

"DESTROY THIS  
TEMPLE, AND I WILL  
RAISE IT AGAIN IN  
THREE DAYS."

JOHN 2:19



SAINT  
GREGORY  
*the* GREAT

November 9, 2025

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# INFORMATION

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Monday, November 10: Wis 1:1-7/Lk 17:1-6 (491) Pss IV

7:30 am (GA) ✝ James Waddick, by Elaine Herzog  
12:00 pm (IHM) ✝ Mary Way, by Jim & Debbie Rudolph  
✝ Jaden Watkins, by Steve & Mary Lammert  
✝ Dick Yards, by Mike & Gloria Heideman  
✝ Mr. & Mrs. Robert Haas, by Tom & Linda Martin  
✝ John Talty, by the Talty Family  
✝ Edward Williams, by the Beumer & Stancombe Families

### Tuesday, November 11: Wis 2:23—3:9/Lk 17:7-10 (492)

7:30 am (GA) ✝ Joan Dorn Barrett, by Elaine Herzog  
Hank Marchand, by a fellow Veteran  
8:15 am (GA) All Veterans  
12:00 pm (SJF) ✝ Doug Berlier, by Tootsie Ahern, Connie Kirby & Jim Carter

### Wednesday, November 12: Wis 6:1-11/Lk 17:11-19 (493)

7:30 am (GA) ✝ Evelyn Dreyer, by Kevin & Anne Keefe  
12:00 pm (IHM) ✝ Dick Burdick, by the Burdick Family  
✝ Diane Malloni, by Joseph Malloni  
✝ Jim Gibbons, by the Gibbons Family  
✝ Bill Mulvihill, by Louis & Susan Staub  
✝ Tom Armstrong, by Ed & Marge English  
✝ J.R. Roth, by Pat Riehle

### Thursday, November 13: Wis 7:22b—8:1/Lk 17:20-25 (494)

7:30 am (GA) ✝ Evelyn Dreyer, by Anne Kron  
8:15 am (IHM) ✝ Robert Van Wormer, Jr., by Donna O'Connell  
12:00 pm (SJF) ✝ Patty Nieporte, by the Hummel Family

### Friday, November 14: Wis 13:1-9/Lk 17:26-37 (495)

7:30 am (GA) ✝ Kay Huber, by Jeanne Althaus  
12:00 pm (IHM) ✝ Michael & Mary Rodrigues, by Adrian & Patsy D'Netto

### Saturday, November 15: Wis 18:14-16; 19:6-9/Lk 18:1-8 (496)

8:15 am (IHM) Judy Weeks, by John & Shirley Plahovinsak  
3:30 pm (GA) ✝ Mary Louise Swift, by Jim & Mary Swift  
✝ Ted Trammel, by Family  
5:00 pm (IHM) ✝ Rick Kasper, by Father's Team & Mental Wellness Ministry

### Sunday, November 16: Mal 3:19-20a/2 Thes 3:7-12/Lk 21:5-19 (159)

8:00 am (GA) Hank Marchand  
✝ Carol Marchand  
✝ Joan Busch, by Jim & Erika Smith  
9:00 am (SJF) ✝ Noreen Ryan, by Frank & Jackie Seurkamp  
9:30 am (IHM) ✝ Diane Malloni, by Joseph Malloni  
10:00 am (GA) ✝ John C. Hamersly, by Family  
11:00 am (SJF) ✝ Lauren Lengle, by Arlyn & Sharon Scott  
11:30 am (IHM) ✝ Edgar & Adelaide D'Netto, by Adrian & Patsy D'Netto  
1:30 pm (IHM) St. Gregory the Great Family of Parishes  
5:30 pm (IHM) Mark & Sharon, by David & Jan Shea

## PRAYERS REQUESTED

**We ask that you pray for our sick:** Ren Beltramo, Dick Cozzi, Deacon Russ Feldkamp, Nancy Frazier, Cheryl Kahles, Bob Koch, Mary Rettig, George Sturgeon, Rita Teten, Pat Vorwald, Jeff Weber, Deb Witschger

**And remember in your prayers those who have recently passed and their families:** Joan Ford, Dolores Giordano, Bette Goldschmidt, Joseph Hauke, Fr. Rob Jack, Bruce Ward

### Welcome to St. Gregory the Great!

We are so glad you're here and encourage you to register as a parishioner.



To visit our website, scan the QR code or visit [sggparish.org](http://sggparish.org).

### Welcome to our new parishioners!

Nicholas & Sarah Borne and Eloise  
Aidan & Rebecca Dorman and Margaret  
Ben & Kelsey Gilbert and Belle & Caroline



# Reflections & Ruminations... by Fr. Steve Angi

The most important temple is the temple of a person's soul because God dwells within each one of us. In the most secret center of our being is that sacred sanctuary where we meet God. In addition to the temple of the soul, there are many sacred places throughout the world. There are shrines, churches, basilicas, grottos, cathedrals, and other holy places that are set aside for the sole purpose of worshiping God. They are to be a Heaven on earth. Today's feast of the Dedication of the Basilica of St. John Lateran commemorates one such place, the most important church on earth.

In the city of Rome, there are four major basilicas. The first three are Saint Peter's Basilica in Vatican City, the Basilica of Saint Paul Outside the Walls, and the Basilica of Saint Mary Major. The fourth is the Archbasilica Cathedral of the Most Holy Savior and of Saints John the Baptist and John the Evangelist in the Lateran, also called Saint John Lateran, or the Lateran Basilica for short. Of the four major basilicas, the oldest and most important is Saint John Lateran. Though the pope lives in the Apostolic Palace next to Saint Peter's Basilica, Saint John Lateran is the official cathedral of Rome. That means Saint John Lateran is not only the mother church of the Archdiocese of Rome but also the mother church of the entire world.

Though the basilica was first dedicated to Christ the Savior, in the tenth century Pope Sergius III added a new baptistry and rededicated the basilica to Saint John the Baptist. In the twelfth century, Pope Lucius II dedicated the basilica to Saint John the Evangelist. The basilica, therefore, honors Christ the Savior first and the two Saint Johns as the co-patrons. Though the Lateran Basilica has remained the pope's cathedral from the time of its dedication, the Lateran Palace, next to the Basilica, was the papal residence for a period of time before being moved to Vatican Hill.

As we honor the mother church of the whole world today, we must remember a church is sacred because it is exclusively dedicated to the worship of God. It is the pope's cathedral from which the entire Church is governed and the central place of worship for the world. As we honor the dedication of this Cathedral today, pray for the Church. Pray for your local parish, religious institutions, religious orders, dioceses, and the Universal Church governed in Rome. Our churches and sacred places exist to be places where we come to encounter God. Pray for Pope Leo XIV today, that Saint John Lateran will always be a place where he, and every pope after him, will encounter God in a profound way.

Fr. Steve



St. John Lateran



## ADORATION & RECONCILIATION

### Adoration

#### Guardian Angels

Thursdays from 7 - 8pm  
1st Friday of the month from  
8am - 8pm

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary

Exposition: Tuesdays from  
6am - 10pm  
You can also visit the adoration  
chapel at any time during  
the week.

#### St. John Fisher

Wednesdays from 7 - 8pm  
2nd Tuesday of month from  
12:30 - 1:30pm

### Reconciliation

#### Guardian Angels

Saturdays from 2 - 3pm

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary

Tuesdays from 6:30 - 7pm  
Saturdays from 3:30 - 4:30pm

#### St. John Fisher

Wednesdays from 7 - 8pm

## BAPTISM

### Sacrament of Baptism

By Baptism we become members of the Church, the Body of Christ! We joyfully welcome Emmelin James Buck, Luella Grace Buck, Vivienne Mae Buck, Thomas Lange Connaughton, Erik Sebastian De la luz Cruz, Naomi Koy Johnson, and Thomas Russell Uebel to the Catholic Church. We invite you to learn more about baptism by contacting the individuals below.

#### Guardian Angels

Annette Robinson or Carolyn Schwettman  
office@gaparish.org, 513-231-7440

#### Immaculate Heart of Mary

Peggy Sorrentino, peggys@ihom.org, 513-388-4093

#### St. John Fisher

Connie Wehmeyer, conniew@sjfchurch.org,  
513-561-9431 x113



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Holiday Poinsettias

Order your Holiday Poinsettias to support GA Boy Scouts Troop 445 and the GA 8th Grade Class of 2026. Orders due by Sunday, November 23 at 5 pm. Pick up December 6 from 9 am - 12 pm in Lower Lot/under Old Gym.

Order using the QR code or paper & payment drop off at school or GA Rectory. Checks payable to Troop 445. If you have questions, please contact Amy Smith at 513-304-1890.



## Catholic Campaign for Human Development

The annual Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD) Collection is next weekend, November 15 & 16. The CCHD collection supports the U.S. bishops' primary effort to address the root causes of poverty and give those folks who are marginalized and forgotten a hand up in fighting for recognition of their dignity.

More than 37 million people in the United States live in poverty. CCHD supports those individuals by funding programs that empower local communities to address the challenges they face. It identifies and addresses the unique obstacles people face as they work to lift themselves and their communities out of poverty. In addition, 25% of the funds collected remain in our archdiocese to fund local antipoverty projects. By supporting this collection, you are giving those on the margins a hand up, not a handout.

All three churches in the St. Gregory the Great family will be taking up a collection for CCHD next weekend. Please make checks payable to either Guardian Angels, Immaculate Heart of Mary, or St. John Fisher with CCHD on the memo line. Thank you for your generosity!

## Knights of Columbus Scholarship Essay Contest

Knights of Columbus Council 12359 is once again sponsoring a \$500 scholarship essay contest to any IHM or Guardian Angels student currently in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and are planning to enter a Catholic High School for the 2026-2027 school year. Over the past few years, the Knights have paid out several thousand dollars in scholarships. In the spring there will be another essay contest for grades 3 through 7. For an application or more information, please contact Bob Meyer at 513-404-0133 or ram8607@yahoo.com.

## IHM Players Presents James and the Giant Peach Jr.

Wednesday, November 12, you are invited to a dress rehearsal at 5:30 pm at the Anderson Center. Free admission for students, \$5.00 for adults. Pay at the door in cash or check made payable to IHM School. First come, first served seating. For questions, email IHMplayers@gmail.com.

## IHM Altar Server Event Thursday, December 11 6:00 - 7:30 pm in Heritage Hall

IHM Altar Servers, join us for the next Altar Server event! We will celebrate November - December birthdays, play games, and prepare for Christmas Masses. This is for current servers only and is not a training event. Please email ihmservers@gmail.com if you are interested in becoming a server.

## Volunteer Opportunity at SJF: Environment Team

Do you have a green thumb? Do you love to garden? The Environment Team at SJF is looking for more volunteers to help water the plants and flowers and change over the altar during the different liturgical seasons. Even if you don't have a green thumb and have been looking for a volunteer opportunity, this is a great way to start. If interested, please contact Sharon Scott at sascotty65@gmail.com.

## Pregnancy Blessing at GA on November 16

Expectant parents are invited to receive a special blessing for the health of the mother and baby as you await the arrival of your children. Couples in the adoption process are also invited. This special blessing takes place in Church at GA in front of the Mary statue on Sunday, November 16 immediately after the 10 am Mass.

# NEWS AND EVENTS

## Charitable Donation Strategies

It's already November, which means the end of the year will be here before you know it. That also means the window of opportunity to make a financial contribution for the 2025 tax year is closing rapidly. Donations made by cash or check are by far the most common methods of charitable giving. Contributing stocks, bonds, or mutual funds that have appreciated over time, however, has become increasingly popular, and for good reasons. Here are some ways to lower your taxes and shift your taxable income to a charitable donation to benefit Guardian Angels, Immaculate Heart of Mary, or St. John Fisher.

### ***Outright Gift of Stock***

Make a gift by transferring (not selling) stock directly to Guardian Angels, Immaculate Heart of Mary, or St. John Fisher, avoid paying capital gains on the transfer, and receive a tax-saving charitable deduction for the market value of the stock as of the date of the transfer.

### ***IRA Charitable Rollover (Qualified Charitable Distribution)***

If you are 70 ½ or older, in 2025 you can transfer up to \$108,000 from your IRA account directly to GA, IHM, or SJF. The direct distribution to GA, IHM or SJF will count against your required minimum distribution and could reduce your taxable income. Although you won't receive a charitable tax deduction, you won't pay any income tax on the direct transfer either. Contact your financial advisor or the IRA custodian on how to make this direct contribution to the church.

### ***Donor Advised Fund***

Make a tax-deductible gift of stock to a donor advised fund, which gives you the ability to make grants to GA, IHM, or SJF this year and in future years. Talk to your financial advisor about establishing a donor-advised fund.



Whatever method you choose to make a financial contribution to one of our churches, please be assured it is greatly appreciated and will be put to good use. Please note that the above should not be considered tax or legal advice. If you have questions regarding charitable donations for the benefit of any church in the St. Gregory the Great family, you should consult your financial planner or tax advisor before making any distributions from your IRA. Thank you for your generosity!

Guardian Angels 513-231-7440   Immaculate Heart of Mary 513-388-4466   St. John Fisher 513-561-9431 x115

## Catholic Education Foundation SGO Program Donors May Be Eligible for an Ohio Tax Credit

The Catholic Education Foundation for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati (CEF) is certified by Ohio as a scholarship-granting organization (SGO). Ohio taxpayers who donate to SGOs may be able to claim a dollar-for-dollar, non-refundable tax credit on their state income tax return for up to \$750 per donor (up to \$1,500 if married and filing jointly). This is a tax credit, not a deduction. For any amount you donate up to the limit, your tax bill is reduced by that exact amount.

Donations to the CEF-SGO can be designated to benefit a specific school(s). Both Guardian Angels and Immaculate Heart of Mary schools are eligible for these donations, and they provide more educational options for students.

Learn more at [CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO](http://CatholicBestChoice.org/SGO). (Please consult your tax advisor to see if this is the right decision for you.)

## Baby Shower in a Bag Project - A Great Success Thanks to YOU!

Many thanks to all the parishioners of SGG Family of Parishes who donated items for the Baby Shower in a Bag Project. Sixteen baby shower bags were created - eight for boys and eight for girls. Each bag contained towel and washcloths, baby shampoo and wash, baby wipes, onesies and sleepers in various sizes, baby socks, bibs and blankets. In addition, over 15 boxes of diapers, baby wipes, blankets, bibs, baby clothes, towels and assorted items were also donated. Thanks so much for your generosity. It's a blessing to be able to shower these moms with love for choosing Life and coming to Pregnancy Center Plus on Madison Road.





# HEALTH MINISTRY: NEWS AND EVENTS

## Caregiver Mass

November is national caregivers month, and all are invited to the annual Caregiver Mass at 10:00 am on Sunday, November 23rd at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Peter in Chains in downtown Cincinnati.

Caregiver Masses honor all those who work or volunteer as a caregiver - from nurses and physicians, to dietary staff and lab workers; from those who care for a sick or elderly friend or relative, to those who volunteer at healthcare facilities, retirement communities or parishes.

This is the 21st annual Mass for caregivers, which isn't just for Catholics; people from all faiths are welcome. A reception will follow the Mass.



Are you caring for a chronically ill, disabled or aged family member or friend and need resources to learn how to take care of them and/or yourself? Contact the Caregiver Assistance Network, a program offered by Catholic Charities Southwestern Ohio, at 513-869-4483.



## Fernside: Supporting Children and Families Through Grief

Fernside, established in 1986, is the nation's second oldest children's grief center and remains today a national leader in providing grief support services and outreach and education to the community and families. An affiliate of Hospice of Cincinnati, Fernside services complement Hospice of Cincinnati's comprehensive bereavement program by addressing the unique needs of children ages 3-18 and their families.

Fernside hosts meetings at IHM on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month during the school year. Fernside's services are offered at no cost to families, thanks to the generous donors who support their mission. Registration is required; contact Fernside at 513-246-9140 to sign up.

## Support Groups

Are you seeking a safe space to discuss life's challenges with faith and support? Find a compassionate, confidential community ready to listen, share, pray, and walk with you in faith.

Fall 2025 Support Groups Meet from 7 - 8:15 pm every other week at GA and IHM. Each meeting is a stand-alone session, so drop in at any time.

- Tuesdays at GA Room B, lower level of the Church:  
11/18, 12/2, 12/16, 1/6
- Wednesdays at IHM Welcome Center, Bernardin Room:  
11/19, 12/3, 12/17, 1/7

Sponsored by the SGG Mental Wellness Ministry.

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## St. Gregory the Great Mental Wellness Minute

### Finding Inner Peace Through Prayer

Jesus said, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give it to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." John 14:27 (St. Joseph ed., New American Bible)

Searching for inner peace? A few minutes a day in prayer can provide the peace that the Lord offers. Research shows that prayer can help reduce anxiety, increase emotional resilience, and provide comfort, strength, hope and connection.

It is often helpful to:

- Plan time for prayer every day.
- Find a quiet place away from distractions.
- Take some slow deep breaths.
- Hold an object or gaze at an image to help you stay focused.

And, try any of these ways to pray.

- Repeat a simple phrase such as "Jesus, I trust in You."
- Recite a prayer or say a Rosary. Find Catholic resources online or in apps.
- Express your thoughts and feelings.
- Ask for guidance, help, healing or comfort for yourself and others.
- Reflect on scripture.
- Be silent. Listen for God's word.
- Focus on being grateful, give thanks and praise.
- Start a prayer journal.

To learn more about the SGG Mental Wellness Ministry, contact Kendall Keiser at [kendallk@sggparish.org](mailto:kendallk@sggparish.org).



# FAITH FORMATION & EVANGELIZATION

In today's Gospel (John 2:13-22), we encounter a very different side of Jesus. Have you ever thought about the different sides of Him? Many of us grew up with the image of Jesus holding a lamb and sitting with children. Yet today, we see Him angry—really angry.

This story reminds us just how human Jesus was. While He is fully God and fully man (see Catechism of the Catholic Church, paragraphs 464-467), we sometimes forget that He experienced all human emotions. Imagine coming home to find the Findlay Marketplace set up in your front yard instead of its normal place downtown. You'd be pretty upset too, right? Jesus reacts similarly, clearing out those who were disrespecting His Father's house.

But it goes deeper than this. As Catholics, we believe we are living tabernacles, with the presence of God dwelling within us every time we partake in the Eucharist. Yet, after leaving church, we often let sins and vices creep into our hearts. Jesus is ZEALOUS for you and fights to keep your heart safe—not in a possessive way, but like a loving husband protecting his wife from harm. Jesus is dedicated to you and will not stop fighting until you belong to Him alone.

I know that sounds intense, but Jesus was an intense man. Just reread the passage! He was all in, all the time, and He asks us to be the same in our lives today. When you struggle with habitual sin (and we all do), remember that we have a Savior who is zealously fighting for us. He will help you clear out the vendors and money changers cluttering your heart so you can enter more deeply into a relationship with Him.

In closing, I'd like to offer a simple challenge: Go to Confession. Jesus is fighting to keep you clean and safe, but you must accept that help. It's not enough to clear out an invader; you need to change the locks and repair what is broken. Going to Confession allows Jesus to heal the brokenness in your heart and start anew. So please, make your way to Confession this week and let Jesus make you clean.

Alex Bodenschatz, Middle School Youth Coordinator

## St. Gregory the Great Family Advent Wreath Making Event

Join us for a joyful Advent Wreath Making Event on Sunday, November 23, right after the GA 10 am Mass! Families from the St. Gregory the Great community are welcome to gather in the Guardian Angels Church Undercroft to create beautiful wreaths as we prepare our hearts for the holiness of the Advent season and the birth of Jesus. We'll have pizza, snacks, and drinks to enjoy while we craft, and while a donation to help cover the cost of supplies is appreciated, it is not mandatory.

Please RSVP using the QR code with the number of wreaths you need and the number of family members joining.

If you already have a wreath form at home or purchased one from the PTA, feel free to bring that and include a note indicating that you will be BYO wreath. Bring the whole family to celebrate this special time of preparation together!



## Called for More: SGG Advent Season Holy Hour of Prayer

Praying together as a community is a wonderful way to honor Jesus during Advent this year. Join us each Monday during Advent at IHM at for a Holy Hour of prayer, with exposition and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Vespers prayer. Prayer begins at 7 pm on Monday December 1 and continues each Monday through December leading up to Christmas.

## Women's Wednesday Night of Reflection: Preparing Our Hearts For Advent

To all women of our SGG family, you are invited to our annual Women's Wednesday Advent gathering! Meet us in the IHM Church at 7 pm on November 19th as we prepare for the Advent season.

Our time together will include scripture readings, time for reflection, candlelight, and music, as we enter into a season of preparation for Christ's second coming and for the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas. Then, around 7:45 we will have social time in the gathering space. Friends and neighbors are certainly welcome. We hope to see you there!

### Upcoming Events

**November 14:** Fathers Team Topic: What would you tell your 20-yr old self now? 6:03 - 7:03 am

Locations: IHM - St. Matthew Room (Welcome Center), GA - Conference Room B, SJF (Fathers Team Lite) - Discussion of Sunday Mass readings - Nativity Room

**November 17:** Young Men's Faith & Fellowship at GA (men 20-40) Topic: First Society. 8:30 - 9:30 pm in Room B at GA  
[mensfaith@gaparish.org](mailto:mensfaith@gaparish.org)

**November 12:** Young Women's Faith & Fellowship at GA Topic: Dwell, a Study on the Eucharist session 3. 8:15 - 9:15 pm in Room B at GA  
[womensfaith@gaparish.org](mailto:womensfaith@gaparish.org)

# SOCIAL ACTION | VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

## **Depolarizing Ourselves Wednesday, November 12 from 7-8:30 pm**

**Heritage Universalist, Unitarian Church, 2710 Newtown Road 45244, Non Partisan**

Polarization is fueled by how we talk about those on the other side of an issue. Too often, we ridicule, dismiss, or stereotype our fellow citizens. Goals: You will learn how to be more aware of your own 'inner polarizer' and how to be critical without demonizing, dismissing or stereotyping large swaths of the population. Tickets are free but donations help. To register, please scan the QR code. As a spam prevention measure, you must use promo code BRAVER at registration. Donations support Braver Angels, a 501(c)(3) organization. Questions? Please contact Kelly at [kelly@braverangels.org](mailto:kelly@braverangels.org).



## **IHM Project Education Batahola Change a Life, Sponsor a Student**

Student Juana: "Thanks to God I can read now. Before, I couldn't even write my name. I would like to thank you and all the people for your dedication and commitment which has made it possible for me to continue my primary studies." Thank you for our 21st year sponsoring students and teachers at our twinning partner, Cultural Center Batahola Norte, Managua. Please consider sponsoring today. This would be a great Christmas gift. The Center's library improvements were completed this year from PE Open Donations. Contact Jim Vorwald: [jvorwald@fuse.net](mailto:jvorwald@fuse.net)



## **SEM Pantry Food Collection at IHM**

The SEM Pantry will be distributing holiday baskets of food for the Thanksgiving and Christmas season. Please bring shelf-stable holiday food items such as stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, pumpkin and other holiday foods on November 15/16 and December 20/21 and place in the bins in the gathering space at IHM.

You can also take items to the pantry at 2020 Beechmont Avenue. Other food items welcome as well. Make the holiday special for our neighbors in need! Financial donations are welcome as SEM Pantry distributes \$15 gift certificates.

## **Walking with Moms in Need**

Walking with Moms in Need is an initiative of the Ohio bishops. This ministry supports mothers with a wide variety of needs, connecting mothers to resources such as Healthy Moms and Babies, A Caring Place, Pregnancy Center Plus, St. Vincent de Paul, medical services, mental health services, and other resources in the community. St. Gregory the Great family of parishes is in the developmental stages of this ministry.

We've had more people participate in our October 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting, and we are growing! We will have our next meeting on Thursday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at Guardian Angels in Room B. To get there, go inside the church gathering space and then downstairs. The meeting will be from 7 - 8:30 pm. For more information, contact Monika at [monikadadosky@gmail.com](mailto:monikadadosky@gmail.com).

## **Day of Prayer and Healing After Abortion - November 15**

Have you or someone you know suffered from the loss of a child to abortion? We invite any woman who has experienced this loss to join us for a one-day retreat in the Cincinnati area on Saturday, November 15. This event offers women a safe and confidential space to share their experience, reflect on their past, and offer their future to Christ who makes all things new. A trained priest, counselor, and post abortive volunteer will be present to accompany participants along the journey of healing. Exact location and event details will be shared after completing the registration process. You can register for this retreat by calling 513-784-0531, emailing [ProjectRachel@catholicaoc.org](mailto:ProjectRachel@catholicaoc.org), or by going to [ProjectRachelOhio.org](http://ProjectRachelOhio.org). All communications are kept in strict confidentiality.

## **Through the Wilderness: Healing for a Weary World**

This is an Advent Just Faith program being presented by SGG Social Action Committee members Debbie Metz, Barb Szucsik, and Sue Keefe. It is based on four readings of Isaiah. The sessions will be held at IHM in the St. Matthew's room Tuesday afternoons from 1:30 - 3:30 pm on November 25, December 2, December 9, December 16 and January 6. If you are interested, email Sue Keefe at [skkeefe37@gmail.com](mailto:skkeefe37@gmail.com) and she will email the participant's packet to you. There are no additional books to read nor any cost for the program.



# IN OUR COMMUNITY

## St. Gregory the Great 60+ Activities

**November 18** - All levels of players are welcome to play in our friendly Afternoon Euchre game hosted by Mike and Carol in the Blessed Mother Room in IHM's Welcome Center from 2-4 PM. Hope you can join us!

**November 25** - Our service opportunity is from 12:15 - 2:30 pm at IPM Food Pantry at 4623 Aicholtz Rd. Sign up by November 18 by scanning this QR code or by using the provided URL address for the Sign-Up Genius.



[signupgenius.com/go/10C0944A9A62AA5F9C34-53756917-ipmfood#/](https://signupgenius.com/go/10C0944A9A62AA5F9C34-53756917-ipmfood#/)

**November 20** - Join the SGG 60+ Ministry in welcoming Nick Rehtin as he gives an engaging presentation on the history of Christmas in Cincinnati. Prior to Nick's presentation at 1:15 pm, we invite you to attend noon Mass at St. John Fisher (optional). Lunch options include bringing your own or enjoying a slice of pizza and a drink for \$5, payable at the door. Pizza order required. Call Dan or Pam at 513-232-4009 by November 13. Split the Pot will be offered. We look forward to being with you!

**December 4** - Our service project at SVDP, 1125 Bank St. 10 am - noon. We will assist in destruction of outdated prescription drugs in the Charitable Pharmacy. Carpool can be arranged. For details, call Dan or Pam at 513-232-4009 (does not accept text messages) by November 27.

**December 9** - Join us for our Out to Dinner night at the Greyhound Tavern, now under new management, located at 2500 Dixie Hwy, Ft. Mitchell, 41017. The evening begins at 6:30 pm, and we are excited to gather at this charming venue. Due to our large group, the full menu will not be available, but we will have eight of their most popular items from which to choose. Dinner is a set price of \$35 per person +tax +18% tip. (If you pay with a credit card, there is a 3% additional fee.) Please note that reservations are required by November 25, with a limit of 32 attendees. To reserve your spot, call Tina at 513-505-6983.

**December 14** - Cincinnati Pops Orchestra production of the Holiday Pops, 2:00 pm with John Morris Russell, conductor. Year after year, the Holiday Pops has created magical memories for us. This year's show features Grammy-nominated singer-songwriter Cody Fry, choruses and dancers from around the city to bring your holiday favorites to life. Our group will be seated in the Gallery Section. With limited tickets at \$44 each call Rosemary, 513-227-4547, early and by November 23 to reserve yours. To mingle with members of our group, join us in Corbett Tower before the performance.



## SGG Family of Parishes

### Thanksgiving for Life Fundraiser

Keeping the tradition of Christ in Christmas, the GA Angels for Life ministry will raffle a beautiful 12-piece Fontanini Nativity set.



Fill out the form by scanning the QR code to make a secure donation and get your name in the pot for the raffle. One free will donation of any amount = one chance to win. Everyone from the St. Gregory the Great family of parishes is invited to participate. You can also stop by GA's rectory and fill out a form. Additional forms can be found in the GA gathering space.

The set will be on display at GA after all Masses the weekend of November 22nd and 23rd. Proceeds go to life affirming groups: Old St. Mary's Pregnancy Center, GA St Vincent de Paul, Mater Filius, Sacred Heart Radio and GA Peanut Butter Ministry.

Please submit your entry and donation by Monday, November 24th if using the QR code, all others by Monday, December 1st.

Fr. King will draw the winner on December 2nd. Thank you and God bless you for your continued support of our respect life projects. Questions? Call Marcia at 513-256-2841.

## Medical Ethics Talk

Father Eric Wood, professor of moral theology at Mount St. Mary's Seminary, is offering a talk with discussion, reviewing some basic principles of medical ethics and considering special areas of focus. The talk is Saturday, November 15, from 9 - 10:30 am at St. Mary's in Hyde Park (Marion Room), and the focus will be reproductive care. If you are a Catholic nurse, doctor, medical student, therapist, or other healthcare worker, this is for you! RSVP to Tricia at rahner@fuse.net or 513-482-1265. Sponsored by the Catholic Medical Association of Cincinnati.

# SPOTLIGHT

## St. Gregory the Great Family Pilgrimage to Italy

As many of you know, a group of 37 of us from St. Gregory the Great left on pilgrimage at the beginning of October to Assisi, Rome, and other locations in central Italy. Since 2025 is the Jubilee Year of Hope, our primary purpose was to journey to the Holy Doors of St. Peter's Basilica in prayer, but there were so many other incredible blessings and opportunities along the way. In Assisi, we prayed at the tombs of St. Francis of Assisi, St. Clare, and one of our newest Saints, Carlo Acutis. We prayed in beautiful churches large and small, from the stunning Duomo in Siena to small churches in villages throughout Tuscany. Each of us had a prayer partner on the trip with us that we prayed for, as well as our personal petitions and the petitions from all the parishioners in our Family of Parishes. We were also able to have Mass every day in some stunning places: beautiful Baroque churches, right below the original San Damiano Crucifix that spoke to St. Francis of Assisi, in the Roman Catacombs where early Christians hid to celebrate the Sacraments, and of course Sunday Mass in St. Peter's Square with Pope Leo presiding. I was also blown away by how blessed we were and how good the Father was to us. We were able to have Mass right in front of St. Francis of Assisi's tomb (which I found out later is very hard to get). In Orvieto, where one of the most famous Eucharistic Miracles in history happened, usually the relic from the miracle is only open for veneration 4 days throughout the year. However, the local bishop made an exception and placed it for veneration the very day we were driving through, and we were able to celebrate Mass in that chapel. At Mass with Pope Leo, they brought the statue of Our Lady of Fatima from Portugal to be right next to the Altar. These and so many other incredible opportunities were further evidence of how good of a God we have. And of course, we had great food, gelato, and wine. Spectacular views. Perfect weather. And building up friendships and relationships among each other. Some of the highlights are pictured below; more to come in next week's bulletin. On behalf of all of us who went on the pilgrimage, know that we prayed for all of you and your intentions. Thank you for your prayers for us. And may we continue forward through the rest of this year and the rest of our lives in a strong and abiding spirit of hope: a hope rooted in Christ and in His eternal victory over all sin and evil. God bless you!

Fr. Aaron

From top row left to right::

1<sup>st</sup> row - Basilica of St. Francis, narrow streets in Assisi

2<sup>nd</sup> row - our group of 37 pilgrims, a beautiful view from Assisi

3<sup>rd</sup> row - St. Gregory the Great's tomb in St. Peter's Basilica,  
Fr. Aaron celebrating Mass with the Eucharistic relic of Orvieto,  
St. Peter's Basilica, Pope Leo greeting the crowd after the  
Mass the group attended in St. Peter's Square





# This Week's Activities: *Prayer, Teaching, Sacraments & Service*

Monday, Nov. 10	7:30pm	St. Vincent de Paul	E/W St. Matthew Rooms, IHM
	6:00am	Eucharistic Adoration until 10 pm	Eucharistic Chapel, IHM
	9:00am	St. Gregory 60+	Bernardin Room, IHM
	9:30am	WOW Bible Study	E/W St. Matthew Rooms, IHM
	10:00am	Tuesday at 10 Bible Study	Resurrection Room, SJF
	10:00am	Shawl Ministry	Gathering Space, GA
	12:30pm	Eucharistic Adoration & Benediction	Church, SJF
	6:00pm	Fernside	Cafeteria, IHM
	6:00pm	Education Board Meeting	PC Room 101, GA
	6:30pm	Reconciliation	Church, IHM
Tuesday, Nov. 11	6:30pm	Intercessory Prayer	Church, GA
	7:00pm	Education Commission	School Library, IHM
	7:00pm	SJF Social Action Team	Pater Hall, SJF
	7:00pm	Elizabeth Ministry	Guadalupe Room, IHM
	7:00pm	Finance & Administration Commission	Bernardin Room, IHM
	7:00pm	SJF Worship Committee	Conference Room, SJF
	9:30am	Wed AM Bible Study	Room B, GA
	6:30pm	Walking with Purpose Bible Study	PC Room 101, GA
	6:30pm	True Devotion to Mary	Blessed Mother, IHM
	7:00pm	Holy Hour & Confessions	Church, SJF
Wednesday, Nov. 12	8:00pm	Young Women's Faith & Fellowship	Room B, GA
	9:15am	Mom's Bible Study	E/W St. Matthew Rooms, IHM
	11:30am	Senior Luncheon	E/W Heritage Hall, IHM
	2:00pm	Legion of Mary	Room B, GA
	3:30pm	Women's Faith Sharing	Gathering Space, GA
	7:00pm	Walking With Moms in Need	Room B, GA
	7:00pm	OCIA	St. Matthew/St. Francis Rooms, IHM
	7:00pm	Holy Hour	Church, GA
	6:03am	Fathers Team	GA, IHM, SJF
	7:45am	Catholic Men's Prayer Group	Nativity Room, SJF
Thursday, Nov. 13	10:00am	Friends of Batahola Meeting	E/W St. Matthew Rooms, IHM
	2:00pm	Reconciliation	Church, GA
	3:30pm	Reconciliation	Gathering Space, IHM
	4:30pm	Health Ministry	Gathering Space, GA
	8:00am	Parish Breakfast	E/W Heritage Hall, IHM
	9:00am	Fellowship & Mental Health Ministry	Gathering Space, GA
	3:00pm	Middle School Youth Ministry	Youth Room, IHM
	6:30pm	HS Youth Group	Youth Room, IHM
	7:00pm	Hispanic Ministry	Guadalupe Room, IHM
	7:00pm	Holy Hour	Church, GA
Friday, Nov. 14	6:03am	Fathers Team	GA, IHM, SJF
	7:45am	Catholic Men's Prayer Group	Nativity Room, SJF
	10:00am	Friends of Batahola Meeting	E/W St. Matthew Rooms, IHM
	2:00pm	Reconciliation	Church, GA
	3:30pm	Reconciliation	Gathering Space, IHM
	4:30pm	Health Ministry	Gathering Space, GA
	8:00am	Parish Breakfast	E/W Heritage Hall, IHM
	9:00am	Fellowship & Mental Health Ministry	Gathering Space, GA
	3:00pm	Middle School Youth Ministry	Youth Room, IHM
	6:30pm	HS Youth Group	Youth Room, IHM
Saturday, Nov. 15	7:00pm	Hispanic Ministry	Guadalupe Room, IHM
	7:00pm	Holy Hour	Church, GA
	6:03am	Fathers Team	GA, IHM, SJF
	7:45am	Catholic Men's Prayer Group	Nativity Room, SJF
	10:00am	Friends of Batahola Meeting	E/W St. Matthew Rooms, IHM
	2:00pm	Reconciliation	Church, GA
	3:30pm	Reconciliation	Gathering Space, IHM
	4:30pm	Health Ministry	Gathering Space, GA
	8:00am	Parish Breakfast	E/W Heritage Hall, IHM
	9:00am	Fellowship & Mental Health Ministry	Gathering Space, GA
Sunday, Nov. 16	3:00pm	Middle School Youth Ministry	Youth Room, IHM
	6:30pm	HS Youth Group	Youth Room, IHM
	7:00pm	Hispanic Ministry	Guadalupe Room, IHM
	7:00pm	Holy Hour	Church, GA
	6:03am	Fathers Team	GA, IHM, SJF
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## Rosary at GA

Before Mass Monday - Friday 7:00 am  
& before Mass Sunday 7:30 am

## Rosary at IHM

Wednesday 5:30 pm in Fatima Room

Wednesday 6:00 pm in Spanish in Church

Thursday 7:50 am in Church before school Mass

Saturday 7:45 am in Church before Mass





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## Keep in Mind

"It has been said recently, "A shortage of priests is not the problem . . . it is our shortage of babies."

This interesting statement leads us into the realm of generosity. In a true (Catholic) Christian society, there is a strong awareness and trust in the reality of the generous nature of God. In this, our being the image of likeness of God would mean that we, too, ought to be generous in nature. But the statistics on the birth rate in our culture indicate a choice for many couples to have very small families. The gift of procreation is being overlooked and unappreciated for what it gives to God and to the world. Because of this, many who would be called to ordination, as well as other vocations, do not exist.

Priests don't come from a specific class of people; God calls them from the general public. The more people, the more callings.

If we are generous to God with our gifts as co-creators, surely then, since God will never be outdone in generosity, the call to the priesthood will increase. Deacon Bob

## SGG FAMILY MASS SCHEDULE

### Week of November 10

**Monday** 7:30 am GA  
Noon IHM

**Tuesday** 7:30 am GA  
Noon SJF

**Wednesday** 7:30 am GA  
Noon IHM

**Thursday** 7:30 am GA  
Noon SJF

**Friday** 7:30 am GA  
Noon IHM

**Saturday** 8:15 am IHM

### Saturday, November 15

3:30 pm GA TK  
5:00 pm IHM AH

### Sunday, November 16

8:00 am GA TK  
9:00 am SJF SA  
9:30 am IHM AH  
10:00 am GA TK  
11:00 am SJF SA  
11:30 am IHM AH  
1:30 pm IHM (en espanol) SA  
5:30 pm IHM SA

### PRESIDER KEY

Fr. Steve Angi = SA

Fr. Aaron Hess = AH

Fr. Tom King = TK

### St. Jerome Masses

Tuesday Evening 7:30 pm, First Friday 7:30 pm

Saturday Evening 5 pm, Sunday 9:30 am

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 10 am except First Friday Masses



### St. Gregory the Great Family of Parishes Prayer

*St. Gregory the Great, patron saint of teachers, present our prayer of gratitude to our Heavenly Father. Share our prayer of wisdom and guidance as we continue on the path to unify our family of parishes. Just as you led the faithful knowing "the proof of love is in the works", open our hearts to be dedicated disciples of Jesus through prayer, teaching, sacraments and service. May our works, inspired by Jesus, guide us to unity within our family and love within our community. Teach us humility and compassion, the cornerstones of generosity, and the unwavering faith you demonstrated through times of change, so that we come together in unity, rooted in Christ's love. Amen.*

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