

March 3, 2024

3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

Since the Passover of the Jews was near, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. He found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip out of cords and drove them all out of the temple area. - Jn 2:13b-15a

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Our Vision

"We members of the Holy Spirit Family of Parishes, will foster discipleship by making the Eucharist the center of our lives as we form, live, and share our faith."

Our Lady of Grace Parish (OLOG)



Corpus Christi Church



Our Lady of Mercy Church

MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Sat., March 2, 2024

4:30 p.m. at OLOM Kathryn Boesch +

4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., March 3, 2024 *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:30 a.m. at St. A Helen Rau +

9:00 a.m. at CC

10:30 a.m. at St. B

11:00 a.m. at QM Gillis Carter +

Special Intention for birthday

Mon., March 4, 2024 *(No Mass or Communion Service) St. Casmir*

Tues., March 5, 2024

8:30 a.m. at CC

Wed., March 6, 2024

8:30 a.m. at OLOM

Thurs., March 7, 2024 *Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

8:30 a.m. at QM

Fri., March 8, 2024 *(No Mass or Communion Service) St. John of God*

Sat., March 9, 2024 *St. Frances of Rome, Religious*

4:30 p.m. at CC

4:00 p.m. at St. B

Sun., March 10, 2024 *Fourth Sunday of Lent*

8:30 a.m. at St. A Helen Rau +

Loretta Stewart +

9:00 a.m. at OLOM Barbara Siwecki +

10:30 a.m. at St. B

11:00 a.m. at QM Frances Rowley +

PASTORAL STAFF & LEADERSHIP

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Saturday, March 9, 2024 4:30 p.m. at CC

Presider: Fr. Benoit

Lector: Leona Marmolejo

Eucharistic Ministers: Pat Gill/Detsy Sacksteder

Server:

Saturday, March 9, 2024 4:00 p.m. at St. B

Note: New time Change

Presider: Fr. Frances

Lectors/Readers: tbd

Petitions: tbd **Eucharistic Ministers:** tbd

Sunday, March 10, 2024 8:30 a.m. at St. A

Presider: Fr. Frances

Lectors: Jeff Bruns

Eucharistic Ministers: tbd

Sunday, March 10, 2024 9:00 a.m. at OLOM

Presider: Fr. Benoit

Lectors: Mary Obononoidem

Eucharistic Ministers: Deb Ravestein / Sr. Gerri

Server: Consuella Wilson

Sunday, March 10, 2024 10:30 a.m. at St. B

Presider: Fr. Frances

Lectors: Jim Lorow / Sharon Hairston

Petitions: Deacon Victor O'Basuyi

Eucharistic Ministers:

Tracy Henderson, Sylvia Orr, Rita Ellicott, (R)

Emmett Orr, Mary O'Basuyi, Annette Young, (L)

Deacon Victor O'Basuyi (C)

Sunday, March 10, 2024 11:00 a.m. at QM

Presider: Fr. Benoit

Lector: 1-Lou Ann Geel / 2-Steve Koob

Eucharistic Ministers: Larry Schwieterman /

Charlotte Minelli

Server: Carl Meyer

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturdays at 4 p.m. before Mass at SB,
or after daily Masses at CC, OLOG, QM
or by appointment.

Music Ministers

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Parish Council for Holy Spirit Family of Parishes

Chair: Randall Klotz

Vice Chair: Consuella Wilson

HOLY SPIRIT FAMILY OF PARISHES WEEKLY CALENDAR

MONDAY March 4, 2024		
9:00 am—noon	Eucharistic Adoration	QM Church
11:00 a.m.	St. Benedict the Moor Rosary In the sanctuary and Dial-In on Phone	Dial-In Number: 6677701427 Access Code: 556136
TUESDAY March 5, 2024		
9:30 a.m.	Charismatic Prayer Group	CC Madonna Room
4:00 p.m.	Neighborhood Meal	CC Madonna Room
WEDNESDAY March 6, 2024		
9:30 a.m.	QM Bible Study	QM McAuley Hall
11:30 a.m.	Chair Fitness Class	QM McAuley Hall
6:30 p.m.	St. Augustine Rosary	SA Church
7:00 p.m.	St. Benedict Bible Study	In the meeting room
THURSDAY March 7, 2024		
6:30 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	SB Church
7:00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration	SA Church
SUNDAY March 10, 2024		
10:30 a.m.	Rosary	QM Church

- **Prayer Chains, Sacrament of the Sick**
Call office 937-268-6697
- **Weddings, RCIA/RCIC:**
Call office 937-268-6697
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Deacons Ken Stewart & Victor Obasuyi,
and Marty Phillips, instructors

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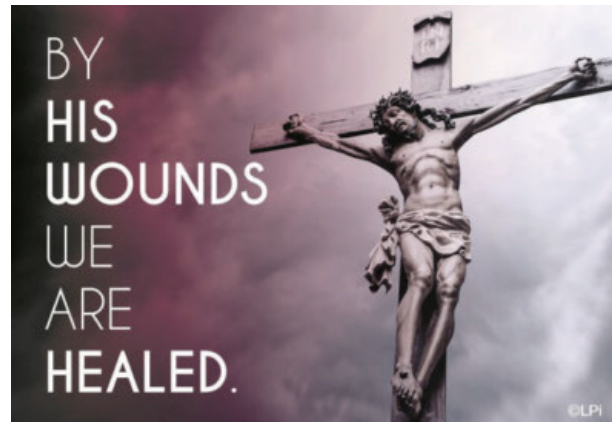
Monday at noon

Send bulletin information to:
mphillips@qmdayton.org

Weekend Collections

To be updated next week

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**Join your church family in praying the Rosary
for the community and each other.**

St. Benedict Rosary is every Monday at 11:00 a.m. in the sanctuary **Dial-In Available at:**

New Dial-In Number: 6677701427 Access Code: 556136

St. Augustine Rosary is in person every Wednesday a 6:30 pm. Holy Hour every First Thursday of the month

Queen of Martyrs Rosary is in person every Sunday at 10:30 a.m., just before the 11:00 a.m.. Mass

CHURCH INFORMATION

St. Augustine Church

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Website catholicsmart.com
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St. Benedict the Moor Church

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937-268-6697 Email admin@unitedinhope.org
Website unitedinhope.org
Office hours: Tuesday through Thursday 10:00 to 2:00 pm

Queen of Martyrs Church

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937-277-2092 queenofmartyrsdayton@gmail.com
Website <http://qmdayton.org/>
Office hours: Tues. & Thurs. 9:00 am—12:00 pm

Our Lady of Grace

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937-274-2107 info@ourladyofgracedayton.org
Website <http://ourladyofgracedayton.org/>
Office hours: Mon.-Thurs. 9:00 am—4:00 pm



Fr. Jan Kevin Schmidt
Director
Pastoral Vitality

We Can't Deny It

Since the beginnings of our efforts with Beacons of Light you have heard time and again the importance of keeping the “Why” of what we are doing in the forefront of our minds. If we do not remain focused on the “Why” and forget the reason behind the endeavor, our plan will fail! As a reminder, that “Why” is specifically, “Missionary Discipleship” ... bringing others to Jesus! That “Why” is about building up and not tearing down our faith communities!

With that, I have also to point out that there is a “Why” as to the difficulty of our efforts as well. Why is this so tough, sometimes heartbreaking, thankless work that none of us really has a desire for? Why do some people struggle so much with the change that needs to happen? There are many “Why’s” that contribute to this difficulty!

Having just spent late January and early February travelling throughout the Archdiocese to speak with 1,500+ parishioners, some of whom are upset, I must admit that if there is one primary takeaway, I have come to realize it is this: that many of our people are in denial. For them, everything is just fine the way it is or there is really no reason to be making these tremendous unnecessary changes! That may certainly seem so, but the landscape will continue to change and that is what we are trying to get ahead of. How can we better help them to understand this ... in a few places the task is daunting.

While there are certainly other reasons beyond denial it is at the forefront (and is an expected stage in the process of grief that so often accompanies change) in coming to an acceptance of the necessary changes ahead.

Denial is scale-invariant and universal — we’ve all experienced it in some way or another in our lives and now in our efforts with Beacons of Light. By scale-invariant, I mean the individual, household, enterprise, city, state and empire and yes, even the Church all experience denial.

Denial has several signature characteristics:

1. The more profound and consequential the issue, the more stubborn our denial. When a minor cut reddens, we don’t go into denial that it’s infected, we simply treat it with greater care.

But when the unmistakable signs of heart disease appear, we find ways to deny the reality because it’s too upsetting and frightening. We want very desperately to think it will go away on its own and we’ll be fine, and nothing in our life will change.

2. The strength of our denial flows from the tacit understanding that if we let even a tiny bit of doubt break through our dam of denial, the whole foundation will give way... perhaps some of what we are seeing in our small towns and bergs where life is flowing a little slower and more protected from the outside world and where our communities parish identity is so tied up with the local town. The power of denial originates in the impermeability of the barrier blocking warning signs that all is not well.

In our metropolitan areas we have reticence in reducing Mass schedules even though our capacity utilization rates are far below what should be considered ideal for a vibrant and celebratory norm for the Sunday Eucharist. “We have a multitude of retired priests and so we continue to provide for the convenience of the people rather than realizing fewer Masses with larger numbers of faithful in attendance actually attracts more faithful to a prayer that is a more beautiful expression of our thankfulness.” One in which we can afford proper and beautiful expressions in the lavishness of our spaces, art & environment, music, preaching and so much more.

When in denial, if the diocese, parish, church building, school, relationship, etc. is no longer sustainable or viable, we must shut out all doubt and evidence because even a rivulet of doubt and evidence will quickly erode the dam of our denial and collapse our sense of security, control and predictability.

And so we hold fast to the idea that these chest pains are merely indigestion, and just because our churches are full every weekend after COVID-19 and the growing negative trend continues to exist, we are still in good shape. The church may be full at the moment but our friends are dying off, moving to warmer climes for jobs and retirement, our kids don’t come home after college all which belies an alternative reality in which everything is fine, under control, progress and growth are still positive and unstoppable and so on.

Doubling Down on Denial

When challenged, and especially as we are with Beacons of Light, we become defensive and angry, as if our security and identity are under attack. Since we’ve tied our identity and security to fixed, rigid standards, should those standards erode and decay, we deny the erosion because we feel our own security, identity and sense of control are giving way and might collapse.

To avert this disaster, we shore up our dam of denial, making sure no shred of doubt or evidence gets through to threaten us.

This strategy is terribly misguided, of course, because denying reality doesn’t make the threat go away, it magnifies the risk of collapse. Denial can be summarized as the stubborn inability to tell the truth because our fear of losing control as the foundations of our life crumble beneath us is so great that we’re compelled to cling to denial and fantasy:

In our situation the Church or Parish losing membership

PASTOR'S CORNER

doesn't matter, the parish or the archdiocese can just pretend that everything is OK or we will not cooperate with the initiative to save our communities and everything will be just fine, we like things just the way they are. "Things" just the way they are isn't working! Reality is settling in throughout our archdiocese...yet, some are still in denial.

Reality is only a threat if we've forsaken flexibility, adaptability, problem-solving and the willingness to make sacrifices and accept failure — self-reliance. The appeal of denial is uniquely powerful because it offers us a means to cling to our security, identity and sense of control without having to actually do anything.

Just as we'd rather ignore our vital signs and risk expiring from a heart attack than face the sacrifices and challenges of revolutionizing our diet and fitness, we'd rather risk maintaining the status quo rather than facing the sacrifices and challenges of bringing about greater vitality to our parishes in the future!

As we now find ourselves on the journey of Lent running quickly towards the celebration of Holy Week and the Triduum, it is a time perhaps to recall the denial of the Apostles about the inevitability of what was to come but also to recall the great joy of the Easter that followed and the new life arisen that has propelled us to this place in history.

Let us invoke the Holy Spirit on this Lenten journey that seems for us at times to go beyond the forty days, so as we enter into Easter, we may truly see the promise of new life offered in the renewal of our Archdiocese.



LIVE THE LITURGY INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Jesus was not afraid to confront iniquity wherever he encountered it, and his zeal for righteousness was so strong it looked like anger as he drove the moneychangers from the temple. Pray that, with that same devotion and care, he will cleanse our hearts from sin.



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK AND SHUT-INS:

Kenneth Bronston, Mary Helen Spanish, Pat Bell, Betty Jones, Susie Roberts, Angelina Matin, Nancy Green, Mary Dudley, Annena Younger, Keno Hampton, Sherman Mosley, Juanita Newell, Robert Florence, Loure Hayes, Renee Raisch, Ray Metzger, Richard Dillion, Joyce Merch, Sue Kozarec, Marie Hodapp, Craig Powell, Al Cochran, Mike Mobley, Rachel Woods, Peggy Neff, Wanda Offenberger, Fran Rickett, Pat Meyer, Norm Magoto, Kira Prikkel, Dave Hoerner, Pat Chirco, Keith Jones, Teresa Bond, Bev Ossege, Doncella Parks, Jeanne Sipniewski, Mikayla Powley, Ken Pendery, Samantha M., Joan Means, Mike Kessler, George Noeth, June Phillips, Carla Arnold, Ralph McEldowney, Kevin Oleckniche, Julie Moreo, Ryan Ravestein, Toni Schilling, Andrea Kittel, Betty Meehan, Karen Kuritar, Dorianne Minnelli, Fred Caudell, Mary Foster, Joe Hartenstein, Petronella Chirco, Carl Meyer, Skip Royer, Mildred Singleton, Ann Heaney, Jerome Johnson, Carol, LaVerne Dorsey, Elizabeth Wolfe

PLEASE CALL 937-274-2107 EXT 3001 TO ADD OR REMOVE A NAME ON THE PRAYER LIST

NURSING HOMES

*Eddie Weaver—Mary Scott
Laure Hayes—Laurels of Kettering
Deloria Harris—Laurels of Kettering*

WE SALUTE OUR MEMBERS IN THE MILITARY

Major Matthew Fecke, Tiffany Kracus Lewis, Sgt. Matthew Stull, Lance Corporal Patrick Nevius, Caleb Weaver, Spc. Phoebe Moreo, Adam Wilhelm, Martha Moreo, Capt. U.S. Space Force EM3 Douglas R. Sortman, Major Darren Ward, Staff Sgt. Jacob Naas, Spc. Jonathan Gladden, AB Makayla Picker, Ssgt. P. J. Picker

DO YOU NEED PRAYERS?

Please call Pat Wilson at 937-836-2006 and she will pray for you.

The Real Presence

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem



Since Christ Himself has said,
'This is My Body,' who shall
dare to doubt that it is His Body?

- ST. CYRIL OF JERUSALEM

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St. Cyril of Jerusalem was a bishop in the fourth century. His teachings on the Eucharist, among other topics, secured his place as a Doctor of the Church. Though his ministry was marked by estrangement, exile, and ultimately, reconciliation, he never lost his faith!



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Source of Light

FOR MARCH 10, 2024

4th Sunday of Lent

Source of Light



For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as Children of light—for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. (Ephesians 5:8–9)

- ☐ 1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a • Samuel anoints David
- ☐ Ephesians 5:8-14 • Duty to live in the light
- ☐ John 9:1-41 • The man born blind
- ☐ Adults: What are you doing in your life right now to move toward light rather than darkness?
- ☐ Kids: How can you let the light of your faith in Jesus shine for others to see?

Bible Studies

St. Benedict Bible Study every Wednesday Evenings
7:00 pm in the meeting room.

Queen of Martyrs Bible Study Wednesday Mornings
9:30 am to 11:00 am. McAuley Hall. Year round.

Our Lady of Grace Bible Study Thursday Evenings
beginning April 4. Dates for Spring/Summer Bible Study
are as follows: April 4, 11, 18, 25 May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
June 6, 13, 20 (extra day for emergency cancellation).
We meet at the Corpus Christi Campus in the Madonna
Room at 6:30pm. Our study will cover "The Eucharist in
Scripture," by Little Rock Scripture Study.

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LENTEN FISH FRY

\$ 12 dinner includes:

**Two (2) pieces of Tilapia or Whiting (or one (1) of each),
two sides, bread**

Side options (choice of 2):

Baked beans, Coleslaw, French fries

\$ 9 - Sandwich only

**Bottled water, desserts and soda will also be available for
purchase**

**Serving dinner, Fridays 11:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.
February 16, 23; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29**

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**Looking for Fish Fry Volunteers ! Sign up at any
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Holy Spirit Family of Parishes-March 3, 2024

Holy Spirit Family of Parishes Welcome!
Taize Prayer Service
March 21
7:00 PM
Saint Augustine Church

Soup , Video and Stations at St. Augustine
Join us at St. Augustine Catholic Church each Friday in Lent for soup and bread at 6 pm, during which a 30 minute video will be shown from "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion". Stations will follow at 7:00 pm

Lenten, Holy Week, Easter Schedule
Stations of the Cross: Feb. 16, 23, Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22
8:30am Our Lady of Mercy Church
9:30 am St. Benedict School
11:30 am Queen of Martyrs Church
3:00 pm St. Benedict Church
7:00 pm St. Augustine Church

Holy Thursday
7:00 pm St. Augustine Church March 28, 2024
6:00 pm Corpus Christi Church March 28, 2024

Good Friday
Stations March 29, 2024
Noon St. Augustine Church
1:00 pm Our Lady of Mercy Church
11:00 am Queen of Martyrs Church
3:00 pm St. Benedict Church

Good Friday Passion of the Lord Service March 29, 2024
5:00 pm Queen of Martyrs
7:00 pm St. Augustine Church

Holy Saturday Easter Vigil March 30, 2024
8:30 pm St. Benedict Church
(Combined Mass for All Holy Spirit Family)

Easter Sunday March 31, 2024
8:30 am St. Augustine Church
9:00 am Our Lady of Mercy Church
10:30 am St. Benedict Church
11:00 am Queen of Martyrs Church

ST. BENEDICT THE MOOR NEWS

Next St. Benedict's Women's Group meeting to be held March 16, 2024 in the Meeting Room. We will be planning the Mother's Day Brunch. God bless you and see you next month.

A Lenten Retreat for
All Holy Spirit Family of Parishes
Saturday, March 9, at Queen of Martyrs
Beginning with Mass at 8:30 am
Then proceeding to McAuley Hall
Retreat ending 2:30 pm

Join us for our special Lenten Retreat
Jesus and the Jewish Roots of the Eucharist
By Dr. Brant Pitre

How is the Eucharist the New Passover Meal?
How is the Eucharist the New Manna from Heaven?
What is the "Bread of the Presence"
from the Old Testament?

Retreat includes coffee and donuts, and lunch!
Registration is required by March 7. Look for retreat flyer in the coming weeks to get registered. Or register by calling the church office.

QM Office 937-277-2092
Charlotte Minnelli 937-238-8146
Jacky Lovegren 937-276-3095

Retreat is free of charge, but donations are welcome!

ST. AUGUSTINE NEWS

ST. AUGUSTINE PRAYER CHAIN

If you would like to be a part of the St. Augustine Prayer Chain, please contact Marie Klotz at saintapraysingtowntown@gmail.com

ST. AUGUSTINE ONE CALL

To be added to the St. Augustine one-call, please contact Fran Delegato at delegatof@outlook.com

QUEEN OF MARTYRS NEWS

St. Vincent de Paul 1st Qtr. Report @ Queen of Martyrs

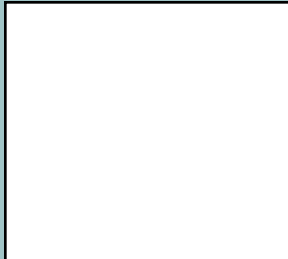
Thanks to the generosity of parishioners and other agencies, from October -December 2023, we were able to help 249 families comprised of 600 people. We helped with rent, gas, electric, water, furniture and other needs. This quarter our St. Vincent de Paul Conference spent \$19,648.19 to help our neighbors in need. Your donations are greatly appreciated.

We invite our parishioners to consider joining the Queen of Martyrs St. Vincent De Paul Conference. If you are interested in helping with this volunteer ministry to serve those in need contact the parish office at 937-277-2092 and a member of our Conference will return your call.

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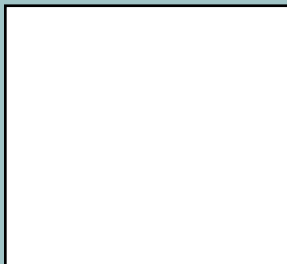
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