

MASS INTENTIONS

- April 14-20
- MONDAY, 14** 8:30 a.m. Nancy Drewry (Mark & Suzanne)
- TUESDAY, 15** 8:30 a.m. Dominic Petrofes (Ann Harker)
- WEDNESDAY, 16** 7:00 p.m. Ed Martino (Larry & Diane)
- THURSDAY, 17** 7:30 p.m. Mass of the Lord Supper; Nancy Drewry
- FRIDAY, 18** 12:00 p.m. Scriptural Rosary
12:30 p.m. Stations of the Cross
7:00 p.m. Liturgy of the Lord's Passion
- SATURDAY, 19** 8:30 p.m. Easter Vigil Mass
For the Parish
- SUNDAY, 20** 8:00 a.m. Jim Haley (MaryAlice Haley)
10:30 a.m. Mel McKittrick/Tami Dahlinghaus
(Judie McKittrick)

Just a note to let you know when you request a Mass Intention the schedule may change according to Father's commitments.

USHERS

- **SATURDAY**
 - **8:30 p.m.** Doris Marchal, Jerry Marchal, Bill Minnich, Sally Minnich
- **SUNDAY**
 - **8:00 a.m.** Ron Mettert, Jean Mettert, Dwight Miller, Ginny Miller
 - **10:30 a.m.** Jim Sommer, Greg Bruening, Richard Heberling, Joe Regelski

SERVERS

- **SATURDAY**
 - **8:30 p.m.** TBA
- **SUNDAY**
 - **8:00 a.m.** TBA
 - **10:30 a.m.** TBA

LECTORS

- **SATURDAY**
 - **8:30 p.m.** Eileen Rousseau, George Lovett
- **SUNDAY**
 - **8:00 a.m.** Scott Vagedes
 - **10:30 a.m.** Melissa Stucke, Steve Goubeaux

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

- **SATURDAY**
 - **8:30 p.m.** 7 volunteers needed
- **SUNDAY**
 - **8:00 a.m.** 7 volunteers needed
 - **10:30 a.m.** 7 volunteers needed

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

First Reading.....Acts 10:34a, 37-43
 Second Reading Colossians 3:1-4
 Gospel.....John 20:1-9 or Matthew 28:1-10

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION

Adult	\$ 8,801.00
Loose Checks & Currency	\$ 1,029.00
Total	\$ 9,830.00
St. Vincent Outreach	\$ 342.00
Major Repair Fund Total	\$ 50,427.95
Nairobi	\$ 151.30

ST. CHRISTOPHER

435 E. National Road, Vandalia, OH 45377
 Mass Schedule
 Saturday: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 9:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m.

Holy Day vigil: 7:00 p.m. – Holy Day: 9:00 a.m. & 7:00 p.m.
 (Collection envelopes will be forwarded to the proper Parish.)

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON APRIL 18-19th for EASTER

Our thoughts and prayers remain with those serving our country at this time and with their loved ones at home. We pray for a safe homecoming and that the world may one day be at peace.



ST. VINCENT HOTEL – Parishioners are reminded the hotel is in constant need of casseroles to serve the homeless guests. Completed casseroles can be placed in the Parish freezer and will be periodically delivered to the hotel by Parish volunteers. For further information, contact Mike Begley at 667-2882 or the Parish Office at 667-3419. **The next opportunity to serve the evening meal to the guests at St. Vincent Hotel will be Sunday, April 27th. Please meet in the North parking lot of the Church for a 5:45 p.m. departure if you would like to volunteer.**



St. John's MOM's Group – The St. John's Mom's Group would like to invite all mothers of young children to attend our meetings and/or events. The group meets in Room 107 with the exception of the summer months.

Babysitting is provided in Room 108.

Saturday, April 12th, 7:00 p.m. – Craft Night

Thursday, April 17th, 9:30 a.m. – Kids Easter Egg Hunt

Thursday, April 24th, 9:15 a.m. – Meeting in Room 107 with Babysitters

Easter Basket Project: Thanks to all who contributed to the Easter Basket Project. It is not too late to donate. Envelopes marked Easter Basket Donation are in an Easter Basket in the Narthex. You can put the envelope back in the basket with information filled out, drop it in the Sunday collection, or bring your donation to the parish office. You can also do the same using your own envelope marked Easter Basket Donation. We are assembling the baskets on **Tuesday, April 15th, in the parish banquet hall at 7:00 p.m.** If you have time, please come. We would appreciate your help.

VIRTUS SESSION: Do you work with children? Do you Teach PSR, VBS, chaperone for youth events, or anything else that brings you into contact with children? If you answered yes to any of these, you need to attend a Virtus Protecting God's Children session before June 30th, so that you can continue to do these things. Even if you have done the old Child Protection Decree Workshop, you will need to complete and stay current with Virtus before June 30th. To find and register for a Virtus session, you should go to www.virtusonline.org at this website click on the word "Registration" on the left hand side bar, you will be guided to create a username and password, you will also be able to search for and register for a session. Sessions are listed for the whole Archdiocese so you can look for a time and location that best suits your calendar. Preregistration is required for attendance at any session in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. Sessions are free of charge. You will also be given a chance to do your background check through Selection.com, talk with your Ministry leader about reimbursement for this. **ST. JOHN WILL HAVE A VIRTUS SESSION HERE ON APRIL 23, 2014, AT 6:00 P.M., IN ROOM 107. If you plan on attending, go to the Virtus website to register.** If you have any questions, contact Deacon Chuck Wright at charleswright@woh.rr.com or call 667-3419, ext. 203.

TIRED OF WINTER AND SHOVELING SNOW? THINK

GOLF AND THINK FUN! The Duffer's League is looking for some golfers, good or bad, to share Fellowship and Food on Friday evenings this summer. This is a combined league of St. Chris and St. John. Golf is at Homestead Golf Course with tee times between 4:45 and 6:00 p.m. No experience required. This is a male/female best ball league with some unusual scoring twists. If you are a single, we will try to find a someone to golf with you. We can always use subs! Best of all is the food and drink shared following golf. Kick-off party is **April 25, at 6:00 p.m., in St. Christopher's Emmaus Center** multipurpose center, 435 E National Rd. Vandalia. Golf begins May 2. Cost is \$13.00 walking or \$19.25 with a riding cart. Contact Ty Macalpine (264-0231, tmacam@aol.com) or Dave Koch (335-0831, ckoch2c@aol.com).

Needy Basket: The Volunteers at Needy Basket of Southern Miami County deeply appreciate your very generous contribution of \$3,866.35 in support of our efforts to continue our ministry of aiding families requiring assistance in Southern Miami County. In 2013, Needy Basket filled 1,372 requests for food under our Emergency Food Program. This represents an increase of 6.5% over last year. As part of this program, 191,173 lbs. of food and personal items were distributed. Needy Basket also has a Migrant Workers Program to assist migrant workers when they arrive here during the summer months to work on various farms in our area. During this past year, we provided assistance to 23 families, 84 individuals, by distributing 437 lbs. of food. In addition, we continued our support for the "Lunch on US" and "Kids Summer Supplement" Programs. These programs provided lunches to children of low income families during the summer when they are out of school. This year Needy Basket delivered Holiday Food Baskets to 208 families during our annual Holiday Baskets Program. This last year, we served 319 children and 458 adult. In total, Needy Basket distributed 12,215 lbs. of food; toys, valued at \$9,020.00; \$2,172.00 worth of coupons from McDonald's, Wendy's, Arby's, Frisch's and Dairy Queen; and Teen Gift Cards, valued at \$5,050.00 as part of Our Holiday Program. In total, this represents an increase of 14% over last year's programs. With your very generous support, we will be able to continue to provide assistance to those families of Southern Miami County needing help in 2014. Thanks again for your generous contribution!!

The Knights of Columbus invite you to participate in a patriotic community service program called Flags for Tipp. This fund raiser supports needy individuals in our parish and the Tipp City community. \$40.00 per flag per year provides the display of an American flag in front of your home or business on five of our US flag holidays (Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, Labor Day and Veteran's Day). Those who live outside the community can display their flag at St. John's church. To learn more and participate, please pick up an application from the information rack at church or on our web site at www.KofC5129.org, or call Patrick O'Brien at 937-638-1385.

"Although I have often abandoned you, O Lord, you have never abandoned me. Your hand of love is always outstretched toward me, even when I stubbornly look the other way. And your gentle voice constantly calls me, even when I obstinately refuse to listen."

– St. Teresa of Avila

Today is Palm Sunday. As we hear the Gospel read, we accept our collective guilt and admit that Jesus died for our sins. But when we think about it personally, it is a little bit more difficult to accept our own responsibility for Jesus' death. If we are honest with ourselves and Jesus, we know that each time we fail to love, we deny and betray Him. The good news is that through His death and resurrection, we can gain forgiveness and live more fully with God. *O Lord, give us wisdom to love as you love* (Excerpts from "Living With Christ," April 2014).

Sponsors Requested for Festival General Raffle – The Festival committee is looking for sponsors of additional prizes for the General Raffle to help make our St. John's Festival a success. If you, your business or if you know someone who would like to sponsor an *ipad, kindle, ipod, nexus 7 tablet or offer another prize*, please contact Jennifer Weir at jweir@woh.rr.com asap. The sponsorship will be included on advertising for the General Raffle.

40 Days for Life – March 29th was another lovely day in the life of our "40 Days for Life" volunteers. It not only rained, with the wind whipping around, but sleet had to get in its last big hurrah that day! A heartfelt thank-you for all those who volunteered to spend an hour praying at Haskell's abortion clinic in Kettering. Thanks again to: Janice Sommer, Donna Prenger, Fran Skira, Jim & Tami Kueterman and Family, Darlene Lewis, Ann Fallert and Phil & Lois Cox. May God bless you all! Judie McKitrick Thanks for your help!

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Monday, April 14

8:30 a.m. – Mass

Tuesday, April 15

8:30 a.m. – Mass

12:00 Noon-1:00 p.m. – Confessions

Wednesday, April 16

5:00-6:00 p.m. – Confessions

7:00 p.m. – Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17

6:00-7:15 p.m. – Agape Meal

7:30 p.m. – Mass of the Lord's Supper

8:30-10:00 p.m. – Private Adoration

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18

12:00 Noon – Scriptural Rosary

12:30 p.m. – Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. – Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 19

8:30 p.m. – Easter Vigil Mass

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 a.m. – Mass

10:30 a.m. – Mass

St. John's Knights of Columbus Scholarship – This scholarship award is open to individuals, teen or adult, intending to participate in a post-high school education program. Applications are available in the narthex and will be accepted through Sunday, April 27th.

CRS Rice Bowl Reflection: Assisting our Neighbors – 25% of contributions to CRS Rice Bowl remain in our diocese, helping to support local poverty and hunger alleviation programs. This week, we pray for people in our own community who struggle with poverty and hunger. Give to your Rice Bowl to support programs that help the poor in our own community, as well as in communities around the world.

Catholic Relief Services' Rice Bowl Lenten program

will help more local organizations alleviate poverty and hunger in local communities as part of a pilot program initiated in the Archdiocese this year. In the Dayton Deanery parish, representatives associated with Rice Bowl and other promoters of CRS recommended distributing a portion of the CRS Rice Bowl donations that remain in the Archdiocese to Good Shepherd Ministries and Kettering Circles. Catholic Social Services of the Miami Valley and St. Vincent de Paul, Dayton, also will receive part of the local share of the CRS Rice Bowl funds. Thank you to our generous donors who are caring for their brothers and sisters in their home communities and around the world. For more information, contact Pam Long, CRS Diocesan Director, Catholic Social Action Office at 937-224-3026 or plong@catholiccincinnati.org.

Agape Dinner invites you to gather in the Banquet Hall at 6:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 17th, to remember the meal shared by Christ and His disciples. Meal will be at 6:15 p.m. with Mass following at 7:30 p.m. Please bring a salad, vegetable or dessert to share.

Good Friday Collection: Our Parish, once a year on Good Friday, is called on to support Christians in the Holy Land. Many Christians in the Holy Land depend on the collection for their lives. As a pontifical collection requested by Pope Francis, the annual Good Friday Collection offers a direct link for parishioners to be witnesses of peace and to help protect the Holy Places. When you donate on Good Friday, you are supporting Christians in the Holy Land.