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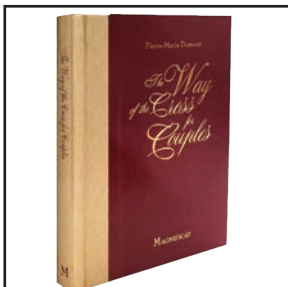
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Dear Friends,

Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation.
(2 Cor 6:2)

The last two weekends brought me to the Catholic Women's and Men's Conferences at the state fairgrounds. I've been hearing about these conferences from the day my appointment was announced last year. Being part of them for the first time was impressive to say the least. Permit me to offer congratulations and appreciation to all those who organized this year's conference (you did a great job one and all!), but also those who have worked so hard over the years with great generosity and

perseverance. Conferences like these only grow over a period of years with hard work and proven success.

The Women's Conference and the Men's Conference are very big examples of what I have experienced here in the 23 counties that comprise the Diocese

of Columbus over the past year. They show an authentic hunger to go deeper into the spiritual life and to live as good people, maybe not perfect people but good people, doing the best we can with what we have, sometimes not under the easiest of circumstances. I speak often about the depth of faith that I find here in the Diocese of Columbus. We may be relatively small in number, but it strikes me that there is a great appreciation for our faith, a depth of spiritual life and a corresponding desire to serve in the name of Christ.

And so we find ourselves at the beginning of another Lent. The Lord gives us in His Church this time to go deeper. Through our works of prayer, fasting and works of mercy (almsgiving), we are given the chance to forget ourselves a little; walk in communion with one another, shouldering each other's burdens while understanding each other's journey; and deepen our friendship with Jesus Christ.

Be sure of my prayers and appreciation this Lent. This season is itself a great gift from the Lord. As quoted above, St. Paul tells us: Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is a day of salvation.

Sincerely,

Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Columbus

Jacob Stinnett makes profession of faith



Pontifical College Josephinum seminarian Jacob Stinnett of Columbus Immaculate Conception Church made a profession of faith and an oath of fidelity to the Catholic Church on Tuesday, Feb. 11 in the presence of Father Steven Beseau, Josephinum rector-president (standing at right), and the seminary community. In preparation for ordination to the transitional diaconate, seminarians in their third year of graduate study at the Josephinum make the profession and take the oath. They pledge to remain faithful to the teachings of the Church and swear to be faithful teachers of the Gospel.

Photo by seminarian Peter Stetson

CORRECTION

The obituary for Father Michael J. Reis in the Feb. 23 Catholic Times listed an incorrect burial site. His burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Newark, not the cemetery of the same name in Columbus.



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MEN'S CONFERENCE
Some of the 3,500 men attending the annual diocesan Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 22 in Kasich Hall at the state fairgrounds pray during a Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan. (CT photo by Ken Snow)

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Men's conference attendees are urged to be men of virtue

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The 23rd annual diocesan Catholic Men's Conference focused on the call to all men to display virtue, which the Catechism of the Catholic Church defines as "an habitual and firm disposition to do the good" and Bishop Robert Brennan says is "becoming like God as much as we can."

About 3,500 men attended the conference on Saturday, Feb. 22 at Kasich Hall of the state fairgrounds and heard the bishop, University of Cincinnati head football coach Luke Fickell and Catholic speaker and author Jason Evert talk about ways to become more virtuous.

The bishop said the Beatitudes given by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount provide a textbook for a life of virtue. His talk focused on the Beatitude that states, "Blessed are the pure of heart."

"It means exactly what it says," he said. "Put another way, it means, 'Blessed are the single-hearted' – the person with an undivided heart, totally focused on his relationship with God. Live with an undivided heart, and everything else falls into place."

He used the Old Testament kings David and Solomon as examples of "great men who did amazing things for God, but whose downfall came because their hearts were divided." The bishop noted that just as "Chapter 11" has become a synonym for being financially bankrupt because of its prominence in the federal bankruptcy code, Chapter 11 in the Old Testament books of 2 Samuel and 1 Kings stands as a symbol of spiritual bankruptcy.

Those two chapters tell the respective stories of David's adulterous relationship with Bathsheba and of his son Solomon's 700 wives and 300 concubines, who "turned his heart to false gods." This ultimately led to disunity among the Israelites, their division into separate kingdoms and their exile to Babylon.

"When the heart of the king is divided, the kingdom suffers," Bishop Brennan said, adding that this is as true for households as it is for kingdoms. "When our hearts are divided, the people we are supposed to be serving end up suffering, and that divided heart can end up hurting people for



Bishop Robert Brennan (top) and University of Cincinnati head football coach Luke Fickell speak at the 23rd annual diocesan Catholic Men's Conference in Kasich Hall at the state fairgrounds on Saturday, Feb. 22. Catholic author Jason Evert was the other featured speaker at the event, attended by about 3,500 men. *CT photos by Ken Snow*

generations to come," he said.

The bishop noted that God's vision of leadership is not that of a king but of a shepherd, as described first by David in Psalm 23, then by the prophet Ezekiel in his writings from before and during the Babylonian captivity.

"God tells Ezekiel, 'I've trusted these people. They didn't listen to me, and I've had it up to here with them.' As people would say in the Bronx, where I grew up, God says, 'Fuhged-aboutit!'" Bishop Brennan said.

"God's not being very romantic

here. He's really ticked off. Yet he loves them so much that he still says, 'I will shepherd my people.' He has this great sense of tenderness, of care, as Jesus does in referring 600 years later to himself as the Good Shepherd.

"God comes to live with us as both shepherd and king in the form of Jesus," the bishop said. "Jesus as king has come to claim his throne, but he uses the language of a shepherd. ... Jesus didn't come to grab power but to live among us through an act of self-emptying love, stepping off the

throne of heaven. This is the kind of leadership to which God calls every one of us."

In keeping with the conference theme, Bishop Brennan spoke of the virtues of prudence, justice, temperance and fortitude. They are known as the cardinal virtues, but Bishop Brennan said he prefers the Catechism's description of them as "the human virtues, meaning we need to develop them in ourselves. They come to us through habits, through recognizing them in others, through our desire to practice them, through the long, hard slog of trying to do things correctly."

He defined prudence as "knowing what's right, the virtue that leads us toward the right decisions. Fortitude follows, because it means doing the right thing, not just knowing the right thing," he said. "One person of fortitude stands up, and others follow. A man of fortitude sets a different vision, not by being a goody-two-shoes, but by coming up with a better way."

Justice is "a constant effort to give God and our neighbor what is properly due to them," and temperance is "the virtue that allows us to know what will destroy us and to use the things that God has created for our benefit in the proper way," the bishop said.

"We recognize virtue by seeing it in one another and in taking part in events like this conference," he said. "This gathering is incredible in that you gave up your Saturday morning and afternoon to come here, to look around and see other guys trying to live a holy life and to share your struggles with each other. Christ is present among us because we are gathered here in his name. He calls us to himself, and we encounter him in the form of the Eucharist at Mass. It doesn't get any more real than that."

Fickell's talk was preceded by a tribute to Mark Zimmer, who had been scheduled as a conference speaker. Zimmer became Ohio's first four-time state high school wrestling champion in 1979, when he was a student at Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School. Today, he is battling amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, familiarly known as Lou Gehrig's disease, and was unable to attend the conference.

How should we fast?

This week Lent begins and we begin again. I am always struck by the first reading in the Office of Readings for Ash Wednesday. It is from Isaiah, Chapter 58. The Israelites have just returned to their homeland after a very long exile, so everything should be just fine. But the prophet is told by the Lord to tell the people their wickedness and sinfulness. The people have their own questions for the Lord: Why do we fast, and you do not see it; why do we afflict ourselves and you take no notice of it?

God's answer through Isaiah is crystal clear. To paraphrase - on fast days, while observing the external practice of fasting, the people are engrossed in their own affairs, including oppressing those who work for them, and quarrelling and fighting with members of the community. God describes a different kind of fast, which He desires: "releasing those bound unjustly, untying the thongs of the yoke, setting free the oppressed, breaking every yoke, sharing your bread with the hungry, bringing the homeless poor into your house, clothing the naked when you see them and not turning away from your own kin."

God's form of interior fasting has two parts, turning away from self and towards God, and acting in justice and charity toward others. Pope Benedict XVI helps us understand the relationship between justice and charity in his encyclical, *Caritas In Veritate*. "*Charity goes beyond justice*, because to love

FAITH IN ACTION

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is to give, to offer what is "mine" to the other; but it never lacks justice, which prompts us to give the other what is "his", what is due to him by reason of his being or his acting. I cannot "give" what is mine to the other, without first giving him what pertains to him in justice. If we love others with charity, then first of all we are just towards them. Not only is justice not extraneous to charity, not only is it not an alternative or parallel path to charity: justice is inseparable from charity, and intrinsic to it. Justice is the primary way of charity or, in Paul VI's words, "the minimum measure" of it, an integral part of the love "in deed and in truth", to which Saint John exhorts us. On the one hand, charity demands justice: recognition and respect for the legitimate rights of individuals and peoples. It strives to build the *earthly* city according to law and justice. On the other hand, charity transcends justice and completes it in

the logic of giving and forgiving."

If we want to take this lesson from Isaiah and apply it to our lives and times, where might we start? First, we may ask ourselves a few questions. How do we see injustice and oppression? Whose perspective do we use? Ours or that of the oppressed? How can we draw closer to a perspective that may be beyond our own experience? I believe that our immersion in the work of sharing, accompanying, and serving is the doorway to relationships with those who suffer injustice and oppression from systems and structures that are built up by the sinful attitudes and practices of so many individuals. Because we may actually benefit from these structures, we do not see their impact in the lives of those suffering the injustice.

This Lent, get involved in the work of JOIN, our crisis assistance agency; ARCH, our ministry to returning citizens; the Our Lady of Guadalupe Center, Catholic Social Services' service hub for the Latino Community; the Office of Ethnic Ministries, working to address racism and promote the flourishing of ethnic communities; or St. Lawrence Haven and the Clothing Center, operated by the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The contact information for all of these offices and organizations is found in the diocesan directory at www.columbuscatholic.org. Let us fast by caring, sharing ourselves and our resources, and acting against those things that bind others unjustly.

Extraordinary minister, annulment required?; Dropping the host

QI am a Catholic and single father of two. I was not married Catholic originally and was divorced 20 years ago. I am looking to marry a woman who was married in a Catholic ceremony and divorced 20 years ago because of abuse. The paperwork required for her to obtain an annulment in her home country of Venezuela is almost impossible.

If I marry her without an annulment, would that ruin my chances to be an extraordinary minister of holy Communion and to receive holy Communion? (Tampa, Florida)

AIn order for you to marry in a Catholic ceremony, two things would have to happen. You yourself would have to meet with a priest and complete some very simple paperwork regarding your first marriage. That paperwork would then be submitted to the diocesan marriage tribunal, which would then declare that this marriage "did not count" in the church since you were not married in a Catholic ceremony or with Catholic permission.

As for the woman you seek to marry, her situation is more complicated. Since she was married in a Catholic ceremony, she would have to go through the church's annulment process to have that first marriage declared invalid. (That she suffered spousal abuse would be an important factor because it might show that her first husband, from the start, was ill-equipped to marry.)

She need not seek this church annulment in the country of Venezuela; canonically, a petitioner may file for a church annulment either in the place where the marriage took place (Venezuela, in this case) or where the petitioner now lives (which I am presuming

QUESTION & ANSWER

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to be Florida.)

Were you to marry her without these permissions, that marriage would not be recognized by the Catholic Church. Thus you would not be eligible to serve as an extraordinary minister of holy Communion or even to receive holy Communion, as noted in the Catechism of the Catholic Church (No. 1650).

QI have been an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion for about 20 years. During that time, I have dropped the host twice while distributing Communion. I was embarrassed and mortified -- to the point where I have even considered no longer giving Communion. What is the proper thing to do if the host is dropped? (This has bothered me for a long time, and I hope that you will provide an answer.) (Northern Missouri)

AAs much as we try to treat the Eucharist with the utmost reverence, accidents do occur. I have distributed Holy Communion for more than 50

years, but just last week I dropped a host on the floor when two hosts stuck together.

The General Instruction of the Roman Missal, which is the church's guidebook on liturgy, says, "If a host or any particle should fall, it is to be picked up reverently; and if any of the precious blood is spilled, the area where the spill occurred should be washed with water, and this water should then be poured into the sacrarium in the sacristy" (No. 280). The sacrarium is a special sink that drains directly to the ground.

So if you happen to drop a host, pick it up carefully and either consume it or dissolve it later on in water (so that it no longer has the properties of bread) and wash it down the sacrarium. Treating the Eucharistic species with reverence reflects the belief of the church that Jesus meant it when he said at the Last Supper, "This is my body ... this is my blood."

As the Catechism of the Catholic Church explains: "By the consecration of the bread and wine there takes place a change of the whole substance of the bread into the substance of the body of Christ our Lord and of the whole substance of the wine into the substance of his blood" (No. 1376).

Editor's addendum: Through the years, many Catholics have observed that accidents with the Holy Eucharist seem to be treated more casually. A priest writing several years ago in *The Arlington Catholic Herald* in the Diocese of Arlington, Virginia, offered additional explanation: "If there are visible particles (after a host is dropped), then a linen should be placed over the area where the host fell. The area should be cleaned with water after Mass, which would then be poured down the sacrarium."

Aventine meditations

Rome's Aventine Hill has seen a lot.

Legend has it that a dispute over the hill led to the fratricidal conflict between the city's founders, Romulus and Remus. During the Roman Republic, the Aventine was a working class neighborhood, high above the city's most important port. In imperial Rome, the Aventine was gentrified, becoming the neighborhood of choice for knights and senators. Later still, great palaces were built on the Aventine, which offers an unparalleled city vista.

In the fourth century, St. Jerome lived there with a circle of admirers until decamping for Jerusalem to translate the Bible into Latin. In Jerome's day, Peter of Illyria built a great basilica dedicated to St. Sabina on the Aventine — patristic Rome's concept of the perfect church. Today, the Aventine is a posh residential neighborhood, home to the headquarters of the Knights of Malta (with its famous keyhole view of St. Peter's dome) and that spiky asparagus patch of liturgical crankiness, the Pontifical Athenaeum of Sant' Anselmo.

For all that it has witnessed over the centuries, however, the Aventine hadn't previously seen what has happened there on the past 25 years or so of Ash Wednesdays. Then, as on Ash Wednesday 2020, hundreds of English speakers climb the Aventine before dawn to receive penitential ashes and celebrate the first Mass of Lent. That "stational Mass" at St. Sabina is the first stop in a Lenten tradition that dates back to the mid-first millennium — and that's been revived in our time by Americans.

In the mid-centuries of the first millennium, the Bishop of Rome, his clergy, and his choir would gather every day of Lent at a starting-point church (the collecta) and process to the statio, the "station church" of the day; there, Mass was solemnly celebrated before the congregation broke its Lenten fast.

Through prayer, I have been convicted to pray hard and let that be my doing.

With Mary as our example, pray and then trust in the Lord.

The prayer of a mother runs like a constant flow between her heart and the Lord. Like blood streaming through the ventricles of the heart, so does a mother's prayer connect her to the heart of Jesus. It's a deep and profound prayer — one of surrender and supplication. We ask not for ourselves but for His will in the lives of those we love. Because we are in a constant relationship with the Lord and we feel the freedom that brings, we so desperately want others to know the Lord, especially our family. And yet sometimes they don't.

Sometimes they run from Him. If they've been raised in His light, they might have eyes to see or ears to hear, but a heart that is closed, frightened or wounded by the temptations and worries of this world. They might know that a "Yes" to the Lord requires a change. Has any "Yes" to Him ever kept things unchanged? With Abraham, Peter and Paul as examples, I might not even have the same name by the time Jesus is done with me!

I often ponder how deep Mary's prayer life must have been. As gruesome as the crucifixion was, there must have been the temptation for deep worry. The late-night mothering of an older child brings

THE CATHOLIC DIFFERENCE

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Both the collecta and the station church were often outgrowths of house churches commemorating Roman martyrs. Thus, the station church pilgrimage was an itinerary of sanctity, reminding Lenten penitents that the whole point of penance is purification for sanctification and Christian witness.

In the late sixth century, Pope St. Gregory the Great standardized the station church itinerary, which was subsequently expanded a bit but retained its essential Gregorian form. If you have an old daily missal at hand, you can find an echo of this pilgrimage tradition at the beginning of each Lenten day's Mass. There, you'll see a notation like "Ash Wednesday: Station at St. Sabina" or "Thursday after Ash Wednesday: Station at St. George." Those notations continue throughout Easter Week, as the traditional pilgrimage lasted until the Octave of Easter (which we know as Divine Mercy Sunday).

The Roman station church pilgrimage of Lent began to disappear in the late first millennium. But its memory remained in all those missals, germinating. And in the mid-1970s, that memory bore fruit: American seminarians in Rome began to walk the ancient paths of the station church pilgrimage, to participate

in Mass at the traditional station church of the day. By the early 1990s, the station church pilgrimage had become a major feature of the pastoral activity of the Pontifical North American College. Now, seminarians, students from the Rome campuses of Anglophone universities, diplomats, English-speaking members of the Roman Curia, and alert tourists all participate in this striking contemporary revival of a venerable tradition. The North American College organizes the entire pilgrimage and takes up a daily collection at the station churches for the relief of hard-pressed Christians in some part of the world.

To offer others the opportunity to experience something of the texture of this pilgrimage from home, I spent two months in the Eternal City in 2011, making the entire station church pilgrimage with my friend Elizabeth Lev, Rome's pre-eminent art-and-architecture guide, and my son Stephen, a gifted architectural photographer. The result was the book *Roman Pilgrimage: The Station Churches*, which includes Liz's brilliant descriptions of the churches, Stephen's superb photography, and my commentaries on the liturgical texts of each day of Lent. If you've got a tablet, I recommend the eBook; every photograph is in color and a zoom function allows closer study of each image.

I once asked another friend, Hannah Suchocka, then the Polish ambassador to the Holy See, why she regularly attended the English-language station church Mass at 7 a.m.; surely the evening station Mass sponsored by the Diocese of Rome would be more convenient? "I found a living church here," Ambassador Suchocka replied.

Something to ponder, this Lent, amidst so many concerns about the problems of U.S. Catholicism. We do get some things right. And they're important things.

Stop setting the table

ALL THAT WE HAVE

MaryBeth Eberhard

MaryBeth Eberhard writes about marriage, life experiences of a large family and special needs. She attends Sunbury St. John Neumann Church.



me to this reflection often. Throughout the entirety of Jesus' life, Mary was there beside him. She ushered him into ministry and was with him to the last. Yet she pondered so much in her heart.

We read the word "ponder" frequently in Scripture. The thesaurus shows "meditate" and "reflect" as its most frequently used synonyms. Ponder, meditate and reflect. This is the breath of a mother's prayer life, even in the fast pace of everyday life. There are times when, like the major negotiator, communicator, organizer and relationship builder that I try to be, I try to control a situation. I believe I am doing God's will by moving pieces in a fashion that I think will make for the best outcome for what God desires. I try to set the stage for him to work! I imagine the Lord sitting next to me with his head to the side, one eyebrow raised, silently asking me if I am done yet.

Seeing that I am clearly unable to turn off this mission of mine, he waits patiently for moments, days, sometimes years, until I finally surrender and say "I can't do this. I can't solve this. Will you please help me?" He swiftly answers, "Of course; I've been waiting for this moment."

It is in that surrender as a mother where we lay out our heart's desire for those we love; where we pray boldly and trust greatly, that we regain the true freedom of being in a relationship with the Lord. Through prayer, I have been convicted to pray hard and let that be my doing. This is so hard for us mothers. And yet we have been given such an example!

My family is in the middle of so many possibilities and choices for our older children right now, and I am challenging myself to pray fervently to the Lord for Him to light, to guide, whisper, shout and make clear the next steps for them. With a thankful heart, I am praising Him for the gift of being a mother and the treasures of these children. I am asking for the fortitude to stay constant in prayer and let that fulfill my tendency to do.

This is not a test for the Lord to see if things will go my way, but rather it is a test for me to learn to grow in prayer and trust. I am laying down my way. Padre Pio is known for his simple breath of a prayer, "Pray, and don't worry." May we all learn to trust in this way.

Lenten activities at parishes throughout the Diocese of Columbus

Churches throughout the Diocese of Columbus will be presenting a variety of Lenten programs focusing on prayer, penance and preparation for Easter from now through Easter Sunday, April 12.

Most parishes will conduct penance services, either individually or in conjunction with other parishes in their deanery. Many also will offer the traditional Lenten devotion of Stations of the Cross.

In addition to those activities, special seasonal events planned by parishes of the diocese include the following:

Bremen St. Mary – Retreat Day with Eucharistic Adoration, confessions and Benediction, Sunday, March 29.

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Sundays, March 1 to April 5, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Columbus Holy Spirit and St. Philip – “Luke’s Gospel: The Good News of God’s Mercy” Bible study, Tuesdays, March 3 to 31, 6:30 to 8 p.m., Holy Spirit office. Lenten morning reflection, Thursday, March 12, 9 a.m., St. Therese’s Retreat Center.

Columbus Our Lady of Victory – Simple suppers benefiting Operation Rice Bowl, after 6 p.m. Mass, Wednesdays, March 4 to April 8. Parish mission led by Father Thomas Blau, OP, with theme of “Virtue, Vice and Grace,” Monday to Wednesday, March 9 to 11, 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. (identical programs).

Columbus St. Elizabeth – Parish mission led by Father Thomas Blau, OP, with theme of “Understanding God’s Mercy.” Monday to Thursday, March 16 to 19, 7 p.m., preceded by Reconciliation at 6. Easter egg hunt, Saturday, April 4, 10 a.m.

Columbus St. Francis of Assisi – Soup suppers, Mondays, March 2 to April 6, 6:30 to 8 p.m. Topics and speakers, March 2, “A Theology of the Sacraments,” Barb Finan; March 9, “History and Significance of Our Church Windows,” Maryellen O’Shaughnessy; March 16, “Holy Thursday – Washing of Feet/Eucharist/Service. Meaning,” Mark Huddy, diocesan episcopal moderator for social concerns; March 23, “Good Friday – Cross/What It Means to Take Up Our Cross,” Sister Joye Gros, OP; March 30, “Exploring the Symbols of the Easter Vigil,” Mark Butler, director of founded ministries, Dominican Sisters of Peace; April 6,

Stations, with parish members telling how each station relates to their lives.

Columbus St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic Church – Liturgy of the Presanctified Gifts, a Vespers service with holy Eucharist, Tuesdays and Fridays, 7 p.m. (Eastern-rite Catholic churches do not have a daily Divine Liturgy during Lent.) Liturgy includes reflections Tuesdays on the Genesis story of Joseph and his brothers and Fridays on the Suffering Servant of Isaiah. Parish retreat led by Bishop Milan Lach, SJ, of the Byzantine Catholic Eparchy of Parma, Friday to Sunday, March 13 to 15.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Sung Vespers with the cathedral choir, Sundays, March 1 to May 31, 4:45 p.m. Bimonthly healing Mass and service, Monday, March 16, 6:30 p.m. Walking Stations of the Cross, stopping at 14 sites around downtown, Friday, April 10, 8 to 11 a.m., starting at cathedral. Tenebrae service, designed to re-create the sense of betrayal, abandonment and agony related to Good Friday, featuring the Cathedral Schola and including Tallis’ *Lamentations of Jeremiah*, Friday, April 10, 8 p.m.

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Sung Vespers and Benediction, Thursdays, Feb. 27 to April 2, approximately 7:30 p.m., following Stations during weekly Eucharistic Adoration program. Eucharistic Adoration, Thursday, April 9, end of 7 p.m. Mass to 11 p.m.

Columbus St. Patrick – “Soup and spirit” meals with talks on prayer, Thursdays, 12:30 and 7 p.m., Aquinas Hall. Topics: Feb. 27, “Making Mental Prayer a Part of Our Daily Ritual” with Father Raymond Snyder, OP; March 5, “Challenges in Prayer: Spiritual Reading, Meditation and Prayer” with Father Michael Ciccone, OP; March 12, “The Mass as Prayer” with Father Stephen Alcott, OP; March 19, “The Practice of *Lectio Divina* and the Four Senses of Scripture” with Father Stephen Dominic Hayes, OP. Sung Latin Mass in the Dominican rite for the Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas, followed by reception, Saturday, March 7, 11 a.m. Mass celebrating Feast of St. Patrick, followed by torchlight procession with pipes and drums and Irish tea reception with music by The Kells and Irish dancers, Monday, March 16, 6:30 to 10 p.m. Parish mission led by Father Emmerich Vogt, OP, with theme of “Spiritual Healing,” Monday, March 30 to Thursday, April 2,

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. or 7 to 8 p.m.

Columbus St. Peter – Living Stations in Spanish, Friday, April 10, 4:30 p.m.

Delaware St. Mary – Talks by Cy Kellett, one of the hosts of EWTN Radio’s *Catholic Answers Live*, Subjects: “Truly Human Lives,” after 4:30 p.m. Mass on Saturday, Feb. 29; “Whatever Happened to the Modern World?” after 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 1; “The Cycle of Christian Life,” after 5:30 p.m. Mass on March 1. “A Lenten Encounter with Mercy” faith formation series with Deacon Todd Tucky and parish adult faith formation director Julie Lutz, Wednesdays, March 4, third floor of parish office, and March 11, 18, 25 and April 1, Beitel Commons, 6:30 to 8 p.m.

Dover St. Joseph – Eucharistic Adoration and confessions, Tuesdays, March 3 to April 7, 5 p.m., followed by Mass at 6 and adult faith formation at 7. Mass for the Feast of St. Joseph, followed by family dinner, Thursday, March 19, 6 p.m. Walking Stations in Spanish, Friday, April 10, 8 p.m.

Dresden St. Ann – Eucharistic Adoration, Mondays, March 2 to April 6, 7 to 8 p.m.

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare – “Journey to Jerusalem,” a look at Jesus’ journey to the cross through the eyes of different people each week, Thursday, Feb. 27 and Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25 and April 1, 7 to 8:15 p.m., Hendricks Hall; soup suppers, followed by Stations, Tuesdays, March 3 to 31, 6 p.m., Hendricks Hall.

Granville St. Edward – Soup suppers with speakers, Tuesdays, March 3 to 31, 7 p.m. Topics: March 3, St. Vincent de Paul Society; March 10, Knights of Columbus Helping Hands ministry; March 17, The Catholic Foundation; March 24, Hospice; March 31, Grief Share.

Heath St. Leonard – Women’s book study of *Walk in Her Sandals: Experiencing Christ’s Passion Through the Eyes of Women*, Saturdays, Feb. 29 to April 4, 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Lancaster St. Bernadette – Forty Hours Devotion, beginning with Stations and ending with Benediction, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 27 to 11 a.m. Sunday, March 29.

Lancaster St. Mary – Parish mission led by Deacon Greg Kandra, former CBS television journalist, with theme of “Living the Good News,” Monday to Wednesday,

March 16 to 18, 7 p.m. Tenebrae service, Sunday, April 5, 7 p.m.

Marion St. Mary – Morning of reflection for all lectors, focusing on the beauty, power and activity of the Word of God when proclaimed, Saturday, Feb. 29, 10 a.m. to noon. Prayerful painting activity, including lunch, with each participant composing a picture. Theme: “From Darkness to Light by Way of the Cross,” Saturday, Feb. 29, noon to 3 p.m., Moira Hall. Cost \$25. Series of Lenten talks, Wednesdays, 6:30 p.m. Topics: March 4, “The Holiness of the Church” with Father Thomas Buffer; March 18, “Mary at the Foot of the Cross” with Lynn Marie Busch; March 25, “Of His Kingdom There Will Be No End: The Annunciation and the Cross” with Father Kyle Tennant. Parish mission led by Father Joseph Tuscan, OFM Cap, with theme “Repent and Believe,” Sunday to Tuesday, March 8 to 10, 6:30 p.m. Topics: March 8, “The Greatest Threats to Holiness Today”; March 9, “The Real Roots of Sin”; March 10, “Following the Law or Following a Person?” preceded by Mass. Living Stations, Friday, March 20, 6 p.m. Morning of reflection for all extraordinary ministers of the Eucharist, focusing on the Last Supper, Saturday, March 28, 10 a.m. to noon.

Martin de Porres Center, Columbus – Concert with an ensemble from the Columbus International Children’s Choir, Sunday, March 8, 4 p.m. Retreat led by Sister Carol Ann Spencer, OP, with theme of “Desert Time,” Wednesday, March 18, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Mattingly Settlement St. Mary – Eucharistic Adoration, Thursdays, Feb. 27 to April 9, 7 to 8 p.m.

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – 33 hours of Eucharistic Adoration in honor of Jesus’ 33 years on Earth, Thursday and Friday, Feb. 27/29 and March 5/6, 12/13, 19/20 and 26/27 and April 2/3, from end of Thursday 9 a.m. Mass to 6:30 p.m. Friday, reservation chapel. *No Greater Love*, book and five-part video series taking a biblical walk through Christ’s Passion. Sundays, March 1 to 29, 10:30 a.m. to noon or Tuesdays, March 3 to 31, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Room 103, ministry center. Cost \$25. Concert by University of Notre Dame handbell choir and musicians from the university and the parish, Wednesday, March 11, 7:30

Eucharistic Adoration list for diocesan parishes

The following is an updated list of parishes in the diocese where Eucharistic Adoration takes place on a regular basis. It includes seasonal information for Lent. Anyone with additions or corrections to this list may contact Tim Puet at *The Catholic Times*.

Ada Our Lady of Lourdes – First Fridays, 10 a.m. to noon.

Bremen St. Mary – First Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.

Bridgettine Sisters (Order of the Most Holy Savior of St. Bridget of Sweden) convent, 40 N. Grubb St., Columbus – 9:30 a.m. to noon Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. to noon Friday (except April 10).

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Sundays of Lent, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Cardington Sacred Hearts – First Saturdays, after 8:45 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 3:15 p.m.

Canal Winchester St. John XXIII – Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.

Chillicothe St. Peter – Tuesdays through Thursdays, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Infant of Prague Adoration Chapel inside convent (Also 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. through code access).

Circleville St. Joseph – First Sundays, 2 to 3 p.m.

Columbus Christ the King –

Fridays (except April 10), 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Columbus Holy Cross – Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m., followed by Mass; First Fridays, from end of 7:30 p.m. Mass to 11 p.m. Eucharistic vigil begins with Mass, followed by communal prayers, confession, litanies, Rosaries, hymns and quiet time between prayers, concluding with Benediction at 11.

Columbus Holy Family – Thursdays, 10 a.m. continuous to 11:30 a.m. Friday, ending with Benediction (except April 9 and 10); first Fridays, 8 p.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday. Contact church for details concerning entry.

Columbus Holy Name – Thursdays, 6 p.m., featuring prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests; Fridays (except April 10), 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., Holy Hour and Benediction, followed by Mass; Saturdays (except April 11), following 8:30 a.m. Mass.

Columbus Immaculate Conception – 24 hours, seven days a week, except during the Sacred Triduum, in the children's center (former convent). Press rear entry buzzer.

Columbus Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal – First Friday, from end of 9 a.m. Mass through Holy Hour at 6 p.m.

Columbus Our Lady of Peace – Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 6:45 p.m.

Columbus Our Lady of Victory – First Monday, 7 to 8 a.m. and First Tuesday, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Holy Hour, confessions and Benediction, Mondays, March 2, 16, 23, 30 and April 6, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Columbus St. Agnes – First Sunday, 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

Columbus St. Andrew – Daily, 7 to 8:15 a.m. in chapel, except during the Sacred Triduum; Tuesdays, 6 to 9 p.m. in church, concluding with Compline and Benediction.

Columbus St. Anthony – First Fridays, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to noon.

Columbus St. Catharine – 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. Thursdays, with confession at 6:30 p.m., closing with Benediction; First Friday, after 8 a.m. Mass to 9:30 a.m.

Columbus St. Cecilia – First Fridays, 9 a.m. Friday to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Columbus St. Elizabeth – Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.

Columbus St. James the Less – First Wednesdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m., ministry center.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Holy Hour with Adoration and confession: Wednesdays, following 5:15 p.m. Mass; Thursdays, 10:45 to 11:45 a.m.

Columbus St. Ladislav – First Fridays, 9 to 10 a.m.

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m., concluding with Vespers and Benediction at 7 p.m. March 5, 12, 19 and 26 and April 2. Also from end of 7 p.m. Mass to 11 p.m. on April 9 only.

Columbus St. Mary, Mother of God (German Village) – First Friday, from after 8:30 a.m. Mass to 1 p.m.

Columbus St. Mary Magdalene – Second Monday of the month, following 8:15 a.m. Mass in church; fourth Saturday of the month, 9 a.m. to noon in Bishop Campbell Hall.

Columbus St. Matthias – First Fridays, 3 to 4:45 p.m.

Columbus St. Patrick – Fridays (except April 10), 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. Third and fourth Fridays of the month, 8 p.m. Friday to 7 a.m. Saturday (church locked; call church office at (614) 224-9522 for access information).

Columbus St. Peter – 6 to 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. on the first Friday of the month and 9 to 10 a.m. all other Fridays (except April 10), in day chapel.

Columbus St. Stephen – Wednesdays, 6 to 6:45 p.m.

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p.m.

Portsmouth area Catholic churches – Solemn Vespers, Sundays, March 1 and 29 at Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains, March 8 at New Boston St. Monica, March 15 at Portsmouth Holy Redeemer and March 22 at Portsmouth St. Mary, all at 6:30 p.m. Night of Adoration, Wednesday, March 4, 7 p.m., St. Mary. Concert with The Vigil Project, featuring live music, authentic prayer and dynamic speaking, Saturday, March 7, with Vigil Mass, 4 p.m., Holy Redeemer; dinner, 5:30 p.m., St. Mary; and concert, 7 p.m., St. Mary. Tenebrae service, Wednesday, April 8, St. Peter in Chains. Eucharistic Adoration, 8 p.m. to midnight, Thursday, April 9, St. Peter in Chains.

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – Soup suppers, followed by *The Wild Goose* video series on the Holy Spirit with Father Dave Pivonka, OSF, president of Franciscan University of Steubenville, Thursdays, March 5 to 26, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Anointing of the Sick,

Saturday, March 21, 5 p.m. Mass and Sunday, March 22, 8:30 a.m. Mass. Parish mission presented by Dan DeMatte, executive director of missions and advancement, Damascus Catholic Mission Campus, with theme of “Be Healed, Be Empowered, Be Transformed,” Sunday to Tuesday, March 29 to 31, 7 p.m. Living Stations, Sunday, April 5, 6 p.m. Tenebrae service, Wednesday, April 8, 7:30 p.m. Blessing of Easter food baskets, Saturday, April 11, 1 p.m.

St. Therese's Retreat Center, Columbus – Catholic Laywomen's Retreat League silent retreat for women presented by Father Stephen Dominic Hayes, OP, Friday to Sunday, March 6 to 8.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – Evening Prayer led by Deacon Carl Calcara, Mondays, March 2 to April 6, 6:30 p.m., Adoration chapel. Discussion on *Death of the Messiah* by Raymond E. Brown, a meditation on the Passion of Christ and the mysteries of Holy Week, Tuesdays, March 3 to April 7, 6:45 to 8 p.m., parish

office lower level. Tenebrae service, Friday, April 10, 8:15 p.m. Blessing of Easter food, Saturday, April 11, 9:45 a.m., gathering space.

Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne – Evening Prayer and Vespers, Sunday, March 22, 3 p.m.

West Jefferson Ss. Simon and Jude Church – Book study of Volume 2 of Bishop Robert Barron's *The Pivotal Players* series, featuring St. Augustine and St. Benedict, Mondays, March 2 to 30, 7 p.m. Cost \$20. Simple suppers, Tuesdays, March 3 to 17, 6:30 p.m.

Worthington St. Michael – Parish mission led by Father Adam Streitenberger, Monday to Wednesday, March 2 to 4, 7 p.m. Topics: March 2, “The Good News of Jesus Christ for Our Time”; March 3, “Following Christ as His Disciples”; March 4, “Witnessing to Christ as Missionary Disciples.”

Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas – Tenebrae service presented by Columbus St. Patrick Church choir, Sunday, April 5, 5 p.m.

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(Spanish), first Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. (bilingual), other Fridays (except April 10), 6 to 9 p.m. (Spanish), first Saturdays, 8 p.m. to 7 a.m. Sunday (Spanish).

Columbus St. Thomas – Tuesdays, 9 to 10 a.m., Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

Columbus St. Timothy – Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Coshocton Sacred Heart – First Fridays, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 12:15 p.m., concluding with Benediction.

Danville St. Luke – Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Wednesday, except when Danville schools are closed for inclement weather.

Delaware St. Mary – Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Dover St. Joseph – Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.; Tuesdays, March 3 to April 7, 5 to 6 p.m.

Dresden St. Ann – Mondays of Lent, 7 to 8 p.m.

Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare – First Fridays from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 5 p.m., in Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Gahanna St. Matthew – 24 hours, seven days a week, except during the Sacred Triduum, in basement adoration chapel. Open to the general public from 6:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. Holy Hour for the reparation, purification and sanctification of the Church, fourth Friday of the month, 7 to 8 p.m.

Granville St. Edward – 9:30 a.m. Monday to 9 a.m. Tuesday.

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help – First Fridays, from end of 8:30 a.m. Mass to 8:30 a.m. Saturday.

Groveport St. Mary – First Fridays, 9 a.m. to noon, ending with Benediction.

Heath St. Leonard – First Fridays, from after 9 a.m. Mass to 2:30 p.m., concluding with Benediction.

Hilliard St. Brendan – Tuesday, Friday, Saturday (except during the Sacred Triduum), 8:45 to 10 a.m. (Reconciliation available); Wednesday, 6 to 7 p.m. (Holy Hour with Reconciliation and Benediction).

Jackson Holy Trinity – Fridays (except April 10), end of noon Mass to 1 p.m.

Kenton Immaculate Conception – First Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., closing with Benediction.

Lancaster St. Bernadette –

Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Thursdays, 7 p.m. to midnight; Forty Hours Devotion, beginning with stations and ending with Benediction, 7 p.m. Thursday, March 27 to 11 a.m. Sunday, March 29.

Lancaster St. Mark – Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Logan St. John – First Fridays, 8:30 a.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday, in adoration chapel.

London St. Patrick – Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; first Fridays, 8:30 a.m. to Benediction at noon.

Marion St. Mary – Fridays, 5 to 6 p.m. (except April 10); First Fridays, 4 to 7 p.m.

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – Second Friday of the month (except April 10), from end of 8 a.m. Mass to Benediction at midnight.

Mattingly Settlement St. Mary – Thursdays of Lent, 7 to 8 p.m.

Mount Vernon St. Vincent de Paul – 5 p.m. Thursday to 5 p.m. Friday, followed by Mass and Benediction (except April 9 and 10).

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – Each Thursday during Lent for 33 consecutive hours, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 6:30 p.m. Friday. Dates, Feb. 27/28, March 5/6, 12/13, 19/20 and 26/27 and April 2/3, Reservation Chapel behind main altar. Each Thursday during the Easter season from end of 9 a.m. Mass to 11 p.m. Dates: April 16, 23 and 30 and May 7, 14, 21 and 28, Reservation Chapel. Third Sunday of the month, from end of 11 a.m. Mass to 4 p.m., Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel inside main entrance of church. Exceptions for 2020 to third Sunday date will be Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19, and Corpus Christi Sunday, June 14.

New Boston St. Monica – Fridays (except April 10), 5 to 6 p.m.

New Lexington St. Rose – 5:15 to 6:15 p.m. Wednesdays, concluding with Benediction.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – 9 a.m. Tuesday to 5:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Newark Blessed Sacrament – Noon to 8 p.m. Mondays, 5 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays, and 10 a.m. to midnight Wednesdays in church.

Newark St. Francis de Sales – 7 to 10 p.m. Sunday, 5 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 5 a.m. to 11 p.m. Friday and 5 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday (except during the Sacred Triduum) in day chapel behind

sanctuary.

Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton – 24 hours, seven days a week, except when Mass is being celebrated and during the Sacred Triduum, in the church's Eucharistic Chapel.

Plain City St. Joseph – 6 to 11 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 6 to 8 a.m. Friday and 6 to 11 p.m. Monday through Friday, except during the Sacred Triduum.

Portsmouth St. Mary – Fridays (except April 10), from end of noon Mass to 1:30 p.m.; Night of Adoration, Wednesday, March 4, 7 p.m.

Powell St. Joan of Arc – 9 a.m. Monday to 8 a.m. Friday.

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesdays, with Holy Hour and Reconciliation from noon to 1 p.m.

Sugar Grove St. Joseph – From end of noon Mass to 1:30 p.m. Thursdays; 8 p.m. Saturday to 8 p.m. Sunday.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – 24 hours, seven days, except for weekend Mass times and the Sacred Triduum, in chapel. Chapel is locked from 4 p.m. to 9 a.m. Sunday to Thursday and noon to midnight Friday. Saturday hours vary. If you wish to visit during those hours, contact Amy Davis at (614) 579-9874 or amymdavis@hotmail.com.

Washington Court House St.

Colman of Cloyne – First Tuesday, 6 to 8 p.m. from September to April and 4 to 6 p.m. from May to August.

Waverly St. Mary – First Wednesday, from end of 5:30 p.m. Mass to Benediction at 7 p.m.

West Jefferson Sts. Simon & Jude – Tuesdays, with Benediction at 5 p.m. and Mass to follow at 6.

Westerville St. Paul – Thursdays, from end of 8:30 a.m. Mass until Benediction at 6:45 p.m.

Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains -- Thursday, April 9, 8 p.m. to midnight.

Worthington St. Michael –

Sunday: Through the night until 8:15 a.m., resuming at 2 p.m. and continuing to 6 a.m. Monday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday; 7 a.m. to 6:45 p.m. Tuesday; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday; 9 a.m. Thursday to 8:15 a.m. Sunday, except during Masses at 6:30 and 8:15 a.m. Friday and 8:15 a.m. and 4 p.m. Saturday and during the Sacred Triduum, in the church's Adoration Chapel.

Zaleski St. Sylvester – First Wednesday, from end of 5:30 p.m. Mass to Benediction at 7 p.m.

Zanesville St. Nicholas – First Fridays, 8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas – Exposition: Wednesdays, after noon Mass until Benediction at 9 p.m., parish center chapel.



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10700 Liberty Road, Powell
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Friday, 3/27, Drive-thru only

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7179 Avery Road, Dublin
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1600 N. Hague Ave., Columbus
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH
414 E. North Broadway, Columbus (Marian Hall)
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 5-7:30 p.m.

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH
5750 N. High St., Worthington
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 5-8 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New Albany
(Ministry Center)
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 5-7:30 p.m.
Carryout lunch, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

ST. ELIZABETH CHURCH
6077 Sharon Woods Blvd., Columbus
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 5-7 p.m.

ST. JOHN NEUMANN CHURCH
9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury (Social Hall)
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 4-7 p.m.

ST. MATTHIAS CHURCH
1582 Ferris Road, Columbus
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 4-7 p.m.

ST. PAUL CHURCH
313 N. State St., Westerville (Miller Hall)
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 5-7:30 p.m.

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2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus
(All Saints Academy Gym)
Fridays, 2/28, 3/13, 5-7:30 p.m.

OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL CHURCH
5225 Refugee Road, Columbus
Fridays, 2/28-3/27, 6-7:15 p.m.,
after Stations of the Cross

HOLY SPIRIT CHURCH
4383 E. Broad St., Whitehall (Parish Hall)
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 5:30-7:30 p.m.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH
600 Hill Road N., Pickerington (Activity Center)
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 5-7 p.m.

ST. CATHARINE CHURCH
500 S. Gould Road, Columbus
Fridays, 2/28, 3/6, 3/20, 3/27, 4:30-7:30 p.m.

ST. MATTHEW CHURCH
807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 4:45-7:30 p.m.

ST. PIUS X CHURCH
1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg
(New Parish Center)
Fridays, 3/6, 3/20, 4/3, 5-7:30 p.m.

WEST

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP CHURCH
3752 Broadway, Grove City (School Cafeteria)
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 5-7:30 p.m.

SS. SIMON AND JUDE CHURCH
9350 High Free Pike, West Jefferson
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Fridays, 3/20, 3/27, 4/3, 4-7 p.m.

ST. CECILIA CHURCH
434 Norton Road, Columbus
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 5-7:30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH
670 W. Main St., Plain City
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 5:30-8 p.m.

ST. PATRICK CHURCH
226 Elm St., London (School)
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 4:30-7 p.m.

ST. STEPHEN THE MARTYR CHURCH
4131 Clime Road, Columbus (West Entrance)
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 5-7 p.m.

OUTSIDE COLUMBUS

ST. MARY CHURCH
66 E. William St., Delaware (Commons)
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 5-7 p.m.

ST. MARY CHURCH
K of C Hall, 1232 E. Center St., Marion
Fridays, 2/21-4/3, 5-7:30 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION
555 S. Main St., Johnstown
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 4:30-7 p.m.

NEWARK CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
1 Green Wave Drive, Newark
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 4-7 p.m.

ST. EDWARD THE CONFESSOR
785 Newark Road, Granville
Fridays, 3/6-4/3, 5-7:30 p.m.
(seniors served at 4 p.m.)
Soup Suppers and speaker, Tuesdays,
3/3-3/31, 6 p.m., followed by Stations of the
Cross, 7 p.m.

ST. LEONARD CHURCH
57 Dorsey Mill Road., Heath
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 5-7 p.m.

ST. LUKE CHURCH
7 W. Rambo St., Danville (Community Center)
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 4/17, 5-7 p.m.

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH
206 E. Chestnut St., Mount Vernon (School)
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 4:30-7 p.m.

CHURCH OF THE HOLY TRINITY
1835 Dover-Zoar Road, Bolivar
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 4-7 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH
39 Burt Ave., Coshocton
Friday, 3/27, 5-7:30 p.m.

SACRED HEART CHURCH
777 3rd St. N.E., New Philadelphia
(Tuscarawas Central Catholic Jr./Sr. High School)
Fridays 2/28-4/3, 4-7 p.m.
KofC Pancake Breakfast, Sunday, 3/1, 9
a.m.-noon, Parish Center

SACRED HEARTS CHURCH
4680 U.S. Highway 42, Cardington
Friday, 3/6, 5-7:30 p.m.

ST. JOHN CHURCH
351 N. Market St., Logan (Parish Hall)
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 4-7 p.m.

ST. COLMAN OF CLOYNE CHURCH
219 S. North St., Washington Court House
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 4:30-7 p.m.
Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.

BISHOP FLAGET SCHOOL
61 S. Paint St., Chillicothe (St. Mary Family
Life Center)
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 4-7 p.m.

ST. PETER IN CHAINS AND ST. MONICA
2167 Lick Run Lyra Road, Wheelersburg
Fridays, 2/28-4/3, 4:30-7 p.m.

ST. MARY AND HOLY REDEEMER
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Upon retirement, 'fish fry guy' reels in Top 10

By Tim Puet
Catholic Times Reporter

JK Mendenhall is putting down his reviewer's knife and fork and retiring as *The Catholic Times*' "fish fry guy."

With the help of the Central Ohio Transit Authority's Mainstream service and people who have become friends through reading his annual reviews in the newspaper, he has visited each of the more than 40 fish fries in the newspaper's listing of the Lenten events at least once since 2013. In the first years of his odyssey, he went to as many as 15 in one season, stopping at three or four a night if the churches were close enough.

Then he expanded his travels to include the farther reaches of the 23-county Diocese of Columbus, so the number of visits became fewer as the trips were longer. Health problems started to become an issue, so he limited his visits last year to places that were close to Columbus and familiar to him.

"I've become a legend, at least in my own mind," said Mendenhall, 70, who always is ready with a pun related to fish or to his blindness. He was born blind in his left eye and lost sight in his right eye 40 years ago despite several operations. The popularity of his reviews can be attested to by *Catholic Times* staff members, who often are asked, "How's the fish fry guy doing?" or "Who is that guy anyway?"

That question will be answered later in this story, but first, here's a list of Mendenhall's 10 favorite fish fries across the diocese, in no particular order, with his comments:

Columbus St. Margaret of Cor-tona – "I visit St. Margaret's every year, and probably everyone who knows me has heard me say they ought to change it to St. Margaret of Cor-Tuna. Their T-shirts and advertising say it's the best fish fry in town. I don't want to get into whether it is or not, but it's always one of the best. They have a lot of experience, for they've been doing it since 1999. They pack in 900 people a week, and they'll serve you a good-sized dinner of baked cod or fried perch from Frank's Fish Market, which isn't far from the church. Sides include cole-slaw, french fries, a baked potato or sweet potato, macaroni and cheese, applesauce, a roll and butter, homemade desserts and beer. They have a drive-through and pickup window. I always get seated in about two minutes, and the food comes quickly. And they have Girl Scout cookies for sale – something no other fish fry in

the diocese has, as far as I know. I'll never forget when the price of cookies was raised from \$5 to \$4, and one 'Ebenezer Scrooge' refused to pay the money. That still upsets me after five years or so."

Worthington St. Michael – "This was the first fish fry I learned about because it's close to where I used to live in Worthington, so it's a sentimental favorite. Convenience has always been an important thing here. The parking is easy, and they were one of the first fish fries with a drive-up window, and that's significant to someone like me with mobility issues. I've had carryout from here, and it's as good the next day as it is the first. I'm not sure who their supplier is, but it's a real high-quality fish. You get a choice of pollock or perch. Sides include slaw or applesauce with the meal, plus clam chowder or mac and cheese for an extra charge. They're all good, and so are the brownies and cake they have. They also offer a mac and cheese dinner for those who don't like fish."

Pickerington St. Elizabeth Ann Seton – "Seton stands out because it offers salmon as an option, in addition to the generous serving of pollock that most people have. And it's the home parish of my good friend David Drees, who has driven me to many of the fish fries and shared a few adventures" – some of which were recalled in Mendenhall's past *Catholic Times* fish fry reviews. "The salmon is the same as you get at Bob Evans, but twice the size. It's almost as good as my mom's. Nothing's as good as hers was. We've seen the Violet Township firefighters eat there,

and you know it's a good meal if the firefighters show up. Just remember to get there early because it can take 15 or 20 minutes once you get off the Route 256 exit of Interstate 70. One night, we got there late and missed the salmon."

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – "This was like going to a gourmet restaurant for half the price. Everything there was premium-quality stuff, and they had the best variety of sides of anywhere in the diocese – fries, baked potato, mac and cheese, slaw, applesauce, grilled cheese, veggie and fruit sides, cheese pizza and pies and cakes. They also offer one of three shrimp specials and two of four different soups each week to add to the variety. Since my last visit, they've also started offering a fish and chips lunch – something few other churches have."

Cardington Sacred Hearts – "They have one fish fry a year" – this year's will be on Friday, March 6. "Their first was in 2017, but I showed up two weeks late because we got the wrong date. I made it in 2018 and really liked their sweet potato fries and slaw. They also have regular fries, along with salad and the fish. Their homemade desserts were excellent, as well. They serve about 200 meals each year, which equals to one for every family in the parish and about 60 beyond that."

Columbus St. Dominic – "Another church with only one fish fry a year, traditionally on a Saturday" – this year's is on March 21. "I try to visit them every year. It's a hidden gem in the inner city, and I want to encourage people to come here

because the church can really use your support, and the people serving it are a delight. Whiting is the fish they serve, and you can get it on a sandwich if you want. What's most outstanding is the homemade sauce they use on their slaw. It's the best in the city, better than anything you can find in a store. The recipe goes back two generations. They have good baked beans that stick to your ribs, plus applesauce and mixed vegetables. If you're not already full from your first plate, get seconds from the garage or take some home."

Plain City St. Joseph – "This fish fry topped my list in 2016, when they were getting top-quality fish from Lovejoy's Market in Plain City, which has since closed. I don't know where they're getting fish from now, but regardless, many other things made them outstanding. The macaroni and cheese was the best I'd had in years, the slaw was good, and there were homemade pickles – something I haven't seen anywhere else. Then there were the homemade desserts – a remarkable variety, including cream puffs, rhubarb pie and peanut butter cake. Like the name of the town, everything was plain and simple. I've run into many friendly people at fish fries, and it's hard to say one place is the friendliest, but I will say there's nowhere that's more friendly than Plain City."

Wheelersburg St. Peter in Chains – "This is probably the longest trip from Columbus I took. It was more than two hours one way, mostly on U.S. 23 but then along little country roads, and I wouldn't have been able to make it without my friends Maris and Nancy Frank. You don't need seconds, and Father Joe Yokum, the pastor, and his parishioners were wonderful. They had been told we were coming and couldn't have been nicer. Their hush puppies and fries were outstanding, but I think what I remember best is the apple pie, made by a 91-year-old woman who's probably baked thousands of pies. You can tell they were made with skill and love."

Johnstown Church of the Ascension – "The fish was sauteed, and whatever ingredients were added made it a whole lot better. The coleslaw was crisp and firm, not long and stringy as it is in a lot of other places. Everything appeared homemade, including the desserts. The fries were very good, not greasy. It also was a great pleasure talking to Father (J.L.) Reichert, the pastor, because



J.K. Mendenhall (left) and his traveling companion for several years, David Drees of Pickerington St. Elizabeth Seton Parish. Mendenhall's fish fry reviews appeared for several years in *The Catholic Times*, but he has retired for health reasons. *CT photo by Tim Puet*

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of his enthusiasm, and I was sorry to hear of his passing in 2018. I visited there twice and also remember the nice conversations with 'fish fry guy groupies' I met there – women who came up to talk to me because they recognized me from seeing my picture in earlier fish fry reviews."

Delaware St. Mary – "I went there twice and got a generous portion of four fish the first time, which filled me up. The second time, I made sure to try everything else on the menu that wasn't sold out. It's another place with lots of variety – fried or baked fish, fried shrimp, fish tacos and cheese pizza. The shrimp and the fish tacos were sold out by the time I got there. There also was clam chowder and lots of sides – fries, mac and cheese and mixed veggies. There also were slaw and hush puppies, but they were sold out of both. From that, you can tell how busy it was. From where I sat, you could hear what was going on in the kitchen, and you could tell they were cooking up a storm. Also, the menu was laminated, which you don't see very often – or in my case, I don't see it, but I feel it – and it added a little class."

Mendenhall, a Seventh-day Adventist, said he attended his first fish fry about a dozen years ago at Worthington St. Michael Church. He learned there of the Catholic tradition of having parish fish fries on the Fridays of Lent (except Good Friday, in most cases) and began using COTA's Mainstream service for the disabled so he could attend fish fries at other churches in northern Franklin County.

His fish fry travels beyond that area began in 2014 with a phone call to a *Catholic Times* reporter, which resulted in a story about how the Mainstream service took him between fish fries and how he used the annual *Times* fish fry guide to determine his route. The story included his initial reviews for the newspaper.

It had been preceded a few weeks earlier by a notice in the *Times* in which he asked if anyone could take him to fish fries elsewhere in the county. He received responses from David Drees of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Carol Connors of Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church and a Whitehall resident who wished to remain anonymous. They accompanied him to fish fries in their home areas.

He and Drees began going to fish fries beyond Columbus the following year and continued their travels in each succeeding year, with Peter Supron of Columbus providing assistance on one occasion in 2016. Mendenhall met the Franks, members of the Columbus Mennonite Church, at a breakfast in 2017, and they became his travel companions for his trip to Wheelersburg that year.

Mendenhall is a Columbus native who worked as a vendor at the former Cooper Stadium (going back to when it was known as Jet Stadium in the 1950s and '60s) and at St. John Arena, Ohio Stadium and the state fairgrounds, and as a security specialist for the Columbus school board and the state of Ohio.

He grew up on Columbus' west side in the area of the Franklinton neighborhood long known as The Bottoms. He said his father attended Columbus Holy Family Church and his mother was not Catholic. He credits his taste for fish to his mother's having grown up in Vancouver, British Columbia, near the Pacific Ocean.

He was born Terrence Lee Dorcy and changed his legal name a few years ago to T. Magoo Dorcy. The "Magoo" is a humorous reference both to the nearsighted Mr. Magoo cartoon character of the 1950s and to

Mendenhall's blindness. He frequently remarks that he goes to fish fries to conduct "blind taste tests."

He took the JK Mendenhall identity to honor his former wife (Joyce), her hometown (Kenton) and her last name. He lived in Worthington until his landlords decided in 2018 to vacate the apartment complex where he was living and use it for other purposes. He now lives on Columbus' near east side and is cared for in the home of longtime family friend Deloris Goble and her daughter.

"I'm extremely grateful to everyone who put up with me for all these years to enable me to go to all the fish fries," he said. "I especially thank Dave for enduring things like getting stopped for speeding, missing dates and trying to figure out where some of the churches were. Thanks also to the Knights of Columbus, who sponsor most of the fish fries, for their hospitality.

"And, finally, thanks to the readers of the *Times*. Especially in the last few years, many people have come up to me and said they've gone to this or that fish fry because of what I've said. It's nice to know my information was useful, and putting it together has been a lot of fun for me. And remember, there's no such thing as a bad fish fry."

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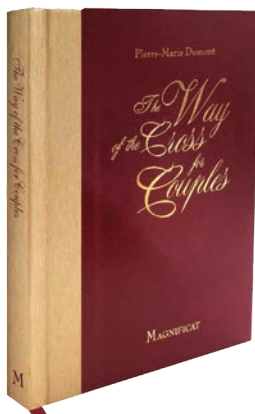
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By Sarah Reinhard

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“To delve with Christ into the heart of the mystery of conjugal love is the vocation of all spouses. But this vocation to make offerings of ourselves for each other will only bear fruit if we

follow in the footsteps of the One who loved us to the end. Such is the proposition offered in these pages to all couples who entrust their love to the mercy of the Father.”

This beautifully hardbound book, complete with a ribbon, includes

thick, semi-gloss paper and line drawings throughout. And before you roll your eyes and think, based on that opening paragraph, that there’s no way you could pray this Way of the Cross with *your* spouse, let me tell you more about it.

Because honestly, I was right there with you. But ... Lent. And also, this book is just too lovely to not at least try.

This is a book of the Stations of the Cross, written and prepared specifically for married couples. While it would be ideal to pray in a church, there are images included, so you also could use it at home. Though the book itself includes more than 130 pages, it would be easy to share.

Each station also features a plant or flower that ties into the theme of the station. For the First Station, for example, the plant is the burnet, which opens its petals at exactly 9 o’clock in the morning, which is the hour when Jesus was brought before Pontius Pilate. The burnet closes its petals at 3 o’clock, when Jesus died on the Cross.

As I read through each station with its accompanying artwork, I was struck most by the simplicity of the prayers. Again, let’s look at the First Station, which, after the Scripture passage, has the couple kneel and then read aloud:

“Jesus’ Life”

“Before Caiaphas, then before Pilate, the innocent one is condemned. He is the victim of calumnies and unjust accusations. But the one who alone is the Judge does not judge his accusers: he just bears witness to the truth.”

“Our Life”

“We are also sometimes tempted to accuse one another, to calumniate and to condemn one another.”

“Our Prayer”

“Lord, teach us not to judge, not to condemn; teach us to act in truth within ourselves and toward one another, to be nothing but love and truth for each other.”

We’re instructed to sit and pause for three minutes, followed by reading Psalm 40, a prayer, and a short interval stanza from a hymn.

Each station follows this rhythm, and then, after the Fourteenth Station, there is a conclusion that includes an examination of conscience, a prayer of renunciation, a prayer with parts for husband and wife, a renewal of marriage vows, and the concluding prayer, also with parts for husband and wife.

At first, I was tempted to think of this as a nice idea for other people. You know the ones, the holy ones, who not only have it all together but who also wear halos to bed. However, sitting and reading it for myself convinced me that this, in fact, is an opportunity to strengthen marriage by uniting closer to the One who is at the heart of our marriage.

And if I’m going to give up time this Lent, why not time with my husband and my Savior?

If you work in a parish setting, this could be a great outreach for married couples (and offering child care couldn’t hurt, either). But if that’s not a possibility for you, let me encourage you to try — and that I’ll pray for you as I try it, too!



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First Sunday of Lent, Year A

Resist the temptation to sin

Father Timothy Hayes

Father Timothy M. Hayes is pastor of Columbus St. Timothy Church.



Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7
Ps. 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17
Romans 5:12-19
Matthew 4:1-11

The first week of Lent begins with the temptation of Jesus. If we are to imitate Jesus, then we must be willing to undergo temptation. The challenge for us is that when we are tempted, we often fail the test.

Sin is tempting. But not all temptation is sin. Some temptations turn out, much to the devil's dismay, to be preludes, invitations to Grace. Jesus shows us how to pass the test of temptation. Scripture tells us that if we resist the devil, he will take flight.

It is helpful to do an interior study of the movements of grace and sin in our own hearts. From the Scriptures, we see that this was something that human beings had to deal with right from the start. Eve had heard from Adam about the tree. It appears, however, that like most men, Adam had exaggerated just a bit.

God told Adam: *"You are free to eat from any of the trees of the garden except the tree of knowledge of good and bad. From that tree you shall not eat; the moment you eat from it you are surely doomed to die."*

In the account given by Eve, we hear something a bit different: *"We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'"*

Pay attention to this change. It is at the very heart of sin. The nature of sin is primarily in our attempts to take into our own hands what belongs to God. In this case, we might say that Adam is just trying to protect Eve. *"Don't even touch it"* is just a bit stronger than *"you shall not eat of it."* It makes sense, but it is an exaggeration. This leaves room for the devil's form of exaggeration: sin.

Sin always lies, promising what it cannot deliver. When we are tempted, the lure is an apparent good, something we want. Eve looked at the fruit and went through the interior

movement that is always present in our sin: *"The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom."* The first temptation went for the human appetites: bodily, emotional, and spiritual.

Jesus' temptations follow the same pattern: hunger, support from the angels, and worship.

Eve and Adam went the way of sin, as we do. Jesus chose the way of grace, and thus made clear that human nature can rise above sin by relying on God's promises. Sin lies to us; God speaks the truth. Grace abounds more than sin. Jesus shows us the power of the Spirit to lead us through temptation to grace.

The three core human temptations are the ones Jesus experiences:

- The temptation to self-sufficiency
- The temptation to power and glory
- The temptation to worship something other than God

As Jesus experiences these core temptations, the very manner of the tempter shows us something else: Temptation is intensely personal. Jesus is alone in the desert until His temptations are finished, when angels come to His aid.

"If you are the Son of God" is the premise of the devil's temptations for Jesus. Who are you and what is it that tempts you? Here, we must be scrupulously honest with ourselves. What is your inner attachment, the one thing that feeds your ego, that is, your false and illusory self?

- It's not money – it's the power of money to get you what you want. It's the influence you can have.
- It's not the fame – it's how people give you a sense of self-worth, even though secretly you don't believe them at all.
- It's not the ability you have to be the best you can be at something – it's how you can win the competition you have with someone in your life that you secretly admire.

Lent is about getting to know ourselves and finding the way to direct our spirits to God. Watch what happens as your spirit is satisfied by a greater Spirit, the one who leads you through the desert.

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

MONDAY
 Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18
 Psalm 19:8-10, 15
 Matthew 25:31-46

Jonah 3:1-10
 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19
 Luke 11:29-32

Ezekiel 18:21-28
 Psalm 130:1-8
 Matthew 5:20-26

TUESDAY
 Isaiah 55:10-11
 Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19
 Matthew 6:7-15

THURSDAY
 Esther C: 12, 14-16, 23-25
 Psalm 138:1-3, 7c-8
 Matthew 7:7-12

SATURDAY
 Deuteronomy 26:16-19
 Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8
 Matthew 5:43-48

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Mass with the Passionist Fathers at 7:30 a.m. on WWHO-TV (the CW), Channel 53, Columbus and 10:30 a.m. on WHIZ-TV, Channel 18, Zanesville. Mass from St. Francis de Sales Seminary, Milwaukee, at 10 a.m. on WWHO-TV. Check local cable system for cable channel listing.

Mass from Our Lady of the Angels Monastery, Birmingham, Ala., at 8 a.m. on EWTN

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 Mass from the Archdiocese of Milwaukee at 6:30 a.m. on ION TV (AT&T U-verse Channel 195, Dish Network Channel 250, or DirecTV Channel 305).

Mass from Massillon St. Mary Church at 10:30 a.m. on WILB radio (AM 1060, FM 94.5 and 89.5), Canton, heard in Tuscarawas, Holmes, and Coshoccon counties.

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8 a.m., Our Lady of the Angels Monastery in Birmingham, Ala. (Encores at noon, 7 p.m. and midnight). See EWTN above; and on I-LifeTV (Channel 113, Ada, Logan, Millersburg, Murray City,

Washington C.H.; Channel 125, Marion, Newark, Newcomerstown and New Philadelphia; Channel 207, Zanesville).

8 p.m., St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com.

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We pray Week I, Seasonal Proper, Liturgy of the Hours.

PRAYER TO THE VIRGIN

Oh, most beautiful flower of Mt. Carmel, fruitful vine, splendor of heaven, blessed Mother of the Son of God, Immaculate Virgin, assist me in necessity. Oh, star of the sea, help me and show me herein, you are my Heaven and Earth. I humbly beseech you from the bottom of my heart to secure me in this necessity. There are none who can withstand your powers. Oh, show me herein you are my Mother. Oh, Mary conceived without sin, pray for us, who have recourse to thee. (Repeat three times) Oh, Holy Mary, I place this cause in your hand. (Repeat three times) Holy Spirit, you who solve all problems, light all roads that I can obtain my goals. You gave me the divine gift to forgive and forget all evil against me, and in all instances in my life, you are with me. I want in this short prayer to thank you for all things as you confirm once again that I never want to be separated from you in eternal glory. Thank you for your mercy toward me and mine. The person must say this prayer three consecutive days, after three days, the request will be granted. CNL

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“He got involved and discovered the Lord in a fresh and new way and deepened his relationship with Christ through the weekend experience, and through sharing his life with others in his support group as they continued to experience conversion and renewal of mind and heart through the Good News.

“And so Mike was passionate about sharing the Gospel through this weekend experience. He went after me and got me to make a weekend in the early ‘80s, and other members of our family. He could be persistent, and he spent a great deal of time giving the weekends, training teams and providing direction for the movement here in the Columbus area.

“I know Mike certainly wanted to proclaim the Gospel through mass

media. He got involved in learning about radio and television and film as he worked on his master’s degree in religious education at Fordham University. He had some time to visit New York University and get involved with their communications department, and he saw how mass media could really impact our world.

“While he taught religion in classes at Watterson High School and Portsmouth Notre Dame and Wehrle High School, he got involved in this great Cursillo/Cum Christo movement and continued to share the Gospel.

“He was involved with our first diocesan office of communications. That was a great experience for Mike, and something he shared with Father Tom Farley – setting up the office and trying to use our mass media as a gift for proclaiming the Gospel. He later on worked for five years in the early ‘80s to continue building a television station in the (San Francisco) Bay area that would do the same – proclaiming the Gospel.

“And so he worked hard. He gave himself to the movement. He worked

as an associate pastor for many years, and then pastor at St. Christopher and St. Leonard’s here in Heath, where we celebrate today. So we want to honor him for his great passion for proclaiming the Gospel, and we hope that passion will be picked up in our own lives as we go forth from here celebrating his passage from this world to the next.

“He was influenced by the sisters – the Franciscan sisters of Stella Niagara who taught him at St. Leo’s, and then the priests at St. Charles, where he went to high school and later on to the college seminary. In fact, we were only two years apart, and he was always kind of running interference for me. I really liked that.

“He would share with me what he was experiencing in the seminary, and it wasn’t a real strange place for me because I knew a lot of the guys he was in school with and they seemed pretty normal, pretty regular, and so I really followed him in that same path two years later on.

“Mike worked at Camp St. Joseph in those early years in summertime and learned how to work with people and

the other counselors, the other seminarians who worked at the camp.

“He really gave himself to the Church, to the ministry, and he laid down his life in service for all of us, and we build on much of the work that he began. He promoted the new diaconate in our diocese as spiritual director for the Cum Christo movement, and we saw much progress in that in those early years. Mike encountered Christ, the mystery of Christ, and he wanted to share that encounter with others.

“He certainly wasn’t perfect. We often accused him of being spoiled because he was the firstborn of our family and got a lot of attention from parents and all of us in the large extended family. So we know he was loved, he understood himself as being loved, and he was able to share that gift with other people.

“And so we’re taking some quiet time now, as we welcome the Spirit to descend upon our assembly and to continue speaking about the gift of Father Mike to our Church, our diocese here in Columbus. I thank everyone for coming.”

Local news and events

Altar server awards presentation scheduled for March 14 at cathedral

The 58th annual altar server awards program sponsored by the Downtown Serra Club will take place at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 14 at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral.

Eighth-grade servers selected by their pastors from throughout the diocese will be honored during a ceremony led by Bishop Robert Brennan. A reception will follow.

Last year, 134 honorees were present when Bishop Brennan presented the awards for the first time after his installation as bishop. He told Serra Club members that he never had witnessed anything similar in his native Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York.

Eighth-grade servers who are unable to attend will be recognized at a later date by their parish pastors.

Serra Club members place great importance on this special program because, in the words of Pope St. John Paul II, “Altar Servers, You are servants of Jesus Christ. ... Do not hold your candlestick only inside the church, but take the light of the gospel to all who live in darkness.”

The Serra Club is a voluntary organization of Catholic men and women fostering vocations to the priesthood,

the diaconate and religious life. Its members promote spiritual growth through a ministry of prayer, awareness, affirmation and support, including encouraging members to fulfill their own Christian vocation.

The Downtown Serra Club of Columbus was chartered in 1954. It is a division of Serra International, which was founded in 1937 and named for Father Junipero Serra, a Franciscan friar who established missions throughout California in the 18th century. He was canonized in 2015.

The 732 Serra clubs in 35 nations have more than 23,000 lay members, including more than 10,000 in the United States. Serra International, the world’s largest Catholic vocations-related organization, was called by John Paul II the “lay vocation arm of the Catholic Church.”

If you are interested in learning more about the Downtown Serra Club, email carl@faehnle.com.

Notre Dame handbell choir coming to New Albany

The University of Notre Dame handbell choir will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 11 at

the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 Dublin-Granville Road.

The concert will include audience participation in hymns and psalms and narration reflecting on Lenten themes present in the music. Vocalists from Notre Dame and the parish will support the music of the 13 bell ringers and the singing of the assembly.

The hymns and psalms are original compositions by the choir’s director, Karen Schneider Kirner, who has been involved with Notre Dame’s handbell choir and folk choir for more than 22 years.

The Notre Dame handbell choir is the only touring and recording Catholic liturgical handbell group in the United States.

ODU, Mount Carmel partner for degree pathway

Ohio Dominican University (ODU) has partnered with the Mount Carmel College of Nursing (MCCN) to offer MCCN graduates a direct pathway toward expanding and enhancing their professional credentials at ODU.

The agreement allows graduates of MCCN’s Master of Science programs to transfer as much as 25 percent of

their coursework to Ohio Dominican as they enroll in ODU’s Master of Business Administration (MBA) or Master of Science in Health Care Administration (MSHA) programs. Accepting previously completed coursework will allow students to save time and money as they work toward another master’s degree.

In addition, eligible students who meet certain academic requirements will be guaranteed admission to ODU after completion of their MCCN degree, and they will not be required to complete an entrance exam.

MCCN graduates who enroll at ODU through this partnership may choose to pursue their MBA or MSHA degree online, on campus or in a combination of both formats, giving them the flexibility of completing their degree around their schedule.

The agreement expands on an existing partnership that allows ODU students to pursue a nursing degree from MCCN after their undergraduate studies at Ohio Dominican.

For more information on ODU’s graduate offerings, visit ohiodominican.edu/Grad, email grad@ohiodominican.edu, or call (614) 251-4615.

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AMICO, Anne M. (Striegel), 86, Feb. 11
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

BUNDY, Joan G., 89, Feb. 19
St. Joan of Arc Church, Powell

CALDERONE KERN, Gladys M. (Arnold),
93, Feb. 15
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

CRAMER, Cynthia A. (Steinbrunner), 72,
Feb. 15
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

DONEFF, Carol A., 75, Feb. 15
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

DUTTON (Myers), Lillian, 100, Jan. 25
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

ENDRES, Mary L. (Donohue), 87, Jan. 21
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

FOX, Velicia M., 90, Feb. 14
St. Patrick Church, Columbus

FRANKEN, Elaine, 97, Feb. 21
St. Brigid of Kildare Church, Dublin

GOTH, John, 95, Jan. 22
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

HAMMOND, William L., 87, Feb. 15
St. Francis de Sales Church, Newark

KARABINOS, Francis G. "Shanky," 90,
Feb. 19
St. Agatha Church, Columbus

KLINGLER, Patricia, 89, Feb. 18
St. Philip Church, Columbus

McGEE, Matthew P., 50, Feb. 11
St. James the Less Church, Columbus

McMANUS, Josephine, 96, Feb. 14
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

MURPHY, Theodore J., 83, Feb. 14
St. Mary Church, Marion

NUZUM, Kevin P., 68, Feb. 20
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

RANKE, Dennis W., 73, Feb. 20
St. Paul Church, Westerville

ROBERTS, Daniel J., 73, Feb. 17
St. Matthias Church, Columbus

SCOLATI, Elizabeth "Betty," 68, Jan. 24
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

SWALDO, William, 90, Jan. 22
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

WINLING, John R., 58, Feb. 19
Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, Grove City

Sister Eileen Barrett, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister Eileen Barrett, OSF, 89, who died Saturday, Feb. 15, was celebrated Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in Stella Niagara, New York. Burial was at the sisters' cemetery.

She was born on Sept. 20, 1930 in Buffalo, New York to Francis and Mary Agnes (Busch) Barrett.

She entered the Stella Niagara Franciscan order on Sept. 1, 1948 and professed her first vows on Aug. 17, 1951, taking the name Sister M. Kevin, and her final vows on Aug. 18, 1955. She received a bachelor of science degree

from Rosary Hill College (now Daemen College) in Amherst, New York in 1969.

She was a teacher at Columbus Sacred Heart School during the 1958-59 school year. She also taught at a school in New Jersey and spent most of her teaching career in the Diocese of Buffalo. She retired in 2009 and continued to volunteer at St. Lawrence Church in Buffalo for several years thereafter.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, John and Joseph; and sisters, Jean Leising, Ann Kramer, Florence, and Francis. She is survived by a sister, Mary Theresa Daigler.

Sister M. Anthony Reichmuth, OSF

Funeral Mass for Sister M. Anthony Reichmuth, OSF, 92, who died Sunday, Feb. 16, was celebrated Thursday, Feb. 20 at the chapel of the Sisters of St. Francis of Penance and Christian Charity in Stella Niagara, New York. Burial was at the sisters' cemetery.

She was born Anita Reichmuth on Sept. 3, 1927 in Buffalo, New York to Bernard and Mary (Grad) Reichmuth. She entered the Stella Niagara Franciscan order on Sept. 3, 1944 and professed her first vows on Aug. 18, 1946 and her final vows on the same date three years later.

She served the order as a cook for 59 years. In the Diocese of Columbus, she

was stationed at the Columbus St. Vincent (1953-1954), St. Charles (1956-1959) and Sacred Heart (1959-60) convents.

She also served in West Virginia and the Diocese of Buffalo, where she spent 45 years cooking for the students at Stella Niagara. She retired in 2005 and became a resident of the Stella Niagara Health Center in 2017.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Bernard and Anthony; and sisters, Mary Kuchnowski, Anna Marie Bruenn, Bernice Zimmerman, Celia Gianconicra, and Emily. Survivors include a sister, Marguerite Marin, and many nieces and nephews.

Paul Nestor

Funeral Mass for Paul Nestor, 93, who died Friday, Feb. 21, was celebrated Thursday, Feb. 27, in Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus, followed by burial at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

He was born on Feb. 16, 1927 in New London, Ohio, to Francis and Elizabeth (Day) Nestor.

He graduated from New London High School in 1945, then served in the U.S. Marine Corps, attended Arizona State University and received degrees from Ohio State and Bowling Green State universities.

He spent more than four decades in education as a school administrator and football, track and basketball coach, with his teams winning the 1983 state Division IV football championship at Columbus Bishop Ready High School and the 1960 state Class A track and field championship at Paulding High

School.

He coached at 11 high schools in Ohio, Michigan and Arizona, including Bishop Ready, Columbus Father Wehrle, and Zanesville Bishop Rosecrans, where he spent the last eight years of his coaching career.

He was inducted into the Ohio High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame in 2003, received *The Columbus Dispatch* Lou Berliner Award for excellence in coaching high school athletics in 2002, and was a recipient of the Shamrock Club of Columbus Woody Hayes Award.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Marie (Abbruzzese); son, Michael; and brothers, Tom, Bill and Richard.

Survivors include sons, Kevin (Paula), Christopher and Tobin (Christine); nine grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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FEBRUARY

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From end of 9 a.m. Thursday Mass to 6:30
a.m. Friday, Reservation chapel, Church of the
Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, New
Albany. 33 hours of Eucharistic Adoration in honor
of Jesus' 33 years on Earth. 614-855-1400

28, FRIDAY Byzantine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts

7 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic
Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Liturgy
of the Presanctified Gifts, a Vespers service with
Holy Eucharist. 614-882-7578
Holy Hour at St. Matthew
7 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens
Corners Road, Gahanna. Monthly Holy Hour with
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers
for reparation, purification and sanctification of the
universal Church. 614-471-0212

29, SATURDAY
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave.,
Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed
by rosary and confession.

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Frassati Society Visits Nursing Home
9:30 to 11:30 a.m., Worthington Christian Village,
165 Highbluffs Blvd., Columbus. Members of
Columbus St. Patrick Church Frassati Society for
young adults visit with nursing home's residents.
614-224-9522

Morning of Reflection for Lectors
10 a.m. to noon, St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main
St., Marion. Morning of reflection for all lectors,
focusing on the beauty, power and activity of the
Word of God when proclaimed. RSVP appreciated,
but not required. 740-387-6225

Prayerful Painting Activity at Marion St. Mary
Noon to 3 p.m., Moira Hall, St. Mary Church, 251
N. Main St., Marion. Prayerful painting activity,
including lunch, with each participant composing a
picture. Theme: "From Darkness to Light by Way
of the Cross." Cost \$25. 740-387-6225
Cy Kellett Talk at Delaware St. Mary
After 4:30 p.m. Mass, St. Mary Church, 82 E.
William St., Delaware. Talk by Cy Kellett of EWTN.
Catholic Answers Live. Topic: "Truly Human Lives."
740-363-4641

Diocesan Rite of Election at Grove City
7 p.m., Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church,
3730 Broadway, Grove City. Bishop Robert
Brennan presides at diocesan Rite of Election,
with catechumens and candidates declaring their
intention to enter into full communion with the

Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil.

MARCH

1, SUNDAY
Book and Game Sale at St. Mary Magdalene
8 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Mary Magdalene Church, 473
Roys Ave., Columbus. Parish's third annual sale
of books, games, puzzles, DVDs, CDs and vinyl
records. 614-274-1121

Adoration at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Church, 5133 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake.
Eucharistic Adoration each Sunday during Lent.
St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School,
1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. First of five
studies of *No Greater Love*, a book and video
series by Edward Sri filmed in the Holy Land and
examining the last hours of Jesus' life.
Cy Kellett Talks at Delaware St. Mary
After 11:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Masses, St. Mary
Church, 82 E. William St., Delaware. Talks by Cy
Kellett of EWTN *Catholic Answers Live*. Topics:
Morning, "Whatever Happened to the Modern
World?" Evening: "The Cycle of Christian Life."
Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry
2 to 4 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E.
Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Fifth meeting of
six-week support group sponsored by Seasons
of Hope bereavement ministry for those who
have lost a loved one, sponsored by North High
Deanery. Contact rose.daiga@gmail.com.

Diocesan Rite of Election at St. Paul
3 p.m., St. Paul Church, 313 N. State St.,
Westerville. Bishop Robert Brennan presides at
diocesan Rite of Election, with catechumens and
candidates declaring their intention to enter into
full communion with the Catholic Church at the
Easter Vigil.
Prayer for the Nation at St. Matthew
3 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners
Road, Gahanna. Monthly Holy Hour of prayer for
the nation, including the Divine Mercy Chaplet and
the rosary. 614-471-0212

Solemn Vespers at Cathedral
4:45 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad
St., Columbus, Singing of Solemn Vespers with
members of the cathedral choir. 614-241-2526
Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E.
Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass
entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets.
for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching.
614-886-8266

Solemn Vespers at St. Peter in Chains
6:30 p.m., St. Peter in Chains Church, 2167 Lick
Run Lyra Road, Wheelersburg. Singing of Solemn
Vespers. 740-354-4551

Compline at Cathedral
9 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St.,
Columbus. Chanting of Compline, the Catholic
Church's official night prayer. 614-241-2526

2, MONDAY

Eucharistic Adoration at Our Lady of Victory
7 to 8 a.m., Our Lady of Victory Church, 1559
Roxbury Road, Columbus. First Monday
Eucharistic Adoration, beginning with Morning
Prayer, concluding with Mass.
Divine Mercy Chaplet, Rosary at St. Pius X
6 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner
Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Chaplet of Divine
Mercy, followed by Rosary for the sick of the parish
and all who are ill. 614-866-2859
Evening Prayer at St. John Neumann
6:30 p.m., St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E.
State Route 37, Sunbury. Evening Prayer led by
Deacon Carl Calcara on the Mondays of Lent.
Honor Choir Concert at St. Matthew

6:30 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens
Corners Road, Gahanna. 13th annual diocesan
honor choir concert, featuring singers from 14
diocesan elementary schools and the Ohio
Dominican University choir. Free-will offering will
be collected for Holy Family Soup Kitchen.
Marian Prayer Group at Holy Spirit
7 p.m., Day chapel, Holy Spirit Church, 4383 E.
Broad St., Columbus. Marian Movement of Priests
Cenacle prayer group for Catholic family life.
614-235-7435
Eucharistic Adoration at Dresden St. Ann
7 to 8 p.m., St. Ann Church, 405 Chestnut St.,
Dresden. Eucharistic Adoration each Monday
during Lent. 740-754-2221

2-4, MONDAY-WEDNESDAY

Parish Mission at Worthington St. Michael
7 p.m., St. Michael Church, 5750 N. High St.,
Worthington. Parish mission with theme "Called
to Witness" led by Father Adam Streitenberger,
diocesan evangelization director. Topics: Monday,
"The Good News of Jesus Christ for Our Time";
Tuesday, "Following Christ as His Disciples";
Wednesday, "Witnessing to Christ as Missionary
Disciples." 614-885-7814

3, TUESDAY

Serra Club of North Columbus Meeting
Noon, Jessing Center, Pontifical College
Josephinum, 7625 N. High St., Columbus.
Bishop Robert Brennan speaks at Serra Club of
North Columbus meeting. Parents of diocesan
seminarians will be guests. Reservations required.
614-638-6787
Adoration, Mass, Faith Formation at Dover
5 p.m., St. Joseph Church, 613 N. Tuscarawas
Ave., Dover. Eucharistic Adoration and
confessions, followed by Mass at 6 and adult faith
formation at 7. 330-364-6661

'Lent By Candlelight' at Delaware St. Mary
5:30 to 9 p.m., Beitel Commons, St. Mary Church,
82 E. William St., Delaware. Parish's annual
"Lent By Candlelight" dinner for women, with
presentation by parishioners Jessica Schmitt and
Lynn Hartings on "A Sacred Journey through Grief
and Joy." 740-363-4641

Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc
Following 6 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church,
10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for
Life, sponsored by church's respect life committee.
Study of Luke's Gospel at Holy Spirit
6:30 to 8 p.m. Holy Spirit Church, 4383 E. Broad
St., Columbus. Lenten Bible study of "Luke's
Gospel: The Good News of God's Mercy."
Death of the Messiah Discussion
6:45 to 8 p.m., Parish office, St. John Neumann
Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, Sunbury.
Discussion of *Death of the Messiah* by Raymond
E. Brown, a meditation on the Passion of Christ
and the mysteries of Holy Week. 740-965-1358
Byzantine Liturgy of Presanctified Gifts
7 p.m., St. John Chrysostom Byzantine Catholic
Church, 5858 Cleveland Ave., Columbus. Liturgy
of the Presanctified Gifts, a Vespers service with
Holy Eucharist. 614-882-7578

3-4, TUESDAY-WEDNESDAY

Tryouts for St. Charles Play
4 p.m., St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E.
Broad St., Columbus. Tryouts for female parts in
school's production of *Godspell* from April 30 to
May 3. Open to all female high school students.
614-252-6714

4, WEDNESDAY

Lenten Talk Series at Marion St. Mary
6:30 p.m., St. Mary Church, 251 N. Main St.,
Marion. Wednesday Lenten series opens with talk
by Thomas Buffer, pastor, on "The Holiness of the
Church." 740-382-2118

Chastity gaining favor among teens, speaker says

By Doug Bean
Catholic Times Editor

Jason Evert doesn't hold much back when he talks about the importance of purity in relationships, starting in school and carrying into adulthood.

Evert, who has addressed more than a million people in the past two decades as part of his Chastity Project ministry, spent three days last week in central Ohio speaking to students and adults at Delaware St. Mary Church, Columbus Bishop Watterson and Bishop Hartley high schools and the Catholic Men's Conference.

During an early morning presentation on Friday, Feb. 21, before the entire student body in the Bishop Watterson gym, Evert, in candid and engaging fashion, touched on a range of difficult topics that teenagers face during their high school years.

Foremost among the issues that students wrestle with in today's oversexualized culture are dating, appropriate behavior, purity, pornography and gender dysphoria.

"Everything is sex this, sex that," Evert told the students. "And, the basic message is simple: You're young, you're still a virgin, there's something wrong with you."

But Evert cited statistics showing that an increasing number of young people are rejecting that message.

"I think teenage guys are the solution to the problem, and I've got the research to back me up," Evert said.

According to the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, sexual activity rates among teens declined steadily (from 39 percent to 28 percent between 1991 and 2015) to a point where the majority of high school students are now virgins.

Sexual activity among high school boys declined twice as quickly as that of high school girls between 1991 and 2005. The National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy reported that 77 percent of girls and 60 percent of boys who had engaged in sexual activity regretted their decision.

He also pointed out that people who marry as virgins have a divorce rate about 70 percent lower than those who don't. And, contrary to today's worldview, living together before marriage to "see if we're compatible" does not lead to lasting marriages, he said.

"Living with a guy who's not your husband is crazy," he said. "Sex is sexist. Girls always pay the biggest price. The longer a girl waits for sex, the happier her life will be. If you're sexually active now, if you take it out (of your relationship), you'll see if you have real love."

A litmus test of teen dating, Evert told the students, is to envision the person as someone you might one day want to marry. Girls especially should not feel pressured to let their guard down and also be aware of psychological tactics that lower resistance such as preying upon their emotions.

"If it's real love, it will bring you closer to everyone who loves you: family, friends, God," he emphasized. "If it's not really love, you get plucked away from all three."

Evert offered numerous examples from interactions with student across the country to illustrate what to do and what not to do when it comes to high school and college relationships.

One of those instances came in Texas with a sexually active boy who wanted to date a chaste girl.

She told him that "three things need to happen," Evert recounted. "No. 1, you need to ask my father permission to date me.

"No. 2, I want you to read this 500-page book on chastity and theology of the body. No. 3, you may not kiss me until the day you lift my veil on the altar as my husband." She wanted to see if he was willing to sacrifice."

The young man did all of that, left his old ways, and the young woman is now his wife.

"You will never convince a boy of your dignity until you convince yourself," Evert told the girls. "The girl needs to convince herself of the



Jason Evert speaks to Watterson students on Feb. 21. Photo courtesy Bishop Watterson

priceless dignity of her body. ... You have the power to change a guy's heart."

Evert reminded girls that fertility is a gift, and artificial birth control should not be seen as pregnancy prevention or a solution to health issues.

"One of the beauties about self-control is, you don't have to rely on birth control," he said. "No way would I put my wife on that junk. Girls are not told the truth about birth control."

He noted that contraception heightens the risk of various types of cancers, causes undetected abortions, does not prevent various diseases that could later lead to infertility and can be deadly in some instances.

"Girls, you let the boys be afraid that they could lose you if they don't respect you," Evert said. "If you have to lower your morals to find love, it's not worth finding. If you really want to find love, you need to find a backbone."

An insidious problem today is the prevalence of pornography that's so accessible on phones and other electronic devices, he said.

"Porn is the best way to shoot your future in the head," Evert said.

"Neurologists have discovered that you'll actually sculpt the structure of your brain to expect every woman to live up to this fantasy of a disposable supermodel. Do this for a couple of years and then jump into a marriage, and being captivated 'until death do you part' is not happening."

Evert also stressed the impact of good fathers on a girl's image of boys.

"Five or 10 years from now, who wants to be some porn-addicted dad who has to slap their laptop shut when your 3-year-old daughter comes in the office because she can't see what dad's seeing?" he said. "That's not the father I want to be. That's why, if you trash the porn today, you'll be faithful to your bride before you ever laid eyes upon her."

"The solution that the Church offers is that a man would perfect his sexual desires."

Porn, he pointed out, is like a big prison for guys, but Evert warned that it's not just a guy problem.

"When a girl looks at it, it's like you're in your own jail because you feel like you're the only woman there," he said. "Lust is a human problem."

As for same-sex attractions, Evert cautioned students not to buy into the myth that it's OK to do whatever you want with your body.

"If you believe in traditional marriage, you're a bigot. That's not true," he said. "If anyone in the world identifies themselves by their sexual attractions, life is going to get so confusing. Your identity is oversexualized. Friendships are being oversexualized."

"Here's the real key of it all: Attractions are getting oversexualized. All over the world, students are coming to me saying, 'Jason, I think I'm straight, but my friends think I'm a lesbian.'

But "not every human attraction is a sexual attraction."

Evert encouraged the students not to be afraid to pursue a calling to the priesthood or religious life, and he gave them a simple three-step prescription for pursuing chastity.

"Purity is a gift of Jesus Christ," he said. "If you want it, he will give it to you. If you're Catholic, go to confession. If you're not Catholic, go to the Bible, Psalm 51. Go to confession, and have a great confession and get it all out. Go, and get made new."

"The second thing is, Mass. My wife (Crystalina) and I try to go to Mass every day. Every grace I get is through the Blessed Sacrament."

"The third thing is, that devotion to Our Lady has taught me how to look at ladies."

Evert brought miraculous medals ("spiritual bullets") as a gift for students. He also gave away numerous books on dating and chastity written by himself and his wife in addition to prayer and purity commitment cards.

For more information and resources, visit Evert's website at chastity.com.



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The tribute included several quotes from a story *The Catholic Times* published last May about Zimmer. "It's all about love," he said at the time. "There's a lot of people praying for me. When you're sick like me, there's a lot of people, and I feel it. I'm just going to do what I do, the best that I can. ... Faith, hope and love. That's what I have. Nobody can take that away."

Fickell began his talk by saying, "This is outside my comfort zone, to be speaking of faith. I'm here because of one man, somebody that was inspiring to me – Mark Zimmer. No way that I could say 'No'" when asked to speak with Zimmer at the conference, Fickell said.

Fickell also is a DeSales graduate. Like Zimmer, he had a notable wrestling career at the school, winning state championships in 1990, 1991 and 1992 and being unbeaten in 106 matches during that span. Fickell said that at age 7, he made it his goal to match Zimmer's feats. Fickell also was an outstanding football player at DeSales and then went on to a stellar career at Ohio State University, starting 50 consecutive games at nose guard.

Following college graduation, he served as an assistant coach at the University of Akron for two years and then was at OSU for 15 seasons, including a year as interim head coach in 2011 following the resignation of Jim Tressel. Fickell took the Cincinnati job in 2017 and has posted back-to-back 11-win seasons, both including bowl game victories, with the Bearcats. He was considered the leading candidate to become coach at Michigan State University after Mark Dantonio retired from that post a few weeks ago, but Fickell decided to stay in Cincinnati.

"I'm involved in developing young men through faith, but I always tell my players that what we're doing isn't just about faith," Fickell said. "A lot of what me and my coaching staff do has a bigger purpose. It's about the kind of men I want our players to grow up to be. As coaches, we want to lift them up to become something bigger than a team. If we can do that and create a sense of unity, everyone achieves more. All of this has a lot to do with the Man Above."

Fickell said both his coaching life and home life rest on the cornerstones



About 3,500 men attended the 23rd annual diocesan Catholic Men's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 22 in Kasich Hall at the state fairgrounds. Speakers included (top right) Jason Evert, a Catholic author who speaks to audiences across the nation on chastity, marriage and the family. Other talks were given by Bishop Robert Brennan and University of Cincinnati head football coach Luke Fickell.
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of attitude, integrity, toughness and hard work. "These are the gold standards," he said. "They're not posted on a wall or a T-shirt, but they're engraved on my heart."

"Attitude is one of the few things you can control every day. Integrity means being incorruptible, believing and standing up for the truth, in things you can believe in. Toughness is not settling for the easy situation but pushing yourself to your limits, physically and emotionally. And hard work – there's no substitute for it. Take the first letters of attitude, integrity, toughness and hard work, put an F in front of them, and it spells out 'FAITH.'

"There's no way a team can be successful without a deep-rooted faith

in themselves and the Man Above," he said. I tell my players, 'God is fair. What he has given me, he hasn't given you, and he's given all of us something. It's really difficult to be successful and grow when you worry about what someone else has. What God has given you is enough.'

He used former Ohio State players Ryan Shazier and Curtis Grant as examples of the attitude he tries to cultivate in his players. Shazier became an All-American in 2013 with the Buckeyes, then turned pro with the Pittsburgh Steelers, with whom he has become an unofficial assistant coach while recovering from a severe spinal injury sustained in a game in 2017. Grant was widely considered an outstanding talent, but he

had to be content in his first two years at OSU with being Shazier's backup.

"Curtis couldn't crack the starting lineup," Fickell said. "He could have left and gone to play elsewhere, but he didn't focus on what everyone else was saying about him. He just concentrated on doing the best with what he had. Then Ryan left, and Curtis got the chance to become what he always knew he was, and he ended up as co-captain of the 2014 team that won the national championship."

"I always tell this to my guys as an example of not worrying about what someone else has but concentrating on being true to yourself."

He also spoke about the importance of trust among teammates, using as an example an instance in which a Cincinnati defensive back got beaten on a pass route by a University of Central Florida player who scored a touchdown. Fickell said the player apologized to his teammates for letting them down, but another player had harsh words for him.

"Getting beat isn't letting a brother down. That happens to everyone," Fickell said. "Letting a brother down was when the middle linebacker got on this guy and let things get out of control. He didn't make the right decision. It's a coach's job to have players make the right choices, and that's often the hardest thing to do when dealing with 18- to 22-year-olds."

Fickell began his talk by honoring Zimmer and ended it by referring again to his hero, saying that even after more than 30 years, he has never felt more like a failure than when he didn't win a state wrestling championship as a freshman, despite his three titles in subsequent years.

"But at the same time, I thank the Lord for my failures," he said. "Every one of them has taught me something important and provided me the opportunity to become the better man I hope I am today."

Evert's talk on chastity, marriage and the family was his fourth appearance in the Columbus area in three days. He also spoke at one parish and two diocesan high schools before the conference.

"The modern family is a battleground, but it also can become an instrument of redemption, which is how



Clockwise, from top left: Bishop Robert Brennan celebrates Mass at the diocesan Catholic Men's Conference with concelebrants including Father William Hahn (far left). Assisting the bishop are Deacons Paul Zemanek (left, face partly hidden) and Kevin Murrin; Father Peter Gideon distributes Communion at the Mass; some of the 3,500 men attending the conference kneel during the Liturgy of the Eucharist; a conference participant prays the rosary; Father Denis Kigozi in procession with the Eucharist.

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God used the Holy Family," he said. "We have to look inside ourselves and decide what we want our families to be."

Evert said pornography "has made our culture effeminate" because it fits St. Thomas Aquinas' definition of effeminacy as "the unwillingness of man to put aside his pleasure and pursue what's arduous and difficult."

He said that when men experience temptation in a woman's presence, one spiritual strategy to counter it involves making the sign of the cross. "The first motion is upward. Make that motion one of gratitude by thanking God for woman's beauty," he said.

"The next motion is downward. This is a reminder to offer a prayer of contrition asking God to create a clean heart in you. Then in the third part, your hand moves to your side. Look at the woman's hand. If she's wearing a wedding ring, pray for her marriage.

If she's not, pray for her future vocation. Transform your temptation into intercession. Then your hand moves across the body toward the other side. Think of this as moving your thoughts from a woman's beauty to God, the source of her beauty," he said.

Evert said people often ask him how a priest can teach anyone about love. "A priest isn't confined to what he knows about one marriage," he said. "An experienced priest has heard the confessions of thousands of men and women, and he's heard them tell things they'd never say to anyone else. He's dealt with all types of people in all stages of life and marriages, and he also has 2,000 years of the wisdom of the saints on his side."

"No priest spoke of marriage better than Pope St. John Paul II in his 'Theology of the Body,'" Evert said. "He knew the family needed to be healed, and for five years, he spoke of this

to his Wednesday audiences, telling them how our body reveals our personhood, our identity, our mission."

Evert said that in every family, the husband's mission is to be like that of Jesus as priest, prophet and king. "As priest, don't be ashamed to bless your family," he said. "Put your hands on your children's heads, trace the sign of the cross on their foreheads and bless them with holy water.

"You're a prophet, and that means sometimes you won't be understood, but you have to speak to your children about what's important – spirituality, sexuality, chastity, faith and ethics.

"And as king, live your Christianity out. Be the example they can follow, for virtue is more caught than taught. Don't be afraid to go all in with God, for God won't take away your individuality or put you in a mold. Sin is what puts you in a mold. Just look at the saints and their individuality. Ev-

ery one of them dealt with temptation differently and has a great story."

Between the talks by the main speakers, conference director Fred Shafer of Hilliard St. Brendan the Navigator Church gave presentations on several programs for men and families available in the diocese. Following the conference, participants were invited to continue the discussion at the event site and in follow-up groups focusing on virtue in the workplace, the marriage and the world and on virtue among young people.

The day also included a brief period of Eucharistic Adoration and concluded with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Brennan, with music led by men of the Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral choir. Music during the day was provided by Aaron Richards and Brendan O'Rourke.

Next year's conference will be at the same site on Saturday, Feb. 27.