



St. Jerome Church

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1 – 5 PM Monday – Thursday

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Mass Schedule

Saturday evening 5:00 PM

Sunday 9:30 AM

Tuesdays and First Fridays 7:30 PM

**The Sixth Sunday in
Ordinary Time
February 14, 2021
Valentine's Day**

Reconciliation by appointment

Pregnancy assistance services (nationwide) 1-800-848-LOVE

Suicide Prevention Hotline (nationwide) 1-800-273-8255, (local) 513-281-CARE

Baptisms and Weddings: Call the Rectory (513) 231-7042

How to register at St. Jerome's: New member registration packets are under the table to the right as you leave church. Fill out the registration form and return that form by dropping it in the collection basket, or mailing it to the Rectory at 5858 Kellogg Avenue, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45230. If you have any questions, please call the Rectory at 231-7042

Mass Schedule

Date	Time	Intention	Petitioner
Sat 2/13	5:00 PM	Jack Deimling	Tim and Karen Hogan
Sun 2/14	9:30 AM	Jim Lawrence	Hugh and Diane Lynch
Tue 2/16	7:30 PM	Stephen Cruze	Terry and Christine Transier
Wed 2/17	7:30 PM	Intentions of William Charles	Henry and Carol Marchand
Sat 2/20	5:00 PM	Intentions of Ruth Lawrence	Cindy Richmond
Sun 2/21	9:30 AM	Ed Ruehlman	Hugh and Diane Lynch
Tue 2/23	7:30 PM	Intentions of Dale Machir	Bob and Gwen Transier

Minister Assignments February 20th and 21st, 2021

Date/Time	Lector	Communion Minister	Servers	Ushers
Saturday 2/20 5:00 PM	Mike Wheeler	None	Kellie Kallas	Bill Ellis
Sunday 2/21 9:30 AM	Teresa Corbett	None	Andrew Chapman	Ron Kienzle

Wednesday 2/17 7:30 PM Ash Wednesday Mass with distribution of ashes
 Tuesday 2/23 7:30 PM Stations of the Cross followed by Mass in church

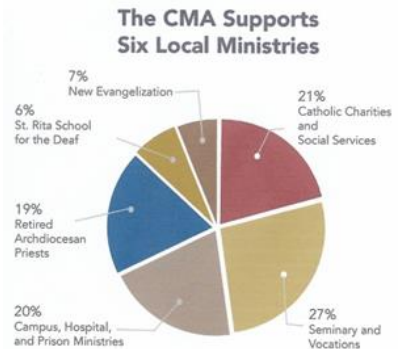
<u>Collection 2/6-7/2021</u> \$1,515.00	<u>Inner-City Schools Fund</u> \$181.00
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Prayer of Spiritual Communion for Those Who Cannot Attend Mass

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the most Blessed Sacrament. I love You above all things and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot now receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there, and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL 2021

Last Sunday was “Commitment Sunday” for Catholic Ministries Appeal (CMA). If you haven’t pledged already, please consider being generous toward the Ministries. **The Catholic Ministries Appeal** is asking us to help sustain 6 ministries of the Archdiocese of Cincinnati: St. Rita School for the Deaf, the New Evangelization, the Seminary, Campus/Hospital/Prison Ministries, Catholic Charities, and, **Fr. Carl’s favorite, Retired Archdiocesan Priests**. Please join with Catholics in every parish throughout our archdiocese who are supporting these valuable ministries. These ministries depend on our help each year! If you didn’t receive one in the mail, there are envelopes in the back of church.



You are curious; So are we!



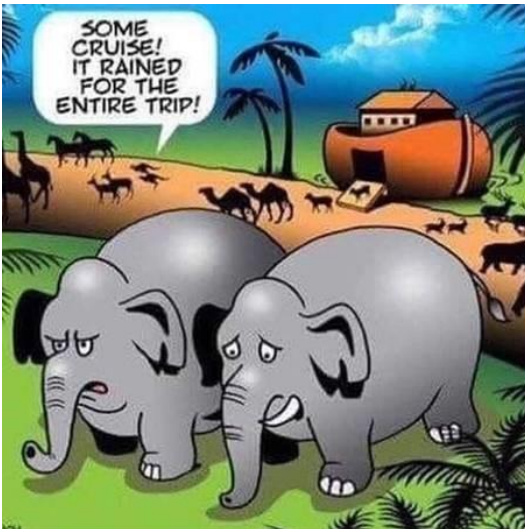
Often, the teachings of the Church are written in ways that make them hard to understand or, at best, difficult to interpret. Sometimes she uses unfamiliar words arranged in seldom used patterns. Years ago, in this bulletin, we had a column to try to define some of these “church words”.

Now that Lent is nearly here, we are reminded of our need to fast and abstain. Some of you have asked what the difference is and why this practice is even necessary. The Church often describes the practice as a law mandating an obligation or a duty. For us, our Lenten practices represent our offerings to our Father in Heaven in sorrow for our sins and in praise for His love and forgiveness.

Fasting is a bodily sacrifice that dates from the earliest history of the Jews and from even earlier pagan cultures. Our hunger reminds us that our Father has lovingly given us our food and it helps us have gratitude for all He has given us. He doesn't expect us to starve but He does ask us to repent from our sins, offer our sorrow for them, and accept His forgiveness. Today, for us Catholics, Lenten fasting means that we should eat only one full meal and up to two snacks that together are less than a full meal. Catholics in good health between the ages of 18 and 59 should observe fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday.

Abstinence, like fasting is a reminder of God's generosity and our sinfulness. Catholics in good health who are over the age of 14 are asked to refrain from eating meat – that is the flesh of warm-blooded mammals and birds – on Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent.

We prefer to think of these sacrifices not so much as a law to be obeyed or a commandment forcing us but, rather, as a joyful exercise we can offer in our love and devotion to our Creator who has given us so much. If there is some small suffering on our part, we prefer to think of it as nothing compared to the suffering Jesus endured for us.





O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary, we, your children of every nation, turn to you in this pandemic. Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great. Grant that we might deposit them at your feet, take refuge in your Immaculate Heart, and obtain peace, healing, rescue, and timely help in all our needs. You are our Mother. Pray for us to your Son. Amen.

Ash Wednesday is not and never has been a Holy Day of Obligation. After Christmas and Easter, however, it is usually the best attended celebration in churches around the world. This year, many people are worried about the close contact receiving ashes involves. The Vatican wrote that we should “sprinkle the ashes on the heads of the faithful who come forward”. Many parishes will likely administer ashes in this fashion, however, here at St. Jerome, ashes will be inscribed on foreheads just as we have always done it. If the intimacy of the gesture alarms you, **please remember that it is not an obligation to receive ashes** and, in fact, Ash Wednesday Mass is not even required.

40 Days for Life begins on February 17. People across the world will gather outside of abortion facilities to lift their voices in prayer for the women and men who enter, the workers who provide abortion services, and the innocent lives lost. Those who commit to these 40 days of prayer and fasting, do so peacefully in the spirit of hope that someday we will see a world where the killing of unborn children is unthinkable. As the Spring Campaign for 40 Days for Life approaches, you are encouraged to get involved. If you have never prayed outside of an abortion clinic, attend one of the upcoming vigils as we raise our voices to God to proclaim the Gospel of Life. If you have previously attended a vigil, consider signing up for a shift or two outside of the clinic to cover those inside with prayer. To learn more about 40 Days for Life in both the Dayton and Cincinnati regions, check out our Being Pro-Life Podcast specifically devoted to the topic. Listen to stories from area leaders, Shawn Carney, and Abby Johnson, and access the webpages for the Dayton and Cincinnati chapters. Click <https://www.40daysforlife.com/local-campaigns/cincinnati/> for more information.



Please take a 2021 Word and Song missalette home with you. It will be your own personal copy and you need not share it with anyone.

Bring it with you when you come to Mass – sing with us, read with us, pray with us.