

Live the Art of Lent



Lent 2023

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Dear Parishioners,

The scriptures tell us *"We are God's work of art"*! This brochure has been designed by the parish staff to help you make this Lenten season a beautiful time for you and your family to grow closer to God and to each other.

Throughout the weeks of Lent, there will be baskets of popsicle sticks at the doors of the church. Imprinted on these sticks will be Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. Please consider taking one of these sticks after mass each week and completing the Lenten practice listed. You are asked to then return the stick the following Sunday and take a new one for the coming week. The popsicle stick is simply a reminder of this holy season and our call to make the world around us a more beautiful, holy place by the way we live each day.

As you will notice in the brochure, there are a variety of adult and family opportunities to grow in your faith. Please take some time to think about how you can participate more fully in the life of the parish by your presence and sharing of gifts.

Let us pray for each other as we begin this season of change and may we be open to God's creative Spirit leading us on our journey to Easter!

Peace,

Fr. Tom



"Tree of Life" Easter Campaign

Zelie's Home is a caring community that empowers pregnant and parenting women to take positive and effective action on behalf of themselves and their children by providing physical, emotional, spiritual, and professional support. Zelie's Home offers residential housing, care, and services for 12 moms and their babies at their center located in the former convent at St. Monica's Catholic Church in Garfield Heights.

A large mural of the "Tree of Life" greets residents and guests upon entry at Zelie's Home. This "Tree of Life" includes leaves representing mothers and babies born since their founding. The tree is in full bloom thanks to the successful programming and support offered by Zelie's Home.

This Easter, St. Dominic seeks to support the mothers and babies at Zelie's Home. Your gift to the "Tree of Life" Easter Campaign will provide housing, resources, compassionate programming, and counseling services to reach at-risk pregnant mom's who need it most. Thank you for sharing your gifts so we can all meet the Risen Christ at the Tree of Life.



Lenten Prayers for Those Preparing for Initiation

The season of Lent finds its origins in the early Christian community, when the forty days were seen as a time of final preparation for those desiring membership in the Church. The tradition carries on today for all Christians, yet especially for those men and women who are making their final preparations to celebrate the sacraments of initiation: Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. Please pray during this Lenten season for all of those in the RCIA process who are preparing to joining the St. Dominic community this Easter.

Centering Prayer

*Thursday Evenings 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
except Holy Thursday*

This Lent you are invited to Centering Prayer as a means of entering into deeper communion with the Lord. Come apart and rest awhile in this prayer of quiet. We will be meeting in person in the school library every Thursday from 7 to 8 p.m. beginning February 23rd. We will also be offering a simultaneous ZOOM option. No previous experience is needed. We will review the four steps of centering prayer at the start of each gathering. For more information or the ZOOM link, please contact Liz Woconish at lwoconish@stdominicschool.net.

Liturgical Celebration Fund

The Church of St. Dominic Liturgical Celebration Fund was established to give you the opportunity to share a special gift in remembrance of individuals who have touched your life. During special liturgical seasons such as Easter, this fund supports our Music Ministry, which enlivens every aspect of our masses with prayerful music and song. It also helps us decorate the church to visually express the festive nature of our liturgies. Your tax-deductible gift is a wonderful way to celebrate the life of a loved one. All individuals remembered through gifts to the Liturgical Celebration Fund by Monday, April 3rd, 2023, will be honored in our Easter bulletin. Donation forms will be available in the bulletin and parish office.

Music Ministry Opportunities

The upcoming Lent/Easter season is full of beautiful liturgies. This could be the moment you set aside time to offer your musical gifts to the St. Dominic community. Choir meets to rehearse on Tuesdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the church. If you would like to enhance the mass with your instrumental talents, please contact Jim. Lastly if you would like to work on the technical aspects of our weekend liturgies (sound or video) please contact Jim. We would love for you to become part of our team. Please contact Jim Carr at guitarcarr@yahoo.com

El Salvador Prayer Circle

Almost 2,000 parishioners have traveled to El Salvador throughout our 19-year partnership. Join us each Tuesday morning, via Zoom, as El Salvador veterans and people of good will gather in prayer, fellowship, storytelling, and laughter. All are welcome each Tuesday, 9:00-9:30 a.m. Please contact Jodie Bowers (JBowers@StDominicChurch.net) for the Zoom link.

El Salvador Delegations

St. Dominic continues to strengthen our relationship in El Salvador by sending a Relational delegation to Santo Domingo on February 28-March 5, 2023, Medical delegation on April 15-22, 2023, and Youth Group delegation on June 11-16, 2023. Anyone can register for the Relational delegation, members of the High School Youth Group (HSYG) for the youth trip, and parishioners with medical backgrounds are welcome to serve on the medical trip. Please contact Jodie Bowers JBowers@StDominicChurch.net if you are interested learning more about our El Salvador program.

Faithful Citizenship:

*Uniting for Ukraine (U4U) Welcome Circle
Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m.*

Cleveland is home to a large Ukrainian immigrant population. To flee war, several families have already arrived in the Cleveland area. St. Dominic has been approached to serve as a "Welcome Circle" Parish to welcome an additional family to our area. Our assistance, hospitality, and connections would help a refugee family navigate housing, schooling, medical care, grocery shopping, meals, socializing, and adjusting to life in Cleveland.

"Faithful Citizenship," St. Dominic's Social Action Committee, has invited Sarah Murphy, Director of Cleveland Catholic Charities "Welcome Circle" Program to join us on Tuesday, February 21st at 6:30 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room. Ms. Murphy will present the "Welcome Circle" program to us and explain how our hospitality can support our Ukrainian sisters and brothers. For more information, please contact Jodie Bowers, JBowers@stdominicchurch.net.

Teen Scriptural Reflection Evenings

*Every Wednesday from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Starting on Ash Wednesday, February 22*

Scripture is the stories God uses to tell us more about who he is. During Lent, we are called to understand Christ, his mercy, and his plan more deeply. To work towards this, St. Dominic Youth Group is hosting weekly Scriptural Reflection Evening for our High School teens. Here we will read the readings for the upcoming week, discuss God's message in it, and see how that applies to our spiritual growth this Lent. These evenings will be every Wednesday from 7 to 8 p.m. starting on Ash Wednesday and is open to all high school teens.

The Chosen Lenten Watch & Reflect

*Every Thursday from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.
February 23, 3/2, 3/9, 3/16, 3/23 & 3/30*

The hit series *The Chosen* has just finished up season 3. It has been wonderful so far and I'm excited for the next season already... to come on 2024. This Lent we will be offering to all parishioners, evenings to watch and reflect on season 1. It's a great way to get introduced to the series or go back and refresh your memory on how this all started. Each evening we will watch an episode or two and have a little study guide to help us reflect and discuss after. This will be held on Thursday evenings during Lent from 7 to 8:30 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room or church. Please contact Tim Sokal with any questions at tsokal@stdominicschool.net

Fish Fry Fridays!

*Starts February 24 thru March 31
4:30 - 7:30 p.m.*

St. Dominic will once again be hosting the best fish fry around. Enjoy pub batter cod, baked North Atlantic cod, or shrimp. All meals include choice of potato (fried, baked, or sweet), coleslaw, and dessert. This year, we will have a salmon dinner with mashed potatoes and green beans. The children's meals are fish, pizza, or mac and cheese. The children's meals come with a side of french fries and applesauce, plus a cookie. Dine in or carry out is available. Credit card only. Check out our website for more information at www.stdominicchurch.net. Support St. Dominic while enjoying a delicious meal!



Lenten Night of Praise and Worship

February 26th at 7:00 p.m.

Worship is at the heart of who we are as Christians. This Lent, join us for a Night of Praise and Worship on February 26th at 7:00 p.m. where our speaker, Joseph Mannarino, will speak about making the most out of Lent. By sitting with the Lord in the Blessed Sacrament, and entering into this season of Lent, we can realign ourselves with Christ and become more like him.

Pray During Lent with the Ministry of Praise Newsletter

St. Dominic sends a quarterly Ministry of Praise Newsletter to connect with our parishioners who wish to pray for people in our church community and be involved with our Caring Ministry. The newsletter includes the names of parishioners and family members who have recently passed away as well as the names of people who have asked for prayers. If you would like to receive the Ministry of Praise Newsletter and pray for members of our St. Dominic community, please reach out to Pastoral Associate, Katie Panzica, at kpanzica@stdominicchurch.net.



Into the Desert: A Lenten Study on Prayer

Every Tuesday in Lent Beginning February 28 from 9–10:15 a.m.

Using the FORMED 6-week video-based series, "Into the Desert: A Lenten Study on Prayer," participants will take a deeper dive into praying with Scripture. By opening our hearts and minds to Scripture, we will be invited into deeper intimacy with our Lord. Our time together will consist of the video, discussion and sharing on the Sunday readings. Join us in the Large Meeting Room on the Tuesdays of Lent, 9:00–10:15 a.m. beginning February 28th. Contact Liz Woconish at lwoconish@stdominicschool.net for more information

Friends of Immigrants –

Tuesday, March 7, 7:00 p.m.,

Faithful Citizenship: St. Dominic's Social Action Committee, proudly supports refugees and immigrants! On Tuesday, March 7th at 7:00 p.m., the Northeast Ohio Friends of Immigrants (NEOFI) will be meeting virtually via Zoom to share information on how we can better assist migrants and refugees in the Cleveland area through education, advocacy, legal assistance, and direct aid. Please contact Jodie Bowers JBowers@StDominicChurch.net for the Zoom link.

Lenten Activities for Young Families Group

Our ongoing play dates and gatherings continue throughout Lent. Please mark your calendars for the following:

- 3/3 Parents are invited to join the Young Families Group for "Praycation" following the Friday Mass.
- 3/5 Donut Sunday and Open Gym.
- 3/11 Pizza Night @ The Shaker Heights Little Gym.
- 3/17 Friday Playdate.
- 3/24 Parents are invited to join the Young Families Group for "Praycation" following the Friday Mass.
- 4/2 Donut Sunday and Open Gym.

Feel free to reach out to amynader14@gmail.com to join our Young Families email list.

A Prayer Buffet: Exploring New Ways to Strengthen Your Relationship with God

A Lenten Adult Formation Opportunity

March 5th, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Do you find yourself wanting to pray more, yet you really don't know how? Do you find yourself always reverting to memorized prayers and then just give up? Has your prayer life fallen into a rut? Are you curious about the way other people pray? Would you just like to learn a different way to pray?

This special program will give you the opportunity to sample various ways to pray at home or in small groups. We will begin in the cafeteria immediately following the 11 a.m. Sunday mass. Coffee, donuts and fruit will be served and after a large group presentation on prayer, participants will be invited to share in various forms of prayer experiences lead by staff and other parishioners. Each "prayer sample" will last 20 minutes, and then you will move to the next "course" of prayer. We promise your heart will be filled!

There is no cost for this program, yet reservations are required. Please call the parish office to register at 216-991-1444 or email Gaile Ozanne at Gozanne@stdominicchurch.net. Registration deadline is Wednesday, March 1. All are welcome!

The History of Cleveland's Underground Railroad

March 8 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Please join us on Wednesday, March 8, from 7 to 8:00 p.m. in the church with presenter Herbert Addison Burns, a historical scholar. Mr. Burns is the president of the Warrensville Heights Friends of the Library organization and has taught at Baldwin Wallace University and Tri-C. His presentation will explore the motivating factors and key players of Cleveland's Underground Railroad and the political climate which brought into being the underground railroad and the people responsible for making it a success. The program will be held in the church, and there is no charge. All are welcome!

Evening of Confession

March 8th, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Fr. Tom will be available to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation with parishioners inside the church. If you have not been to confession in a long time, don't worry! There will be an easy guide made available for you at the doors of the church which will include the Act of Contrition. This sacrament is a beautiful way to prepare your heart during this holy season.

Milagros de Santo Romero

Thursday, March 9 at 6:30 p.m.

As we welcome our Salvadoran partners to St. Dominic, please join us on Thursday, March 9th at 6:30 p.m. in St. Dominic's Large Meeting Room for the "Milagros de Santo Romero" presentation. Herbert Herrera, Oscar Reyes, Aristides Salazar, Jesus Aguilar, and Raul Solis will share accounts of the many miracles of St. Oscar Romero taking place because of the love and partnership between St. Dominic Cleveland and Santo Domingo in El Salvador.

Fiesta Santo Domingo

Saturday, March 11 following the 5:00 p.m. Mass

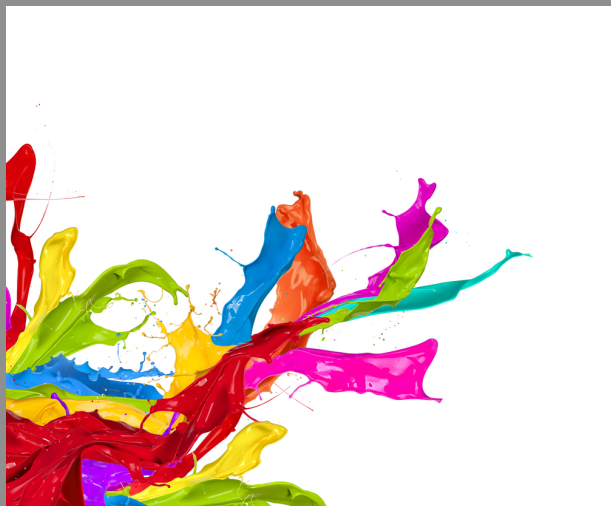
2023 marks our parish's 19th year of partnership and solidarity with our sister parish, Santo Domingo, in the rural municipality of Chiltiupan, El Salvador. Our parish supports 27 on-going ministries and initiatives in Santo Domingo to help our sisters and brothers have a more dignified life. Throughout our history, almost 2,000 parishioners have traveled to El Salvador on Relational, Medical, and Youth delegations. To celebrate our partnership, we are pleased to welcome the Salvadoran directors of our El Salvador Ministry to Cleveland. Herbert Herrera, Oscar Reyes, Aristides Salazar, Jesus Aguilar, and Raul Solis will be visiting Cleveland to share the Good News of our mission program.

This celebration takes place Saturday, March 11th immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the Bishop Amos Center. The evening features food, refreshments, music, and fellowship with our Salvadoran friends. RSVP required by contacting Gaile Ozanne, GOzanne@stdominicchurch.net, in the parish office at (216) 991-1444.

St. Aloysius Lenten Cans Drive

Pick up your can at any entrance of the Church

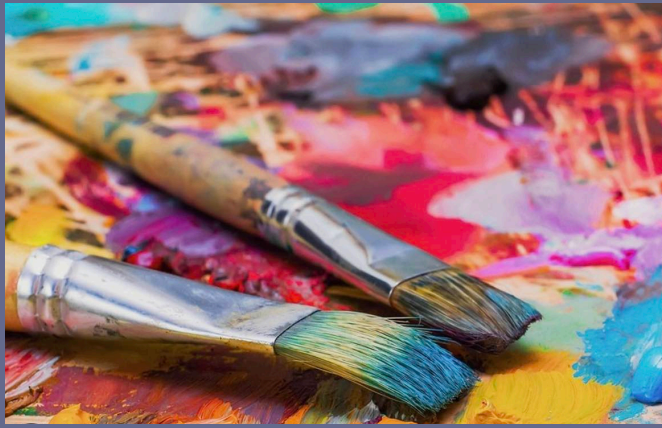
Once again, we will have the St. Aloysius Lenten Cans available in the church entrances before Lent. All proceeds from these Lenten offering cans will go directly to our brothers and sisters in need in the St. Al's community assuring them of our continued support and love. Last year cans brought in over \$7500 in donations which was a HUGE help to them! Please show your support once again this year and grab one to fill up with loose change or monetary bills, and return it on Sundays, March 26th, or April 2nd. Thank you in advance for your Lenten offering!



The Art of Lent: Young Families Lenten Cross Making

March 18th, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

The Art of Lent is to live in harmony with God, self and others. The church gives us three pillars to help us do this. Prayer. Fasting. Almsgiving. Families with small children will reflect on living Lent artfully as they decorate a wooden cross with colored glass pieces. This take-home symbol will be a reminder of God's love during the Lenten season and beyond. Join us on March 18 from 10-11 a.m. in the cafeteria for this family friendly Lenten project. Please sign up on the parish website by March 4th.



Caregivers Support

Wednesday, March 20th, 3 to 4 p.m.

The Caregiver Support Group provides emotional support for those caring for loved ones and is an opportunity to socialize and visit with fellow caregivers. The next meeting will be held on Monday, March 20th from 3-4 pm in the Small Meeting Room. If you or someone you know primarily cares for a family member or friend, we encourage you to attend this next meeting. If you have any questions, please reach out to Pastoral Associate, Katie Panzica, at kpanzica@stdominicchurch.net.

Pre-Baptism Class

Monday, March 27th, 2023, 7-8:00 p.m.

St. Dominic will be hosting a pre-baptism class on Monday, March 27th, 2023, from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. via zoom. This class is for parents seeking to have their infants baptized into the Catholic faith. This class meets the sacramental preparation requirements of the Diocese of Cleveland.

The evening includes reflection on the meaning of baptism, hallmarks of the sacrament, and the role of parents and godparents in raising children with faith.

Parents must register with Gaile Ozanne at gozanne@stdominicchurch.net. Or call 216.991.1444.

Why Am I Catholic? Why Stay Catholic?

A Lenten evening of reflection

March 25 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Join other parishioners for this special evening where we explore "why we stay Catholic" when so many forces of the world tell us that the Church has no relevance anymore. The evening will be led by Fr. Tom and will begin immediately following the 5:00 p.m. Saturday mass. A light supper will be served, followed by a presentation by Fr. Tom with an opportunity for table discussions.

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite a friend or neighbor who has no church or who has fallen away from the Catholic Church. With honest reflections on the challenges facing the Church today, we will pray that the Holy Spirit will guide us as both individuals and a parish community as we prepare to enter into Holy Week.

There is no cost for the evening, yet reservations are required. Please call the parish office to register at 216-991-144 or email Gaile Ozanne at Gozanne@stdominicchurch.net. Registration deadline is Monday, March 20. I hope you will join us!

Resurrection Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th, 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

1st hunt: 10 a.m. 2nd hunt: 10:30 a.m.

Church Lawn (Norwood) or Gym if Raining

This Resurrection Easter egg scavenger hunt combines the fun of an Easter egg hunt while telling the Easter story. Using clues, families will work together to locate 12 Easter story items and 12 eggs filled with treats inside. "What remained in the tomb after Jesus rose?" Come find out.

Spaces are limited so please visit the homepage of the parish website to sign your family up for this fun learning event by March 18th!

Project Serve in Action during Lent

During this season of sacrifice and almsgiving, St. Dominic parishioners are giving back to our community at our Project Serve partner agencies: Cleveland Foodbank, Kids' Book Bank, Project SAVE, Seeds of Literacy, St. Aloysius Hunger Center, St. Herman's House of Hospitality, Thea Bowman Center, Warrensville Developmental Center, and West Side Catholic Center. Several sites are in need of more volunteers. Please contact Jodie Bowers JBowers@StDominicChurch.net if you are interested in serving at any of these agencies:

Cleveland Foodbank

Thursday, March 16, 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Sorting and packing food items to be given to local families in need.

Kids' Book Bank

Thursday, March 9, 3:30-5:00 p.m.
Sorting and organizing books for impoverished schools and neighborhoods

Project SAVE Dessert Ministry

Wednesday, March 15, 3:00-5:30 p.m.
Serving a special dessert & sharing hospitality with clients in the Midtown neighborhoods

Seeds of Literacy

Flexible Scheduling at the Mt. Pleasant Development Corporation Tutoring adults with literacy and GED preparation.

St. Al's Meal Ministry

Tuesdays during Lent, 3:00-6:00 p.m.
Serving dinner and fellowship with the poor.

St. Herman's House of Hospitality

Saturday, March 18, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Preparing and serving lunch plus hospitality with members of the house and the community.

Thea Bowman Center

Saturday, March 11, 10:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Preparing and serving lunch plus fellowship with the poor.

Warrensville Developmental Center

Tuesday, March 7 & April 4, 6:00-7:30 p.m.
Celebrating Mass, friendship, and crafts with the residents at the Center.

West Side Catholic Center – Breakfast Ministry

Saturday, February 25 & March 25, 8:00-10:00 a.m.
Prepare and serve hot breakfast to patrons.

West Side Catholic Center – Dinner Ministry

Saturday, February 25 & March 25, 3:30-6:00 p.m.
Prepare and serve dinner to patrons.

Project Serve Ministry to the Cleveland Poor Lenten Collections

The St. Dominic "Project Serve Ministry to the Cleveland Poor" coordinates our Lenten collections. At each weekend liturgy, Project Serve will be collecting an item for our partner agencies in the Cleveland area. Please contact Jodie Bowers JBowers@StDominicChurch.net for more information. Thank you for your generosity.

February 25 & 26

St. Herman's House:
Coffee & Creamer

March 4 & 5

Thea Bowman Center:
Winter Hats & Gloves

March 11 & 12

Trials for Hope:
Peanut Butter & Jelly

March 18 & 19

L'Arche Cleveland:
Papertowels

March 25 & 26

El Salvador:
Band-aids and Neosporin



Stations of the Cross

Good Friday, April 7, at 1:00 p.m.

Our parish will celebrate indoor and outdoor stations on Good Friday, both beginning at 1:00 p.m. The outdoor stations, THE WAY OF THE CROSS, is a contemporary Stations of the Cross led by our Youth Ministry. For the outdoor stations, we will meet in front of the church and proceed on a walking route approximately two miles in length. We'll stop fourteen times along the way to pray and sing in memory of the road that Jesus walked centuries ago. Please wear some article of red clothing as a sign of the liturgical color of the day. All are welcome to join us in either celebration that engages both young and old in an ancient tradition of our church.

The Sacred Triduum *April 6 – 9*

The liturgies of the Sacred Triduum, or "Sacred Three Days", are the most beautiful celebrations of the church year. These holy days are to be seen as a whole, with public celebrations of liturgy, and private moments of prayer at home.

Holy Thursday *April 6, 2023*

6:00 p.m.	Parish Altar Servers' Dinner
7:30 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
8:30 p.m. - 10: 00 p.m.	Eucharistic Adoration in the Large Meeting Room

Good Friday *April 7, 2023*

1:00 pm	Outdoor Stations of the Cross
1:00 pm	Indoor Stations of the Cross
3:00 pm	The Passion of Our Lord

Holy Saturday *April 8, 2023*

4:00 pm	Easter Food Blessing
7:30 pm	The Great Vigil of Easter

Easter Sunday *April 9, 2023*

8:00 am Mass	(Soloists)
10:00 am Mass	(Adult Choir)
12:00 Noon Mass	(Children's Choir)

PRAY. FAST. SHARE

Together as a parish, we enter into this season of Lent - this time of conversion - with open hearts, minds and spirits. As we travel along the journey, we pray that each of you finds God's Peace in quiet moments of prayer, God's Strength in times of sacrifice, and God's Love in each other's generous acts of kindness. Together, we continue to live the Mission of Christ.

