St. Mary Catholic Church

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St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception | facebook January 29, 2023 | Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

MUSIC NOTES

From now through Lent, we will be using the Heritage Mass musical setting. It begins with #890 in the Missal.



MASS TIMES

Saturday 5 PM
Sunday 8 AM 10 AM St. Joseph Cobden
Tuesday & Thursday 8:15 AM
Adoration Tuesday & Thursday 9 AM
Reconciliation by Appointment

PSR SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Substitute PSR teachers are needed for the following dates: January 29, February 5, February 12, February 19, and March 12.

Materials are provided. Without substitutes, some or all PSR classes may be canceled. Contact Janna Sweitzer if you can help.

GIVING STATEMENTS FOR 2022

Your statements detailing your 2022 contributions to the Church for tax purposes are available in the vestibule. Please help us save postage by picking yours up.

Thank you for your generosity throughout the year. Every gift, large or small, is a great blessing.

STEUBENVILLE CONFERENCE 2023

A packet of information about this year's Steubenville conference for teens is available on the ledge in the back of church. The conference is a wonderful opportunity for students of high school age.

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It has often been observed that the beatitudes describe the life of Christ himself.
He was all the things and did all the things that the beatitudes enumerate.

Each beatitude consists of two parts. The first part describes the humiliation of the present, the second the glory to come.

The beatitudes are not addressed to all people indiscriminately, but to the disciples, to those who have left all to follow Jesus.

They are the poor— in spirit, as Matthew correctly explains. They are the ones who realize that spiritually they are the have-nots, who have no righteousness of their own and therefore hunger and thirst for (God's) righteousness.

The second group of beatitudes is more activistic. It is the merciful, the pure in heart, and the peacemakers who are pronounced blessed. Faith, if it is genuine, works through love, as Paul put it. ~ Reginald Fuller, Order of St. Benedict, Inc.



VOCATION CORNER

Catholics are connected to and fulfill the Church's goal for sanctity when they live out God's call in their lives. The importance of the discernment process cannot be overstated when choosing the path that God intends for us. In his book "A Priest in the Family", Fr. Brett Brannen wrote, "I explain it...this way: "I am a round peg in a round hole. God made me this way and that is why I am so happy as a priest. If a person is called to the vocation of holy marriage, then it is in that marriage that he has the best chance for sanctity. But if a person chooses a vocation to which God is *not* calling him, then he will be like a square peg in a round hole. Holiness, and therefore happiness, will be harder to attain."

Pray, pray, pray as you discern your vocation, and then...listen.

Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response Through Catholic Social Teaching

9 Consecutive Mondays Starting Feb, 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Zoom Meetings

This program explores God's call to respond to poverty in our local communities. A suggested individual cost for the program is \$35 and the purchase of one book for as little as \$6 used. Financial assistance is available through JustFaith Ministries. For more information on the program go to justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-jfc/. Register at https://justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-st-louis-winter-2023-small-group-catholic/.

MASS INTENTIONS

January 28: Dorothy Kacinski

January 29: Jim Eaves February 4: Jack Sherwin February 5: Ryan Haire



Many people are unaware that someone they know personally is silently suffering from participation in abortion. If a friend confided in you tomorrow that she had an abortion, would you be able to respond in a way that brings her closer to healing? Learn how in "How to Talk to a Friend Who's Had an Abortion": http://bit.ly/friend-had-abortion USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities

Intercession:

For those suffering after abortion: May they know that the Lord desires to bring healing, and turn to Him for His mercy and peace;

We pray to the Lord.

Remember that the March for Life will assemble in the parking lot of St. Francis Xavier Church in Carbondale at **2 PM Today**, **Sunday January 29**.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Lectors:

Saturday February 4: Cathy Belcher Sunday February 5: Rhonda Schmidt

Servers: Nolan & Cole Kaufman

Eucharistic Ministers:

Saturday February 4: Susan Sherwin Sunday February 5: Jackie Beatty