

Return to me with
your whole *heart*.

Joel 2:12

Lent 40 Days



Ivan Kramskoi
Christ in the Wilderness
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A Word from your Pastor:

Dear Parishioners:

What do you remember of your life with the Church? In the first reading this Sunday, we hear the plaintive cry of the People of God who find themselves in foreign territory and without their place of worship since the Temple had been destroyed by the Romans.

It was a year ago at this time that the Covid Pandemic directly affected the life of our Catholic community. I experienced the "shut-down" of the church buildings and the closing of in-person school classes as a moment of shock. I can remember the tears I was holding back as I put up the sign on the church doors that let everyone know we were not able to welcome them to gather in our parish buildings. I wondered what could be done to stay in touch with the parish family.

Within a couple of days, I learned how to upload and then later livestream Masses using my smart phone and a small notebook computer. I also initiated use of Flocknotes to keep in touch with parishioners. By this time I had nearly 12 years of gathering together email addresses of members of that parish.

At first, we all thought that we would have a short time apart. That did not happen. In the next few months, I received word that the Diocese was giving me a new assignment. My farewell to the parish where I had served for 12 years was muted. I never did get to say goodbye to my children in the parish school and PSR.

As soon as I learned that my new place would be with the communities of Chillicothe and Waverly, I began to reflect on how to enter in. I started to receive requests to be Facebook friends from different folks. At that time, I only knew two or three people who lived in this area. Nonetheless, anytime I saw that someone was from Chillicothe or Waverly, I accepted the request.

Eight months ago this week, I arrived in my new home. There was no way to have a welcome or a public encounter due to the restrictions and due to the fact that I am diabetic and so am in particular risk of complications if I catch Covid. I realized that I had to take care of my own health so I can be free to serve the new parishes and school entrusted to me. That meant being at a distance. That has been the case for the entire time I have been here. Mercifully, we have hope of a change in the not-too-distant future.

I was very grateful that there was already provision for livestream in two of the three parishes. That means that folks can connect with us for Sunday and weekday Masses and we thank those who are working to make this possible. I started the process of gathering email addresses and initiated *Flocknotes* for the Consortium in order to connect with folks as I did in my last parish. Unfortunately, not a large percentage of your email addresses are available in our parish databases. It is a work of gradual discovery. If you have received *Flocknotes* from me, I have found you. If not, be sure that I am still hoping to connect with you. See the Parish Notes, on the next page, as to how you can let me know your hiding place in cyberspace.

Parish staffs and volunteers have been asked to reach out to all parishioners somehow in order to let you know that you are not alone. At times, we manage to get through. In many cases, however, we have found that updated contact information is lacking. We will continue to work on this.

All of us look forward to the day when we can be together in person. In the meantime, meet us where you can – online, in cyberspace, on the Internet. Even if we are not able as yet to connect even there, know that we are in touch through the Spirit, on the "Inner-net" set up by God Himself through prayer. You are remembered in every Mass and in my daily prayers.

Rev. Timothy M. Hayes

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Pastor of Chillicothe St. Mary, Chillicothe St. Peter and Waverly, St. Mary, Queen of the Missions

††† Masses For The Week

ALL MASSES ARE HELD IN CHURCH UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED

MONDAY, March 15

8:30 a.m. Ralph Vance by Robert E. Smith (Fr. Milton)

TUESDAY, March 16

8:30 a.m. In Thanksgiving for 53rd Wedding Anniversary by Rick & Geri Mauger (Fr. Hayes)

WEDNESDAY, March 17

No Service at St. Mary Chillicothe

8:30 a.m. Mass at St. Peter Church

5:30 p.m. Mass at St. Mary, Waverly

THURSDAY, March 18

8:30 a.m. Willard Taylor by Dave & Charlotte Kearney (Fr. Milton)

FRIDAY, March 19

8:30 a.m. Ralph Vance by Marvin E. Chester (Fr. Hayes)

9:30 a.m. Wendy Arth by Betsy DeLong (Fr. Hayes at Bishop Flaget School – closed to the public)

5:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

SATURDAY, March 20

5:00 p.m. Willard Taylor by Class of 1958 (Fr. Hayes)

SUNDAY, March 21

10:00 a.m. Therese & Robert Firestone by Barbara Firestone (Fr. Hayes)

ADORATION is available at St. Peter Parish on Thursdays from 10 a.m. – 7 p.m. in the church, closing with Benediction. St. Peter Parish is also open for personal prayer on Thursdays 7 a.m.-7 p.m.

ST. VINCENT de PAUL SOCIETY NEWS

<u>Month – January 2021</u>	<u>Cumulative Year To Date</u>	
Families served	111	346
Assistance given	\$17,950.29	\$44,495.46



CONSORTIUM LENTEN PENANCE AT ST. MARY, CHILLICOTHE

MARCH 31 WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK - 7:30 PM

We will celebrate Tenebrae. We will come together to admit our incompleteness and our sinfulness. Together we will chant psalms of penitence and acknowledge our hope in the forgiveness of sin in our celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

"Tenebrae" is a Latin word meaning "darkness". By means of a gradual extinction of the lights and candles in the church we not only symbolize the darkness of sin in the world, but we also focus on the light of God's grace.

OFFERTORY REPORT – March 7, 2021

Average Weekly Offering	\$6909.92
Needed weekly to meet budget	\$7500.00
Regular Collection	\$3881.00
Online Offertory	<u>8351.23</u>
Total Regular Offertory	\$12,232.23
Online Other	\$1400.00
Bishop Flaget School	\$719.00
Easter Flowers	573.00
Church Maintenance	372.00
Catholic Relief Services	185.00
Black & Indian Missions	125.00

Please consider mailing in your offertory to the church office at: 61 S. Paint St., Chillicothe, OH 45601 OR by setting up an online offertory account.

It is a generous and joyful giving of time, talent and treasure. Stewardship is what we do after we say we believe.

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS

March 14, 2021 – Catholic Relief Services:

This week we take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection to help Jesus in disguise. This collection helps six Catholic agencies to provide relief and support for struggling communities and to work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

April 11, 2021 – Bishop Flaget School

ST. MARGARET CEMETERY

Cemetery personnel will begin removing all artificial and holiday decorations from St. Margaret Cemetery on March 15. From then until November 15, only live flowers/foliage may be used. Lawn/garden decorations, toys, knick-knacks, arts and crafts items, party decorations, and banners, pennants and decorative flags are not permitted at any time and will be removed. One government-issued U.S. flag is permitted on the grave of each veteran and one department-issued flag is permitted on the grave of each policeman and fireman.



CHANGE OF ADDRESS

Peg Whalen, who was St. Mary's Parish Secretary for 36 years, has recently moved from Chillicothe to live with her daughter Shelly in Cincinnati. We wish Peg all the best, and for those of you who have requested her new address: Peg Whalen, 5643 Windridge Drive, Cincinnati OH 45248

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE NEEDS OF: Bet Adare, Jeanette Anders, Pat Anderson, Joyce Ater, Sheila Austin, Ed Bohn, Gloria Bonner, Steve Bruce, Kelly Chandler, Mark Cooper, Steve Cooper, Greg Davis, McKenzie Deal, Joyce DeLong, Cheryl Dennis, Chase Eyre, Shirley Gillfillan, Mark Gray, Norma Gray, Michael Hathaway, Skip Hathaway-Givens, Barbara Herlihy, Shirley Irwin, Art Jones, Ashley Jones Conrad, Christy Jones, Bill Kaltenbach, Heather Keesee, Kaiser Keesee, John Kennedy, Jr., Ann Klinker, Judy Lanning, Clarice Littler, Hank & Jean Malone, Katie McCune, Jan Menefee, Amanda Miller, James Newsome, Lucille Nichols, Max Putnam, Pat Reed, Jonathan Rouleau, John Rourke, Linda Rourke, Keipher Scott, Kathy Senff, Bill Search, Bryan Shoemaker, Bob Smith, Christy Smith, Tom Stanhope, Allen Struensee, Matt Sutherland, Richard Tippie, Laura Vollmar, Louise von Clausburg, Catherine Weisenberger.
(Please update the church office when someone is able to be taken off the prayer list.)

**MINISTERS FOR THE WEEKEND OF
March 20 & 21, 2021**

Saturday – 5:00 p.m.

Server: J Byrd
Lector: B Workman

Sunday - 10:00 a.m.

Server: M Hirsch
Lector: L Vollmar

Altar Linens for March: J Braunlin

**AMERICAN RED CROSS
BLOOD DRIVE**

Sponsored by St. Mary Church
Thursday, April 1, 2021
12:00 – 5:00 p.m.
181 N. Bridge St.
Friedman Blood Donor Room
To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED-CROSS
Or visit <https://RedCrossBlood.org>



Parish Notes

St. Mary Church in Chillicothe

If you are not yet receiving *Flocknotes*, send an email to me at: pastor@stmarychillicothe.com. I will add you to the *Flocknotes* list as a member of St. Mary, Chillicothe.

You can always visit our St. Mary parish website at: <https://www.stmarychillicothe.com/>.

Sunday and daily Masses are livestreamed on the St. Mary's Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StMaryChillicothe>. We also do this for Funeral Masses as a convenience for family members who are not able to be present at the celebration.

At the present time, the livestream is by way of an iPad. We are researching a more permanent solution for this.

It's not **TOO LATE**

**HAVE YOU COMPLETED
THE SURVEY YET?**

Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

Please be sure to read the questions and responses carefully, since at times the responses are differently worded. **Answer the survey thinking as you would have before the dawn of the Covid shutdown.** This phase of the effort is seeking the input of those who consider themselves "practicing Catholics." We need to know what is going on in your hearts so we can best decide how to move forward together and then to reach out to others.

The survey will only be available from February 17 to March 21 and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole.

We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Fr Tim and the other members of our pastoral team, as well as to our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this Spring/Summer at which time we will share what we have learned with the entire parish. Thank you for helping with this important project!

Katie Boesch is St. Mary Parish's Contact.
The link for the St. Mary survey is here:
<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/k25k1k25k1>

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