

ledge. People who study economics come out the other side thinking a different way from people who study nursing. And learning becomes a fairly permanent part of a person even as the cells in the body come and go and the circumstances of life change...

"It's easy to feel trapped in your own life. Circumstances can sometimes feel as if they form a jail around you. But there's almost nothing you can't learn your way out of. If you don't like who you are, you have the option of learning until you become someone else. Life is like jail with an unlocked, heavy door. You're free the minute you realize the door will open if you simply lean into it."

[Scott Adams, [Dilbert.com](http://Dilbert.com), October 19, 2011.]

*In his "high priestly prayer," Jesus prays that we might transform our lives and re-create ourselves through "learning" and comprehending the "truth" of God's compassion, justice and forgiveness as he revealed in his life among us. By learning compassion, Christ promises that we can begin to transform the lives of the lost, the despairing, the marginalized; by practicing justice, we can begin to change the unjust attitudes and perspectives that demean and hurt all members of society; by seeking reasons to hope despite the cynicism and negativity that surrounds us, we give the world reason to hope.*

**WEEKEND MINISTRY ASSIGNMENT**

**Saturday, May 26 5:00 PM at I.C.**  
 Communion Dist: Denise Sargent  
 Lector: Sue Vickroy  
 Usher: Jack Byram  
 Server: Sam/Bob Dean

**Sunday, May 27 7:30 AM at St. T.**  
 Communion Dist: Don Kuether  
 Lector: Michelle Kuether  
 Usher: Tony Kuether  
 Don Kuether  
 Ben Kuether  
 Matthew Kuether

**Sunday, May 27 9:00 AM at I. C.**  
 Communion Dist: Rose Roeth  
 Lector: Shirley Gerling  
 Usher: Fred Roeth  
 Server: Chelsea Dross

**Sunday, May 27 10:30 AM at St. T.**  
 Communion Dist: Anne Vanderhorst  
 Ron Vanderhorst  
 Todd Vanderhorst  
 Eric Vanderhorst  
 Bev Yount  
 Lector: Eric Vanderhorst  
 Usher: Paul Ault  
 Doug Yount  
 Lori Romie  
 Server: Kristy Romie

**MAY 20, 2012  
 SEVENTH SUNDAY  
 OF EASTER**

**BAPTISMS:** Contact pastor at 473-2970

**WEDDINGS:** Contact pastor at least six months in advance of wedding date.

**RECONCILIATION:**  
 AT IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH  
 on 2nd, 4th, & 5th Saturday from 4:00-4:30 pm

AT SAINT TERESA PARISH  
 on 1st & 3rd Saturday from 4:00-4:30 pm

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:**  
 Contact: Elaine Christian 473-2413  
 Fr. Simons 473-2970

**YOUTH MINISTRY:**  
 Contact: Alan Capasso 417-2839

**R.C.I.A.:** Normally done during the school year  
Contact pastor for more information.

**PASTOR:** REV. JIM SIMONS  
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION 448-6220  
 ST. TERESA 473-2970  
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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**  
 IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
 PRES. Patches Trevino 448-2830  
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 Pat Smith 448-0404  
 Bob Dean 548-0628  
 Jerry Paulus 526-4232  
 John Hershey 547-9538  
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**PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:**  
 ST. TERESA OF THE INFANT JESUS  
 PRES. Bob Lyons 773-9744  
 V.P. Lisa Hess 448-2598  
 SEC. Maria Otte 564-3290  
 Kevin Rindler 473-2705  
 Jim McGarry 335-4419



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## MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

**MON 5/21 8:30 AM**  
Immaculate Conception  
Eileen Breitenstein

**TUES 5/22 8:30 AM**  
Immaculate Conception  
Ruth Marshal

**WED 5/23 8:30 AM**  
St. Teresa Parish  
Jr. Elsass

**THU 5/24 8:30 AM**  
St. Teresa Parish  
Ruth Gerlach

**SAT 5/26 5:00 PM**  
Immaculate Conception  
Jerry Canan

**SUN 5/27 7:30 AM**  
St. Teresa Parish  
Russ Reid

**9:00 AM**  
Immaculate Conception  
For the Parishes

**10:30 AM**  
St. Teresa Parish  
Norbert & Edna Guillozet

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION  
May 13, 2012 \$ 1,580.00

ST. TERESA PARISH  
May 13, 2012 \$ 2,294.00  
Bldg. Maintenance \$ 55.00

## PARISH PRAYER CHAINS:

Immaculate Conception Church - contact Shirley Richard at 448-2936 to activate the prayer chain.

St. Teresa Parish - contact Boots Speer at 473-2872 to activate the prayer chain.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus Council 15424 will meet on **Tuesday, May 29th** at 7:00 pm. The meeting was moved to Tuesday because of Memorial Day.

## BC YOUTH COALITION NEWS

**May 20** - Junior and Senior High: Kickball and hot dogs.

**May 27** - No meeting.

**June 2** - First Saturday Devotion.

## MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

The Memorial Day Committee is pleased to present the Covington Memorial Day Parade and Veteran Services on Monday, May 28, 2012. Our parade will start at 1:00 pm at Walnut and High Streets and proceed north to Highland Cemetery, where services will then be held. Our Parade Marshal is in memory of the late Mel Cavender. Additional services will be held at 9:00 am at Bloomer Cemetery (Frieden's Lutheran Church) and at 10:30 am at Miami Memorial Park Cemetery. Immediately after the services at Highland Cemetery, the final service will be held at Stillwater River-Covington Park. Please come out in honor of our veterans and celebrate with us!

## SINGLE & PARENTING PROGRAM

St. Patrick Church in Troy is offering a Single & Parenting Support Group. The

group will meet every other Thursday at 6:30 pm in the St. Patrick Parish Center, upstairs in Room 3 (child care will be in Room 1), beginning May 10th and ending October 25th. Each session is self-contained (it is not necessary to attend every session) and will feature single parenting experts, instructional parenting demonstrations and refreshing, biblical teaching on topics important to single parents. Each session ends with small group discussion. For more information, please call 335-2833, ext. 105 or e-mail [rsmith3055@aol.com](mailto:rsmith3055@aol.com).

## VOCATION DISCERNMENT RETREAT

Do you have a nudging which motivates you to go beyond yourself? The Sisters of the Precious Blood are hosting a "Come and See" vocation retreat for women ages 18-45 who are interested in learning more about life as a consecrated woman. The Sisters of the Precious Blood are united by a rich and active contemplative spirituality that is firmly rooted in Eucharistic prayer and the devotion to the Precious Blood of Jesus. The retreat will be held at Salem Heights, 4960 Salem Avenue, Dayton, OH on Saturday, June 9th from 10:00 am - 5:00 pm. Make reservations by June 5th at the website [www.PreciousBloodSistersDayton.org](http://www.PreciousBloodSistersDayton.org) or call Sister Mary Yarger, C.P.P.S. at 937-837-3302 or 937-999-8456. There is no cost for this retreat.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

The next Marriage Encounter Weekends in this area are July 20-22 at the Holiday Inn Eastgate in Cincinnati, OH, September 21-23 at the Cliffview Retreat Center in Danville, KY and October 19-21 at the Holy Spirit Center in Norwood, OH. Call 1-800-547-1251.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*"Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, so I sent them into the world."*

*John 17:11b-19*

## CONNECTIONS:

### 'Dilbert' on education

Scott Adams is the creator of the popular comic strip **Dilbert**, the daily adventures of a nerdy engineer trying to make sense of corporate America while working for the world's most dysfunctional technology company.

Adams, a survivor of the business jungle himself, recently wrote about the struggle to maintain our sense of humanity in the rat race of our lives:

"Have you ever wondered who you are? You're not your body, because living cells come and go and are generally outside of your control. You're not your location, because that can change. You aren't your DNA, because that simply defines the boundaries of your playing field. You aren't your upbringing, because siblings routinely go in different directions no matter how similar their start.

"My best answer to my own question is this: You are what you *learn*."

"If all you know is how to be a gang member, that's what you'll be, at least until you learn something else. If you become a marine, you'll learn to control fear. If you go to law school, you'll see the world as a competition. If you study engineering, you'll start to see the world as a complicated machine that needs tweaking.

"I'm fascinated by the way a person changes at a fundamental level as he or she merges with a particular field of know-