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SAINT MARGARET MARY CATHOLIC CHURCH *newsletter*

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CATHOLIC MINISTRY APPEAL PROVIDES A PATH OF HOPE TO THOSE IN NEED

The annual Archdiocesan Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA) will be taking place starting this month (January) and into February 2017. A kick-off appeal message will be shared at Sunday Masses over the weekend of January 21/22, followed by Commitment Weekend on February 4/5.

Catholic Ministries provide a path of hope for Catholics in the Archdiocese of Cincinnati. These ministries are:

- Catholic Charities and Social Services
- Campus, hospital, and prison ministries
- Seminary and vocations
- St. Rita School for the Deaf
- Retired Archdiocesan Priests
- New Evangelization

Each ministry depends on donations from the faith-filled Catholics of our archdiocese to provide a key part of their budget each year. As a once-a-year outreach, the Catholic Ministries Appeal unites the parishes of our Archdiocese together to support these ministries, accomplishing more than one parish could do alone.

To learn about these ministries, visit the CMA website at www.catholicappeal.info and prayerfully consider a pledge to the 2017 Catholic Ministries Appeal.

The Archdiocese's goal for the 2017 CMA is \$5 million. Ninety cents of every dollar contributed goes directly to fund the ministries. Parishes that exceed their CMA goal will receive 50% of the "overage" for use in their own parish ministries and evangelization efforts. St. Margaret Mary has a wonderful history of meeting and exceeding its goal each year. Please help us to meet our goal again this year by giving to the Catholic Ministries Appeal.



ONE FAITH, ONE HOPE, ONE LOVE CAMPAIGN BEGINS THE PROCESS TO AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION

The initial availability of tuition assistance flowing from the One Faith, One Hope, One Love campaign through the Catholic Education Foundation will begin with the 2017-18 school year. Schools

will begin actively recruiting and enrolling students in late January 2017 in conjunction with the annual celebration of Catholic Schools Week. Applications for funds available for tuition assistance are being accepted now so that families will learn of assistance that could be available to them when they visit schools during Catholic Schools Week at the end of January. Both elementary and high school students are eligible for the tuition funds up to \$1000 per student and anyone who is interested is encouraged to apply as soon as possible, whether their child is currently enrolled in a Catholic school or they would like them to be. More information can be found at www.CatholicBestChoice.org or contact Jenni Petrey in the Parish Office, 521-7387.

Parish Calendar

JANUARY

- Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God Masses**
Holy Day of Obligation
Sat., December 31st, 4:30 PM
Sun., January 1st, 10:00 AM
- Epiphany of the Lord**
Sat./Sun. January 7th & 8th
- Baptism of the Lord – End of the Christmas Season**
Mon., January 9th
- Blessing of Confirmation Candidates**
Sun., January 15th, 10:30 AM Mass
- Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association Night at the Races**
Sat., January 21st, 7:00 PM at Assumption Parish Center/Gym
See details inside newsletter.
- Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children**
Fri., January 22nd
- Our Lady of Grace Open House**
Sun., January 29th, 12:30–3:00 PM
- Catholic Schools Week**
Begins on Sun., January 29th

FEBRUARY

- Presentation of the Lord**
Thurs., February 2nd
- Feast of St. Blaise – Blessing of the Throats**
Fri., February 3rd, at 8:00 AM Mass
- "Souper Bowl" Sunday Special Collection**
Sat./Sun., February 4th/5th to benefit Tender Mercies Charity
- St. MM Casino Night**
Sat., February 25th, 7:00–11:00 PM
See details inside newsletter.
- Mardi Gras Dinner & Palm Burning**
Tues., February 28th, 5:45–7:00 PM in Madonna Hall
- MARCH**
- Ash Wednesday Masses**
Wed., March 1st 8:00 AM & 7:00 PM
- St. MM Lenten Soup Suppers**
Tuesdays, March 7th & 21st, April 4th at 5:45 PM
Dinner in Madonna Hall, followed by Way of the Cross in Church at 7:00 PM

Confirmation Retreat

Sat., March 11th, 10:00 AM–4:00 PM

The Light is On For You

Tues., March 14th, 7:00–9:00 PM

Easter Dinner Food Drive for Valley Interfaith

March 26th–April 9th

Pastoral Region Lenten Penance Service

Tues., March 28th, 7:00 PM at St. MM

St MM Lenten Mission

Currently in the planning stages. Date/Time/Presenter TBA.

APRIL

5th Saturday Mass with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction

Sat., April 29th, following 8:30 AM Mass until 10:00 AM Benediction
NOTE: New shortened time for Adoration and earlier Benediction.



Holy Week Schedule

Pastoral Region Holy Thursday, Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, April 13th, 7:00 PM at Assumption

Good Friday, Liturgy of the Lord's Passion

Friday, April 14th 12:30 & 7:00 PM

Pastoral Region Holy Saturday, Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 15th, 8:45 PM at Assumption

Easter Sunday Masses

Sunday, April 16th, 8:30 & 10:30 AM

around the parish

CELEBRATE ST. MM PARISH 2016

The annual Celebrate St. MM Dinner & Ministry Fair took place over the weekend of October 14-15-16. Parishioners and friends of the parish gathered on Saturday evening for a dinner of fried chicken and a buffet of delicious side dishes and desserts. Parish groups displayed information about their work in the parish during the dinner and after Masses on Sunday, providing an opportunity to learn more about the groups as well as to sign up to volunteer.

THE "LIGHT IS ON FOR YOU" 2017

Mark your calendars! Tuesday, March 14, 2017 from 7-9 p.m. We will once again open our doors to those seeking the mercy and love of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



LENTEN SOUP SUPPERS

Slow down your day and plan to join fellow parishioners at one or more of the Soup Suppers being offered during Lent. The sacrifice of a small meal allows us to experience the Lenten season in a more deliberate way. Soup Suppers will be served starting at 5:45 PM in Madonna Hall. The modest meal consists of a variety of homemade soups served with bread. Drinks are also provided. Each dinner is followed by the Way of the Cross at 7 PM in the Church. Consider attending one or all during Lent.

Soup Suppers will be on Tuesdays March 7 and 21, and April 4. We hope to see you there.



A GOBBLETTY – GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL

The PYO sponsored Fall Family Festival (formerly Turkey Dinner) that took place on November 5 was very well attended and raised over \$800 for the support of parish youth projects. Attendees enjoyed participating in Split-the-Pot, Bingo Ball, a Turkey Raffle and Basket Raffle. Thanks to all who attended and those who volunteered their time to make the evening a success!

ST. MM'S WEEKDAY INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

With the onset of winter weather and the potential for morning snow and ice, safe travel to weekday Mass for both the priests and the members of the congregation is a concern. In order to keep the community safe during severe winter weather, the WEEKDAY morning Mass/Communion Services will be canceled whenever the Northwest School District school is canceled. This is the district that Our Lady of Grace school uses to determine school closure.

MASS ATTENDANCE & FLU SEASON

HEALTHY REMINDERS

As the flu season takes hold, it is a good time for a refresher on some common sense healthy practices related to our everyday interactions with each other as well as for distributing and receiving the Eucharist at Mass. The Archdiocese Chancery Office and Worship Office make the following recommendations with regard to liturgical practice:

- Wash hands with soap and water before and after Mass, and/or use hand sanitizer
- If you are sick, remain home
- If you are not feeling well, consider refraining from drinking from the Cup
- If you are not feeling well, refrain from shaking hands at the Sign of Peace

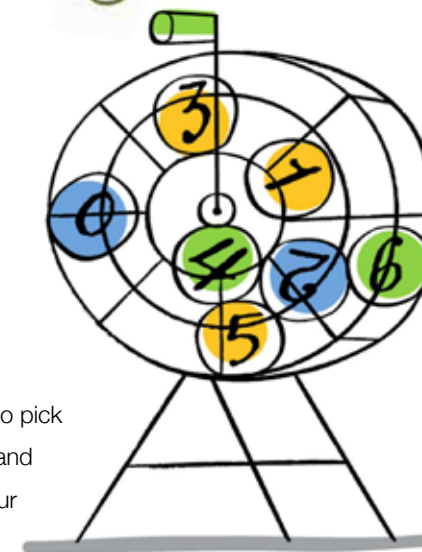


November's annual Fall Festival was a wonderful opportunity to share time with family and fellow parishioners!

B-I-N-G-O B-I-N-G-O B-I-N-G-O!!!

Are you able to share a Friday evening every month or two to help with the parish's biggest fundraiser?

There are a variety of tasks to pick from and each is important and necessary in order to help our weekly Bingo continue to be a success. As the Bingo leaders are aging, it becomes harder for them to continue to contribute the same energy and time they once could, so younger volunteers are stepping in leaving other tasks unfilled. A larger pool of volunteers means everyone will be called upon less frequently. Contact the parish office to learn more about where your help is needed, 521-7387.



If you are 18 or older, please consider volunteering for our Bingo program. Contact Debbie Klein to discuss the possibilities, 513-403-1527.

EASTER DINNER FOOD DRIVE

The annual Easter dinner food drive will run from March 26- April 9. Decorated bags of food will be collected and delivered to Valley Interfaith Food & Clothing Center to be distributed to those in need whom they serve.

Remember in prayer...

World Day of Prayer for Consecrated Life:
Sunday, February 5, 2017

Continue to Pray for Vocations:
Priesthood Ordination
Saturday, May 20, 2017

5TH SATURDAY MASS WITH EXPOSITION

OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT & BENEDICTION

The month of April includes a fifth Saturday and opportunity to participate in the Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction. The next fifth Saturday is April 29th, with Mass beginning at 8:30 AM followed by one hour of Adoration before Benediction begins at 10 AM. Note, the change of a shortened time for Adoration and earlier Benediction time.



Collaboration

Is Key To A Vibrant Parish Region




In a 2013 Catholic Telegraph article about the creation of pastoral regions, Fr. Tom Seibert, then pastor for the newly formed Dayton pastoral region said, "We have a good group of people who are looking at the bigger picture. They understand this is what we have to do.... You have to be very open to sharing responsibility, to encouraging lay people to step up and share their gifts. That's what has been happening here."

As we continue to find our way as a pastoral region and in an effort to embrace the examples of other pastoral regions that are transitioning and succeeding, it is important to recognize that volunteerism across parishes is a necessary component towards maintaining our ministries and the vibrancy of our parishes. Both parishes benefit when we chose to unify and support each others' events and ministries. There are many opportunities with roles both big and small, for the young or older, including service hours for our younger parishioners.

Such collaborations are being encouraged and applauded. As the number of parishioners has reduced at both parishes, it is more and more important for each of us to reach out and support the other in

order to create and maintain a strong, vibrant pastoral region—for without that neither parish community can survive and continue to meet the spiritual needs of the people we serve.

Thanks to everyone from both parishes who have already shared their time to help strengthen both parishes through collaboration. Will you help too? Opportunities are all around you, or you can contact the parish office for ideas of how you can help, 521-7387.



St. Margaret Mary's Confirmation candidates will be joining with those from our other covenant parishes to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 4 at 7 PM at St. Ann Church.

Please keep our young parishioners in your prayers as they prepare for their Confirmation!

St. MM Annual Mardi Gras Dinner & Palm Burning

Tues., Feb. 28
5:45 PM in Madonna Hall

Details will be communicated closer to the event date.



CASINO NIGHT 2017

Saturday, February 25, 2017
St. Margaret Mary
1830 W. Galbraith Road
7pm – 11pm

\$15 per person- 21 and Older
Includes beer, food, and soft drinks

Texas Hold 'em - Split the Pot -Basket Raffle – Instants – Wine Toss- and much more!



CASINO NIGHT IS

JUST AROUND THE CORNER!

This year's Casino Night will be held on Saturday, February 25th in Madonna Hall. Games begin at 7 PM and the fun will continue until midnight. Make plans now to come join in the fun! Food and drinks are included in the \$15 admission fee. Activities will include card games, wine toss, games of chance, our \$599 Raffle and opportunities to share a fun evening with friends.

Tickets for the main raffle are on sale now and can be returned to the parish office prior to the event or dropped into the weekly collection basket.

Not interested in attending for the games? Consider enjoying the evening as a helper. Volunteers are still needed. If you can lend your time and talents, please contact the parish office at 521-7387.



St. MM Italian Dinner Saturday, April 22nd

Save the Date!
Dinner served from 5:45–7 PM in the Parish Activity Center

cafeteria. Games for the adults, Crafts for the kids and a fun for all Basket Raffle!

Our Lady of Grace Athletic Association

Presents...

A Night at the Races



Basket Raffle, Split the Pot, Instant's, Bingo Ball, Wheel of Fortune and, of course, Horse Races!

JANUARY 21, 2017

Doors Open at 7:00, Races Start at 7:40

Tickets \$15 Food, Drinks, and Fun
Over 60 \$10 Bring your friends!

Purchase tickets online at www.night-at-the-races1710.cheddarup.com
or by contacting Jennie Ludwig at 266-8226

SPONSOR a horse and name it yourself! Just \$7
Purchase online or by calling Jennie

Grand Raffle

- 1st Prize - \$500 Visa
- 2nd Prize - \$300 Visa
- 3rd Prize - \$200 Visa



News from the Eagles Nest...

UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

Here are some of the other activities happening over the next several months:

Tuesday, January 3 –
Return from Christmas
Holiday Break

Monday, January 16 –
No School, MLK Day

Sunday, January 29 –
Open House, 12:30 – 3:00 pm

January 29 - February 3 –
CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Friday, February 3 – OLG Talent Show at Little Flower,
7:30 pm (Open to the public)

Wednesday, February 15 – Kindergarten Information
Night, 6:30 pm

Monday, February 20 – No School, Presidents' Day

Friday, March 10 – No School, Teacher in Service

LOOKING AHEAD

Easter Break – Friday, April 14 – Friday, April 21

Return from Easter Break on Monday, April 24

OUR LADY OF GRACE ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION A NIGHT AT THE RACES

The OLGAA is hosting their annual A Night at the Races on Saturday, January 21st. This fundraiser is held at St. Ann's. All proceeds support the Our Lady of Grace athletic teams and offset the costs of athletic equipment and fees.

St. MM/Assumption Pastoral Region Vacation Bible School begins in June!

On this interactive adventure, curious kids become hands-on-inventors and experience God—the ultimate Maker—in new and wildly creative ways! Best of all—kids discover they're lovingly crafted by God!



PLANNING IS UNDERWAY FOR THE 2017 OUR LADY OF GRACE TALENT SHOW

It's time for the Our Lady of Grace annual Talent Show. Open to all grades K through 8, the show is open to performers with all types of talents- musical, vocal, dance, magic, comedic, novelty and more! Auditions took place in early January and the students are practicing and perfecting their acts!

If you're looking for a fun way to support the parish school and its students, all are welcome! The talent show will be held Friday, February 3rd at 7:30 PM at Little Flower's gym.



NATIONAL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
January 29 – February 4, 2017