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October 11, 2020 28th. Sunday Ordinary Time

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A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline
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Mass Intentions

Tuesday

6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Deacon Richard Nelson;
Sr. Mary Bernard

Wednesday

8:30 am - School Mass -SHJ

Mass Intention: Rosemary Keller; All
Health Care Workers

****1:00 pm - No Mass at
Sacred Heart ****

Thursday

5:30 pm Confession at St. Joseph

6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Sr. Marilyn Keller; Mary
Smith

Friday

8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Robert & Stella Salvati

Saturday

3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ

4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart

Mass Intention: Tony Gwartz; Dick Riemann

Sunday

7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph

Mass Intention: Living and Deceased of the
Moyer & Rhodes Families

8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart

*** Live Streamed ***

Mass Intention: Robert, Eleanor & Dan
Rietschlin; Jeanne Gosser

**10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph
Convocation Center**

Mass Intention: Samuel Anatra; Lou Bal-
dasare; Bob & Lee Gordon

Dear Parishioners,

Last week we had 100 people at our Convocation Center Mass! There is absolutely NO WAY we could fit such a number in our beautiful Church. I'm so glad that in the Convocation Center we can properly social distance while at the same time not turn anyone away from the great celebration of the Mass. Thanks to everyone who has made this Mass a great success the last few months. Though it has been a great success ... may we continue to pray for a time when we can return to our beautiful Church for the 10:30am Mass. There is nothing like celebrating Mass in a Church with all its beauty! As we pray for a decrease in the pandemic I would like us to double down our efforts in keeping each other safe. As I write this I understand that Crawford and Richland county are in danger zones according to the governors scale last week. As we approach the red and purple levels I would appreciate it if we doubled down on our efforts to keep each other safe.

If you are able please wear a mask while in Church. If you wish to receive communion on the tongue perhaps think about sitting in the back and waiting to be last in line to receive communion so as to keep others safe. If you are angered by this request ... please take it to prayer for I only mention these things for the safety of others.

With these things in mind it is with disappointment that I have the burden of making another tough cancellation in parish activities. As many of you have already heard ... we will be canceling this year's annual Chili Supper at Sacred Heart Parish due to the advice given from the Richland County health department. We will still hold a raffle (aka-Jackpot drawing tickets) but the festivities of food, gathering, and shooting must be postponed for this year. Like the festival I beg God that I can see this event in all its glory next year! Once again please be considerate to our elderly and vulnerable as we celebrate Mass together. And thank you to everyone who prayed for my great aunt Mary who died last week from CoVid19. When someone you love is killed by the Corona Virus it really makes you think twice about its seriousness.

Sincerely,

Fr. Jeff

COLLECTION:

October 4, 2020

\$ 3,691.00

Offertory
\$ 3,471.00

Bakeless Bakesale
\$ 20.00
General Maintenance
\$ 200.00

(Online \$306.00)



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday Oct. 14th at 1:00 pm; *NO MASS*

Saturday, October 17th

MUSIC MINISTER

TBD

SERVERS

Nathan Rietschlin

OFFERTORY

None Needed

EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS

Marti Keller & Jake Rietschlin

USHERS

Thad Metzger & Mark Vogt

LECTOR

Sarah Metzger

GREETERS

None Needed

Sunday, October 18th.

MUSIC MINISTER

Katie/Sean

SERVERS

Lincoln Finnegan

OFFERTORY

None Needed

EXTRAORDINARY

MINISTERS

Paul Schroeder & Deb Schumacher

USHERS

Roger Niese & John Finnegan

LECTOR

Tara Finnegan

GREETERS

None Needed

COUNTERS

Donna Biglin & Miriam Schroeder

Bible Readings for the Week of October 11th, 2020

Monday Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31-5:1, Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7, Lk 11:29-32
Tuesday Gal 5:1-6, Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48, Lk 11:37-41
Wednesday Gal 5:18-25, Ps 1:1-4, 6, Lk 11:42-46
Thursday Eph 1:1-10, Ps 98:1-6, Lk 11:47-54
Friday Eph 1:11-14, Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13, Lk 12:1-7
Saturday Eph 1:15-23, Ps 8:2-3b, 4-7, Lk 12:8-12
Sunday Is 45:1, 4-6, Ps 96:1, 3-5, 7-10, 1Thes 1:1-5b, Mt 22:15-21



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Pandemic Protocol:



The faithful continue to be dispensed from their obligation to attend Sunday Mass until further notice. Those who are elderly, sick, or in a high-risk category are strongly encouraged to refrain from attending Mass.

NEW: *Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion may resume taking the Most Blessed Sacrament to residents of Healthcare Facilities beginning October 12th. Please contact the parish office for a copy of the guidelines.*



Congratulations !

Craig Keller and Nancy Douglas who were united in marriage by Deacon Steve Vogt Saturday, October 10th.
May God Bless Craig and Nancy !

Flower Memorials:

Mary altar: In memory of John Metzger from Alice Metzger
Main altar: In memory of Bob, Eleanor & Dan Rietschlin from Tom & Deb Rietschlin
Main altar: In memory of Rosemary Keller, Sr. Marilyn Keller and Leroy Steiner from Chuck and Cindy Keller



HIGH SCHOOL PSR

Classes will be held on Wednesdays beginning **Oct. 21st**. They will be held in the Parish Hall @ 7p.m. and last 1 hour. Future dates are as follows: Oct. 28, Nov. 4, 11 & 18, Dec. 2nd.

Please wear a mask. We hope to see you there!
Steve & Sheila Vogt

Attention Minsters, Servers & Ushers:



I will soon be working on the November & Advent schedule. PLEASE let the parish office know when you would prefer to be scheduled.

Thank you !



Rosary Rally

Please join us on **Saturday, October 17th** at noon at the gazebo in Crestline. Bring your Rosary, a friend and lawn chairs !

World Mission Sunday

Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis invites the entire Church to support mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands and parts of Europe and the Americas, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the world's most vulnerable communities. Please keep the Pope's missions in your prayers, and be generous in next week's collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith.

Knights of Columbus

Drive-thru Only Fall Fish Fry
Benefitting St. Joseph School



Friday, October 23rd.

5:00pm until 7:00pm

\$10.00 Cash or Credit Card

St. Joseph Convocation Center

October: Month of Fasting for Holy Families

As a part of the Reconnect Campaign, the Diocese of Toledo is launching a faith initiative for the months of September, October, and November. The goal is for all members of the faithful to take part. Each month will focus on a pillar of the Christian life with a specific intention from our diocesan prayer. In October, we will fast for the intention of holy families. In November, we will give alms for the intention of holy vocations. See the How to Participate flier in this weekend's bulletin.

Conscience and the Catholic Voter:

This 8-part series, prepared by the Director of the Office for Life and Justice of Catholic Charities, Peter Range, offers insight into Catholic Social Teaching regarding issues of consequence in this year's election. Outline #6, Racism, is inserted in this weekend's bulletin.

CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 6TH OF 8

“In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation.”

– *Faithful Citizenship USCCB 2016*

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political life is a moral need to form their and heart of the Church

on issues of consequence. This outline is the sixth of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This sixth outline will provide an overview of the issue of racism.

Racism

In their November 2018 Pastoral Letter Against Racism, *Open Wide Our Hearts: The Enduring Call to Love*, the U.S. Catholic bishops wrote, “Racism occurs because a person ignores the fundamental truth that ... all [humans are] equally made in the image of God.” (p.4) Racism fails to acknowledge the dignity with which God creates each person, and it contributes to a culture of death.

Since the Civil Rights Movement in our nation, the country has moved forward in many positive ways past racial discrimination. Nevertheless, the nation still has a long way to go to reach reconciliation on race, as evident by the nightly news. Thus, it is imperative that especially as members of the body of Christ, we seek to reach out and listen to those whose race and ethnicity is different from our own to create a culture of communication, which may then lead to a culture of communion. As the USCCB states:

We cannot, therefore, look upon the progress against racism in recent decades and conclude that our current situation meets the standard of justice. In fact, God demands what is right and just. As Christians, we are called to listen and know the stories of our brothers and sisters. We must create opportunities to hear, with open hearts, the tragic stories that are deeply imprinted on the lives of our brothers and sisters, if we are to be moved with empathy to promote justice. Many groups, such as the Irish, Italians, Mexicans, Puerto Ricans, Poles, Jews, Chinese, and Japanese, can attest to having been the target of racial and ethnic prejudice in this country. It is also true that many groups are still experiencing prejudice, including rising anti-Semitism, the discrimination many Hispanics face today, and anti-Muslim sentiment. Especially instructive at this moment, however, are the historical and contemporary experiences of Native and African Americans. (Open Wide Our Hearts, p.10)

It is therefore incumbent upon Catholic Christians to reach outside of our comfort zones to communities different from our own to help rebuild a fractured human family. For while we may not be hurting from the scars of racism, members of our Church and the human family are. Racism ultimately then is an attack on human life and the human family, thus we are called to respond forcefully to it because of its broad range of effects into other areas which effect the dignity of the human person. As the USSCB has written:

The injustice and harm racism causes are an attack on human life. The Church in the United States has spoken out consistently and forcefully against abortion, assisted suicide, euthanasia, the death penalty, and other forms of violence that threaten human life. It is not a secret that these attacks on human life have severely affected people of color, who are disproportionately affected by poverty, targeted for abortion, have less access to healthcare, have the greatest numbers on death row, and are most likely to feel pressure to end their lives when facing serious illness. (Open Wide Our Hearts, p.30)

In summation, racism is an issue that still exists in our society. As Catholic faithful, we must lead the way in how we speak, act and love each member of our human family. Correspondingly, we should desire candidates that uphold the dignity of every human person, no matter their race or ethnicity.

Peter Range, Director, Office for Life and Justice, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Toledo, prange@toledodiocese.org.

Learn more and watch videos at www.awakenecatholic.org/election. Read the party platforms: Democratic Party, <https://bit.ly/3hrosqg>; Republican Party, <https://bit.ly/3hqWV8D> (Note: Rep. Party voted to continue their 2016 Platform)

OCTOBER

fast for holy families

We invite you to join in the diocesan-wide initiative to reconnect with our faith and one another during the months of September, October, and November. Each month will focus on a pillar of the Christian life with a specific intention from our diocesan prayer.

In October, we will fast for the intention of holy families. More information will be shared in the bulletin and social media. You can also visit ReconnectToledo.org/October.

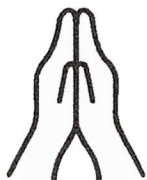
HOW TO PARTICIPATE

Second Week of October



Fast

You might choose other works of charity or exercises of piety to take the place of fasting and abstinence. This week be extra cheerful during the day, and smile at everyone you meet.



Pray

Create a prayerful environment in your home. Does your home reflect your faith? Are prayer materials easily accessible in your home? If not, this fall could be a great opportunity to make the Faith more physically present in your home. We don't need anything elaborate, but even just placing simple pieces of sacred art around the home or in a "prayer corner" is a fantastic way to center your day and family life on God. We can also place Bibles and Rosaries in a convenient location, to help encourage prayer.

-from FamilyRosary.org



Reflect

The term "Domestic Church" refers to the family, the smallest body of gathered believers in Christ. John Paul the Great was proud to be a champion of the family and its crucial role in the life of all Christians. Along with the many letters and homilies directed to the family, he also wrote *Familiaris Consortio*, where he identifies four primary tasks that each family (Domestic Church) should strive to accomplish:

- Forming a community of persons
- Serving Life Participating in the development of society
- Sharing in the life and mission of the Church



Read

For Parents: *Discernment of Spirits in Marriage, Ignatian Wisdom for Husbands and Wives*, by Fr. Timothy Gallagher

For Kids: *The Princess & the Kiss* for girls, and *The Squire and the Scroll* for boys, by Jennie Bishop

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navigating Catholic life through a pandemic

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October 2020

Sacred Heart of Jesus Catholic Church

Rev. Jeff Smith, Pastor

One Minute Meditations

True happiness

Popular theologian C.S. Lewis wrote, "Aim at Heaven and you will get Earth thrown in. Aim at Earth and you get neither." We were made for God and can't be truly happy unless we are united with him. If we focus on worldly concerns, we will never know the meaning of true happiness. If we focus on God, we will know happiness even on Earth.

The Commandment imbalance

Of the Ten Commandments, only the first three address how we are to respect the Creator of the universe.

The other seven detail how we are to treat each other. It is one way God lets us know how much he wants us to love one another.

Silence of the heart

"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence." Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Live in harmony with one another"

In times of uncertainty or stress, tempers can shorten, perspectives narrow, and peace suffers. It is important to remember that Jesus came to bring love and unity. His followers are asked to do the same.

"The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all" (Proverbs 22:2) – embrace diversity, don't just tolerate it. Different as we are, we are all made in God's image and likeness. There is great diversity in the communion of saints.

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11) – as children of God, all humans were created with inherent dignity that we are required to acknowledge.

Trying to understand others' perspectives is the best way to realize the impact of our actions on them.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God"

(Matthew 5:9) – a steady diet of violent entertainment and media helps us become comfortable with violence and to see people as characters rather than humans.

Instead, live with peace and pray for victims of violence.

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts" (Colossians 3:15). This means we have to make the choice to trust God's promises (letting His peace rule) or to rely on ourselves and reject the peace He offers.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

God gives us a free gift to share in His life, a gift that we can't earn and don't deserve. Called, "grace," this gift helps us to become His adopted children. When God shares His divine life with us as sanctifying grace, we



What is grace?

are strengthened to act in His love. Through actual grace, God strengthens us to live in harmony with His will. Sacramental and special graces – gifts of the Holy Spirit – help us to live out our Christian vocation.

Make holiness your goal

All people are called to be holy, "*Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect*" (Matthew 5:48). Achieving holiness requires a constant effort like climbing a mountain. To stop trying, even for a little while, is to lose ground. Daily effort will pay off with results.

Look for Jesus' presence. Search for Him each day. Not only will awareness of His presence help you grow in love and kindness toward everyone, you will find it easier to control your faults.

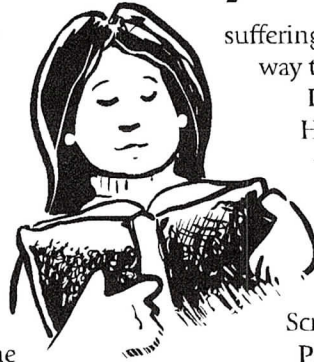
Don't avoid suffering. Jesus experienced extreme

suffering in His time on Earth and used it to pave our way to Heaven.

Pay attention to His voice. Speak to Him, ask Him for help, express sorrow for your mistakes, tell Him you love Him.

Nurture your faith. Just as food nourishes our bodies, faith feeds our souls. Scripture is a staple of our spiritual diet. Ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to meditate on Scripture every day.

Practice patience. It's the first step toward holiness.

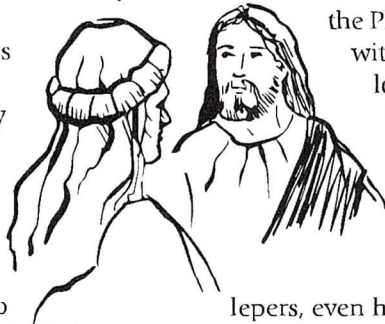


from Scripture

Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus has the right answers.

In their first meeting with Jesus, the Pharisees attempted to trap him into publicly contradicting Jewish law by sending a slick lawyer to "engage" him. Then Jesus could be arrested and silenced. The lawyer they sent knew that generations of Jews had debated fruitlessly about which law was the most important. Pretending to seek Jesus' opinion, he asked him to choose which of the 613 commandments of the Jewish law was the most important.

Jesus silenced them by saying that everything starts and ends with love –



love of God and love of others. To love God is to love one another. Love is at the heart of all the other laws. Even the Pharisees couldn't argue with that. While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult. It means including those our natural inclination says to exclude or avoid. Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even his political enemies.

True love of neighbor is measured by how we treat the poor, the vulnerable, and our enemies. This is how God loves and he calls us to the same.

Q & A

How can I develop more faith?

Faith is not a single event or a mastered skill. It's a journey that develops and grows over time. A father asking Jesus for a miraculous cure for

his son cried out, "*I do believe, help my unbelief*" (Mark 9:24). We have to ask God to help our faith develop and grow.

The best way to develop a strong faith is to pray.



Prayer is a conversation with God. Most of us use prayer to talk at God, but it's important to listen, too.

One good way to listen to God is to read his Word in the Bible. Start by reading a passage from Scripture, particularly the Gospels. Then ask yourself what the passage is saying to you, personally.

For example, ask yourself, "What is God saying to me through this reading?" Or "How can I put his message into practice in my life?" We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "*living and effective*" (Hebrews 4:12).

Feasts & Celebrations

In October we celebrate the Rosary with the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th**. The Rosary helps us meditate on the mysteries of our salvation – Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

Oct. 15 - St. Teresa of Avila (1583). St. Teresa founded a strict religious order whose nuns wore rough brown habits and sandals instead of shoes. St. Teresa established more than 17 convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

Oct. 17 - St. Ignatius of Antioch

(1st century). Succeeded St. Peter as the second bishop of Antioch. St. Ignatius encouraged obedience to the world's bishops and reminded people that Jesus is present in the Church and in each other.

Oct. 28 - St. Simon and St. Jude (1st century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed that the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they ended up in Persia where they evangelized until they were martyred.



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C.A. M. P.



Thanksgiving Dinners and Community Christmas

It is that time of year again. In collaboration with community partners, C.A.M.P. will be hosting the Thanksgiving Dinners and Community Christmas Program for their clients. The Covid-19 pandemic and loss of employment make these events more important than ever! They anticipate helping 75-100 families with holiday dinner boxes and toys.

Thanksgiving Dinner Boxes will be distributed by appointment on November 18th. Monetary donations sent to: P.O. Box 426, Crestline, O 44827 are very much appreciated!

As in years' past, it has been the practice to collect good used clothing, coats, toys, food and monetary donations for the Community Christmas Program. This year, however, will be different. Due to COVID, we will **NOT** be collecting any used coats, used clothing items or used toys. We will be holding our traditional Pack A Pickup this year, Nov. 28 & 29, but ask that you only donate **food** and **new toys**. Monetary donations are always appreciated as well.

The Community Christmas Program extends their heartfelt **Thank You** to the parishioners of Sacred Heart Church for their continued generosity over the years.

Annunciation Radio Fall Sharathon 2020

Please support Annunciation Radio as we conduct our annual Fall Sharathon to raise necessary funding to keep Catholic radio available and accessible. Many of our fine diocesan priests will be on the air with host Debbie Georgianni during these four days. With all the turmoil in our current culture, we need Catholic radio more than ever! As a listener supported apostolate, Annunciation Radio exists because of you. Thanks for your donation, whether you make the pledge online at www.annunciationradio.com, or call our special number 888-214-0624 during Sharathon hours Tuesday through Friday from 7am-6pm October 27th through 30th. 89.7 Toledo, 88.1 Sandusky, 89.9 Bryan, 89.5 Mansfield, 90.9 Willard.

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