Dear St. Paul Parish Family,

I have decided that it is time to retire. It will be more difficult than I can put into words for me to leave St. Paul. You have all been so good to me here. It has also been an extraordinary blessing to be your pastor for the past 16 years.

I have concluded, through much prayer and reflection, that this is the right time. There will always be reasons to stay -- but bottom line, it’s just time.

I am convinced that it is God’s plan for me to begin a new chapter in my life. I will officially retire in July of this year. I thank God for all the blessings that have I have received here; and I thank you for all of your support and kindness to me.

God Bless You and God Bless St. Paul Parish!

Sincerely,

Fr. Charlie

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Father Charles Klinger says his call to the priesthood came slowly, but unmistakably.

“I graduated from St. Charles Preparatory School in Columbus in the spring of 1961 and began studying for the priesthood that fall at the old St. Charles Seminary,” he said. “After a year there, I knew I wasn’t ready to make the decision to be a priest. So I left, with no intention of coming back.”

During the next 16 years, he studied history, ultimately earning a doctoral degree, and was a college teacher and researcher. “I always practiced my faith, tried to be prayerful, went to daily Mass often, and every now and then, I’d find myself thinking ‘Maybe I should be a priest after all,’” he said.

“Then came a day in December 1978 at St. Olaf Catholic Church in downtown Minneapolis. I went to Mass that day and just decided that God had been calling me and I needed to follow that call. Once I did, I never looked back.

“I wasn’t ready at age 19 to make the sacrifices needed to be a priest, and I treasure the period between then and when I answered the call. It was a rich time in my life and helped me to be a good priest. Looking back, I think things worked out in pretty much the way the Holy Spirit wanted them to,” he said.

Father Klinger, 74, pastor of Westerville St. Paul Church, was born in Marietta and moved to Columbus in 1947 at age four with his family. He attended church and grade school at Columbus Immaculate Conception and was a server at the funeral of Msgr. John Fagan, the parish’s pastor for 37 years until his death in 1960. “Msgr. Fagan was the greatest influence on my becoming a priest,” Father Klinger said. “He was a real leader, a very kind, gentle pastor who worked hard, but always had time to listen to people. At least a dozen young men became priests because of his example. I’m one of them.”

After leaving St. Charles, Father Klinger attended The Ohio State University from 1962-1967, receiving his bachelor’s and master’s degrees. “From 1965-67, one of my fellow graduate students in history was a young man named Frederick Campbell,” he said. “We were in a group of wonderful friends who had a lot of fun and were serious about our studies, as well. I’m sure neither of us thought that years later, both of us would be priests and he would be my bishop.”

Father Klinger left Ohio for doctoral studies at the University of Minnesota, where he was a teaching assistant and did research in the History of Medicine. In the mid-1970s, he was assistant to the director of the Hill Monastic Manuscript Library at St. John’s University in Collegeville, Minnesota. He earned his doctorate in Medieval History in 1978.

“St. John’s sent monks to Austria, Spain, and Portugal who supervised putting medieval manuscripts on microfilm in that pre-digital era, then brought the microfilm back to Collegeville to make it more accessible to American doctoral candidates,” he said.

“I really enjoyed this time at St. John’s and traveled a good bit to represent the library. I also had the challenge of cataloguing the manuscripts. This entailed reading Medieval Latin cursive, which can look like scribbling at first glance. After I received the PhD, I was a visiting assistant professor for a time back at the University of Minnesota, and I loved being a college teacher. More than a few college students majored in history then, but today the liberal arts tradition is unfortunately waning.”
Father Klinger’s educational background enabled him to finish his theological studies in three years instead of four after he discerned his call to the priesthood. He attended the Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C., from 1979-1982, earning a Master of Divinity degree. During this time, he served as a summer intern at Kenton Immaculate Conception Church in 1980 and Columbus Holy Family Church in 1981.

His final period of preparation for the priesthood was spent as a deacon in 1982 and 1983 at Westerville St. Paul, where he would become pastor two decades later. He was ordained a priest by Bishop James Griffin at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral on June 11, 1983.

His first assignment was as associate pastor at Marion St. Mary Church from 1983-85. “I was very excited, and it was wonderful to start at such a busy place,” he said. “At the time, we had nine weekend Masses, including some at a satellite chapel near Marion Catholic High School and one at St. Lawrence O’Toole Church in Caledonia (now closed), which was our mission church.

“I also was a teacher at Marion Catholic High School. That was a memorable experience because it was so different from college teaching,” he said. “It gave me a healthy respect for elementary and high school teachers.”

His time at Marion was followed by two years as Associate Pastor at Hilliard St. Brendan Church. During that time and during the period he served as pastor of Plain City St. Joseph Church, he also taught European history at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

Father Klinger was at Plain City and its former mission at Milford Center (now closed) from 1987-1991. “That was a great place for a first-time pastor because the parish was relatively small,” he said. “The choir was very dedicated. We had a youth group which was small, but outstanding, with close to 100 percent participation. We started a St. Vincent de Paul Society there, which also happened at the other two parishes where I’ve been pastor.”

He was appointed pastor of Zanesville St. Nicholas Church in 1991 and stayed there for 12 years. “I was ready for the challenge of a larger church,” he said. “It seemed like a place where a priest could do a lot of good, and it was. My years there were a great time for growth for myself and the parish spiritually, while physically, we built a new activity center during that period. The one thing that was hard to do was giving up teaching at the Josephinum, but I realized you can only do so much and be effective.”

He said his experience 20 years earlier at St. Paul was great preparation for his return there as pastor in 2003. “I was eager to come back because I knew the people there,” he said. “I knew they had outgrown the church they had and needed a new one. People wanted it, and they were willing to support it, and I’m constantly grateful for that support.”

The parish, with about 4,300 families, is the largest in the diocese. The church building seats about 1,500 people and also is the largest in the diocese. It has been nationally recognized for the beauty of its Romanesque architecture, for its bright, open appearance, and for its pipe organ, which was custom-built by the local Muller Pipe Organ Co. Construction again is going on at the parish – this time, to add a second floor to much of the existing school building.

“Having a large parish enables us to offer so much,” he said. “This includes things like our Prison Ministry, the Elizabeth Ministry for couples struggling with the loss of a child or the desire to have a child, our partnership
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with Columbus Holy Rosary/St. John Church, the Stewardship Employment Ministry for the unemployed, and the work of the St. Vincent de Paul Society, just to name a few.

“Small Church Communities are especially important in a large parish like this (or any parish, for that matter), as a way for people to connect their everyday life with their faith on a regular basis in an intimate way. These communities consist of eight to twelve people who come together on a convenient night to reflect on the coming Sunday’s Gospel. They’re not based on friendship, but on what night you can come. Of course, many friendships result from these gatherings.”

Asked to give his definition of a priest, Father Klinger said, “He is someone who should be very conscious that he is ministering the mercy of God through Jesus Christ. Pope Francis has been a great inspiration to me in the way he has given us an example of compassion, mercy, caring, and forgiveness. He affirms my ministry.

“He may be the pope, but he’s constantly showing that he’s not different from the rest of us and that he wants to walk with people, to go to the margins, to have us think outside of ourselves, and, to use the phrase that’s become so associated with him, ‘to smell the sheep.’”

Although he is past 70, the retirement age for priests, Father Klinger said he hopes to remain in active ministry for some time. “I will retire,” he said. “It has been a tremendous blessing to serve beyond 70 and see so many things going on at St. Paul. I think I’ll know when it’s time to retire, but until then, I want to be part of this parish for as long as I’m able.”

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Each year on the First Sunday of Lent those in the RCIA gather for a ceremony called The Rite of Election with other parishes in our Diocese. This year the Rite of Election was held on in our church on Sunday, March 10.

During the Rite of Election the Bishop calls forth those who are preparing for baptism after asking their godparents about their readiness. Upon hearing testimony from the godparents, the Bishop concludes with this exhortation: “Catechumens, God is always faithful to those he calls: now it is your duty, as it is ours, both to be faithful to him in return and to strive courageously to reach the fullness of truth.” The assembly responds, “Blessed be God forever.”

Next the Bishop asks the sponsors to give testimony about those who are from other faith traditions and their desire to participate fully in the sacramental life of the Catholic Church. Upon hearing their testimony, the Bishop concludes by claiming: “The Church recognizes your desire to be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit and to have a place at Christ’s eucharistic table. In a spirit of repentance hear the Lord’s call to conversion and be faithful to your baptismal promise.” Those gathered then offer prayers of intercession for all candidates and conclude with the hope of being renewed to share in the joys of Easter. We congratulate those in the St. Paul RCIA!
In Response to the Abuse Crisis…

St. Thomas More Newman Center, located at 64 W. Lane Avenue downtown in Columbus, will be hosting Michael Mack’s “powerful” (Washington Post) and “magnificent” (New York Theatre Guide) one-man, 90-minute play Conversations with My Molester: A Journey of Faith on Saturday, April 6 at 7:00 p.m. Mack’s boyhood dream of becoming a Catholic priest ended when his pastor first invited him to the rectory. This play is Mack’s spiritual autobiography – a true story of trespass, grace, and the odyssey of healing that led him back to the Catholic Church. His multiple prize-winning work has been praised by secular and religious sources alike. A post-show discussion will follow featuring Michael Mack and clergy. This event is FREE and open to the public. Mature themes and content.

Father Charlie has initiated a follow-up to the “Listening Session” held in our parish last October to further address the sexual assault crisis within our Church. All St. Paul parish priests and lay staff will be present. Parishioners will be encouraged to share their concerns in small groups. We invite you to please join with others in the Activities Center from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8.
COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

Community partnerships are the bedrock of St. Paul’s STEAM-centered academic program. Ongoing relationships with business professionals and community organizations connect students with real-world learning opportunities and 21st Century careers. In 2016, our STEAM curriculum team used a survey to generate a database of career professionals from the St. Paul parent community who were willing to partner with the school. This database has expanded to include experts from a diversity of career fields including emergency response personnel, robotics engineers, musicians, medical personnel, pilots, artists from the local Westerville community, construction engineers, insurance agents, Otterbein University professors, attorneys, cyber security engineers, mechanical engineers, software developers, and research scientists. A few of these career specialists are founding members of our STEAM Advisory Board. The professionals continue to serve as judges for our annual 7th and 8th grade Science and Engineering Fair, guest presenters for our project-based learning initiatives, and STEAM Career Day speakers. In addition to their participation in our annual STEAM-centered events, some of the business organizations have evolved into key partnerships, committed to preparing St. Paul students for college and career readiness.

CORNAC EKOSING

Corna Kokosing Construction completed a three-phase renovation project at St. Paul in 2018 adding over 27,000 square feet of 21st Century learning space to our building. Throughout the construction process, Corna engineers partnered with teachers to discuss the engineering career field and how the building project weaved into our STEAM-centered curriculum. For example, the engineers instructed primary grade students about the welding process and demonstrated what a successful weld looks and feels like. The students engaged in a design challenge, working with the engineers, to construct free-standing objects that followed the engineering and design process. Corna engineers, administrators, and project managers judged our annual Science and Engineering Fair and will participate in our STEAM Career Day. Josh Corna, President of Corna Kokosing, has committed to an ongoing partnership with St. Paul including presentations, classroom discussions, involvement in our LEGO Robotics competition, and engaging students with career opportunities in the construction industry.

MODWEB AND DAVID MYERS’ ART STUDIO

Justin Foley from ModernWeb and David Myers of David Myers’ Studio, have worked closely with a team of 8th grade students on high quality video editing and development. They have met virtually via Skype multiple times and in person throughout the video design process. Justin provides students technical assistance and expertise, and David has worked with the students on things like perspective and how to tell a story with video. Justin serves as an annual Science and Engineering Fair judge and speaker for our Code Club. David has also collaborated with our administrative team to develop an end of year professional development for teachers in May focused on how to weave art into every element of the curriculum. ModWeb and David Myers Art Studio and Galleries are committed to ongoing engagement with our St. Paul students. We encourage you to check out the student developed video that can be accessed on the school website at stpaulk-8.org!
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**SPRUCE RUN ENVIRONMENTAL CENTER**

St. Paul School has partnered with Spruce Run Environmental Center as part of our ever-growing STEAM program. Located at 4175 Sunbury Road in Galena, Spruce Run is a 50-acre site donated to Columbus City Schools in 1974 by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patton for environmental studies and outdoor experiences for youth.

Spruce Run offers two main nature trails, a woods walk and a meadow and coniferous forest walk. Renovated in 2013, the site now includes an education building with classrooms and restrooms as well as a greenhouse and raised bed gardens. The grounds include a team building area, a toddler play space, a stream, picnic tables, and beautiful flora and fauna.

Our partnership will be finalized by the Columbus City Schools Board of Education soon. Once finalized, Mrs. Geri Granger, the Educational Program Director for Spruce Run, will help our teachers develop lesson plans and coordinate classroom visits to SREC. “Ranger Granger”, as she is known, will offer collaborative support for any wildlife, nature, science, arts, or retreat, and team-building experiences at SREC.

Watch for more about access to wildlife and nature for our students to enrich their STEAM experiences! Spruce Run, a new partner and a beautiful resource, is just 10 minutes from our school’s front door!

**STEAM ADVISORY BOARD**

The STEAM Advisory Board (SAB) includes: Dan Kirby, parent and president of the SAB; Dr. Kathryn Norris and Faustin Weber MEd, school administrators; Jan Federenko, PhD, and Curtis Smith (engineer and sculptor), Westerville Arts Council; Angie Kuhn, St. Paul School (SPS) IDEA Lab and STEAM lead teacher; David Myers, Uptown Westerville Art Studio; Colleen Tegeler, SPS Technology Coordinator; Nancy Beverage, SPS Librarian and STEAM Resource Coordinator; members of the STEAM Core Faculty Team; Dana Forsythe, Development Director; Todd Souza, school parent and Business Marketing; Justin Foley, school parent and MOD Web Design President; Erin Bender, STEAM Innovation Center at Otterbein; and Jim Valentis, Sr. Project Manager at Corna Kokosing.

The goal of the STEAM Advisory Board is to provide input into the ongoing development of the school’s STEAM curriculum; while securing and sustaining local and national partnerships that provide real-world problem scenarios, in-kind donations of time and service, and financial stability; and quarterly reviews.

**GRADES 7 & 8 CODE CLUB**

This code club began in 2016 when a small group of students expressed an interest in learning more about computer programming. These students had completed a brief study of computer programming through their technology class and through the National Hour of Code. The club has programmed with block coding through Scratch and Code.org, JavaScript through Kahn Academy and Python through Code Academy. They have also completed many coding challenges with small robots. The club has been mentored by a local programmer who has taught the club many valuable coding skills. They have completed an array of projects with 3D printing to solve problems around our school. The students are tasked with discussing the task requirements with their customer, taking proper measurements, designing a prototype in TinkerCad, printing the 3D design, and following up with their customer to make sure the prototype works. One student even designed and printed a device for a teacher who wanted a place to put her eraser for her whiteboard!
St. Paul School’s website will soon have a NEW, REFRESHED look!

Caring Host Families Needed

Looking for an intercultural experience for the whole family? Join the International Partnership of Education Research and Communication (IPERC) by hosting an international student! Partnering with several local schools, IPERC helps middle and high school Chinese students to study in the United States. With over 50 students currently attending schools in the Columbus area, IPERC works with many Catholic schools such as Bishop Watterson, St. Francis DeSales and Bishop Ready. As we prepare for the 2019-2020 school year, we are looking for caring host families to help welcome our incoming students and assist them in becoming active members of the school community.

Hosting an international student is one of the most rewarding experiences that you and your family can have! Learning about the language and customs of another culture is a priceless gift that you receive as a host family while at the same time giving back to your exchange student. Both your family and student will gain a deeper understanding of how culture varies across the world. However, it is the lifelong friendship between your family and student that makes the cultural exchange program valuable!

To qualify as a host family, IPERC requires that students are provided with the following: a safe, stable environment, their own bedroom with a desk, transportation to and from school and school-related activities, and all meals outside of school lunches. To help offset these costs, host families are provided with a monthly stipend as well as round the clock local support.

If you and your family are interested in exploring this exciting opportunity, please contact the IPERC Program Director and Coordinator for the Columbus area, Rachel Fullin, at either (614) 499-3958 or rachelfullin.iperc@gmail.com – or go to www.iperc.org to learn more about the hosting program.
Music... Service... Games... Arts... Science...
Community... Faith... Friendship...

JESUS!

This is what children will experience at St. Paul’s week-long summer camp, Vacation Bible School!

One of the many great things about Vacation Bible School (VBS) is how creatively and seamlessly it combines all the above elements into a week-long, half day summer camp that teaches our children about their faith. We use good, old fashion fun to teach students about God, the saints and the Bible. Broken into five stations each morning, the youth rotate through each station to complete themed activities that reinforce the day’s Bible message.

In Wild Bible Adventures, the Bible comes to life with period costumes, scripted actors, props and special effects! The children don’t just hear a Bible story, they experience one! They may be transported to Pharaoh’s palace, onto Noah’s Ark or even to the foot of the cross. What better way for children to truly connect with scripture than by experiencing it?

Our Games Station is a great way for kids to creatively play while learning important Bible lessons:

- Play fair: 2 Timothy 2:5
- Competition: 1 Timothy 6:11-12
- Perseverance: Philippians 3:12-14, 4:13
- Sportsmanship: Philippians 2:3; Proverbs 25:27

Children learn firsthand how God's creations work by using science experiments, technology and art to drive home particular Bible points. This is followed by putting those lessons into actions as the children perform daily service projects hosted by various St. Paul ministries. All this and more are punctuated by a concert-like finale each day!

Another great aspect of VBS is that the entire family can participate! The main body is made up of students from age 3 through 6th grade, broken into programming specifically for their age group. Students in 7th grade and older make up the bulk of our crew leaders and VBS is often their first taste of leadership and evangelization. Adults of all generations volunteer their time and talents to share their faith with our parish’s young people. Even our tiniest parishioners (infants and toddlers) are welcome to participate with their parents.

Families come back year after year to celebrate the joy of our Catholic Faith. Past participants have often shared that the friendships made during VBS last a lifetime. And the music! We often hear children singing the VBS songs months after camp has ended! VBS is a one-of-a-kind experience. We hope to see your family this summer!

**PLAN NOW TO JOIN US ON JUNE 10-14, FROM 9:00 A.M. UNTIL NOON!**

The price for youth in Preschool (children ages 3-5; toilet trained; not yet in kindergarten) and for those who will have completed grades K-4 in the 2018-2019 school year, is $40. Our Middle School Program is intended for those who just completed grades 5 and 6 and is $20. There is a $100 max per family. Students who have recently completed grades 7-12 are encouraged to serve as Youth Volunteers. Adult volunteers need to be 18 or older and must complete the Protecting God’s Children course and be fingerprinted. Onsite babysitting will be available for children under age 3 for children of volunteers.

**REGISTRATION MATERIALS FOR VBS CAN BE FOUND ON THE PARISH WEBSITE!**
Every child in our parish should receive religious education every year and must complete at least two years of religious education prior to receiving the Sacraments.

Please remember that PSR catechesis is meant to support and supplement the religious instruction children receive at home, as parents are the primary educators of their children in the faith.

Volunteers: Our PSR classes serve to educate youth in Preschool through the 8th grade. We rely on more than 150 volunteers each year to successfully do so. There are many ways adults can help – from serving as grade level catechists or co-catechists to hall monitors. Tuition discounts are available for all our volunteers. While we are most grateful for our dedicated volunteers, more helping hands are needed, and we certainly would love to add new faces to our team. It's not too early to inquire about serving for the upcoming school year! Please prayerfully consider contacting the PSR Office at 614-882-5045 or psr@stpacc.org to learn more about our volunteer opportunities!
Visit Our Marian Gift Shop!
Consider stopping in our Marian Gift Shop if you need a special gift this Lenten season. New and unique items arrive weekly! For children you will find books that explain the steps in praying the stations of the cross, coloring books, stickers and magnets, large beaded rosaries and much more. Adults might especially enjoy the Lenten prayer books, beads for Stations of the Cross with guide books, and forgiveness nails. You can even find a crown of thorns with a candle that would make a unique centerpiece for your table this Easter!

The shop has an array of beautiful prayer books, rosaries, jewelry, statues, crucifixes, CDs, and candles, too. Gift Shop Manager Sharon Wong can be reached at 614-882-5257 mariangiftshop@stpacc.org.

The gift shop hours are as follows:
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Monday & Friday: 9:15 a.m. to noon
Tuesday & Thursday closed.
Wednesday: 2:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Saturday: 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

PRAY & PAINT

Please join the Elizabeth Ministry group for a fun evening of prayers and painting!

NO EXPERIENCE with painting needed!

We will be led by Carol Buccilla of Teen Book文创

April 9th, 6:30 – 8:00pm
Room 713 (2nd floor of the school)
Register at www.stpaulcatholicchurch.org

$36 includes all materials
by April 5th
Space is limited!!

The Alpha Course

We are pleased to report that to date, between 200-300 guests have experienced the Alpha program here at St. Paul’s! Most participants have been parishioners, but we also have been blessed with the presence of several who worship elsewhere – some who are Christians, not Catholic. Our youngest guest is 17 years of age; our oldest attendee, 83 years old. It has been extremely gratifying for us to bring this program to you, our parishioners, in hopes of bringing participants closer to Christ while encouraging them to let go and allow the Holy Spirit to work their lives.

It is worth noting that that the meals served at each Alpha session have all been from local restaurants whom we partner with to create a social and friendly meal atmosphere. The lively and informing videos shown at Alpha often brought tears of laughter and other times, strong emotions. The small group discussions have provided a safe and informal venue for those present to share their thoughts about all aspects of the Christian faith if they desired to do so. Many of our guests have commented that the offsite retreat experience especially provided time for them to enrich their faith and was the highlight of the entire program.

Our success with Alpha would not be possible without the help of nearly 75 volunteers. They have given of their time and talents to help make Alpha a truly enriching experience for so very many. We are continuously seeking new volunteers whose gifts range from leadership to hospitality to entertainment. If you have attended one of our recent Alpha sessions and would like to volunteer to help us in the future, please reach out to Pastoral Associate Jeff Adair at (614) 882-2109 or jadair@stpacc.org.

If you have yet to experience Alpha, we would encourage you to watch for details about our next session in an upcoming bulletin, the parish website or our parish’s Facebook page.
It’s Tax Time!

Over the next several weeks, you will inevitably be touching base with your accountant or financial advisor for completion of your 2018 taxes. We have heard that people are surprised to learn that they were unable to itemize deductions due to the new – and much higher – standard deduction for federal taxes. This is a perfect time to have a conversation with your planner on how to maximize your charitable giving while minimizing your tax burden.

A concept known as “bunching” has suddenly become a popular planning strategy. With the help of a Donor Advised Fund with The Catholic Foundation, “bunching” allows donors to strategically make charitable contributions and therefore enhance the itemization of deductions for tax purposes. This strategy helps you ensure that your giving is smart as well as charitable.

If you are interested in learning more about “bunching”, please consider contacting Scott Hartman at shartman@catholic-foundation.org.

Be sure to consult with your tax advisor as well.

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Special Thanks to Our Electronic Givers!

Each month our parish receives a steady and reliable stream of income from parishioners who have made the commitment to having a designated contribution automatically transferred to our parish through WeShare. You may not see these parishioners place an envelope in the offertory basket, but their consistent giving does not go unnoticed. To learn more about WeShare, please contact our Parish Accountant Loretta Nazario at either 614-882-2109 or lnazario@stpacc.org.
May the Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ, the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary and of all the saints, whatever good you do and suffering you endure, heal your sins, help you grow in holiness, and reward you with eternal life.

Go in peace.

—Rite of Penance, no. 93

1 PREPARATION: Before going to confession, take some time to prepare. Begin with prayer, and reflect on your life since your last confession. How have you—in your thoughts, words, and actions—neglected to live Christ’s commands to “love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,” and to “love your neighbor as yourself” (Mt 22:37, 39)? As a help with this “examination of conscience,” you might review the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes (Ex 20:2-17; Dt 5:6-21; Mt 5:3-10; or Lk 6:20-26).

2 GREETING: The priest will welcome you; he may say a short blessing or read a Scripture passage.

3 THE SIGN OF THE CROSS: Together, you and the priest will make the Sign of the Cross. You may then begin your confession with these or similar words: “Bless me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been [give days, months, or years] since my last confession.”

4 CONFESSION: Confess all your sins to the priest. If you are unsure what to say, ask the priest for help. When you are finished, conclude with these or similar words: “I am sorry for these and all my sins.”

5 Penance: The priest will propose an act of penance. The penance might be prayer, a work of mercy, or an act of charity. He might also counsel you on how to better live a Christian life.

6 ACT OF CONTRITION: After the priest has conferred your penance, pray an Act of Contrition, expressing sorrow for your sins and resolving to sin no more. A suggested Act of Contrition is:

My God,
I am sorry for my sins with all my heart.
In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good,
I have sinned against you whom I should love above all things.
I firmly intend, with your help, to do penance, to sin no more, and to avoid whatever leads me to sin.
Our Savior Jesus Christ suffered and died for us.
In his name, my God, have mercy.

(Rite of Penance, no. 45)

7 ABSOLUTION: The priest will extend his hands over your head and pronounce the words of absolution. You respond, “Amen.”

8 PRAISE: The priest will usually praise the mercy of God and will invite you to do the same. For example, the priest may say, “Give thanks to the Lord for he is good.” And your response would be, “His mercy endures for ever” (Rite of Penance, no. 47).

9 DISMISSAL: The priest will conclude the sacrament, often saying, “Go in peace.”

Lenten Penance Service
Sunday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Spend some quiet time in prayer and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament on **Thursdays** during Lent following the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Benediction at 6:45 p.m.

**Journey with Jesus**
We will pray the Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent at 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Please considering joining us.

The many facets of faith and justice are the focus of the annual Walking Stations of the Cross that takes place downtown Columbus. The three-mile walk will begin with prayer at St. Joseph Cathedral at 8:00 a.m. on **Good Friday, April 19**.

**Our Lenten Penance Service will be held on Sunday, April 7 at 7:00 p.m.**
Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of His forgiveness!

**Participate in the St. Lawrence Haven Lenten Collection**
Our St. Vincent DePaul Society orchestrated an almsgiving program this year to encourage parishioners to “give up” and “give back” to those supported by the Haven. Coffee cups were distributed to serve as containers in which to collect the money saved when giving up or going without. Donations will be collected in the vestibule after all Masses on the last weekend of Lent, **April 13-14** (Palm Sunday). Donations to the Haven also can be made via **WeShare** on our parish website.

**Easter Egg Hunt**
The Knights of Columbus are orchestrating our annual Easter Egg Hunt at 10:00 a.m. on **Holy Saturday, April 20** in the Moss Road field across from school entrance. The Easter Egg Hunt is always great fun for children of all ages!

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**PREPARING FOR EASTER**

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**Holy Week**

**PALM SUNDAY OF THE LORD’S PASSION**
Masses will be celebrated at our customary times:  
**VIGIL MASS AT 4:00 P.M. SATURDAY, APRIL 13**  
**(No incense will be used at this Mass.)**

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 14**  
7:30 (no incense), 9:00 (no incense) & 10:30 a.m. (with incense), 12:15 p.m. (no incense) & 5:00 p.m. (no incense)

**HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 18**
No morning Masses.  
Mass of the Lord’s Supper at 7:30 p.m. (with incense)  
Following Mass, we will process with the Blessed Sacrament into the Parish Activities Center for Adoration.  
Night Prayer and Reposition will be at 11:00 p.m.

**GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 19**
No morning Masses.  
Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.  
Good Friday Liturgy at 1:30 p.m. & 7:30 p.m.  
(neither with incense)

**HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 20**
No morning Masses.  
Office of Readings & Morning Prayer at 8:30 a.m.  
Blessing of Bread at 11:30 a.m.  
No Confessions.  
**Easter Vigil Mass at 9:00 p.m. – Midnight (with incense)**

**EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 21**
Masses will be celebrated in the Church at:  
7:00 (no incense), 9:00 (with incense), & 11:00 (no incense)  
Mass will also be celebrated at Westerville North High School at 11:00 a.m. (no incense).  
There will be no 12:15 p.m. or 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

**EASTER MONDAY, APRIL 22**
No 6:40 a.m. Mass; 8:30 Mass only
Join your parish family in Miller Hall
From 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Friday nights during Lent for a Fish Fry!

- All you can eat: $11.00
- Adults: $9.50
- Seniors: $8.00
- Children (age 6-12): $4.00
- Tomato Basil Soup: $2.50
- Clam Chowder: $2.50

New Menu! Gluten Free Choices!
Beer and Wine!

Enjoy great food and fellowship while supporting our parish and school!

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