



ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI

Office of the Diaconate



The Deacon Memo

March, 2023

Deacon Candidates Instituted into Ministry of Lector

On Sunday, March 19, ten men who are currently in the Deacon Formation Program for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, along with seven men from the Diocese of Covington, were instituted into the ministry of Lector by Bishop John C. Iffert, Bishop of Covington. Lector is the first minor ministry which is the first step on the path towards ordination in April, 2025. The deacon community of Cincinnati congratulates our brothers and offer our prayers for your continued discernment and study as your formation continues.



RADIATE CHRIST

Archdiocese of Cincinnati Deacon Candidates

(left to right) Ronald Burwinkel, James Menart, Phillip Theodore, Christopher Jasek, Mark Bade, Deacon Jerry Franzen (Diocese of Covington), Christopher Bergman, Covington Bishop John C. Iffert, Jack Rivetti, Roger Kaiser, David Ulmer, Timothy Geiger, Deacon Mark Machuga, Rev. David Sunberg, Director of Permanent Deacon Formation.

Chrism Mass - April 4

Archbishop Schnurr will celebrate the Chrism Mass at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 at the Cathedral Basilica of Saint Peter in Chains. As in the past, deacons are invited to vest and process. We will meet in Synod Hall in the undercroft of the Cathedral. Please RSVP to me (mmachuga@catholicaoc.org) if you plan to participate so that we can allocate the proper number of pews.



Blessing of the Bikes

Once again, our deacon community is being asked to help with this annual tradition which has been supported by the deacon community for many years. This is an amazingly popular event that draws thousands of participants. Deacons are needed to assist with the blessings.

If you can help on May 21, please contact Deacon Bob Baker at deaconbobbaker@stcolumbkille.org or call his cell phone at (937) 725-2213. Thank you!

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2023

KIL-KARE RACEWAY
1166 Dayton-Xenia Rd., Xenia, OH 45385 - NO RAIN DATE
ADMISSION FEE \$5/BIKE

GATES OPEN 10:00 AM / CEREMONY 1:00 PM / Z-PERFORMANCE BIKE SHOW \$5/BIKE

ARCHDIOCESE OF CINCINNATI - Blessing Officials • AmTryke presentation by GREENEBUGS
National Anthem by SUZI GOEDDE • Master of Ceremonies - JOHN "THE SMAN" BEAULIEU WTUE 104.7
Music by 91 CHARLIE and TRIPLE EDGE • Door Prizes • Vendors • Dignitaries
DAYTON 73 MOOSE LODGE • AMVETS 444 • NO RULES RIDERS FIA CHAPTER
THIS EVENT IS DEDICATED TO ALL VETERANS • PROCEEDS GO TO AMBUGS/GREENEBUGS

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Save the Date! 58th Annual Melchizedek Open Golf Tournament



Priests and Deacons of the Archdiocese are invited to play in this year's Melchizedek Open, which will be held at the **Pipestone Golf Club**, 4344 Benner Road, in Miamisburg, Ohio, on Monday, July 24, 2023. Save the date! Attached to this Newsletter is the Registration Form for the outing (see last page below). Registration is at noon with a Shot Gun Start at 1:00 PM. As usual, following the outing (and for non-golfers), there will be

a Cash Bar Social, beginning at 6:00 PM, followed by a meal. It's a great way to build fraternity. If you have any questions, please contact Deacon Tim Helmick at (513) 535-7869 or email him at: tim.helmick@gmail.com.

Save the Date! Deacon Regional Meetings



Who says there's no free lunch? Well in this case, it's free dinner! The Spring Regional Meetings have been scheduled. Enjoy an evening of fellowship with your fellow deacons and wives for dinner, communal Evening Prayer, a speaker and updates from the Office of the Diaconate. RSVP's will be coming later in a separate e-mail for this **free** event. For now, please put the date on your calendar!

- Cincinnati – Thursday, April 20, 6:30 pm at St. Mary Parish, Hyde Park
- Dayton – Tuesday, May 2, 6:00 pm at St. Paul Parish, Englewood
- North – Wednesday, May 3, 6:00 pm at the Spiritual Center at Maria Stein

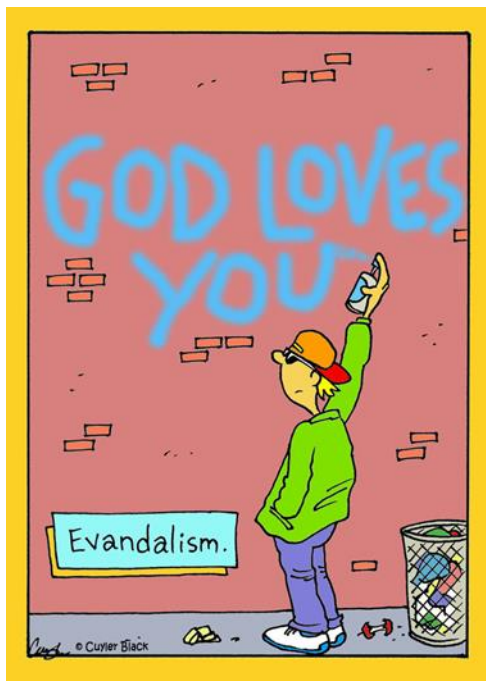
Our speaker will be Deacon Mike Lippman, the new Director of the Office for Pastoral Planning for the Center for Parish Vitality at the Archdiocese. Deacons and wives, single/widower deacons, widows of deacons, and men in formation and wives are all invited! Looking forward to seeing you then.

Necrology - April

April 3, 1985	Deacon Harvey Baur	Ordained 7/3/82
April 5, 2019	Elisa Mascorro	
April 5, 2021	Deacon Daniel Rader	Ordained 9/28/91
April 7, 2001	Deacon Paul Weitzel	Ordained 7/28/79
April 9, 2022	Deacon John Collins	Ordained 4/28/07
April 12, 2022	Deacon John Gobbi	Ordained 6/22/85
April 13, 1996	Deacon Robert Arbogast	Ordained 6/25/83
April 13, 2020	Eileen McCray	
April 15, 2005	Eulita Bensman	
April 16, 2020	Eileen Vilaboy	
April 16, 2022	Joan Reeves	
April 19, 1991	Deacon Francis Laengle	Ordained 9/25/76
April 29, 1999	Clara Wabler	
April 29, 2018	Deacon John Parker	Ordained 6/22/1985



This Month's Humor ...



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58th ANNUAL MELCHIZEDEK OPEN

Dear Clergy Members of the Archdiocese,

You are invited to play in the 58th annual Melchizedek Open Golf Tournament. This is an excellent way to share priestly or diaconate fraternity. This year's event again will be held at the Pipestone Golf Club, 4344 Benner Road, in Miamisburg, Ohio, on **Monday, July 24, 2023**. *Please note that we have moved the date from the first Monday in August to the fourth Monday in July to accommodate both Pipestone and the start of OHSAA (Ohio High School Athletic Association) golf season ... this move should help to make our event a more relaxing time for all.* Mark your calendars!

Registration will begin at 12:00 pm with a Shot Gun Start at 1:00 pm. At the time of your registration, you will receive this year's unique and comfortable Melchizedek Open Golf Shirt. Of course, there will be prizes for highly-skilled golfers. After golf, there will be a Cash Bar-Social from 6:00-7:00 pm, *followed by dinner, which will begin around 6:45 pm.*

Reservations for the Event are **absolutely** necessary! We ask that you fill out the form below and return it *no later than July 7, 2023*. Forms should be returned to: **Tim Helmick 700 Southmeadow Circle Cincinnati, OH 45231-6096**. Make checks payable *Only* to: *"Melchizedek Open."* We look forward to having you with us.

Faternally,

The Melchizedek Open Committee

Reverend: Fr. Tom Mannabach

Deacons: Francis Wagner

Tim Helmick

Mike Erb



Golf Cart & Dinner: \$100.00*

Dinner Only: \$40.00*

Names of Foursome & Shirt Size (S, M, L, XL, XXL, XXXL)

1. _____ 2. _____

3. _____ 4. _____

*This includes drink tickets and the event fee charged by Pipestone.

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