



# SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## September 20, 2020 25th. Sunday Ordinary Time

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A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline  
Member of St. Juan Diego Deanery

### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday

**6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart**

*Mass Intention: Jeanne Gosser*

#### Wednesday

**8:30 am - School Mass -SHJ**

*Mass Intention: (Both)*

*For an end to Abortion and For the Unborn*

**1:00 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart**

#### Thursday

**5:30 pm Confession at St. Joseph**

**6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intention: Pasqualina Mansueti*

#### Friday

**8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intention: Deceased Members of the  
Milligan & Yates Families*

#### Saturday

**3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ**

**4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart**

*Mass Intention: Mary Alice Biglin; Mark  
Wolford; For the Deceased of the Moore  
Family*

#### Sunday

**7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intention: Living & Deceased Mem-  
bers of the Rhodes & Moyer Families*

**8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart**

**\* Live Streamed \***

*Mass Intention: Leroy Steiner; Rosemary  
Murray*

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

*Mass Intention: Donald W. Alt; Josephine  
Cipriani; Martin Pung*

### Dear Parishioners;

I hate to preach at Mass about money so instead I decided to speak of money in my weekly bulletin article. That being said I'm obliged to remind our communities that this weekend is the Diocese Perpetuate the Gift Appeal. As you may know, this appeal supports the Priests' Retirement Fund for our retired Diocesan priests. All gifts contributed between September 19, 2020 and December 31, 2020 will count toward parish contributions to the Priests' Retirement Fund, thus reducing the amount of budgeted funds that parishes need to contribute via the Priest Retirement Assessment.

Here are some common questions concerning the "Perpetuate the Gift Appeal":

**What is "Perpetuate The Gift"?** Perpetuate The Gift is simply the annual appeal that supports our Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. It signifies the beautifully unending and total commitment of our priests to our spiritual salvation, and our contribution to their retirement.

**Who oversees the Priests' Retirement Fund?** The fund is overseen by the Priests' Retirement Fund Board, which is a subcommittee of the Finance Council of the Diocese of Toledo. The Board is composed of priest representatives, both active and retired, professionals in the actuarial fields and plan administration. The plan administration and actuarial professionals are present at all board meetings.

**How are the funds invested?** The funds are invested with professional fund managers in socially responsible investments, as defined by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB).

**How can I make a gift?** A gift of cash or check can be placed in your parish collection or sent to: Perpetuate The Gift PO Box 954 Toledo, OH 43697 Online gifts by credit card or direct debit can be made at [www.toledodiocese.org](http://www.toledodiocese.org). Click on Give and select Perpetuate the Gift in the drop down box.

As you may know our Diocese has a skeletal priesthood where each priest usually serves multiple locations. Because of the lack of priests in our Diocese we are very thankful toward our retired priests who assist our parishes if the pastor becomes sick or takes a week of vacation. Thanks for any support you give to these retired priests of Jesus Christ!

P.S. Please see the insert within the bulletin to see this week's "Conscience and the Catholic Voter" article.

**In Christ,  
Fr. Jeff**

## COLLECTION:

September 13, 2020

\$ 4,647.00

Offertory  
\$ 4,472.00

General Maintenance  
\$ 45.00

Church Maintenance  
\$ 20.00

Bakeless Bakesale  
\$ 110.00

(Online \$426.00)



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday Sept. 23rd at 1:00 pm; Lector: Diane Metzger

Saturday, September 26th

### MUSIC MINISTER

*TBD*

### SERVERS

*Kirby Vogt*

### OFFERTORY

*None Needed*

### EXTRAORDINARY

### MINISTERS

*Kim Metzger & Joann Claytor*

### USHERS

*Gary Vogt & Anthony Schroeder*

### LECTOR

*Kim Metzger*

### GREETERS

*None Needed*

Sunday, September 27th

### MUSIC MINISTER

*Katie/Sean*

### SERVERS

*Haiden Newmeyer*

### OFFERTORY

*None Needed*

### EXTRAORDINARY

### MINISTERS

*Jerry Schumacher & Steve Vogt*

### USHERS

*Rick Gosser & Greg Gwartz*

### LECTOR

*Rebekah Paynter*

### GREETERS

*None Needed*

### COUNTERS

*Barbara Weaver & Steve Metzger*

## Bible Readings for the Week of September 20th, 2020

Monday Eph 4:1-7, 11-13, Ps 19:2-5, Mt 9:9-13  
Tuesday Prv 21:1-6, 10-13, Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34-35, 44, Lk 8:19-21  
Wednesday Prv 30:5-9, Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163, Lk 9:1-6  
Thursday Eccl 1:2-11, Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17bc, Lk 9:7-9  
Friday Eccl 3:1-11, Ps 144:1b, 2abc, 3-4, Lk 9:18-22  
Saturday Eccl 11:9-12:8, Ps 90:3-6, 12-14, 17, Lk 9:43b-45  
Sunday Ez 18:25-28, Ps 25:4-9, Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5, Mt 21:28-32



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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.

***Holy Communion is taken to the sick or homebound only by a priest at this time.***



### **Madonna Gamble Chancellor**

Teacher at Sacred Heart 1969-1970

and sister to Paula Goodman will be laid to rest at a Mass on October 2nd. at 11:30 with dinner following in the hall. Friends and family invited to attend.

## 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 #3, Marriage and the Family, is an insert to this weekend's bulletin.



**DO YOU KNOW SOMEONE WHO HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN HOW AND WHY WE, AS CATHOLIC CHRISTIANS, CELEBRATE OUR FAITH THE WAY WE DO?** Do you have a friend, co-worker or spouse who is not Catholic but attends Mass with you regularly and might be interested in learning more if they were only invited? Then RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is how you can invite family or friends who have expressed an interest and do not know where to start. Our next group of inquirers, those who have expressed interest or are just curious, will begin sessions in September. For additional information or to express interest for yourself or someone you know, please call or text Katie Di Lullo at 419-961-3494 (Sacred Heart) or Kim Legge at 419-689-3033 (St. Joseph) or call the parish office. ***Classes beginning September 24th at 7:15pm in the K of C Room at St. Joseph.***  
***Thank you!***



## Upcoming September Meeting:

Finance Council

Sept. 22

***Thank you to those who volunteer their time, talent & treasure for the betterment of Sacred Heart Parish and School !***

## St. Francis Xavier Festival



25 W. Perry St., Willard

BBQ Chicken & Ham Dinners

Drive-Thru or Carry Out Only

Sunday, September 27th 11:00am—3:00pm

## Red Cross Volunteers Needed :

Volunteers are urgently needed to welcome visitors to the local Red Cross Blood drives and take their temperatures before they enter. Visitors could include potential blood donors, people seeking help, course participants and other Red Cross staff & volunteers. To learn more, visit the following:

<https://rdcrss.org/3ecL8Z6> or

<https://www.redcross.org/volunteer> or Jeanine Girard @ 419-946-2811.

## UPDATE: 2020 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries

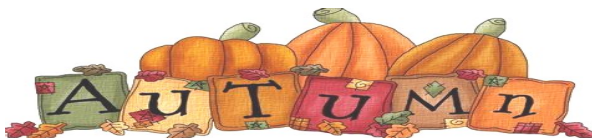


Although we have reached our 100 limit capacity (as of Aug. 31st) for the Anniversary Mass Celebration at Rosary Cathedral, you will still receive an Anniversary Certificate so please continue with registration below:

Congratulations on your milestone wedding anniversary! The Diocese of Toledo will honor you and other couples celebrating 25, 40, 50, 60 and 60-plus years of marriage. Thank you for your witness to the Sacrament of Marriage. For more information regarding registration please visit

[www.toledoanniversarymass.org](http://www.toledoanniversarymass.org) or contact Alice Jacobs [ajacobs@toledodiocese.org](mailto:ajacobs@toledodiocese.org) 419-214-4978.

The event will be live streamed and can be watched at: [www.toledoanniversarymass.org](http://www.toledoanniversarymass.org)





## CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 3<sup>RD</sup> of 8

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

– *Faithful Citizenship USCCB 2016*

Since participation in obligation, Catholics conscience with the mind

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

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

### Marriage and the Family

The family is the foundational cell of society. That is why the Church teaches what Pope Saint John Paul II wrote in 1981:

*The future of humanity passes by way of the family. It is therefore indispensable and urgent that every person of good will should endeavor to save and foster the values and requirements of the family. I feel that I must ask for a particular effort in this field from the sons and daughters of the Church... They must show the family special love. This is an injunction that calls for concrete action. (Saint John Paul II, Familiaris Consortio, On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World, 86)*

If the future of humanity passes by the way of the family, Catholics should pay special attention to the political approaches of candidates to the family. As the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has written, Catholics are called to:

*Protect the fundamental understanding of marriage as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes and reject false “gender” ideologies; provide better support for family life morally, socially, and economically, so that our nation helps parents raise their children with respect for life, sound moral values, and an ethic of stewardship and responsibility. (The Challenge of Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, Handout Part II)*

Yet today, we find the family in crisis. As Pope Francis has pointed out:

*The family is experiencing a profound cultural crisis (which) is particularly serious because the family is the fundamental cell of society, where we learn to live with others despite our differences and to belong to one another, it is also the place where parents pass on the faith to their children. (Pope Francis, Evangelii Gaudium, 66)*

This crisis arises from a general lack of openness to life, the use of contraception, absentee fatherhood, and the destruction of what marriage actually is. The Church has always taught that marriage is a covenant between a man and a woman that brings them together as husband and wife to be father and mother to any children their union produces.

*Marriage is a covenant “by which man and woman establish themselves a partnership of the whole of life that is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring” (Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1601)*

In summation, marriage is the building block of families, and therefore of all human civilization. Marriage then has public, not just private, purposes. The Church recognizes then that marriage is based on the truth that men and women are distinct and complimentary, that having children requires a man and a woman, and that every child deserves both a mom and a dad. Catholics therefore should pay special attention to where candidates stand on the crucial role of the family, that is founded on God’s design for love, between a man and a woman in marriage.

Peter Range, Director, Office for Life and Justice, Catholic Charities, Diocese of Toledo, [prange@toledodiocese.org](mailto:prange@toledodiocese.org). \_

Learn more and watch videos at [www.awakenecatholic.org/election](http://www.awakenecatholic.org/election). Read the party platforms: Democratic Party, <https://bit.ly/3hrosqg>; Republican Party, <https://bit.ly/3hgWV8D> (Note: Rep. Party voted to continue their 2016 Platform)



# SEPTEMBER

*pray for holy disciples*

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.

## HOW TO PARTICIPATE

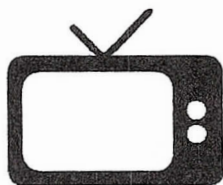


### Pray

#### Make a Holy Hour

Check with your parish to see when there will be Eucharistic Adoration. There is no one way to make a Holy Hour, but your Holy Hour could include:

- Still your body and mind. Take a deep breath and transition into a time for prayer. Try to leave your daily to-do list and anxieties behind.
- Acknowledge Jesus. Affirm your belief that He is present under the appearance of bread. Make a thoughtful recitation of the Creed.
- Speak to Jesus heart to heart. Tell Jesus what is happening in your life - your hopes, joys, and worries - in the same way you would talk to a spouse or your closest friend.
- Listen. Let God speak to you.



#### Read the daily readings or the Gospel for the day

Visit [bible.usccb.org](http://bible.usccb.org) to read the daily readings online.

### Read & Watch



### Reflect

#### How can I become a better disciple?

In addition to learning from the example of the Saints and holy people in our lives, there are so many ways for us to grow in our love for God. The simplest and most fundamental way is to continually lift our minds and hearts to the Lord in prayer. God has also gifted us with the sacraments of the Church, which help us to grow ever closer to Him. In particular, a frequent reception of the Most Holy Eucharist and the sacrament of penance is one of the best things that we can do in this life to strengthen us on our journey toward God. We are also so blessed to be able to know the Word of God through Sacred Scripture, and a frequent reading of the Bible can help us to hear God's voice in our lives. Let us never take God's gifts for granted as we strive to love Him more and more each day.

*Reconnect*  
navigating Catholic life through a pandemic

September 8, 2020

In attendance: Carrie Kemerer, Kevin Rall, Tom Metzger, Jacob Gosser, Bob Finney, Nicholas Vogt, Principal Lisa Myers, Fr. Jeff Smith, and Sheila Vogt

Absent: Doug Lucius

Jr. Jeff opened the meeting with prayer.

Carrie Kemerer made a motion to accept the 3/10/20 minutes  
Jacob Gosser seconded the motion

#### Pastor's Report

- Fr. Jeff expressed his thanks to the entire parish who helped make the 2020 Festival a huge success.
- A parishioner of SHJ will be donating a Matthew Kelly book to each family at Christmas time.
- Fr. Jeff inquired if the Board was aware of any one who might be interested in being sacristan for the 4:30 p.m. Saturday night Mass. One of the Board members is considering it and will get back with Fr. Jeff.
- Fr. Jeff feels like the 2020-2021 school year has gotten off to a good start. He enjoys his class visits with the school children and staff.
- Chuck Weaver and Paul Schroeder have been working on some of the tuck pointing and the plaster in the church.
- Fr. Jeff continues doing his home-bound visits. Right now he is visiting five different households in the parish and distributing Holy Communion during those visits.
- Fr. Jeff has heard some concerns from a couple parishioners who are not happy with our parish's social distancing and mask protocol. He asked the Board if they are hearing similar complaints. Lisa Myers said she will purchase a box of masks and put them in the back of church in case any one needs one.
- Fr. Jeff expressed congratulations to Adam Paynter who completed a long bike tour from Cincinnati to Cleveland and raised over \$4,500 for the Down Syndrome Association of Central Ohio
- Fr. Jeff is happy to announce that Jonah Studer is the new Athletic Director for the Panther Sports program
- Unfortunately, there will be no Girls Volleyball team this year. There were enough girls who were interested in playing, but there were just not enough teams for them to play.
- The St. Joe's Purse Bing has been postponed. It was originally scheduled for October 18, 2020.

#### School Report:

- Our school has an enrollment of 97 students in Preschool – 8<sup>th</sup> grade. So far, the social distancing, masks, temperature taking (2x a day), school drop off and pick up and other safety precautions are working out well.
- Fr. Jeff will give Server Training on September 16<sup>th</sup> for grades 5 – 8.



- Trick or Trunk will be held on October 31, 2020, for Sacred Heart staff, students & their families and SHJ parishioners. It will be held outside and will last 30 minutes. Hot dogs and chips will be passed out afterwards, but there will be no inside activities. Masks are mandatory.
- Lisa has received some complaints about adults not being allowed to attend Wednesday morning Mass, but truthfully, the church is full. There is no additional seating available.
- If a student has to quarantine (due to COVID), online learning is available.

#### Election of Officers:

Carrie Kemerer made a motion to elect Jacob Gosser as President  
Bob Finney seconded the motion

Carrie Kemerer made a motion to elect Tom Metzger as Vice President  
Kevin Rall seconded the motion

Carrie Kemerer made a motion to elect Sheila Vogt as Secretary  
Bob Finney seconded the motion

#### Old Business:

Lighting in Church Parking Lot – Jacob Gosser will get two more quotes for the lighting in addition to the one that they currently have. He will present all three quotes to Fr. Jeff, who will then present them to the Finance Committee.

#### New Business:

Jacob Gosser will take care of getting the potholes in the church parking lot filled.

Discussion was held regarding the fact that our church restroom does not have hot water at the sink for hand washing. Jacob Gosser will discuss the matter with Seth Rietschlin to see what kind of hot water heater would work the best.

Jacob Gosser will take care of repairing the school sign that hangs next to the school sidewalk.

Mrs. Myers Wish List – putting drop ceilings in the classrooms and Mrs. Cain's office.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 10, 2020 @ 7:15 p.m.

Carrie Kemerer made a motion to adjourn and Nick Vogt seconded the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila R. Vogt

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## **Parish School of Religion**

**First Communion & Confirmation Classes  
Begin October 4th**

**at St. Joseph**

**Registration Forms in the back of church  
or contact the parish office.**

## **Dear Sacred Heart and Saint Joseph Parishioners:**

Did you know that a young child who says: "Cystic Fibrosis" the words come out as "65 roses" which is this year's theme logo for the (Cycle for Life) bike ride that has been cancelled as an active event on **September 19th, 2020**

@ Alum Creek State Park, due to the Corona Virus Pandemic. This annual bike ride is for CF awareness and financial support for research towards a cure for this devastating genetic disease. The Traver / Keller and Fraizer / Gosser Families are requesting your support for this virtual fund raiser. **Please make checks to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and send to Matt and Kyle (Keller) Traver 78 Inwood Road Wilmington, Oh 45177, Jacob and Dawn Fraizer 2002 Kahn Road Crestline. Oh 44827 and / or to Russ and Marti Keller 3934 Nazor Rd. Crestline, Oh 44827.** Thank you kindly for your financial support to this endeavor. For every donation received, your name will go into a drawing to win a bike from YNOT Bike in Lexington, Ohio. Please continue to pray for Lilly and Kaileigh Traver and Ashlyn and Emmalyn Fraizer and all those struggling with CF.



Two repeats shown

## **Update:**

**Dear Sacred Heart and Saint Joseph Parishioner's:**

The Cystic Fibrosis 65 roses (6.5 mile walk and / or 65 mile bike ride) virtual drive is going well due to your generous donations. At present there is approximately 20 donors. When I went to YNOT Bike Shop in Lexington, Ohio to purchase the adult bike, Eric P. (the owner) informed myself that he would not have any new bike inventory until January 2021 due to the pandemic. Eric gave a generous donation of \$150.00 towards the bike gift certificate for a total of \$450.00 due to the inconvenience. The odds are very favorable for anyone who has donated. The drive will be open until September 30th. Until CF (Cure Found) the Foundation will pursue researching.

**Thank you again for your donations and prayers.**

**Marti Keller**

