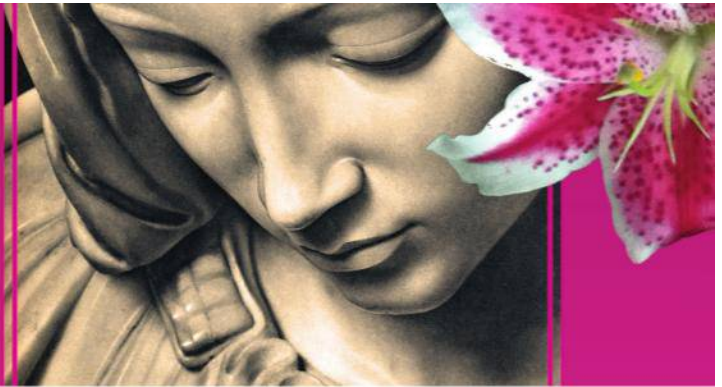


# Bless Our Mothers

*My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my savior. For he has looked upon his handmaid's lowliness; behold, from now on will all ages call me blessed. The Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ~ Luke 1:46-49*



## ST. SIMON the APOSTLE

825 Pontius Road • Cincinnati, OH 45233

513/941-3656

FAX 941-1562

Website: [www.stsimonparish.org](http://www.stsimonparish.org)

Email: [stsimon@fuse.net](mailto:stsimon@fuse.net)

Rev. Richard E. Dressman ..... Pastor 746-9756  
Deborah Horning ..... 476-3309  
Pastor's Assistant & Parish Coordinator  
Anne Brassfield ..... Parish Secretary  
Tim Gates ..... Business Manager  
Beth Schumacher ..... Director of Religious Education  
Emily Wynn ..... Music Director  
Steve Schumacher ..... Sacristan

BULLETIN DEADLINE: Tuesday 9:00am

### Parish Office Hours

Monday thru Friday  
8:30am – 3:00pm

### EUCHARISTIC CELEBRATION

Daily, Monday, Thursday,	
Friday & Saturday	8:00am
Saturday	7:30pm
Sunday	9:00am & 11:00am
Holy Day Eve & Holy Day	See Mass Schedule for Times

### Penance/Reconciliation

30 minutes before 7:30pm Saturday Mass  
15 minutes before 9:00am and 11:00am Sunday Mass

Baptism by appointment by calling Parish Office. Classes offered four times per year. See bulletin announcement.

Marriage arrangements six months in advance by calling Parish Office.

RCIA Sessions offered September through Easter Vigil every Tuesday at 7:00pm. All interested welcome.  
Call Parish Office for details.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Today in John's letter he tells us that we are God's children if we love Him. And he reminds us that this gift of love that we have for God is itself a gift from God. Too often we believe that we give of our own free will this love to God. But, John reminds us that we do not have that ability to love God except that it is given to us by God. John's important word today is this; love consists not because we have loved God, but because God has loved us. Therefore, we can always be grateful to God not only for loving us, but for allowing us to love Him in return.

**Our goal in life is to be able to freely return that love to God every day.**

Mother's Day is a special day in the hearts of all. The vocation of motherhood must truly be one of the most enduring and rewarding jobs God gave to humanity. I thank God for the many facets of love my mother carry throughout her life for me and my siblings. In coming to know you and your families, I see that same love and affection between mother and child.

**Happy Mother's Day!** May God bless all of you for emulating His love for His children.

=====  
Fr. Rick



*Pray for the Sick*

Ann Boyce, Jim Murphy, Frank Bader, Paul Paff, Ralph Schultz, Tom Gerde, Bob Wood, John Kohorst, Joann Murphy, Gloria Schweikert, Jake Paff, Rose Pohlman, Bob Deller, Jim Busche, Juli Wunder, Victoria Nymberg, Tony Oliverio, Kimberly Murphy, Mary Lou Bleser, Pat Shannon, Sandy & Fred Saunders and for all who have asked for our prayers.

#### WELLNESS TIPS

**Body:** Carotenoids help protect the body from cancer. They are found in foods such as peppers, grapefruits, carrots and romaine lettuce.

**Mind:** Read the newspaper instead of watching television.

**Spirit:** Give life – plant a tree or flowers.



#### Masses For The Week



#### MONDAY – May 11

8:00 A.M. – Rose Fischesser – The Hauser Family

#### TUESDAY – May 12

8:00 A.M. – Communion Service

#### WEDNESDAY – May 13

8:00 A.M. – Communion Service

#### THURSDAY – May 14

8:00 A.M. – Joseph Demerle - Dottie

#### FRIDAY – May 15

8:00 A.M. – Rose Marie Sprang - Family

#### SATURDAY – May 16

8:00 A.M. – Wes Fischesser – Bob & Maxine Fischesser

7:30 P.M. – Rose Fischesser – Toby & Billie Jean Schutte

#### SUNDAY – May 17

9:00 A.M. – The Living & Deceased Members of the Baker Family

11:00 A.M. – Special Intentions for Jan & Larry Keiner – Ed & Mary Jean

There will **NOT** be an 8:00am Mass here at St. Simon on Monday, May 25. We will have a combined **Memorial Mass** down at St. Al's on Monday, May 25, 9:00am.

#### PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD – May 17

**Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11**  
**Ephesians 1:17-23 or 4:1-13**  
**Mark 16:15-20**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**7:30 P.M. Mass – May 16**

Lector: Becky Busken  
Distributors: Cindy Barrie, Lee Ewry, Sub  
Servers: Steve S., Abby & Nathan M.  
Ushers: Ed Veneman, Ralph Ewry, Warren & Kathy McClellan

**9:00 A.M. Mass – May 17**

Lector: Linus Ryland  
Distributors: Liz Pessler, Terry & Jerry Sunderhaus, Jill & Libbey Ryland  
Servers: McKenzie & Carson P., Sabrina R.  
Ushers: Don Klemann, John Loughrey, Rick Barrie, Jerry Braunstein


**11:00 A.M. Mass – May 17**

Lector: Nancy Connelly  
Distributors: Karen Oliverio, Zach Hulsman, Wade Stenger  
Servers: Molly Blome, Abby & Nate Hulsman  
Ushers: Matthew Budde, Greg Meyer, Mickey Seal, Sub

**PLEASE PATRONIZE OUR BULLETIN ADVERTISERS**

Their support helps make this publication possible.

**EQS Mechanical  
Heating & Cooling  
Michael Merk - Parishoner  
Rick Weidner – 662-5700**

*In Our Parish* 

Join us saying the **Rosary** at 7:40am before the 8am daily Mass and on Sunday before the 9am Mass. Let us pray together for World Peace.

Every Monday evening at 7:30pm in our Church, we have **devotions to our Blessed Mother**. For more info call Jean @ 941-2886.

St. Simon's **Men's Social Club** plays Euchre in Plagge Hall every Tuesday evening @ 7:30pm and they are always looking for more card players.

We are still collecting **old eyeglasses**. Please drop them off in the marked bins in the back of Church.



**Religious Education News**

**Religious Education News**

Don't forget to turn in your PREP form for next year as soon as possible. If you need a new form, please contact Beth Schumacher at 941-3656.

**Youth Ministry**

Youth and Young Adults (grade 6 in fall 2014 and older) are welcome to join us on Monday nights where we gather to pray, do service and socialize. Our next meeting is May 11, 2015 from 7:00 – 8:30pm in Plagge Hall. We are planning a trip to Malabar Farm in June. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Mrs. Schumacher – [mbschumacher@fuse.net](mailto:mbschumacher@fuse.net).

**Question of the Week – May 9/10, 2015**

Adult: How is love of others connected to love for God?  
Child: Who needs Jesus' love this week? How can you show them His love?

**KrogerPlus Card**

It is time once again to re-enroll online your KrogerPlus card to continue to support St. Simon for the 2015 – 2016 program year. Re-enrolling is quick and easy:

- 1) Go to [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards)
- 2) If you already have an account, sign in to your account
- 3) Click on My Account
- 4) Scroll to bottom; Click on "Re-Enroll"
- 5) You can either type in St. Simon the Apostle to find our account or type in 82294.
- 6) Click on St. Simon and your card is re-enrolled for another year.

If you do not have an account, follow the above instructions, but click on Create an Account and follow the instructions.

Your Kroger Plus Card needs to be registered online in order for us to get credit for your purchases. It is an easy way to make money for our parish. If you need help with this please call Beth Schumacher 941-3656.

**Vacation Bible School!**

Our **Vacation Bible School** will be held **July 20 – 24, 2015**. Our theme this year is: Everest Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power. There are registration forms on the bulletin boards by all the doors if you did not receive one in the mail. We also need adult volunteers – please contact Beth if you are interested in helping 941-3656 or [mbschumacher@fuse.net](mailto:mbschumacher@fuse.net).

**VIRTUS**

The Archdiocesan policy about reading the monthly bulletins went into effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2014 is the following: "All persons who have attended a VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children Training Session must keep up with the continuing education component of VIRTUS® by reading all monthly VIRTUS® Training Bulletins. If a person falls behind by three or more bulletins (whether in consecutive months or not) he/she must "catch up". If the same person does catch up, but then falls behind by three or more bulletins a second time, the cleric, employee or volunteer will need to attend another VIRTUS® live Training Session before he/she can have further contact with children." You **may not** get the email from VIRTUS® monthly to read your bulletin so it would be a good idea to set a reminder for yourself around the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month to go into VIRTUS® and read your bulletin.

<b><u>PARISH SUPPORT</u></b>	
<b>Operating Budget Each Sunday</b>	<b>\$ 7,000.00</b>
<b>Total Contribution for 5/3/15</b>	<b><u>7,466.42</u></b>
<b>Last Week Over</b>	<b>\$ 466.42</b>
<b>Budgeted Sunday Contributions YTD</b>	<b>\$308,000.00</b>
<b>Actual Sunday Contributions YTD</b>	<b><u>233,152.06</u></b>
<b>Yearly Under</b>	<b>\$ 74,847.94</b>
 <b>THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT TO ST. SIMON PARISH</b>	

**Our MAY POOR BOXES  
WILL GO TO  
St. Simon's Vacation Bible School**

**We do not charge for our Vacation Bible School. Can you help us fund this worthwhile program at our parish? This year's VBS theme is Everest Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power**

**Kids will learn to conquer challenges with God's mighty power!**

**VBS begins the week of July 20, 2015**

**THANKS IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR HELP**

**ELECTRONIC GIVING**

Did you know that you can make your weekly contribution to St. Simon, **electronically**? If you choose to make a recurring donation, you only need to set it up once. That way St. Simon receives your Sunday offering even if you are unable to attend St. Simon Church on a given weekend for some reason. This also greatly helps us budget our funds!

If you would like your Parish Support to be set up electronically, you can either do it yourself by visiting our website @ [www.stsimonparish.org](http://www.stsimonparish.org) and click "Online Giving," or you can call our Business Manager, Tim Gates, on Wednesdays at 941-3656 and he will be happy to help set up your online account.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Simon the Apostle Parish!

Anderson Ferry Food Pantry sent us a Thank You note for your donations from the March Poor Box which amounted to \$513.26. Your generosity helps so many of our local families in need.

**Collection Counters – May 11**

**Mike Pessler,  
Judy Mattingly, Rita Schutte**



**Vocation View:** It was God who chose us to go forth and bear fruit that will last. Let your heart rejoice in God's call to you. What is the fruit of your life? (**John 15:9-17**)

**PLEASE  
PRAY**

**For the souls of our parishioners and friends who have passed away recently especially,  
Marian Wernke, Connie Stoeckle,  
Wes & Rose Fischesser, Bev Hollmeyer,  
Julie Niehoff, Mildred Hoeper, Rita Lindhorst.**

HAPPENINGS ELSEWHERE



The Ducks are Here!!

**May is the month of the Blessed Virgin Mary.** St. Aloysius Church will be open on the following Wednesday evenings: May 13, 20 & 27 from 7-8pm. 7-7-:30 – quiet, individual prayer and 7:30-8 – Rosary. All are invited.

All are invited to the **Gabriel Yunker Memorial Golf Outing** on May 16, 11am at Shawnee Lookout Golf Course. The outing will be followed by a party at “The Hollow” at St. Al’s on the Ohio. See bulletin boards for more info or call Ed Jung at 941-3207.

**Our Lady of Victory Festival** will be held on May 15-17. The Friday night is Sullivan Jansen Band, Saturday night, The Menus, and Sunday night Danny Frazier Band. For more info visit [www.olv.org](http://www.olv.org)

**The Family Rosary Rally** will be held on Sunday, May 17, 1:30pm at Elder High School Stadium. Rain or Shine. All are invited. **“A Family That Prays Together Stays Together.”**

Sayler Park Historical Society will have a **Memorial Day Celebration** on Tuesday, May 19, 7pm. They will be honoring some of the Veterans in a special ceremony. Festivities begin at 6pm.

**Western Hills Retirement Village** invites you to their “May Fest”, A Spring Celebration Event on Sunday May 17, 11am-3pm. There will be Fried Chicken Buffett, (RSVP is a Must), Grilled Brats & Metts, Silent Auction, Entertainment, and much more. To make reservations, call 941-0099.

**Pilgrimage** to Green Bay WI, June 1<sup>st</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> 2015  
You will visit the **Shrine of Our Lady of Good Help**. Also visits to the **Holy Hill National Shrine of Mary**, the **Shrine of St Maximilian Kolbe**, and the **Shrine of Christ’s Passion**. For more info and to make reservations call Kay Sendelbach 859-441-2712. SPACE IS LIMITED

**Pregnancy Center West** is seeking for immediate hire a full-time **Executive Director** in a salaried position to provide leadership in all areas of the organization. For more info please visit [www.pc-west.org](http://www.pc-west.org). All resumes are due May 18 to Lisa Smith at [smili291@gmail.com](mailto:smili291@gmail.com)

**What is it?**

This is a “duck pond” with paper ducks listing needed donations for the festival. Each duck has a label with a donation such as 5-Cans of Pringles, a \$10 gift card to a restaurant, \$25 gift card to a department store, or a bottle of wine.

**How does it Work?**

1. You pick a duck from the “duck pond”.
2. Find the number of your duck on the log and print your name, phone number and email address.
3. Purchase the item listed on the duck. *Most of the gift cards are available for purchase through St. Al’s Gift Card program.*
4. **Return your donation to the Parish office or to the bins located in the back of St. Al’s or St. Simon by May 17th. Attach the paper duck to your donation.**

**How are the donations used?**

The Pringles are used in the Pringle toss game and the wine will be used in the Wine toss booth. All other donations (gift cards, cash) are used as prizes, in raffle baskets, and to purchase prizes and supplies. The goal for the festival committee is to increase our donations in an effort to decrease our expenses. This is an EASY way for you to help by making a donation. **The Duck ponds will be available at each Church (in the side vestibule at St. Al’s and the main entrance at St. Simon) and in both Parish offices.**

Thanks for your support!

**MOST EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW...ABOUT CONSECRATED LIFE - 2015**

**Are Sister and Nun interchangeable terms?**

Despite the fact that you may call someone Sister and in the next breath describe here as a nun; these terms are not interchangeable strictly speaking. **A Catholic nun** is a woman who lives a contemplative life in a monastery which is usually cloistered (enclosed) or semi-cloistered. Her ministry and prayer life is centered within and around the monastery for the good of the world. She professes the perpetual *solemn* vows living a life according to the evangelical counsels of poverty, celibacy, and obedience. **A Catholic sister** is a woman who (does) lives, ministers, and prays within the world. A sister’s life is often called “active” or “apostolic” because she is engaged in the works of mercy and other ministries that take the Gospel to others where they are. She professes perpetual *simple* vows living a life according to the evangelical counsels of poverty, celibacy, and obedience



**SAVE THE DATE  
June 26, 27 & 28**