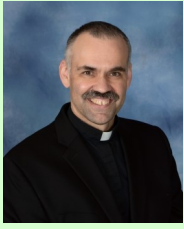


# Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 19 and 20, 2019



## From The Pastor:

Maximum Determination: If all goes well, by the time you read this, I will have just recently returned from Washington, D.C., together with the youth group from our parishes and P.J., our youth minister. (Have to write this in advance due to very early bulletin publisher deadlines). We are heading there to pray and to witness to the holiness of life created by God, together with hundreds of thousands of people, mostly young people, from all over the country. The timing is set just before the 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the dreadful U.S. Supreme Court decision *Roe v. Wade* which by ruthless order of some terribly misguided justices, forced all 50 states to vacate their laws against killing the innocent unborn. This Supreme Court decision ranks as one of the darkest chapters in the history of the politics of our nation, as it attempted to force the legality of something which no law *can ever* make right: the treatment of a defenseless and completely innocent little person in the womb as if he or she had no right to protection from having his life deliberately exterminated.

We would be hard pressed to find any Supreme Court decision so inherently unjust. The closest we might come would be as far back as 1857, over 150 years ago, when the Court ruled in the terrible *Dred Scott* decision that a slave of African ancestry could not be an American citizen and that the federal government could not regulate slavery in the territories.

Both horrendous Court decisions were based on some fatal flaws: In the case of *Dred Scott*, it was based on the assumption that an African slave was not fully human. In the case of *Roe v. Wade*, quite similarly, the decision was based on the false premise that an unborn child is not really a child at all – in fact, he or she is not really a person.

All of the euphemistic language heard so often about “women’s right” and “choice” is just a very large smoke screen. At the end of the day, if one believes that the unborn child is a human person with God-given dignity, then deliberate abortion can never be justified in law. If one doesn’t believe that, then it can be. That is why the pro-abortion movement is so desperate to deflect attention away from the question of the rights of the child.

In many ways, the *Roe v. Wade* decision was far worse than even the terrible *Dred Scott* decision, because the right to freedom, as important as it is, is a lesser right than the right to life itself. Pope St. John Paul II made this point very forcefully in his letter to the lay faithful around the world, *Christifideles Laici*, written in 1998:

“The inviolability of the person which is a reflection of the absolute inviolability of God, finds its primary and fundamental expression in the inviolability of human life. Above all, the common outcry, which is justly made on behalf of human rights—for example, the right to health, to home, to work, to family, to culture— is false and illusory if the right to life, the most basic and fundamental right and the condition for all other personal rights, is not defended with maximum determination.” [Para. 38]

That is very powerful quote. Let’s break it down. When John Paul says that the inviolability of the person is a reflection of the absolute inviolability of God, he means that an attack against a defenseless innocent child is an attack on God Himself. So it is quite impossible to say that one is a faithful Christian and at the same time say that abortion is acceptable.

But John Paul also gets at another very important point in our nation’s struggle to create a culture of life, where abortion is unthinkable. He was well aware of the distraction techniques of those promoting abortion. We hear these all the time. “If you really cared about the right to life, you would be working for immigrant’s rights or health care or living wages and so on.” Again, an attempt to distract. Yes, these are all important issues, but the *core* issue – the foundation on which everything else is built – is the right to life, since these precedes all the other rights.

John Paul goes so far as to say that if we don’t give everything we’ve got to defend the right to life, then it is just an illusion to say that we care about people if we advocate for other rights. Wow! Strong language, but true.

One of the many implications of this teaching of St. John Paul is that we should never vote for politicians who are pro-abortion (in fact, even if they refuse to use that term and dance around it). That’s true *even if* they are advocating for other good things that Christians support, such as care for the poor, advocating for healthcare, and so on. We should also hold politicians’ feet to the fire and make it absolutely clear that we will withhold support unless they do so.

Fr. Reutter



### OUR GOAL IS TO KEEP YOU SAFE!

When Bethel–Tate schools are closed, all activities at St. Mary’s are cancelled for that day.

When New Richmond Schools are closed, all activities at St. Peter’s are cancelled for that day.

When it is a delay, parish times run as scheduled.

**PRESENTERS OF THE OFFERTORY GIFTS– SIGN UP:** Have you been pondering how you and your family can contribute to our weekend liturgies at St. Mary’s? We are inviting you to participate in a special way by bringing up the gifts of bread and wine to be offered at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. The gifts are received by the priest at the foot of the sanctuary and it is these gifts which will be consecrated to become the Body and Blood of Christ.

If you are interested you will find a sign-up sheet on a table in the Gathering area, and beginning with the March minister schedule you will find your (Family’s) scheduled weekend. Remember there is no age limit and to this ministry and you can participate as a family. Thank you in advance for your consideration and willingness to participate in our weekly celebration.

**MYSTERY GIFTS ... 8 Gifts for \$5.00– DONATIONS:** Each year during the Christmas Craft show the Altar Society of St. Mary’s has a booth where customers can purchase wrapped gifts for children, adults or pets for 75 cents each or 8 for \$5.00. In 2018 we wrapped about 1,500 gifts profited almost \$1,000 which goes to purchasing items for the celebrations of the liturgy.

All of the items & wrapping paper for this fundraiser are donated and we have already started collecting and wrapping gifts to support our 2019 Craft Show program. While cleaning out closets, attics, basements, or redecorating, please keep us in mind. We can use gently used toys, stuffed animals, games, jewelry, stationary, knick-knacks, Christmas items/wrapping paper, scarves, candle holders, unburnt candles, anything you think would be a good gift. If you have donations please place them in the gathering area on a pew with a note saying Mystery Gifts.

If you have any questions or what to assist with this fundraiser let me know. Karen Moermond

### **2019 Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA)**

This weekend, Archbishop Schnurr explains how our support each year of the Catholic Ministries Appeal is part of our commitment to our faith. Thanks to the generosity of many families here at St. Mary and St. Peter, to the 2018 CMA, from our parish community. This year, our goal is **to exceed our amount even further. 50% of everything over our goal will go directly to our YOUTH MINISTRY** for the many events and activities they do throughout the year.

Families will be receiving a CMA mailing in the coming weeks. Please prayerfully complete your pledge card and return it in the envelope provided, or bring your completed pledge card to Mass. For more information, please visit [CatholicAppeal.info](http://CatholicAppeal.info). Thank you!



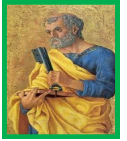
**ST. MARY’S ANNUAL FEBRUARY NICKEL RAFFLE** will be Sunday, February 17 following the 10:30am Mass. Come one, come all....this is a fun, family event! Everyone is invited! Stroll around the Fr. Lewis Center (inside of course) and see the many items you can win for just a NICKEL ticket if yours is pulled from the bag you place it in!

**We could use your help....**If you have an item that you received from “Santa” and don’t need it...well, donate it to the Nickel Raffle, it may just be that one thing that someone else wanted and can possibly win for a NICKEL!!!

**Donations of FOOD And BAKED GOODS** are needed as well to supply a nice fun, easy to grab, lunch for the families to enjoy. (Please see the sign-up sheets on the table in the Gathering Space.) Thank you and we hope to see you there!!!



# St. Mary and St. Peter PREP and Youth Ministry



## PREP SCHEDULE

January 20  
PREP

January 27  
PREP

February 3  
PREP

February 10  
PREP

February 17  
**No PREP**

February 24  
PREP

March 3  
PREP

Happy March for Life Weekend! Here we are in Washington, DC as advocates for those who don't have a voice. Please pray for the Youth of our parishes as we March on their behalf.



PJ Ehling, CRE/youth minister  
(513) 284-3154 · [sccr.cre@outlook.com](mailto:sccr.cre@outlook.com)

Upcoming  
Events!

K-6 Youth Night  
Feb. 23, 5-7pm  
At St. Mary  
Friends Invited!

March for Life  
January 17-20  
Please pray for  
our youth repre-  
senting us!

## Youth Ministry Schedule

January 20  
**No YM**

January 27  
At St. Mary

February 3  
At St. Peter

February 10  
At St. Mary

## Chili Cook-Off

Please join our youth ministry for our second Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser at St. Peter's on February 9, 6:00pm  
All proceeds fund K-6 & 7-12 YM programs

### Catholic Century Farm Registry:

Catholic Rural Life of the St. Martin Deanery would like to honor Catholic families who have farmed and nurtured the same land for 100 years or more and we'll honor those families at the 2019 Farm Mass to be held in September. Deadline for applying is March 31. For more information or to get an application, go to the Archdiocese of Cincinnati website, then Ministries & Offices, then Catholic Social Action, then Rural Life Ministry; or call Pat Hornschemeier (513) 752-0647 or Marilyn Fryer (937) 378-4583.

### Scam alert and email communication (from the pastor):

Several parishioners have recently reported to me that they received an email, supposedly from me, asking me to buy iTunes cards for them (cards to purchase music and software from Apple computer). This is a scam. For starters, it is from a made-up email address. Second, I never send personal information or requests to parishioners by email. I would always do that by phone or postal mail. I don't know how they do it, but computer hackers are smart enough to figure out who I have sent emails to and to send out this fake request. As a general rule, you should never trust an email that asks you to buy something for someone, give out a credit card number, take a photo of a card used to purchase anything, and so on.

This does give me an opportunity to remind me of my policy on email and communications. I get far too much email to process efficiently, so this is not the best way to reach me. It will be faster (and have a much better chance of being answered in a timely fashion) if you call or write. I try to answer all phone calls within one business day of the call (except Monday, currently my day off). Email responses may take much longer. If you do email me, please make sure to use only the parish email address, [sccr.parish@outlook.com](mailto:sccr.parish@outlook.com) and put my name in the subject line. Please note, this email address is not confidential. It is read first by the parish staff. If you need to contact me on a confidential matter, you can leave a message on my voicemail, which is confidential, or write me.

**EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER TRAINING** for NEW & CURRENT ministers at St. Mary's will take place NEXT Saturday, January 26th & Sunday, January 27th after the Masses. We are sorry for any inconvenience to anyone for cancelling last weekend due to weather.

ST. PETER CHURCH



Sat. 1/19	5:00 pm	For the People of St. Mary & St. Peter
Sun. 1/20	8:30 am	Katie Stang—Debbie & Joe DePuccio
Sun. 1/20	11:00am	Mildred Hoh—Mary & Stan Kinnard
Thurs. 1/24	8:30 am	For the People of St. Mary & St. Peter
Fri. 1/25	8:30 am	Anna Graser—SPNR St. Vincent de Paul
Sat. 1/26	5:00 pm	Tom & Garry Gloeckner—Friends of the Family
Sun. 1/27	8:30 am	Intentions of the Presider
	11:00am	Michael Krusling—Cecilia

MINISTERS FOR JAN. 26/27 @ ST. PETER

	5:00PM	8:30AM	11:00AM
U	Kevin Reid	Jim Feldkamp	Greg Dall
A	Emily Reid	CeCe & Karlye Gilpin	Madison Williams
A	Judy Stubbe	Alex Kohler	
L	Pat Greeson	Mark Bailey Carolee Roberts	Joan Miller MaryJo Jarman
H	Fr. Reutter	Fr. Reutter	Fr. Reutter
C	Deacon Ron Kathey Reid	Deacon Ron Mary Fender	Deacon Ron Mary Kinnard
G	Mary Reid	Greg Feldkamp	Connie Taggart

**COLLECTION CORNER FOR ST. PETER PARISH:**

Budget For Fiscal Year: July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019  
**Christmas Collection:** \$5,320.00 Thank You & God Bless You!  
 Reg. Collection 1/5-6/19: \$7,293.  
 Average per Envelope: \$ 93.87 SVDP: \$70  
 Weekly Budget: \$3,776. Over budget: \$ 3,517.  
 Giving Range: \$5—\$2,400.00  
 Actual Income: \$ 111,480.25  
 Budgeted Income: \$ 105,,728.00  
 Over / (Under) Budget: \$ 5,752.00

ST. MARY CHURCH



Sat. 1/19	4:00 pm	Jimmy Watson—Bereavement Committee
Sun. 1/20	10:30 am	In Thanksgiving for prayers answered.
Tues. 1/22	8:30 am	Bill Wagner—Bereavement
Weds. 1/23	8:30 am	Intentions of the Presider
Sat. 1/26	4:00 pm	Clarence Jones—Fred Spiller
Sun. 1/27	10:30 am	Elizabeth Keelderman—The Schultz Family

MINISTERS FOR JAN. 26/27 @ ST. MARY

SAT. 4:00PM SUN. 10:30AM

S.	Karen Moermond	Jeff Houchin
U.	John & Karen Moermond	John Wallace Konrad Sandker
A	Ethan Cahall	Hank & Ty Jeffers
A		Ben Watson Conner Murry
L.	Nancy Shula	Barb Wallace Debbie Phillips
H.	Karen Moermond	Jeff Houchin
C.	Deacon Jerry Patti Poe	Deacon Jerry Mark Hesselbrock Lisa Hall Lois Dennis

**COLLECTION CORNER FOR ST. MARY PARISH:**

Budget For Fiscal Year: July 1, 2018 - June 30, 2019  
**Collection:** \$ 3,254.00 Thank You & God Bless You!  
 Average per Envelope: \$ 49.92  
 Weekly Budget: \$3,766. Under budget: \$ 513.00  
 SVDP: \$ 55.00 Music: \$ 70.00 CT: \$ 49.00  
 Giving Range: \$1—\$300.00  
 Actual Income: \$ 125,892.00  
 Budgeted Income: \$ 109,214.00  
 Over / (Under) Budget: \$ 16,678.00



**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME** - Today's Gospel reading on the wedding feast at Cana offers two examples of prompt obedience and Christian discipleship.

The first example is Mary, the mother of Jesus. She notices the crisis about to unfold at the wedding feast: The wine has run short. To run out of wine would have brought great shame upon the family hosting the wedding feast. Mary sees the need and immediately brings the concern to the one person who can make a difference: Jesus. In her actions, Mary teaches us to go promptly to Jesus with all our needs.

The second example is the servants who give full obedience to Jesus' commands, filling the stone jars with water. Even though they do not see how jars full of water will solve the problem of the wine shortage, they trust Jesus' words and obey him perfectly, filling the jars "to the brim."

Mary's words "Do whatever he tells you" are at the heart of today's reading. These words reflect her own interior disposition to do God's will and inspire the servants to give trusting obedience to Christ. May Mary's words encourage us to show our trust in Jesus by promptly obeying him in all things, filling our "jars" in whatever he may ask of us "to the brim." (This was taken directly from FORMED – Opening The Word – Leader's Guide – by The Augustine Institute.) Please open it up and continue the study.

**DO YOUR PART** – The March for Life is over and our youth and adults are back from Washington, D.C. Now do your part. Tuesday, January 22nd, shall be observed as a particular day of prayer for the full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person committed through acts of abortion.

**SCHOOL SUPPLIES** –are still being collected for the K-6 children of our Community. New Richmond Area Ministries thank all those who helped make this ministry possible so far. If you would like to contribute, please place supplies in the box marked NRAM at our church entrance or contact Deacon Ron.

**PROJECT LUNCHBOX** – about 135 children have been receiving lunch bags of food this year at our NR elementary schools to take home on the weekend so that they have something to eat. We appreciate the donations that have been coming in so far. If you would like to help, please place them in the box marked NRAM at our church entrance or contact Deacon Ron.

**Deacon Ron Stang – 309-5340, [sccr.deaconron@outlook.com](mailto:sccr.deaconron@outlook.com)**



As we begin this new year, let us reflect upon the gifts that God has provided to each of us. He does not let anyone be born without gifting them with talents, time and treasure. He provides each of us with what we need and then stands by to support us in our efforts. He gives to some of us great strength and stature. To some he provides great intellect. To some talents in working with people, or accumulating treasure, or patience to meet the demands of our environment. To others he may give talent in speaking and organizing thoughts to sway others. We could go on and on but we really don't need to do so. If we think about it, we can identify those talents that God gave us. The real question though is what do we do with those talents? Do we hide them away from others and never use them? Or do we take them and stretch them so they become even

stronger in our lives? Do we practice them and let them become not only our gifts but also gifts to those around us? I hope we do both. God does not give us gifts to hide them but to use them to enlarge His Kingdom. He wants us to stretch ourselves and become stronger advocates of His kingdom here on earth. He wants each of us to look at the world around us and give God's blessings to others we encounter. He does not want us to wander through life dodging responsibility or looking only to ourselves. He wants us to march through life openly proclaiming His good news and living that good news so others can see God is us.

**Deacon Jerry Etienne—513-734-4041 x 2 or [sccr.deaconjerry@outlook.com](mailto:sccr.deaconjerry@outlook.com)**



**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY TO Barb & Mike Simpson. Also to Barb & Rick Zellner:** To Barb & Mike Simpson for the loss of their daughter, Kimberly Parks. Also to Barb & Rick Zellner for their loss of Barb's mother, Nancy O'Leary. if you would like to send a card or note their addresses are: Mr. & Mrs. Mike Simpson; 101 Winding Way, Unit 1; Covington, KY 41011. Mr. & Mrs. Rick Zellner; 1024 Baytree Ct.; Cincinnati, OH 45230. May his souls and all the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in Peace. Amen.



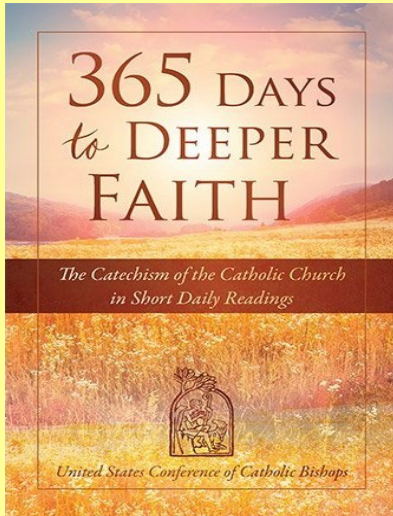
## ATTENTION ALL ADULTS AT ST. PETER AND ST. MARY

Have you been yearning to grow closer to God? Do you want to grow in your spiritual life?

**"MAKE 2019 THE YEAR TO PARTICIPATE IN ONE OF OUR ADULT FAITH OFFERINGS!"**

**ANNOUNCING.....NEW ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES!!!**

### Catechism Men's



Join us for a new AFF Initiative this January! All men are invited to join our Catechism Men's Group. We'll dive into the riches, teachings, and wisdom of the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and discover the impact it has for our daily lives.

The Catechism Men's Group meets on Thursdays at St. Mary's at 7:00pm.

For more information, please contact Peter den Hollander at (513) 617-5150.

### Spiritual Field Trip!!

#### Good Friday Step Walk at the Immaculata in Cincinnati



Join our AFF Field Trip team as we walk the steps up to the Immaculata church in Cincinnati on Good Friday. It's a long-standing Catholic tradition in Cincinnati in commemoration of Our Lord's death on Good Friday.

For questions and to be included in carpooling, please call or text Connie Taggart at 513-646-6494.

### Women of the Parishes!

#### GRACE Women's Ministry Game and Movie Night

Join our GRACE Women's Ministry for a Game and Movie Night on January 25th! We'll begin at 6:00pm, and our movie will start at 7:00pm. More details to follow. Hosted by the GRACE Committee. (Deb Davis, Heather den Hollander, Melanie Murray, Mary Kinard, Karin Mendoza & Connie Taggart).

We are still planning a women's retreat for October 2019, and other events too! Curious? Interested in helping? Give one of us a call!



### GREATER CINCINNATI CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:

Ladies, this is a great way to start 2019 (Lent). Come to the Conference, "Woman, why are you crying? Who are you looking for?" will take place on Saturday, March 9th at the Sharonville Convention Center (11355 Chester Rd; Cincinnati, OH 45246) Tickets are available at [CincinnatiCatholicWomensConference.org](http://CincinnatiCatholicWomensConference.org) Last year was sold out two weeks before the event. There will be 5 speakers at the new, larger venue, confession, more vendors and ministries and the Vigil Mass with Archbishop Dennis Schnurr. It's time to kick-start a great Lent and enjoy a day of spiritual renewal. Bring a friend!!

### 2019 E6 Catholic Men's Conference Date Announced - 2.23.19

The 2019 E6 Catholic Men's Conference will be on February 23, 2019 at the East Central High School Performing Arts Center. This year's conference will feature Mark Hart, Trent Horn and Justin Fatica.

Come to the best Manly Man Show around! Bring a friend!

### HOLES UP!!! IT'S ANOTHER ST. MARY'S DONUT SUNDAY!!!

Next Sunday, January 27th, after the 10:30am Mass at St. Mary's please stay and enjoy a donut and refreshment in the Gathering Space. Talk with friends, make new ones, get to know your fellow parishioners. (It's OK to talk with your mouth full on Donut Sunday!) Hope to see you there with chocolate around your mouth and sprinkles on your shirt!

**Attend these conferences with others from our parishes !!!**