



# SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## October 25, 2020 30th. Sunday Ordinary Time

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### Mass Intentions

#### Tuesday

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

*Mass Intention: Ron & Nancy Young*

#### Wednesday

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

*Mass Intention: (Both) For the Deceased of Sacred Heart Parish*

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

#### Thursday

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

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

*Mass Intention: For An Increase in Vocations*

#### Friday

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

*Mass Intention: For the Staff and Students of St. Joseph School*

#### Saturday

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

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

*Mass Intention: Jeanne Gosser*

#### Sunday

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

*Mass Intention: D.J. Shambaugh*

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

**\* Live Streamed \***

*Mass Intention: John White*

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

*Mass Intention: Tom Hoffman; Roy Palm; Deacon Bill Rall; John White*

### Dear Parishioners,

This Monday Oct 26th from 6:15pm-7:45pm in the Convocation Center I plan on showing a movie I downloaded on my computer called "Divided Hearts of America". At the moment I'm trying to figure out how to hook my stone-aged laptop to our parish projector ... but I think I will figure it out and find the right adaptor by Monday. Regardless I thought I would share some information about the movie so perhaps a few will join me for my second viewing of the documentary on Monday.

First off this documentary is no blockbuster and it only had a million-dollar budget, but NFL tight-end and Super Bowl champ Benjamin Watson still delivers, in my opinion, in bringing empathy and reason to issues concerning life in the womb. The film is structured around a series of more than 30 interviews with Americans holding opinions from all over the political and social spectrum. Most notably, the film includes interviews with Alveda King, niece of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and Ben Carson. When questioned about his motivation for the film, Watson describes his goal as "... to unveil the truth about abortion, the laws, the history and where our country is headed. I believe in the sanctity of life, be it in the womb or on your deathbed. That's my conviction. But with the film, I'll engage those who disagree and hear their reasoning."

As a philosopher and priest I enjoyed watching this documentary but I also came in knowing it was not a film made to entertain ...but to help me grow in wisdom. Though the film is entertaining at times the film is not a Hollywood blockbuster looking to entertain audiences. Rather the film is more of an intellectual discussion with pro-life and pro-abortion supporters. If one doesn't put on their thinking cap -I'm afraid the hour and a half documentary will likely be torturous. But for those willing to discover why so many are divided intellectually on this issue ... I hope a few people join me as I view this reasoned debate for a second time.

In Christ,

Fr. Jeff

## COLLECTION:

October 18, 2020

\$ 2,736.00

Offertory  
\$ 2,254.00

Propagation of Faith  
\$ 227.00

Bakeless Bakesale  
\$ 15.00

Gen Maintenance  
\$ 20.00

Fuel  
\$ 220.00

(Online \$366.00)

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday Oct. 28th at 1:00 pm: Diane Metzger

Saturday, October 31st

### MUSIC MINISTER

*TBD*

### SERVERS

*Garrett Biglin*

### OFFERTORY

*None Needed*

### EXTRAORDINARY

### MINISTERS

*Karen Keiser & Joanne Claytor*

### USHERS

*Paul Gosser*

*Gary Vogt*

### LECTOR

*Karen Keiser*

### GREETERS

*None Needed*

Sunday, November 1st

### MUSIC MINISTER

*Katie/Sean*

### SERVERS

*Hayden Faith*

### OFFERTORY

*None Needed*

### EXTRAORDINARY

### MINISTERS

*Laura Nold & Steve Vogt*

### USHERS

*Joe Faith & Gary Biglin*

### LECTOR

*Tom Metzger*

### GREETERS

*None Needed*

### COUNTERS

*Veronica Cain & Joyce Timmer*

## Bible Readings for the Week of October 25th, 2020

Monday Eph 4:32-5:8, Ps 1:1-4, 6, Lk 13:10-17  
Tuesday Eph 5:21-33, Ps 128:1-5, Lk 13:18-21  
Wednesday Eph 2:19-22, Ps 19:2-5, Lk 6:12-16  
Thursday Eph 6:10-20, Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10, Lk 13:31-35  
Friday Phil 1:1-11, Ps 111:1-6, Lk 14:1-6  
Saturday Phil 1:18b-26, Ps 42:2-3, 5cdef, Lk 14:1, 7-11  
Sunday Rv 7:2-4, 9-14, Ps 24:1b-4b, 5-6, 1Jn 3:1-3, Mt 5:1-12a



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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.*

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*Dear Sacred Heart and Saint Joseph Parishioners;*

*The Cystic Fibrosis Cycle for Life Fund Raiser was a huge success with 41 donations and \$4345.00 sent to the CF Foundation.*

*The winner of the YNOT \$450.00 Bike Gift Card was Richard and Marilyn Vogt pulled by Lilly and Kaileigh Traver on Saturday, Oct 17, 2020 when they were here, visiting Grandma and Grandpa Keller.*

*Thank you all again for your support and prayers for the Families of the Traver and Fraizer Girls and all those struggling with Cystic Fibrosis.*

*Marti Keller*

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**Right to Life** - Since January 22, 1973, over 61 million babies have died from Abortion. Please consider making a donation to Crawford County Right to Life as they will be sponsoring their yearly pro-life ad. This ad is intended to change hearts and minds that the Abortion Holocaust must end and the need to support our crisis pregnancy centers. Please mark your donation accordingly (CCRTL) and put it in the church collection basket. Donations will be accepted through Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

*"Let the children come to me, and do not prevent them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."*

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## HIGH SCHOOL PSR:

High School PSR classes will be held on Wednesdays 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. Steve & Sheila Vogt

## World Mission Sunday

THANK YOU for your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis encourages us to reflect on how we can be "ready to be completely at the service of God's will" all year



### Panther Basketball is looking for 6th grade girls coaches:

- Some basketball experience required
  - Weekly practice
  - Games on Saturday or Sunday
  - Local league, no major traveling
  - League play questionable due to Covid-19
- If unable to play, we would still like to have open gym once a week for the team.

Contact: Athletic Director, Jonah Studer  
419-543-0119 or JO55ST@YAHOO.COM

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## Bell Structure is Complete !

Now that the bell structure in the front yard of the parish office is completed, we need to thank the many people who gave their time, talent and treasure to complete this project.

Thanks to:

**Deb & Tom Rietschlin** - donated the stone fill and split face block

**Kim & Steve Metzger** - concrete for the pad

**Curt Keller** - laid the block & pillars

**Chuck & Keith Weaver** - designed and built the brackets that the bell is hanging from

**Jacob Gosser & Heath Gwartz** - formed, poured and stamped the top pad

**Attica Lumber** - donated the trusses

**Cindy & Chuck Keller** - donated all building supplies

**Paul Schroeder & Chuck Weaver** - installed the metal roof

To all the people who helped complete the project:

**Craig Keller, Steve Metzger, Eric Rietschlin, Paul Schroeder, Chuck Weaver, Chuck Keller, Keith Weaver** and anyone who we may have forgotten.

**Thanks to All!**

**Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
**Profit Loss Budget Performance**  
**July 2019 - June 2020**

	<u>Parish</u>	<u>Total School</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b>Ordinary Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Income</b>				
41000 · STUDENT RECEIPTS	\$ -	\$ 200,140	\$ 200,140	\$ 187,000
42000 · STUDENT SERVICES REVENUE	\$ -	\$ 13,427	\$ 13,427	\$ 14,000
43000 · MANDATED SERVICES REIMBURSMT	\$ -	\$ 88,668	\$ 88,668	\$ 54,000
44000 · Subsidy from Parish	\$ -	\$ 94,714	\$ 94,714	\$ -
49999 · Other School Income	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
51000 · CHRISTMAS & EASTER COLLECTION	\$ 38,696	\$ -	\$ 38,696	\$ 41,000
52000 · OTHER COLL'S & INITIAL OFFERING	\$ 9,611	\$ -	\$ 9,611	\$ 10,000
53000 · Stipends & Stole Fees	\$ 1,950	\$ -	\$ 1,950	\$ 1,984
54000 · PARISH ACTIVITIES GROSS RECEIPT	\$ 6,255	\$ 81,866	\$ 88,121	\$ 71,009
55000 · GIFTS & DONATIONS-OPERATING	\$ 4,769	\$ -	\$ 4,769	\$ 29,144
56000 · OTHER INCOME	\$ 7,494	\$ 3,583	\$ 11,077	\$ 8,872
57000 · SUNDAY & HOLYDAY COLLECTIONS	\$ 217,745	\$ 50	\$ 217,795	\$ 180,125
<b>Total Income</b>	<u>\$ 286,520</u>	<u>\$ 482,449</u>	<u>\$ 768,968</u>	<u>\$ 597,134</u>
<b>Expense</b>				
61000 · SALARY EXPENSE	\$ 61,186	\$ 285,590	\$ 346,776	\$ 324,619
62000 · PAYROLL TAXES & FRINGE BENEFITS	\$ 16,729	\$ 92,300	\$ 109,029	\$ 97,386
63000 · ADMINISTRATIVE/OFFICE EXPENSES	\$ 11,402	\$ 15,239	\$ 26,641	\$ 21,165
64000 · PARISH OPERATIONS	\$ 14,519	\$ -	\$ 14,519	\$ 14,787
65000 · INSTRUCTIONAL EXPENSE	\$ -	\$ 6,007	\$ 6,007	\$ 3,500
66000 · STUDENT SERVICES EXPENSE	\$ 1,201	\$ 28,137	\$ 29,338	\$ 34,438
67000 · MARKETING & FUNDRAISING EXPENSE	\$ 1,146	\$ 29,929	\$ 31,075	\$ 33,013
68000 · BUILDING EXPENSE	\$ 36,639	\$ 18,469	\$ 55,109	\$ 43,886
69000 · OTHER OPERATING EXPENSES	\$ 109,485	\$ 2,609	\$ 112,094	\$ 19,760
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>\$ 252,308</u>	<u>\$ 478,279</u>	<u>\$ 730,587</u>	<u>\$ 592,554</u>
<b>Net Ordinary Income</b>	<u>\$ 34,212</u>	<u>\$ 4,169</u>	<u>\$ 38,381</u>	<u>\$ 4,580</u>
<b>Other Income/Expense</b>				
<b>Other Income</b>				
71000 · GIFTS & DONATIONS-NONOPERATING	\$ 6,608	\$ 9,413	\$ 16,021	\$ 24,650
72000 · OTHER INCOME-NONOPERATING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
<b>Total Other Income</b>	<u>\$ 6,608</u>	<u>\$ 9,413</u>	<u>\$ 16,021</u>	<u>\$ 24,650</u>
<b>Other Expense</b>				
81000 · CAPITAL EXPENSES	\$ 36,885	\$ 13,582	\$ 50,467	\$ 65,000
82000 · GIFTS/DONATIONS-NONOPERATING	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 2,000
<b>Total Other Expense</b>	<u>\$ 36,885</u>	<u>\$ 13,582</u>	<u>\$ 50,467</u>	<u>\$ 67,000</u>
<b>Net Other Income</b>	<u>\$ (30,278)</u>	<u>\$ (4,169)</u>	<u>\$ (34,447)</u>	<u>\$ (42,350)</u>
<b>Net Income</b>	<u>\$ 3,934</u>	<u>\$ 0</u>	<u>\$ 3,935</u>	<u>\$ (37,770)</u>

**Sacred Heart Church  
Balance Sheet  
June 30, 2020**

	<u>June 30, 2020</u>	<u>June 30, 2019</u>	<u>June 30, 2018</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Checking/Savings			
Sacred Heart Cafeteria Account	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 3,412.30
MASS STIPEND SAVINGS ACCOUNT	\$ 1,336.17	\$ 1,870.23	\$ 2,540.95
ALTAR & ROSARY ACCOUNT	\$ 24,237.25	\$ 20,944.18	\$ 10,703.31
Huntington/First Merit Main Checking	\$ 144,876.82	\$ 12,234.20	\$ 51,153.21
United Bank Sunday Collection	\$ 300.29	\$ 300.25	\$ -
Total Checking & Savings	\$ 170,750.53	\$ 35,348.86	\$ 67,809.77
D & L Notes			
1736 Shelby Settlers-School Account	\$ 72,196.51	\$ 70,968.94	\$ 54,994.26
1613 Sacred Heart of Jesus Bethlehem	\$ 88,915.27	\$ 87,375.16	\$ 85,831.92
0986 General Maintenance	\$ 10,809.11	\$ 10,604.77	\$ 10,417.46
1007 Church Maintenance	\$ 20,808.41	\$ 20,487.25	\$ 20,125.40
1008 Parish Savings	\$ 237,779.31	\$ 296,590.11	\$ 336,396.95
1392 School Support Fund	\$ 136,720.10	\$ 134,351.97	\$ 131,979.01
Total D & L Notes	\$ 567,228.71	\$ 620,378.20	\$ 639,745.00
Tuition Receivable	\$ 1,907.44	\$ 1,907.44	\$ -
Parish Petty Cash	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 25.00
School Petty Cash	\$ 112.50	\$ 112.50	\$ 100.00
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 740,024.18</b>	<b>\$ 657,772.00</b>	<b>\$ 707,679.77</b>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>			
Liabilities			
21000 - ACCOUNTS PAYABLE	\$ 721.35	\$ 810.41	\$ -
23100 - DIOCESAN DESIGNATED COLLECTIONS	\$ 290.00	\$ 922.00	\$ 90.00
24000 - COURTESY EXCHANGE			
24000CE - courtsey exchg with cemetery	\$ 715.00	\$ 495.00	\$ 341.00
24000AR - courtsey exchg with Altar & Rosary	\$ 600.43	\$ 1,481.00	\$ 30.00
24000BB - courtsey exchg with baseball	\$ 224.69	\$ 224.69	\$ 351.69
24000FU - courtsey exchg w/ funeral dinners	\$ (77.42)	\$ 45.58	
24000HR - courtsey exchg with Hall Rental	\$ 600.00	\$ 200.00	\$ 325.00
24000SC - courtsey exchange with School	\$ 105.39	\$ 75.39	\$ (1,929.61)
24000SM - court exch School Mission Col	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 156.09
24000OT - Courtsey Exchg Other	\$ 150.00	\$ -	\$ -
Total 24000 - Courtesy Exchange	\$ 2,318.09	\$ 2,521.66	\$ (725.83)
25000 - NEXT YEAR'S FEES			
25000RF - REGISTRATION FEES FOR NEXT Y	\$ 3,225.00	\$ 3,025.00	\$ -
25000TU - TUITION FOR NEXT YEAR	\$ 290.00	\$ 10.00	\$ 2,184.00
26000 - LOANS & NOTES PAYABLE			
26250PP - SBA/PPP LOAN	\$ 75,262.70	\$ -	\$ -
27000 - Payroll Liabilities	\$ 2,189.74	\$ 1,066.70	\$ 1,668.71
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$ 84,296.88</b>	<b>\$ 8,355.77</b>	<b>\$ 3,216.88</b>
Equity			
Net Assets	\$ 649,566.23	\$ 706,786.07	\$ 602,687.33
Net Income	\$ 6,161.07	\$ (57,369.84)	\$ 101,775.56
<b>Total Equity</b>	<b>\$ 655,727.30</b>	<b>\$ 649,416.23</b>	<b>\$ 704,462.89</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>	<b>\$ 740,024.18</b>	<b>\$ 657,772.00</b>	<b>\$ 707,679.77</b>
<b><u>Affiliated Account Balances:</u></b>			
Cemetery Checking	\$ 8,399	\$ 6,484	\$ 7,263
Cemetery D & L 1368	\$ 9,334	\$ 9,172	\$ 8,999
Cemetery D & L 1369	\$ 60,035	\$ 58,995	\$ 57,884
School PTO Checking	\$ 2,081	\$ 3,538	\$ 2,166
Scrip Gift Card Account	\$ 6,975	\$ 3,458	\$ 7,850

**MINUTES**  
**Sacred Heart of Jesus**  
**Parish Finance Council**  
**September 22, 2020**

Present: Fr. Jeff Smith, Rodney Cole, Monica Finney, Teresa Jessee, Lisa Myers, Joann Palm, Luke Rietschlin, Paul Schroeder, Christine Vogt

Absent: John Finnegan

The meeting was called to order by moderator C. Vogt and opened with prayer by Fr. Smith. Council met in the parish hall addition so that social distancing could be observed.

Minutes from the January and May meetings were presented. ***Motion carried to approve the minutes as presented (L. Rietschlin/T. Jessee).***

Pastor's Report – Fr. Smith

- Due to COVID restrictions the Turkey Shoot has been cancelled this year. This event benefits the Altar Rosary Society, school and Damascas trip. However, the reverse raffle will run through the school. Since Damascas was cancelled last year, there is a large credit there for this year.
- The rescheduling of the Luminous Ministries Lenten retreat was discussed. It will consist of one evening presentation for adults and a school-time presentation for the students. Sacred Heart and St. Joseph co-sponsor this event.
- A recommendation from the Parish Council for increased parking lights was discussed. Three bids were obtained with the lowest bid was accepted. 10 lights will be installed. ***Motion carried to install the lights (P. Schroeder/R. Cole).***
- Fr. Smith informed the group about the FORMED free subscription. He equated it to a "Catholic Netflix." More information will be forthcoming in the church bulletins.
- Anonymous parishioners have donated money to purchase Matthew Kelly's book *I Heard God Laugh*. Each family will receive one at Christmas time.
- A new Athletic Director has been hired. Jonah Studer accepted the position.

Principal's Report – L. Myers

- 97 Students enrolled for school year 2020-2021.
- Online schooling was offered to the parents. There was initial interest but in the end everyone decided to come into the classrooms.
- State monies are available for upgrades due to COVID. The school has been awarded a grant for \$3,400. Expenses that will be covered include thermometers, hand wipes, shields for the teachers and bottled water.
- Each student has been assigned a Chrome Book in case the school shuts down again.
- COVID sanitation of school was discussed.
- Three families took advantage of the \$100 discount if tuition paid in full at the beginning of the school year.

### Follow Up on Prior Business

- J. Palm gave an update on the Small Business Administration/Payroll Protection Plan loan. All funds have been used appropriately. The Request for Forgiveness will be completed by October 31.
- P. Schroeder reported on church repairs. Radiant Arts has received a down payment for the storm windows above the main doors. Sealing of the outside of the church continues. Plasterwork for the inside vestibule will begin once outside it complete. There may be a radiator leak that will need fixing.

### New Items for Discussion

- Review of May, June, July and August Financial Statements
  - **Comparative Balance Sheet** as of June 30, 2020 (end of fiscal year) – Assets total \$740,024.18. A total of \$567,229 is currently on deposit with the Diocese.
  - **Income Statement/Budget and Comparisons** as of June 30, 2020 – Year-to-date is showing an income of \$672,572 through the end of the fiscal year. The budget anticipated a net income of \$597,134 so income is over budget by \$75,438. All bills and assessments are paid in full as of June.
  - **Comparative Balance Sheet** as of August 31, 2020 – Assets total \$753,360. A total of \$568,185 is currently on deposit with the Diocese.
  - **Income Statement/Budget & Comparison** as of August 31, 2020 – Year-to-date is showing an income of \$123,159 which is \$24,259 over budget. Year-to-date expenses are \$106,155 which is \$28,616 under budget. Net income year-to-date is \$17,004 which is \$52,875 under budget.
  - *The financial report was approved (M. Finney/L. Rietschlin).*
- Comparisons of the monthly Diocesan Assessments and Festival results were discussed.
- New requests for funds include \$22,225 for church plastering and for parking lot lights.
- The Diocesan Parish Finance Council Statutes were handed out. These will be discussed at the next meeting.

Next meeting: November 24 at 7:00 p.m. after Mass in the Parish Hall addition.

*Motion carried to adjourn (R. Cole/P. Schroeder).* Meeting closed with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Joann Palm  
Business Manager

## CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 8<sup>TH</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 is the eighth of eight,

important moral and political issues. This eighth outline will provide an overview of the issue of the environment.

political life is a moral need to form their and heart of the Church consequence. This outline which will examine

### Environment

As Catholic Christians, we are tremendously blessed to receive from God our Father the gift of this earth, what Pope Francis has called our 'common home.' Thus, from the first man, Adam, down to our day, we are called to work, revere and protect the great gift of our environment. Therefore, as our 'common home' is received as gift, protecting our environment is not 'optional to the Christian experience.' As Pope Francis remarked in *Laudato Si*:

*Living our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork is essential to a life of virtue; it is not an optional or a secondary aspect of our Christian experience. (Pope Francis, Laudato Si, 257)*

To live out our vocation to be protectors of God's handiwork it is essential that we have an adequate anthropology to appreciate the importance of our ecology. In other words, if we more deeply appreciate the human person, and the human relationships we engage in, the better our relationship can be with nature and creation. Again, quoting Pope Francis:

*When we fail to acknowledge as part of reality the worth of a poor person, a human embryo, a person with disabilities – to offer just a few examples – it becomes difficult to hear the cry of nature itself; everything is connected. (LS, 117)*

*There can be no renewal of our relationship with nature without a renewal of humanity itself. There can be no ecology without an adequate anthropology. When the human person is considered as simply one being among others, the product of chance or physical determinism, then "our overall sense of responsibility wanes". (LS, 118)*

The human person, the crown of God's creation, must then be respected, cherished and loved if we are to in turn respect and cherish our environment. When we fail to respect the human person, we fail to respect our environment:

*If the present ecological crisis is one small sign of the ethical, cultural and spiritual crisis of modernity, we cannot presume to heal our relationship with nature and the environment without healing all fundamental human relationships. Christian thought sees human beings as possessing a particular dignity above other creatures; it thus inculcates esteem for each person and respect for others. (LS, 119)*

*Since everything is interrelated, concern for the protection of nature is also incompatible with the justification of abortion. How can we genuinely teach the importance of concern for other vulnerable beings, however troublesome or inconvenient they may be, if we fail to protect a human embryo, even when its presence is uncomfortable and creates difficulties? "If personal and social sensitivity towards the acceptance of the new life is lost, then other forms of acceptance that are valuable for society also wither away". (LS, 120)*

In summation, when we vote as Catholics approaching the issue of the environment, we recognize that our care for creation flows from the centrality of the dignity of the human person. Because God has made us in his image and likeness, the environment in which he has deposited us is a great gift to help us flourish and create a culture of life and love. When, we fail to see God in each other, we fail to see the gift God has given us in our 'common home': A home that we must protect, cultivate and revere for future generations and for the common good of all.

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

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# 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](https://ReconnectToledo.org/October).

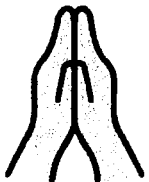
## **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

### **Fourth 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 refrain from eating out or having your favorite meal – instead, eat a nutritious meal that isn't your first choice.



**Pray**

Go on a pilgrimage together. Pilgrimages have a long and rich history in the Catholic Church. For many centuries, men and women have prayerfully traveled to holy sites across the world. Although we often think of pilgrimages involving long, often international, journeys, we can certainly make pilgrimages no matter what our budget or travel restrictions may be. The Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy, by the Congregation for Divine Worship, states that, among other things, “a pilgrim goes to a shrine to encounter God, to be in His presence, and to offer Him adoration in worship, and to open his heart to Him.” Even a journey to a shrine the next town over can be a deeply prayerful, transformative experience! Here are some local shrines you can visit:

Carey: Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, [olcshrine.com](https://olcshrine.com)

Bellevue: Sorrowful Mother Shrine, [sorrowfulmothershrine.org](https://sorrowfulmothershrine.org)

Maria Stein: Maria Stein Shrine, [mariasteinshrine.org](https://mariasteinshrine.org)

-from *FamilyRosary.org*



**Reflect**

Sacrifice means “to make holy”. Just as Jesus sacrificed His life for each one of us, we are also called in marriage and family life to sacrifice through little acts each day. With each sacrificial act done in love for our spouse or family members, we not only personally grow in holiness, but we cultivate holiness in our marriage and in our family. In what ways can you sacrifice for your family members today?



**Watch**

For Men: Into the Breach, Episode 5: Family ([Formed.org](https://Formed.org))

For Women: Learning in the Family with Danielle Bean ([Formed.org](https://Formed.org))

Parents: Foundations for Thriving in Parenting & Building Better Families ([Formed.org](https://Formed.org))

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## **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.

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## **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. Thanks for your donation, whether you make the pledge online at [www.annunciationradio.com](http://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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## **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 #8, Environment, is inserted in this weekend's bulletin.

**All Souls Masses:**



**November 2nd @ 6:30pm St. Joseph**

**November 3rd @ 6:30pm Sacred Heart**