



6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Again you have heard that it was said to your ancestors,
‘Do not take a false oath, but make good to the Lord all that you vow.’”

Matthew 5:33

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The Sermon on the Mountain, by Arsène Robert, 1870

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SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME FEBRUARY 12, 2023

Beacons of Light Updates

February 11/12, 2023

Dear Parishioners,

We are entering Phase II the Beacons of Light, Families of Parishes (FoP) planning process. As we move forward, I would like to keep you informed about the plan and the timeline for 2023. Right at the outset let me say that the vision for our parishes, even as we begin the process of becoming one parish, is that each of our communities stay viable. In other words, it is not our plan to close communities and withdraw the Catholic presence from the neighborhoods in which they are located. That would be a big loss. There is no assurance that our parishes will look the same five years from now, and there is no denying that the financial reality and deferred maintenance in a few of our parishes pose serious challenges. However, we must strive to keep the Catholic presence alive in our neighborhoods to the best of our ability. Presently, we hope to maintain the current Mass schedule and continue with community events such as vespers, wedding s, baptisms, confessions, fish fry, festivals, and of course, our schools in our parishes. My gratitude to Fr. Len, Fr. Uriel, and the visiting priests for their tireless work in our communities.

What has been accomplished?

July – December 2022 (Phase I)

In July 2022, we held a gathering of all parish staff to introduce ourselves to each other and introduce our parishes to each other. It was a very fruitful day. In the same month, we had a Beacons of Light townhall gathering for all parishioners to update the parishioners of the Beacons of Light Initiative. On September 10, we also had a retreat to which all parishioners were invited. About 200 people attended this retreat which focused on Pope Francis' call to 'synodality'.

Between July and October, we established Parish Pastoral Councils and Finance Commissions in parishes where they had become defunct for various reasons. Since then, at least two meetings have been held for these parishes with regular meetings for the working councils.

In September 2022, we established a Beacons Pathways Team. This team is engaged in some preliminary work for large planning in Phase II. For example, the Pathway team determined the parameters and policy for sharing the priest's salaries and living expenses. It is also responsible for the NE7 page in the parish bulletins. This team is also developing job descriptions for new hires and for parish staff reorganization.

Where do we go from here? (Phase II)

Jan – July 2023

We will be engaged in staff reorganization. Some existing staff are planning to retire at the end of this fiscal year. This will lead to some reorganization of present staff responsibilities. Some of the existing staff will also be appointed coordinators to the six areas of the Beacons of Light plan. Additionally, we hope to hire a Communication Coordinator who will begin to work towards a common website, a single bulletin, social media, and other communication related tasks.

August and September 2023

On Saturday, August 26, 2023, there will be a retreat for all Parish Staff, Parish Pastoral Council members, Parish Finance Commission members, and School Principals. This Retreat will lay the spiritual and theological foundation for our FoP.

On Saturday, September 9, 2023, there will be a retreat for all the parishioners of our 5 parishes and the Dayton Hispanic Community. This retreat will focus on being a Eucharistic community. It will also be a remote preparation for the Eucharistic Congress in 2024 in Indianapolis. I hope that many of you will attend this retreat and become part of a vision for a Eucharistic community.

We will also form a FoP Parish Pastoral Council representing all the 5 parishes and the Dayton Hispanic Community. The initial configuration of the FoP Parish Pastoral Council will be composed of the Chair and Vice Chair of Parish Councils, the Finance Commission Chair, the Parish Business Managers, the School Principals, and one at large member from every parish to be appointed by the Pastor.

October – December 2023

On October 4, 2023, we will have the 1st meeting of FoP Parish Pastoral Council. At this meeting discussions will begin for a name, a website, a common bulletin, and becoming familiar with the ground reality of every parish. On December 6, 2023, we will have the 2nd meeting of the FoP Parish Pastoral Council. In this meeting we will have more detailed discussions about beginning the process of becoming one parish. The hope also that is the key leaders for the 6 areas of the Beacons of Light plan will also emerge from this meeting.

From here on the FoP Parish Pastoral Council will meet on the 1st Wednesday of every other month and the local Parish Pastoral Councils will eventually dissolve. The rest of the plans for our Family of Parishes will emerge from these meetings. All decisions will be made in a spirit of discussions and consultations.

May I request your most sincere prayer as we begin the new phase of the Beacons of Light initiative. May we all be open to the work of the Holy Spirit among us. And may we be open to each other as we become one parish family.

Sincerely in Christ,
Fr. Satish Joseph, Pastor
NE7 Family of Parishes

WEEKLY MASS INTENTIONS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00 am Patricia Jankay (Diana Glassburn)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

9:00 am Dorothy D'Epiro (Eileen Gauder)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

9:00 am Joyce Fields (Pat & Denise Fields)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

9:00 am Jean Knapke (Dave Knapke); Loretta Roeckner (Mary Jane Middleton)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16

9:00 am James Kessel (Mary Ann Kessel)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17

9:00 am Paul Cassidy

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

4:30 pm IC William & Cecilia Fisher (Charity & Robert Leiter)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:00 am Al Torres (Torres Family)

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

READINGS FOR FEBRUARY 19

Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18 1 Corinthians 3:16-23
Matthew 5:38-48

With heartfelt thanks STEWARDSHIP OF TREASURE

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Are you looking for solidarity as you navigate the joys and stresses of motherhood? Join the St Helen Moms Group! We meet two times a month.

Check out our Facebook group:



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:00 am Mass—Fr. Fitz (live streamed)

10:15 am Religious Education

MONDAY-FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13-17

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13—Fr. Len

10:00 am—Quilters in Quilting Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14—Fr. Satish

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15—Fr. Len

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

7:00 pm—Choir practice

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16—Fr. Len

1:00 pm—Prayer Shawl Group—SJ1

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 17—Fr. Satish

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 18

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

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

10:15 am—Religious Education

12:00 pm—Secular Order of Franciscans—SJ1

1:00 pm—Baptism Preparation Class—HR

Priest's schedules are tentative & subject to change.

The Ministry Schedule will return to the bulletin next week! If you have any questions about the weekend of February 18 and 19, please contact Mary Heider.

“A SCOUT IT REVERENT” PART 2

Congratulations to our recipients of the Light of Christ Award, the Parvuli Dei Award, the Ad Altare Dei Award, and the Pope Pius XII Award:





Archbishop Schnurr sends his thanks to everyone from St. Helen Parish who has pledged to the 2023 Catholic Ministries Appeal. If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. More than anyone in the world, the Catholic Church teaches, feeds, and heals. In our local community, this happens through the Catholic Ministries Appeal. You will find extra pledge envelopes in the back of Church for your convenience this weekend. To make a donation **online**, please visit CatholicAOC.org/CMA. Thank you!

Widowed? Why not begin 2023 making new friends through Naim, the organization for widowed Catholics. This month celebrate Valentines Day with other Naim members, Monday, February 13, at 1 PM in the St. Henry [PAC, 6660 N. Springboro](#) Pike. The regular meeting will be followed by cards & lots of conversation. For more information contact: Agnes Laux @ 937-256-2086.



NATIONAL MEN'S CONFERENCE



FEATURING:
Jonathan Roumie

CONFERENCE DETAILS:

Where: Cintas Center, Cincinnati, OH

When: Saturday, March 25th, 2023

Cost: \$30 - \$60 per ticket | Discount Codes Available

Theme: Your Role as the Body of Christ



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100% of proceeds will go toward covering the costs and labor for the event. Any excess proceeds will be applied toward funding Christian speakers.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIOR GIRLS

The Dayton Catholic Women's Club Scholarship was established in 2010 to assist graduating high school women of the Catholic faith to further their studies. This \$1000 scholarship is for practicing Catholic girls who are striving to live a Christ centered life. The Scholarship can be used for education at an accredited technical school, junior college, community college or four-year college/university. Please encourage your daughters, granddaughters, and nieces to apply. Apply at: <https://daytonfoundation.academicworks.com/opportunities/7539>

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 benefiting 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.

NE7 FAMILY OF PARISHES EVENTS

ST. ANTHONY PARISH

Liturgy of the Hours On Tuesdays, at 7:00 p.m.
Please join us Tuesdays, as we pray the Liturgy of the Hours.
The prayers should last about 45 minutes. Please come and join us. For more information on the Divine Office <http://www.usccb.org/prayer-and-worship/liturgy-of-the-hours>

ST. ANTHONY FISH FRY

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25, from 6-11 PM

TICKETS are on sale now! \$20 includes dinner and 3 beverages. Available in the back of church after St. Anthony 9:00 a.m. Mass; on the website at <https://stanthonydayton.org>; or at the School Gym doors on the day of the Fish Fry.

FEBRUARY 19TH - MARCH 12TH

DINNER PROVIDED

SUNDAYS AT IC 6:30-8:30

But Wait... There's More!

A LIFETEEN SERIES ON LENT

QUESTIONS? CONTACT MARTY! MARTYBAGATTI@ICPARISHDAYTON.ORG / 937-252-9919 X 209

This year at Rise, our high school teens will be spending Lent reflecting on... Lent! It's too easy to approach Lent the same way every year, **THERE'S MORE** to it than that!

But Wait... There's More is a Lifeteen series to help high schoolers understand Lent through different lenses. We'll develop new perspectives that will lead to a deeper understanding of the season of Lent and strengthen our relationship with Jesus Christ during this liturgical season.

Ash Wednesday Schedule

Wednesday February 22, 2023

6:30am	SH	Liturgy of the Word w/ Ashes
7:00am	SA	Mass (English)
9:00am	IC	Mass (English)
9:00am	SA,SH,HA	Sch Lit of Word w/Ashes
11:30am	SM	Mass (English)
12:00pm	SH	Liturgy of the Word w/ Ashes
4:30pm	HA	Mass (English) ***
6:00pm	SM	Mass (Spanish)
7:00pm	IC	Bilingual Mass
7:00pm	SH	Mass (English)
7:00pm	HA	Mass (English) ***
9:00pm	HA	Mass (English) ***

*** indicates a UD Campus Ministry Mass at Holy Angels. All are welcome to participate

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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wed., March 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 6:30pm	Stations in English	St. Anthony
Wed., March 1, 8, 22 & 29 7 pm	Bilingual Stations	St. Mary
Fri., February 24, March 3, 10**, 17, 24 & 31 at 7 pm **March 10 set aside for families with young children. Pizza Dinner at 6 pm. Info to follow!	Stations in English	St. Helen
April 7, 2023 Good Friday	Bilingual Stations	Immaculate

Join us for Coffee & Donuts following the 9:45 Mass at St. Mary Church on Sunday, February 12, in the St. Mary Center!
We hope to see you there!



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