

# SOUNDS FROM THE Cenacle

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## Miracles Still Happen!



My name is Tom Brickner. My Wife Darlene and I currently live in Findlay, Ohio. We have 2 adult sons and 6 grandchildren. We have been very blessed with our involvement with the

MCCR through the years.

We have been called to share what the healing power of God has done for us both in the past and within this past year. This includes three very distinct parts of our lives, so that's how it's gonna be presented here. We could write a book, but we will try to be as brief as we can but still be crystal clear regarding these MIRACLES. So buckle-up, here we go:

**(1) "...They shall walk and not faint"** (Isaiah 40:31)

I was in a serious automobile accident when I was just 26 years old (many years ago). My family called upon their friends within the MCCR to offer healing prayers for me. The short story is that the accident resulted in me being paralyzed due to spinal cord damage in the C5/C6 area of my neck. I also had numerous other injuries. I was 'labeled' as a quadriplegic with no function in my arms & legs. Doctors were saying that I would never walk again.

There were many times during this healing process where people interceded to God and the Holy Spirit for me, but there was one very specific time when I was in my hospital room that I received healing prayer from family & friends in the MCCR. This was when I truly **surrendered** to whatever God had planned for me. That was the moment that I knew 100% that all was gonna be ok. I did not hop out of bed and start

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## From Fr. Kevin

Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I reflect on the Gospel passage from this First Sunday of Lent, I'm very moved by what moved Jesus, Let us recall the verse together, *"The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan."* (Mk 1:12) Taken from



Strong's Concordance, let's look at the definition for the word "drove." In Greek the word "Ekballo" means - I throw (cast, put) out; I banish; I bring forth, produce. So Jesus was literally thrown (cast, put) out, banished, brought forth to the desert. The question then becomes, "Why?" Just go another way! Follow a different path! Of course, we know the "why" don't we? Jesus followed, for us. There simply is no other way to defeat him? Who? Satan. Jesus was led, so as to do, better yet, so as to show. To show us what? Fasting.

The spiritual discipline of fasting has been around since, well, the beginning of time. The first reference of fasting in the Bible is found in Exod 34:28. *"Moses was there with the LORD for forty days and forty nights, without eating any food or drinking any water."* The reason fasting has existed so long? Well, because Satan has existed that long. Let's be honest, if there was a better way to defeat Satan, Jesus would have shown it to us. Instead, this Jewish man doubles down, green lights it and gives us permission to proceed with fasting by simply rubber stamping it.

What a great reminder for us this Lent! If we're not fasting, why not? Better yet, what spirit are we listening to that's telling us not to? I'm not saying you can't battle Satan by any other way. What I am saying

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*From Miracles Still Happen! (cont. from front page)*

walking again, but I accepted Jesus as my savior and gave God control. God of course heard all the prayers and through the power of the Holy Spirit, I was healed! I was walking again with a cane within 6 months. For sure, there is a lot more to share regarding this MIRACLE including the MIRACLE that occurred with my spiritual healing. The Lord became my strength.

**(2) “Lord my God, I called to you for help, and you healed me”** (Psalm 30:2)

At the end of April last year (2023), my Wife Darlene and I were at home when I became unconscious, stopped breathing, and lost my heartbeat. I had a massive heart attack caused by 100% obstruction in my right coronary artery, cutting off blood flow to my heart and brain. Darlene called EMS who provided CPR. They got me breathing and my heart beating again after being without blood flow or oxygen for about 10 minutes. Essentially, I had been dead. To provide a bit of perspective, the Cardiologist stated that less than 5% of people that go through this level of trauma make it at all. And, less than that make it with full mental function as I have. 2 minutes without blood or oxygen would likely result in permanent brain damage.

Surgery was done to repair the blockage but I remained unconscious. Many family & friends were notified and prayer continued. Several days went by and Darlene was close to having to make a decision to discontinue life support. Then I started to have movements and indications that I could pull through. I slowly started to regain consciousness and recognize people. Prayers were being answered! The other bad thing was that due to the trauma that I went through, I lost much of the function in my legs that I gained after my previous automobile accident. Prayer went on! After a few weeks and as my brain function improved, plans were made to send me to a rehab center for therapy. Over the next 2 months, my brain function was getting back to normal and I began walking with a walker. I was able to go home, late July!!! I thank God for every step I take.

**(3) “Everything is possible for one who believes”** (Mark 9:23)

*From Fr Kevin (cont. from front page)*

is that you can't defeat him. In other words, “Why on earth are we choosing to bring a knife with us to a gunfight?” Brothers and Sisters, this Lent may we be

Then, at the end of September, Darlene went to the hospital for a planned surgery for her carotid artery. She was to go in that morning, have the surgery and come home the next day. There were no symptoms at all but the Doctor wanted to take care of this as a result of some MRI results.

During the procedure, there were abnormalities discovered in her heartbeat. They completed the procedure, but wanted to do a heart catheterization the next day to see what was going on. They were also to add a stint if needed to take care of any blockage in the arteries. During the catheterization, they found significant blockage and could not insert a stint. The Doctors determined that she needed triple bypass heart surgery ASAP. This was done 3 days later. So, within a period of 5 days, she had carotid artery surgery, heart catheterization, and triple bypass heart surgery.

Due to the number of surgeries done in such a short period of time, there were serious complications with her brain function and recovery. Her brain was not functioning normally at all. I guess you can say she was talking gibberish, not making any sense. This went on for many days. I was there each day and frankly I was getting concerned that it was never gonna end. The number of prayers was awesome and the Lord was saying wait.

One evening, she suddenly came to and was immediately able to communicate normally. After a couple of weeks in therapy, she was ready to come home. The MIRACLE that she was able to ‘come to’ so immediately was awesome. Also, it was MIRACULOUS that they found the issue during a routine procedure. The Doctors were truly a gift from God!

**Our flesh and our hearts may fail, but God is the true strength of our hearts** (ref Psalm 73:26).

To say the least, Darlene and I had our challenges over the past year. Some may even call it absolutely horrible. It sounds crazy I know but we wouldn't trade this time we had for anything. It strengthened our love for one another. Our Love for our God and our Faith in the Power of the Holy Spirit was renewed. All we can say is **PRAISE GOD, THANK GOD... NOW AND FOREVER!!! AMEN** Tom & Darlene Brickner

thrown (cast, put) out, banished to, brought forth by the same Spirit that led Jesus into the desert. Come Holy Spirit!

Blessed Lent, Fr. Kevin

## Coming Events 2024

Sign up for our email news on our website [www.mccrholyspirit.org](http://www.mccrholyspirit.org) contact form or email us: [mccrholyspirit@gmail.com](mailto:mccrholyspirit@gmail.com) or follow our MCCR Facebook for updates <https://www.facebook.com/MCCR-297908527073164/>

# Night of Healing

MAR. 5 | MAR. 20 | APR. 9 | MAY 14

7:00 pm 4 LOCATIONS

WORSHIP WORD HEALING ADORATION WITNESS RECONCILIATION

TUESDAY MAR. 5 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
**St. John, Defiance**  
 510 Jackson Ave, Defiance, OH 43512  
 Fr. George Wenzinger  
 Fr. James Brown  
 Fr. Kevin Moebius

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**St. Mary, Wakeman**  
 46 E Main St, Wakeman, OH 44889  
 Fr. Ron Brickner  
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 Fr. Kevin Moebius

WEDNESDAY MAR. 20 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
**St. Clement, Toledo**  
 3030 Tremainsville Rd, Toledo, OH 43613  
 Fr. Francis Speier  
 Fr. James Brown

TUESDAY MAY 14 7:00 - 8:30 pm  
**St. Joseph, Marblehead**  
 822 Barclay St, Marblehead, OH 43440  
 Fr. James Brown  
 Fr. Kevin Moebius

**April 13** Magnificat Breakfast Our Lady of the Lake Chapter St. Peter Catholic Church, 430 Main St., Huron, OH.  
 Speaker: **Paige Stieber**  
 Starts 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM  
 Cost \$20. Mail check (Magnificat) & registration to Hortensia Clevenger, 316 Wexford Dr. Huron, OH 44839  
 - Must be received by APRIL 5 (There is no registration at the door.) Online registration is \$22, see link: <https://huronmagnificat.weebly.com/next-magnificat-meal.html>



**JUNE 26-28 • Glass City Center, Toledo, OH**  
<https://encounterministries.us/conference/>



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
 Congress**

From **July 17 to 21, 2024**, the Church will gather as one American family in Indianapolis.  
<https://www.eucharisticrevival.org/post/registration-for-the-2024-national-eucharistic-congress-is-now-live>

Go online or see the Map on the outside of newsletter: **May 17-July 16, JOIN 1 of the 4 National Eucharistic Processions** or events along the routes.

**PENTECOST SAVE THE DATE**

*holy outpouring*

Sunday **MAY 19**

at 3:00 pm

Not a Mass - details T/C

## Diocese of Toledo Charismatic Prayer Meetings

### MONDAY:

**NEW: Assumption - Holy Trinity**, with Fr. Walter Tuscano  
 Mass @ 6:15, Prayer Group following at 6:45/7:00 p.m.  
 Judy Cole (419) 602-0627  
**Huron, St. Peter's** 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
 Women's Prayer & Scripture Meeting  
 Diane Dudenhofer (419) 602-0627  
**Port Clinton** 9:30-11:30 a.m.  
 Joan Nunnery (440) 390-0054

### TUESDAY:

**Ottawa Areawide** (SS Peter & Paul in chapel) 7:30 p.m.  
 Sharon Rump (419) 615-3513

### WEDNESDAY:

**Toledo, Epiphany of the Lord**, St. Thomas Aquinas chapel 1:30 p.m.  
 Emmaus Community *Enter in door at top of handicap ramp. Cancelled if the same day as a Night of Healing event.* (Eucharist Adoration at 3 pm)  
 David Bland (419) 322-8282

\*\*\*Call contacts with any questions\*\*\*

### THURSDAY:

**Defiance, Beacon of Love** 7:00 p.m.  
*St John (Basement: Sts Mark & Matthew room)*  
 Sandy Diehl (419) 770-0057  
**Toledo, SS. Peter/Paul** 7:00 p.m.  
 Candy Cordova Hispanic (419) 377-8053

### FRIDAY:

**Defiance, St. Mary** Hispanic (EVERY Fri.) 6:00 p.m.  
 Fela Trevino (419) 784-4508

### SATURDAY:

**Fremont, St. Jos.** Hispanic 7:00 p.m.  
 Raul Gonzales (419) 332-9252

### AREA CONTACTS:

Findlay, St. Michael, Barb & Ron Kuhlman (419) 365-5545  
 Fremont, Judy Good (419) 366-1025  
 Lima, St. Gerard, Jerry & Sharon Laurent (419) 331-1763  
 Norwalk, St. Paul's, Bev Reichert (419) 706-0464





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**YOUTH TRACKS • Elementary School** (entering grades 1-5) featuring Kids on Fire • **Middle School** (entering grades 6-8) featuring Damascus • **High Schoolers** (entering grades 9-12) are now a part of the **Adult Track**.  
**Onsite attendees EARLY BIRD prices thru April 12.**

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