

[Winners of diocesan Eucharistic Revival Art Contest announced](#)

As part of the ongoing national Eucharistic Revival, the Diocese of Cleveland sponsored an art contest for students in grades 2-12.

One hundred fifty-five entries were received from more than 20 schools and parishes throughout the eight-county diocese. The contest was open to students in all Catholic schools, parish catechetical programs and homeschool communities in the diocese. Accepted visual art media included paintings, drawings, photography and digital art. Submission deadline was Jan. 12.

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[Diocesan Children's Choir Festival concludes with music at Mass](#)

"Children, you are the youngest members of the Church," Bishop Edward Malesic told the more than 70 children who participated in the annual Diocesan Children's Choir Festival on March 2.

They spent part of the day in a workshop with Michael Bower, guest conductor, before heading to the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist where they rehearsed and sang at the 4:30 p.m. vigil Mass. Bower is the director of music at St. Agnes Cathedral in Rockville Centre, New York. He oversees the entire music department, which includes 10 choirs.

The workshop was hosted once again by St. Peter Parish in downtown Cleveland, where Father Phil Bernier, OFM Cap is pastor.

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St. Helen earns top Angel Scholarship Fund ranking among diocesan schools

With the April 15 deadline (income tax day) to participate in the Angel Scholarship Fund, members of St. Helen Parish in Newbury are celebrating the news of their success in the program. For the second consecutive year, they snagged the No. 1 spot among schools in the eight-county Diocese of Cleveland by raising \$258,000.

A change in state law allows Ohio taxpayers to make an impact on the lives of Catholic students and to receive a tax credit. Contributions to the Angel Scholarship Fund – a state-recognized scholarship-granting organization coordinated by the Diocese of Cleveland’s Catholic Community Foundation – provides tuition assistance to students with financial challenges.

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Mary's fiat is framework for 'Behold' women's retreat

More than 70 mothers and teenage daughters, spiritual mothers and those in a mother-daughter like relationship participated in “Behold Our Fierceness,” a special daylong retreat presented by the diocesan Office of Marriage and Family Ministry on March 2 at Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine in Euclid. Mothers, grandmothers, aunts, nieces and mentors were invited to participate in the retreat.

Mary’s fiat – her “yes” to the Lord’s request – provided a framework for the retreat. Her fiat is described in Scripture (Lk 1:38): “And Mary said, ‘Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be done to me according to your word.’”

Speakers focused on the feminine mind, the feminine spirit and the feminine body.

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[St. Mary, Hudson welcomes bishop for seafood dinner, Stations of the Cross](#)

The latest stop on Bishop Edward Malesic's weekly Lenten visits was St. Mary Parish in Hudson.

Father Larry Jurcak, pastor, Father Scott Swinerton, parochial vicar, and the parish community hosted Bishop Edward Malesic on March 1 for a seafood dinner and Stations of the Cross. Different parish groups present the stations each week, Father Jurcak said. St. Henry Fellowship, a ministry for persons with special needs who are high school age and older, presented the stations for the bishop's visit. Josanne Hyclak, leader of the group, assisted with the stations.

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['Experience Jesus in the Eucharist' was annual men's conference theme](#)

A sold-out crowd of more than 400 men filled the ballroom at the Holiday Inn Rockside in Independence on March 2 for the Diocese of Cleveland Catholic Men's Fellowship Conference. Theme of the event was "Experience Jesus in the Eucharist," which ties into the ongoing national Eucharistic Revival.

The day featured three main speakers, Father Thomas Blau, OP, Joe Heschmeyer and Auxiliary Bishop Michael Woost. There also was adoration, confession, fellowship, a question and answer session, Mass celebrated by Bishop Woost and an opportunity to visit displays from vendors and Catholic organizations.

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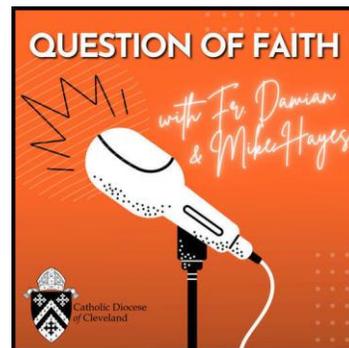
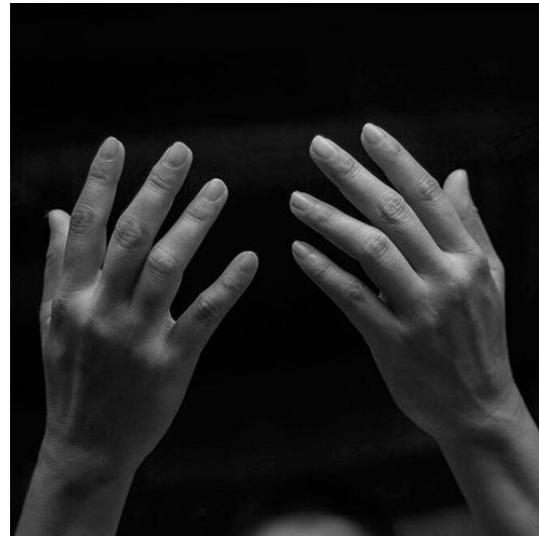


Scripture reflection: Third Sunday of Lent

In his weekly Scripture reflection, Bishop Edward Malesic writes about how Jesus got angry because he was upset with the money changers in the temple who were taking advantage of people. Devout Jews were required to find something to sacrifice in their worship of God and these greedy merchants were selling oxen, sheep and doves at inflated prices, turning a profit in the temple – a place of worship. Jesus had a reason to be angry. Later in the Gospel, John said Jesus knew them all and didn't need anyone to testify to human nature.

Read the entire reflection [here](#).

Click [here](#) to read the bishop's daily Lenten reflections.



And finally...

Did you know that Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 a.m. March 10? Be sure to set your clocks ahead one hour – spring ahead – before going to bed on Saturday night.

The [Baldwin-Wallace Men's Chorus](#), directed by Frank Bianchi, will perform a free concert at 7:30 p.m. March 15 in the [Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist](#), 1007 Superior Ave., Cleveland. Free parking is available in the lot behind the cathedral (on Rockwell Avenue).

There will be two opportunities to attend Stations of the Cross at the cathedral on March 15. Students from [St. Mary of the Assumption School in Mentor](#) will offer live stations at 11 a.m. The regular [Stations of the Cross will be livestreamed](#) at 5:15 p.m. that day.

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