



St. James the Greater Parish Life Newsletter

Fall 2018

BIBLE STUDY



What?	The Gospel according to Luke
When?	October 5, and the first Friday of each month until next May.
What time?	9:30-11:00 a.m.
Where?	Church Hall
Who?	Led by Father Nolker

Some questions you might have:

Why the Gospel of Luke?	This Gospel will be the one read through most of the next liturgical year which begins December 2.
Do I have to come to all the sessions?	No. Come to as many as you can.
Do I need to register for this?	No. Just show up.
What do I need to bring?	A Bible, or at least a New Testament.

Personal Pain

By Father Nolker

Unless one is oblivious to news about the Catholic Church in America, the recent months have been difficult for believers. They have been hard for me. In these weeks we have seen the fall of Archbishop McCarrick. Once one of the most prominent members of the clergy, allegations of child abuse and sexual misconduct with seminarians and young priests caused him to resign as a cardinal of the Church and submit to the Holy Father's directive that he live in isolation and penance. We have also seen the publication of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury investigation about abuses and cover-ups in 6 dioceses. More pain.

My connection with the issue of clergy child abuse began in 1992. I was completing my first 6 years in a pastorate that I loved. I asked to be assigned for the second term, another 6 years. I had dinner with Archbishop Pilarczyk to make my point. I was told, that if I prayed hard enough, I would see another path. Eventually I was reassigned. After the assignment was made, I was told there might be a problem at the new parish. I got there and found horrific financial

irregularities. I thought that was enough. But It wasn't. Within a month or two, news broke that a former associate pastor had abused children in the rectory. The world imploded. The Archbishop came for a prayer service of consolation. I was confronted almost daily for details that I didn't know: names of victims, situations, number of occurrences. I was happy that I didn't know more.

I still do not know all the facts of what happened at that parish. I know the parishioners loved the priest (no longer a priest) because he was so involved with the youth of the parish. I know the pain all the parishioners felt because it happened at their parish. I know the pain of having to live in the rectory where all the abuse happened, just down the hall from the pastor's suite. I know the pain I felt as a priest who cared about "my" people and my inability to understand any rationale why this happened.

Since 1992 the Archdiocese has made huge steps to protect children. I write this because some still grumble because they must do the background checks and be current in the VIRTUS program to volunteer in school or in our athletic programs. I write this to say we cannot do too much to protect our children. If we stop one predator, it's worth it.

Things I've Seen and Heard

By Fr. Bryan T. Reif

Some of you may know that I have an interest in Astronomy, but most probably do not. In January of 2016, a deacon friend and I attended the Vatican Observatory's Faith and Astronomy Workshop in Tucson Arizona. The workshop was given by the Jesuit astronomers, many of whom were priests, and by the Director of the Vatican Observatory, Brother Guy Consolmangno, SJ. The workshop covered topics related to the relationship of not only astronomy to the Faith, but the relationship of science in general to the Faith. In many respects, the workshop highlighted many of the points that were made in Pope St. John Paul II's encyclical letter, *Fides et Ratio* (Faith and Reason), which made clear that the sciences, pursued honestly, as well as the study of theology, are in search of the same Truth. Since there is but one Truth, God being that Truth, ultimately faith and science cannot contradict one another.

I have been thinking about this experience in Tucson over the past several weeks because of celestial events occurring in the night sky right now. These events have also caused me to think, and reflect more deeply about God's creation, and our place in His universe. Some of the events I have been watching include the opposition of the planet Mars, the Perseid Meteor shower, a total lunar eclipse, a partial solar eclipse, and the presence of Jupiter, Venus, and Saturn (all naked eye planets) in the evening sky this fall. The opposition of Mars refers to the period when the orbits of the Earth and Mars align with the sun. At opposition, the Earth is directly between the Sun and Mars. This can happen when Mars' orbit is closest to Earth, as it is this year, as was in 2003 (the last time Mars was this close to the Earth), but often times, due to Mars having a very elliptical orbit compared with Earth, the opposition of Mars may not always bring the planet this close to us. The Perseid Meteor shower is taking place as I write this in August. It is not uncommon, if you care to stay up all night to see it, to witness meteors at a rate of one every 10 to 20 seconds. This meteor swarm is associated with the remnants of the Comet Swift-Tuttle. The Earth flies through this cloud of debris from the comet which is what causes the Earth to be, for lack of a better term, pelted with small space rocks. Also, if you look to the sky shortly after sunset, you will notice a bright "star" to the west, this is the planet Venus, a slightly less bright "star" to the south, this is Jupiter. Saturn is tougher to pick up until it is much darker in the south-east, and Mars rises in the east and is a bright red/orange color low in the east about 2 or 3 hours after sunset.

Why am I writing this? Well first, astronomy is cool. I have been interested in this since I was 4 or 5 years old. Also, the grand scale of the universe as we can witness every clear night if we only look up proclaims the glory of God. Amateur Astronomy helps me to pray, and to reflect upon God's goodness and love. It reminds me, that even in the grand scale of the universe, though I be so small, a speck of cosmic dust in the grand scheme of the universe, God loved me, and He loved you enough to come down to this Earth, this pale blue dot, become one of us, to save us and set us free. God chose me and you to be the focus of His love and care out of all of what we can see, and not see in the grand universe He made. That is awesome!

The Sacrament of The Anointing of the Sick Sunday, October 13 & 14



On this weekend we will again offer the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at all the Masses.

Who should be anointed?

⌘ Anyone who has a serious illness or the debilitation of old age.

When should they be anointed?

⌘ As soon as the illness is diagnosed and anytime it significantly worsens. Anointing is the sacrament which helps us cope with illness and helps us to heal.

How long do the effects of the sacrament last?

⌘ There is no “expiration date” for the sacrament.

Isn't this sacrament supposed to be given when somebody is dying?

⌘ The ritual book for the Sacrament of Anointing says, “The reception of the Eucharist as viaticum, food for the passage through death to eternal life, is the sacrament proper to the dying Christian...*The sacrament of anointing should be celebrated at the beginning of a serious illness.*” {#175} The sacrament for the dying is Holy Communion. This doesn't mean that a dying person can't be anointed, but the anointing should happen long before that moment. It should never be the case that receiving the Anointing of the Sick is put off until the person is dying.

Also, remember that a priest may not be available when someone is dying.

Nudges of the Holy Spirit

By Theresa Hayes, Director of Religious Education

The following is a reflection prepared to address the suggested topic of one segment of the *Inspired* program, *The Wild Goose* (i.e., part of the Vocare Institute's course offerings). The reflection focus was to be on ways that the Holy Spirit has opened the doors and windows of our hearts.] It is my sincere hope that this reflection will speak to your heart, and allow you to reflect on the presence of the Holy Spirit in your daily life:

The Lord knows that His first “nudge” does not always sink in with me. My life has been graced with *many* encounters with the Holy Spirit, several of which linger in memory still.

My uncle, Jim Donnelly, was my first taste of the treasures of Ireland. Uncle Jim was a traveling salesman for Electrolux (vacuum cleaner sales), and for a while, he and Aunt Gert and their children Jim and Dolores lived in New Jersey, but then they moved to Cincinnati. Uncle Jim was unflappable – as I suppose one had to be to be successful in his business, especially in the Northeast. Occasionally, his Irish roots would surface to add color to his presentation. My aunt Gert, my father's sister, and the rest of Dad's family had very little trouble incorporating their faith into everyday life, and Aunt Gert shared this with her family, as did Uncle Jim.

I remember one Saturday when I was very young (maybe five- or six-years old). My father used to collect rents for his mother in the West End of Cincinnati, and Uncle Jim and I accompanied Dad on this day. Uncle Jim was always very indulgent with us children, and this particular day he had brought with him for me (ME!) a more-than-ample brown sack filled with small bags of plain M&Ms. (I don't even remember if they made Peanut M&Ms back then!)

Now, Dad left Uncle Jim and me in the car while he stopped into each property, and on Saturday mornings you could usually find many young children running around on the streets, looking for friends and games. This Saturday was no exception. Outside the building that Dad entered was a little girl in a rather rumpled and not-so-clean dress. Uncle Jim called her over to the car and opened his car door and mine and introduced us. We noticed that her vision was not clear, as both of her eyes did not point in the same direction. He asked this young lady if she would like some M&Ms. (These days, one would hope that such an invitation would cause the recipient to turn away and run for their safety!) However, this young lady had placed her trust in a reliable source, and her trust was rewarded with maybe a third of the contents of the brown paper sack. You could see the incredulity and happiness in her smudged face. She ran off to share her new treasure, and Uncle Jim, wise man that he was, knew that he had some explaining to do. My face must have been crestfallen, but as Uncle Jim had granted me the gift, who was I to question his generosity?

Uncle Jim looked at me seriously, and asked, "You don't mind sharing your candy, do you?" He continued, "Her family is not able to give her the kinds of things that we enjoy. Wasn't it good to see how her face lit up because of a little kindness?" He was right, of course, but he didn't stop there. "Let's say a prayer for her." And we did, right there in the car on State Avenue. Somehow, through Uncle Jim's intercession, the Holy Spirit touched my heart, and I became glad that we had shared the treat. If only we could have shared more. . .

Also, when I was very young, a few years later, my cousin Dolores, my older sister Joanne and I took weekly figure-skating lessons at the Cincinnati Gardens, and then we would return once or twice more each week to practice. One evening, during Lent, I had brought my teacher a small chocolate bunny. I remember that she very kindly accepted the gift, but very quietly explained that the reason that she couldn't eat it right away was that she needed to fast during the days of Lent. Such a small thing but filled with the power of the Holy Spirit! A busy (and probably, hungry) lady making time to be gracious and to enforce the importance of penance in our lives.

So much for the younger days. Two weeks ago, my husband and I, after spending a busy day running errands, stopped for a quick bite at our local Frisch's Restaurant. When we first arrived, there were not too many people there, but most of us were seated in the same area. My husband and I sat at opposite sides of the table, and he mentioned to me that seated several booths beyond ours was a nice-looking young lady by herself. She had been there before we had arrived, seemed to be enjoying the company of others through her telephone, and Robert continued to occasionally glance toward her. Suddenly, he leaned over to me and whispered, "That pretty young lady just made the Sign of the Cross and prayed before eating!" Somehow, this simple act brought both of us such peace and joy. Usually, we bow our heads to say grace, but since then, we follow this beautiful young woman's example.

You've heard that "Life's simple pleasures are the best?" So are the nudges of the Holy Spirit. God be with you in all that you do!

Festival News



The 2018 St. James Festival has come and gone but not without a good time being had by all! We praise and thank God for the beautiful weather! There were quite a few changes this year including a professional stage, added entertainment, enticing food and a slight change in the layout. The committee would like to thank everyone who contributed in any way to making our festival the success it has become. The contributions are endless and no matter how small, we want you to know how much they are appreciated. We do not yet have final numbers as bills and credits are still coming in, but we anticipate the profit to be close to \$50,000. This could not be achieved without the support of our parish either physically, financially or through prayers. It's not too early to start to plan for next year so mark your calendars for **July 26, 27 & 28!** Plan your vacations for the week before or after the festival next year so you don't miss out on the fun!

We also want to thank all of you who participated in an evening of "**Dine to Donate**" at Dewey's Pizza on Harrison Avenue in Dent which was held in conjunction with the festival. The event was held on Monday, August 6 and turned out to be a great success raising \$500.00 profit which goes toward capital improvements needed by the parish. Thank you to all who participated either by dining in or getting carry out. The food was terrific, and it was great seeing so many familiar faces! The next time that you visit Dewey's be sure to thank them for the opportunity!

We ended up with enough volunteers to run all the booths each day. This happened after much begging, pleading and praying. We can honestly say that we did not hear one person say that they didn't enjoy helping. Consider stepping up! Booth chairs help to assure that all the booths run smoothly. This could be accomplished by an investment of 3-6 hours. Food, General and Promotional Committee positions remain vacant. As we have stated prior, having a couple of couples in each of the committee positions or as booth chairs would not over burden anyone. All committee positions would benefit from an additional couple. Please think about uniting with a few friends and taking this on. There has been a rumor circulating that sadly our festival might go to route of other parishes and cease to exist. **THIS IS NOT TRUE YET!** However, we can't go on being spread so very thin. We feel that our event "the celebration of the summer" is so very important to our community! There are no other events that bring the parish together as a whole and celebrate our community as well as supporting the parish. The overall time commitment is much less than you would think but the satisfaction of a job well done is so very rewarding. Pray and consider stepping up into a position.

We would like to hear your feedback, what you liked, disliked or would like to see changed or added. Send an email, call or send us a letter at the info below. Aside from providing financial support to our parish, it allows people to come together as a community, celebrate with each other and work together for a common goal! If you feel the calling to join us to continue with this endeavor call Mary or Kevin Lackman at 706-0698, email at klackman@cinci.rr.com or check out the website at www.stjamesfestival.com or Facebook at **Saint James Festival**.



St. James Holiday Bonanza is coming your way! Watch for your tickets in the mail.

We are pleased to announce once again, a great opportunity to win cash for holiday shopping! For this year’s Holiday Bonanza, **we want to remember, and honor Dan Schlachter** who was the originator and co-chairman for the past 20 years! Once again, please remember that his is a fund-raising event and the proceeds are dedicated to offset expenses that arise outside the normal budget items. Thanks to the support of our fundraisers, we were able to renovate the Church Hall. Also, on an ongoing basis, this kind of support helps contribute toward managing tuition at our school.



Nancy Boler
Brandon and Alaina Brown & Family
Daniel and Nicole Carvelli & Family
Robert and Nancy Childers & Family
Karen Colemirc & Family
Chad and Jessica Craft & Family
Jason and Alicia Creighton & Family
David and Erin Dalessandro & Family
Megan Driscoll & Tyler Boyle & Family
Tyler and Samantha Gagnon & Family
Matthew and Katherine Habedank & Family
Keith and Kristen Haun & Family
Steven and Kelli Hyde
Danielle Isadore & Family
Michael Jaeger and Jeanette Seal & Family

Mary Lee Koopman
Joan Kyakuwa & Family
Heather and Jason LaFleur
Michael McBride and Ledra Finley-McBride
Matthew Mihovk & Family
John and Paula Miller & Family
Darrin and Mary Morgan & Family
Perry and Debbie Nardelli
Ann Otte and Maxwell George & Family
Gregory and Melissa Pitzer & Family
John and Carol Sagel, Jr.
Monica Schafer



Oaklee Marie Brown, daughter of Brandon & Alaina
Giovanna Dalila Calle, daughter of Javier & Leslie
Catherine Emma DeKors, daughter of Donald & Faith
Claire Elizabeth DeKors, daughter of Donald & Faith
Rosalie Jean Geiser, daughter of Andrew & Elisa
Emalyn Marie Gleason, daughter of Samuel & Mary
Elliot Clark Lutts, son of Josh & Molly

Amaya Hope Ritter, daughter of Trevor & Christine
Jacob William Ritter, son of Trevor & Christine
Blayke Isabella Schulze, daughter of Alexis & Paul
Eden Dianne Sillies, daughter of Logan & Molly
Lola Anne Sunderhaus, daughter of Jeffrey & Stephanie
Anna Jane Taylor, daughter of Christopher & Stacy



Edmund Schindler, 5/22/18
Rose Seiler, 5/25/18
Jack Burger, 6/1/18
Joseph Appelman, 6/6/18
Josephine Sagel, 7/3/18
Mary Moeller, 7/10/18
William Flynn, 7/11/18
Ruth Westerfield, 7/11/18
Alma Bockelman, 7/12/18

Ronald Aichele, 7/15/18
Art “Larry” Schafer, 7/20/18
Marilyn Smith, 7/26/18
Carl Brinkman, 7/26/18
David Evans, 7/30/18
Catherine Holcomb, 8/6/18
Rosemary Brisbin, 8/7/18
John “Jack” Katenkamp, 8/8/18
James “Jim” Kluener, Sr., 8/10/18



St. James School Information

Dear St. James Parishioners,



This is a great time of year when our students return to walk the halls of our school! We look forward to the year ahead full of learning, laughter, prayer, growth, and development. Our entire staff is proud to serve the students of our parish in this ministry.



Over the summer our maintenance and cleaning crews have been very busy preparing for the upcoming school year. Several classrooms and areas throughout the school received a fresh coat of paint. We added a fourth kindergarten classroom with new furniture. Our computer lab was completed renovated from top to bottom with state of the art technology, including two 3D printers! Many of our summer projects happened because of the generosity from the PTO and the Panther Prowl.



Welcome

This year we welcome six new staff members. **Mrs. Megan Cionni** has joined our team as our newest kindergarten teacher. **Miss Kate Gandenberger** is joining the 5th grade team as a Math and Science teacher and is an alumna of St. James. **Ms. Jennifer Zeller** is our new 7th and 8th grade Math teacher. **Mr. Dave Joerger** has taken on the role of our new Physical Education teacher. **Miss Lori Schmitt** is our new intervention specialist for our primary grades. We have a new Speech and Language Pathologist, **Genise Caldwell**. Our new staff members join a team of teachers who are amazing and are dedicated to our students.



Recently, two teachers were honored for their excellence in the classroom. **Miss Stephanie Junker, 1st grade teacher** and **Miss Chris Merritt, 5th grade teacher**, were named “The Best of the Best” as **2018 Outstanding Educators by Cincy Magazine**. Also, **Mr. Dan Greene, a 2nd grade teacher**, was named **a Top Teacher in the Tri-State by Mix 94.9**. We are proud of these teachers who go above and beyond and are committed to excellence for our students. Additionally, **St. James School was awarded the great honor of being named a 2018 Top Workplace by The Cincinnati Enquirer!** We are so honored because this award is based solely on employee feedback!



Over the summer, three of our staff members had the opportunity to travel on a ten-day pilgrimage to the Holy Land as a part of our involvement with the School of Faith program. **Mrs. Riggins, Mrs. Markey, and Miss Paquet** were immersed in the life of Jesus as they literally walked in His footsteps in Jerusalem and the area around the Sea of Galilee. The group celebrated Mass each day at various holy sites and had time for prayer and reflection. Fifteen staff members from our school have been able to go on pilgrimage and we hope others will have this opportunity in the future thanks to the generosity of donors in our community. School of Faith is a program that develops the faith lives of educators so that we can better live out the Catholic faith, be in greater relationship with Jesus, and bring this renewal to our classrooms to benefit our students.



While a new school year is just beginning, it may be time for some parents to begin thinking about school for 2019-2020. We are always happy to provide information to our parishioners who are considering a Catholic education for their child. Please feel free to contact the school office at 741-5333 to find out more about our school or to schedule a tour.

Finally, we want to **thank you** for all of your prayers and support for our school. We feel blessed to be a part of such an incredible community. If you ever have any questions about St. James School, please don't hesitate to contact us. We're excited to begin a new school year!



Sincerely,

Jeffrey Fulmer
Principal

Christina Riggins
Assistant Principal

Dan Beard Council Honors
Principal, Jeff Fulmer as Part of a Great Day for St. James Scouts

Today in America, about 1 in 4 boys will become a Scout, but it is interesting to know that of the leaders in this nation in business, religion and politics, 3 out of 4 were Scouts.

On May 22, Dan Beard Council - Boy Scouts of America held its West Side breakfast, an annual celebration of scouting at which St. James, its school principal and its scouts took the opportunity to shine. St. James Principal, Jeff Fulmer – a prime example of leadership through scouting -- received council's William Henry Harrison Award, earned by his lifelong dedication to scouting programs. He started as a Cub Scout at St. Martin of Tours before joining Troop 238 at Our Lady of Visitation where he earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 1997. He had many great experiences including backpacking at the Philmont ranch in New Mexico and canoeing in the Boundary Waters in Northern Minnesota. He was also involved in a variety of youth training programs, including becoming the Director at Camp Friedlander in 2002, all of which inspired him to become a leader in youth education.



It is fitting – given Mr. Fulmer's successful service at St. James -- that a number of his current and former students appeared with him in scout leadership roles at the May 22 event. All of those involved in St. James Pack 24 and Troop 24 appreciate Principal Fulmer great example of leadership and service, as well as his continued support of scouts in our parish. Congratulations and thank you Mr. Fulmer.



LIFE MINISTRY
Life Is For Everyone

St. James L.I.F.E. Group Fall Dance for Adults with Special Needs

***WHO'S IT FOR? SPECIAL NEEDS ADULTS WANTING TO DANCE, PLAY GAMES
OR JUST ENJOY AN AFTERNOON OUT!***

Date and Location: Sunday, October 21 from 2:00-4:30 PM. at the St James Church Hall.

The Dance has a Fall/Halloween theme which means costumes are welcome but not necessary. It is FREE, but we ask you to bring a canned good for a local food pantry. Drinks and snacks will be provided. There will be dancing, board games and the chance to make a craft. This is sponsored by the St. James L.I.F.E. Group. To RSVP or for more information call 706-0698 or email missmary@cinci.rr.com.

The St. James Memorial Fund Masses will be celebrated on the following dates:
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September 23 – 8:00 am	November 25 – 12:00 Noon
October 28 – 10:00 am	December 15 – 4:30 pm

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass will be offered for those enrolled in the Fund.

The following deceased members have been enrolled in the Memorial Fund:

Ron Wissman, Bob Schulte and Ron Aichele.

Dates to Remember –

Oct. 7	Respect Life Sunday
Oct. 13 & 14	Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick at Masses
Oct. 21	Mission Sunday
Nov. 1	Solemnity of All Saints – Holy Day
Nov. 2	Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls Day)
Nov. 7	Feast of the Dedication of the St. James Church
Nov. 11	Evening Prayer for the Dead
Nov. 22	Thanksgiving Day Mass at 8:30 am
Nov. 25	Solemnity of Christ the King
Dec. 2	First Sunday of Advent