

## ST. PATRICK CHURCH & SHRINE

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**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024**

# 30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

# HAVE YOU THOUGHT ABOUT BECOMING CATHOLIC... OR WANT TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FAITH

Want to know more about the gifts of God, His Grace & Mercy, present in the church,  
Maybe sacraments are for you? Classes 9:50am on Sundays during CCD

## RCIA

(859) 356-5151

<https://stpat.church/Spiritual-Formation/RCIA-Program/RCIA-Information-Request>

**All adults are welcome to join us!!!**



**October 28th,  
2024  
to  
November 3rd,  
2024**

Mon	7:35 AM	Repose of Lois Grove and Judy Reilly
Tue	7:35 AM	Repose of Tim Kruempelman
Wed	7:35 AM 7:00 PM	Repose of Elizabeth Ratkai Special Intention in Thanksgiving for All Care Givers
Fri	7:35 AM 7:00 PM	Repose of Mary Louise Robke Repose of All of the Souls in Purgatory
Sat	8:00 AM 4:30 PM	Deceased Members of the Reynolds Family Repose of Julia Ann Price
Sun	8:30 AM 11:00 AM	Repose of Matt Osborne and Mass for the People of the Parish Repose of Dolores Schroeder

**Pray For:** Sharon Finke, Killian Hamilton, Bob Kemper, Randy Smith, Joan Jasper, Sandy Johnson, The Carneal Family, Viola Cleo Bradshaw, Dave Wambgans

**Repose of:**

*Please contact the office to add someone to the list.*

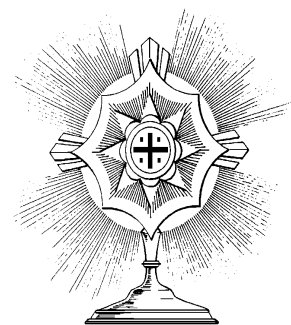


### Contact Us

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### Mass Schedule

Sunday Masses	
Saturday	4:30 PM
Sunday	8:30 AM 11:00 AM
Holy Day Mass schedule see inside bulletin	
Daily Masses	
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 7:35 AM	
Wednesday (Evening Only) 7:00 PM	
First Saturday Month every month 8am	



**Adoration Chapel**  
**Open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.**

**Jesus is waiting for You.**

### St. Patrick Primary School

Phone: (859) 344-7040

**Website:** <http://stpat.school/>

**Facebook:** StPatrickTMSchool

**Communications:** For more info or schedule a tour text the keyword **stpatschool** to the number **84576** & select **Enrollment Info Request** or:  
<https://stpatricktm.flocknote.com/signup/81184>

## Sacraments

**Baptism** For more information, please visit the parish website. Baptism classes are generally held at 10am on the first Saturday of every month. Please call the office to register for class or register through the parish website.

**Eucharist, Confirmation, & Sacrament of the Sick**  
Contact the parish office.

**Reconciliation** Every Saturday 12-1 pm or contact Fr. Jeff anytime for an appointment.

**Holy Orders** Contact Father Mike Hennigan at (859) 392-1500.

**Matrimony** You must contact the parish at least six months in advance to the desired date. Please complete a Wedding Registration form to schedule a wedding. It is a good idea to confirm the date with the parish first before reserving a reception hall as that date may not be available. For more information, please visit the parish website.

## Parish Ministries

### Fr. Jeff & Spiritual Direction

Fr. Jeff will be available in the church at certain times for Spiritual Direction. In the case of youth, please bring another person along. If you have a time scheduled, please feel free to come to the church. He is available for about 20-30 minutes per person. However, he will make himself available for longer if needed. Spiritual Direction is a way to help an individual discern how the spirit is leading the person. The role of a spiritual director is not to direct attention to oneself, rather it is to help the directed focus on Christ and sort out confusion or obstacles. Confession is also available during these times. Please contact Fr. Jeff if you would like to schedule a time to meet with him contact the parish office.

### Sick & Homebound

If you know of someone in our parish that is: in the hospital, nursing home, sick and/or is homebound, or is in need of the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, please notify us by calling the parish office or email the secretary. Due to privacy laws we are no longer automatically notified unless someone tells us. Please help us serve our fellow brothers and sisters in the parish that are in need of this ministry. Your help in serving them is welcomed and greatly appreciated!

*Thank you and Christ's Peace,*

*Fr. Jeff*

### VIRTUS & Volunteering

#### Safe Environment Requirements

**All** volunteers and coaches must be VIRTUS compliant before they may participate.

The first step is to contact the parish office. **Compliance**

1. Fill out parish application form.
2. Register online at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org), sign up for & attend a class and submit a background check.
3. Background check cleared.
4. Read the bulletins within 30 days of the first Sunday each month.

For more information visit the diocesan website:

<https://covdio.org/safe-environment/how-do-i-start/>

**Grief Support Group— Come and be comforted.** A group for the bereaved, meets at 9:00am in the downstairs of the Mercy Risen Center, the second Saturday of the month. Each session explores mourning through scripture, prayer, reflection, activities, and faith sharing. All materials and refreshments are provided. Please call the parish office if you have any questions.

**Ladies Altar Society** meets 7pm every 4th Tuesday each month in the Parish Hall.

**Liturgical Ministry Volunteers**—More volunteers are needed: Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion (EMHC), Lector, Server & Usher. All volunteers 18 & over must be VIRTUS compliant. Choose specific time frames, request a sub for your scheduled position. <http://www.rotundasoftware.com/no-dl/ministry/knock?enroll=1> or call office.

**New Info- Men's Group— Ready or not, we're coming back!**

**Beginning in November, the group will begin meeting on Wednesday night at 6pm in the Mercy Risen Center. More dates and details to come!**

**Parish Nurse Ministry** -blood pressure screenings offered the first weekend of each month. Call the office or contact Judy Schneider if you are interested in helping with this ministry.

**Project Rachel—God's Greatest Desire is to Forgive** if you have ever had an abortion experience, the Catholic Church wants to reach out to you and offer healing and reconciliation through Project Rachel, a confidential ministry for women and men. For more information, please call our Project Rachel confidential telephone number at: (859) 392-1547.



Our donations for October will go to:

### Welcome House, Inc.

They are in need of:

**Non perishable food, paper products, gently used clothing**

### Our Mission

Our mission is to provide a continuum of services that will end homelessness and promote stability for each person we serve.



Please say this prayer when assembling your donation then come place it on the shelf by elevator in the upstairs hallway.

### A Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Thank you Lord, for making my life free of serious want. Protect those in need with food this day. Give me a chance to nourish the poor through my compassion. Help me to see the hungry and never turn away. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



**Stewardship** Thank you for your almsgiving, as we have much to do for further development of ministries and maintenance here!

Offertory Program Pledge Amount:	<b>\$ 7,068.00</b>
<b>TOTAL REGULAR OFFERTORY</b>	<b>\$5,882.99</b>
<b>TOTAL BUILDING FUND</b> (Maintenance & Repair Included)	<b>\$1,085.45</b>
School Foundation	<b>\$0</b>
Loan Balance as of 10/1/24	\$275,830.03
<b>Parish School Development/Assistance</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>

NOTE FROM FINANCE OFFICE: Offerings given may not be reflected in this weeks totals depending on bank processing.

**St. Patrick 2024 DPAA Update as of September 30, 2024**

Parish Goal	\$59,100.00
Pledges Received	\$65,661.61
*Actual Amount Collected	\$54,050.13

*Thank you!*



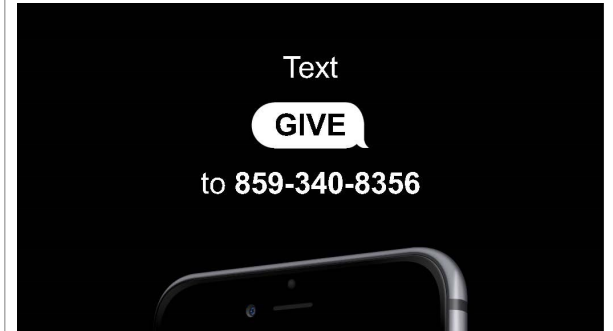
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You'll be asked to register if it's your first time.



Don't forget to save our giving number in your phone! You can always text EDIT to update your information, set up a recurring gift, and check the status of a gift.

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**Faith Formation  
REGISTRATION**

**CCD REGISTRATION IS OPEN  
CCD 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

(Preschool Age 4—8th Grade)

In Person & Homeschool Classes Available

**CLASS SCHEDULE:**

Every Sunday | 9:45 AM – 10:45 AM

To register or get more information visit our website:

<https://stpat.church/>

Contact Mallory Hamilton: [hamiltonm@stpat.church](mailto:hamiltonm@stpat.church)

or phone: 859-356-5151.

**St. Patrick Primary School TM**

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN PRESCHOOL - 5th GRADE  
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR**

Enrollment for all day Kindergarten thru 5th Grade is open to everyone. We welcome enrollment to all children regardless of race, religious affiliation, national origin or sex. Preschool Student Enrollment: There is a registration fee of \$100.00 due at the time of enrollment for all students, and we require a copy of your child's birth certificate, social security card, and current immunization record. Your enrollment is not complete until we receive these three forms and your registration fee. **Not Ready to Enroll... But Would Like to Request More Information:** [nunnelleyp@stpat.school](mailto:nunnelleyp@stpat.school)  
For tuition assistance and more information or if you are interested in a tour, contact us at [nunnelleyp@stpat.school](mailto:nunnelleyp@stpat.school) or call (859) 344-7040.

For More Information Visit Our Website: <http://stpat.school/>



A special virtue based education is included to help build good character and bring out the image of God in each child

**LOW TUITION COST**

**2024-25 Tuition Kindergarten - 5th Grade: \$4,000/**  
student Pay in full or minimum monthly payments (required for 10 months)

## *Parish News & Local Events*

**Friday, November 1st is All Saints Day and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses will be held at St. Patrick's on Friday, November 1st, at 7:35am and 7pm.**

**Want to be a Cursillta? Weekends forming now!!** -Cursillo is a fresh course in Christianity. To try to explain a Cursillo to someone who has never experienced it is difficult and somewhat mystifying. The reason behind the mystery is God! No one can fully explain how God touches each person in His special and unique way. **Women's Fall– November 7th—10th** For more information see the **Diocese of Covington Cursillo on the internet** or call parishioner Sandy at 859-620-3215.



October is Respect Life Month throughout the United States. Here are ways you can participate. More information on Respect Life Month activities can be found at [www.respectlife.org](http://www.respectlife.org) and [www.covdio.org/pro-life/](http://www.covdio.org/pro-life/).

**Sign up for Daily Prayers** via e-mail or text at [www.respectlife.org](http://www.respectlife.org).

**Respect Life Novena** – October 22-30. Download novena prayer at [www.respectlife.org](http://www.respectlife.org).

**Diocese of Covington Community Baby Shower** – Wednesday November 6, 5:00-7:00pm at Covington Latin School. The shower is free and open to all families in Northern Kentucky who are in need of assistance. There will be agencies there providing resources to families as well.

\*If you are interested in volunteering with the event or donating items such as diapers, wipes, new clothing, larger items such as strollers, car seats, pac-n-plays, high chairs, please contact Faye Roch for more information, 859-392-1545.

**GARDEN UPDATE-** The end of the 2024 growing season has arrived!!

The harvest complete!! The next step is prepping soil for springtime.

**Thanks to our parish volunteer's:**

Raised bed carpenter: John Schaefer, Shelley Abdelghany and Padre Jeff.

Tillers: Bill Mardis & Ron Pulsfort

Gardeners: Greg & Dianora Christopel; Phyllis Moser & Pam Nunnelly.

Jack Gercken and Scout Troop 360 and parents for the new fencing and posts.

This was our test garden!!! God willing, next year will be bigger and better!!

Interested in helping next year? Just call or email your name and contact information to the parish office and we will get it to the Garden Group!

*You are invited*

*to join the St. Patrick Grief Support Group for a special program  
to help you navigate the upcoming holiday season.*

**Saturday, November 9th at 9am**

**The Mercy Risen Center (house across from parish with  
blue cross on the front)**

**Video presentation, helpful hints, group discussion, prayerful  
support and refreshments provided.**

**No cost, but seating is limited.**

**Please rsvp by Thursday, Nov. 7th at 4pm to the parish of-  
fice at 859-356-5151 or parishoffice@stpat.church**



St. Elizabeth Healthcare is also sponsoring **2 free grief workshops:**

**GETTING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS**

**November 21, 2024 from 6pm to 7:30pm at the St. Elizabeth Hospice Center  
483 South Loop Drive, Edgewood, Ky 41014**

**And**

**December 5, 2024, from 6pm to 7:30pm at the Covington Library 502 Scott  
Street, Covington, Ky 41011**

Getting Through the Holidays is a grief support group session where we will discuss ways to cope with the loss of our loved ones during this special time of year.

This event is open to children, adults and families of all ages, as well as individual participants.

**Registration is required and space is limited.**

To register, call 859-301-4611 or online at [stelizabeth.com/medical-services/hospice](http://stelizabeth.com/medical-services/hospice)

## More Local Events to Share

### **2024 – 2025 Workshops on the Old Testament with Father Timothy P. Schehr**

The Office of Catechesis and Evangelization is announcing **nine individual workshops on the Books of the Old Testament** presented by Father Timothy P. Schehr. **Father Schehr** is a retired biblical scholar and former professor at Mount St. Mary's School of Theology at the Athenaeum of Ohio. He has a B.A., M.Div. and an M.A. from the Athenaeum of Ohio. He also has a Ph.D. from Hebrew Union College.

### **Workshops are all held Saturday morning, 9:00 – 11:30 a.m., Curia Office**

2024 Workshops – **Genesis**: Nov. 16, **Exodus**: Nov. 23, **Leviticus**: Dec. 7, **Numbers**: Dec. 14.

2025 Workshops – **Deuteronomy**: March 8, **Joshua**: March 15, **Judges**: March 22, **Ruth**: May 17, **1 & 2 Samuel**: May 24.

*Everyone is welcome to attend!* The cost for each workshop is \$35. **For more information and to register visit [covdio.org/bible-workshops](https://covdio.org/bible-workshops).** The workshops will be held in Bishop Howard Memorial Auditorium (Curia Office), 1125 Madison Ave., Covington, KY 41011.

### **SUMMIT 24 – November 15-17, 2024**

High School Retreat “Rejoicing in Hope” will be held at Thomas More University. (Not an overnight retreat). **Early bird registration by Oct. 30, 2024, at <https://covdio.org/youth/>**

The last **Morning of Reflection** mini-retreat this season will be on **Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>** at **St. Joseph Parish in Cold Spring** beginning at **9AM**. Father Conor Kunath will explore **The Call to Holiness** during the discussion, followed by Mass at 10AM, and Adoration with Confession afterward. Don't miss this opportunity! All are welcome: no registration needed and there is no cost. *St. Joseph Parish, 4011 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 41076*

**2025 Mass Intention Book-** is now available for reserving your Masses for next year, the suggested stipend is \$10. Please call or email the office with any questions. 859-356-5151 or parishoffice@stpat.church

**We're so excited to send our high schoolers to Steubenville next summer. It's a weekend filled with faith, fellowship and fun! Our dates are July 11-13. Please mark your calendars now! Email Mallory if your child is interested: [Hamiltonm@stpat.church](mailto:Hamiltonm@stpat.church)**

**St. Joseph PTO Craft Show-** November 2, 2024– 9am to 3pm. \$3 Admission, kids FREE. Memorial Hall and Gymnasium– 4011 Alexandria Pike Cold Spring, Ky 41076

**Members of our local K of C will be at the doors of church this weekend, for their annual Tootsie Roll Drive. Please consider donating & receive a sweet treat!**

## More to Share

This weekend, October 26th and 27th, will be the Diocese of Covington Annual Seminarian Education Fund Collection. Thank you for your prayerful consideration in supporting this ministry.

**Jesuit Spiritual Center, Milford, Ohio-** is offering two upcoming retreats:

**A Day of Your Own** on Monday, November 4th from 8:30am to 3:30pm, at the Ar-rupe Retreat House. Lunch provided. Optional Mass at 11:30am. Cost \$50.

**Woman's Ignatian Weekend Retreat** November 1st—3rd. \$310 includes private room and meals during your stay.

More explanation and information can be found at:

**[jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats](https://jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats) or by calling 513-248-3500 ext. 10**

The Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford is set on over 20 acres of beautiful buildings, open grassy areas, woods, and is adjacent to the Little Miami River.

It's a way to get away and spend quiet time with the Lord.

### **Volunteer with St. Vincent de Paul NKY!**

'Tis the season for special events and St. Vincent de Paul needs your help! Volunteers are needed for the following events:

#### **Turkeyfoot Trot 5K Run/Walk**

On Saturday, November 23, 2024, over 500 runners/walkers will participate in this 5K at Thomas More University to benefit SVdP NKY and our Conferences. Volunteers needed 7:45am-12:00pm to assist with registration, run water stations, give out food, etc.

#### **Coat Distribution**

Join us for our annual coat drive distribution, helping to put donated coats in the hands of our neighbors in need! Volunteers are needed to help with all aspects of these events:

- Life Learning Center – set up 12/06; distribution 12/07
- Newport Intermediate School – set up 12/06; distribution 12/07
- John G Carlisle Elementary School – set up 12/13; distribution 12/14
- Cristo Rey Catholic Church – set up 12/13; distribution 12/14
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For more information and to sign up, please visit <https://bttr.im/8nj8d> or scan the QR code!



*Volunteers*  
Do Good. Give Hope.



Sponsored by:



Brother Guy Consolmagno is an American research astronomer, physicist, and religious brother who currently serves as the director of the Vatican Observatory in Rome. As both a leading scientist and churchman, he offers a compelling and unique perspective on the compatibility of deep faith and scientific rigor. With humor and wit, he will lead us on a journey through the universe, reflecting on the beauty and order inherent in it and what they tell us about the origin and meaning of all things. The presentation will be followed by a live Q&A.

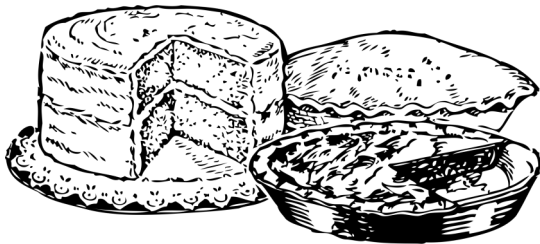
There are two opportunities to hear this presentation:

**Beauty and Order in the Universe with the Pope's Astronomer**

**Guests can buy tickets through our website [www.angelicoproject.org](http://www.angelicoproject.org)**

**Monday, October 28th at 7 p.m. at Thomas More University** in Crestview Hills, KY in The Zeigler Auditorium. This event is co-hosted by The Center for Faith, Mission, and Catholic Education.

**Tuesday, October 29th at 7 p.m. at Xavier University** in The Kennedy Auditorium. The Kennedy Auditorium is located in Xavier's Conaton Learning Commons, Room 412.



**Thank you to all who brought  
sweet treats or donated to our  
Bake Sale!** Blessings, Altar Society



**CALL THE HC OFFICE @ 859-431-1335 TO SCHEDULE YOUR STUDENT SHADOW DAY!**

**idea Give a Gift of Gratitude:** Employee, Teacher, Coach, Neighbor, Friends and/or Family.

# RAISE SOME DOUGH

## Holy Cross High School Thanksgiving Pie and Cookie Sale

Enjoy the unbeatable quality of Busken baked goods - bigger, fresher and less expensive than store bought treats.

\$17.00 Pies    \$18.00 TeaBox    \$14.00 Tubs  
\$11.00 Rolls    \$10.00 Pumpkin Spice Loaf

**Order BY Nov. 3rd**



**9in. Original Chess Pie**  
Made with sugar, milk and egg yolks. Perfectly sweet with smooth texture.



**9in. Cherry Crumb Pie**  
Loaded with cherries and topped with buttery crumb.



**9in. Pumpkin Pie**  
Voted Best by Cincinnati Enquirer twice! Family recipe passed through the generations.



**Original Iced Tea Cookie Box**  
Thirty Six Buttery Tea Cookies topped with icing in a variety of Autumn Colors.



**9in. Apple Streusel Pie**  
Loaded with sliced apples and cinnamon and topped with cinnamon streusel!



**Original Iced Mini Cookie Tub**  
Approximately 32 Mini Original Iced cookies with hand stamped faces.



**Brown and Serve Rolls \$11**  
Original Virginia Bakery recipe. Fluffy, buttery rolls in just minutes.



**Pumpkin Spice Loaf \$10**  
Pumpkin and cinnamon combine for the perfect taste of Fall.

**Order Online**

**Today:**

<https://HCpies2024.givesmart.com>

**Don't Forget to Credit a Student or an Athletic Program**

**Baked Fresh for your pick-up**

**Tuesday Nov. 26, 8:00am-8:00pm.**

**3617 Church St Covington, KY 41015**



## HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL 8TH GRADE DAY

Wednesday, November 6th  
Drop off at 8:00 a.m.

- Explore our campus
- Discover Sports & Clubs
- Meet our teachers & Students
- All are welcome

- 859-815-6027
- www.hchscov.com
- 3617 Church Street  
Covington, KY 41015

Email [betsy.janes@hchscov.com](mailto:betsy.janes@hchscov.com) to register



## HOLY CROSS HIGH SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, November 14, 2024  
6:30 p.m.  
Sunday, January 19, 2025  
1:00 p.m.

- Tour the School
- Discover Clubs
- Meet the Faculty
- Explore Sports

- 859-815-6027
- www.hchscov.com
- 3617 Church Street  
Covington, KY 41015

Email [betsy.janes@hchscov.com](mailto:betsy.janes@hchscov.com) to register



# Growing up in a Porn Culture: How Social Media, Gaming and Pornography Harms Our Youth

Presented by

**Dr. Mandy Sanchez**

**Director of Programming at Culture Reframed**

Sponsored by the

Diocese of Covington Offices of Safe Environment and Catholic Schools

**Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2024**



Since 2000, the internet has become the main vehicle for porn, and hardcore porn is just a click away — it is free, violent, and based on the degradation and abuse of women and children. The proliferation of the smartphone, together with the growth of teen-targeted social media sites, has opened up yet more avenues for teens to access hardcore porn. This presentation

will explore the most popular social media platforms accessed by young people today, linking the social media, and porn industries and the harmful effects of their exposure on young people.

**A must-see presentation for anyone who cares about children and the vulnerable in our world today.**

Date: **Wednesday, November 6, 2024**

Time: **6:00 PM** Doors open.

**7:00 PM** Program begins.

Place: St. Henry District High School Drees Homes Auditorium  
3755 Scheben Dr, Erlanger, KY 41018

Who: **All adults (18+) are welcome!**

Preregistration preferred, but not required!

Registration link: <https://forms.gle/jgeLwrkQRZiu35oX8>

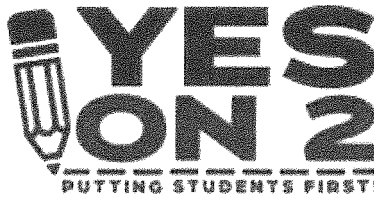
Questions? Contact Julie Feinauer, Director, Office of Safe Environment [jfeinauer@covdio.org](mailto:jfeinauer@covdio.org)



**Dr. Mandy Sanchez, Director of Programming, Culture Reframed**



Dr. Sanchez joined Culture Reframed as the Program Coordinator in the spring of 2021. She holds a doctorate in Sociology with a specialization in Criminology and Women's Studies from the University of Hawaii and has been a professor of sociology and criminal justice since 2013. For more information about Dr. Sanchez and Culture Reframed visit: <https://culturereframed.org/>



## Why support Amendment 2?

Amendment 2 represents a promising future for Kentucky, allowing parents to choose the educational path that best serves their children.

The Amendment positions Kentucky to compete more effectively with neighboring states, which have already implemented educational choices, by attracting businesses and providing in-state jobs for their youth.

In the other 48 states where parents choose from education opportunities, the public schools remain unharmed and the favorite option for nearly 87% of the students. This fact alone debunks the assertion that parental choice harms public schools.

More importantly, the Amendment places the students' well-being at the forefront, regardless of their economic status, and relegates schools to serving students, not vice versa.

The Amendment can be the catalyst needed to transform education in Kentucky as it has in other states where academic achievement has increased for both public and non-public schools. This is a beacon of hope for our entire education system. It should be embraced, not feared.

### For better understanding...

**CRITICISM - "The amendment takes money away from public schools."**

**REALITY** - This criticism is generally so vague it is difficult to understand how it takes money from public schools. First, the constitution remains unchanged concerning the mandate for the state to fund public schools adequately. The amendment allows, not requires, for funding "**in addition to, not instead of**" funding for public schools.

Second, if the reduction in revenue is because the parents choose to send their child to an alternative school, it is true the school will receive less SEEK funding from the state because it has fewer students. Ironically, the result is that the school has more funding per student because it retains all local and federal funding even though there are fewer students.

**CRITICISM - "Allows funding of private or religious schools with public money."**

**REALITY** - The ballot issue is solely about an amendment to the constitution, not any suggested school program, and who might be eligible to participate in future opportunities. While that criticism may be valid, it's important to note that the United States Supreme Court ruled several years ago that the economic benefits to citizens cannot be withheld because the sponsoring organization is religious.

**CRITICISM - "The amendment will take children out of public schools."**

**REALITY-** If a child leaves a public school, it is likely because the school is not a good fit for that child. If the public school is performing well, it is not logical that a parent would remove their child to place them in a substandard alternative school. Nationally, about 87% of students remain in public schools. Public schools will continue to play a significant role in our society.

**CRITICISM - "An amendment opens the door for school programs that do not address all the special needs of children."**

**REALITY -** The criticism equally applies to public schools and alternative education venues. This is precisely why parents should have school choices that fit their children's needs, and if the public school is the best choice, so be it.

**CRITICISM - "We do not need a constitutional amendment."**

**REALITY -** In a December 2022 decision on a school choice program, the Kentucky Supreme Court strongly suggested putting a constitutional amendment before the people of Kentucky to settle the issue because the constitution on education issues (written in the 1800s) is outdated.



## DIOCESAN NEWS AND INFORMATION

### **Safe Environment Information**

All volunteers at church, school, or parish events, **must be** VIRTUS compliant before they may participate. Please contact the Safe Environment Office with any questions or concerns.



**VIRTUS Online:** Please visit the following website to learn more about VIRTUS: [VIRTUS@ Online \(virtusonline.org\)](http://VIRTUS@Online) Note: To access your existing VIRTUS account: [www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org), enter your user id and password. If your account is suspended contact your primary location where you volunteer or are employed. Your primary location contact information is found under your Contact Tab.

### **Pastoral Services**

#### **Ministry for Separated or Divorced**

New Beginnings is an 8-week program that provides the opportunity to heal and move forward despite a complicated situation. Led by facilitators who have been through their own personal losses, this program invites participants to move toward their own new beginnings. **Register for Next session, registration is required. Visit <https://covdio.org/newbeginnings-2/> or call (859) 392-1592.**

**Marriage Encounter:** Visit the Worldwide Marriage Encounter website for upcoming weekends. Register online at <https://wwme.org/> or call (513) 251-1940.

**Retrouvaille:** For couples in troubled marriages, Retrouvaille is a program of healing and renewal consisting of one weekend and six follow-up sessions over the course of three months. Contact information: [www.cincyretrouvaille.org](http://www.cincyretrouvaille.org) or (513) 456-5413.

#### **Catholic Charities**

**Never. Lose. Hope. Do you have family or a friend in jail or prison? Are you looking for a safe, welcoming community where you will be accepted without judgement?** Join us the **3rd Tuesday of every month from 6:30-7:30pm** for a free support group. All are Welcome! Come to Catholic Charities, 3629 Church Street, Covington, KY 41015. For more information contact Dave Capella at [dcapella@covingtoncharities.org](mailto:dcapella@covingtoncharities.org) or 581-8974 ext 117.

**Foreclosure/Delinquency Housing Counseling:** There are many options to homeowners. Become informed. Groups and individual sessions available. For more information call Catholic Charities at 859-581-8974.

**Parish Kitchen-** Pickett's Corner will repair and distribute bicycles to those in need in the area. Bicycles will help folks get to their jobs. Volunteers are needed at Parish Kitchen during lunchtime (11:30am-1:30pm) to repair bikes. Volunteers are also needed to collect and repair bikes at their home for the Parish Kitchen. Please respond to [pickettscorner23@gmail.com](mailto:pickettscorner23@gmail.com)

Donate a Bike—Change a Life! Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Covington bike ministry, **Pickett's Corner** distributes and repairs bicycles to those in need in the area. Most people who receive a bike will use it for transportation to work, store or doctor appointments. We are heading into the last two months before closing down for the winter and are in need of 50 bikes immediately. We accept new and gently used adult size bikes. Please send an email to [pickettscorner23@gmail.com](mailto:pickettscorner23@gmail.com) if you have a bike to donate. The volunteer will pick up your bike. For more information go to [www.covingtoncharities.org](http://www.covingtoncharities.org) go to current events and click on Pickett's Corner.

## **PICKETT'S CORNER**



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