

The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption



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January 31, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SAT	5:30 PM	- Jason Brummer (Birthday)
SUN	8:00 AM	- Phyllis Williams
	10:00 AM	- Daniel Dougherty
	12:00 PM	- People of the Parish
MON	7:45 AM	- David Erb
	12:05 PM	- Norma Lang Miller
TUE	7:45 AM	- Richard Miller
	12:05 PM	- Val Milsark
WED	7:45 AM	- Paul Mallamaci
	12:05 PM	- Rosemary Weckbacher
	6:00 PM	- Liv/dec'd Members of the CWC
THU	7:45 AM	- Charles & Marie Rose
	12:05 PM	- Preston John Huck
FRI	7:45 AM	- Liv/dec'd of the Carl & Mary Huck Family
	12:05 PM	- Special Intention for Cynthia "Cindy" Ann Gill
SAT	9:00 AM	- Vincent Huck
	5:30 PM	- Edward Vermaaten, 6 th Anniversary
SUN	8:00 AM	- Harold Gebhart
	10:00 AM	- Richard Crum
	12:00 PM	- People of the Parish

SUNDAY MASSES - Saturday 5:30 PM; Sunday 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM, 12:00 PM
CONFESSIONS - Saturday 3:30-5:00 PM (or anytime by appointment)
BAPTISMS - Contact Parish Office
WEDDINGS - Contact Parish Office *six months in advance*

Rector - Rev. Msgr. John Michael Campbell (fatherjmike@gmail.com)
Parochial Vicar - Rev. Joshua D. Erickson
Permanent Deacon - Rev. Mr. Lee Weisend
Music Director - Mr. John Ontko (740-350-4224, ontkotb@suddenlink.net)
St. Mary School - 320 Marion St, 740-374-8181 (www.stmaryscatholic.org)
School Principal - Elizabeth Tokodi, (elizabethtokodi@stmaryscatholic.org)
DRE - Cecelia Cottrill (ceceliacottrill@stmaryscatholic.org)
Parish Council Chairman - Dennis Blatt
K of C Grand Knight - Mr. David Payne (740-373-7834)
CWC President - Jenn Tinkler
Hibernians - Mr. Tom Binegar, President (740-374-4559)
Prayer Line - & Eucharistic Adoration, Mrs. Shelly Medley (740-525-6360)
Pregnancy Assistance - Women's Care Center (740-374-7123)
Health Ministry - Mrs. Janet Jaeger (740-374-6768)
Daily Bread Kitchen - Mrs. Carol Henshaw (740-885-1181)
St. Vincent De Paul - Help Line (740-376-1334)
Welcoming Committee - Jim Naylor (740) 350-5510

The people who sit in darkness have seen a great light; on those dwelling in a land overshadowed by death, light has risen.

READINGS FOR NEXT SUNDAY:

Jb 7:1-4,6-7; 1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23; Mt 1st 29-39.

2022 MASS BOOK:

We will open the 2022 Mass book on Tuesday, February 9th for scheduling Masses, weddings, meetings and flower requests. Given the size of our parish and the fact that so many families request weekend Masses, **we must limit requests to 6 Sunday Masses per family.**

DIVINE MERCY GIFT SHOP:

The Divine Mercy Gift Shop is open by appointment during the week. Please contact Sue Lambert at 740-434-3456 to arrange a time to shop. You also have the opportunity to shop at our online store at: stmarysmarietta.org/shop.

PRE-CANA

A Pre-Cana Session is scheduled at the Basilica for Saturday, March 13, 2021. Those planning to be married any time this year should register for this session by calling the parish office at 740-373-3643. More information will be mailed to registered couples closer to the time. More information will be mailed to registered couples closer to the session. **Note:** Pre-Cana is a requirement for marriage in the Diocese of Steubenville.

VISITORS WELCOME! We welcome any visitors who are joining us for Mass this weekend. We hope your stay in Marietta is enjoyable. Any new parishioners at the Basilica are asked to please register with the parish office.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

TODAY	6:00 PM	-	7:00 PM – Crossfire Youth Group in the Basilica Social Hall. See announcement.
MON	6:15 PM	-	Our Lady of Perpetual Help Devotions. See announcement.
	7:00 PM	-	RCIA in the Basilica Social Hall.
WED	8:15 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Basilica. See announcement.
	6:00 PM	-	CWC Mass, followed by the business meeting.
THU	8:30 AM	-	9:30 AM – Cleaning the Basilica. Volunteers are welcome.
FRI	8:15 AM	-	7:00 PM – Eucharistic Adoration in the Basilica. See announcement.
SAT	3:30PM	-	Confessions.

The Lord Will Never Be Outdone In Generosity!

Total collection last weekend: \$ 11,031.00

Amount needed each weekend for
the Basilica budget: \$ 14,225.00

God bless those who support our Basilica Parish!

SECOND COLLECTION

We have a second collection on the first weekend of each month for the maintenance of our Basilica. This collection will be taken at all Masses next weekend, February 6th and 7th.

ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

For information on online giving, please visit <http://www.stmarysmarietta.org> and go to the left side of the web page and click on the GIVE ONLINE button to see more information or to sign up.

BASILICA FOUNDATION

A fund has been established by the Marietta Community Foundation for the maintenance and repairs of our Basilica. This fund is separate and unique from the monthly maintenance collection. Our goal is to have at least One Million in the fund before using it. To donate to this fund, contact the Community Foundation.

PRAYING THE ROSARY

Fifth Sunday Rosary: The Knights of Columbus will pray the rosary at 7:30 AM and 9:30 AM this Sunday (before the 8:00AM and 10:00 AM Mass).

SAINT MARY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Catholic Schools Week is being celebrated nationally January 31-February 6, 2021. St. Mary Catholic School is proud to be one of the only schools in the area who have maintained in person learning 5 days per week since we began school in August. We say “**thank you**” to our administration, our teachers, our students, our families, Father Mike and Father Josh and the Basilica parishioners for your support. St. Mary Catholic School is a wonderful educational opportunity for our community and we are proud of the Faith, Excellence and Services that we promote daily.

St. Mary Catholic School is currently registering students for the 2021-2022 Academic year. To schedule a tour or to obtain a registration packet, please call the school office at 740-374-8181 or email Mrs. Bradley at tammibradley@stmaryscatholic.org. Registration materials can also be found on the school website at stmarys.k12.oh.us under the admissions tab.

Save the Dates! Saint Mary Catholic School Lenten Fish Fries will begin Friday, February 19th and will continue every Friday of Lent through March 26th. Fish Fry will be a “Drive Thru” format at the school. Fried fish meals will be \$10.00 and will include fish, french fries, green beans and cole slaw. To volunteer to be on a fish fry team, please call the school office at 740-374-8181.

CLEANING THE BASILICA

Volunteers are cleaning the Basilica Thursday from 8:30 to 9:30 AM. If you would like to help, please join us.

**SAINT MARY
OF THE ASSUMPTION
506 FOURTH STREET
MARIETTA, OHIO 45750**

January 31, 2021

Dear Parishioners,

You are the holy One of God!" Even demons recognized who Jesus was. In the person of Jesus, Son of Mary, God visited his people. Through the words and deeds of Jesus, God's presence became tangible. "Wherever God acts, God is." God was present to the audience in the synagogue through Jesus, simply because the Son of God possessed a divine nature.

In today's world, there are many unclean spirits contrary to the spirit of God. They can be ideas conjured up in our heads, opinions that we have grown accustomed to and accepted, and ways of thinking that are opposed to Jesus' teaching and the commands given by God on Mount Siani. These "false spirits" are the spirits of society which enter our lives to cause chaos within us.

Like the people in the synagogue of Capernaum, we too need to be in awe at the power and message of Jesus. He proved that He was not just another holy man – but rather that He was the very Son of God. The mission of Jesus was confirmed not just by words, but by the power of His deeds.

The authority of Jesus, which was so evident in Capernaum, is now evident in the 263rd successor to St. Peter as head of the Diocese of Rome – specifically in the person of Pope Francis.

In these days when the authority of the Church is questioned, and the "false spirits" tempt us to live contrary to the Gospel, and decide for ourselves what we will or will not believe, the Lord is calling us to be spellbound by His authority and by the authority He has given to His Church.

The devil at Capernaum knew who Jesus was! The devil today knows who Jesus is. The devil today knows in whom the power of Jesus has been entrusted. He trembles in the presence of the Church. He hates our Basilica and Catholic school. He hates Bishop Monforton and all that he wants to do for our Diocese of Steubenville. He shrieks at the authority of Pope Francis, and he is delighted when we question or refuse to accept his authority.

When we experience Jesus, his words and deeds change us. If He could heal a possessed man, can't he heal us of our demons, sins, and failures? All we need to do is trust. Jesus came to proclaim the Good News - sometimes He used words, and, sometimes He healed. But all his words and deeds reflected God's love for us.

Glory to Jesus Christ,

Msgr. John. M. Campbell

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

Tuesday, February 2, The Presentation of the Lord

This feast originated in the fourth century in Jerusalem and came to be celebrated in Rome in the fifth century under the title of "Candlemas Day."

Wednesday, February 3, Saint Blaise (Bishop & Martyr)

Blaise was martyred in the fourth century under the direction of Licinius. He was the bishop of Sebaste in Armenia. He is associated with the healing of throats, and is venerated in the Roman and Eastern Church.

Friday, February 5, Saint Agatha, (Virgin & Martyr)

Agatha was martyred in 251 in Sicily. She is invoked for protection against volcanic eruptions and fires.

Saturday February 6, Saint Paul Miki & Companions (Martyrs)

Paul was a Jesuit scholastic, along with 25 companions who were crucified under the ruler Hideyoshi on February 5, 1597. They were canonized in 1862 by Pope Pius IX.

PILGRIMAGES TO THE BASILICA

The Basilica of Saint Mary of the Assumption welcomes all visitors encouraging them to come, pray, and enjoy our beautiful church. If you are a member of a group who would like to tour our Basilica or make a spiritual pilgrimage, please let us know how we can be of assistance.



**Quiet
Zone**

REVERENTIAL QUIET IN THE BASILICA

It is an ancient tradition in the Church to have a reverential quiet tone in a Catholic Church – especially in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. More and more, this tradition is being ignored in the Basilica. Sometimes, people are trying to pray before or after Mass – we need to respect them. Please observe a quiet tone when you are present in the Basilica.



Perpetual Help Devotions This Monday Evening

Perpetual Help Devotions will be offered this Monday evening at 6:15 pm. All parishioners are invited to participate in this beautiful devotion celebrated in our Basilica. We ask Our Lady to guide and protect our Basilica and each one of us. Jesus Christ Himself invites us to a personal visit with Him in our basilica.

CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK

This week, we celebrate Catholic Schools week. Bishop Monforton will be with us to celebrate our Catholic school. We are grateful to him for his presence and support.



ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of Jesus in the Most Blessed Sacrament takes place in the main Basilica on Wednesday. Jesus stays with us in the Blessed Sacrament to refresh us in mind, in heart and in spirit. Take advantage of Eucharistic Adoration which takes place at our Basilica. Come and visit the Lord in Adoration this Wednesday and/or Friday.

EVENTS AND MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, February 1,

7:45 am. - Mass

12:05 am. - Mass

6:15 pm. - Perpetual Help Devotions

7:00 pm. – RCIA

Tuesday, February 2,

7:45 am. - Mass

12:05 am. - Mass (Bishop)

1:00 pm. – Bishop visits the School

Wednesday, February 3,

7:45 am. - Mass

8:20 am. - Adoration

12:05 pm. - Mass

7:00 pm. - Reposition of the Eucharist

Thursday, February 4,

7:45 am. - Mass

12:05 pm. - Mass

Friday, February 5,

8:00 am. - Mass

8:20 am. - Adoration

10:00 am. - Mass

7:00 pm. – Reposition of the Eucharist

Saturday, February 6

9:00 am. - Mass

3:30 pm. - Confessions

5:30 pm. - Mass

Sunday February 7,

8:00 am. - Mass

9:30 am. - Mass - (St. Henry's)

10:00 am. - Mass

12:00 pm. - Mass

Special Events & Scheduled Pilgrimages at the Basilica:

Feb. - 2, - Catholic Schools Week 2021.

Feb. - 28, - Bishop at Saint Henry Church for Mass

Feb. - 28, - 2:00 pm - Diocesan Rite of Election

Mar. - 2, - First Confession

May - 2, - First Communion

May - 19, - PCHS Baccalaureate Mass (Basilica)

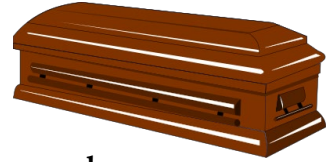
Amid the pandemic, sainthood cause of nun who served poor hit by epidemics advances

An English Catholic bishop welcomed on Thursday a step forward in the sainthood cause of a religious sister who served poor communities ravaged by cholera and typhoid. Bishop Mark Davies of Shrewsbury said on Jan. 21 that it was fitting that Elizabeth Prout's cause was progressing amid the coronavirus pandemic. The nun known as the "Mother Teresa of Manchester," meaning that she can now be called "Venerable." The bishop called her "a pioneer of education," who established day and night schools for the industrial poor and homes of refuge for young women working in factories.

Youth Meeting! DTS TONIGHT!

There will be one Youth Group meeting per month for the first half of 2021 that is, a one-hour meeting on the last Sunday of each month. The first meetings will be held, from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. in the Basilica Social Hall, and we expect everyone to wear masks and social distance appropriately. We will not have snacks. or drinks, but you are more than welcome to bring your own. Feel free to invite any 8th-12th graders that you think would like to attend with us!

Deceased Priests of the Diocese



On Monday, we remember the 59th anniversary of the death of Fr. Edwin Yocke. On Thursday, 20th anniversary of the death of Fr. Francis Rothbauer. On Friday, we remember the 2nd anniversary of the death of Msgr. William Myers. On Saturday, we remember the 56th anniversary of the death of Fr. Noah Bruner, and the 27th anniversary of the death of Fr. Dominic Orsini. Next Sunday, we remember the 23rd anniversary of the death of Msgr. Joseph Pollack. These priests served the Diocese of Steubenville to the best of their ability. May they rest in the loving arms of the Risen Lord.

Catholic priest in Nigeria found dead after abduction



The body of a Catholic priest was discovered in Nigeria last Saturday, a day after he was kidnapped by armed men. Fr. John Gbakaan “was allegedly executed with a machete in such a brutal manner that identification was hardly possible.

The priest of the diocese of Minna, in Nigeria’s Middle Belt, was attacked by unidentified men on the evening of Jan. 15. He was traveling with his younger brother along Lambata-Lapai Road in Niger State following a visit to their mother.

At first the attackers demanded 30 million naira (around \$70,000) for the two brothers’ release, later reducing the figure to five million naira (approximately \$12,000). Local media said that the priest’s body was found tied to a tree on Jan. 16. His vehicle, a Toyota Venza, was also recovered. His brother remains missing. Following Gbakaan’s murder, Christian leaders called on Nigeria’s federal government to take action to stop attacks on clergy. “All we are asking from the government is protection from evil men that are destroying our lives and properties.”

The incident is the latest in a series of abductions of clergy in Africa’s most populous country. On Dec. 27, Bishop Moses Chikwe, an auxiliary of the archdiocese of Owerri, was abducted alongside his driver. He was released after five days of captivity. The spate of kidnappings was discouraging young men from pursuing priestly vocations. “Today in northern Nigeria, many people are living in fear and many young people are afraid to become pastors because pastors’ lives are in great danger.”

When bandits or kidnappers realize that their victims are priests or pastors, it seems a violent spirit does take over their heart to demand more ransom and in some cases go to the extent of killing the victim. Security in Nigeria had deteriorated to the point that the country had entered the top 10 worst countries for the persecution of Christians.

Catholic saints among those to be honored in garden of American heroes



The National Garden of American Heroes will include statues of many notable Catholic figures, including five saints and numerous people who are on the path to sainthood.

President Donald Trump announced in an executive order Jan. 18 that a garden will be built to “reflect the awesome splendor of our country’s timeless exceptionalism,” and to serve as a response to the spate of vandalism on statues during the summer of 2020.

“On (the National Garden’s) grounds, the devastation and discord of this moment will be overcome with abiding love of country and lasting patriotism,” said Trump. “America is responding to the tragic toppling of monuments to our founding generation and the giants of our past by commencing a new national project for their restoration, veneration, and celebration.”

The executive order included a list of names who will be featured in the park; Trump referred to these figures as people who embody “the American spirit of daring and defiance, excellence and adventure, courage and confidence, loyalty and love. Astounding the world by the sheer power of their example, each one of them has contributed indispensably to America’s noble history, the best chapters of which are still to come,” said Trump.

Among those who will be memorialized will include St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, the first American saint; St. Katharine Drexel, the first born-U.S. citizen to be canonized; St. John Neumann; and St. Junipero Serra, the first saint canonized on U.S. soil. Ven. Fulton Sheen and Ven. Augustus Tolton, one of the first black priests in the United States, as well as Servant of God Dorothy Day, will be honored.

Archbishop John Carroll, S.J., the first Catholic archbishop in the United States, will also be included, as will March for Life founder Nellie Gray, poet and activist Fr. Thomas Merton, OCSO, and Fr. John P. Washington, a US Army chaplain who died helping save soldiers on the sinking *Dorchester* during World War II.

The first Catholic president, John F. Kennedy, is one of the 17 presidents who will be featured in the National Garden. Other Catholic political figures who will be honored include Charles Carroll, the only Catholic signer of the Declaration of Independence; William F. Buckley; 20th century playwright and Congresswoman Clare Boothe Luce; and Antonin Scalia.

Catholic athletes who will be enshrined in the garden include Kobe Bryant, Roberto Clemente, Vince Lombardi, Babe Ruth, and Jim Thorpe. Not everyone on the list was a U.S. citizen, or even lived in what is now the United States. Christopher Columbus, statues of whom were frequently targeted over the summer of 2020, is set to be honored in the National Garden of American heroes.

“The National Garden will feature a roll call of heroes who deserve honor, recognition, and lasting tribute because of the battles they won, the ideas they championed, the diseases they cured, the lives they saved, the heights they achieved, and the hope they passed down to all of us — that united as one American people trusting in God, there is no challenge that cannot be overcome and no dream that is beyond our reach,” said Trump in the executive order.

Cathedral in Toledo, Ohio vandalized with message



'Jesus is Black'

Police in Toledo, Ohio are investigating a suspected arson attack on Our Lady, Queen of the Most Holy Rosary Cathedral involving an attempted fire and a spray-painted message on the outer walls reading "Jesus is Black."

The incident, which left an estimated \$5,000 in damage, happened shortly before 2:30 am Jan. 18. A neighbor said he saw a lone man outside the church, and called the

police when he saw the fire. Police have not yet announced any suspects but have determined the fire was arson.

Fire crews on the scene did not find active flames, but did find evidence of a flash fire at the front entry doors which had extinguished itself. The fire damage was confined to the outer doors and trim. The Diocese of Toledo in a Jan. 19 statement thanked first responders and encouraged anyone with information about the incident to contact the Toledo Police Department. "We are alarmed and heartsick by what occurred at the mother church of the Diocese of Toledo, a sacred building, a house of worship and an historical, architectural and spiritual treasure," the statement read.

As the damage to the Cathedral is assessed, there is an ongoing investigation to determine whether the acts were religious, racial or ethnic in nature. Several incidents of racially-motivated graffiti left on church buildings have been reported throughout the United States since last summer, when protests erupted throughout the country in response to the May 2020 killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police.

St. Patrick's Cathedral in New York City on June 1, 2020 was tagged with various graffiti, including profanities, "No justice, no peace," and "BLM" (Black Lives Matter)." The name of George Floyd, a black man killed by police in May 2020, was also written on the stairs outside the cathedral.

The Cathedral Basilica of the Immaculate Conception in Denver was defaced with graffiti during a racially-charged protest the same day, with rioters spray-painting slogans such as "GOD IS DEAD" and "PEDOFILES" on the church's exterior.

St. Peter Chaldean Catholic Cathedral in El Cajon, California on Sept. 25, 2020 was defaced with graffiti depicting "pentagrams, upside down crosses, white power, swastikas," as well as slogans such as "BLM".

St. Patrick's Cathedral was again targeted Jan. 1 by protesters affiliated with Black Lives Matter Brooklyn and Justice for George, the New York Post reported. Police found the phrase "ACAB," a derogatory phrase aimed at police, spray painted on the church.

San Francisco archbishop responds to Pelosi:

'No Catholic in good conscience can favor abortion'



The Archbishop of San Francisco last Thursday responded to the Speaker of the House accusing pro-life Trump voters of being sellouts.

In a Jan. 18 podcast with former senator and presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-Calif.) said that support of pro-life voters for former President Donald Trump was an issue that “gives me great grief as a Catholic.”

“I think that Donald Trump is president because of the issue of a woman’s right to choose,” she said of abortion, implying that pro-life voters boosted Trump to victory in 2016. She added that these voters “were willing to sell the whole democracy down the river for that one issue.”

Last Thursday, Pelosi’s archbishop responded to her comments on abortion and voting. “No Catholic in good conscience can favor abortion,” said Archbishop Salvatore Cordileone of San Francisco, Pelosi’s home diocese, in a statement issued on Thursday. “Our land is soaked with the blood of the innocent, and it must stop.”

Pelosi has long supported abortion despite her Catholic faith. In 2008, she said on NBC’s “Meet the Press” regarding when life begins, “over the centuries, the doctors of the church have not been able to make that definition.” She said that her Catholic faith “shouldn’t have an impact on a woman’s right to choose.” Archbishop Cordileone clarified that “Nancy Pelosi does not speak for the Catholic Church.”

“And on the question of the equal dignity of human life in the womb, she [Pelosi] also speaks in direct contradiction to a fundamental human right that Catholic teaching has consistently championed for 2,000 years,” Cordileone said. The archbishop added that Pelosi’s use of the phrase “right to choose” in reference to abortion “is a smokescreen for perpetuating an entire industry that profits from one of the most heinous evils imaginable.” In 2010, the previous archbishop of San Francisco—George Niederauer—called Pelosi’s support for abortion “entirely incompatible with Catholic teaching.”

Cordileone thanked Archbishop Gomez for restating the conference’s priority and added that just because abortion is a “preeminent” concern does not mean it is the “only” concern of the conference.

“In his inaugural speech yesterday, President Biden gave a moving call to unity and healing,” Cordileone said, and added that Pelosi’s accusations against pro-lifers were “not the language of unity and healing. She owes these voters an apology. Christians have always understood that the commandment, ‘Thou shall not kill,’ applies to all life, including life in the womb,” Cordileone said. “Pope Francis continues this unbroken teaching.”

MASKS ARE REQUIRED IN CHURCH

The Health Department, doctors in our Basilica parish, the governor and the bishops of Ohio ask that we take this virus very seriously. **Please, please, please wear a face mask at all Masses, and while in church as well – for the protection of yourselves and others. Do not remove your mask after entering your pew.** Masks are available at the entrance of the Basilica for those who do not have one.

2020 CHURCH CONTRIBUTION RECORDS

If you need a copy of your complete church contributions for 2020 please call the parish office, 740-373-3643 and we will mail them to you. If you wish to pick up your record, please call ahead. **Note:** Your statement will include donations made to our Saint Vincent dePaul Society in 2020. The statement will not include donations made to the 2020 Diocesan/Parish Share Campaign as the diocese will mail that information to you.

THIS WEEKEND'S FLOWERS

This weekend the roses and the flowers for the altar are in honor of Bob Dickson's Birthday. If you would like to request flowers for a particular weekend in memory or in honor of someone, please call the parish office to reserve a date. You may contact the florist of your choice for delivery.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office is open from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Mondays and from 9:00 AM until 4:00 PM Tuesday through Friday with a lunch break from Noon until 1:00 PM each day.

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ST. MARY'S ALUMNI REUNION

Due to the COVID 19 Virus, we have rescheduled our next Alumni Reunion. The new date is July 9, 2022. Please mark your calendars.

K OF C FREE THROW CONTEST

The Annual Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest will be held at St. Mary Catholic School in Marietta at 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 7th. The competition is open to male and females ages 9-14 (age as of January 1st.) Local winners will have the opportunity, based on shots made, to be awarded championship at the state level and subsequently compete at the supreme/national competition!

Realize, due to Covid pandemic, the regional and state contest have been cancelled. Applications are available the day of competition requiring a parent/guardian signature. Covid protocols will be followed for the safety of the children and all attendees.

PLEASE RSVP if you plan to attend so we can prepare for adequate social distancing and protocols based on number of participants to Vince, 740-350-4612 or email vstollar@suddenlink.net.

CWC NEWS

The Catholic Woman's Club will have a business meeting following the 6:00 PM Mass this Wednesday evening, February 3rd.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bulletin announcements should be in by Noon on Wednesday. This way you can be sure your announcement will be in the following weekend's bulletin. Announcements must be in writing. We do not accept bulletin announcements by phone.

PRAY FOR THOSE IN THE MILITARY

We pray for all of the men and women who are serving our country in the military. We especially remember those for our own parish and friends and relatives of our parishioners. May God watch over them and keep them safe.

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH

The annual Propagation Collection will be taken up at all Masses next weekend. Envelopes were provided with your monthly packet and should be put in the regular collection. Please be generous.