

Good morning families! ☕️ 🌤️

I pray that you are all doing well and had a beautiful Easter!

Thank you! to the team that helped with the Family Skate Night! It was such a fun night out and my kids are begging to do it again already! 😊

Here's what's happening for families in our parish and around town!
Join us for fellowship, faith, and fun!

Mother-Daughter Pajama Party Planning Meeting, Friday, April 12th from 2:35 – 4pm, Meeting Room 1 under the Church offices 📝

If you would like to help and cannot attend, please let me know!

Marriage Enrichment Series: Saturdays – April 13th, May 4th, June 1st 💕

This three-part series has been organized by the Diocese. See the flyer below.

Women's Night Out! Monday, April 15th, 6:30 – 8:30pm, Conference Room



Title: Entering More Deeply Into Prayer with Sr. Therese Dugan, back by request! I always enjoy these evenings so much. There will be a catered dinner, coffee, and a table full of donated desserts to enjoy. I always enjoy meeting new people during dinner and the speakers are great. Grab a friend and come!

[Paula - 1 email: Women's Night Out - April 15, 2024 \(signupgenius.com\)](mailto:Paula@signupgenius.com)

Infant & Toddler Playgroup meeting Thursdays 10am to 12pm 🧒 🧸 👧

Playgroup returns on **April 18th!** Kim, Leo, and new baby Lorenzo hope to see you there! Join them in the meeting room under the parish offices! There is a closet full of toys! You are welcome to bring a snack or lunch!

Sunday, April 28th: Coffee & Donuts, Fellowship, & Family Gospel Activity after all Masses! 🍩 ☕️ 👪

Join your parish family after Mass in the Community Room under the Church offices!

Father-Son Day, Sunday, June 4th, 11am – 4pm (sons 7th- 12th grade)

Damascus Missions & Fr. Eric Garris are leading a Father-Son event at Cuyahoga Valley National Park! The day includes BBQ, hiking, adoration, games, and more! See more details on the flyer attached!



We're looking for:

- 1) a team of Dads who would like to help plan a Father-Son event! If you are interested in helping, please let me know! In the past, we've done evenings at the St. Gabriel pavilion and Concord Woods Park.
- 2) Young families that are interested in starting a monthly family night in the '24 – '25 school year. Format, days, and times TBD by the team.



Friday, May 17th, Mother-Daughter Pajama Party, 6pm! 🧑‍👧 🎵 🎧 📱 ❤️



Parish Summer Festival, June 6 – 9th 🎡 🍕 🎪 🌮

Families are encouraged to sign up to help at the game booths!



Catholic Family Day!, Sunday, July 21st (tentative)

Team forming now to plan an unforgettable day! We are hoping to start with an outdoor Mass at St. John Vianney and then head down the street to Walsh Park for a picnic lunch and open play! We are inviting area parishes to get involved to craft a day full of faith, fun, and fellowship!



The FEST! Sunday, August 4th, Center for Pastoral Leadership, Wickliffe

This is a CAN'T MISS event of the summer! In fact, it is always on my calendar a year in advance and a large group of my family comes up from Cincinnati to attend with us! This event is super affordable for families – almost everything is FREE and Marc's donates food for the day which is sold to attendees for a very reasonable cost to help offset the cost to bring in some of the best artists in Christian music! 75,000 people are expected to attend but it is spread out over the beautiful campus and there will be families everywhere. All the details at: [The FEST - The FEST](#)



Sunday, October 27th, Orchard Hills Park Shelter has been reserved for a Fall Family Gathering! 🍁 🍎 🌿

This is down the hill from Patterson's Farm. I will need a planning team later this year!

Have a blessed week! I hope to see you soon!
Your sister in Christ,
Sarah Smith

Cell - call/text (513) 600 - 3134

Family Connections - St. Gabriel Church - Concord TWP, OH (st-gabriel.org)

INFANT/TODDLER PLAYGROUP

EVERY THURSDAY, 10am-12pm
Lower Level of Church, Meeting Rm-1



COME AND JOIN US!
THURSDAYS DURING SCHOOL TERMS
10AM - 12PM
ST. GABRIEL LOWER LEVEL MR-1
SHARE FAITH & FRIENDSHIP
LOTS OF TOYS AND FUN PROVIDED!
BYO SNACKS/LUNCH

5 REASONS FOR PLAYGROUP

1. Allows children to develop social skills at their own pace
2. Builds a child's emotional confidence
3. Encourages physical activity
4. Supports children's imagination and creativity
5. Children learn through play


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FAMILY CONNECTIONS

THE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY OF
ST. GABRIEL
BEING CHRIST - EVERY DAY - EVERYWHERE


FATHER & SON DAY

SUN. JUNE 2, 2024
11AM-4PM

HAPPY DAYS LODGE
CUYAHOGA VALLEY NATIONAL PARK
(PENINSULA)



Aron Richards



Fr. Eric Garris

- Event for fathers and sons (ages 7th - 12th grade)
- Featuring Aaron Richards of Damascus Missions & Fr. Eric Garris
- Time for father/son discussions, Adoration, hiking, and games
- BBQ for lunch

\$25/PERSON
\$10 FOR ADDITIONAL SONS

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by 5/25

MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT SERIES

Married couples are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to nurture their sacramental relationship. This series provides opportunities for married couples to hear from experts in their fields on issues vital to helping marriages thrive, while enjoying an evening out together with dinner and a chance to connect with other married couples in the area.

Each event takes place after each parish's Saturday Vigil Mass.

- ✓ Saturday, April 13, 2024
🕒 5:00 PM, SS COSMAS AND DAMIAN
- ✓ Saturday, May 4, 2024
🕒 6:00 PM, CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION
- ✓ Saturday, June 1, 2024
🕒 5:30 PM, OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

The cost for each event is \$40 per couple and includes dinner. Register for all three and save \$10. Register at:



THE SPEAKER LINEUP



SS COSMAS AND DAMIAN

Nellie and Neil Krawczynski

INCLUDING GOD IN YOUR RELATIONSHIP

Nellie and Neil Krawczynski have been married for almost 16 years and are very active in their parish. Nellie is a licensed Independent Social Worker and spiritual director. Neil works at MaterHealth and is currently attending The Avila Institute for Spiritual Formation. Together they are Prepare-Enrich certified and assist the Diocese as Marriage Mentors. Their talk is about the relationship within your relationship. Embracing holy intimacy and living marriage within the heart of the Trinity.



CHURCH OF THE RESURRECTION

Nicole Melchi

STRATEGIES FOR STRENGTHENING RELATIONSHIPS

Nicole Melchi is a Gottman Therapist and is on her second year of presenting for the Diocese. She and her husband Adam have 5 wonderful children. They are Prepare-Enrich trained mentors and also thrive when they help others in their marriage. Nicole's work not only includes helping couples she is also certified to help men bring their babies home. She has a certificate in Catholic Theology from the Augustine Institute and is excited to share her faith and life experiences with the Diocese through a talk that helps with strengthening relationships.



OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

Jeri Leigh Siss

HONEY MANAGEMENT IN RELATIONSHIPS

Jeri Leigh Siss is a financial planner and personal empowerment coach with a passion for helping couples achieve their goals at all levels. She saw a gap in the financial industry and moved into helping people better understand their finances, their relationship with money and themselves. She has developed a talk that helps couples to recognize how finances can lead to difficulties in the marriage, develop positive habits and create a sustainable financial future.

CALL 330.425.8141 WITH QUESTIONS