



# SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## September 13, 2020 24th. 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: For Those Seeking Comfort  
in These Difficult Times

#### Wednesday

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

Mass Intention: (Both)

For Those Whose Lives Have Been Devastated  
by Natural Disasters

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

#### Thursday

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

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

Mass Intention: Gordon & Lillian Finnegan

#### Friday

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

Mass Intention: James & Rita Linn

#### Saturday

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

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

Mass Intention: Dick & Nellie Young;  
Jeanne Gosser; Judy McClurg

#### Sunday

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

Mass Intention: Merrill Metzger; In Thanks-  
giving for a Prayer Answered

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

**\* Live Streamed \***

Mass Intention: Lester & Eileen Cochran

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

Mass Intention: Lou Baldasare; Bunny  
Hauck; Oscar & Violet Krichbaum

### Dear Parishioners,

Before sharing the article found in the bulletin insert I would like to share the following: First off God loves each human life from the instant of their conception. This includes each of us! Life is a gift from God and abortion ends the life of a child and offends God. It also deeply wounds those involved.

In our Diocese we are lucky to have resources to help those who have wounded themselves or others through abortion.

Project Rachel is a ministry of the Catholic Church in the U.S. to those who have been involved in abortion. It is a diocesan-based network of specially trained counselors who provide a team response of care for those suffering in the aftermath of abortion. The ministry provides an integrated network of services, including pastoral counseling, support groups, retreats, referrals to licensed mental health professionals and especially.... unconditional love.

It is open to all...people of all faiths or no faith. Fortunately, abortion, like all sins, is forgivable; and forgiveness is as close as the nearest confessional. If you or someone you know is suffering after abortion, please contact our Project Rachel Referral Line at 1-888-456-HOPE or 419-260-5811 or email Project Rachel Coordinator Kerstin Pakka at: [kpakka@toledodiocese.com](mailto:kpakka@toledodiocese.com)

This being said, as pastor of God's precious flock and wishing none of those entrusted to me become lost I must note if a political candidate supports abortion, it would not be morally permissible for you to vote for that person. Abortion is a "disqualifying issue." A disqualifying issue is one which is of such gravity and importance that it allows for no political maneuvering. It is an issue that strikes at the heart of the human person and is non-negotiable. A disqualifying issue is one of such enormity that by itself renders a candidate for office unacceptable regardless of his position on other matters. You must sacrifice your feelings on other issues because you know that you cannot participate in any way in an approval of a violent and evil violation of basic human rights. A candidate for office who supports abortion rights has disqualified himself as a person that you can vote for. This is likely upsetting for some to hear but God's love for humanity at times strikes to the heart of the listener. In the words of Jesus, "Whoever has ears ought to hear."

**In Christ,  
Fr. Jeff**

## COLLECTION:

September 6, 2020

\$ 5,268.68

Offertory  
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Catholic University

\$ 2.00



(Online TBD)

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Wednesday Sept. 16th at 1:00 pm; Lector: Diane Metzger

Saturday, September 19th

### MUSIC MINISTER

*TBD*

### SERVERS

*Anna Vogt*

### OFFERTORY

*None Needed*

### EXTRAORDINARY

### MINISTERS

*Doug & Tammy Lucius*

### USHERS

*Mark Vogt & Kim Gosser*

### LECTOR

*Tanya Hartings*

### GREETERS

*None Needed*

Sunday, September 20th

### MUSIC MINISTER

*Katie/Sean*

### SERVERS

*Lincoln Finnegan*

### OFFERTORY

*None Needed*

### EXTRAORDINARY

### MINISTERS

*Kathy Cole & Becky Kromer*

### USHERS

*Dave Kromer & Zach Keller*

### LECTOR

*Katie DiLullo*

### GREETERS

*None Needed*

### COUNTERS

*Laura Nold & Joyce Timmer*

## Bible Readings for the Week of September 13th, 2020

Monday	Nm 21:4b-9, Ps 78:1b-2, 34-38, Phil 2:6-11, Jn 3:13-17
Tuesday	1Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a, Ps 100:1b-5, Jn 19:25-27
Wednesday	1Cor 12:31-13:13, Ps 33:2-5, 12, 22, Lk 7:31-35
Thursday	1Cor 15:1-11, Ps 118:1b-2, 16-17, 28, Lk 7:36-50
Friday	1Cor 15:12-20, Ps 17:1b-d, 6-7, 8b, 15, Lk 8:1-3
Saturday	1Cor 15:35-37, 42-49, Ps 56:10c-12, 13-14, Lk 8:4-15
Sunday	Is 55:6-9, Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, Phil 1:20c-24, 27a, Mt 20:1-16a



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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*



### Congratulations !

DiVaunta Spearman and Cierra Roberts on the baptism of their son, Klark. Deacon Steve Vogt will baptize Klark after 4:30 Mass this Saturday Sept. 12th.

**God Bless Klark Allen Spearman!**

### 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 #2, Abortion, is an insert to this weekend's bulletin.

\*Abortion has killed over 62 million babies in the USA since 1973 !

**Let's vote Pro-Life in November !**

[www.Pro-lifearticles.org](http://www.Pro-lifearticles.org)



### Perpetuate the Gift Collection:

Perpetuate The Gift is simply the annual appeal that supports our Diocesan Priests' Retirement Fund. When a priest retires, his living expenses actually increase. He is responsible for his personal expenses such as food, clothing, car, housing, utilities and medical expenses. Envelopes will be available next weekend to place in the collection basket or you may send your gift to: **Perpetuate The Gift, P.O. 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. Please prayerfully consider helping to support our retired priests who have given us an unending lifetime commitment !

**Thank you!**

## Upcoming September Meetings:



School Advisory

Sept. 15

Finance Council

Sept. 22

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

### Parish School of Religion

PSR classes to begin the first week of October. Watch the bulletin for details in the coming weeks!

### Confirmation Preparation:

We will be celebrating the sacrament of Confirmation **February 9th @ 6:30 pm @ Sacred Heart Church**. Catholic students at St. Joe's Crestline Parish and School and Sacred Heart Parish and School entering the 7th and 8th grades will be preparing for this sacrament. More information on PSR instruction will be given at a later time. PSR students please call the parish office to be added to the Confirmation Candidate list 419-342-2256 (Sacred Heart) and 419-683-2015 (St. Joseph).

### 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)

## WELCOME TO PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION 2020-2021!

*2225. Through the grace of the sacrament of marriage, parents receive the responsibility and privilege of evangelizing their children. Parents should initiate their children at an early age into the mysteries of the faith...They should associate them from their tenderest years with the life of the Church.*

*2226. The parish is the Eucharistic community and the heart of the liturgical life of Christian families...It is a privileged place for the catechesis of children and parents.*

- The Catechism of the Catholic Church

**"God trumps sports every day of the week AND twice on Sunday!"**

**-Fr. Christopher Bohnsack**

Welcome to the 2020-2021 Parish School of Religious Education program (PSR)! This year we will be offering classes for those seeking the sacraments of First Holy Communion and Confirmation.

**Parents** – As Catholics entrusted with the blessing of children, you have been granted the responsibility to carry out God's command to spread the Good News both in your homes and throughout the world. By enrolling your child(ren) in PSR, in corporation with the Church and our dedicated teachers, your child(ren) will be given tools in order to advance and follow God's evangelical message.

In PSR, our religious instruction strives to form children who will become life-long devoted Catholics, confident Our Lord is always a constant presence in their lives. With this religious opportunity, they will become enthusiastic Catholics, passionate as they grow from children to adults, secure in the knowledge of the saving grace of their personal Catholicism.

**Students** – Our instructors promise classes that are faith-filled, fun-filled, and a weekly celebration of community through the teachings of Our Lord, Jesus Christ!

It is expected that students and parents attend Mass each weekend as part of our Catholic obligation. This is where we have the opportunity to come together as a community to share our beliefs and become the followers of Christ we are called to be by our Baptism. It is a fantastic way to "teach without words!"

**IMPORTANT!** First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation REQUIRE two years of Sacramental Preparation. Absences of more than THREE (3) classes could prevent the student from receiving the Sacrament. Therefore, class attendance must be a weekly priority!

Classes will be held Sunday mornings with mass following at St. Joseph's. A tentative schedule is attached.

In case of inclement weather, PSR will follow the St. Joseph/Sacred Heart closing schedule. If the weather becomes inclement during the day, parents will be notified via e-mail, text, and on their parish Facebook pages.

Please register no later than Fri. Oct 2nd. Registration forms are available at the back of the Church, can be picked up at each Parish office, or accessed via the Parish website. Cost is \$25 per student.

For questions or concerns, please call Jeff Belcik (615) 480-9804 or **Fr. Jeff (419) 683-2015**.

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Please sign and return the bottom portion only.

I, \_\_\_\_\_ have read and agree with the above guidelines for the 2020-2021  
(Parent Signature) St. Joseph/Sacred Heart Parish School of Religious Education Program.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## **PSR Registration Form Sacred Heart Parish/St. Joseph Parish**

Registration Fees are \$25 per student, payable to Sacred Heart Parish or St. Joseph Parish. Fees include all materials and activities.

Registration form with payment is due by Friday October 2<sup>nd</sup> Return to Sacred Heart Parish office or St. Joseph Parish office.

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place and State of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Members of (please circle one):

St. Joseph (Crestline)

Sacred Heart of Jesus

Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Grade level: \_\_\_\_\_

Has student been baptized? Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Date of Baptism (MM/DD/YYYY): \_\_\_\_\_

IF yes, please list Parish Name (include city/state)

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Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Cell Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_

Is it okay to send text reminders/announcements: Yes / No? \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Special Medical needs or concerns: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* The Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion are received by children in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or older.

Has student received First reconciliation? Yes / No

If yes, Date of First Reconciliation (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_\_ please list Parish Name (city/state):

\_\_\_\_\_

Has student received First Communion? Yes / No

If yes, Date of First Communion (MM/DD/YY) \_\_\_\_\_ please list Parish Name (city/state):

\_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\* The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated by children in 7<sup>th</sup> grade and older.

Has student been confirmed? Yes / No

If yes, Date of confirmation (MM/DD/YY): \_\_\_\_\_ please list Parish Name  
(City/State)

\_\_\_\_\_

## 2020-2021 PSR schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Class Time</b>	<b>Mass time</b>	<b>Event</b>
2-Oct	Sacred Heart/St. Joseph Parish office			Registration due
4-Oct	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 1- Parents meeting
11-Oct	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 2
18-Oct	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 3
25-Oct	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 4
1-Nov	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 5
8-Nov	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 6
15-Nov	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 7
22-Nov	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 8
29-Nov	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 9
6-Dec	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 10
13-Dec	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 11
20-Dec	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 12
27-Dec	NO Class Christmas Break	NO Class	10:30 AM	NO Class Christmas Break
3-Jan	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 13
10-Jan	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 14
17-Jan	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 15
24-Jan	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 16
31-Jan	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 17
7-Feb	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 18
9-Feb	Sacred Heart Parish All candidates	Tuesday	6:30pm	Confirmation
10-Feb	Sacred Heart Parish All candidates	Wednesday	5:30pm	First Reconciliation
14-Feb	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 19
21-Feb	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 20
28-Feb	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 21
7-Mar	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 22
14-Mar	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 23
21-Mar	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 24
28-Mar	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 25
4-Apr	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Week 26
11-Apr	Sacred Heart Parish	NO Class	8:30am	No class Sacred Heart First Holy Communion
18-Apr	St. Joseph Parish	NO Class	10:30 AM	NO Class St Joseph's First Holy Communion
25-Apr	St. Joseph Parish	9am - 10:15 am	10:30 AM	Last Class



# Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



## “Facing Fear with Faith”

“Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid” (Mt 14:27).

You may remember these words from only a few weeks ago, taken from the Gospel for the 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary time. We heard of the Lord who, amidst a raging storm, came walking on the water, approaching the disciples who were in the boat. His message to them in the midst of the storm, is his message to us in the storm of this moment, indeed of these months.

It was just about one year ago in this column that I reflected on another passage from Matthew’s Gospel, remember? That one too was about a storm, and we were in the midst of the storm of the reported abuse and harassment of now former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick, the release of the Pennsylvania Grand Jury Report on the sexual abuse of minors, and the failure of some bishops to protect children.

Last year, I shared a well-known painting, Rembrandt’s “Storm on the Sea of Galilee,” and reflected on what a powerful image it was, with the reassurance that “Christ is in the Boat!”

Now, one year later, I’m sharing a lesser known image by a little known artist, of this other storm recounted by Matthew. This time, Jesus is not in the boat, but walking on the water toward the

disciples. We’re told when they saw him, they were terrified and cried out in fear.

The disciples were afraid! We are afraid: afraid of drowning in the polarizing messages of the media; afraid for ourselves or for our loved ones of getting sick or dying; afraid of the results of the upcoming election; afraid of the direction so many seem to be going; afraid of the increased violence and anarchy; afraid for our children and the reopening of school; afraid of going back to attend Sunday Mass; afraid of wearing or not wearing masks; afraid of so many things!





This summer, the fear of Covid-19 hit close to home as I had traveled to the Philadelphia area for some vacation time with family and friends. Soon after I arrived, I was informed that I had been exposed to someone who had tested positive, was to get tested myself, and needed to “self-quarantine.” My vacation became isolation. I never got to see or visit with family or friends. Only after eight days did the results come back that I had tested negative. I experienced fear for myself and for those with whom I had come in contact. The fear was real. I came to understand more deeply the fear of so many of our faithful. But I found the only antidote to the fear was faith: faith that the Lord was in charge, faith that His will would be done, and faith that he would provide whatever grace I needed to confront whatever was to come.

These days, Jesus comes to us in the midst of the storm as he did to his first disciples, and offers this powerful word: “Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid.”

Peter made bold to tell the Lord “If it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” But once Peter saw how strong the wind was he became frightened and, beginning to sink, cried out “Lord, save me!” Today, realizing how paralyzing is the fear all around us, we might feel like we’re sinking, but we take courage in the one who can save us, and we cry out with Peter “Lord, save me!”

On my Facebook page post in which I reflected briefly on this Gospel passage, someone left this insightful comment referring to Jesus: “He offered not only his word but he offered his hand to Peter. I will grab it and hold on for this scary ride.”

The winds are strong and the storm has been raging, the Coronavirus, painful staff reductions, the loss of jobs, the inability to gather together, so many cancelled events, and now, the horrible crimes

leading to the arrest of one of our priests that have once again outraged and grieved us. The storm is raging. When we were in the midst of some storm in life, my Dad would often counsel us: “just be sure to keep your nose above the water line!”

Once Jesus stretched out his hand and caught Peter, he said to him “O you of little faith, why did you doubt?” Jesus desires us to face our fears with faith, faith in him which overcomes our doubts.

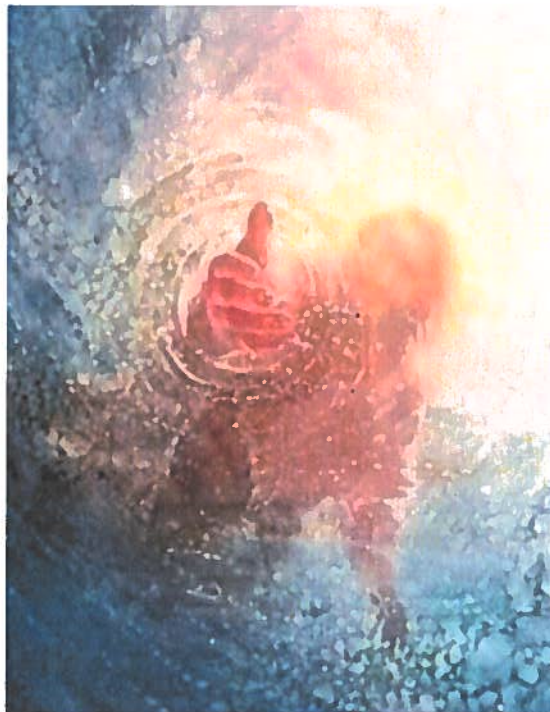
There’s another image I want to share with you – from the perspective of Peter who, looking up from under the water, vaguely sees the figure of Jesus, and a strong hand and arm plunged into the water ready to pull him up! Jesus questioned Peter’s faith, but he saved him. In the midst of all the storms raging around us, we need to ask ourselves whether we are concentrating on how strong the winds are, whether our attention is

turned to being frightened by all that is around us, or whether we’re keeping eyes fixed on Christ, seeing his strong hand and arm plunged through the wind swept waters ready to pull us up, and whether we’re reaching out to him with confidence. We can face fear with faith, or with doubt. Together, let’s face our fears with faith.

These days, don’t focus on the storms but on Christ Jesus, and with deep faith hear him say: “Take courage, it is I, do not be afraid.”

*+ Daniel E. Thomas*

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas  
Bishop of Toledo  
September 8, 2020



## CONSCIENCE AND THE CATHOLIC VOTER – 2<sup>ND</sup> OF 8

“In the Catholic tradition, responsible citizenship is a virtue,  
and participation in political life is a moral obligation.”  
- *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, 13

Since participation in political life is a moral obligation, Catholics need to form their conscience with the mind and heart of the Church on issues of consequence. This outline is the second of eight, which will examine important moral and political issues. This second outline will provide an overview of the issue of abortion.

### Abortion

Every single human life is valuable and possesses a dignity beyond our imagination. As 4th century Church Father St. Gregory of Nyssa wrote:

*God did not make the heavens in his image, nor the moon, the sun, the beauty of the stars, nor anything else which you can see... You alone are made in the image and likeness of that nature which surpasses all understanding... Nothing in all creation can equal your grandeur.* (Kyriaki FitzGerald, *Persons in Communion*, p. 72)

This is why the Church has unequivocally taught that abortion is an intrinsic evil, which must be opposed. It violates the sixth commandment of ‘thou shalt not kill’ as it destroys an innocent human life. No circumstance warrants any person, let alone a mother of a child, to end the life of another human person. This is why Archbishop Jose Gomez, President of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) once remarked,

*Abortion is not a “Catholic” issue. It is a matter of fundamental human rights. In fact, I believe it is the foundational issue of our time. Because it is so important, the church has spoken clearly about it and believes it is an essential aspect of the Catholic faith.* (Today's Catholic, Newspaper of the Archdiocese of San Antonio, 10 October 2008)

Because the opposition to abortion is an essential aspect of the Catholic faith, Catholics cannot support politicians who advocate for abortion or ‘abortion rights.’ While this does not mean Catholics should only care about the abortion issue, it does mean Catholics cannot excuse or dismiss this grave error in judgment concerning politicians political positioning on this issue. As the USCCB has written:

*Any politics of human dignity must seriously address issues of racism, poverty, hunger, employment, education, housing, and health care ... But being ‘right’ in such matters can never excuse a wrong choice regarding direct attacks on innocent human life. Indeed, the failure to protect and defend life in its most vulnerable stages renders suspect any claims to the ‘rightness’ of positions in other matters affecting the poorest and least powerful of the human community. If we understand the human person as the ‘temple of the Holy Spirit’ — the living house of God — then these latter issues fall logically into place as the crossbeams and walls of that house. All direct attacks on innocent human life, such as abortion and euthanasia, strike at the house’s foundation. These directly and immediately violate the human person’s most fundamental right — the right to life. Neglect of these issues is the equivalent of building our house on sand. Such attacks cannot help but lull the social conscience in ways ultimately destructive of other human rights.* (1998 Pastoral Letter of the USCCB, *Living the Gospel of Life*, 22)

In summation, abortion is not just one issue among many. It is the human rights issue of our time and the preeminent issue of life and importance in this election. As Catholics, it is our duty to protect the most fundamental right of the human person: the right to life. The intentional destruction of innocent human life is intrinsically evil. It must always be opposed.

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.awakencatholic.org/election](http://www.awakencatholic.org/election). Read the party platforms: Democratic Party, <https://bit.ly/3hrosqq>; Republican Party, <https://bit.ly/3hqWV8D> (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

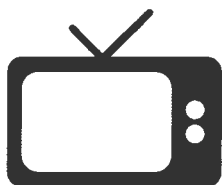


**Pray**

### **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



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**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. Thank you!



***Thank you Darla Studer  
for offering your beautiful gladiolus for an  
arrangement in front of the lectern last  
weekend.***

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### **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.



### **REFIT® Schedule Update:**

Free REFIT® exercise classes are offered in the Hall on : Mondays @6pm  
Thursdays @6pm  
Saturdays @9am

Join certified REFIT® Instructors Laura Beeson and Lauren Vogt for no-pressure high-fun exercise! Everybody is welcome!