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EASTER 2024

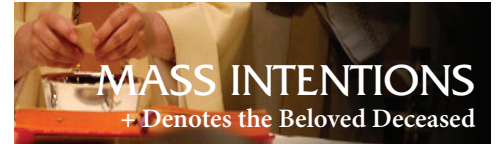
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## PRAYER

### THOUGHTS FOR OUR PARISH CHILDREN

by "Jackie," Fr. Ferguson's Cat

Hi boys and girls! My name is "Jackie," and as you know, I am Father Ferguson's cat. I probably should be going to Confession. That's right! Right now, Father Ferguson is in the kitchen bandaging up several scratches that I just gave him. You see, a few moments ago, I attacked Father with my claws, even though one of the messages of the Easter Season is that the body is special, because Jesus rose from the dead (the Resurrection!) in a body. And that tells us that the body is meant to be holy; we should respect other people's bodies and not hurt them in any way. So, I feel sorry for hurting Father just now. Now, you may be wondering why I scratched Father. Well, he was telling me about how much he loved seeing the "solar eclipse" that occurred this past Monday. Did you see the eclipse? I had never before seen a solar eclipse; it occurs only rarely. That's when the moon lines up in the sky just right, and blocks out the light of the sun. Father said he loved how everything went dark for a couple of minutes. And then he said, "Well, Jackie, you should be used to that, because you're always 'in the dark!'" Hmmm. We cats don't like being made fun of. That's when my claws entered the scene. But after I left Father in pain, I began to marvel at how God created the Universe, like the sun and moon and Earth, to give us special wonders like eclipses. What do you like most about our Universe? Enjoy the ongoing Easter Season, and have a "purr"-fect week!



### Saturday, April 13, 2024

9:00 a.m. Janie (Gg) Armstrong +  
4:30 p.m. Leda Mary Rinaldi Duff +

### Sunday, April 14, 2024

7:30 a.m. For the Living and Deceased  
Members of St. Mary Parish  
9:00 a.m. Nemat Sabbagh +  
11:30 a.m. Darla Quail +  
2:00 p.m. Jose Tello + and Carlos Arias +

### Monday, April 15, 2024

8:15 a.m. The DeAngelis Family

### Tuesday, April 16, 2024

10:00 a.m. Mass at Willow Brook  
Christian Village  
5:30 p.m. Joan Weiser +

### Wednesday, April 17, 2024

8:15 a.m. Mary Bonfante +

### Thursday, April 18, 2024

5:30 p.m. Kathy Gass +

### Friday, April 19, 2024

8:15 a.m. Phillip Packard +

### Saturday, April 20, 2024

9:00 a.m. The Scott Family  
4:30 p.m. Bill Crohen +

### Sunday, April 21, 2024

7:30 a.m. Garth Aldrich +  
9:00 a.m. Nemat Sabbagh + and  
Roger & Samira Lassow +  
11:30 a.m. For the Intentions of  
CGS Children and Families  
2:00 p.m. Michel Guadalupe  
Rosales Flores +

### CONGRATS, FIRST COMMUNICANTS!



Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants! This weekend and next, we will be celebrating this important sacrament with many of our second grade PSR and school students. Let us pray for our young sisters and brothers as they receive the Eucharist for the first time, that they may have a true and ongoing encounter with Christ!

### We Are Here to Help

While attending Mass, should you or a family member need assistance with receiving Communion or anything at all, please let the Ushers and Greeters know. In addition, if you are interested in taking up the gifts, please let us know!

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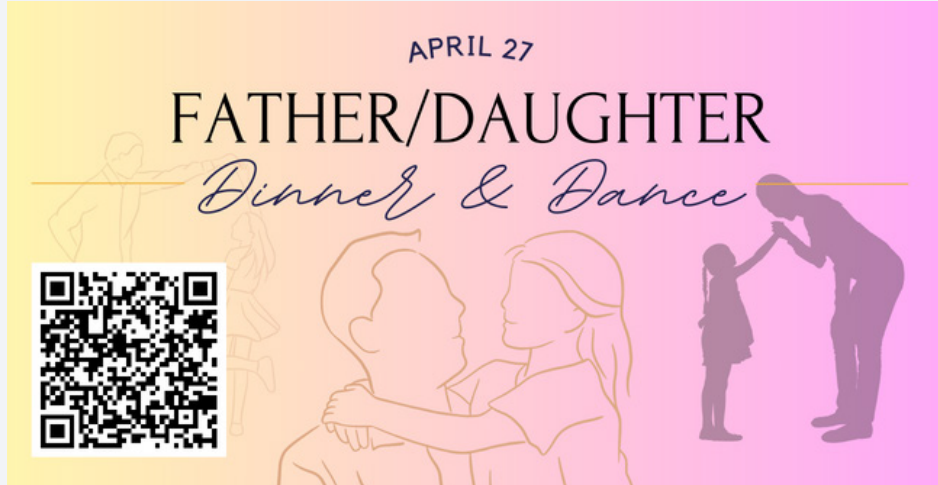
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## PARISH NEWS


**FATHER/DAUGHTER  
DINNER DANCE – APRIL 27**

All parish and school fathers and their (preschool through 8th grade) daughters are invited to join us on April 27 in the Commons from 6:00-8:30 p.m. for a special dance event. Unable to bring your father? Grandfathers, uncles, big brothers, and father figures are also welcome. The cost is \$25.00 per father/daughter pair; additional daughters are \$5.00 each. Register by scanning the QR code or going to [www.osvhub.com/delawarestmary/forms/father-daughter-dance](http://www.osvhub.com/delawarestmary/forms/father-daughter-dance). We look forward to seeing you there!

## WEEKLY PARISH CALENDAR

**Saturday, April 13, 2024**

- 7:00-8:30 a.m. Men's Group (3rd FL)
- 8:00-8:45 a.m. Reconciliation (Church)
- 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. SVdP In-Person Needs Asst Mtgs (Office)
- 3:00-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation (Church)
- 6:00-7:30 p.m. Presentation Church Beautification Plan (CH)
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Hispanic Prayers (3rd FL)
- 7:00-9:00 p.m. Drama Club Performance (BC)

**Sunday, April 14, 2024****First Communion at 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.**

- 10:15-11:00 a.m. Baptism (CH)
- 3:30-5:00 p.m. Pilgrimage Meeting (3rd FL)
- 4:00-8:00 p.m. YM Jesus Movement (BC)
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Middle School/Confirmation Prep
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study (OWU – Crider Lounge)

**Monday, April 15, 2024**

- 4:00-6:00 p.m. CGS L1, L2, L3
- 6:30-8:30 p.m. Cub Scouts Pack 249 (BC)

**Tuesday, April 16, 2024**

- 1:00-3:00 p.m. 55+ Group (3rd Floor)
- 4:00-6:00 p.m. CGS L1, L2, L3
- 7:00-8:30 p.m. Choir Practice (CH)

**Wednesday, April 17, 2024**

- 6:30 p.m. 8:30 p.m. OCI Adults and Children (TL)

**Thursday, April 18, 2024**

- 4:00-6:00 p.m. CGS L1, L2, L3
- 6:00-7:30 p.m. Adoration & Confessions (CH)
- 6:00-7:00 p.m. SPICE Meeting (TL)
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. Festival Planning (3rd FL)

**Friday, April 19, 2024**

- 4:00-5:30 p.m. Little Flowers/Blue Knights (LB)

**Saturday, April 20, 2024**

- 7:00-8:30 a.m. Men's Group (3rd FL)
- 8:00-8:45 a.m. Reconciliation (Church)
- 9:30-11:00 a.m. Well Read Mom (3rd FL)
- 3:00-4:10 p.m. Reconciliation (Church)
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Dad's Playing Basketball (Gym)
- 6:00-8:00 p.m. Hispanic Prayers (3rd FL)

**Sunday, April 21, 2024****First Communion at 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.**

- 10:15-11:15 a.m. Baptism (CH)
- 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Shepherd Sunday Mass (CH)
- 4:00-8:00 p.m. YM Jesus Movement (BC)
- 7:00-8:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study (OWU – Crider Lounge)

Please visit our calendar on our website:  
[www.delawarestmary.org/calendar](http://www.delawarestmary.org/calendar)  
or scan the QR code.

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### ST. MARY CLUB 55+

Club 55+, which meets Tuesdays from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on the third floor of the church office, has an exciting schedule of upcoming activities. Please join us Tuesdays for our enriching activities and make new friends. We will meet on the third floor at 1:00 p.m. before we leave for any offsite activities.

**June 13:** Deer Haven Park lunch & short hike;

**June 20:** Movie and card games;

**June 27:** Yellowstone Park presentation;

**July 4:** No meeting;

**July 11:** Mac Worthington Art Gallery and lunch

**July 18:** Miller's Country Gardens and lunch

Questions? Contact Deb at 440-315-1644 or phleb2000@aol.com.

### HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH MINISTRY – APRIL 14

High School Jesus Movement is back tonight and we have only three nights left! So come join us, new friends are always welcome. Meet at 6:00 p.m. in the gym, dinner provided.

### PSR REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Parish School of Religion (PSR) Registration for 2024-2025 is open for children age 3 through 8th grade! Registration for nonregistered parishioners opens June 1, 2024. Scan the QR code or go to [www.osvhub.com/delawarestmary/forms/faith-formation-24-25](http://www.osvhub.com/delawarestmary/forms/faith-formation-24-25).



## SERVE

### 7:30 A.M. SACRISTAN NEEDED

Are you an early riser that often attends the 7:30 a.m. Mass? Have you been considering getting involved but just aren't sure where you might be needed? St. Mary is looking for individuals who are willing to join the rotation of sacristans for the 7:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. All it takes is a few extra minutes to help set up and clean up the sacred vessels before and after Mass. Please email Wendy Piper, Liturgy Coordinator for more details at [wpiper@delawarestmary.org](mailto:wpiper@delawarestmary.org).

## STEWARDSHIP



### S.P.I.C.E. FUNDRAISER UPDATE

Thank you from the St. Mary Delaware Special People in Catholic Education (S.P.I.C.E.) team! You helped us raise \$632.00 during our annual sock religious fundraiser, which will help fund Professional Development classes for our teaching staff. Also, we would like to invite you to our remaining two meetings for this school year on April 17 and May 16 in the Teacher's Lounge at 6:30 p.m. We welcome you to come join us and help us grow the SPICE team – any parishioner is invited! (Pictured: SPICE team members Jill Hilgefert, Audrey Fayad, and Natasha Decker)

## STEWARDSHIP

	March 24	March 31	April 7
Online Giving	\$10,900.75	\$11,907.75	\$20,261.75
Envelope	\$14,355.88	\$15,096.82	\$17,454.05
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,256.63</b>	<b>\$27,004.57</b>	<b>\$37,715.80</b>
<b>2023-2024 FYTD Total</b>			<b>\$1,015,783.23</b>
<b>Last Year FYTD Total</b>			<b>\$1,099,392.89</b>

**K OF C “MOMMIES MATTER” PIE AND LONG JOHN SALE – PREORDER**  
 The Knights of Columbus are selling Pies and Long Johns from “Der Dutchman” for pickup on Sunday, April 28th, 8:00-11:00 a.m. at the St. Mary Commons!  
**The proceeds will benefit:** Mommies Matter.  
 Thank you for your support of the Knights of Columbus and Mommies Matter.  
 Preorder at <https://kofc1056.square.site>.

### ONLINE GIVING

St. Mary offers Online Giving as a convenient tool for you to use, and we strongly support both Online Giving and Offering Envelopes for contributions to the parish. Please visit our website at [www.delawarestmary.org/offertory](http://www.delawarestmary.org/offertory) to set up your account. For more information, please contact the Parish Office at 740-363-4641 or [stmary@delawarestmary.org](mailto:stmary@delawarestmary.org).



### GIRL SCOUT RECYCLING DRIVE

In conjunction with Earth Day, our Girl Scout troop is recycling school supplies to help the environment. Instead of throwing dried out markers and other school supplies in the trash, they can be recycled and reused. You can drop them off outside of the school office and in the church vestibule.

#### We are accepting:

- Highlighters
- Markers
- Pens
- Pen caps
- Marker caps
- Permanent markers
- Permanent marker caps
- Mechanical pencils

#### NOT accepting:

- Wooden pencils
- Paint brushes
- Trash

### FESTIVAL SPONSORSHIP

Sponsor support is critical to the Festival’s success! We ask that you consider becoming a sponsor as an individual or in your company name. This year, any proceeds from the Festival will be going toward beautifying our historic church! If interested, please go to [www.osvhub.com/delawarestmary/forms/festival-sponsor-registration](http://www.osvhub.com/delawarestmary/forms/festival-sponsor-registration) or email us at [Festival@delawarestmary.org](mailto:Festival@delawarestmary.org).

### FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

Your support is vital in creating a successful Silent Auction for the St. Mary Festival! We’re on the lookout for a diverse array of items to tantalize our bidders this year. If you have an item or service you’d like to donate, please take a moment to complete our form or email [Festival@delawarestmary.org](mailto:Festival@delawarestmary.org). Your generosity will help make this year’s St. Mary Festival an unforgettable event. Thank you for your support! Scan the QR code or go to <https://forms.gle/EnKjLTM14zMsfoYm8> to complete our form.



## AROUND THE DIOCESE

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### YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT VOCATION NIGHT

**APRIL 14 | 6:30-8:30PM**  
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- Ask Questions
- Explore Religious Orders
- Learn to Discern Well
- Free Food

Contact Nathan Forsthoefel: [nforsthoefel@stpacc.org](mailto:nforsthoefel@stpacc.org) | 614.882.2109

ST. PAUL'S YOUNG ADULTS | SAINT PAUL COLUMBIAN

**YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULT VOCATION NIGHT – APRIL 14**  
 St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Westerville is hosting a Youth and Young Adult Vocation Night on April 14th, 6:30-8:30 p.m. The night will feature a fantastic panel of speakers including Father Daniel Olvera, to address questions about God’s plan of life and love for us through vocational preparation and discernment. Dinner is included and registration is not required. All high school students and young adults are invited to attend. The event will take place on St. Paul’s campus in the Klinger Center. Please contact Nathan Forsthoefel at [nforsthoefel@stpacc.org](mailto:nforsthoefel@stpacc.org) for more details.

### SPRING DIOCESAN VOCAL TRAINING PROGRAM WORKSHOP – APRIL 20

We are excited to announce the Spring Diocesan Vocal Training Program Workshop! Even if you have previously attended a workshop, you are invited to join this “voice lesson” style workshop, where we will work on strengthening our vocal skills with vocal exercises, new repertoire and an opportunity to practice chant singing! The workshop will be held at St. Brendan the Navigator in Hilliard, Ohio from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 20. Please email Dawn Beckman at [rtbdb@aol.com](mailto:rtbdb@aol.com) with your reservation. We hope to see you there!

# Building a Culture of Life in Ohio

*A Catholic Approach After Issue 1*



## *The Way Forward...*

### **Remembering Who We Are**

After the tragic passage of Issue 1 in November 2023, we must remember that Catholics can transform the culture. Catholics established the first public hospitals and poor houses. Christianity inspired the abolition of slavery and the recognition that race, gender, and class do not determine a person's dignity.

Today, we can create a state where abortion becomes unthinkable. To do so, we must build a culture of life by...

#### **Proclaiming the Dignity of Life:**

- Serving women and families during and after pregnancy.
- Teaching solidarity with vulnerable people in every circumstance and stage of development in parishes and schools.
- Participating in ministries that encounter the poor and strangers around us.

#### **Bringing Our Faith to Public Policy:**

- Advocating for laws that prioritize the needs of pregnant women and young children.
- Calling for policies that assist family formation from affordable housing to paid leave.
- Opposing the culture of death, including abortion, the death penalty, and assisted suicide.

### **About Issue 1**

An amendment to Ohio's Constitution guaranteeing every "individual" a right to "reproductive decisions" became law on December 7, 2023.

*Pre-existing pro-life laws remain in place until legislative or judicial action.*

### **Current Law in Ohio**

- Abortion is prohibited after twenty weeks post fertilization (*Ohio Rev. Code § 2919.201(A)*).
- Abortion is prohibited on the grounds of a diagnosis of Down syndrome in the unborn child (*Ohio Rev. Code § 2919.10(B)*).
- Abortion providers are subject to various health and safety standards (*Ohio Rev. Code § 2919.201(B)(3)*).
- Miscarriage care has always been available and does not depend on laws related to abortion.

*For more details and updates on pro-family policies in Ohio, visit [ohiocathconf.org](http://ohiocathconf.org) and **subscribe to our newsletter.***



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