 per bale, which are approximately 12" x 12" x 23". All prices include FREE DELIVERY and sales tax. HCHS students will deliver mulch to your home, business or rental property anywhere in Kenton, Boone and Campbell Counties and will put it anywhere on your property, starting March 30th and continuing for at least 4 weeks. All proceeds benefit Holy Cross High School. Go to www.hcmulch.com or call (859) 392-8999.

RCIA Catechumen Greg Bickers from St. Patrick Parish RCIA was featured in a recent article in The Messenger!

Messenger

'It just hit me ... Jesus is real'

Bella Young

Multimedia Correspondent

During the Easter Vigil, at parishes throughout the diocese, 107 catechumens and 108 candidates will become the newest members of Catholic Church in the Diocese of Covington. The Messenger is highlighting the stories of a few of these members. In this second in a series of articles, Greg Bickers, a catechumen at St. Patrick Church, Taylor Mill, shares his path to the Church.

For most of his adult life, Mr. Bickers has battled an addiction to drugs and alcohol. During this time, he had been passively attending Mass with his wife who is Catholic, but Mr. Bickers said he doubted parts of the faith.

"I always questioned God ... All this time that I said is God real, can he take my pain away?" Mr. Bickers said.

Growing up in Pentecostal Church, Mr. Bickers said

that he was not always sure of the Pentecostal faith either. He had seen his other church

members fall to the ground, overcome by the Holy Spirit. "I never felt like that in there," he said.

When he attended Mass, Mr. Bickers said it felt different, "When I got to the Catholic religion it was calm, it was peaceful. I just felt it."

After a short time in treatment for addiction, on Sep. 26, 2019, Mr. Bickers said he knew he wanted to convert.

"I came home and started going to church every Sunday since then," he said.

Mr. Bickers said he had a moment while driving, when he knew he was making the right decision. "Father Jeff (VonLehmen) said as we go through the program, we'll start feeling Jesus more and getting closer ... I was driving and listening to a song and I just got started thinking about God, just got tears in my eyes, and I got real hot and it just

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hit me. Jesus is real."

He says attending Mass every week and learning about God has helped keep him sober.

Mr. Bickers says he takes his newfound faith and applies it to other areas of his life, specifically his work.

"My title is Substance Abuse Disorder Technician, mainly I work the front desk and help them with their medicine," he said.

Working at a drug treatment center, Mr. Bickers said, he sees God working through people every day.

"I see guys come off the street beat, torn down, have no clue. They start going to AA, learn about God, you just see a little spark come out. The next thing you know they have a long time sober and they're doing great," he said.

Mr. Bickers journey has not been easy, but he is grateful that it has led him to the Catholic Church. "Everything I've been through, all that I had to go through to find God ... I wouldn't change a thing," he said.

Fish Fry Volunteer Picnic— Saturday, May 18th from 3:00pm to 9:00pm at Mills Road Park (back shelter by volleyball court). We will eat at 5:30pm. Meat is provided. Bring your own drinks and a side dish, snack, or dessert to share. Sign up sheets will be in the back of church.

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to make the 2024 Fish Frys such a wonderful success!!!! (See you next year!)



April 7th, 2024

Beginning at 3pm

-Divine Mercy Chaplet Traditional Chant

by cantor Alan Pickett

-Time for Adoration

-Confessions

DIVINE

MERCY

Sunday

St. Patrick Parish– 33 Weeks to Eucharistic Glory

March 31st-Week Seven

Lesson

Just keep showing up for prayer and your other spiritual practices. Show up each day regardless of how you feel, or if it is convenient, or whether or not you think it is bearing any fruit. God's ways are mysterious. He is at work in your soul like the roots of a mighty tree beneath the surface. Just because you don't know what God is doing doesn't mean He isn't preparing you for whatever is next. Just show up and let Him work on you.

Virtue of the day

Perseverance: The virtue of perseverance is essential for friendship and love. Perseverance teaches us to resolve difficulties. Acquiring this virtue requires both grace and significant personal effort. There is no virtue in beginning. It is easy. Many start, few finish. This is true in almost everything. Don't look at how far you still have to go, look at how far you have come, and consider how your life would be if you had never found this path at all.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Jesus,

I believe that You are truly present in the Most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist.

Every day I long for more of You.

I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul.

Since I cannot receive You sacramentally at this moment, I invite You to come and dwell in my heart.

May this spiritual communion increase my desire for the Eucharist.

You are the healer of my soul.

Take the blindness from my eyes, the deafness from my ears, the darkness from my mind, and the hardness from my heart.

Fill me with the grace, wisdom, and courage to do Your will in all things.

My Lord and my God, draw me close to You, nearer than ever before.

Amen.

From the desk of Fr. Jeff:

The next challenge for St. Patrick:

Every parish like every class has its own unique flavor. St. Patrick has a unique role or flavor in the history of the diocese. And it is true that as it has developed over the years which I have witnessed, it has contributed to the diocese as a whole. This is not solely about the DPAA but evidence can be found in our support of it. During each stage of our growth, we have been able to better support diocesan ministries.

But there is a much bigger picture here. It has gone unnoticed. The point is that the parish community has a unique role not only in diocesan history but in salvation history. The parish community is here for a reason. You and I are here for a reason in this parish community. The parish is a gift from Christ through the Church. We are part of the mission here and now. As we develop the gift, it has a greater influence in the area God has asked us to take care of.

The mission is to hear and spread the Good News of the Father's Love in Christ and to share it in this small rural area and reach literally thousands of sheep that have not met the Divine and Human Shepherd "who was tempted in every way we are though never sinned so that we can turn to Him for grace and mercy."

We are talking about offering people the Good News of what only God can do for us and with us for this local people in Taylor Mill, Covington, Latonia and Independence (we are in all four cities some how.) So what is the challenge? Have we heard the Good News so deeply that we (not just the priest and a few parishioners) but every one here is willing to share it with another person who does not know the Love of God. The growth in the pews and the parish will only be able to continue to affect Salvation History to the extent we accept the challenge to share the Good News and to do what we need to do to experience first ourselves.

In 2003, following the terrible events and recovery from 911 in 2001 in our country, we began plans to renovate (much more involved than simply restoring an old church) and build a strong foundation, a strong center: The Center of it all, the Eucharistic Heart of Jesus to keep us centered in His Loving Embrace in our daily lives. The renovation marked more than an external feat. It was truly a miracle in light of what was happening in the world and church at that time. The people here became a light of hope and faith in a dark time and that has not ceased.

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From the desk of Fr. Jeff:

**The next challenge for St. Patrick:
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We wanted to prune activities which take away from the forming and healing of the family.. As the family goes, so does society. In other words, we focused on growing a healing and reconciling atmosphere rather than simply more extra curricula activities which take away from family time together and time with the Lord. Did you ever hear: "I am too busy" ?. We did not want to add to that busy-ness but find a way to help resolve it: To help the family find that inner Center who is Jesus and His peace and hope which only God can give in the midst of distracted and polarized society around us. Our Adoration Chapel open 24 hours a day has done that for so many of us, even if just for a few moments a day or week.

The challenge is to be a family of families as St Patrick Parish who can reach out and bring the Good News to others. We have begun to do that through the gracious parishioners facilitating bible studies , works of Mercy (Received Ministry) and also the expansion of our mission school (grade school) as a means of sharing the Good News.

Once again the challenge: Have you and I been so convicted of God's immeasurable Mercy and heart -changing (world changing graces) that we want to bring others (feeling lost, anxious, afraid, unreconciled, burdened) into the salvific encounter with Jesus Christ. Do we surrender to His Love to let it guide us in everything we do?

It is quite a challenge. Parish community is fragile. Artificial Intelligence will be the next revolution which will amply podcasts, videos, virtual reality. And so will people, especially the youth and young adults, find a place outside the parish community on the internet without the very personal encounter with each other and Christ around the Eucharistic table? There are and will be many good things that come with artificial intelligence, but will it replace relational and moral intelligence ? All the more reason to share the Good News and experience it ourself in this place and this time . Are you and I are willing to do that here in our unique role and mission as St. Patrick community to contribute to Salvation History: the Good News of God who is Relationship (a Communion of Persons, One Trinitarian God).

Let's bloom where we are planted. And continue to bloom. These are the challenges of the New Evangelization and New Springtime.

Lenten blessings and challenges.

Christ's peace, fr jeff.

Extraordinary Graces: What Does Christ's Promise Really Mean?

Robert Stackpole Answers Your Divine Mercy Questions

In St. Faustina's Diary, she recorded a message from Jesus about the extraordinary graces He wants to pour out upon souls through the devout reception of Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday. Jesus says, "The soul that will go to confession and receive Holy Communion [on that day] shall obtain complete forgiveness [or remission] of sins and punishment" (699).

One of our readers, a Mr. Bradley, asked me precisely what this promise from Jesus really means. Believe me, Mr. Bradley, you are not alone. This is one of the most frequently asked questions in my e-mail letter-box!

First, a couple of clarifications. I will use the old translation of "remission" of sins and punishment rather than "forgiveness," just because people have very funny ideas about what forgiveness means these days, and that can further complicate an already difficult subject.

Second, when we talk about "the remission of sins and punishment," we are speaking about two very different aspects of reconciliation with God.

Remission of "punishment" obviously refers to the judicial aspect: God pardons us of the debt we owe to His divine justice for our sins. We offended Him, wronged Him, and He has a right to expect compensation, restitution or reparation of some kind from us, but on the basis of the merits of the life, agony and passion of His divine Son, Jesus Christ, when we repent of our sins, He remits what we owe to Him, "wipes the slate clean," and pardons us.

Remission of "sins," on the other hand, refers to the more relational aspect of reconciliation. "Sins" are remitted when God restores to us His friendship, pouring His Holy Spirit into our hearts, filling our hearts with sanctifying grace, which includes the virtues of faith, hope, and love.

God remits all sins and punishment whenever, by the help of His grace, we attain "perfect contrition" (in other words, repentance for sin out of pure love of God) - which, for most of us, is exceptionally rare! The trouble is that most of us are contrite for our sins for "mixed" reasons (love of God, but also fear of punishment, disgust at ourselves, social embarrassment, etc.), in which case, in response to such "imperfect contrition," God remits the "eternal punishment" for our mortal sins (in other words, He will not consign us to hell), but "temporal punishment" for them remains (in other words, we are still in a state of partial moral debt to Him because we have not fully repented of those sins).

With the help of His grace, and in union with Christ, the temporal punishment still due for our sins can be remitted in a number of ways: by prayer, penance, good works, etc., acts that are medicinal to our souls, helping us attain a purer love of God. Only "mortal" (grave) sins deserve "eternal" punishment. While we might have confessed and had our mortal sins remitted (in other words, His grace restored to our souls, and the eternal punishment of them pardoned), nevertheless, there may still be a debt of "temporal" punishment due for them, because of our imperfect contrition for these grave sins. Moreover, we may, at times, have unconfessed or unacknowledged "venial" sins on our conscience: smaller sins that still call for temporal punishment, and that weaken our ability to cooperate with the grace He pours into our hearts when He remits our mortal sins. An imperfect contrition for venial sins, whether they have been confessed or not, does not remit all temporal punishment due for them either.

When we go to Holy Communion on Divine Mercy Sunday, therefore, the extent to which we still need "the complete forgiveness (remission) of sins and punishment," as promised by our Lord, will vary a great deal from person to person, and will obviously depend upon the state of the soul at the time of Communion. At the very least, we must have confessed and had remitted all mortal sins, and the eternal punishment due to them (in other words, we must be in a "state of grace") to receive the Communion of Mercy Sunday. That is why the requirement of making a sacramental Confession precedes that of reception of Communion on Mercy Sunday.

But for most of us (since our contrition for these mortal sins is still imperfect), we still need the remission of the temporal punishment due to our mortal sins. Again, there are our smaller, venial sins. The ones we have not confessed or acknowledged still need to be pardoned of the temporal punishment that is their due, grace to combat them still needs to be strengthened in our hearts, and the temporal punishment for any venial sins that we have already admitted to ourselves, and confessed, but for which we never attained more than imperfect contrition, still needs to be remitted.


For most of us, therefore, there is still a lot of "remitting" that needs to be done on Mercy Sunday! God wants our friendship with Him to be completely renewed and restored. Out of His merciful love for us, therefore, He has provided for us a special way to do that on Mercy Sunday, a way that enables Him to apply to our souls all the medicines that we need (remitting for us all our remaining sins and all the remaining punishment due for our sins), so that he can make us the saints that He longs for us to be!

Of course, when we come to Holy Communion on Mercy Sunday, if we are already, by His grace, in a state of perfect contrition for all of our sins, both venial and mortal, then there is no more "remission" needed, and He will simply pour an even greater abundance of grace into our hearts, for there is no end or limit to His merciful love for us!

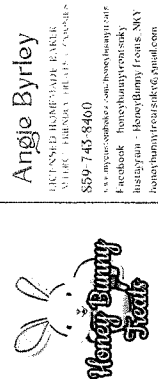
I hope this fully answers your question about the complete forgiveness (remission) of sins and punishment available to all on the Feast of The Divine Mercy. Of course, you do not have to think about all these things on that wonderful day - just receive Him in a state of repentance and trust in His Mercy, and He will take care of all of these theological details!

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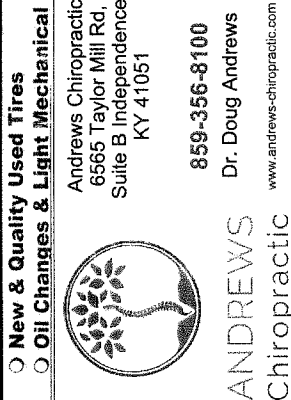

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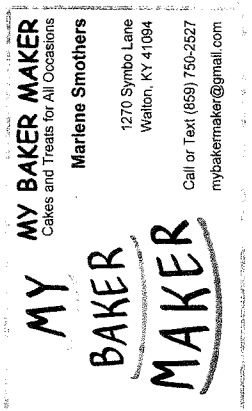

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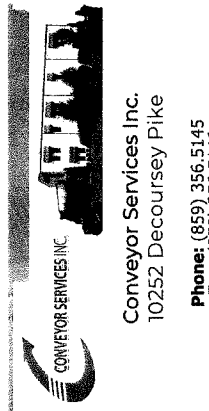

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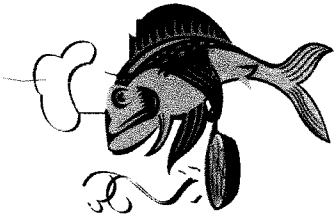
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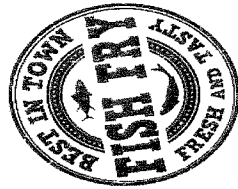

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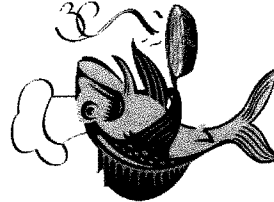

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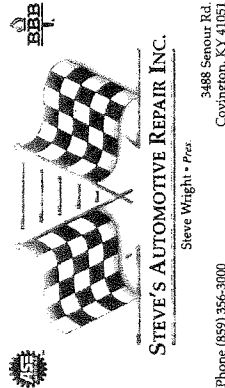


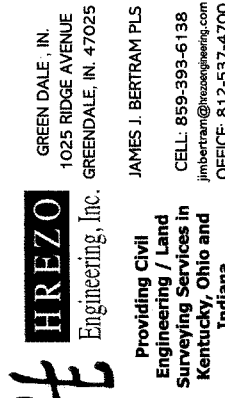
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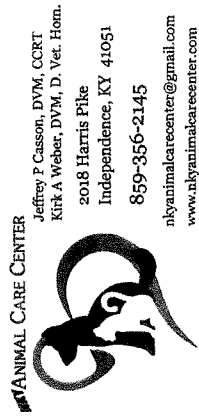

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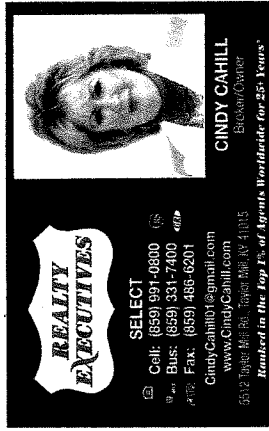

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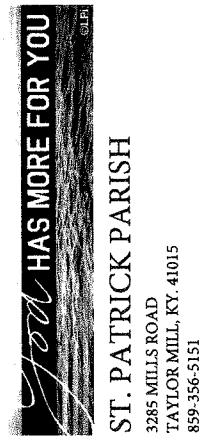
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Memorial Mass for the Loss of a Child- Thursday, April 11, 2024, at 7:00 pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Burlington, KY. Very Rev. Ryan L. Maher, V.F. will be the celebrant. This Mass is being offered for parents, grandparents, family members and friends of those who have lost a child through miscarriage, stillbirth, early infant death, abortion, illness, suicide, accident, or any other reason. All are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact the Diocese of Covington Pro-Life Office (859) 392-1545.

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