

# Lenten Speakers & Topics

**March 4**

## **The Desert of Our Lives & God's Profound Mercy**



*For if by the transgression of the one, the many died, how much more did the grace of God and the gracious gift of the one man Jesus Christ overflow for the many.*

Romans 5:15

**Speaker: Dominic Duren**

Every Christian has lived the desert experience in one way or another. Dominic Duren tells of his journey from prison to life on the outside. His experience of God's profound grace and mercy gave him a new chance at life; and now, he is an instrument of God's mercy and inspires others to see how God is working in their lives. Dominic works at the Society of St. Vincent de Paul in Cincinnati as manager of their reentry program which assists men and women returning from prisons or jails as they reestablish their lives and become welcomed members of society.

**March 11**

## **Transfigured: Turning Our Face Toward Christ**

*Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God.*

2Tim 1:8b-13



**Speakers: Kristy and David Kissel**

All of us have had our share of hardship to bear in life. Kristy and David Kissel share their inspiring story of finding strength in God everyday of their lives. They've been married for 15-years and have three boys: Carson (12), Charlie (8), and Kolbe (4). Carson and Kolbe have a rare, genetic skin disease called Epidermolysis bullosa (EB). Although a very challenging condition that requires hours of daily care, EB has helped the Kissel Family to grow more deeply in their Catholic faith and to turn to Christ as they walk this difficult, yet profound journey with their children. They are parishioners at St. Bernard's.

**March 18**

## **It is Christ Who Quenches Our Thirst**

*And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.*

Rom. 5:5



**Speakers: Kate and John Rewwer**

Like the woman at the well whose faith in Jesus saved her, He quenches our thirst too and tells us we need not look any further, for He is the one who poured out his love upon us. John and Kate Rewwer are St. John parishioners and have four children ages 13 to 21. John is a dentist in private practice and Kate, a registered nurse for Trihealth. As a convert to the faith, John shares his journey to Catholicism and how he came to understand its teaching as truth. Kate will share how the foundation laid by her parents has helped increase her faith during the joys and trials of parenthood.

**March 25**

## **Lord, Help Me to See**

*Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth.*

Eph. 5:8-9

**Speaker: Tony Stieritz**



Each of us is called to be children of the light and to live the gospel by our very lives. Tony Stieritz has dedicated his life's work to doing, living, and teaching social justice. Currently, he is the chief operating officer for Catholic Charities of Southwest Ohio. Prior to Catholic Charities, Tony served as the Director of the Social Action Office for the Archdiocese of Cincinnati, leading Catholics to a deeper understanding of Catholic Social Teaching and the call to live justly in the world. Tony will inspire us to open our eyes to see and respond to the many needs in our world. Tony is married and has four children.

**April 1**

**STJB Parish Communal Penance Service**