



SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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May 10th 2020

Mother's Day/ Fifth Sunday of Easter

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Mass Intentions

Please note that during this Coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, all public Masses are temporarily suspended. More information regarding future events will be released as details become available.



Tuesday

Mass Intention: Rosemary Keller

Wednesday

Mass Intention: For All Those Mourning the Loss of a Loved One

Thursday

Mass Intentions: For All Health Care Workers

Friday

Mass Intention: Allen Studer

Saturday

Mass Intentions: Jeanne Gosser

Sunday

Sacred Heart

Mass Intentions: For All Farmers

St. Joseph

Mass Intentions: Thomas & Eileen DeGreve; Sophie & Frank Flowers; Deacon Bill Rall; Barb Ruhe

Happy Mother's Day!

In the midst of our crazy time dealing with a virus, it is great to celebrate the gift of our mothers. May is considered the month of Mary- The Blessed Mother of us all. Be sure to let your mothers watch whatever they want on TV Sunday and to let them know in wonderful fashion that they are loved and appreciated.

Let me share the many ways I love and appreciate my own mother and I sense it may trigger some memories that you have of your own mothers. Some are simple small things, and some are more profound. In no particular order, here are some of them:

1. I was the third of seven children. My mom had five of us in the first six years of her marriage. She took five years off of her job as an LPN nurse to raise us. Although she joked that 'she couldn't find enough baby-sitters to watch us all'; I know she did it because she knew that a mother sometimes has to sacrifice what she wants for her children.
2. My mom's noodles, stuffing, and apple-pie are awesome and I am convinced that they are so good that they will be served in heaven.
3. When I visit my parents, she is always willing to make a meal and it is always better than anything I could have made.
4. She had the whole family gather during Lent to pray the rosary together. Although as a little child I was bored, she planted a seed in me that today has made the rosary an important part of my prayer life.
5. Can you imagine having five teenagers in your house at the same time?! That was happening to her in the 1980's. Her patience was extraordinary. All but one of us attended Cardinal Stritch High School and they had a policy that if you had four children attending the school then the fourth child was free. My mother took advantage of that twice. I was the best behaved of course :)
6. My dad had a heart attack at the age of 38. I was 9 years old at the time. That was a hard cross for my mother to carry, but her faith and family and friends helped us through it.
7. When I was in my early twenties, her workplace was phasing out LPN nurses, so she had to go to college to get an Associates Degree to keep her job. She had to be a mother, wife, nurse, and student all at the same time. She received the degree and I was proud to be at her graduation as she held up her diploma.
8. She volunteers her time at her parish by being a Eucharistic Minister, cleaning the church, counting collection money, and for many years she was booth chairman for the Country Store at the Parish festival. She had plenty of children to help at the booth!
9. I have always been impressed by her work ethic and her ability to do many things at once. She is moving constantly to accomplish the next important task.
10. When I asked as a child why we have to go to Mass every Sunday, she replied: "It's not too much to ask to give God one hour a week for all the gifts that He gives you." That statement helped me to become a priest! / Happy Mother's Day to all you Mothers!

Thanks, and God Bless!!!/ Fr. Chris

COLLECTION:

May 3, 2020

\$5,003.00

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\$23.00

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\$220.00

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\$54.00

Altar & Rosary Dues
\$24.00

Altar & Rosary Vigil Light
\$25.00

Good Stewards

Loving Father, you alone are the source of every good gift. We praise you for all your gifts to us, and we thank you for your generosity. Everything we have, and all that we are, comes from you. Help us to be grateful and responsible.

You have called us to follow your son, Jesus, without counting the cost. Send us your Holy Spirit to give us courage and wisdom to be faithful disciples.

We commit ourselves to being good stewards. Help us to be grateful, accountable, generous, and willing to give back with increase. Help us to make stewardship a way of life.

We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

AMEN

GIVE ONLINE! Online giving is now available at the Sacred Heart website. Check it out! Go to SacredHeartBethlehem.org and select the donate button. If you have any questions, contact Joann Palm at jpalm@stjosephcrestline.org

Bible Readings for the Week of May 11, 2020

Monday Acts 14:5-18 Ps 115: 1-4, 15-16 Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-3, 4abc, 4cd-5 Jn 15:1-8

Thursday Acts 1:15-17, 20-26 Ps 113:1-8 Jn 15:9-17

Friday Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10 & 12 Jn 15:12-17

Saturday Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21

Sunday Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 Ps 66:1-7, 16, 20 1 Pt 3:15-18 Jn 14:15-21



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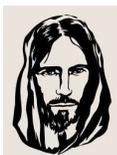
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CONFESSIONS— We are no longer having the scheduled Confession times on Thursdays or Saturdays during the shutdown. But if you really need this sacrament, then call Fr. Chris at 419-683-2015 to set up an appointment for confession. We hope for the scheduled confession times to return the first week of June.

In the Gospel today we heard Jesus preparing His disciples for the time when He would no longer be with them. He said to them,

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. You have faith in God; have faith also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If there were not, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back again and take you to myself, so that where I am you also may be.” (John 14:1-3)



Need-based Scholarships Awarded for Students to Attend a Private School

The eligibility scale for these scholarships is based on the National School Lunch Program and all of the families receiving the scholarship are at the 270% poverty level or below. The Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund (NOSF) provides privately funded scholarships to students from low-income families in grades K-8 to attend a private school or for home school expenses.

Students can receive up to \$1,500 per year for tuition or \$500 for home school expenses. Families must reside in Crawford or Richland counties, and are required to pay a minimum of \$500 towards their tuition.

NOSF has been awarding scholarships since 1999. Interested families can find more information about the program and apply online on the NOSF website at www.nosf.org. Once awarded, families can renew their children’s scholarship each year if they meet the income eligibility requirements and can also add siblings. For more information please contact Ann Riddle, Executive Director of the Northwest Ohio Scholarship Fund at (419) 720-7048.



BIBLE STUDY

Since the shutdown has been extended through May 29, the 8th and final session of the “Walking Toward Eternity” (Thankfulness) that was scheduled for May 20 is cancelled. If you signed up for live streaming, you can watch session 8 on your computer. If you do not have a computer then you can contact Fr. Chris at 419-683-2015 and he can loan you the DVD of session 8, Fr. Chris is very sorry that he could not share the final sessions of this Bible Study with you in person, but he will be sending you his session notes in the future.



Watch for Father Chris to live-stream Mass at:

[Facebook.com/sacredheartofjesusbethlehem](https://www.facebook.com/sacredheartofjesusbethlehem)

You do not need a Facebook account !

Televised Sunday Catholic Mass:

The Sunday Mass broadcast nationally on EWTN at 8 a.m. and noon. Buckeye Cable Channels 179 and 592. Spectrum Channel 50.

Sunday Mass is broadcast at 6 a.m. on Cleveland’s WJW-TV and can be seen in Crawford, Erie, Huron, Richland, Seneca and Sandusky counties.

Sunday Mass is broadcast at 7:30 a.m. on Columbus’ WWHO-TV and can be seen in Crawford County.

++The radio broadcast of the Sunday Mass is aired at 8:00 a.m. on WNOC 89.7 FM Annunciation Radio. Including - 88.1 WHRQ Sandusky, 89.5 WFOT Mansfield, 90.9 WSHB Willard++

Parish Office:

In an effort to keep everyone safe during the current health crisis the parish office will be closed until further notice. Phone messages will be checked on a regular basis. Thank you for your patience. God Bless !

Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



“Preparing to Reconnect”

“I can’t wait ‘til this is over.” “This is all getting old.” “I sure hope this ends soon.” “We are afraid of a second wave.” “No one is really sure what the future holds.” “What will this do to the financial stability of our families and parishes?” No doubt you, like me, have heard these and similar phrases in these past days. People are anxious for the COVID19 pandemic to come to an end, anxious about their own health and the health of others, anxious to reconnect with their loved ones, anxious to return to a former familiar pattern of life, and most significantly anxious to reconnect with the Lord, with the Church and with one another and our parish families, in particular by our communion in the Holy Eucharist. You’ve all been anxious, and I’ve been anxious with you.

As we continue to celebrate the Resurrection of Jesus, our Savior, I thank each and every one of you for your goodness, generosity, patience, understanding and charity as we have sought as a diocese to respond together to all the challenges that the pandemic has presented to us thus far. Aware of the intense desire of our faithful to return to our parishes, participate in the liturgy, and receive the Most Holy Eucharist, it is my sincere hope that you might help one another to persevere in this holy desire as we gradually implement a plan that will provide reasonable, gradual and practical guidelines

that promote the spiritual and physical health of everyone. In order together to move through and beyond this health pandemic, patience, understanding, and charity will need to be hallmarks of our lives, understanding that things will not return to “normal” immediately, but whatever the “new normal” is, we commit ourselves to live it in faith, hope and love.

From those first days realizing the seriousness and potential impact of the pandemic, we have all been working hard to respond to the myriad of issues that would and have arisen as a result, and how we would move forward together. This includes but is not limited to my working together with the Bishops of Ohio and with our own priest Consultors who serve as close collaborators. It involves the efforts of our Senior Staff and Pastoral Center team, our parish pastors and staffs working with their finance and pastoral councils, our school administrators and teachers, directors of religious education and coordinators of charitable outreach. The members of the Diocese of Toledo have been doing our best in the most trying of circumstances to offer care and attention to our parishes, schools and services; and even in the midst of the pandemic to consider how we might move our local church forward to serve better the mission of Christ and His Gospel.

With all these efforts in progress, and in order to capitalize on the momentum to move as a Catholic community through and beyond this pandemic, I have formed a diocesan “Pastoral Reintegration Team” comprised of clergy, religious and laity from around the diocese to help provide guidance, to share what has been identified as best practices, and to assist in our recovery. To “reintegrate” means to make whole again. This is what the team is striving to promote: to make whole again our parish and diocesan life. Please pray for this work in progress.

Our team has chosen the theme “Reconnect,” with the motto/catchphrase “Navigating Catholic life through the pandemic.” Our efforts to “reconnect” will focus on five areas: worship/sacraments, evangelization/catechesis, communications, schools, and human resources. In addition, the team’s efforts will fit well with our diocesan strategic Pillar One initiatives, “Supporting the Health of Parishes & Clergy.” Be on the lookout for periodic communications to help us all to “Reconnect” with the Lord, with the Church and with one another. In the near future, “Reconnect” will launch a webpage where all of the communications and resources can be accessed. In the meantime, our team has created a brief survey for your input and feedback. Please take a moment to complete it by Thursday, May 7, 2020 www.dioceseoftoledo.org/reconnect.



Dear friends, in the uncharted waters of the present moment, the tremendous work, efforts and dedication of our priests, deacons, pastoral leaders, consecrated religious, parish pastoral teams, school leaders and teachers, parish finance and parish councils and diocesan pastoral center staff, have been unmatched. Now our focus, with eyes fixed on the Risen Lord, is to move beyond being anxious about many things, to being anxious about rebuilding, restoring and reinvigorating Catholic life in our nineteen counties. Please join me in praying together that we may be of one mind and one heart, faithful disciples creatively confronting each of the challenges that present themselves, in the name of Christ Jesus, who is anxious for us to “Reconnect” with Him! Together, prayerfully and intentionally, let’s all together be about the work of “Preparing to Reconnect.”

+ Daniel E. Thomas

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
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A Prayer to Combat the Coronavirus Pandemic

Most Merciful and Triune God,
We come to You in our weakness.
We come to You in our fear.
We come to You with trust.
For You alone are our hope.

We place before You the disease present in our
world.

We turn to You in our time of need.

Bring wisdom to doctors.
Give understanding to scientists.
Endow caregivers with compassion and generosity.
Bring healing to those who are ill.
Protect those who are most at risk.
Give comfort to those who have lost a loved one.
Welcome those who have died into Your Eternal
Home.

Stabilize our communities.
Unite us in our compassion.
Remove all fear from our hearts.
Fill us with confidence in Your care.

Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.
Jesus, I trust in You.

Amen.

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**Saint Corona,
Pray for us.**

