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THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

THE RITE OF SENDING AT MASS TODAY

Today at Mass, our five catechumens—Dalan, Eric, Mary, Liam, Chloe, and Braydon—will participate in the Rite of Sending. This afternoon at Immaculate Conception they will all be part of the Rite of Election and enter into the final phase of their journey toward baptism at the Easter Vigil. Please keep them all in your prayers.

CONGRATULATIONS, BRENDON



Brendon is preparing for Confirmation, and last Sunday at Mass he received his First Communion! We are so happy for him!

PIZZA AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN



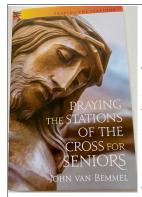
Families with young children are invited to attend "Walking with Jesus: Pizza and Stations of the Cross," on Friday, March 10, beginning with pizza dinner at 6

pm in the Smith Building. Stations geared to children will follow afterward in the church. Registration is required; just go to the parish website, www.sthelenparish.org, and click on the above image. You will be directed to the sign up page. The cost is \$5 per family payable at registration. We hope you can join us!

READINGS FOR MARCH 5

Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7 Romans 5:12-19 Matthew 4:1-11

With heartfelt thanks
STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE
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\$4,630.02 / Disaster Relief \$797.00



PRAYING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR SENIORS

This year, in addition to the new Stations of the Cross booklet that we will use on Fridays, we also ordered a copy of a special issue for seniors to walk with Jesus as they deal with aging and the challenges it brings. Both

will be available in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel for private prayer time, which can be arranged through the parish office. If you are homebound or have difficulty making it to church but would like to use one of these resources, call the parish office and we will get a copy to you!



DONUT SUNDAY IN MARCH

Next Sunday, March 5, is Donut Sunday! Join us in the Smith Building for delicious donuts from American Classic Donuts, coffee, and juice. Some

gluten-free items are also available, along with lots of good company!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD NEXT SUNDAY

Attention parents, St Helen Parish will once again begin offering Children's Liturgy of the Word the first Sunday of each Month, **beginning March 5**, **2023.** The Liturgy is open to children in Grades K-5. If you would like to help with this very rewarding ministry, please contact Deb Danner at 937-254-6233, or deb.danner@sthelenparish.org.

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 am Juan Indalecio (Birthday Remembrance (Marcia Indalecio)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27

9:00 am Carm Duckro (Shirley Deger)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

9:00 am Bette Jasko (Bob Jasko)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

9:00 am Richard & Laverne Heil (Pat & Denise Fields)

THURSDAY, MARCH 2

9:00 am Mary Carroll (Charity & Robert Leiter)

FRIDAY, MARCH 3

9:00 am Dick McBride (Dottie Napora)

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

4:30 pm IC Rosemary Schneider & Mary Lou Spang

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 am J.B. Mina Oliverio (Elaine Monell)

Weekday and Saturday Intentions are remembered at the Masses at Immaculate Conception

LENTEN PURPLE VS. ADVENT PURPLE

The two liturgical seasons of Advent and Lent both have purple as their color. Advent's purple has more of a bluish hue, tying into Mary's role in the Incarnation, the night sky, and anticipation. Lent's purple, on the other hand, has more of a red-

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

9:00 am—Mass—Fr. Satish (live streamed)

10:15 am—Religious Education

MONDAY-FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 3

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27—Fr. Len

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28—Fr. Satish

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1—Fr. Satish

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

1:30 pm—Centering Prayer—HR

6:00 pm—Sacrament of Reconciliation Fr. Tony

6:30 pm—St. Vincent de Paul Meeting—SJ1

7:00 pm—Choir

THURSDAY, MARCH 2—Fr. Len

10:00 am—School Reconciliation

6:00 pm—Reconciliation at IC — Fr. Len

FRIDAY, MARCH 3—Fr. Satish

10:00 am—First Friday Adoration

7:00 pm—Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, MARCH 4

4:30 pm—Fam Parishes Mass at IC—Fr. Uriel

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

9:00 am-Mass-Fr. Uriel

Donut Sunday after Mass—SB

10:15 am—Religious Education

Priests' schedules are tentative and subject to change.

dish hue, with red reminding us of Jesus's love poured out as blood.

March 4 & 5	Eucharistic Minister	Altar Server	Lector	Live Streaming
Saturday, 4:30 PM at IC	Mary Heider (C) Carolyn Howick (P) Mary Jane Middleton (C)	Breanna Mwaura	Mark Sheets (1) Pat Schneider (2)	
Sunday, 9:00 AM at SH	Pat Avey Bryon Betsinger Becky Cleaver April Lezanic Michael Pratt Michelle Pratt Becca Williams	Kierra Bartlett Lilly Shepherd Jack Williams James Williams	Pete Williams (1)	Jay Rutledge

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT FEBRUARY 26, 2023



ARE YOU CELEBRATING YOUR 50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY IN 2023? -

Married couples celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary in 2023 are invited to attend one of the following Golden Anniversary Masses: • Saturday, August 5 at 4:30 p.m.: St. Paul, Englewood/North Dayton (Celebrant: Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr) • Sunday, August 6 at 11:00 a.m.: Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains, Cincinnati (Celebrant: Rev. Jan Schmidt) Couples should register to attend one of the Masses by completing the online anniversary certificate request form at: www.centerforthenewevangelization.org/marriagefamily/resources. Questions? Contact the Marriage & Evangelization at cne@catholicaoc.org.



CARROLL HIGH SCHOOL ST. PAT'S FEST

Join the Carroll Patriots as we put the 'PAT' in St. Patrick's Day with this Irish Celebration! Kick off St. Patrick's Week and join us for our traditional fish fry on Friday, March 10 from 6 p.m. - midnight! All You Can eat baked & fried Icelandic Cod, French Fries, Cole Slaw, and Drink Tickets with all tickets!

- ♦ Discount presale tickets available online at carrollhs.org/stpatsfest and in the Carroll Main Office for \$20!
- ♦ 4:30-5:30 pm: Drive-Thru Carryout at the back loading dock, \$15 meals available here. Advance carryout sales are REQUIRED by midnight on Thursday, March 9th.
- Enjoy a night of delicious food and drinks, live music, online silent auction, gambling and games of chance benefitting Archbishop Carroll High School!
- ♦ The whole family is invited to an Irish festival with free admission on Saturday, March 11 from noon 11 p.m. This event features Leprechaun Land for kids, Irish dancers, and Life Sized Games for teens, live music, games of chance, an Irish dinner (5-8 p.m.), five live bands, Carroll student performances, and gambling for the adults.

Dear Parishioners and Friends of the Northeast Seven Family of Parishes:

As Lent begins, we turn our attention the season's pillars of Fasting, Prayer, and Almsgiving. May I propose that we untie our personal almsgiving efforts together and work towards a common goal together as a family of parishes.



Earlier this month Turkey and Syria were ravaged by 7.8 and 7.5 magnitude earthquakes mere hours apart. Over 40,000 people lost their lives because of the earthquakes. Tens of thousands more have been injured or left without shelter. The numbers, unfortunately, certainly have risen from the time this letter was printed. According to the Turkish government, the worst of the damage spans an area 310 miles in diameter, which is home to over 5.3 million people.

For our combined Almsgiving effort let us look to provide aid for the victims of the Kahramanmaras Earthquakes (as these earthquakes have come to be known).

Our donations will go to support the victims of the earthquakes located in Syria though the Sharing Bread Project operated by the "Blue Marists of Aleppo." The Blue Marists are a branch of the Marist Brothers, a Catholic religious order which has been functioning in Syria for many years. The Sharing Bread Project is providing meals and food assistance to those who have been displaced by the earthquakes. As of the writing of this letter, they have provided 15,000 hot meals to over 3,600 people. The Blue Marists have been aiding between 500-700 people a day at their location in Aleppo. They have also been providing diapers, blankets, and heating fuel as they have been able to.



You may contribute to this Almsgiving project in multiple ways...

- **CHECK:** payable to your parish, please note "almsgiving" on the memo line
- * CASH: placed in an almsgiving envelope or another envelope with "almsgiving" clearly labeled on it.
- **ONLINE:**
 - St. Anthony WeShare go to https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-1894 (select almsgiving from the menu)
 - (select amisgiving from the menu)
 - o St. Helen <u>FaithDirect</u> go to https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/OH790/50913
 - o Holy Angels <u>WeShare</u> go to https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20001459
 - (select almsgiving from the menu)
 - o Immaculate FaithDirect go to https://membership.faithdirect.net/givenow/OH796/28110.
 - O St. Mary <u>WeShare</u> go to https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/WeShare-20001279
 - (select "second collections" then select "almsgiving")

For any questions about this project please contact Will Marsh at willmarsh@icparishdayton.org or 937-252-9919 extension 208. Please make your donations no later than **Divine Mercy Sunday**, **April 16**, **2023**, so that we may combine our donations and forward this aid in a timely manner. This is particularly critical as the pause in sanctions for Syria is only temporary and it is important to get the aid to them while it is possible, and as soon as possible.

"You have been told, O mortal, what is good, and what the LORD requires of you: Only to do justice and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God." May these words from the prophet Micah (6:8) inspire us to journey together with our sisters and brothers in their time of tremendous suffering.

Thank you in advance for your generous response to the needs of the people of Syria.

In Christ,

Fr. Satish Joseph, Pastor

NE7 FAMILY OF PARISHES EVENTS

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays at St. Anthony at 6:30 pm in English March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29

Wednesday at St. Mary at 7:00 pm Bilingual March 1, 8, 22 & 29

Thursdays at Holy Angels in English at 6:00 pm March 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, and 30th

Fridays at St. Helen at 7:00 pm in English February 24, March 3,10**,17,24 & 31 **Note: Special Stations on March 10; see next column.

Good Friday, April 7, at Immaculate Conception at 2:30 pm Bilingual

"WALK WITH JESUS" PIZZA AND STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN ST. HELEN, Friday, March 10, 6:00 PM

Stations will be geared to young children but adults will benefit as well! Dinner at 6:00 pm in the Smith Building with Stations to follow in church. New format from last year. Registration required. \$5 per family. To register and get specific information, go to https://membership.faithdirect.net/events/org/790



Lenten Communal Reconciliation Service

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our sins from us. -Psalm 103:12

Thursday March 30, 2023 — 6:30pm

at St. Anthony for our Family of Parishes

Prayer service begins at 6:30pm. Individual confessions will continue until all penitents have received the sacrament.

There will be no reconciliation at Immaculate Conception on Thursday March 30th.

Watch for information on our Family of Parishes' Lenten Almsgiving Project.

Ite Missa Est Presents A Six-Week Lenten Series...



"Dark Night of the Soul" By: St. John of the Cross

Facilitated by: Fr. Satish Joseph

Friday February 24, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Time: 6:30-8:00pm at Immaculate Conception

Dinner 6:30pm in Mgsr. Sherman Hall in church basement Session 7:00pm in Church

Participate in person or via live stream!

Register at https://membership.faithdirect.net/ events/org/796

A simple soup and salad dinner is part of each session.

IC will provide the meal for the first session.

Participants will be asked to sign up to bring a dish
for subsequent weeks.

YOUTH MINISTRY

HOLY SATURDAY HIKE



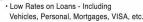
A hike to reflect on the Stations of the Cross for 7th to 12th Grade Teens WHEN: Saturday, April 8th, 10am-1pm WHERE: Meet at Bergamo Center for Lifelong Learning

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