

St. Christopher

CATHOLIC CHURCH

ST. CHRISTOPHER CATHOLIC CHURCH | MARCH 20, 2020

KEEPING OUR FAITH COMMUNITY STRONG

Fellow Parishioners,

During these challenging times we are presented with the opportunity to find new ways to connect as a community. In the coming weeks, St. Christopher Parish will be posting updated newsletters every Friday. This important communication will provide valuable information on activities within our community, resources for spiritual nourishment, resources where you can seek help if needed, and ways that you can reach out to help others. As Christ-bearers to one another and to our larger community, we continue to lift each other up and grow in our journey of faith through this trial. Please reach out to our parish office to share your thoughts, concerns, and ideas.



We are here for you!

WE WILL BE COMMUNICATING:

- Ways to keep your spirit fed
- Ways to stay connected to your St. Chris family despite social distancing
- Ways to reach out to those in need
- And above all, that the goodness of God is ever present

WAYS TO CONNECT:

- Parish Website
- myParish App
- Email Subscribe (*contact office*)
- Receive media by mail (*contact office*)
- Facebook: St. Christopher Vandalia
- Instagram: St. Christopher Vandalia
- Homilies on Spotify & Apple Podcasts: St. Christopher Catholic Church

LIFT UP YOUR HEART TO THE LORD

With great sadness, the Archdiocese of Cincinnati has determined that it is unsafe and inappropriate to celebrate public Masses. This prohibition extends through Easter Sunday. Until that joyful day when we can once again join together as the Body of Christ, Fr. John Tonkin will be providing us with the Liturgy of the Word and a brief reflection for Sundays. This will be featured on our website, Facebook page, and myParish app. Beginning Saturday, March 21st, the Sunday readings and reflection will be posted at 5:00 pm. This link will be updated each week on Saturday at 5:00 pm with the current week's lectionary readings and reflection. The full Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy from St. Peter in Chains Cathedral can be found as a link to LIVE MASS on our website and our myParish app.

ST. CHRISTOPHER CARES

These unusual times present very real challenges, and this is no time to let pride stand in the way if you need help. For parishioners over 60, or those who have underlying medical conditions, you really should make every effort to stay at home as much as possible. If you have special errands or need special help, please call the parish office and let us know. We are assembling a team of people who want to help you.

Want to help? Please call or email and give us your contact information. Our parish is initiating the process of contacting our senior members to assure that they are well and cared for.

REMEMBER YOUR COMMUNITY

Every single one of us is deeply affected by these sudden changes. By joining together as a community of faith, we don't just merely survive but find ourselves stronger than ever. Part of our parish survival is continuing to pay our bills. Throughout this ordeal our teachers are being paid, as well as the rest of the staff who are working diligently to hold everything together. Although we are not joining together as community on Sunday, please consider registering for online giving at: <https://osvonlinegiving.com/141>, or mailing in a gift. ***Thank you for remembering us.***

CONNECT WITH US:  church.stchristopheronline.com  www.facebook.com/StChristopherVandalia  <https://mypari.sh/r9b>

THE BULLETIN

Although events and other parish gatherings throughout our area are currently suspended or cancelled, we still believe in keeping as much continuity in our lives as possible and that includes keeping the Sabbath holy and our Sunday bulletin! We have plenty to communicate with you and keep you informed about. So don't forget to check it out online via our website and the myParish app! If you prefer to have a printed copy, limited quantities will be available each weekend.

SUNDAY GOSPEL FOR CHILDREN

The Children's Worship Bulletin used each Sunday at Children's Liturgy of the Word dismissal during 9am Mass are an excellent resource for any child age 3-12. The pages includes coloring and puzzle activities appropriate for ages 3-6 and 7-12 using this Sunday's Gospel as the theme. There is a "secret code" and website on the bottom of the page to unlock more games online surrounding the Gospel. Although we are not permitted to post them digitally, we have been given permission to share them via email with our parishioners (*all Children's Worship bulletins, including the images, puzzles and games on each bulletin, purchased from Communication Resources, Inc. or through our publications may not be republished in any form for resale or redistribution. The content may only be used by members of your church or organization*). In addition, we also have the Magnifikid Sunday booklets for children grades 1-5 available online. If you would like to receive either publication, please email Elise Sas at esas@stchristopheronline.com

REACH OUT

We are reaching out to the Vandalia Food Pantry to coordinate with them on their needs, and will have information in the near future.

If you are home doing any spring cleaning and find new or gently used clothing, toys, books, bikes, or small household items that others might need, please box them and set aside for our KOC Moorehead Kentucky clothing drive, which will be held beginning the weekend of April 18th. More to come regarding the details for this drive!

Arrangements are also being made for a video talent show to be viewed by our area nursing homes. We will be asking for skits, musical performances, jokes, etc. of your children that the parents should record and then post to the **St. Chris Facebook Group: St. Chris Cares**. The activity directors for the facilities welcome the community engagement because this is a particularly lonely time for this often-forgotten population. More details about postings are coming soon!

LENT 2020 Lent is an important season of spiritual renewal, and our parish website has a wide array of resources for you to use. These sources can be found at: <http://church.stchristopheronline.com/lent-2020>

OUR STATIONS OF THE CROSS As a special new addition, the Stations of the Cross, featuring images from our very own parishioner, Mike Shirk, can soon be found on our parish website, Facebook, and on the Parish Videos icon in the myParish app.

A flurry of ideas is being brought to life for our young people to grow in their faith journey, so please look for more details in future newsletters.

Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

Romans 12:12

PARISH CONTACT: Please leave a voicemail at 937-898-3542 or email the parish office christophervandalia@stchristopheronline.com

DON'T FORGET: PARISH NIGHT

AT FRISCH'S
3311 BENCHWOOD RD.
DAYTON, OH 45414

**TUESDAY,
MARCH 24
12-9PM**



Woo Hoo!
*Finally something
we can still do!*

**STILL OPEN FOR:
DRIVE-THU
CARRY-OUT**

**THE LAST EVENT
STILL STANDING!**

MENTION:

St. Christopher Parish to the cashier at checkout!

YOUR PURCHASE SUPPORTS:

**20% will be donated to the
St. Chris Evangelization Fund**