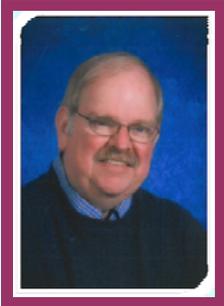




# The Voice of Visitation

3172 South Road, Cincinnati, OH 45248

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FR. MARK BURGER, PASTOR

## Where Are You Headed

I love the story I read about what happened years ago when Calvin Coolidge was Vice President. He was well known for his dry sense of humor. That sense of humor was on display one day in the United States Senate. As Vice President, one of Calvin Coolidge's duties was to preside over the senate. Therefore, one afternoon when he was presiding over the Senate, one Senator was so worked up that he threw a book across the senate chamber and angrily told another senator to go "straight to hell."

Well, you could hear a pin drop in the senate that afternoon, as all were rather shocked at the hateful outburst. The offended Senator finally regained his composure and then bitterly complained to Coolidge as presiding officer. Calvin Coolidge looked up from the book he had been rapidly leafing through while listening to the terrible diatribe and the bitter name-calling. Finally, the Vice President said, "I've been looking through the rule book, and I am pretty sure you don't have to go there!"

I love that story. As I read it recently, and after I had been listening to a family that had come in for some family counseling, I was reminded of something else that I had recently read and both of these stories have been part of my meditation for the last couple of weeks.

The second story I read was about a murder trial. It happened that three young men went on a crime spree in Arkansas and in the midst of one of their crimes, they killed a young man. The three young men went on trial and were convicted of the crime. On sentencing day, there was time for the family of the victim to "have their say" and they were permitted to take the stand and make a statement.

When it came time for the father of the victim to speak, he suddenly rushed at the young men screaming, "You've taken my son, I will never forgive you, and I will never let you alone. I will chase you all the way to hell."

When that father stopped screaming, he broke into tears. I'll never forget, I'll never forgive you! When the judge got control back into the court room, he pronounced sentence on the three men. They went to jail for life. However, when the judge finished that part of the proceedings, he then turned to the bereaved father and said, "I understand your fierce anger, but there is something you must know. If you allow your hatred for these three men who have wronged you to go unchecked, it will eventually eat you alive, it can destroy you, and yes, as even you yourself have said, it will make you chase them right into hell and you will go right there with them. You will follow your bitterness all the way to hell. I urge you to seek healing and to find a way to forgive, because you do not have to rush down that path. You can learn to travel a different road, the one that leads to God and peace of mind and heart. I urge you to ask yourself every day, "Just where am I headed if I stay on the road I'm on?"

## BAPTISMS

Katherine Rose Burger, daughter of Robert & Jenna  
Lincoln Gabriel Foley, son of Jason & Terri  
Norah Ann Stroube, daughter of Ben & Amy  
Zoey Maya Baudendistel, daughter of Rick & Megan  
Emarie Jean Ober, daughter of Zachary & Nicole  
Luke David Snowden, son of Andrew & Nicole

## WEDDINGS

Jaclyn Harmon & James Halverstadt

## DEATHS

Dorothy Kroeger  
Wilma Dirr  
Betty Landenwitch  
Connie Newman

## NEW PARISHIONERS

Maureen Born 2997 Country Woods Ln.	Briana Ramirez 3197 Ebenezer Rd.
Chad & Sarah Pulskamp 9468 Tunis Dr. Mickelson, Cohen	Ben & Amy Stroube 3829 Bear Ln. Norah
Doug & Veronika Elsaesser 6195 Werk Rd. Andy, Henry	Sarah Dusing 3408 Mirror Ln. Olivia, Ryan
Olas & Marget Miller 4911 N. Arbor Woods Ct.	Randy & Karen Grow 3396 Hammersmith Ln.
Tim & Robyn Kern 2470 Sylmar Ct. Michael, Kennedy	Brad & Angie Seymour 3141 Algu Lane

## *baptism class*

In preparation for the baptism of their children, parent classes will be held **typically every 2<sup>nd</sup> (second) THURSDAY in the odd months** (January, March, May, July, September, and November). By attending this class, parents will gain a better understanding of bringing their children into the faith and the community of Visitation. We encourage all parents to attend before their baby is born. Attendance at Baptism Class is only required once.

The next class will be held **Thursday, March 8**, at 7 p.m. in the Welcome Center. If this class is not convenient for you to attend, or you need additional assistance, please contact Jeanne Hunt in the Religious Education Office, 347-2218.

## **Free Rosary Repair**

### **Do You Need a Rosary Repaired?**

Please call Petra, 382-5439, and leave a message with your name and number. Drop off your rosary and all the parts in a baggie with your name and phone number in the rosary basket located in the Parish Office. I will repair your rosary at no charge then phone you when your repaired rosary is ready.

## † **MEMORIAL FUND**

The following persons have been enrolled in the Memorial Fund. The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered monthly for those loved ones enrolled in this fund, along with all the faithful who have gone before us.

William Vornhagen	Clotilda Wilk
Veronica Seguin	William C. Wilk
Robert Beamer Sr.	Edward Geyer
Betty Landenwitch	Patricia Geyer
Gertrude Bartling	Louis Ruehl
Warren Bartling	

In 2018 the Memorial Mass will be offered on the following days:

March 29	7:00 p.m. - Holy Thursday
April 9	6:30 a.m. - Annunciation of the Lord
May 31	6:30 a.m. - Visitation of the Blessed Virgin
June 9	4:00 p.m. - Immaculate Heart of Blessed Virgin
July 16	6:30 a.m. - Our Lady of Mount Carmel
August 15	6:30 a.m. - Assumption of the Blessed Virgin
September 15	4:00 p.m. - Our Lady of Sorrows
October 2	6:30 a.m. - Holy Guardian Angels
November 21	6:30 a.m. - Presentation of the Blessed Virgin
December 12	6:30 a.m. - Our Lady of Guadalupe

Each month in the monthly newsletter, we will publish the new names of those persons remembered in the Memorial Fund.



### **Dorothy Kroeger**

**Joe Bischof** - Father of Kathy Moeddel,  
Judi Roedersheimer and Gary Bischof

**Wilma Dirr** - Mother of Joseph Dirr and Thomas Dirr

**Betty Landenwitch** - Wife of Ramon "Boots"  
Landenwitch

**Robert Beamer, Sr.** - Father of Leslee House and  
Susie Ammer

**Connie Newman** - Wife of Steven Newman and  
Mother of Elizabeth and Steve Newman

**Mary Ellen Sillies** - Wife of Don Sillies

**Genevieve Bellissimo** - Mother of Agnes DiStasi,  
former parishioner

**Mary Jean Neiheisel** - Mother of Diane Gerhardt  
and Sister of Ann Visconti

# OUTREACH



**BY BILL TONNIS**  
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**“For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.” - Jesus**



**“Mercy: Just Do It!”** That is the title of our Parish Mission which is scheduled for the evenings of **Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>** and **Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup>**. We will be treated to two very inspiring presentations by Jack Jezreel...a dynamic speaker and Catholic evangelist. Mr. Jezreel holds an undergraduate degree in Philosophy and Religion from Furman University and a Master of Divinity degree from the University of Notre Dame. The presentations will begin at 7:00 p.m. both evenings in church. Please come! You won't be disappointed!

**This month we are emphasizing the 7 Themes of Catholic Social Teaching:**

**Life and Dignity of the Human Person:** The Catholic Church proclaims that human life is sacred and that the dignity of the human person is the foundation of a moral vision of society.

**Call To Family, Community, and Participation:** We believe people have a right and a duty to participate in society, seeking together the common good and well-being of all, especially the poor and vulnerable.

**Rights and Responsibilities:** Every person has a fundamental right to life and a right to those things required for human decency.

**Option For the Poor and Vulnerable:** A basic moral test is how our most vulnerable are faring.

**The Dignity of Work and the Rights of Workers:** The economy must serve people, not the other way around.

**Solidarity:** We are one human family whatever our national, racial, ethnic, economic and ideological differences.

**Care for God's Creation:** We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all God's creations.

Living according to these themes is part of our call to follow Jesus as Catholics. Watch for more in-depth background on these themes in the bulletins this month!

One way we can take the “option for the poor” is to take part in the **“Lenten Sandwich-making Night”** on **Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the Pavilion**. Come together in “solidarity of one human family” by gathering to make sandwiches to benefit Our Daily Bread. Come with your family, or as a sports team, or just come by yourself! Families taking part should bring ham, cheese and loaves of either white or light wheat bread. No condiments are needed. You can also donate items like oranges, apples, bananas, fruit cups, juice, water, tuna kids (foil package), granola bars, chips or other bagged snacks. To donate, call Colleen Harmeyer at 467-1936.

We are now in the 6<sup>th</sup> year of our **“Covenant Partnership”** with **St. Leo's**. We have much to be thankful for regarding this relationship! This month's **“Outreach Ministries Collection”** on **March 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>** will go entirely to St. Leo's.

**We were taking part in a pro-life letter-writing campaign promoted by the Archdiocese urging us to support passage of the Pain-Capable Unborn Child Protection Act. Unfortunately, the bill did not pass in a vote by the Senate but it could come up again.** This legislation would ban late-term abortions after 20 weeks on the basis that the fetus is capable of feeling pain during abortion at that point of pregnancy. The bill passed the House of Representatives in October of 2017 and had been under consideration in the Senate Judiciary Committee. **We will continue to mail in letters** urging that Senators Brown (who voted “no”) and Portman (who voted “yes”) support the bill should it come up for another vote.

**You can get templates for letters to your US Senators on our parish website, [www.olvisitation.org](http://www.olvisitation.org), by clicking “Announcements.”** See the icon that reads “Unborn Babies Feel Pain” and then click on the senators' names. You can either return the signed letters to the parish office and we will mail them...or feel free to mail them yourselves to: Sen. Sherrod Brown, 425 Walnut St. # 2310, Cinti, Ohio 45202; Sen. Rob Portman, 312 Walnut St. #3425, Cinti, Ohio 45202.



**PASTORAL THOUGHTS...**  
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I teach a religion class at a local parish for Catholic kids that go to public schools. I have the 8<sup>TH</sup> grade class. Every once in a while I get an especially bright and inquisitive student. I have one this year. We'll call him Tony (not his real name).

Tony has been coming up with some questions that tell me he's spending some time looking at life and things that happen, and trying to reconcile that with what he believes about God.

Tony has been focusing in on why God allows bad things to happen to people. It seems to me though, that what he's really struggling with is how he can believe in God when he sees bad stuff happening in the world. If you've ever read the book of Job, you know what I'm talking about.

I've been trying over the course of the last few weeks to give Tony some insight, but to this point I think I'm not faring too well. I had to miss class recently and I'm told by my substitute teacher that he had the same questions again. Either my comments didn't satisfy him or he'd forgotten what I said. So, I'd been thinking recently about how I could reach this young man and what I might say that I haven't said.

Then, at a funeral we just had, Fr. Mark dealt with this very issue. He said when we ask 'why does God let this happen?' that we are asking the wrong question. By asking that very question we seem to be ready to pick a fight. We shouldn't be asking that question, but we should be asking 'How can God use this to have good come from it?' By nature of our human condition, bad things happen. Illnesses and accidents occur. Frequently we blame God, or at least we wonder why God 'let it happen.' We do have free will. We make some bad choices and some of those choices have consequences. God doesn't want people to get drunk and have an accident. God doesn't enjoy people getting cancer. God doesn't want people to be unfaithful to their spouses. God doesn't want people to take illegal drugs. However, since God loves us so much, He can and does use bad things that happen and makes some good come from it. We can't always see it, and in fact we may never really see it, but we have to believe that God will make some good come from something bad. You parents, don't you try to make some good come from mistakes your children make? If you do, don't you think God would want to do that as well?

I know of a family that had a child with a very serious, life threatening illness. It was a long term illness. The family began to pray together after dinner every night for their sick child. There was no immediate change in the child's condition. The family continued to pray faithfully, asking for the child to be healed. Very slowly, over the course of many, many months, the child began to improve. The family kept up the prayers. Eventually the child got well and is fine today. In talking to the parents they were asked if they were upset that God didn't heal their child immediately. Their answer was surprising. They said because the child got better over a long period of time, they had now developed a family habit of praying together daily. They consider this as God making something good come out of something bad. How can you argue with that?

*Outreach cont'd.....*

**Support Group for Parents, Relatives and Friends of LGBTQ People:** This is a wonderful group of caring people that usually meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. in the *Welcome Center*. What is shared in the meetings is confidential. **There will be no meeting this month due to the Parish Mission.** The next meeting will be on **April 9<sup>th</sup>**, the **second Monday instead of the first, due to Easter break.** If you have any questions, contact me (info above).

**Outreach Ministries Committee:** This group meets once a month to come up with ideas for outreach inside and outside the parish. Interested in finding out more or joining us? **Please consider coming to one of our monthly meetings!** Contact Lynn Hensler (941-1881 or [lynnhensler@yahoo.com](mailto:lynnhensler@yahoo.com)) or me. ~ Peace and blessings.

Stephen Ministry - 347-4411  
Help Hope Healing  
Confidential Number



## Religious Education Department

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Holy Week is the last week of **Lent**, the week immediately preceding Easter or Resurrection Sunday. For Catholics, it is time to commemorate and enact the suffering (Passion) and death of Jesus through various observances and services of worship. In Catholic tradition, the conclusion to the week is called the Easter Triduum (a *triduum* is a space of three days usually accompanying a church festival or holy days that are devoted to special prayer and observance). The Easter Triduum begins Thursday evening of Holy Week with Eucharist and concludes with evening prayers Easter Sunday. It is important to place the hope of the Resurrection, the promise of newness and life, against the background of death and endings. It is only in walking through the shadows and darkness of Holy Week and Good Friday, only in realizing the horror and magnitude of sin and its consequences in the world incarnated in the dying Jesus on the cross, only in contemplating the ending and despair that the disciples felt on Holy Saturday, that we can truly understand the light and hope of Sunday morning!

### **Palm Sunday**

Be sure to get palms at church and take them home to make palm crosses. Using the palms kids can weave a simple cross to keep throughout the year.

*Holy Week begins with Palm the Sunday This Sunday observes the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem that was marked by the crowds who were in Jerusalem for Passover waving palm branches and proclaiming him as messianic king. This Sunday is also known as **Passion Sunday** to commemorate the beginning of Holy Week and Jesus' final agonizing journey to the cross. The English word passion comes from a Latin word that means "to suffer," the same word from which we derive the English word patient.*

### **Holy Monday**

In preparation for Easter, make a family Easter candle for the center of the Easter table. Get a pillar candle and decorate it with ribbon and little jewels. Put it on a plate and surround it with colored eggs for the Easter meals.

### **Holy Tuesday**

This a good day to plant flower and vegetable seeds for spring planting. Seeds offer a message to children of the hope and power of new life. You can plant in peat pots or take half of an eggshell resting in an egg carton and fill with soil. Plant your seeds, water and place in a sunny window.

### **Holy Wednesday**

This is a traditional day for housecleaning in many countries. It comes from the Jewish custom of cleaning the house before Passover. Give your child a special cleaning chore and when the work is done, celebrate with hot dough pretzels, a traditional Lenten food.

### **Holy Thursday**

Plan to attend Mass as a family on Thursday evening.

*While the Synoptics recount the institution of Communion (Eucharist) during this final meal, John instead tells us about Jesus' washing the disciples' feet as a sign of servanthood. The sharing of the Eucharist, or sacrament of thanksgiving, on Maundy Thursday is the means by which most Catholics observe this day. We will see the priest wash the feet of members of the congregation as part of the service (John 13:3-15)*

This a day to make bread as a family. Teach your children the meaning of bread in our Eucharistic liturgy. Save the bread you make for the Easter meal. Pass the loaf around the table and ask each person to tear a piece to eat after a blessing is said before dinner is served.

### **Good Friday**

*Friday of Holy Week has traditionally been called Good Friday or Holy Friday. On this day, the church commemorates Jesus' arrest (since by Jewish customs of counting days from sundown to sundown it was already Friday), his trial, crucifixion and suffering, death, and burial.*

Join the parish for afternoon Good Friday services or encourage your children to watch and pray through the Stations of the Cross (7:00 to 8:00 p.m.). It is a great way to learn the passion story.

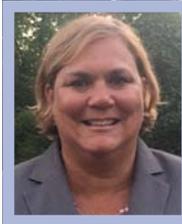
At home, let this be a day of somber quiet and reflection. Perhaps you can limit electronic devices this day such as television, internet or phone use.

### **Easter Saturday - Easter Fire/color eggs**

*It is also a time to remember family and the faithful who have died as we await the resurrection, or to honor the martyrs who have given their lives for the cause of Christ in the world. While Good Friday is a traditional day of fasting, some also fast on Saturday as the climax of Lent. An ancient tradition dating to the first centuries of the church calls for no food of any kind to be eaten on Holy Saturday, or for 40 hours before sunrise on Sunday. However it is observed, Holy Saturday has traditionally been a time of reflection and waiting, the time of weeping that lasts for the night while awaiting the joy that comes in the morning (Psa 30:5).*

Bring your family to the beginning of the Easter Vigil service (at sunset) when we gather outside the church for the Easter fire. It is a powerful experience to watch Father light the fire and hear the ancient song, "Light of Christ!". The service is too long for little ones so you may wish to return home after the fire and have your own little Easter fire outside. This is an Eastern custom when all the dead branches from winter are burned.

You will want to color eggs this day. Teach your children the meaning of eggs as a symbol of new life.



## School News

By Holly Aug

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Prayer, Fasting, Almsgiving. These are the three aspects that Our Lady of the Visitation School will focus on during Lent. Students will have the opportunity to forego their regular lunch and have a simple bowl of soup as part of fasting. They can then donate the money they may have spent on lunch to charity. We will be collecting money in our Rice Bowl boxes to help provide meals to those less fortunate. Prayer is always an important part of our day. However, during Lent, homerooms are spending extra time on prayer, learning different ways to pray. Our morning announcements will focus on sacrifice and helping others. What is your family doing for Lent? Do you need to give up eating out? Do the children need to focus on being kind to one another? How nice would it be if your children all had to offer one compliment to each other at dinner time?

January was full of rewarding experiences. We held our Soup-er Bowl Canned Food Drive. Families were extremely generous and we were able to stock the shelves of the Three Rivers Food Pantry. Our 8<sup>TH</sup> grade class has received over a **half million dollars** in high school scholarships! Close to 40% of the class has received a merit based scholarship! Our choirs participated in the Choral Adjudication and received Superior and Excellent Ratings! Cameron M. won the school spelling bee. Tara H. won the Geography Bee. Both of those students then took an online test to qualify for regionals. We hosted a wonderful music performance by our 2<sup>ND</sup> and 3<sup>RD</sup> grade students. And our science fair was a huge success once again.

If you want to see what great things happen on a weekly basis, check us out on social media. Our school is now on Facebook, Instagram and Twitter. Check us out @VisitationCincy.

At this time of Lent, I want to thank all of our parishioners who continue to support the mission of Catholic education. The cost of tuition makes attending a Visitation a sacrifice for many school families. They can not do it alone. Thanks to all of our parishioners who generously share of their time, talent and treasure to allow us to continue to develop disciples of our Lord.

## Important FACTS Information for 2018-19 School Year

**Current FACTS Families:** For planning purposes, please note that the FACTS Enrollment fee of \$43 for those families who budget monthly and the \$50 Non-refundable Deposit per student will both be deducted in April. There is not a fee from FACTS for families who pay in one or two payments.

**Payment Option Information through FACTS:** In setting up your FACTS agreement for 2018-19 you will be re-enrolled with the same payment option as the current school year. If you wish to make changes for the 2018-19 school year, please call Patty Becker at the Parish Office, 922-2056 no later than April 1.



## HEALTH AND WELLNESS MINISTRY

By Deacon Marc Alexander

### BEGINNING OF THE NEXT LIFE SEMINAR RECAP

#### END OF LIFE ISSUES

#### CATHOLIC DOCTRINE

Last month, we met to have a discussion on end of life issues and preparing for the next life. Here is the recap:

We all have a moral obligation to use ordinary or proportionate means that offer in the judgment of the person offers reasonable hope of benefit, and do not impose excessive burden or expense to the community.

The critical phrases are **reasonable hope of benefit** and **not excessively burdensome**

This is a moral balance that is sometimes difficult to determine. A person may forgo life sustaining treatment if the situation does not meet the criteria as defined above.

There is an obligation to provide food and nutrition to all who cannot take food orally. This is morally optional when this would not prolong life or comfort. The free and informed judgment made by a competent adult concerning the withdrawal of life support should always be respected and adhered to unless it is counter to Catholic moral teaching.

Patients should be kept free of pain and they may die in dignity in the place they wish to die. Medicines can be given as long as the intent is not to hasten death. Visit [www.usccbpublishing.org](http://www.usccbpublishing.org) ethical and religious directives for catholic health care Services.

#### Legal issues

Health care power of attorney – appoint one or more persons to make end of life decisions in the event of terminal state or permanently unconscious state. <http://www.loraincounty.com/recorder/forms/ohio-durable-poa-health-care.pdf>

Living Will - make declaration of end of life wishes [Www.colucas.oh.us/documentview.asp?did=1797](http://www.colucas.oh.us/documentview.asp?did=1797)

Declaration for mental health <http://www.disabilityrightsohio.org/sites/default/files/ux/MHDeclare.pdf>

Do not resuscitate - must be signed by physician <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/pdf/forms/dnrfrm.pdf>

#### Options for care outside the home or hospital

Home care - most cost is out of pocket- some skilled care is covered by insurance but is limited

Nursing home care- independent living - apartment with nurses available for emergencies

Intermediate care for those with more nursing needs and supervision

Skilled care – requiring round the clock nursing and rehabilitation

Hospice care – for those not expected to live more than 6 months

#### Sites for hospice care

In home (most charges covered by Medicare)

In nursing facility

In the hospital

In patient hospice

#### How to start the conversation with a loved one about care as one is nearing the next phase of their lives

Your conversation starter kit <http://theconversationproject.org/starter-kit/intro/>

I would like to personally thank Kelli Bohan from Mercy West Park. If you have any questions please field them through me through the parish email.

God bless you all as you make the tough decisions regarding yourselves and your loved ones.

Deacon Doctor Marc



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Our Lady of the Visitation Hoxworth Blood Drive will take place on **Monday, April 30<sup>TH</sup>**.

A mobile unit will be parked in our school/church parking lot in the afternoon and into the evening. The exact time will be announced in the April Voice and in the church bulletins as the date gets closer.

Volunteering to give blood is giving a gift of life to someone. With the permission of Shannon Hafner, her testimony given on Thanksgiving Day in the church to the importance of blood donations is being shared. The following is her testimony:

The priceless gift of blood has touched my family's life in the best way. In April, I, as well as my newborn son, Louis, were critically fighting for our lives. We were completely dependent on the availability of blood to save our lives. With no notice, I acquired an unknown infection causing sepsis. I hemorrhaged at home and was rushed to the hospital where Louis was born at 26 weeks on April 12<sup>TH</sup>, 2017. Due to the trauma, my body went into DIC (disseminated intravascular coagulation), which is a condition that eliminates clotting factors in the blood. My major organs began shutting down and I was losing more blood than could be transfused. I was given 12 units of blood in the OR and three more soon after. In very critical condition and with a doubtful prognosis for survival, I was miraculously given the grace of life.

My sweet baby boy, Louis, is a little warrior. He also received blood transfusions in his fight for life. We could not have more to be thankful for this Thanksgiving holiday as we are united as a family of six.

Your generous contributions are such a gift to many patients in our community. I am forever grateful for the resources available in our time of need. Your time and energy for the gift of life is priceless. For this, I thank you with all my heart.

We never know when a loved one, a neighbor, or stranger may need the gift of life. Please consider donating. The time it will take, approximately an hour, is invaluable. If you have any questions, please call Carolyn Menner 574-3109.

Thank you!

## **Knights of Columbus Lenten Fish Fry**

The St. Joseph Knights of Columbus will sponsor a Fish Fry each Friday during Lent, (**except Good Friday**) 5-7:30 p.m., in Visitation's Multipurpose Room. Will-call, drive-thru and shut-in delivery is available, 347-2229. Special activities for children are scheduled for every Friday. For additional information, visit [www.stjosephkofc.org](http://www.stjosephkofc.org).





## 2017 Results

On behalf of Our Lady of the Visitation's St. Vincent de Paul Conference, we wish to thank all the very generous parishioners of our parish for their donations of furniture, food, gift cards, cash, checks and prayers this past year.

Our cash donations from members and donors totaled \$42,592.52

This income is received from the five 5<sup>TH</sup> Sunday collections, when we are permitted to have a second collection.

Our expenditures of rent, Duke, water, and auto repair totaled \$16,736.68.

We were able to help West Side conferences with similar requests for rent, utilities, and assistance from those in need totaling \$24,886.68.

We were able to handle many requests through the generous response of others to our bulletin posts. We supplied 2 washers and dryers to families, 3 kitchen tables and chairs, 6 bedroom sets and a multitude of mattresses from King, Queen, and Double, Twin, bed frames and 2 Bunk Beds sets. We even provided an electric bed for a woman with brain cancer who could not lay flat. You supplied desks, tv's, chest of drawers, recliners, lamps, couches, rugs, refrigerators and microwaves. We became the west side furniture supplier for our conferences in the area.

We no longer are able to accept furniture at the parish due to a limited amount of storage space available. However, we still encourage you to provide these types of items. If you have donations, just call the St. Vincent de Paul hotline at 421-CARE (2273) and arrange to have your items picked up at your home. SMALL donations of clothing and household items can be deposited in the St. Vincent de Paul collection box located on the back driveway behind the gym. If you wish to drop off your items that are too large for the donation box, they may be taken to the St. Vincent de Paul Store at 3015 Glenhills Way (near Wal-Mart). The location has a pharmacy and they accept unopened medication and medical supplies.

If you have any questions regarding our conference, feel free to call one of our team members.

Philip Schutte, President	Ken Meymann – Spiritual Leader	Joyce Miller
Chris Williams, Vice President	Jeanne Ciambarella	Kaye Schroeder
Diane Williams, Secretary	Dave Feldman	Melissa Stautberg
Norb Trapp, Treasurer	Peggy James	

### Katie Luchsinger Memorial Event – April 7, 2018

The Katie Luchsinger Memorial Event will be held on Saturday, April 7, 2018, at Aston Oaks. Proceeds from this event will be used to continue supporting Katie's memorial garden at Our Lady of the Visitation, and the efforts and needs of local firefighters and fire departments.

Guests will enjoy music, food, beer, wine, door prizes, raffles, and the continuing affection and friendship of Katie's family and friends.

Details to follow and we thank you for your continued support!



Bob Luchsinger

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## Parish Library

### YOUR TIME AND TALENT ARE NEEDED

Within the next few weeks, the Parish Library for adults will open. Volunteers are needed to help with the upkeep, which will consist of dusting the shelves and replacing the returned books. It should take about 15-30 minutes per week. If enough people volunteer, one would only have the duty once per month. Are you able to assist in this ministry? Please contact Ken Meymann at the Parish Office or Virginiamarie Meyer at 941-3691. God bless your generosity.

## 'House' Keeping

BY LESLEE HOUSE  
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### CAFETERIA MANAGER / COOK

Our Lady of the Visitation School, in Green Township, is accepting resumes for the position of Cafeteria Manager / Cook for the 2018-19 school year. This is a full time salaried position. Hours are 7 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. This position reports to the Principal and/or Business Manager. Applicant must regularly be able to lift 30-40 pounds. Facility includes a Combi oven & gas stove top. Responsibilities include: Oversight of the school cafeteria, including menu development, purchasing of food & supplies and daily cooking of lunch, planning & monitoring the amount of food prepared & served to ensure adequate quantities, and adherence to Board of Health & School Lunch Guidelines. The Cafeteria Manager / Cook will supervise and/or schedule one or more cafeteria food worker positions and volunteers. Previous experience preferred. Tentative start date August 2018. No telephone inquiries. **Please send resume or letter of interest with salary expectations to: Holly Aug, Principal, Our Lady of the Visitation, 3180 South Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45248 or via email to: haug@olvisitation.org. Application deadline is Friday, March 2, 2018.**

### ESAP Thank you!



Our Lady of the Visitation Parish recently received a gift of \$36,000 from ESAP which represents the total of our parish's fundraising efforts and ESAP's Gift and Match Program. The ESAP Award, from The George Hubert, Jr. Family Foundation is to be used for tuition assistance. The continued generosity of ESAP enables us to assist many Visitation families with their school tuition.

We are grateful for the continued efforts of The George Hubert, Jr. Family Foundation and ESAP.

### Doing God's Work Update



Thanks to the continued generosity of parishioners in conjunction with the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign, our parish's most recent rebate came to \$410,211.62, bringing our total share so far to \$2,045,101.56. These funds will be applied to the Doing God's Work project for expansion of church and school. Overall, across all participating parishes in the Archdiocese, the campaign has raised \$167 million in pledges! Of this amount, just over \$92 million has been received in payments. More information and updates about the campaign can be found online at [1faith1hope1love.org](http://1faith1hope1love.org).

# Kudos CORNER

*Kudos Corner* is a means of acknowledging those in our parish who share their time, talent and treasure to spread the Good News of God's unconditional love. It is intended to lift up and celebrate the actions of individuals and groups within our faith community who touch hearts and make a difference.

(Written by Bill Tonnis)

This month's *Kudos Corner* recognizes Kaye Schroeder.

**'Sweet' 'Kind' 'Loving' 'Generous' 'An inspiration' 'Servant of the Lord'**

These are the words that came up over and over from those who were asked to describe Kaye. And for those who know her...you can attest that she seems to always have a smile on her face and a friendly word on her lips.

Kaye has made a huge contribution of her time, talent and treasure here at Visitation. She has been a dedicated member of our *St. Vincent de Paul* team...conducting home visits and also coordinating gift-giving for their clients at Christmas. She is an active *Stephen Minister*...having completed the 50 hours of training in the most recent class of ministers. That's not all. Kaye, a retired oncology nurse, uses that experience to offer support to the *Cancer Support Group* here. She also volunteers at Good Samaritan Hospital where she holds and comforts babies born to drug-addicted moms. Kaye also volunteers making meals for the sick and volunteers at Holy Family Parish as the school nurse.

Kaye and her late husband Jim joined the parish in 1967 and have four children, many grandchildren and even one *great grandchild*. Kaye's favorite pastime is spending time with her family...according to our former Business Manager, Diane Williams, who added, "She is an inspiration to me in the way she lives her faith each and every day simply by being herself. Our parish is blessed to have her as a parishioner and I am blessed to have her as a friend."

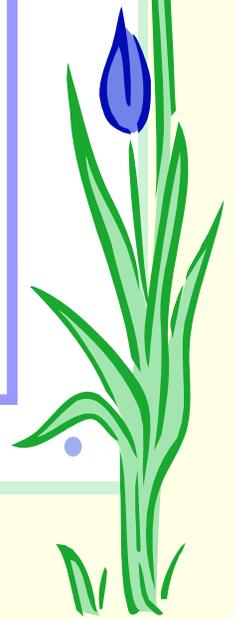
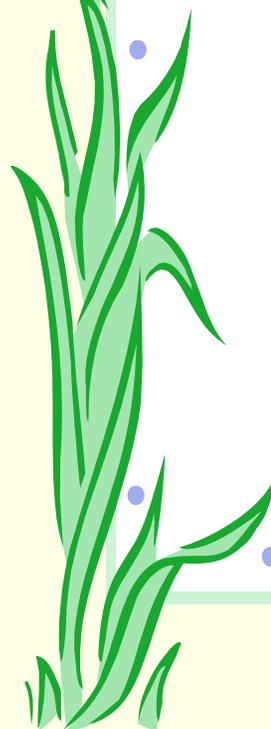
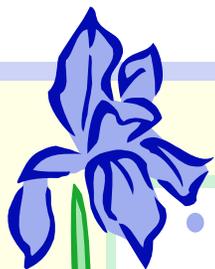
What more can be said?

***Kudos Corner*** thanks and honors Kaye Schroeder for her loving, kind, generous and faithful service as well as example of following Jesus!



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**TRIDUUM / EASTER SCHEDULE**

**Holy Thursday, March 29**

Mass of the Lord's Supper—7:00 p.m.

**Good Friday, March 30**

Liturgy of the Lord's Passion—1:30 p.m.

**Holy Saturday, March 31**

Easter Vigil Mass— 8:30 p.m.

**Easter Sunday, April 1**

7:30 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m.