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LITURGIES and SACRAMENTS

Weekend Masses

4:30 p.m. – Saturday

8:00 & 10:00 a.m. – Sunday

Check inside the bulletin

Holy Day Masses

8:30 a.m. – Monday, Tuesday,

Weekday Masses

Wednesday & Friday

Reconciliation

12:30-1:30 p.m. – Saturday

MARRIAGES – Arrangements should be made through the Parish Office at least six months before any other planning. Pre-Cana Conference, FOCCUS, Engaged Encounter or Equivalent, programs are required.

BAPTISM OF CHILDREN – The Sacrament of Baptism for children age seven and younger is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of each month at 11:30 a.m. Parents are required to attend a Parent Information Session which are held the second Thursday of each month prior to scheduling a Baptism.

BECOMING CATHOLIC – We welcome you and your questions about the Catholic Faith. The Journey in Faith to become Catholic is a process known as the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). Please contact Deacon Tim Crooker for inquiries.

NEW PARISHIONERS – Please register in person at the Parish Office as soon as possible.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS OR PARISHIONER STATUS – Please notify the Parish Office if you have had a change of address or phone number, or if a member of your family has gone into a nursing facility or moved out of the household.

BEQUESTS – A bequest to your parish is a way to honor your church and faith of your lifetime. A bequest, included in your will, is exempt from estate and inheritance taxes, and reduces the amount of the estate to be taxed. For more information, please call the Parish Office.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS – Please have bulletin announcements to the Parish Office by noon on Monday.

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WELCOME A JOURNEY IN FAITH

SHOULD I OR SHOULDN'T I?

Life is full of decisions, some big, some small. When we feel the urge to make a life altering decision, we often are conflicted. We feel it is easier to stay where we are even if it is not the best for us simply because it's comfortable enough – it's what we know. Exploring becoming Catholic is a big step. But it is a step that begins a journey to a life full of wonderful gifts, spiritual graces and deep relationships – with God and His people. The process is gentle, nurturing, non-judgmental, and even non-committal in that there is no obligation to become Catholic if after attending sessions for a while a person feels it just isn't right for them at this time. The number of people for this year's sessions are growing. If you are still thinking "should I or shouldn't I," why not give it a try? A warm welcome awaits you! Contact Deacon Tim at 513-741-5325 or email at tcrooker@stjameswhiteoak.com.

OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Religious Education News

Registration for Sunday Preschool is officially closed, we are excited to see you all at our first session!

Parish School of Religion early-bird registration has ended. We are still accepting registrations! You can find the forms online or contact Claire Zink for more details.

PSR is for children in grades 1st-8th who do not attend St. James school and occurs Thursday evenings.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) will be returning on **Sunday, September 12 for the 10:00 a.m. Mass**. This is for children in grades **1st-4th**. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Claire Zink or see St. James website for details.

FORMED

This Tuesday we celebrate The Exaltation of the Cross.

In his talk, "Love – Sacrifice – Trust: He Showed Us the Way," Fr. Mike Schmitz shares important insights on the meaning of Christ's Cross. He shows how God's rescue mission for us includes the need for each person to embrace his own cross in order to reestablish trust in the Father and the understanding that love requires sacrifice.

To subscribe to FORMED, go to: formed.org, create an account and the entire content is free to enjoy! Under "I belong to a Parish or Organization" type or search for St. James the Greater, or you can enter our parish code: K33Y8T. Do you have a favorite FORMED content you'd like to share? Email your recommendation to Deacon Tim Crooker at tcrooker@stjameswhiteoak.com.



ST. JAMES SCHOOL NEWS

This week, the kindergarten through **4th grade** classes will be having a virtual visit with NED!

The NED show will be sharing ideas on how to be kind. This program will also give our school the opportunity to support artists from Kenya. **8th graders** will get to enjoy breakfast with their grandparents on Thursday thanks to the PTO! **2nd grade** families – don't forget the first reconciliation parent meeting is Monday (September 13) at 7:00 p.m.



Tuition Assistance Donations We are pleased to announce that the ESAP Program through the George Hubert Foundation is going to match any donations we receive at St. James up to \$12,000.00 at a rate of 150%! **Therefore if we receive \$12,000.00 in tuition assistance donations by December 1st, ESAP match will be \$18,000.00.** This will give us \$30,000.00 in tuition assistance plus the ESAP donation of \$6,000.00 that is designated to our parish school for a total of \$36,000.00. Please contact Amy Klosterman in the parish office if you need further information. Thank you!

St. James School Child Care Program – St. James School Child Care program is seeking a dynamic and energetic team member for the 2021-2022 school year. The ideal candidate can relate to children, has experience working with children, and has a positive attitude. Hours are from 2:00-6:00 p.m. and days can be flexible between Monday through Friday when school is in session. This is a great position for a college student! Candidates must have a high school diploma or greater, and have fingerprints, background check, and child protection training current with the Archdiocese of Cincinnati prior to starting the position. Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume, and contact information for three references to Eminely Broerman, Child Care Director, via email at ebroerman@stjameswo.org.

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MOMS/WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Are you looking to better understand your Catholic faith? This year our group is studying **SYMBOLON: CATHOLIC FAITH EXPLAINED** from the FORMED website.

We would love to have you join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month from September to May from 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.. If you would like more information, please contact Marilyn Thiemann at thiemannfamily@fuse.net or 513-385-7553.



MISSION APPEAL

On the weekend of September 18th-19th

COAR, which stands for the Community Oscar Arnulfo Romero, will be making an upcoming mission appeal and asking for your donations, prayers, and interest. COAR is now known as the "Children's Village" in El Salvador with 800 day students, 100 in foster care, a medical and dental clinic, pharmacy, trade shops (such as baking and tailoring). COAR's motto is *Women and Men for God and Culture*: the curriculum educates the entire person. To protect the most vulnerable simply requires food, shelter, and house mothers. To educate the children to modernize their economy requires updated computers and new classrooms. Please help us respond to the needs of the most impoverished among us and help them build a better future. For more information please visit: www.coarpeacemission.org. (440)943-7615. Donations are payable to your parish, placed into the 2nd collection, or brought or mailed to the parish later with "COAR" in the memo.



**PREGNANCY CENTER WEST
2021 BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

On September 11th and 12th, St. James White Oak will participate in the annual *Baby Bottle Campaign* to benefit *Pregnancy Center West*. In the past two years, hundreds of babies have been saved at PCW with the success of the ultrasound machine.

This would not have been possible without the generous contributions made by supporters like you!

Baby bottles will be available at the Church entrances on the weekend of September 11th and 12th. Please take one, fill it up change, cash, or checks, and return them during the weekend of September 25th and 26th. In light of COVID-19, all bottles are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before and after each use.

If you prefer to donate without using a baby bottle, visit us at pc-west.org and click on the DONATE button; please enter "St. James White Oak Baby Bottle Campaign" in the comment field. You can also mail a check to Pregnancy Center West at 4900 Glenway Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45238; please write "St. James White Oak Baby Bottle Campaign" in the memo field.

Thank you in advance for your generosity! If you have any questions regarding this campaign, please call us at 513-244-5700.

BEACONS OF LIGHT UPDATE:

COMMENT ON DRAFT "FAMILIES OF PARISHES" – Make sure your voice is heard! Beacons of Light, the archdiocese-wide pastoral planning process currently underway, will result in all parishes being grouped into "Families" under the leadership of one pastor. A draft of this plan will be shared for public comment October 1-20 at www.BeaconsAOC.org. Do not miss this opportunity to provide your input to this important initiative which will shape the future of our archdiocese.

THE CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF SAINT PETER IN CHAINS

extends an invitation to all Greater Cincinnati Police, Fire, and Public Safety Personnel, as well as to the community to attend, in-person, the **17th Annual Blue Mass Celebration**

Sunday, September 26, 2021, Police Chaplain, Reverend Steve Angi, Celebrant
Blessing & Procession begin at 10:45 a.m., with Mass at 11:00 a.m. – followed by a reception
The Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains, 325 W. Eighth Street 45202
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