

**MONDAY, APRIL 24 St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen**  
**8:00AM MASS** Rose Litmer—Bd. Rem.—Bob & Ginny

**TUESDAY, APRIL 25 St. Mark, Evangelist**  
**6:45AM MASS** Endowment Fund Honorees – Both Living and Deceased

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26**  
**8:00AM MASS** Gary Gramann—Family

**THURSDAY, APRIL 27**  
**6:45AM MASS** Kathy Klausing—Bd. Rem.—Klausing & Brunst Families

**FRIDAY, APRIL 28 St. Peter Chanel and St. Louis Grignon de Montfort**  
**8:00AM MASS** Bernard Haverkamp — Jean & Paul Calme

**SATURDAY, APRIL 29 St. Catherine of Siena**  
**8:00AM** Morning Prayer  
**4:00PM** Rosary  
**4:30PM MASS** Mary O'Connor—Anniv. Rem.—Family

**SUNDAY, APRIL 30 Third Sunday of Easter**  
**8:00AM MASS** Intentions of Celebrant  
**9:30AM MASS** Rose Groene—Wedd. Anniv. Rem. – Richard Groene  
**11:30AM MASS** Special Intentions of Deacon Robert J. Schroeder– 25th Anniversary of Deacon Ordination



### CONFESIONS

Thursday, April 27, 7:30-8PM  
Saturday, April 29, 3:00-4:00PM

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

In Matthew 26:40, Jesus says to Peter [and to us], “*Could you not, then, watch one hour with me?*” Please consider joining your fellow parishioners for 30 minutes, or even one hour, at Eucharistic Adoration in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel on Fridays from 9:00AM until the Adoration ends at 10:00PM.



**THANK YOU to Seven Hills Women’s Health Centers** for advertising in our bulletin.

### ROSARY

**Monday thru Friday** after the daily Mass.  
**Saturdays** after the 8 AM Communion Service.  
**Mondays 7:00PM** Fatima Prayer Group in the Chapel.  
**Friday mornings** at *MaryAnn Baverman’s home for Moms and grandmoms and young children. We extend an invitation to join our group for prayer on Friday mornings from 10AM to 11:00AM. We will show you how to pray the rosary. Please call MaryAnn at 503-9537 for details.*

**St. Antoninus Prayer chain:** To intercede for prayer requests, please go to [www.saintantoninus.org/prayer-chain](http://www.saintantoninus.org/prayer-chain), or pick up a list in the back of the greeting room on the right side of the counter. Requests for prayers may be left there, or emailed to: [stapraychain@gmail.com](mailto:stapraychain@gmail.com), or you may mail request to St. Antoninus Prayer Chain, 1500 Linneman Rd., Cincinnati, OH 45238.

### SERVERS April 2017

**Monday & Friday, 8AM Mass**  
**Tuesday & Thursday 6:45AM Mass**  
Ryan Hawk                      Mark Autenrieb  
**Wednesday, 8:00AM Mass**  
Adult Server

### SERVERS April 29 & 30, 2017

**4:30PM** Seminarians  
**8:00AM** Adult Server  
**9:30AM** Victoria Freudiger, Alyssa Palicki, Eden Oaks  
**11:30AM** Aaron Wagner, Adam Witterstaetter, Patrick Ferguson

### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS April 29 & 30, 2017

**4:30PM** Mike & Liz Rolfes, Marilyn Wempe, Devlin Smith, Emma Foster  
**8:00AM** Diane & Larry Reiring, Linda & Norb Guetle  
**9:30AM** Don & Ritzie Junker, Mary & Vince Feldman, Maria, Mark & Marta Rechten, Mary & Tom Freudiger, Christine Ludwig, Daniella Lucas  
**11:30AM** Deacon, Lauren & Maria Schroeder, Kathy O’Connor, Karen Klaene, Donna Vitt, Ray & Joan Loebker, Tom Fleming, Kate Hein, Mary Beth Nolan

### LECTORS April 29 & 30, 2017

<b>4:30PM</b>	D. Willig	J. Willig
<b>8:00AM</b>	C. Nie	S. Nie
<b>9:30AM</b>	M. Rechten	M. Rechten
<b>11:30AM</b>	T. Kaeser	L. Kaeser

## WELCOME FATHER GEORGE KUNKEL

Father George Kunkel will reside at Saint Antoninus Rectory as he begins his retirement. Fr. George grew up in the neighborhood of Carthage in Cincinnati. He graduated from St. Charles Borromeo Grade School and Roger Bacon High School.

He was ordained a priest in 1977. During his forty years as a priest, he served on the faculty of La Salle and McAuley High Schools. He also was a pastor of St. Martin of Tours in Cheviot and St. Vincent Ferrer in Kenwood.

Fr. Kunkel will be assisting with Mass and confessions. We welcome him to Saint Antoninus Parish.

## PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS For week ending April 9, 2017

Sunday Collections	\$19,140.70
Maintenance	\$ 390.00
School Parish Support	\$ 517.00
Holy Days/Special	\$ 110.00
Donations	\$ 146.00

**Thank you** for your continuing support of the parish and school. Please remember Saint Antoninus in your will. Gifts of stock can also be made to St. Antoninus Church. If you currently work for, or are retired from, a company that has a Matching Gift program, you can make your contributions to Parish School Support and have those contributions matched by your company.

## KROGER PLUS CARD

If you are new to the Kroger Plus Card program, please sign up at [Kroger.com](http://Kroger.com). Your support to St. Antoninus Parish is very much appreciated.

## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

In the Gospel today, Jesus stands in the midst of us and says: "Peace be with you!" **During Mass, we turn to each other and say, "Peace be with you!" As you put your gift into the St. Vincent de Paul box, you say, "Peace be with you!" to those who are poor and hungry.**

## HELP JESUS IN DISGUISE

The weekend of April 29/30, our parish will take up a second collection for the Catholic Relief Services. Funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people here at home and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the CRSC, and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief).

## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

If you have not yet made your pledge, please consider doing so this week. These important local ministries depend on our help each year. To make a pledge securely online, please visit [CatholicAppeal.net](http://CatholicAppeal.net). Thank you! As of April 11, 2017, the amount of pledges received is \$ 24,005.17 which is 60.75% of our parish goal of \$50,838.00. Thank you for your participation.



Parishioners who use this service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage. By using online giving, you are helping the parish improve our operational efficiency. To start, go to the official Saint Antoninus Parish website at [www.saintantoninus.org](http://www.saintantoninus.org), click About Us, then click Giving, click on the Our Sunday Visitor button, then click the green Create New Account button. You must set yourself up with your information, including your envelope number. Look on your envelopes, or call the rectory office, for your number. You then have choices of recurring donations or one time donations. If you want this service but do not have a computer, or if you have any questions, please call Beth at the rectory office at 922-5400, x 2.

**Save the Date — ICE CREAM SOCIAL on SUNDAY, APRIL 30 (after the 11:30am Mass).** All parishioners are invited to celebrate the 25th anniversary of Deacon ordination of our Deacon Bob Schroeder at an ice cream social in the Undercroft.

**MASS OF CHRISTIAN BURIAL** has been offered for Charles Asimus, Julia Bertke and Kenneth Stinson. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

**Reading I: Acts of the Apostles: 2:42-47:** Christian tradition, and almost all commentators, asserts that the book of the Acts of the Apostles was written by the author of the Third Gospel, and that the author of both was St. Luke, the companion of St. Paul, on his second journey and his loyal aide. The Church has always maintained that the Acts of the Apostles is a true history of events. Acts is a sort of compendium of the Christian faith in action. St. Luke's purpose was to instruct, so he presented all the main truths of the Christian faith and, in so doing, shows the main outlines of the liturgical and sacramental life of the early Church. The readings for this second Sunday of Easter provide a focus on the early Christians, with a special focus to two virtues in particular: perseverance and fellowship. The apostles spent considerable time and effort in teaching the faith to their disciples. The teaching to those *in* the Church is known as catechesis. The fellowship referred to in this verse is that union of hearts brought about by the Holy Spirit and the "breaking of bread" refers to the Holy Eucharist. The awe mentioned in the next verse is the amazement and wonder the disciples felt when they saw the miracles and other supernatural signs which the Lord worked through His apostles. Charity and union of hearts lead the disciples to sacrifice their own interests to meet the material needs of their poorer brothers and sisters. The sharing of possessions referred to here was a not a permanent socialistic kind of system. Rather, it was the more well-to-do Christians freely providing for those in need.

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118: 2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1):** The refrain with which the psalm opens is a standard thanksgiving formula and is a call to the people to join in thanksgiving and to trust in the Lord. Verse 14 reproduces part of the canticle of Moses, after the crossing of the Red Sea, showing that God continues to be the Savior of His people. The reference to the "right hand of the Lord" points to His power to give victory to His followers. In their acclamation, the people acknowledge that God has established a new order through the victory won by the king. The king is compared to a rejected stone that has been made into the keystone of an arch which keeps the whole structure together. He was rejected by those who attacked him, but now he rules over them. We hear parts of verses 22-24 spoken by Christ in the parable of the murderous tenants whose vineyard is taken from them and given to others (Mt. 21:42; Mk 12:10; Lk 20:17). The Church uses this psalm in the liturgy of Easter Sunday and often repeats in Easter Week the words of verse 24, acknowledging that a new order of salvation has been established by the resurrection of Christ.

**Reading II: 1 Peter 1: 3-9:** Our second reading was authored by St. Peter. Scripture scholars believe that examination of the content of the letter supports its Petrine origin. There are very obvious similarities between the teaching contained in it and the discourses of St. Peter recorded in the Acts of the Apostles. The main purpose of the letter, seemingly, was to console and exhort Christians to stand firm in the midst of difficulties. The reading opens with a hymn of praise and gratitude to God, for He has destined us to a marvelous heritage in heaven. God brought about the work of our redemption by "His great mercy". This is our heritage. For those Christians who stay true to their calling, this inheritance, St. Peter says, is kept in heaven. Hope of obtaining the inheritance of heaven gives Christians joy in the midst of trials which test their faith. At the center of that faith is Jesus whom we strive to love above all, thereby attaining what St. Peter calls "unutterable and exalted joy": a foretaste of the joy of heaven itself. Exhortations to be joyful in the mist of affliction occur often in the New Testament and reflect a deep Christian conviction. St. Bede, in a commentary on this passage, says that St. Peter teaches that it is good to suffer trials, because eternal joys cannot be obtained except through the afflictions and sorrows of this passing world. When one receives an eternal reward, the afflictions of this world, which seemed so heavy and bitter, seem then (in hindsight) to have been very short lived and slight. Picking up this theme from both St. Peter and St. Bede, St. Josemaria Escriva wrote that Christian joy is the product of faith, hope, and love. "You should realize that God wants us to be happy and that, if you do all you can, you will be happy, very, very, happy, although you will never be a moment without the Cross. But that Cross is no longer a gallows. It is the throne from which Christ reigns". We often reflect this advice when we exhort others (and ourselves) to "offer it up" when hardship is encountered.

**Gospel: John 20:19-31:** Jesus appears to the apostles on the evening of the day on which he rose from the dead. He presents Himself without any need for the doors to be opened, which would be proper to the qualities of His glorified body. Yet, He didn't want the apostles to think He was only a spirit, so He shows them His hands, feet, and side: there is no longer any doubt of its being Jesus Himself or about His being truly raised from the dead. However, St. Thomas was not with the rest of the apostles when Jesus appeared to them the evening of the resurrection. The apostles related to Thomas that they had seen the risen Lord, and he refused to believe it, unless he saw for himself and probed the wounds. Thomas' doubting moves Jesus to give him special proof that His risen body is quite real. By so doing, He bolsters the faith of those who would, later on, find faith in Him. Addressing this passage, St. Pope Gregory the Great wrote: "Surely you do not think that it was a pure accident that this disciple was missing; who on his return was

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told about the appearance and, on hearing about it, doubted; doubting, so that he might touch and believe by touching? It was not an accident; God arranged that it should happen. His clemency acted in this wonderful way, so that through the doubting, disciple touching the wounds in his Master's body, our own wounds of incredulity might be healed. And so the disciple, doubting and touching, was changed into a witness of the truth and of the resurrection". Thomas' reply is not simply an exclamation: it is an assertion, and act of faith in the divinity of Christ: "My Lord and my God!" These words have become a prayer often used by Christians, especially in the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Eucharist. The last two verses in the passage are a sort of first conclusion to the Gospel of St. John. Scripture scholars believe that he added chapter 21 later. However, the last two verses sum up the evangelists' whole purpose in writing this Gospel: to have later generations believe that Jesus was the Messiah, the Christ announced by the prophets in the Old Testament, the Son of God, so that by believing this saving truth, which is the core of Revelation, they might already begin to partake of eternal life.

**Reflection:** As I read the readings for Mass this weekend, they took on a special new meaning for me, especially the Gospel. The first reading, described by Scriptural scholars as a compendium of the Christian faith in action, illustrates for me how essential it is for us to tell others about Jesus Christ. People must know our Christian narrative, and we are the bearers of it in our time. We must try to lead others to Jesus. This relates to a rather interesting experience I recently had pertaining to the Gospel passage. When I was teaching in Italy just after Christmas, I was visiting the Pantheon in Rome with some of my students. Inside the Pantheon is a beautiful painting of John 20:19-31. The painting extended nearly from ceiling to floor, so it was quite life like. My students asked what was going on in the painting; what was the story being told by the painting. We discussed Thomas doubting that the Lord had risen, and how Jesus gave him an opportunity to believe. The fresco of Jesus and Thomas is significant for our celebration of Divine Mercy Sunday. Water and blood flowed from Jesus' heart through the wound in His side. It is this wound that Thomas appears to be probing. In a vision to St. Faustina, Jesus told her that the water and blood which poured forth from His heart is a "fountain of mercy". That fountain of mercy is intended for all who avail themselves of it. Jesus revealed to St. Faustina that this fountain is especially encountered in confession and reconciliation, where one can "immerse yourself entirely in My Mercy". St. Faustina has told the world much about Jesus' ardent desire for people to avail themselves in His Mercy. Her message is that Jesus is Love and Mercy personified. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, perhaps we may ask the Lord of Mercy for the grace to become true messengers of Mercy in an age so desperately in need of mercy and healing.

### **HOLY SPIRIT PRAYER GROUP**

St. Padre Pio called the Rosary beads a weapon of extraordinary power against Satan. In this year of the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Our Lady's appearances at Fatima, it is especially important to heed her pleas for us to pray the Rosary every day! Come join us on Tuesday evening at 7 PM in the Chapel, as we pray the Rosary for the needs of our country.

**Saturday, May 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:45am til 10:15am:** To honor Our Lady of Fatima on her feast day and the 100 year anniversary of Apparitions, there we will: pray for a plenary indulgence in the chapel at OLF statue. Then, go to the Holy Family room for a discussion/powerpoint presentation on the Rosary. Suggested: on [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org) – movies: "Finding Fatima", "The 13th Day" or "Prayer: a surge of the heart" or Audio, "Praying the Rosary like never before", etc. FREE rosary's and CD's with the rosary, divine mercy chaplet and information from the Mary Foundation will be provided.

### **DECREE ON CHILD PROTECTION OF THE ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI**

**VIRTUS** MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT ST. ANTONINUS, IN THE CHURCH UNDERCROFT, ON THE FOLLOWING DATES: **April 26, May 16 and June 12.**

**ALL EMPLOYEES AND REGULAR VOLUNTEERS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND ONE VIRTUS TRAINING MEETING. YOU MAY ATTEND HERE OR AT ANY OTHER LOCATION WITHIN THE ARCHDIOCESE. PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED AT: www.virtus.org.**

MAKE SURE THAT THE "USER'S LOCATION" YOU CHOOSE DURING REGISTRATION IS ST. ANTONINUS – EVEN IF YOU ATTEND VIRTUS AT ANOTHER LOCATION. PLEASE BE SURE TO WRITE DOWN YOUR VIRTUS USER- ID AND YOUR PASSWORD. YOU WILL NEED TO USE THEM MONTHLY.

Volunteers (unless you coach high school students) are no longer required to get fingerprinted. Instead, volunteers are required to complete an on-line background check.

If you wish to pay for the on-line background check yourself, you can complete it as a part of the VIRTUS registration. If you volunteer at St. Antoninus and would like a pre-paid code to pay for the background check, contact Deacon Bob Schroeder before you register for VIRTUS, or do not complete the background check when you register for VIRTUS. Contact Deacon Bob Schroeder at: [schroeder@saintantoninus.org](mailto:schroeder@saintantoninus.org). He will send the pre-paid, one-time-use, code to you via e-mail. The code will work only for those who have St. Antoninus as their primary user location on their VIRTUS account.

If you coach high school students, you are also required to complete fingerprinting. E-mail Deacon Bob at the address above, and he will send directions to you.



### FLOWERS FOR THE ALTAR

If you wish to dedicate the placing of flowers for one week at the altar in memory of a loved one, or to honor a person or special occasion, please send \$50 (check made out to Saint Antoninus Church, with Altar Flowers in the memo line) to the rectory office with your name, phone number and the week you would like to reserve. More than one family may reserve the same week. There will be no flower arrangements during the Advent and Lent seasons. If you have questions, call Steffany Reid, Business Manager, at 922-5400, x 3.

### TRAVELING CHALICE

Now, more than ever, PLEASE consider taking the Traveling Chalice into your home and pray, either as a family or alone, for the intentions of our Holy Church, for Vocations, Pope Francis, all Church leaders, our country, and for our persecuted brothers and sisters around the world. Call Debbie at 922-2414 to schedule the Traveling Chalice. Thank you to Mary Lynne Rapien for taking the Traveling Chalice into her home.

**ST. ANTONINUS FOOTBALL SIGN-UPS** have begun for children in grades K thru 8th grade. The link to Blue Sombrero is <http://sports.bluesombrero.com/Default.aspx?tabid=298914>. You do not have to be a current student at St. Antoninus to play football, but you do have to be a member of the Parish and the Athletic Club and attending PREP religious education classes in accordance with the Archdiocese Charter on Athletics and Youth. Any questions can be sent to [ike\\_kirch@cinfin.com](mailto:ike_kirch@cinfin.com), or 284-9295.

**The 20<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Antoninus Athletic Club Golf Outing** will be played **Friday, April 28, 2017 at Pebble Creek Golf Club** at 11:00 AM, shotgun start at 12:00, then dinner and awards following golf. All skill levels are encouraged to attend. The cost is \$120 per golfer. Please contact Brian Downey to sign up, or if you are interested in donating prizes, hole sponsorship, or being a corporate sponsor. If you do not have a completed foursome, we will find players for you. Please contact Brian with any questions, and come out to enjoy the day!

**The Athletic Club is hosting the Spring Bid N Buy Gift Gathering Party for the St. Antoninus Festival on Friday, May 19, 2017 from 6 – 9 PM at the Schott Field Memorial Patio.** There will be a grill out with brats, metts and hot dogs provided. Bring your cooler with drinks for your family and a side or desert to share. We will also have spirit wear and forms available to purchase engraved patio bricks.

### ADULT SOCIAL GROUP

On **May 8**, the Communion service will be at 12:30PM in the chapel. Lunch will be served in the undercroft at 1PM. \$9.00 per person is due by Wednesday, May 3, to the rectory office. Call Bob Brown at 451-4842 to RSVP.

### ST. ANTONINUS NETWORK OF CARE



As we go through life's stages, sometimes we are in a position to help others, while at other times, we are in need of help. A network of volunteers is prepared to serve the St. Antoninus Parish Family by providing a meal after hospitalization, surgery or medical treatments; transportation to medical treatments or to Mass; prayer for the intentions on the St. Antoninus Prayer Chain; and A Listening Ear to parishioners facing difficulties. For more information, please leave a message on the Network of Care Phone Line at 922-5400, ext. 8, and someone will return your call.

**"My Fair Lady" Benefit Preview, Wednesday, April 26, 2017, at The Covedale Theater, 7:30 PM.** HALF OF ALL PROCEEDS benefit Pregnancy Center West. ONLY \$20/ ticket. Contact Karen Mueller at 244-5700, or e-mail [pcwest@fuse.net](mailto:pcwest@fuse.net). Thank You!

**ARCHBISHOP SCHNURR TO CELEBRATE LIFE'S 5<sup>TH</sup> QUARTER PRO-LIFE MASS on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM at Holy Name Catholic Church, 2422 Auburn Avenue, Cincinnati.** For more information, please visit [www.Facebook.com/lifes5thquarter](http://www.Facebook.com/lifes5thquarter) and [www.marysmantleforlife.org](http://www.marysmantleforlife.org).

**Cincy Music Series Finale - Arrival - The Music of Abba on Saturday May 6**, at Mount St, Joseph University. For tickets and info, go to [www.cincymusicseries.org](http://www.cincymusicseries.org), or call 570-0652. For each ticket purchased, \$5 will be donated to the Catholic elementary school of your choice. The ESAP (Education Scholarship and Assistance Foundation) will match the donation for a total \$10 per ticket contribution. What a great way to support our Catholic schools! The Cincy Music Series - Where Great Arts Support Great Education!

**CATHOLIC ENGAGED ENCOUNTER** is a wonderful marriage preparation weekend that fulfills your Pre-Cana requirements for getting married in the Catholic Church. 2017 dates are: **May 19-21**, June. 10-11, Sept. 16-17, & Oct. 6-8. If you have any questions, please contact Ashley Altenau at 479-1700. To register, e-mail [www.cincinnatiengagedencounter.org](http://www.cincinnatiengagedencounter.org).