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40 Days of Adoration time to seek renewal in diocese

By Father Adam Streitenberger

Last year, the Diocese of Columbus began an annual tradition of 40 Days of Adoration. Every day for the 40 days of Lent, different parishes throughout the diocese hosted exposition of the Blessed Sacrament for Adoration throughout the day.

Last year, 54 parishes participated. This year, 68 parishes will host Adoration at their churches. Much has changed since last year's 40 Days of Adoration, which makes the need for turning to Jesus Christ in prayer and Adoration more urgent.

First, we are without a local bishop. Bishop Robert Brennan called for the 40 Days of Adoration so that the whole diocese might pray for the needs of the local Church embarking on the Real Presence Real Future initiative.

Bishop Brennan's presence and visionary leadership are greatly missed, but the time spent before Our Lord in the Eucharist is precisely what is needed. We turn to the Lord as sheep in need of a shepherd. We recognize in Jesus Christ our ultimate Shepherd.

As we approach the Good Shepherd in prayer and adoration, we pray for the successor of Bishop Brennan.

Real Presence Real Future and the 40 Days of Adoration are ultimately about refocusing and re-centering the diocese on Jesus Christ.

The second reason is that the Real Presence Real Future planning initiative is now focusing on difficult decisions in creating proposals for the next bishop. The diocese must address the reality of the declining number of Catholics and priests. This will require radically rethinking the infrastructural needs of the diocese, including the closing of parishes and schools.

No one looks forward to facing these difficult issues. Moreover, the local Church must address how we can become a more mission-driven and evangelical Church through personal conversion. Turning to Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, we remember Who really matters, and that no matter what the future holds He remains with us. Again, 40 Days of Adoration is even more important this year.

Finally, this year we embark on a new initiative proposed to the universal Church by Pope Francis. This spring, the diocese will host listening sessions for the Synod on Synodality. The Synod has obvious connections to the Real Presence Real Future initiative.

Real Presence Real Future is con-

cerned with looking at the needs and problems in the local Church. Since 1980, more than 50% of people baptized Catholic have left the Church. Since the COVID shutdown, even though the obligation to attend Sunday Mass is restored, Mass attendance is down more than 25% throughout the diocese.

Everyone in the diocese has witnessed departures from the Catholic faith. The Synod, amid our diocesan Real Presence Real Future initiative, gives us the opportunity to ask difficult questions as to why the Church has, and continues to, hemorrhage members.

The people who have left are unlikely to give us answers. But those who remain have an obligation to honestly ask these questions personally and as a local Church. All the answers are essential; we cannot just summarize them or pick the top five.

Perhaps we cannot address some of those answers, but many more must be addressed or else we might be doomed to repeat parish and school consolidations in five to 10 years.

The 40 Days of Adoration this Lent gives us the opportunity to honestly kneel before the Lord and account for how we have failed as a local Church

to live and proclaim the Gospel. This is essential to allowing Christ to renew the local Church in evangelical boldness and mission.

The 40 Days of Adoration campaign is even more important than it was last year. It gives us the time to turn to Jesus Christ, repent where we need to and turn to Him in our need. Thus, it is fitting that we turn to the sacrament of confession on Reconciliation Monday, the day after Palm Sunday and the conclusion of the 40 Days of Adoration.

Parishioners and families of host parishes, neighboring parishes and Catholic school communities are encouraged to volunteer for shifts to pray before the Blessed Sacrament on the parish's designated day.

Even though local parishes are sponsoring each day of Adoration, the entire Diocese of Columbus is asked to participate. The people of the Church of Columbus are invited to visit and spend time with Jesus in the Eucharist at host parishes on their day of Adoration. The schedule of host parishes is available at www.columbuscatholic.org/40days

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Extra prayer, service, sacrifice should be part of Lent

Lent will arrive on Wednesday, March 2 whether we're ready or not. Are you ready?

Can anyone be truly ready? Probably not. But we all have to try the best we can to make the 40 days of Lent impactful in our lives.

For the second consecutive year, the diocese will offer 40 Days of Adoration as part of the Real Presence Real Future initiative. A schedule with dates and locations can be found in this edition of *The Catholic Times*.

There's nothing better, besides the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, than to spend time in quiet Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during Lent. To fix our gaze on Jesus as he prepares to suffer and die on the cross for our sins and to contemplate the agony of his Blessed Mother is so powerful.

Many of our diocesan parishes offer the Stations

EDITOR'S REFLECTIONS

Doug Bean



of the Cross on Friday evenings during Lent – some of them before or after a fish fry or pasta dinner. Meditating on each of the 14 stations in church or at home helps us walk with Christ in prayer on the way to His crucifixion.

Mass, Adoration, confession and prayer. Extra devotion to all four should be part of our spiritual goals during the Lenten season.

There's also the penitential aspect of Lent. What are you giving up? Or, just as important, what extra works of charity or penance are you doing during these 40 days?

Everyone should try to sacrifice something during

Lent – a food you enjoy, social media, television – but maybe this Lent try to go beyond that.

Consider performing a random act of kindness without anyone knowing it. There are all sorts of ways to do this. It could be helping a stranger, or someone in your own family or your own home.

In today's world, it seems that many people want recognition for doing something noteworthy. "Look at me on social media working at the soup kitchen or volunteering at an event!" Doesn't that take away from the humility of wanting to do something good for someone?

Humility is one of the great virtues that proves to be so elusive for many of us. Challenge yourself to pray or do those works of mercy in private.

Jesus, meek and humble of heart, make my heart like unto thine.



Front Page photo:
TOGETHER AGAIN
Moji Osuji (left) and Becky Hollen of Columbus St. Cecilia Church enjoy the Catholic Women's Conference, which returned to an in-person gathering on Saturday, Feb. 19 at the Ohio Expo Center after a one-year hiatus due to the pandemic. *CT photo by Ken Snow*

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40 DAYS OF ADORATION

March

2 St. Joseph Cathedral
212 E. Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215
8AM to 7PM

3 St. Patrick, London
61 S. Union St, London, OH 43140
8:30 AM to 9 PM

Immaculate Conception, Columbus
414 E. N. Broadway St, Columbus, OH 43214
7AM to 9PM

4 Our Lady of Lourdes, Marysville
1033 W 5th St, Marysville, OH 43040
8:30AM to 8:30PM

Sts. Simon & Jude, West Jefferson
9350 High Free Pike, West Jefferson, OH 43162
9AM to 9PM

St. Brigid of Kildare, Dublin
7179 Avery Road, Dublin, OH 43017
9:30AM to 4PM

5 Sacred Hearts, Cardington
4680 US Highway 42, Cardington, OH 43315
9:15AM to 3:15PM

St. Anthony of Padua, Columbus
1300 Urban Dr, Columbus, OH 43229
7:30AM to 7:30PM

6 St. Joseph, Plain City
140 West Ave, Plain City, OH 43064
9:30AM to 5:30PM

7 St. Joan of Arc, Powell
10700 Liberty Rd, Powell, OH 43065
9AM to 5:30PM

St. Mark, Lancaster
324 Gay St, Lancaster, OH 43130
9AM to 9PM

8 Holy Cross, Columbus
204 S 5th St, Columbus, OH 43215
8AM to 8PM

St. Dominic, Columbus
455 N 20th St, Columbus, OH 43203
8:30AM to 6:30PM

St. Stephen the Martyr, Columbus
4131 Clime Rd, Columbus, OH 43228
9AM to 7PM

9 St. Aloysius, Columbus
2165 W Broad St, Columbus, OH 43223
9:30AM to 9:30PM

St. James the Less, Columbus
1652 Oakland Park Ave, Columbus, OH 43224
9AM to 9PM

Sts. Peter & Paul, Wellston
227 S New York Ave, Wellston, OH 45692
9AM to 9PM

10 Our Lady of Lourdes, Ada
300 E. Highland Ave, Ada, OH 45810
9:30AM to 9:00PM

11 St. Vincent de Paul, Mt. Vernon
303 E. High St, Mt. Vernon, OH 43050
5AM to 5PM

St. Patrick, Columbus
280 N. Grant Ave, Columbus, OH 43215
7:30AM to 12AM

12 St. Patrick, Columbus
280 N. Grant Ave, Columbus, OH 43215
12AM to 5PM

13 St. Matthew the Apostle, Gahanna
807 Havens Corners Rd, Gahanna, OH 43230
12AM to 12AM (24 Hours)

14 St. Christopher, Columbus
1420 Grandview Ave, Columbus, OH 43212
9:30AM to 4PM

15 St. Francis de Sales, Newark
40 Granville St, Newark, OH 43055
12:30PM to 12AM

16 St. Francis de Sales, Newark
40 Granville St, Newark, OH 43055
12AM to 2:30PM

Blessed Sacrament, Newark
394 E Main St, Newark, OH 43055
9AM to 11PM

St. Elizabeth, Columbus
6077 Sharon Woods Blvd, Columbus, OH 43229
9AM to 6:30PM

St. Brendan the Navigator, Hilliard
4475 Dublin Rd, Hilliard, OH 43026
7AM to 7PM

17 Our Lady of Peace, Columbus
20 E. Dominion St, Columbus, OH 43214
9AM to 7PM

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Zanesville
144 N 5th St, Zanesville, OH 43701
1PM to 7PM

18 St. Francis of Assisi, Columbus
386 Buttles Ave, Columbus, OH 43215
11AM to 6PM

St. Agnes, Columbus
2364 W Mound St, Columbus, OH 43204
12PM to 7PM

19 St. Joseph, Dover
613 N. Tuscarawas Ave, Dover, OH 44622
9:30AM to 9PM

20 Sacred Heart, Coshocton
805 Main St, Coshocton, OH 43812
9AM to 9PM

St. Leo Oratory, Columbus
221 Hanford St, Columbus, OH 43206
12PM to 9PM

21 St. Mary Magdalene, Columbus
473 S. Roys Ave, Columbus, OH 43204
8:15PM to 7PM

22 St. John Neumann, Sunbury
9633 E, OH-37, Sunbury, OH 43074
8AM to 8PM

23 St. John XXIII, Canal Winchester
5170 Winchester Southern Rd, Canal Winchester, OH 43110
9AM to 9PM

Church of the Resurrection, New Albany
6300 E. Dublin-Granville Rd, New Albany, OH 43054
9:30AM to 9:30PM

24 St. Margaret of Cortona, Columbus
1600 N Hague Ave, Columbus, OH 43204
9:30AM to 8:30PM

St. Mary of the Assumption, Lancaster
132 S. High St, Lancaster, OH 43130
9:30AM to 9PM

St. Mary, Delaware
82 E. William St, Delaware, OH 43015
6:30PM to 12AM

25 St. Mary, Delaware
82 E. William St, Delaware, OH 43015
12AM to 8:30AM

Holy Family, Columbus
584 W. Broad St, Columbus, OH 43215
1AM to 11PM

St. Thomas More Newman Center, OSU
64 W. Lane Ave, Columbus, OH 43201
9AM to 5PM

St. Mary, German Village
684 S. 3rd St, Columbus, OH 43206
7AM to 9PM

26 St. Michael the Archangel
5750 N. High St, Worthington, OH 43085
9AM to 8PM

27 St. Rose of Lima, New Lexington
309 N. High St, New Lexington, OH 43764
12PM to 5PM

28 St. Thomas the Apostle, Columbus
2692 E 5th Ave, Columbus, OH 43219
9AM to 8PM

29 St. Ann, Dresden
1405 Chestnut St, Dresden, OH 43821
8:30AM to 9 PM

St. Andrew, Upper Arlington
1899 McCoy Rd, Columbus, OH 43220
9 AM to 9 PM

30 Christ the King, Columbus
2777 E. Livingston Ave, Columbus, OH 43209
7:30AM to 9PM

St. Mary, German Village
684 S. 3rd St, Columbus, OH 43206
12:30PM to 9:30PM

31 St. Peter, Chillicothe
118 Church St, Chillicothe, OH 45601
9AM to 7PM

April

1 St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Pickerington
600 Hill Rd N, Pickerington, OH 43147
9AM to 9AM (24 Hours)

Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Grove City
3730 Broadway, Grove City, OH 43123
9AM to 9AM (24 Hours)

St. Cecilia, Columbus
434 Norton Rd, Columbus, OH 43228
9AM to 9PM

2 St. Francis de Sales, Newcomerstown
440 S River St, Newcomerstown, OH 43832
8AM to 8AM

Sacred Heart, Columbus
893 Hamlet St, Columbus, OH 43201
9AM to 8PM

3 Immaculate Conception, Kenton
215 E. North St, Kenton, OH 43326
10AM to 9PM

4 St. Mary, Mattingly Settlement
6280 St Marys Rd, Nashport, OH 43830
9AM to 9PM

5 Sacred Heart, New Philadelphia
139 3rd St NE, New Philadelphia, OH 44663
7AM to 9PM

St. Paul the Apostle, Westerville
313 N. State St, Westerville, OH 43082
9AM to 6PM

6 St. Pius X, Reynoldsburg
1051 S. Waggoner Rd, Reynoldsburg, OH 43060
9 AM to 9 PM

7 St. Agatha, Upper Arlington
1860 Northam Rd, Upper Arlington, OH 43221
8:30AM to 6:30PM

8 St. Bernadette, Lancaster
1343 Wheeling Rd NE, Lancaster, OH 43130
12AM to 12AM (24 Hours)

9 St. Peter, Columbus
6899 Smoky Row Rd, Columbus, OH 43235
8AM to 4PM

St. Mary, Marion
251 N. Main St, Marion, OH 43302
7PM to 12AM

10 St. Mary, Marion
251 N. Main St, Marion, OH 43302
12AM to 7AM

St. Catharine of Siena, Columbus
500 S. Gould Rd, Columbus, OH 43209
6AM to 9PM

St. Colman of Cloyne, Washington C.H.
219 S. North St, Washington C.H., OH 43160
10AM to 5PM



Pandemic might necessitate eye, heart ‘checkups’

Our long experience with COVID-19 has had a number of serious effects during the past two years. Beyond the serious and long-term health complications, our society has experienced economic fragility, supply chain disruption, staffing shortages, social isolation and mental-health consequences.

But one under-recognized effect of the pandemic has been its toll on our eyesight. So perhaps it's time for an “eye exam.”

If you are struggling to see the connection, the Gospel reading for this coming Sunday might help to clarify. With a rather playful sense of hyperbole, Jesus asks: “Why look at the splinter in your brother's eye when you miss the wooden beam in your own?”

As a result of the many stresses created by the pandemic, we have sought to identify the failings in the people and institutions around us as a way of coping with a situation beyond our control.

One way we do this is to group people together based on common characteristics – the masked, the unmasked, the vaxers, the anti-vaxers, the privileged, the undeserving, the school system, the health-care system, the diocese, the bishops, the government.

FAITH IN ACTION

Mark Huddy

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And, yes, people in each group have sins and failings. But while we focus on those failings, the beams or planks in our own field of vision prevent us from seeing our own sinfulness, which includes our responsibility for helping to fashion an increasingly hostile world.

Those beams or planks also prevent us from recognizing that those we find fault with are still the beloved of God, His children, created in His image and likeness and for whom He wills the same everlasting communion with Him that we desire.

Happily, Lent is the perfect time to have our vision checked by asking our heavenly physician, Jesus, to show us the beams and planks that we must remove to help those around us by acting as He would have

us act.

If we are open to a checkup from our heavenly physician, we might also want to have Him look at our hearts. In the same Gospel reading from the Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Jesus says: “A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.”

Our hearts might need a bypass from the blockages of past hurts and misplaced loves so that we are able to truly will the good of those around us. Jesus can diagnose our maladies and also heal us in the sacrament of reconciliation. The only requirement is recognizing that we are sick and need His help.

This Lent, we might find the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Examination of Conscience in light of Catholic Social Teaching useful before our checkup: <https://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/sacraments-and-sacramentals/penance/examination-conscience-in-light-of-catholic-social-teaching>.

Be well!

Ways to bring the holy into your home

I've been reflecting on the behind-the-scenes efforts of raising a Catholic family. Because it is winter, and I have been hunkered in my home, I am noticing all the little ways we have nurtured our Catholic faith through environment. It is a delicate balance with the goal being that Jesus fills the places and spaces of our home, initiating a spontaneous discussion or providing an interior awareness.

I believe Jesus can be encountered in our home not only through the conversations that we share, but also through the visuals purposefully placed there. Each of these forms memories for the souls in my home, from the worn paint on a little, handheld Franciscan cross that has been teathed, slept with, brought to the playground, broken and glued back together, to an image of the Sacred Heart that has evidence of a late-night mother's vigil.

Here are 10 ways we incorporate these sacred additions into our home:

1. Patron saints: In our den, we have an icon of each member of our family's patron saint. I begin my mornings there often and ask for their intercession as I pray for each person. I also frequently have found myself standing in front of them to ask their intercession for a particular child in challenging moments.

2. Sacred Heart enthronement: We placed images of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary in a place that is most travelled in our home. As you go up or down our staircase, you see Jesus and Mary.

3. Music: Our Catholic faith is so rich, and music is a great part of that wealth. From turning on the worship music in times of praise and in times of sorrow, my children see this as a way to turn to Jesus. Over the years, we have also sung or chanted our Divine Mercy Chaplet as a family. I don't think consistency is as important as exposure. However, there is something to small acts of consistency.

Each night as we “shut down our home,” tucking small children into bed and nudging older ones toward that goal, we sing the Lourdes Ave. It is simply a sweet melody reciting the words “Ave Maria.”

I have never been to Lourdes, but I learned this song and have sung it as part of our bedtime routine

ALL THAT WE HAVE

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both at home and on vacation. There is something peaceful about closing the day with the protection of Mother Mary sung upon the hearts of my children. Some of my most cherished moments are when I pause and hear them singing along or humming this tune as they go about their tasks. We parents plant seeds of faith.

4. Scripture on walls: I've always wanted to be a person who memorized Scripture and could call upon it in times of strife and praise. One strategy toward that goal is to hang it upon my walls. There is not one room in my home where Scripture is not displayed in some form.

One sweet family moment occurred during COVID when we were all staying home. My youngest daughter, Sarah, used the Scripture on our walls to create pictures and practice her handwriting for our neighbor Mrs. Margaret. Sarah copied each plaque upon her drawing paper, colored them sweetly, rolled them up and tied it with a ribbon to deliver in our neighbor's mailbox.

My favorite was Song of Solomon 3:4: “I have found the one whom my soul loves.” While only 9 years old, this girl is being led toward a goal for her life. These are holy words written upon their souls pointing them to what is good and true.

5. Family prayer table/altar: This is placed at the base of our staircase underneath our Sacred Heart images. Here we rotate different prayer cards, relics, photos of clergy, seminarians and religious sisters close to our family's heart. This reminds us to pray for them.

6. Crucifix in each room: When our home was blessed, we placed a crucifix in each room. There have been times I have needed to feel the tangible closeness of Christ and have taken a crucifix off the

wall and held it close, uniting myself to Jesus on the cross.

7. Statues and holy images: Over the years, I have brought into our home statues representing Biblical scenes from the Annunciation to Peter receiving the keys to the Church. We as Catholics believe that art can draw us into the holy. For me, these pieces help me tell stories to my children. Exposure to these stories draws us into an encounter with Jesus.

8. Rosary hanger: Our rosary hanger is a simple coat rack hung on a wall. It is not super fancy but has become ever so beautiful as a reminder of our devotion to Mother Mary. Easy access is key. When we go to pray our rosary as a family, I don't want to wait for everyone to find/gather their rosaries.

We have been gifted over the years also with very special rosaries either handmade or brought from holy places. This is a wonderful way to keep them special and to always have an extra rosary for visitors who are in our home when we are praying.

9. Family photos of sacraments: We all make sure that pictures are taken at each sacrament. By printing them up and placing them in a place of prominence we tell our children that these are important. I love the idea of celebrating my children's baptism day and taking their baptism photo and placing it on our dining room table alongside a special treat as we celebrate.

10. Wedding photo: This is similar to the above except with one caveat that I feel is very important. With sacramental marriage under attack by a secular society, the celebration of holy matrimony within the family is crucial. We do that by pointing out the joy that comes from being married. We celebrate it with pictures from our wedding Mass. We speak words of love out loud bearing witness to that fidelity and place a holy marriage as a goal worth striving for.

There is no quick and easy way to form Catholic families. Having one, two or more of these in your home does not guarantee a faith-filled, strife-free home. It does, however, plant seeds upon the hearts of our children, imparts knowledge and wisdom and points them toward the good and true.

Keeping your heart open to God's love

By Sister John Paul Maher, OP

When you hear the Gospel accounts of Jesus encountering the religious leaders of His day, it can be astonishing. Jesus put up with a lot. Think of how much He had to endure patiently while people around Him could not see what was really happening – the Messiah had come.

Consider the example of the man with the withered hand. (Mark 3:1-6) It was the sabbath, and one might presume the Pharisees in the synagogue were occupied with prayer. Yet, when Jesus enters, “they watched him to see whether he would heal him on the sabbath, so they might accuse him.” What could have been a moment of prayer turned into a standoff and a microcosm of the battle between good and evil.

Jesus asked the Pharisees, “Is it lawful on the sabbath to do good or do harm, to save life or kill?” This should be an easy, uncomplicated question. One should do good and save life. Yet, the Pharisees did not answer. It was an inhuman response.

It is unclear why the Pharisees wanted to accuse Jesus. It could have been an intellectual stance of legalism that put rules over the good of the person.

They could have felt threatened by Him. Whatever the cause, the Pharisees did not engage.

They displayed no compassion or hope for the man's cure. This is more remarkable because they seemed to have no doubt Jesus could cure him.

The truth of the situation is clear from Jesus' response, as He looked at them “with anger, grieved at their hardness of heart.” (Mark 3:5)

After Jesus healed the man, they “went out” and “immediately held counsel with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.” (Mark 3:6)

It is sad to note the apparent absence of joy or celebration when this miracle takes place. There is no record in Scripture of the man asking to be healed. And yet, it happened. It was a gift. He must have been filled with emotion.

By contrast, the Pharisees had no joy. Tragically, the darkness of their hearts led to a disconnection with reality. Although they witnessed a miracle, they did not allow themselves to be interiorly moved or to wonder at the supernatural. Instead, the miracle became a cause to plot destruction.

Observing a miracle for the Pharisees was just that, more of an observation than an experience of seeing a

human person restored by God. This should move us to reflect: How does it get to the point where you find yourself face to face with God and yet unmoved by His mercy?

Our response to the daily battle between good and evil shapes our lives and our eternity. Individual choices crescendo in our hearts, for or against God. How do we prevent our hearts from becoming hardened and keep ourselves open to love?

Only the love of God and grace poured into our hearts can make us capable of love. If we have hearts that can love, it is because the Lord loved us first. The Lord's love softens and strengthens hearts.

Jesus invites us to draw near to His heart, to be loved by Him and to learn from His meekness and humility (Matthew 11:29). Here are some ways we can have hearts like His:

- Spend time in Eucharistic Adoration, speaking to God, heart to heart.
- Read Scripture to grow in knowledge of Jesus.
- Go to confession regularly. Ask God to heal your heart from wounds that make it hard to love.
- Choose Spiritual and Corporal Works of Mercy to be a regular part of

your words and deeds. Offer them as a gift of self for the love of God.

- Prepare your heart for Holy Mass and welcome Jesus in Holy Communion.

- Pray to your guardian angel and St. Michael the Archangel to protect you from sin and all that would prevent you from loving God.

- Learn about the Sacred Heart devotion. Recall and pray an aspiration from the Litany of the Sacred Heart throughout the day.

- Pray for an increase in charity, to love God and others with His love. Ask the Blessed Mother Mary and the saints to intercede for your growth in charity.

- Ponder Mary's humility and magnanimity. Pray to grow in those virtues and avoid sin.

- Express gratitude.

- Learn about the Divine Mercy devotion and pray the chaplet.

- Ask God for a meek and humble heart, recognizing that everything we are and have comes to us as a gift from God.

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Choosing prayer over worry

Admittedly, I exercise as much for my mental health as for my physical health. Many of my students say the same thing.

Moving our bodies and lifting heavy things bring us joy, and the mental focus required means we're not thinking about our to-do lists, temporal concerns or worries – at least for a little while. Endorphins are released, and we feel good afterward – refreshed, renewed and ready to tackle the day.

As much as I enjoy the benefits of exercise, it doesn't come close to the benefits of relying on God through prayer and the sacraments to help me navigate the concerns and challenges of daily life.

As a woman of faith, I try not to allow myself to worry. Jesus calls us to cast our cares upon Him, and I try to do so, but I am still a work in progress.

Some of us might be more naturally prone to worry due to a melancholic temperament. Some of us are naturally more carefree and perhaps less inclined to ruminate over problems. I would say that I'm somewhere in the middle, but overall I'm learning not to overthink or worry about difficult situations and interactions with people that I can't change, past, present or future.

A wise priest once told me that if you stay in the present, it's a lot harder to worry as worries most often take us into the past or the future.

We know that worry isn't holy and healthy. Worry doesn't solve our problems and often affects our ability to pray and hear God's voice, sleep well, be kind to those around us and so on. Sadly, our worries can escalate into more serious fear and anxiety,

HOLY AND HEALTHY

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which can impact us and our families on emotional, physical and spiritual levels.

In Philippians 4:6-7, St. Paul said, “Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

We truly need to “guard” our hearts and minds from things that steal our peace, and that is different for each of us. Is it news, media or politics? Is it family or work situations? Is it times when we've made a mistake or fallen short? We can heed St. Paul's call to give thanks for everything, good and bad, because it is permitted by God, and He will bring good out of it and/or strengthen us to bear it.

Trusting that God cares about even our smallest worries, and giving God more freedom to work in our hearts, can move us out of the destructive behaviors of worry, fear and anxiety and allow us to be strengthened by His grace and able to move forward with Christian joy in the midst of difficulties.

St. Francis de Sales said, “Do not fear what may happen tomorrow. The same loving Father who cares for you today will care for you tomorrow and ev-

ery day. Either He will shield you from suffering, or He will give you unfailing strength to bear it. Be at peace, then, and put aside all anxious thoughts and imaginings.”

I am drawn to the word “imaginings” in the St. Francis de Sales quote. Isn't it true that we often let our imaginations run wild with what-if scenarios of all the things that could go wrong? If we really trust that God loves us and cares about every aspect of our lives, we can run to Him like little children and talk to Him candidly, lovingly, heart-to-heart. We can give Him all of it with confidence and trust that He will respond.

If we replace our worry time with Jesus time, loving Him and letting Him love us, we might make real change in how we address our problems and live our lives with more grace and ease, even in the midst of life's challenges.

St. Mary MacKillop said, “We must often feel weary and tired, yet God brings us through all these things.”

As Catholic Christians, we are called to choose God over worry. I think that's why one of my favorite Scripture passages is Matthew 11:29-30, “Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am meek and humble of heart; and you will find rest for yourselves. For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.”

May we seek to be true prayer warriors, instead of worriers, giving all of our troubles to Jesus.

Lenten activities at parishes in the Diocese of Columbus

The following is a list of special events for Lent planned at parishes of the Diocese of Columbus, as supplied to *The Catholic Times*.

In addition to the events listed, many 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.

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Eucharistic Adoration, Sundays, March 6 to April 10, 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.

Columbus Immaculate Conception – Parousia, a 10-week study of the Bible and the Mass, Mondays or Wednesdays, March 7 to May 18, 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays and 10 a.m. to noon Wednesdays in Marian Hall, \$25 per person. Register at https://bit.ly/Parousia_Bible_Study.

Columbus Our Lady of Peace – Parish mission with Father Daniel Gutierrez, pastor of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Taos, New Mexico, Monday to Wednesday, March 14 to 16. Theme: “Dignified: Made in His Image.” Schedule: Eucharistic Adoration and presentation by Father Gutierrez, 7 to 8:30 p.m. March 14; Mass, Adoration and presentation, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. March 15; pen-

ance service and presentation, 7 to 8:30 p.m. March 16.

Columbus St. Catharine – One-day retreat on “Jesus and His Church” with Dr. David Anders, host of EWTN Radio’s Called to Communion program, Saturday, March 19, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Register at www.stcatharine.com Questions? mike@stcathar

Columbus St. Cecilia – Parish mission on evangelization, titled *The 99* and featuring videos, small-group discussions and prayer experiences, Sunday to Tuesday, March 13 to 15, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Details at www.saintceciliachurch.org/2022/02/11/the-99-parish-mission. Tenebrae service, designed to re-create the sense of betrayal, abandonment and agony related to Good Friday, Sunday, April 10, 7:30 p.m.

Columbus St. James the Less – Living Stations in Spanish, Friday, April 15, 5 p.m.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Stations with improvised musical meditations at each station by Dr. Richard Fitzgerald, cathedral music director, Friday, April 8, 7 p.m. Tenebrae service with the Cathedral Schola, featuring motets by Carlo Gesualdo; Thomas Tallis’ Lamentations of Jeremiah and Gregoro

Allegre’s Miserere, Friday, April 15, 8 p.m.

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Eucharistic Adoration, Thursday, April 14 from after 7 p.m. Mass to 11 p.m. Blessing of Easter food baskets, Saturday, April 16, 1 p.m.

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Book study of *Evangelizing Catholics: A Mission Manual for the New Evangelization* by Scott Hahn, Saturdays, March 5 to April 9, 9 a.m. True Presence Night, featuring Eucharistic Adoration and music by the Vigil Project, Thursday, March 31, 7 p.m. Tenebrae service, Wednesday, April 13, 7 p.m. Shadow Stations, featuring Our Lady of Perpetual Help School students, Thursday, April 14, 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Walking Stations through downtown Grove City, Friday, April 15, 6 p.m.

Kenton Immaculate Conception – Parish mission with Father Thomas Blau, OP, of Columbus St. Patrick Priory. Sunday to Tuesday, March 6 to 8, 6 to 7 p.m. with confessions after the Tuesday talk. Topics: “Understanding God’s Mercy,” March 6; “Evangelization,” March 7; “Getting More Out of Mass and Confession,” March 8.

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes –

Stations through the Eyes of Mary, Friday, April 15, 3 p.m.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Eucharistic Adoration with Evening Prayer, Mondays, March 7 to April 11, 5 to 6 p.m. Parish mission with musician and speaker Chris Padgett of Dayton, Sunday to Tuesday, March 13 to 15, 7 p.m., parish center. Topics: “Called to Be Love,” March 13; “What Keeps Us from Love,” March 14; “Sharing the Love,” March 15. “Unconditionally – Finding Jesus in the Eucharist” with Greg Wasinski of “Let Me Be ...” Ministries, Thursday, April 7, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

Plain City St. Joseph – Soup suppers, Tuesdays, March 8 to April 5, 6 to 8 p.m., parish activity center, with discussion on “The Spirituality of St. Paul.”

Portsmouth Holy Redeemer – Tenebrae service, Wednesday, April 13, 7 p.m.

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – Soup suppers with Catholic videos, Wednesdays, March 7, 14 and 21, 7 p.m., parish center. Parish mission, Sunday to Tuesday, March 27 to 29, 7 p.m. Speaker to be announced

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On Ukraine

For months now, the world press has described Russian troop deployments along Ukraine’s borders as spearheads of a possible invasion. The truth, however, is that Russia invaded Ukraine seven years ago, when it annexed Crimea and Russian “little green men” ignited a war in eastern Ukraine that has taken over 14,000 lives and displaced over a million people. Whatever the current military developments, a Russian invasion of Ukraine has not been “imminent;” the invasion is ongoing.

That fact has been obscured by a massive Russian propaganda and disinformation campaign. So some truth-telling is imperative.

The first fact: This is a Russian crisis, not a “Ukraine crisis.” What is typically called the “Ukraine crisis” is entirely of Russian autocrat Vladimir Putin’s making. Ukraine did not create this crisis. The United States did not create it, and neither did NATO. The North Atlantic Treaty Organization, which is, was, and always will be a defensive alliance, is no more a threat to Russian national security than NATO is to Botswana’s national security. The claim that NATO threatens Russia is a Big Lie that obfuscates the security realities in central and eastern Europe: former Soviet satellites (Poland, the Czech Republic, Slovakia, Hungary, Romania, Bulgaria) and the Baltic states (Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia) joined NATO because they fear Russia, not because they intend to invade Russia. The same rationale explains Ukraine’s NATO application.

The second fact: This artificially created crisis, aimed at Ukraine’s destabilization and subjugation, is one expression of Mr. Putin’s determination to reverse history’s verdict in the Cold War. Putin has been quite clear about this for 20 years, and only fools or those peering through the ideolog-

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ically befogged lenses of the new “national conservatism” fail to grasp what is afoot here. Mr. Putin, the old KGB apparatchik, is bent on overturning the victory of imperfect democracies over pluperfect tyrannies in the Revolution of 1989 and the Soviet crack-up of 1991. That grand strategic goal is at the cold heart of the recently announced alliance of purpose between Putin’s kleptocratic regime in Russia and Xi Jinping’s genocidal regime in China — an announcement these two wicked men made just before the Winter Olympics. Putin and Xi want nothing less than a fundamental re-ordering of world affairs in which their oppressive regimes call the tune. In the tyrants’ bid for global hegemony, Ukraine and Taiwan are in the role played by Austria and Czechoslovakia in the late 1930s: if they fall to the tyrant-regimes, others will follow.

The third fact: The ongoing Russian aggression in Ukraine is underwritten by a false rendition of history, including Christian history. Mr. Putin’s claim that Ukraine is not a real country is buttressed by another Big Lie: that Russia is the sole heir of the baptism of the eastern Slavs in 988, and thus the sole legitimate guardian of what Putin’s ideologues and apologists call the *Russkiy mir*, the “Russian world.” Yet Ukraine, its Orthodox communities and the Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church have at least as strong a claim to that historical patrimony as Rus-

sia and the Russian Orthodox Church. The revival of Russian imperialism today is perhaps not all that surprising; old habits die hard. But the role of the Russian Orthodox Church (ROC) in supporting Putin’s falsifications of history and his new imperial designs is doing grave damage to the cause of Christ in a country recovering from the ravages of state-sponsored atheism. Metropolitan Hilarion, the ROC’s chief ecumenical officer, recently received from President Putin the “Order of St. Alexander Nevsky” for his “great contribution to the development of international and inter-confessional relations.” The award citation might have more honestly read, “for services to the Russian state and the current Kremlin regime.”

The fourth fact: Russian aggression in Ukraine targets everyone, including children. Russia’s hybrid war against Ukrainian democracy has included some 1,000 fake bomb threats that have emptied schools throughout Ukraine since the beginning of the year — 10 times higher than the rate of fake bomb threats in 2020 and 2021. What kind of people deliberately terrify hundreds of thousands of children and their parents in an effort to destabilize a non-threatening neighbor? The same kind of people who murdered Boris Nemtsov and poisoned Alexei Novotny, who interfere in other countries’ elections and who lie in public with a brazenness that would make Joachim von Ribbentrop blush.

The Ukrainian Greek Catholic Church, which has worked with great effect to rebuild civil society in today’s Ukraine, has asked its fellow Catholics for prayerful support. That courageous Church deserves nothing less and indeed is owed much more: and not just by Ukrainians.

Diocesan parishes list times for Eucharistic Adoration during Lent

The following is an updated list of parishes in the diocese where Eucharistic Adoration is taking place, as supplied by parishes to *The Catholic Times*.

This list does not include the times and parishes for the diocesan 40 Days of Adoration event. That information will be found elsewhere in this issue.

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 – Tuesdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel – Sundays, March 6 to April 10, 9:15 to 10:30 a.m.

Columbus Christ the King – Wednesdays, 6 to 9 p.m. (confession 8 to 9 p.m.); Fridays, 3 to 6 p.m. (confession 4:30 to 6 p.m.)

Columbus Holy Family – 1 p.m. Thursdays to noon Fridays; First Fridays, 8 p.m. Fridays to 8:45 a.m. Saturdays.

Columbus Holy Name – 6 p.m. Mondays to 4:30 p.m. Fridays

Columbus Immaculate Conception – 6:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily (until end of 6:15 p.m. Mass Tuesdays); 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. one Wednesday per month. Call parish office for dates.

Columbus Our Lady of Victory – 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. Fridays, concluding with Benediction.

Columbus St. Agatha – 9 to 11 a.m. Wednesdays and on First Fridays. Times at www.st-agatha.org

Columbus St. Catharine – Sundays through Fridays, 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 6 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Columbus St. Cecilia – Tuesdays, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.; First Fridays, 9 a.m. to

9 p.m.

Columbus St. Christopher – Mondays through Fridays, 3 to 4 p.m., with confession available and Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

Columbus St. James the Less – Wednesdays, noon to 7 p.m.

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral – Wednesdays, 5:45 to 6:45 p.m.

Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona – Thursdays, 9:30 a.m. to noon; except Thursday, April 14, when it will be after 7 p.m. Mass until 11 p.m.

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

Columbus St. Peter – Mondays to Fridays, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (7 p.m. Tuesdays); First Fridays, 9 a.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday.

Columbus St. Thomas the Apostle – Tuesdays, 7 to 8 p.m., with bilingual confession

Danville St. Luke – Tuesdays, 11:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.; Wednesdays, 5:30 to 10:30 a.m.

Delaware St. Mary – Thursdays, after 5:30 p.m. Mass to 8 p.m.; Fridays, after 9 a.m. Mass to noon

Dover St. Joseph – Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.; Thursdays, 9 to 10 a.m.; First Fridays, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Gahanna St. Matthew – Mondays and Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Grove City Our Lady of Perpetual Help – Wednesdays, 7 to 8 a.m.; First Fridays, 9 a.m. Friday to 9 a.m. Saturday; Second Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Also 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday, March 18; 7 p.m.

“Following Jesus Christ as His Disciple,” March 21; “Being Sent by Jesus Christ as a Missionary Disciple,” March 22.

Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne – Parish choir performs Handel’s Messiah, Sunday, March 27, 3 p.m. Visiting priests celebrate Mass, with confessions to follow. Monday to Thursday, April 4 to 7, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, March 31 and after 7 p.m. Mass Thursday, April 14.

Heath St. Leonard – First Fridays, after 9 a.m. Communion service to Benediction at 2:30 p.m.

Kenton Immaculate Conception – Wednesdays, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to Benediction at 1 p.m.; First Saturdays, from end of 9 a.m. Mass to Benediction at 10:30 a.m.

Lancaster St. Bernadette – Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; 7 p.m. Thursdays to 8 a.m. Fridays.

Lancaster St. Mark – Mondays, 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Tuesdays, 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m.

London St. Patrick – Thursdays, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.; First Fridays, noon to 5:15 p.m., concluding with Benediction.

Marysville Our Lady of Lourdes – First Fridays, from end of 8 a.m. Mass to 8 p.m., concluding with Benediction.

Mattingly Settlement St. Mary – First Fridays, 6 to 7 p.m.

New Albany Church of the Resurrection – 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, with Exposition (Blessed Sacrament in monstrance) from noon to 4 p.m. on third Sunday of the month in Our Lady of the Resurrection Chapel; Exposition from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. on second Friday of the month in church.

New Lexington St. Rose – Wednesdays, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., concluding with Benediction and followed by Mass at 6:30.

New Philadelphia Sacred Heart – Mondays of Lent, 5 to 6 p.m., with Evening Prayer; Tuesdays, 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Newark Blessed Sacrament – Mon-

days, noon to 8 p.m.; Tuesdays, 5 to 6 p.m.; Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.

Plain City St. Joseph – Mondays through Thursdays, 6 to 11 a.m. and 6 to 9 p.m.; Fridays, 6 to 8 and 9 to 11 a.m. in church building.

Portsmouth St. Mary – Perpetual Adoration 24 hours, seven days a week except when Mass is being offered

Powell St. Joan of Arc – 9 a.m. Mondays to 8 a.m. Saturdays in chapel. For information on accessibility when chapel is not open, call or email Anne at (319) 321-3966 or adoration@stjoanofarcpowell.org. To sign up, go to stjoanofarc.weadorehim.com

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X – Wednesdays, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 9 p.m. in chapel, with Holy Hour from noon to 1 p.m. in church

Sugar Grove St. Joseph – Thursdays, from end of noon Mass to 1:30 p.m.

Sunbury St. John Neumann – 6 p.m. Sundays to 4 p.m. Fridays in chapel (use chapel entrance)

Washington Court House St. Colman of Cloyne – Sundays, 8 to 8:45 a.m.; Tuesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.; Wednesdays to Fridays, 6:45 to 7:45 a.m.

Waverly St. Mary – First Wednesdays, 6 to 7 p.m.

West Jefferson Ss. Simon & Jude – First Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Worthington St. Michael – Fridays, March 4 to April 8, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Zanesville St. Thomas Aquinas – Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. in parish center Immaculate Heart of Mary chapel

Zoar Holy Trinity – Wednesdays, 7 to 8 p.m.

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Sunbury St. John Neumann – “Adoremus” program with Eucharistic Adoration, praise and worship music and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Fridays, March 4 to April 8, 7 p.m. Parish mission with Father Adam Streitenberger, diocesan evangelization coordinator, Sunday, March 20 to Tuesday, March 22. Topics: “Encounter Jesus Christ,” March 20;

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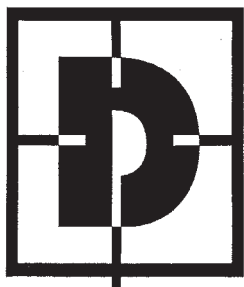
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Women's conference returns after year's absence

By Tim Puet
For *The Catholic Times*

The Gospel reading for the opening Mass of the 14th Columbus Catholic Women's Conference contained words that expressed a common feeling among the 1,900 women in attendance.

The reading was St. Mark's account of the Transfiguration, in which St. Peter says, "It is good for us to be here" upon seeing Jesus with Moses and Elijah atop a mountain. Msgr. Stephan Moloney, diocesan administrator and vicar general, used that phrase to open his homily.

"It is indeed very good to be together in this place, physically and spiritually united in one another's company," he said. "Nothing is better than being together in person."

The conference did not take place last year because of the COVID-19 pandemic. This year's event, on Saturday, Feb. 19, returned to Kasich Hall at the state fairgrounds and was livestreamed to several hundred women gathered at about a dozen parishes and in individual homes.

Speakers included Sister Tracey Dugas, FSP, of New Orleans; Lisa Brenninkmeyer, founder of the Walking with Purpose women's Bible study; Janelle Foligno, wife of former Columbus Blue Jackets captain Nick Foligno; and Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, president of Franciscan University of Steubenville.

Sister Tracey focused on three aspects of the Virgin Mary and her role in everyone's lives.

From the moment she was visited by the angel Gabriel at the Annunciation, "Mary was receptive to her call to be the mother of God," Sister Tracey said. "Her receptivity makes her perceptive. She can see the situation with truth and wisdom.

"She also is a powerful intercessor. She sees a situation and can take it to the proper place, interceding with her Son, Jesus," as she did at the wedding feast at Cana.

Beginning with that feast, "she calls her Son forth to mission," as she does to us, Sister Tracey said. "She prepares the way for miracles to happen. We need to ask her to help us grow deeper in love with her Son and to be disciples."

Sister Tracey noted that the wedding feast took place on the third day after Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River marked the beginning of his public life. The Book of Genesis says man was created on the third of God's six days of creation. She said this is one of several parallels between St. John the Evangelist's story of the feast and the creation story of Genesis that show the



Father Dave Pivonka, TOR, president of Franciscan University of Steubenville, was one of the featured presenters at the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference on Saturday, Feb. 19. CT photos by Ken Snow

similarities and differences between the Old Testament Adam and Eve and their New Testament counterparts, Jesus and Mary.

"Eve, instead of accepting God's word not to eat of the fruit of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, allowed Satan's words to be perceived wrongly," she said. "She didn't allow herself to accept God's gifts in God's time. Mary accepted God's gift of His Son, but her acceptance was in a manner that allowed her to do things in the right way.

"Adam had two jobs – to tend the garden of Eden and to guard it against anything evil. But he didn't rise up to protect the garden and Eve" and failed his mission, she said. "When we encounter Jesus in a garden, it is in the garden of Gethsemane, and there He accepts His mission to lay down His life for His Bride, the Church. This is the God Whom we worship, Who gave His life for us.

"I believe the Father is good, He loves us, He wills to save us, and each of us is on a journey to make that happen," she said. "I pray that each of you become stronger and wish that you become perceptive to the presence of God, even in the problems that surround you."

Brenninkmeyer spoke on the theme "Hallelujah Anyway!: Discovering Good Despite Anxiety," encouraging



Lisa Brenninkmeyer, a convert to Catholicism and founder of the Walking with Purpose program used by several women's groups in the diocese, speaks at the conference.

her audience to deal with their fears and telling of her own problems.

"My husband, Leo, and I are the parents of seven children, four of them grown and scattered all over the country. You mothers know that the older kids get, the less you can control them," she said. "Anxiety has slammed into my family more times than I can remember, although I pray constantly to avoid it."

She said one of the goals of Walking with Purpose is to help women become what Pope St. John Paul II described in his 2004 visit to Lourdes as "sentinels of the invisible." John Paul described such people as "witnesses of the essential values seen only through the eyes of the heart." Brenninkmeyer said the sentinels' mission is "to notice things others might miss."

"There have been plenty of disturbances coming into my life where I've known the right thing was to call on God for help" rather than try to solve problems alone, she said. "In my family, I've experienced depression, panic attacks, anxiety, cutting, suicidal thoughts, sexual brokenness, psychologists, psychiatrists, medication, darkness.

"If you feel alone, you are not," Brenninkmeyer said. "This life is a battlefield, and God's servants face and accept battles. The life of a Christian is one of battles. Pope Benedict XVI said, 'You were not made for comfort. You

were made for greatness.'

"I have said to God, 'I plead you to rescue me from the battlefield.' God has chosen not to rescue me from what I fear most, but to rescue me through it."

She said that since the pandemic began, the rate of anxiety among the population of the United States has increased 400 percent, and anxiety has affected one in eight children and adults.

"The fear of anxiety is a big part of what our problem is," she said. "People struggling with anxiety wait an average of six years for help. There is no shame in seeking help. Even Jesus accepted help on the way to Calvary from Simon of Cyrene. If He was willing to do that, why do we think we can make it by ourselves?"

Brenninkmeyer said anxiety should be welcomed when it occurs because it kicks in when we feel we are not safe, it is meant to be a sign of imminent danger and good can come from anxiety.

"Whatever you face, you do not face it alone," she said. "God has gone before you knowing you will make mistakes and have bad luck. Things may go wrong, but He has fixed you for this, and you are not mixed up enough to interfere with what He's doing. Lift your eyes to heaven, for at this moment, God has His eyes fixed on you. He is up to the job."

Brenninkmeyer said anxiety "gets your attention, and when it does, God says, 'Let's dive in together and make a pilgrimage into your heart, to areas where you haven't relinquished control.' It frees God to do surgery on your soul."

Mentioning several instances of anxiety in the lives of her and her husband, she said she has found great strength in the prayer "Jesus, I trust in You. Take care of everything."

She concluded with several declarations. "I declare that God is near the brokenhearted," she said. "That He sits enthroned and blesses His people with peace ... that Christ is present with you ... that you dwell in the shadow of the Lord ... that this slight moment of affliction is preparing you for glory beyond comparison ... that God has declared peace for you."

Janelle Foligno said experiences dealing with the health of her and Nick's three children have made her realize the expressions "God never gives us more than we can handle" and "Everything happens for a reason" are more than just clichés.

Their oldest child, Milana, 8, was born with a heart defect, has undergone two open-heart surgeries and multiple minor surgeries and is now a healthy

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girl. Landon, 6, broke his left leg in early 2019 and had to undergo extensive physical therapy, while Hudson, 5, has dealt with respiratory infections and spent 20 days on a ventilator.

She and Nick, who currently plays for the National Hockey League's Boston Bruins, both grew up Catholic in Sudbury, Ontario. She said her husband's family, which also includes a father-in-law, Mike, who was a longtime NHL player, and a brother-in-law, Marcus, who currently is with the NHL's Minnesota Wild, were more active in the practice of the faith than her own family, and that made a difference once she and Nick started dating.

"I'm grateful for my early lack of experience as a Catholic, because when I found faith, I really found it," she said. "God was a priority in Nick's home. They prayed before meals, spoke about what they were taught in church and openly brought God into their home."

This helped her fight eating disorders as a teenager. "I ultimately realized controlling food was a way to make me feel in control of my life," she said. "We try to make ourselves small compared to others and minimize our strengths."

After describing her children's illnesses, she said, "We could have asked why God was doing this but clung to our faith more than ever, with the help of supportive communities. I learned God gives us more than we can handle so we might cry out to Him and recognize He is there for us. He is our load bearer and rescuer."

"We question the idea that everything is for a reason, and sometimes we can't determine the reason. In coming to just trust and believe the reason is there, we have become stronger as individuals and a family."

She said her experiences with the eating disorder and as part of a positive body program 10 years ago in the Ottawa, Ontario schools have helped her teach Milana to love her body as a gift from God, and her experiences with her children's health are teaching her the way to help others.

Because of everything she has gone through, "you learn to live with a sense of trust, a sense of peace that you know where your life is going and that God is there to listen to you and to help you," she said.

Father Pivonka focused on the role of the Holy Spirit in people's lives, using several scriptural references. "Ninety percent of this talk and of what I do as a priest is telling people what they already know," he said.

"What is the greatest day of your life? It ought to be the day you were baptized, because as the Catechism of the Catholic Church puts it, baptism is the gateway to life to lie in the Holy Spirit



Msgr. Stephan Moloney, diocesan administrator in the absence of a bishop and also pastor at Columbus St. Andrew Church, offers the homily at the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference.



Mary Karabinos, who attends Columbus St. Leo Oratory, kneels in prayer during the Columbus Catholic Women's Conference at the Ohio Expo Center.

and gives us access to all the other sacraments.

"I invite you to live the life in the Holy Spirit which began when you were baptized. It's impossible to live the life God has in store for you apart from the Holy Spirit, who stirs into flame that fire, that gift that was given to you, as St. Paul says in the Book of Romans, 'not in a spirit of slavery, but in a spirit of adoption,'" he said.

Father Pivonka said Paul chose this phrase because under Roman law, a



Sister Tracey Dugas from the Daughters of St. Paul delivers one of the keynote talks.



Father Brett Garland, chaplain for the Catholic Women's Conference and pastor at Delaware St. Mary Church, gives the Eucharist to Kristen Everett, a member of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Lima. With her is 6-month-old son Fulton. Three carloads of women from her parish made the trip to attend the conference. CT photos by Ken Snow

parent could abandon a birth child for any reason but could not abandon an adopted child because that child had been chosen.

"God knows everything about you but still chooses you," he said. "He will never abandon you. Whatever the worst thing is you've done, the Lord chooses you in your brokenness, your shame. You are his beloved."

The conference concluded with a Holy Hour led by Father Pivonka. Music was led throughout the day by singer

Tori Harris Gray of Dallas and a back-up band. About 45 priests heard confessions during the conference's lunch break, which was preceded by a talk on reconciliation by Father Michael Hartge.

The master of ceremonies was Sister Ana Gonzalez, OP, of the Dominican Sisters of Peace, who is international admissions coordinator at Albertus Magnus College in New Haven, Connecticut and professed her perpetual vows in Columbus in 2001.

SEEK22 conference brings college students, missionaries together

By Nicole Tekippe

In Columbus and throughout the world, more than 22,000 people gathered virtually and in person Feb. 17-20 to encounter Christ at SEEK22. The immersive conference, hosted by FOCUS (Fellowship of Catholic University Students), reminded participants of the hope found in the new evangelization.

Nearly 300 students and missionaries

from Ohio State, Bowling Green State, Ohio Northern and Ohio universities as well as Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville came together at the Pontifical College Josephinum. They were joined by more than 15 priests from the Diocese of Columbus as well as Franciscan Friars of the Renewal.

Thursday evening registrants met for Mass, fellowship and the opening keynote address by Hilary Draftz, a FOCUS missionary. Kicking off the sec-

ond and third days of the conference, Father Sean Kilcawley, director of the Office for Family Life in the Diocese of Lincoln, Nebraska; Marco Casanova, assistant director of Desert Stream ministries; and Father Angelus Montgomery, CFR, preacher, speaker and EWTN show co-host, discussed who Jesus Christ is and what He desires.

In addition to speakers and fellowship, Saturday included opportunities for Adoration, confession and interces-

sory prayer. "I haven't been to confession in eight years, but tonight there was something powerful in the room," one student said. "I was walking to go before I knew what I was doing. That changed it for me." More than 100 students went to confession Saturday night.

On Sunday, participants attended Mass and heard speaker Kelsey Skoch give the final keynote address.

Father Montgomery said, "Do you know that you are free? Do you know that you are loved? He proposes to us that there is a way back from our exile."

"I didn't know I could be loved like that," another student said. "This was so real and honest, and it gave me permission to let Jesus see me in places I hid."

After the event, missionaries and student leaders on campus will meet with each participant to encourage them to resolve to change their lives, such as dedicating daily time to pray or attending Adoration or Mass more frequently.

The missionaries also are inviting students to attend Bible studies on campus and sign up for FOCUS mission trips.

Speaker and former Ohio State basketball player Sister Mary Xavier, FSGM, said, "One encounter with Jesus can last a lifetime."

Nicole Tekippe is a FOCUS missionary at Ohio State University.



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Being a woman of faith in difficult times

By Laurie Jenny

The following reflections are from a talk by Father David Poliafico, pastor of Columbus St. Timothy Church, during the parish's annual women's breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 5 at the Ohio State University Fawcett Center:

"In these difficult times, those things that challenge our happiness, our inner peace, are our political arena, the violence we are seeing every day, a shaky world peace and the current coronavirus atmosphere.

"We promise ourselves if we just get control of this, we're going to find that happiness!

"What does a woman of faith do best? Pray? Go to church and practice the sacraments? Take care of family and community? All these are good, and it does take great faith to do these things for years.

"But what a woman of faith does best is surrender control.

"Surrendering control, not to anyone else, but in her heart to God. When we pray, we're surrendering control to God's will. When we practice the sacraments, we surrender control to God's grace. When we care for family and community, we surrender control to God's creation.

"We read in John, Chapter 16, Verse



Father David Poliafico speaks at the annual St. Timothy Women's Breakfast on Saturday, Feb. 5 in the Fawcett Center at Ohio State University. Photo courtesy Laurie Jenny

22, where Jesus promises, "No one will take your joy from you!" Jesus says this because the world can't take what it didn't give you!

"Now, the world will challenge your faith, but if you hold on to your faith you will find joy. That's a basic for our survival in difficult times. Your faith is the blueprint to design your happiness and life.

"Sometimes, when we get back to the basics of our lives, those things that brought you happiness and joy, God

will take care of the rest. No one likes to surrender control, but isn't that what our prayer and faith life is all about? We ask God to take care of things. We surrender our control and give it over to God. This is faith in its purest form.

"We are likened to those first early Christians who also lived in a world and society of difficult times. A time and place where they had no control over even their physical lives, as many died a martyr. Yet they had a happiness

of being with the Lord Jesus, in spirit and in sacrament.

"What identifies a 'strong woman' as opposed to a 'woman of faith'?"

A strong woman exercises every day to keep her body in shape,

But a woman of faith kneels in prayer to keep her soul in shape.

A strong woman embraces the world and isn't afraid of anything,

But a woman of faith shows her courage in the midst of fear.

A strong woman won't let anyone get the best of her,

But a woman of faith gives the best of her to everyone.

A strong woman wears the look of confidence on her face,

But a woman of faith wears the grace of her Lord every day.

A strong woman has faith that she is strong enough for the journey,

But a woman of faith knows that in the journey she will become strong.

"Daughters of Jerusalem, sisters to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, know of God's grace in our lives that will enable you to continue to have faith – not only having faith in these difficult times, but knowing that you can be joyful in having that faith."

Laurie Jenny is a parishioner at Columbus St. Timothy Church.



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- As you listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, what have been the joys and obstacles in your journeying together with the church?
- Please share a brief story that illustrates your experience.

Question 2:

"Listening is the first step, but it requires an open mind and heart, without prejudice." (Preparatory Document no. 30) and "All are invited to speak with courage and parrhesia, that is, in freedom, truth, and charity." (Preparatory Document no. 30).

- How have you experienced the Church reaching out to those who are on the peripheries and marginalized, including cultural groups, women, the disabled, those who experience poverty, marginalization, or social exclusion?
- What enables or hinders you from speaking up courageously, candidly, and responsibly in your parish and society?

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Some parishes resume fish fries, but pandemic still a factor

By Tim Puet
For *The Catholic Times*

With the number of cases of COVID-19 in Ohio slowly subsiding, several parishes in the Diocese of Columbus are resuming their traditional fish fries on Lenten Fridays after canceling them last year and in 2020 after the pandemic hit in March of that year.

But several parishes are holding off on bringing back the events this year because thousands of new COVID cases still were being reported statewide every day as of mid-February.

Diocesan parishes responding to a Catholic Times survey said they would have fish fries or other types of meatless Lenten meals this year on the six Fridays from March 4 to April 8. Some fish fries will be every other Friday, some parishes will have only one fish fry during Lent, and Columbus St. Dominic Church will continue its tradition of having a fish dinner on one Lenten Saturday.

Last year, 23 parishes told the Times they were having fish fries or pasta din-

ners during Lent. Nearly all were limited only to drive-thru or carryout meals because of state restrictions on the size of indoor gatherings.

In 2020, 50 diocesan parishes were hosting fish fries when Ohio's bishops, in conjunction with statewide restrictions on public gatherings, on March 13 ordered the closing of all church activities in the state as the first effects of COVID were being felt. That date was the third Friday of the six-week fish fry season for that year.

Limits on the size of indoor gatherings in Ohio were lifted in early June 2021, allowing indoor dining at full capacity and enabling fish fries to be dine-in events again. Several parish fish fry chairmen say people are eager to resume face-to-face dining on Lenten Fridays in their parish halls after nearly two years.

"Everybody's been missing the fish fry," said Larry Pishitelli of Columbus St. Margaret of Cortona Church, which canceled fish fries last year after hosting the events every year since 1999. "The fish is great, but what people really were missing was the fellowship and the ca-

maraderie. They've been isolated for too long," he said.

"Father Jeff (Rimelspach, the parish's pastor) said around Christmas that he wanted fish fries to resume, but he didn't want there to be a drive-thru option. Several people tried to persuade him to allow a drive-thru, but he said doing that would be against the goal of fellowship that's the reason for the fish fry. We are having takeouts, but that still requires people to come to the parish hall and see others.

"Nearly everything about our fish fry is the same except the price," Pishitelli said. "Because of inflation and the supply chain issues occurring everywhere, we've had to raise it to \$15 for adults, \$14.50 for seniors, \$7 for children 10 and under and \$37 for families. That's a 37 percent increase for perch and a 28 percent increase for cod.

"Supply chain problems mean we'll be serving Canadian perch instead of Pacific perch, and the size of pieces of cod may be smaller. If that happens, we'll increase the number of pieces per serving."

Steve Davis of Gahanna St. Matthew Church said his parish will be serving

only drive-thru meals for the second straight year. "We're still being cautious, and when we did drive-thru last year, it turned out to be our best year ever," he said. "We had been serving Alaskan perch, but the price for it has gone up \$1.75 per pound, so we're switching to Pacific cod, the best cod you can buy, from Frank's Fish Market in Columbus.

"Besides the price of fish increasing, the cost for french fries and coleslaw went up about 4 percent, so this year, we raised our price \$2, making it \$12 for three pieces of cod, slaw and fries. It's so much harder to find things because of the supply chain situation. Even with something as basic as Styrofoam, you can't find the three-part containers we used to use for takeout. We're having to make do with containers that aren't divided. It's not the best solution, but one we have to live with."

Reynoldsburg St. Pius X Church is resuming indoor dining this year after offering only takeout meals last year. "A

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Faith fosters 'forever kind of joy,' popular Catholic speaker says

By Ken Snow

Chris Stefanick, speaker, author and television host, delivered a stirring talk on "Living Joy" as part of his "Reboot" seminar on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

About 800 people, some from as far away as Dayton, Cincinnati, Cleveland and Rochester, New York, heard him in the Klinger Center of Westerville St. Paul the Apostle Parish.

"Who of you here wants more joy in your life?" Stefanick began. "And why? Because God made you for joy.

"God wants us rejoicing in love forever. He made our hearts for joy, not just for a passing happiness, but for a deep, abiding, spiritual, forever kind of joy. Forever."

During the first half of his presentation, Stefanick focused on how joy is the key to framing one's faith and why it should be an integral part of life. After a short intermission, he described ways this can be accomplished.

"It is the infinite love of God which brought us into existence," he said.

"I want to propose something really radical to you: The love that we were born to find, the love that every other love in this life comes from and leads back to, the love story that makes all of life worth rejoicing for, is found in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. That's it.

"Despite all the messiness in the Church and in the world, there is nothing better that has happened to humanity than the Gospel. And, really, the only



Catholic author, speaker and TV host Chris Stefanick speaks at Westerville St. Paul Church on Wednesday, Feb. 9.

way to understand your faith is as a love story.

"Now if you put this love story back in your life, not only does it all start to make sense, it becomes beautiful. And it's not just your faith, all of life becomes beautiful.

"It starts very simply with the words, 'We believe in one God,' but just like marriage vows, it's so easy to forget. Ultimately, without God there is no cause for hope," he said.

"God is love. And what does love do? It creates. Love creates space and time. And here's the miracle of this love sto-



A crowd of 800 people attended Chris Stefanick's presentation at St. Paul's Klinger Center.
CT photos by Ken Snow

ry we find ourselves in, the love story which makes life worth rejoicing: That love puts us in the center of space and time. You are made in the image and likeness of God, and He has spread the universe as a stage where you can encounter this love.

"You might say to yourself, 'I don't know about this God thing, but I sure know that we are all broken.' We might think that God, Who created us for love and joy, could have left us. He could have said, 'Go ahead, destroy yourselves.' But He didn't. For God so loved the world that He sent his only Son, that

whoever would believe in Him would not perish but have eternal life. God the Father sent God the Son for you.

"God created space and time. He put you in the middle of it. And then He came and died for you. This doesn't just save us from a sin or two. It changes everything in our lives. It redeems everything. Jesus redeems everything," Stefanick said.

"St. Paul, while in prison, said, 'Rejoice! Rejoice in the Lord, always!' Never underestimate your own power as a Christian. Christ came that we might have life and have it to the full. He came to give us joy."

Stefanick also presented some of his "Rules for Living Joy." These included giving thanks, love yourself, live a friendship-rich life and frame your mind with faith.

He concluded, "Your faith is the frame wherein you see everything: your birth, your death, your work, your tragedies, your sufferings, your victories and your relationships. All of this is in the frame of the love story that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ, which redeems everything.

"I'm not here asking you to pretend everything's fine all the time. I'm not asking you to be in denial. What I am asking you to do is to be aware of the bigger reality that's always present before us: the love of the Father and of the Son, and that the joy of the Lord must be your strength."

Ken Snow is a longtime photojournalist for *The Catholic Times*.

Local news and events

St. Catharine Church plans St. Patrick's event

Columbus St. Catharine Church, 500 S. Gould Road, will be hosting a St. Patrick's Day party for the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic hit in mid-March of 2020. The event will be in Msgr. Sorohan Hall starting at 6 p.m. Saturday, March 5.

The party will benefit the SPICE (Special People in Catholic Education) program for special-needs children and will include an Irish dinner and dessert, entertainment from the Irish band the Hooligans, Irish step dancers, a silent auction and a short presentation on SPICE. Tickets are \$50 per person. Proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test result will be required for admission.

For more information or reservations, contact giniweberryan@gmail.com or the parish office at (614) 231-4509.

Father Dailey to speak at men's luncheon club

Father Stash Dailey, diocesan vicar for religious and pastor of Columbus Holy Family Church, will present the first of a four-part series on "Rebuilding a Christian Culture" at the Catholic Men's Luncheon Club's monthly meeting following the 11:45 a.m. Mass on Friday, March 4 at Columbus Holy Family Church, 280 S. Grant Ave.

The subject of the talk will be "St. Joseph: Model of Penance and Discipline." The next talk in the series will be on "Sacred Scripture: A Word Spoken, Rest Received and Lived" on Friday,

April 1.

The series is being sponsored by the Nos Lumine and Attollo organizations, AM 820 St. Gabriel Radio, the Egan-Ryan Funeral Service and the Bottoms Up diaper drive. Parking will be available in the Columbus State College Grant Avenue parking lot across the street from the church. No reservations are necessary. A suggested \$12 donation covers the lunch and meeting.

For more information on the luncheon club, visit www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc.

ODU to host bankers institute

Ohio Dominican University (ODU) has partnered with the Ohio Bankers League (OBL) to host the OBL's summer banking institute. The event will take place from Sunday, May 15 to Saturday, May 28 and is an immersive program designed to encourage diversity, deepen understanding and promote a broad base of talent in Ohio's banking industry.

Some courses also may be available remotely to accommodate students who live or attend college outside of central Ohio. There is no charge for the program and free on-campus housing will be provided to participants.

The program is open to a maximum of 100 students currently enrolled at an Ohio college or university. While all academic disciplines are invited to apply, it may be best suited for those studying economics, accounting, finance,

marketing, human resources, information technology and general business. Students who are interested in participating may request an application by contacting the OBL's representative to ODU, Kimberley Mason, at kmason@ohiobankersleague.com. ODU students should contact Dr. Ken Fah at fahk@ohiodominican.edu or Dr. Doug Ruml at rumld@ohiodominican.edu.

The program at Ohio Dominican will give students an opportunity to learn directly from bankers and ODU professors in a classroom setting about topics including mortgage lending, retail banking, commercial and investment banking, and cybersecurity protocols. Career tracks will be available on serving as a customer service associate, wealth management, investment management and trading, sales, information technology, marketing, credit analysis, lending and other subjects.

Following the in-class component, students will spend 12 weeks completing a paid internship with an Ohio bank, where they will gain hands-on experience.

Mommies Matter looking for volunteers

Mommies Matter will host an orientation for potential volunteers at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 10 in Westerville. More details will be provided upon registration.

Mommies Matter is a charitable or-

ganization that provides group and one-on-one mentoring support, as well as housing, educational, employment and financial assistance to pregnant single mothers. It is built on the principle that life is better when we do it together. For more information or to RSVP, visit www.mommiesmatter.org/volunteer.

Former Swiss Guard to speak in Portsmouth

Mario Enzler, a former member of the Vatican's elite Swiss Guards who served Pope St. John Paul II, will speak at the parish center of Portsmouth Holy Redeemer Church, 1325 Gallia St., at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 26. The talk will be preceded by a free spaghetti dinner.

Enzler will reflect on his interactions with the pope, including some humorous moments as well as moments that revealed the pontiff's saintliness.

Enzler worked as a Swiss banker for several years following his service as a Swiss Guard. After he and his family moved to the United States, he was recruited by the Catholic University of America for its finance program, where he designed a course specifically for the clergy. He is dean of the Cameron School of Business at the University of St. Thomas in Houston.

Dinner reservations are available by calling (740) 354-4551. Those interested in attending are asked to call in advance so that dinner organizers will know how many meals to prepare.

Collection helps evangelize Black, Native American communities

By Sr. Zephрина Mary, FIH
Director, Diocesan Missions Office

During the weekend of March 5-6, the Diocese of Columbus will take up a second collection at every Mass to support evangelization among the Black and Native American communities.

This collection was established by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1884 to keep the light of faith shining in these communities.

The fund is used for evangelization in poor rural and reservation communities. Today, our solidarity with them is so important, especially with vibrant Catholic faith communities in the poorest regions that serve and care for the marginalized.

Your generous support helps build the Church in these communities nationwide. Schools, parish religious education programs and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The funds will be distributed as grants to di-

oceses throughout the United States.

St. Katharine Drexel is significant when we think about helping the poor. She is the second American-born saint, and her father, Francis Anthony Drexel, was a wealthy banker. She grew up seeing charitable works done by her family. They opened their doors for housing and care for the poor.

She eventually joined the Sisters of the Blessed Sacrament. She said, "If we wish to serve God and love our neighbor well, we must manifest our joy in the service we render to Him and them. Let us open wide our hearts. It is joy which invites us. Press forward, and fear nothing."

Katharine directed her inheritance of \$20 million toward educating and evangelizing Native Americans in the west and African Americans in the south.

She opened the first mission boarding school, St. Catherine's Indian School, in Santa Fe, New Mexico. One-hundred sixty other schools quickly followed — for Native Americans and African Americans.

In 1915, Katharine founded Xavier University in New Orleans, the first Catholic University in the United States for African Americans. By the time of her death, she had more than 500 sisters teaching in 63 schools throughout the country, and she established 50 missions for Native Americans in 16 states.

She was devoted to the betterment of the African-American and Native American populations until her death.

As Pope Francis advocates, "Any missionary impulse, if derived from the Holy Spirit, manifests predilection for the poor and vulnerable." (*Evangelii Gaudium* 7)

Your generous support assists the many and varied evangelization programs in archdioceses and dioceses of the United States, from Maine to California and Alaska.

The support of generous hearts can fulfill dreams of many unfortunates to pursue a college education and to have a better future. In this current pandemic, mission work includes evangeliza-

tion and caring for the basic needs of the poor such as providing food and clothes and helping families pay for education.

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The collected funds will be mainly used on administering the sacraments, giving witness to the people whom they serve, helping them to understand God loves them and recognize the Church as a mediator. Evangelization with sacraments, community participation and devotional practices will benefit communities served by this collection.

In 2021, the Diocese of Columbus contributed \$59,306.83. Through our donations, we help bring the light of Christ to our sisters and brothers in Christ. We of the Catholic faith community have been a beacon of hope for the hopeless for generations. On behalf of the diocese, thank you in advance for supporting this collection.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

God can help us see clearly

Sirach 27:4-7
Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

Each human being has a “native” approach to understanding the world. Both nature and nurture have a hand in setting up the mechanisms by which we evaluate what is going on around us, but in the end, human freedom has the final “power.”

We can choose to see things from our own limited and unexamined perspective. We can choose to allow others or the culture in which we live shape our estimation of things, accepting their evaluation without a critical reflection on the truth. Or we can allow God’s Spirit to penetrate our hearts, freeing us to see things more clearly, acknowledging our own limitations and realizing that the culture around us often has something different in view.

St. Thomas Aquinas reminds us that human reason sets us apart from the rest of nature, but that our intellect has been darkened by the reality of the fallen world. Faith has the capacity to purify our intellect’s grasp of the world. For this reason, we are invited to discover our own tendency to be blind to our own faults and to the need for an approach that allows wisdom to guide us in our actions.

Human beings communicate through words and gestures that encompass a meaning that goes beyond the words and gestures themselves. Our spirits contain more than our bodies can express directly. The relationship between us and God and the relationships we share among us are more than what we say and do, but how we speak to one another and our actions toward one another communicate what is in our spirits.

The capacity to listen and to understand from words and actions what is meant resides in human nature. Each culture, and each unique human person,

First Sunday of Lent Year C

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Father Timothy Hayes

Father Timothy M. Hayes is pastor of Chillicothe St. Mary and St. Peter; and Waverly, St. Mary, Queen of the Missions.



has nuances of meaning that must be learned. But some things are clear when we pay attention and step out of our habitual way of shaping what is offered to us by other persons.

Jesus, Who alone grasps fully Who God is, invites us to use the faculty that is within us to “remove the plank” in our own eyes to enable us to help others overcome their faults. This is human freedom. Our world often confuses freedom with license, which is the ability to do “whatever we want.” Freedom is to correspond ourselves with the person that God has created us to be. This is a gift that is received, not something purely of our own design.

When we are put through the strainer or sieve by the events and circumstances of our lives, we learn our true mettle. What is real in us remains regardless of the punishment that the world doles out to us. God has placed within each human being a “thread” that connects us to Him, to all other persons and to all creation. Our persons – as well as our personalities – are forged by the way we learn to shape our responses and to exercise freedom.

How do we discern the right response? We look inward to discover our true motives, to uncover the blind spots within. We look outward to see how we relate to each neighbor, to the persons who are part of our lives.

We also learn to measure whether we are aiming high enough. If our sights are set on this world only, we will fall into the ditch. The fruit of true freedom opens up hope for life beyond this life. Death loses its sting when we realize that in

the Liturgy that day the proclamation of the “movable feasts,” which offers the key to understanding. The “40 days” of Lent are set by the timing of Easter. The date for Easter is decided by reviewing the change of seasons according to particular traditions regarding the Biblical calendar.

All of this means that each year, we have more or less time following the close of the Christmas Season before we enter into the practices of prayer, fasting and almsgiving that are characteristic of the Lenten Season.

Lent invites us to grow. We are to

THE WEEKDAY BIBLE READINGS

2/28-3/5	FRIDAY Isaiah 58:1-9a Psalm 51:3-6b, 18-19 Matthew 9:14-15	WEDNESDAY Jonah 3:1-10 Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 Luke 11:29-32
MONDAY 1 Peter 1:3-9 Mark 11:1-2, 5-6, 9, 10c Mark 10:17-27	SATURDAY Isaiah 58:9b-14 Psalm 86:1-6 Luke 5:27-32	THURSDAY Esther C:12, 14-16, 23-25 Psalm 138:1-3, 7c-8 Matthew 7:7-12
TUESDAY 1 Peter 10:16 Psalm 98:1-4 Mark 10:28-31	3/7-3/12	FRIDAY Ezekiel 18:21-28 Psalm 130:1-8 Matthew 5:20-26
WEDNESDAY Joel 2:12-18 Psalm 51-6b, 12-14, 17 2 Corinthians 5:20-6:2 Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18	MONDAY Leviticus 19:1-2, 11-18 Psalm 19:8-10, 15 Matthew 25:31-46	SATURDAY Deuteronomy 26:16-19 Psalm 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 Matthew 5:43-48
THURSDAY Deuteronomy 30:15-20 Psalm 1:1-4, 6 Luke 9:22-25	TUESDAY Isaiah 55:10-11 Psalm 34:4-7, 16-19 Matthew 6:7-15	

DIOCESAN WEEKLY RADIO AND TELEVISION

MASS SCHEDULE: WEEKS OF FEB. 27 AND MAR. 6, 2022

SUNDAY MASS

10:30 a.m. Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com and diocesan website, www.columbuscatholic.org.

10:30 a.m. Mass from Portsmouth St. Mary Church on St. Gabriel Radio (FM 88.3), Portsmouth.

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 (Spectrum Channel 385, Insight Channel 382, or WOW Channel 378). (Encores at noon, 7

p.m., and midnight).

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 Coshocton counties.

DAILY MASS

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.

12:05 p.m. weekdays, 8 a.m. Saturdays, Mass from Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on St. Gabriel Radio (AM 820), Columbus, and at www.stgabrielradio.com and diocesan website, www.columbuscatholic.org. (Saturdays on radio only).

Videos of Masses are available at any time on the internet at these and many other parish websites: Mattingly Settlement St. Mary (www.stannsmay.org); Columbus St. Patrick (www.stpatrickcolumbus.org); Delaware St. Mary (www.delawarestmary.org); Sunbury St. John Neumann (www.saintjohnsunbury.org); and Columbus Immaculate Conception (www.iccols.org). Check your parish website for additional information.

We pray Weeks IV and I of the Liturgy of the Hours.

Christ we have become free.

The fruits of this way of seeing are found in the manner in which we relate to ourselves, to others and to God. We become truly thankful, praying in every circumstance, “Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.” We give “thanks be to God who gives us the victory through

our Lord Jesus Christ.” In times of trouble, we are able to remain “firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord (our) labor is not in vain.”

May our hearts be full of hope, ready to reap the rewards God has in store for us. Happy Lent!

Lent a time to grow in knowledge, practice of faith

Deuteronomy 26:4-10
Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15
Romans 10:8-13
Luke 4:1-13

Our view of the world is established by the “shape” of our vision.

Old-fashioned cartoons used to snf Have you noticed that, in each year, the date when Lent begins is different? It always opens on Ash Wednesday for the Latin Rite, but the particular date moves back and forth through February and March, seemingly without reason.

The Feast of the Epiphany included in

grow in our understanding of Jesus Christ and in our efforts to put into practice all He has taught us. We are to live the life of Christ in the world today.

The account of the Temptation of the Lord that is given on the First Sunday of Lent, this year from Luke, brings out the fundamental areas of weakness in our human nature that can lead to the choice of sin. “Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil.”

Jesus spent the 40 days in the desert as a time analogous to Israel’s 40 years

in the desert following the Exodus from Egypt. At the end of this time, Luke tells us “He was hungry.” This sets up the encounter with the devil who will probe the areas of weakness common to all human beings: physical weakness, desire for power and glory and the temptation to put God’s promises to the test.

The devil shows a capacity to speak in human terms even using Scripture as a tool. Jesus, still full of the Spirit

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that came to Him at His baptism, meets each test simply, also citing Scripture. He is clear that we are called to put our trust in God, living for more than earthly food, worshipping God alone and not testing God's fidelity to us.

In our human nature, relying only on the strength of the Spirit, Jesus meets every temptation without submitting. The devil departs, to return again at the time of the Passion.

Over the past couple of years, we have found ourselves living through times of discipline similar to the practices of Lent, but not chosen. This has resulted in bringing forward many of the faults in our relationships with God and others that Lent is designed to combat.

"COVID times" have brought with them divisions of mind and heart in communities, and that even Christians have often lost their public witness of "loving one another" that served to convert the world to Christ in ages past.

The Temptation of the Lord is a reminder that our human nature has been designed to meet all the challenges that this world can

throw at us. We are also given the capacity to overcome the spiritual temptations that we encounter along the way. It is a matter of renewing our awareness of the presence of grace and of God's fidelity to us all through our history.

In the course of Lent, we must follow the example of Jesus, emptying ourselves of our self-reliance, our desire to be in control and of our failure to acknowledge God's presence in our lives. These temptations are always with us.

COVID has kept some away from the practice of faith due to fear. Others have found "lives-treaming" a convenient excuse for not being present at Mass in person, though they have returned to other pre-COVID pursuits.

Many perhaps have unwittingly given in to the temptation to put the mercy of God to the test: "God will understand." It is true that God is merciful and that He does understand our plight. But He does call us to persevere in the practice of our faith.

May Lent be a time of return.

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lot more people would rather sit down and eat than take it home," said parish fish fry chairman John Swails. "Even so, we made just about as much with takeout last year than we did in 2019, the last full year of indoor fish fries. The demand was sufficient enough in 2021 that we added a third date to go with the two we originally scheduled.

"We had a meeting on Feb. 15 that took more than an hour to hash out dining protocol and prices. We spread out seating arrangements for social distancing purposes, and we'll have people ordering from their tables instead of having a cafeteria-style line, making it more like fine dining and, hopefully, adding to the appeal. Prices will be \$15 for adults, \$8 for children under 12 and \$40 per family."

Columbus St. Mary Magdalene Church will be serving a Lenten fish dinner for the first time, with a menu reflecting its large Hispanic population. It will be offering fish tacos, Mexican street corn, tortilla chips and salsa for \$10, with extra tacos for \$3 apiece.

"We wanted to try something different," said fish fry chairman Jessica Rudolph. "Father (Patrick) Toner (the parish's pastor) didn't want anything deep-fried, and we wanted to strengthen Latino parishioners' sense of community with the parish. Fish tacos seemed to fit the bill. We've done dry runs making them for several individuals, and everyone seemed to like them and to be satisfied with the portions we're offering. We'll also have baked goods available for dessert.

"I know there are many people around Columbus who try to eat at a different fish fry each week during Lent. We invite them to add us to that circuit and to visit and see the beauty of our church." Meals will be served in the church basement.

Judy Ward of Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School said she's delighted to see the return of in-person dining. "Our drive-thru last year worked well – in fact, the school lot couldn't hold any more cars than what we had – but there was an energy that was missing when everyone is in one place," she said. "There's just not the same appeal when you don't have the school together.

"We increased prices to \$9 from \$8 for three pieces of fish, bread and two side dishes from either potato salad, macaroni and cheese or baked beans. We also have the option of more mac and cheese for kids who don't like fish. We'll also offer carside

takeouts for anyone who calls between 3:45 and 6:15 p.m." Proceeds from the fish fry go toward the school's annual trip for seventh- and eighth-graders, which this year will be to Nashville, Tennessee for the first time.

One parish that had sponsored fish fries for a number of years but canceled them in 2021 and again this year is Columbus St. Matthias.

"We were all set to resume things this year, but then the omicron variant of COVID made cases start to go up early this year, and we decided it would be best not to have fish fries again," said Father Anthony Davis, the church's pastor. "We hope to resume next spring."

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ANTONELLI, David "Spike," 80, Feb. 8
St. Joseph Church, Dover

BASILETTI, Venanzio, 95, Jan. 13
Immaculate Conception Church, Dennison

BIVENS-BARNES, Leslie, 71, Jan. 23
Christ the King Church, Columbus

BROWN, Paul R., 74, Feb. 1
St. Nicholas Church, Zanesville

BRYANT, Gail (Vonville), Feb. 5
St. Paul Church, Westerville

BUKOWSKI, James J. "Sam," 90, Feb. 4
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

CONTI, June D. (Miller), 92, Jan. 30
St. Bridgid of Kildare Church, Dublin

COX, Agnes G. (Moran), 80, Feb. 1
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

DALICANDRO, Vittoria (Macioce), 100,
Feb. 9
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

FORD, Jerry, 85, Feb. 9
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

GABRENYA, Frank D., 75, Feb. 5
St. Catharine Church, Columbus

HALL, Marjorie E. (Scott), 92, Feb. 14
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

HAMROCK, Bernard, 82, Feb. 4
St. Thomas More Newman Center, Colum-
bus

HELBLING, Thomas A., 93, Feb. 8
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

HENRY, Anna, 102, Feb. 12
St. Leonard Church, Heath

HOELSCHER, Christopher M., 64, formerly
of Columbus, Jan. 31
St. Margaret Mary Church, Louisville, Ky.

HORSLEY PALMER, Bridgid J. (Shanah-
an), 61, Feb. 1
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

KAMER, Richard E., 77, Jan. 28
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Columbus

KASINECZ, Mary A. (Litzinger), 89, Feb.
14
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

KIMMEE, Rita A. (Hortel), 94, Feb. 2
St. Mary Church, Groveport

LANG, Richard M., 65, Feb. 8
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

LENKEY, William D., 91, Feb. 9
St. Mary, Mother of God Church, Columbus

LENZO, Antonina Josephine, 96, Jan. 28
Sacred Heart Church, Coshocton

LUTHMAN, Joseph B., Feb. 6
Our Mother of Sorrows Chapel, Columbus

MARTIN, Margaret "Peggy," 60, Feb. 3
St. Paul Church, Westerville

MILANO, Americo, 86, Feb. 10
Our Lady of Victory Church, Columbus

MURPHY, Frank E., 85, Jan. 31
St. Charles Preparatory School, Columbus

PARROTTA, Calogera "Lina," 94, Feb. 10
St. Paul Church, Westerville

PAVONE, Gloria R., 96, Feb. 7
St. Mary Magdalene Church, Colum-
bus

RAINS, Kathleen C. (Percy), 99, Feb.
7
Holy Family Church, Columbus

RANALLI, Jane A. (Allen), 84, Feb. 6
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

RINDFLEISCH, Dr. Nolan J., 94, Feb.
2
St. Elizabeth Church, Columbus

RISINGER, David R., 82, Feb. 1
St. Peter Church, Columbus

ROCHON, Judith L. (Hauck), 83, Feb. 9
St. Paul Church, Westerville

SHOUGH, James, 83, Feb. 14
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

SMITH, Carolyn (Patterson), 79, Jan. 28
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

STACHOWIAK, Barbara A. (LaBosky), 88,
Jan. 31
St. Paul Church, Westerville

STEVENSON, Michael A., 89, Feb. 6
St. Matthew Church, Gahanna

THOMAS, Donald C., 86, Feb. 1
St. Margaret of Cortona Church, Columbus

TROIANO, Salvatore A. "Sam," 85, Feb. 4
Holy Family Church, Columbus

VILLARROEL, Ana A., 83, Feb. 6
Holy Spirit Church, Columbus

VISCONTI, Madelyn M. (Dennis), 82, Feb.
2
Immaculate Conception Church, Columbus

WASHINGTON, Kenneth W., 83, Feb. 9
Church of the Resurrection, New Albany

WEIXEL, Mary A. (Klunk), 91, Feb. 13
St. Andrew Church, Columbus

WOLF, Catherine L. (Corcoran), 99, Jan.
4
Our Lady of Peace Church, Columbus

ZONTINI, Georgianne (Decker), 85, Feb.
11
Sacred Heart Church, New Philadelphia

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Sister Mary Roderic Schaub, OP

Funeral Mass for Sister Mary Roderic Schaub, OP, 85, who died Monday, Feb. 7 at the Mohun Health Care Center, was celebrated Wednesday, Feb. 16 at the Motherhouse of the Dominican Sisters of Peace. Burial was at St. Joseph Cemetery, Columbus.

She was born on July 23, 1936 in Santa Monica, California to the late Alvin and Virginia (Walker) Schaub.

She was a graduate of St. Catharine School and St. Mary of the Springs Academy, both in Columbus, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in education in 1965 from St. Mary of the Springs College (now Ohio Dominican University.)

She professed her vows with the congregation of the Dominican Sisters

of St. Mary of the Springs (now the Dominican Sisters of Peace) on July 9, 1962.

She was a first-grade teacher (1970-1975) and principal (1982-1990) at Columbus St. James the Less School, was maintenance director at the Motherhouse and surrounding buildings (1990-1997) and was a tutor at the Salesian Boys and Girls Club in Columbus (1999-02). She also taught at schools in the Diocese of Steubenville and in New York, Pennsylvania and Michigan.

She had been living at the Mohun center since 2002.

She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Betty Wade. She is survived by a niece and a nephew.

Newark Catholic performs 'Little Mermaid' in new auditorium



Forty-one students took part in Newark Catholic's production of *The Little Mermaid* late last month in the first play held in the high school's new auditorium. "Our students are encouraged to get involved," said Sadie Gastineau, drama department director and music teacher. "We have everyone from football players singing, track participants dancing, to robotics team building the set. It's a great way for our students to branch out, learn something new, and interact with different classmates." School performances had been held in various buildings throughout Newark, but the auditorium has enabled the student body to gather for Mass, attend assemblies, and hear guest speakers, as well as host Catholic elementary and parish concerts.

Photo courtesy Newark Catholic High School

St. Brigid follows its Catholic Schools Week theme



Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare School celebrated Catholic Schools Week last week living our school-year theme of "Writing Our Next Story: Pencils in the Hands of God," along with the national Catholic Schools Week theme of "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Students observed the feast of St. Brigid with a Mass that included favorite St. Brigid hymns. Children also enjoyed their favorite school lunches, and teachers and staff were treated to a special lunch as a gift of appreciation funded through the Annual Fund and organized by the Home and School Association. Throughout the week, children had fun creating a custom mural puzzle in each homeroom, as well as exciting minute-to-win-it challenges. Students demonstrated their faith and compassion for others as they completed service projects for LifeCare Alliance, Meals on Wheels, Lifecare Alliance Cancer Clinic, Lifecare Alliance Diabetes Clinic and the Columbus Cancer Clinic.

Photo courtesy St. Brigid of Kildare School

Newark Catholic shows spirit



Students at Newark Catholic High School kicked off Catholic Schools Week with spirit day on Monday, Jan. 31.

Photos courtesy Newark Catholic High School

Catholic Schools Week at OLB



During Catholic Schools Week at Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare, young students took the opportunity to focus on the importance of community, celebrating our nation, and highlighting the uniqueness of each boy and girl. The favorite activity of the week was a school-wide vote on a special themed day to be held in the weeks ahead.

Photo courtesy Our Lady of Bethlehem

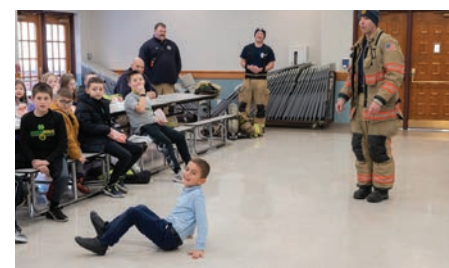
Confirmation at IC



Eighth graders at Columbus Immaculate Conception Church received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, Feb. 5.

Photo courtesy Immaculate Conception Church

'Days of Creation' at Newark St. Francis de Sales



Newark St. Francis de Sales School held "Days of Creation" as part of Catholic Schools Week. Students ventured from station to station throughout the day and learned from visitors representing various agencies about the humane society, police, architecture, community outreach to the homeless, vision care, gardens and plants, fire safety, zoo animals, dancing and making pizzas.

Photos courtesy Newark St. Francis de Sales

Saints at DeSales



Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School principal Dan Garrick (left) and assistant principal Jim Jones portrayed St. Francis de Sales and St. John Bosco at a sophomore retreat during Catholic Schools Week.

St. Charles to hold auditions

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School will hold women's auditions for its spring musical *Godspell* at 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 9 and Thursday, March 10 in the Campus Theater, 2010 East Broad St.

Only one audition is required. Those auditioning are asked to prepare a song, which does not need to be from the musical, that displays the aspirant's voice. An accompanist will be provided. Auditions are open to all high school women.

Godspell rehearsals begin at 4 p.m. Monday, March 21. Performance dates will be May 12-15.

For additional information, contact Doug Montgomery at dmontgomery@scprep.org.

St. Charles stages winter play



Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School will present *The K of D, an urban legend* by Laura Schellhardt, as its winter drama production at 8 p.m. Thursday-Saturday, Feb. 24-26 and at 3 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 27 in the Campus Theatre. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for students. Reservations may be placed by visiting the St. Charles website homepage at www.stcharlesprep.org and clicking on the "Buy Tickets" button. (Tickets will not be sold at the door). *The K of D, an urban legend* is a summertime ghost story about lonely girl with a lethal skill. Cast members include (seated from left) Georgia Fried, Jillian Reeb, Annie O'Connor, Matt Murrin; (standing from left) Andrew Carter, John Myaard, Grant Dine, James Graff, Mary Cetavich, Eva Tedrick, George Ferris '22 and Rylee West. Photo courtesy St. Charles Preparatory School

St. Charles honors country



On Tuesday, Feb. 1 as part of Catholic Schools Week, Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School hosted a "Celebrating Our Nation" event that included the Bexley Police honor guard as well as alumni, faculty, staff and parents who have served the country processing into the Walter Student Commons behind flags that represent their branches of service. Principal James Lower welcomed guests and Bexley Mayor Ben Kessler read a special proclamation. Other activities during the week included a quiz bowl won by students against the faculty.

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