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Second Sunday of Lent • March 1, 2026

MASS SCHEDULE

Monday-Friday 7:00 & 11:45 a.m.

Saturday 7:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m. (Anticipated)

Sunday 7:00, 9:00, 10:30 a.m. &

12:00 Noon (*ad orientem*)

Holy Days of Obligation: 6:30 p.m. (Anticipated),

7:00 & 10:00 a.m.,

12:00 Noon (*ad orientem*), 6:30 p.m.

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CONFESSIONS Monday-Friday: 12:15 p.m. until all are heard

Saturday: 4:00-5:00 p.m. • Sunday: thirty minutes before each Mass

First Wednesday: 7:00 p.m. until all are heard (Gallery Confessional)

DEVOTIONS

The Holy Rosary follows the 11:45 a.m. Mass on weekdays. The Dominican Rosary is prayed at 4:30 p.m. on Saturdays and 8:30 a.m. on Sundays.

Eucharistic Adoration 12:15-8:00 p.m. on Tuesdays.

Novena to St. Margaret of Castello (with the veneration of her relic) follows the 7:00 a.m. and 11:45 a.m. Masses on Wednesdays.

Holy Hour with Benediction 12:15-1:15 p.m. on Fridays.

Fatima Devotions follow the 7:00 a.m. Mass on First Saturdays.

All Night Eucharistic Adoration for Life Third Friday of the month from 8:00 p.m. until Benediction at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday, with recitation of the Holy Rosary at a local abortion facility following the Saturday 7:00 a.m. Mass.

All Night Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations Fourth Friday of the month from 8:00 p.m. until Benediction at 6:45 a.m. on Saturday.

Stations of the Cross (during Lent) 7:00 p.m. on Fridays.

The St. Gerard Mother's Blessing and enrollments in the Angelic Warfare Confraternity and the Rosary Confraternity are scheduled three times during the year after all Masses.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM Sundays at 1:15 p.m. Please contact the parish office to schedule your child's baptism. First-time parents must attend a baptism class on the second Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY Please contact the parish office at least nine months before your intended wedding date to fill out a Marriage Request Form. Non-parishioners must receive the permission of their pastor before scheduling their wedding at St. Patrick's.

PASTORAL CARE OF THE SICK Parishioners experiencing a medical emergency requiring the sacraments for someone in danger of death should call 614-224-9522, and press "8" to contact the priest on duty. Homebound parishioners who would like to schedule monthly visits from a priest and/or weekly visits from an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion to the Homebound should contact the parish office.

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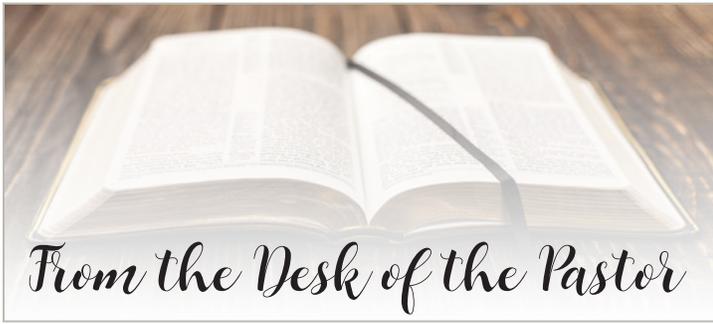
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Dominican Friars

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Please submit bulletin items a minimum of one week in advance of publication to Keelin Johnson, Bulletin Editor, at keelinjohnson@stpatrickcolumbus.org.



We're very blessed to welcome Fr. Joseph-Anthony Kress this weekend, who is our parish mission preacher. Father Joseph-Anthony is no stranger to St. Patrick's: he spent a summer here in 2012, helping with Vacation Bible School, and I know that he continued to remain in contact with a number of parishioners over the years. He is a native of St. Clairsville, Ohio and a graduate of Franciscan University of Steubenville, but his parent now live in Powell, so he is one of our local friars, who comes back to the Columbus area regularly to visit his family.

Since his ordination in 2016, Fr. Joseph-Anthony has been a campus minister at the University of Virginia, and also a friar on the podcast *Godsplaining*. Hopefully you've had a chance to listen to him on occasion! Since 2024, he has been serving as the Promoter of the Rosary for the Dominican Province of St. Joseph (a position I held for two years, but which I had to resign upon becoming pastor – Fr. Joseph-Anthony took over for me!). As Promoter of the Rosary, one of Fr. Joseph-Anthony's roles is preaching about the Rosary, and he wanted to make that the theme of this year's mission. He will be preaching at all Masses this weekend, and will be celebrating the 11:45 a.m. Mass on the days of the mission. His mission talk will be on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. – you don't want to miss it!

In addition to daily Mass and the evening mission talk, we will have Eucharistic adoration on all three days of the mission between the midday Mass and the evening talk. My hope is that like last year, this will allow the parish mission to be more than just a series of talks, but more like a parish retreat, in which we can step back from our regular routine and enter into the days of this Lenten season with more fervent prayer. If you can't make the mission talk in the evening, consider coming to Mass or signing up for adoration during the day. We still need several adorers, especially on Monday and Wednesday. Adoration will conclude with a 6:30 p.m. Rosary, followed by Benediction right before the evening talk. Confessions will be available each day both after the 11:45 a.m. Mass and the mission talk.

Our parish will also be blessed with another exciting opportunity on March 13th – a special presentation on the Ulma Family, a recently beatified family from Poland, with the opportunity to venerate their relics. My Dominican brother, Fr. Jonathan Kalisch, who works with the Supreme Council of the Knights of Columbus in New Haven, Connecticut, reached out to me about this opportunity. The Knights have been busy promoting the cause of the Ulma Family, who were a Polish Catholic family known for hiding Jews in their home during the

Holocaust. They were eventually caught and killed for their heroic actions, and were beatified in 2023. Father Kalisch was already coming to Marion for a presentation later that weekend, and he asked if St. Patrick's would be interested. I couldn't turn down such a great opportunity! Please join us on Friday evening, March 13th, at 7:30 p.m., following the Stations of the Cross. Father Kalisch will preach about the Ulma Family, and then present their relics for veneration.

Wishing you many continued blessings during this Lenten season!

God bless you,
Fr. Paul, O.P.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

Please note the earlier deadlines for Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday

Deadline for March 15 is March 6

Deadline for March 22 is March 13

Deadline for March 29 is March 18

Deadline for April 5 is March 25

Submit at: keelinjohnson@stpatrickcolumbus.org



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED



David Philip Joseph Boyden

Son of Adam & Rebekah (Schlater) Boyden

February 21

Florence Esther Zehnder

Daughter of Karl & Isabelle (Dowdell) Zehnder

February 22

Joseph Weil Viers

Son of Robert & Mirella (Harrington) Viers

February 22

BAPTISM CLASS FOR FIRST-TIME PARENTS

The next session will be Wednesday, March 11 at 7:00 p.m. Please register in the Parish Office by March 9. Future classes will take place on the second Wednesday of each month.

PARKING REMINDERS

Fridays in Lent

Columbus State Lot 15-E (adjacent to St. Patrick's lot) is available for parking without charge every Friday in Lent from 5:00-8:00 p.m. for the Lenten Fish Fries and Stations of the Cross.

MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS



SATURDAY, February 28

5:00 p.m. Joe Conway

SUNDAY, March 1 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00 a.m. The Kurtis Kiesel Family

9:00 a.m. The Matt Family

10:30 a.m. Pro Populo

12:00 p.m. +Richard and Eileen Baumer

MONDAY, March 2

7:00 a.m. Helena Grace Marie Boyden

11:45 a.m. For the Deceased Brothers, Sisters, Parents,
Familiars, and Benefactors of
the Order of Preachers

TUESDAY, March 3

7:00 a.m. Carol Shaw

11:45 a.m. Living and Deceased of the Kreber and
Higgins Families

WEDNESDAY, March 4

7:00 a.m. +Janet Baird

11:45 a.m. Deborah Sheridan

THURSDAY, March 5

7:00 a.m. +Bill McCarrick

11:45 a.m. Bill and Barb Shea

FRIDAY, March 6

7:00 a.m. +Deborah Sasser

11:45 a.m. +Sr. Gerald Helene Connelly

SATURDAY, March 7

7:00 a.m. Billy Casadonte

5:00 p.m. Jeffrey Thomas Wiggins

SUNDAY, March 8 – THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

7:00 a.m. Pro Populo

9:00 a.m. +Dominic Pelino

10:30 a.m. +Ryan C. Yelic

12:00 p.m. Vincent DiSabato

DATES TO REMEMBER

Sunday, March 1

Donut Sunday

8:00 a.m. Chorus Angelorum (AH)

10:15 a.m. CCD (2nd Fl., Lower Level, AH)

1:15 p.m. OCIA make-up (AH)

1:15 p.m. Baptism

Monday, March 2

Lenten Parish Mission (see next page for details)

Tuesday, March 3

Lenten Parish Mission

Wednesday, March 4

Lenten Parish Mission

9:30 a.m. Women's Book Group (AH)

7:00 p.m. OCIA (AH)

7:00 p.m. Choir (PH)

7:30 p.m. Catholic in Recovery (Lib., dePorres)

7:30 p.m. Confessions (Gallery)

Thursday, March 5

9:30 a.m. Martha Mary Sewing (Kolbe)

7:00 p.m. Junior High Youth Group (Ch., PH, Lib.)

7:00 p.m. Confraternity of Christian Mothers (AH)

Friday, March 6

9:30 a.m. CGS (AH, Lower Level, 2nd Fl.)

12:15 p.m. Catholic Men's Luncheon (PH)

5:00-7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 7

7:30 a.m. LFSD (Ch.)

8:30 a.m. LFSD Classes (Billiard)

Sunday, March 8

8:00 a.m. Chorus Angelorum (AH)

10:15 a.m. CCD (2nd Fl., Lower Level, AH)

12:00 p.m. OCIA First Scrutiny

1:15 p.m. OCIA make-up

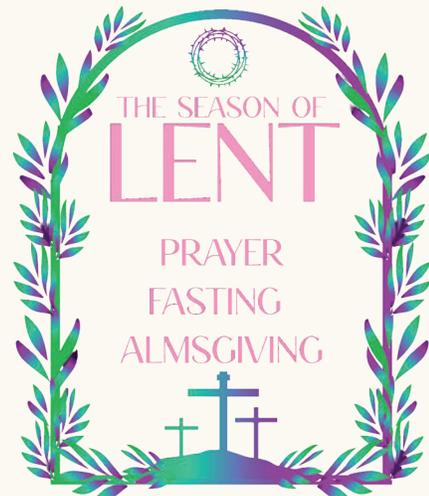


CONFRATERNITY OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Please join us on this spiritual journey. Our meetings are held on the third Thursday of every month at 7:00 p.m. in the Kolbe classroom. We

pray the Dominican Rosary and listen to a presentation from our Chaplain, Fr. Edmund, or another Dominican friar. All are welcome! Contact Beth Atkinson with any questions at 740-404-1913 or bethatkinson@msn.com.

Please join the Rosary Confraternity in praying the Dominican Rosary every weekend on Saturday evenings at 4:30 before the 5:00 p.m. Mass and on Sunday mornings at 8:30 before the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Dominican Rosary cards are located near the Rosary stand in the Gallery. We sit in the pews in front of the Marian statue in church.





THE ROSARY: Our Lady's Lasso

A Lenten Parish Mission with
Fr. Joseph-Anthony Kress, O.P.

March 2, 3, and 4, 2026

DAILY SCHEDULE

11:45am Mass, followed by Confessions

All-Day Eucharistic Adoration

6:30pm Rosary, followed by Benediction

7:00pm Mission Talk,
followed by Confessions



*Scan the QR Code to sign up for
Eucharistic Adoration during the Parish Mission*



Fr. Joseph-Anthony Kress, O.P. is the
Promoter of the Rosary for the
Dominican Province of St. Joseph, and
is heard regularly on the podcast
Godsplaining




FISH FRIES AT ST. PATRICK

Downtown Columbus | 280 N. Grant Ave.
Park east side of church

February 20 & 27 | March 6, 13, 20 & 27
5 pm to 7 pm (Stations of the Cross 7 pm)

Menu (Dine-in or carryout):
Fried Cod or Baked Fish
Baked Potato or Sweet Potato, or Fries
Mac 'n Cheese
Cole Slaw
Desserts, Beverages Included

Cost (cash or credit/debit card):
Senior (65+): \$11
Adult (13-64): \$13
Children (5-12): \$6
(Includes 1 piece of fish and pancakes if desired)
Family: \$50 | Children 5 and under FREE

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To join our Council, go to www.kofc.org/join




THOUGHTS ON ADORATION

“Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the real presence that we can approach in the hope of being transformed, healed and forever changed.”

From *Jesus, Present Before Me*
by Fr. Peter John Cameron O.P.

Come spend time with Jesus, in the Most Blessed Sacrament, on **TUESDAYS** from 12:15 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. To sign up as a Eucharistic Guardian for TUESDAYS, contact Amy Moore Zehala at 330-717-0367 or sjzamz830@gmail.com

Every **THIRD FRIDAY:**
All Night Adoration for Life
(8:00 p.m., Friday until 6:45 a.m., Saturday)

Every **FOURTH FRIDAY:**
All Night Adoration for Vocations
(8:00 p.m., Friday until 6:45 a.m., Saturday)
To sign up as a Eucharistic Guardian for THIRD or FOURTH FRIDAYS, contact Carla Adams at 614-404-7637 or carla.adams1111@gmail.com.



3RD ANNUAL AQUINAS LECTURE

***Life in the Spirit:
Activating Your
Divine Gifts***



presented by Fr. Humbert Kilanowski, O.P.
Associate Professor of Mathematics
Providence College

A free-will offering will be taken

**Tuesday, March 10,
2026
Aquinas Hall
7:00pm**

PARISH FEAST DAY CELEBRATION

Solemnity of St. Patrick

Monday, March 16, 2026



ARTWORK: St. Patrick, Bernadette Carstensen

Mass begins at 6:30 p.m. followed by festivities until 10:00 p.m.
Mass and Torch-lit Procession, Irish Tea and Music

Please join us for a special Mass in honor of our Patron, St. Patrick, followed by a solemn torch-lit procession to the Litany of Irish Saints accompanied by Pipes and Drums (weather permitting). Stay afterward for our traditional Irish Party and Ceili, featuring traditional Irish music by **The Kells!** Irish dancers in the parish are invited to perform at the celebration in costume.

PASTRIES, SODA BREAD, TEA AND PUNCH
Beer will be available for purchase

All parishioners, family, and friends are invited to our celebration in honor of St. Patrick to ask the intercession of our heavenly patron for blessings on our parish and the blessing of peace in Ireland and throughout the world.

Plenary Indulgence: One can obtain a plenary indulgence by a visit to a parish church on the feast of its patron. The conditions for receiving the indulgence are that during the visit, one must offer prayers for the pope (the Creed and the Our Father) and within 20 days make a Sacramental Confession and receive Holy Communion.



What is Fasting and Abstinence?

Fasting is the limitation of food, allowing a person to eat one full meal and two smaller meals, with no solid food in between. The two smaller meals combined should not exceed the amount of the full meal. All Catholics ages 18-59 are obliged to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence prohibits the eating of meat (beast or fowl), though eggs, milk, and cheese are permitted. All Catholics from age 14 onward are obliged to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all the Fridays of Lent, and Good Friday.

Easter Duty Obligation

Each of the faithful, after having received their first Holy Communion, is obliged to receive Holy Communion during the Easter season (Canon 920). This is traditionally linked to the requirement to confess grave sins at least once a year (Canon 989).

St. Patrick Stations of the Cross

St. Patrick's offers Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m., immediately following the Knights of Columbus Fish Fries.

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Patrick's offers Eucharistic Adoration every Tuesday from 12:15-8:00 p.m., a holy hour on Fridays from 12:15-1:15 p.m., and all-night adoration on the third and fourth Fridays of the month.

Adoration during the Parish Mission:

March 2, 3, and 4 after the 11:45 a.m. Mass until 6:30 p.m.
Rosary and Benediction

Confessions

In addition to regular confession times, each Wednesday evening of Lent St. Patrick's will offer confessions in the Gallery Confessional:

- March 4 – 7:30 p.m. (after the Parish Mission)
- March 11, 18 and 25 – 7:00 p.m.
- April 1 – 7:30 p.m. (after Solemn Vespers)

There will be no confessions on Palm Sunday, Holy Saturday, or Easter Sunday.

DIACONATE ORDINATION AND FIRST HOMILY OF

DEACON SHANE GERRITY

With gratitude to Almighty God, we are pleased to announce that Shane Gerrity, a son of the parish, will be ordained a transitional deacon on Saturday, March 14, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Cathedral by the Most Rev. Earl K. Fernandes, Bishop of Columbus.

All are cordially invited to the ordination Mass.

Due to limited parking at the Cathedral, parishioners who wish to park at St. Patrick's and walk to the Cathedral may do so.

On Sunday, March 15th, Deacon Gerrity will preach his first homily at the 9:00 a.m. Mass. A light reception will follow in Patrick Hall. Congratulations to Shane, and please pray for him as he enters his final year of formation ahead of his priestly ordination in May 2027.

COLUMBUS FRASSATI SOCIETY

Columbus Frassati Society invites those in their 20s and 30s to watch OSU take on Notre Dame:

OSU Hockey v. Notre Dame

Friday, March 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Schottenstein Center

(555 Borrer Drive, Columbus, OH 43210)

Cost: \$16.00 cash/Venmo/PayPal

(Discounted for our group!)

Join us to cheer on The Ohio State University men's hockey team as they play Notre Dame.

If you'd like to join us, please pay for your ticket online via PayPal to sarahsfrassatiwallet@gmail.com (choose the "send money to a friend" option) or via Venmo to @sarahsfrassatiwallet (phone last four: 1614) or pay Sarah in person sometime before the game. We will need your email address so we can transfer the tickets before the game. RSVP to columbusfrassatisociety@gmail.com or call/text Sarah at 937-212-1614.



Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Parish Library

Catholic Sacramental recovery resources for those seeking freedom from alcoholism and drug addiction. For more information, please visit: www.catholicinrecovery.com or contact Jon at 614-588-4022 or circolumbus@gmail.com.

If you cannot attend on Wednesdays, please join us at St. Peter Church, 6899 Smoky Row Road, Columbus, OH 43235 on Mondays at 8:00 p.m.

The March For Life 2026 Testimonies

When we were at the Basilica the first night, the bishop had a beautiful homily and said, “the next generation should be astonished that abortion was even legal.” This touched me because I realized that I want abortion to end now. I love to march for life but I don’t want to do it forever because we all want the murder of unborn babies to end. I am the pro-life generation and I am determined to make abortion illegal so that one day my children will be shocked that the murder of unborn babies was allowed. -Audrey Frey (age 15)



The March was really cool because I have never been before and I saw just how many people there were. I never expected there would be so many people there. -Jacinta Noblet (age 11)

My favorite part of the March for Life was hearing Abby Johnson’s story. It was cool because you can believe that people can really change what they believe in. - Julianna Vance (age 11)

This is my 4th time on the March for Life. While praying at Planned Parenthood, we were able to educate a person who had just moved into the neighborhood about what was truly going on inside. This experience definitely makes me want to be there for mothers in my hometown. I look forward to sidewalk counseling with my mom. -Adayle Morrison (age 11)



Attending the March for Life was a true blessing for my family. It was tremendous to see the Church living and breathing-- so many young, joyful women and men. The testimonies were particularly striking to me - especially the ones from men. Praying at Planned Parenthood was such a raw, real experience. This was one small way to witness to Christ's love for all souls. -Amy Stolarski

I had a great experience at the March for Life this year. Although I had so much fun experiencing all the activities, the one thing I found most memorable was praying on the sidewalk for all the mothers that were having all their precious babies aborted. Although this is very sad and depressing, I realize that abortion is real and we need to fight for the unborn. -Anna Rian Stolarski (age 12)

When we went to Planned Parenthood to pray outside of it, it was cool because all the little kids had chalk and were drawing things on the sidewalk and when girls walk by there, they might see it and it will change them. -Daniel Noblet (age 14)

I liked going outside of the pro-choice facility and praying the rosary. I learned that what the pills in abortion do is the opposite of a good birth because it kills the child and harms the mother. It is even worse for the mother mentally and physically. It’s so brutal and happens millions of times each year. -Joel Campbell (age 14)

Going to the March for Life made me realize how many people care deeply about protecting human life and standing up for what they believe in. What touched me most was seeing people of all ages coming together peacefully for the same purpose. It reminded me that every life has value and that our choices and actions matter. This experience challenged me to be more aware of how I treat others and to be more respectful, compassionate, and intentional in the way I live my life. ~Joseph Noblet (age 17)

I think it's crazy how some people not from the US came- there were people from Canada and Korea! And I really enjoyed JD Vance talking and the man who talked about his abortion. ~Brendan Munhall (age 13)

As a chemical abortion survivor I was thankful to meet & talk with Dr. Abby Johnson at the March for Life. ~Gianna Young (age 8)

I really liked it when Dr. Abby Johnson saw our family at the ProLife Summit and recognized us from the March the day before. She even remembered my name! ~Lucas Young (age 9)

My best memory was chalking the sidewalk at Planned Parenthood hoping and praying just one mommy would change her mind. ~Isaac Young (age 6)

Witnessing the thousands of people that sacrificed to be a voice for the voiceless traveling from all over the country even with the threat of a terrible winter storm looming was truly amazing. The speakers at the rally including Speaker Johnson and V.P. Vance were all very encouraging and I am prayerful that our world in its entirety realizes soon that Life Is A Gift and will Abolish Abortions of all kinds in our lifetime. ~Erin Young



My favorite part of the March for Life is saving babies, but also I liked seeing all the little kids at the March and the thousands of people from all over the world. ~Lucy Munhall (age 15)

My favorite part of the March for Life was the National Pro Life Summit. There was a lot in all the speeches. With the men's one, they were saying that what a woman wants in a man is to feel safe and that's the main thing that they want and they stay happy. ~William Vance (age 13)



Something that struck me was that many of these mothers are in need of true, good friends ready to support them and to be an instrument of God's unconditional love. I feel like a lot of times we are scared and don't know what to say to the mothers on their way into Planned Parenthood but what Abby Johnson said at the Summit about what to say to the mothers reminded me that we are also meant to be those friends and instruments. She said to simply state and ask, "I'm here. What will it take for you to cancel your appointment?" Then she said to work as hard as you can to meet her needs and be that friend she didn't have.

~Anne Rainer (age 17)



The March was really cool. The thing that stood out to me the most was how many people were at the March and where people came from to go to it. We were talking to people from Maryland, Virginia, Texas, everywhere, even Korea. It was really cool.
-Jonathan Tiller (age 12)

The main thing that opened my eyes during this endeavor for life were the testimonies given from victims of Planned Parenthood. During the speeches I started recognizing a pattern with the victim's stories. Almost every single speaker brought up how in school they were taught that abortion was healthcare. This really stuck with me because I realized that the schools developed their minds and if all they were fed were lies, how can they decipher the truth. Abortion is like a weed and unless we go for the roots it will never leave and the roots are put down in the school years of a person. This trip was just my little way to stand up to this liberal ideology that promotes the killing of innocent babies. I encourage all to make a trip to D.C. in their lifetime to stand up for what is right and brandish the sword of truth by cutting the roots of evil. -Jack Wise (age 17)

At the March this year it was really moving to see how many people were there. On our bus there were lots of babies and families and it made me really sad thinking about how many babies weren't even given a chance to live because their mothers aborted them. That's why it's really important to be a voice for the voiceless and stand up for life. -Marie Rainer (age 14)

The part that stuck to me and will stick for a long time was how truly brutal it is. In the movie we watched on the bus (Unplanned), we saw the reality of abortion. Although it was just in a movie, it's real, and to see real images of abortion victims on the big screen during the march was terrible. Even though it was hard to see, I'm happy I saw it and was able to see how real and ugly it is and how important the march and prayers are for the unborn. - Silas Overholt (age 15)

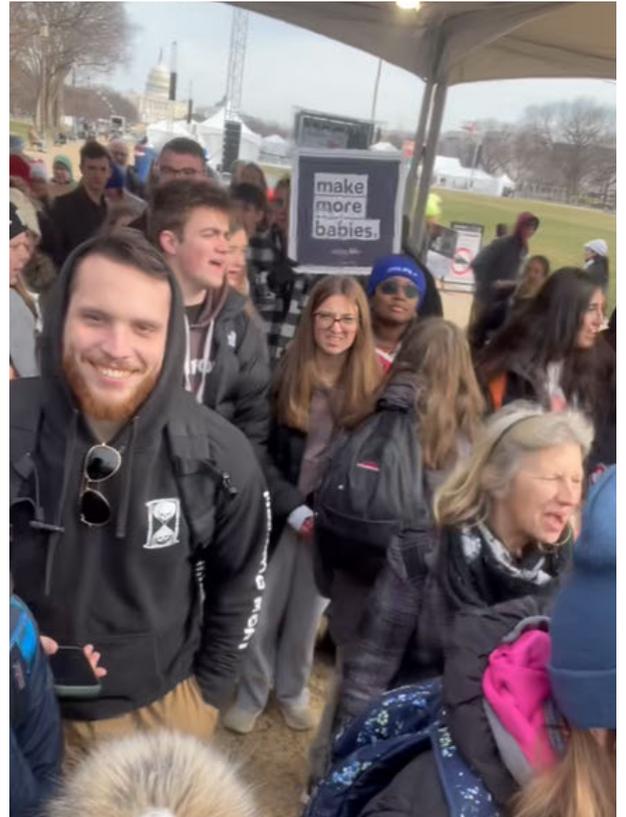
This was my first march. A highlight from the March for me was going to the Planned Parenthood clinic where I felt the spiritual battle. When we saw the escorts, I was tempted to think bad things about them in my mind. And then I realized that I shouldn't insult them because they are humans and not perfect and then I realized that they could be ignorant to what they are doing. -Joseph Gjostein (age 14)

I really liked the National Pro Life Summit and the speakers. I thought it was really cool. -Francis Noblet (age 13)



My experience on the pilgrimage was very amazing. It was really awesome to get to know other people in our church community and their families. As a member of the OCIA cohort it's been tough starting over from my Protestant community. Seeing all of the different churches including the National Shrine was so special! It was such a beautiful church. Going to Mass daily and spending time with everyone in prayer even after hours on the bus was really special. I enjoyed the March mostly because it helped solidify my Catholic faith even more. There were many Catholic students and religious there! The Summit conference was amazing and helpful for knowing that we as a church and community can make a huge impact on the pro-life movement, even with just a few people with something as simple as wearing a shirt or being vocal about our own pro-life stance. I was able to learn even more helpful information that could be used during sidewalk counseling, and for helping families with their pregnancy. It was definitely an unforgettable experience for me and I can't wait to get on the ground and help to do even more work in our own central Ohio community for families in need. Thank you so much to everyone who helped support this trip!

-Tatjana Cotton



I thought it was a great pilgrimage! We prayed together, we were enlightened with truth, we engaged in the battle of spiritual warfare, were filled with the Spirit, and of course had lots of fun. Mostly we were filled with the Joy that only God can give, the joy of possessing and sharing His Gospel, the Gospel of Life. Because of all we have experienced on this pilgrimage I'm sure many lives will be saved, many hearts will be healed and many minds will be changed to understand that each life is a precious gift from God. Our work has only just begun. Praise God for allowing us to join in His holy work. -Lorraine Vance

Participating in marches with our children has undoubtedly fostered a sense of trust and strengthened our family bonds. Over the past couple of decades, I have observed the profound impact it has had on our older children. I notice the way they exhibit not only courage but also great compassion as they speak candidly to coworkers and family members in defense of protecting the most vulnerable human beings. Due to the education they receive on this remarkable pilgrimage, they are equipped to engage with women about the physical and emotional consequences of abortion, which affects one in four parishioners. It deeply troubles me when I see a car pulling into Planned Parenthood with a rosary hanging from the dashboard, and I feel compelled to do more to combat this genocide. I firmly believe that change must begin with me. I encourage everyone to participate in the March for Life with St. Patrick's and to get involved with their local Respect Life group. Together, we can be the spark & encouragement for hope and life.

We are the pro-life generation. -Maria Morrison

If you were inspired by these testimonies from the March for Life and would like to learn more about ways to stand up for life in central Ohio, contact our Respect Life Ministry Coordinator, Gabriel Vance, at 740-972-2570 or gabriel@CatholicsForLife.us

If you are specifically interested in praying outside the local abortion facilities to help with the urgent coverage we need there, visit www.CatholicsForLife.us/FacilityMinistry or contact Gabriel.

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1st – 10th grade

At St. Paul the Apostle, Westerville



ASH WEDNESDAY COLLECTION – FEBRUARY 18, 2026

SUNDAY COLLECTION – FEBRUARY 22, 2026

	Actual	Budget	Over/(Under)
Weekly Offertory:	\$33,430.00	\$43,330.00	(\$9,900.00)
Other Income (parish activities, programs):	\$499.00	\$1,950.00	(\$1,451.00)
Capital Repairs Fund	\$45,620.00	\$250.00	\$45,370.00
Total Income:	\$79,549.00	\$45,530.00	\$34,019.00
Year to Date Offertory:	YTD Actual	YTD Budget	YTD Over/(Under)
	\$1,013,788.00	\$1,014,269.00	(\$481.00)

The Capital Repairs Fund total includes \$45,175.00, the first rebate of our 2025 Appeal overage.

2nd Collections (Diocesan, Dominican, Other)

Little Margaret's Charity	\$490.00
Ash Wednesday/JOIN	\$2,710.00
Easter Flowers	\$10.00
Total Offerings from 2nd Collections:	\$3,210.00

ATTENDANCE:

February 21/22

5:00 p.m.	144
7:00 a.m.	194
9:00 a.m.	612
10:30 a.m.	387
12:00 p.m.	266
Grand Total:	1,603



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