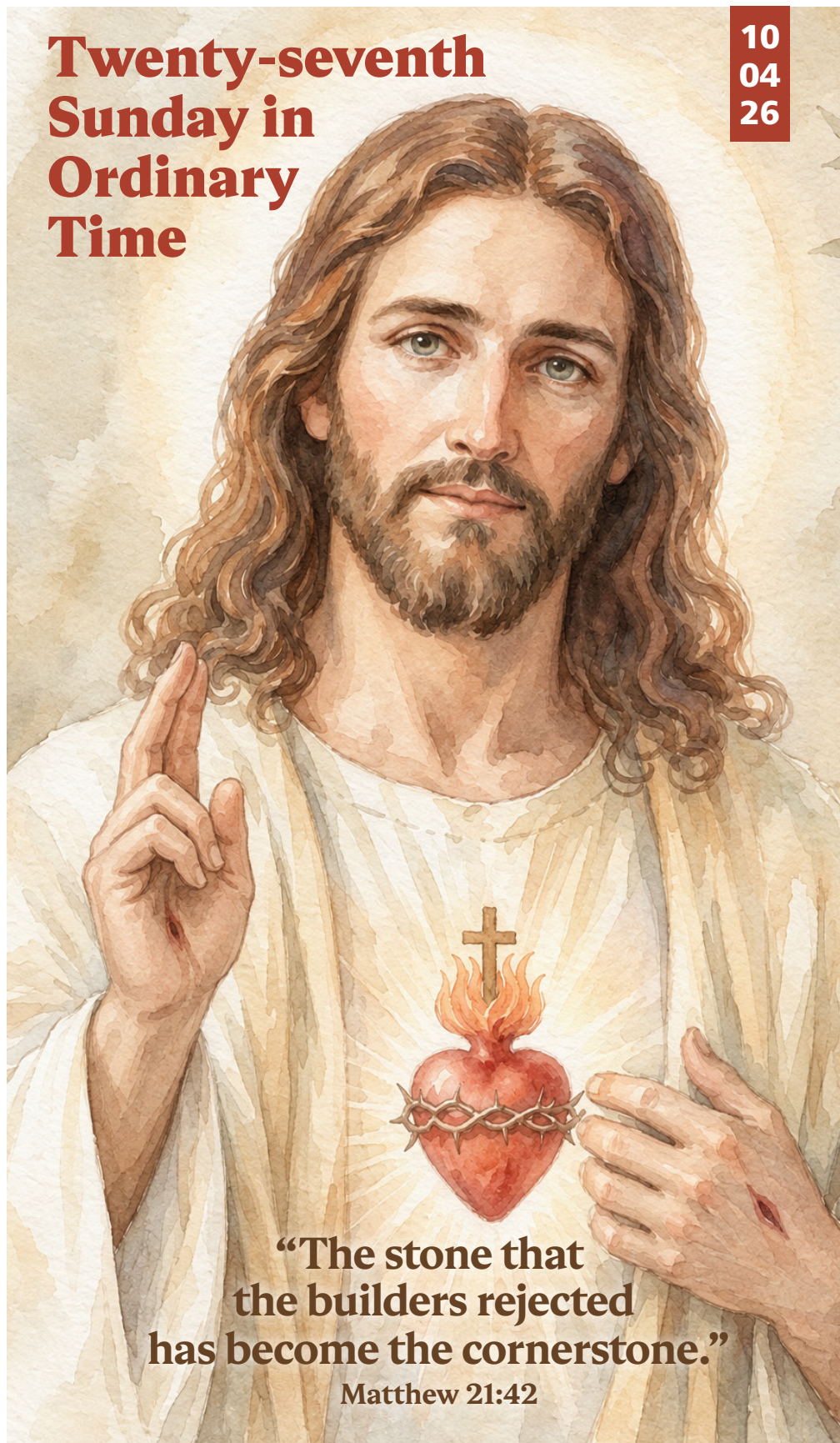


Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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“The stone that
the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.”

Matthew 21:42

OCTOBER IS: Marian Month

dedicated to praying the Rosary.

Respect Life Month

Mary, Mother of Life, pray for us!



THIS SUNDAY:

St. Francis of Assisi

Traditional Feast Day +

Drive-Thru Animal Blessing

1-2 PM: Stay in the car with your pet.

(School car-line Animal Blessing is Monday,
October 5 at 3 PM during student pickup.)

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Join us after Sunday, 8:45 & 10:45 AM

Masses in the Davidson Rooms.

Holy Mass*

SAT. VIGIL 5:30 PM

SUNDAY 7:15 AM,

8:45 & 10:45 AM,

5:30 PM

Daily Mass*

MON. 6:30 & 8 AM, 5:30 PM

TUE./ THU./ FRI. 6:30 & 8 AM

WED. 6:30 AM, 5:30 PM

SAT. 8 AM

Reconciliation*

WED. 6-7 PM (during Adoration)

SAT. After 8 AM Mass

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calling the parish office.

**Regular Mass
and Confession
times may
change. Find
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- Sunday, 10:45 AM
- Mon./Wed., 5:30 PM
- Tue./Thu./Fri./Sat., 8 AM

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From Our Pastor

ON THIS TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, in today's Gospel from Matthew (21:33-43), Jesus shares the powerful *Parable of the Wicked Tenants*. A landowner leases his vineyard to tenants who refuse to give him his share of the harvest, going so far as to mistreat and kill his servants, and eventually, his own son. Jesus uses this parable to illustrate how the religious leaders of the time rejected God's prophets and were about to reject Him. He challenges them by asking, "*Did you never read in the Scriptures: The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; by the Lord has this been done, and it is wonderful in our eyes*"? First, let's get a quick understanding of the definition and use of the word "cornerstone." In ancient

construction, the cornerstone was the very first stone laid, serving as the essential anchor for the entire structure. It had to be perfectly square and level, because every other stone in the building was aligned, leveled, and measured against it; if the cornerstone was off, the entire building would collapse. By applying this term to Jesus, the Scriptures reveal that He is the indispensable foundation of His Church and of our very lives as His disciples. What the world dismissed as worthless, God made the source of our salvation. As tenants in the Lord's vineyard, we are called to produce good fruit by aligning our lives with this ultimate cornerstone in how we live, pray, and treat the most vulnerable among us. As we build our lives upon Christ our cornerstone and strive to yield a rich harvest for His kingdom, we enter the beautiful month of October, which brings several profound opportunities to do just that. **Here are the key highlights and observances for this month:**

- **Respect Life Month:** October is a dedicated time for us to recognize and cherish the sacredness of God's creation. As disciples of Christ, we are called to respect all human life in all stages and ages of life, from the moment of conception to natural death. We must stand as an advocate for the voiceless, for the vulnerable, and witness to the dignity of every person. To help us reflect on this vital mission, please look at the first installment of a four-part series of articles focusing on Respect Life issues, which begins in this week's bulletin.
- **Month of the Holy Rosary:** October, when we celebrate the **Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary (October 7)**, invites us to embrace the Rosary as an exceptionally effective instrument for personal renewal, communal unity, and global peace. In 1917, Our Lady entrusted this heavenly remedy not to worldly leaders, but to three humble shepherd children tending their flock in Fátima, Portugal: Lúcia dos Santos (age 10) and her young cousins, Saint Francisco Marto (age 9) and Saint Jacinta Marto (age 7). Despite intense public skepticism and anti-Catholic and anti-clerical political pressure, these humble children became instruments of immense spiritual good and conversion by relaying Mary's urgent plea. During her first apparition on May 13, Our Lady gave them a clear directive: "*Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war.*" She reiterated this counsel on July 13, warning of future strife and promising: "*If what I say to you is done, many souls will be saved and there will be peace.*" This direct link between daily prayer and global well-being is echoed by Pope Saint John Paul II in his Apostolic Letter, *Rosarium Virginis Mariae*: "*The Rosary is by its nature a prayer for peace... One cannot recite the Rosary without feeling caught up in a clear commitment to advancing peace.*" And when we find ourselves in times of human fear and anxiety, Saint Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) provides us with sage advice: "*In times of darkness, holding the Rosary is like holding your Blessed Mother's hand. Pray the Rosary every day. Abandon yourself in the hands of Mary. She will take care of you.*" Let us also remember the words of our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV: "*The Rosary is one of the most powerful devotions entrusted to us by Our Lady, and in these turbulent times, it remains a sure path to peace, conversion, and deeper love of Christ.*" When we pray the Rosary, we produce the greatest spiritual dividends – fostering interior tranquility, safeguarding our families, and lifting up the vulnerable across the globe. To help cultivate this practice, I am including a "**Scriptural Rosary**" in this and each of the next three bulletins. By weaving brief scriptural passages between the Hail Marys, this approach helps us pray the mysteries of the Rosary in a deeply contemplative, more fruitful manner, reflecting on the life of Christ. **For "all things Rosary" visit www.rosarycenter.org**
- **October 4 + Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi and Blessing of Animals:** Today, October 4, is the traditional Feast of one of the most popular saints in the Catholic Church – Saint Francis of Assisi. Because today is the Lord's Day, our Sunday Liturgy takes precedence over the celebration of his Feast. However, we will still honor Saint Francis' love for creation with our traditional **Blessing of Animals today, 1-2 PM, and on Monday, October 5 as parents wait patiently in line to pick up their children after school (3 PM)**. Leading up to today, it was brought to my attention that it has been difficult for people to attend previous Blessing of Animals due to the location of the grotto, steps, and limited parking near the grotto. This year, we are hosting a convenient "drive-thru" blessing. You can remain in the comfort of your car, lining up in front of the Church and hugging the curb in front of the Parish Offices and Portico. Just roll down your window and we will bless your animals in your car.

May this wonderful Month of October be a time of deep renewal, prayer, and community for all of us. Let us keep one another in prayer as we look to the Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Mother, and the saints for guidance. God bless, folks!

Fr. Mike

Fr. Michael Lumpe, Pastor

October: A Marian Month Dedicated to the Rosary

PRAYING THE HAIL MARY LIKE NEVER BEFORE

Article by Dr. Edward P. Sri, courtesy of the Catholic Education Resource Center

When asked by our Protestant friends why Catholics worship Mary, we may quickly reply, “We don’t worship her; we honor her.” When asked why we pray to Mary, we might respond, “We don’t pray to her; we ask her to pray for us.”

Such “Apologetics 101” moves may express certain truths about Marian devotion and can be very helpful in initial conversations with our non-Catholic brethren. However, if we stop there, we may fail to communicate the full splendor of God’s revelation about our Blessed Mother and the beautiful role she plays in our lives.

That was precisely my experience with the Hail Mary.

For many years, whenever I was asked about why Catholics pray the Hail Mary, I explained that it was a prayer in which we ask the mother of Jesus to pray for us. Since Mary is so close to her Son in heaven, she serves as an ideal intercessor whose prayers bring us closer to Jesus. And we seek Mary’s intercession just like we ask each other here on earth for prayers, so it should be okay for a Christian to pray the Hail Mary, asking her to “pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.”

While all this is true, it’s not the approach Pope Saint John Paul II took when explaining the Hail Mary in his apostolic letter *Rosarium Virginis Mariae* (RVM). For Pope Saint John Paul II, the Hail Mary was not just an intercessory prayer that is permissible for Christians to recite; it’s actually a Christ-centered prayer that gives Jesus great praise. If we truly love Jesus, we as Christians should want to pray this prayer!

In this short article, we will consider Pope Saint John Paul II’s reflections on the Hail Mary and how they can transform the way we pray this prayer and lead us to deeper intimacy with Jesus each time we recite it.

Put Yourself in Gabriel’s Shoes

First, Pope Saint John Paul II explained that although the Hail Mary is addressed to Our Lady, “it is to Jesus that the act of love is ultimately directed” (RVM, no. 26). When expounding on this prayer, he divides the Hail Mary into two halves. In an amazing statement, Pope Saint John Paul II notes how the words from the first half of the Hail Mary express “the wonder of heaven and earth” over the mystery of Christ in the womb of the Virgin Mary (RVM, no. 33).

Let’s consider what he means about “the wonder of heaven and earth” in the Hail Mary. The first line – “Hail, Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee” – is drawn right from the angel Gabriel’s words to Our Lady in the Annunciation scene (Lk. 1:28). To more fully appreciate the meaning of this opening line in the Hail Mary, imagine what these words meant to the Archangel Gabriel.

Gabriel is an angel who existed long before Mary did. Gabriel has been around a lot longer than the nation of Israel or the entire human family. In fact, Gabriel was there when God first created the world. From the beginning of his existence, Gabriel has been worshipping, adoring, and loving the infinite, almighty God, the Creator: the Blessed Trinity.

And now, this great angel is sent to a little planet in the universe called earth... to a small, insignificant village called Nazareth... to a tiny little creature, a woman named Mary – in order to announce to her that the all-holy, all-powerful God he has been worshipping from the beginning of his existence is about to become a little baby in her womb. In awe over that profound mystery of his eternal God becoming a little embryo in Mary’s womb, Gabriel greets Mary saying, “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you” (Lk. 1:28). Indeed, the Lord has not been with anyone like He is about to be with Mary. In joyful wonder, Gabriel recognizes this, and his words give praise to God for becoming man in her.

Joining Heaven and Earth

Similarly, Elizabeth greets Mary with great honor. The biblical account of the Visitation tells us that Elizabeth was “filled with the Holy Spirit” (Lk. 1:41), which indicates that she was given prophetic insight. Before Mary has a chance to say anything about her own pregnancy, Elizabeth already knows. And she knows Mary is pregnant not with any ordinary child, but with the Lord Himself. In wonder over this mystery of God becoming man in Mary, Elizabeth exclaims, “blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!” like Gabriel, Elizabeth’s words give praise to God for the Incarnation.

Do you realize that every time you recite the Hail Mary, you are repeating these famous words of Gabriel and Elizabeth? And in doing so, you enter into the ecstatic joy of “heaven and earth” over the mystery of Christ: heaven, represented by Gabriel, and earth, represented by Elizabeth. Both come together to praise God for becoming man in Jesus Christ, the child conceived in Mary’s womb. And we join in that praise of God every time we pray the Hail Mary. Indeed, the Hail Mary is truly a Christ-centered prayer!

God’s Own Wonderment

Furthermore, since these words of Gabriel and Elizabeth are from the inspired Word of God in Scripture, they also represent God’s own response to the mystery of the Christ. Hence, whenever we repeat these words in the Hail Mary, we participate in God’s joy over the Incarnation. As Pope Saint John Paul II explains, “These words... could be said to give us a glimpse of God’s own wonderment as he contemplates his ‘masterpiece’ – the Incarnation of the Son in the womb of the Virgin Mary... The repetition of the Hail Mary... gives us a share in God’s own wonder and pleasure: In jubilant amazement we acknowledge the greatest miracle of history” (RVM, no. 33).

The second half of the Hail Mary also is focused on Jesus. Here, we entrust our lives to Mary’s intercession, asking her to “pray for us sinners, now and at the hour of our death.”

As a model disciple of Christ, who said “yes” to God’s will all throughout her life – from the time when Gabriel first appeared to her all the way to the Cross – Mary is the ideal person to be interceding for us through the many trials and struggles we face

in our lives. We ask her to pray for us, so that we may follow God faithfully like she did. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "She prays for us as she prayed for herself: 'Let it be to me according to your word.'" By entrusting ourselves to her prayer, we abandon ourselves to the will of God together with her: "Thy will be done" (no. 2677).

The Language of Love

Finally, we see just how Christ-centered the Hail Mary is when we come to what Pope Saint John Paul II calls "the hinge" of this prayer: the Holy Name of Jesus. Not only is the name of Jesus the hinge that binds the two halves together, but it is truly meant to be the "center of gravity" of the entire Hail Mary.

This should encourage us to examine how we pray the Hail Mary: Is Jesus' name truly "the center of gravity" of our prayer? Do we treat the name of Jesus with extra care and speak His name with love when we recite the Hail Mary?

Pope Saint John Paul II notes how emphasis should be given to the name of Jesus in this prayer. However, if we pray the Hail Mary too quickly, we may not give the proper reverence and loving attention to Jesus' name that we should. "Sometimes, in hurried recitation, this center of gravity can be overlooked" (*RVM*, no. 33). A friend of mine says we should treat the name of Jesus in the Hail Mary like a speed bump – something for which we slow down and pay extra attention when we come to it.

Another analogy might be taken from the language of love. Like a lover tenderly speaking the name of one's beloved, we should speak the name of Jesus in this prayer. Indeed, with each Hail Mary, we should affectionately repeat the name of our bridegroom – "blessed is the fruit of thy womb... Jesus" – so that the Holy Name of Jesus, spoken with tender love, truly becomes the heartbeat of every Hail Mary we pray.



Prayer List

If you would like our parish to pray for loved ones who are **ill at home**, **hospitalized**, or are **active duty military**, fill out our *Bulletin Prayer Request Form* at www.bit.ly/Bulletin-Prayer-List, via the QR code, or call the Parish Office. The list is updated every 3-6 months; if someone you added was deleted but is still ill, please fill out a new prayer request. **If you or a loved one is hospitalized or ill at home and would like a pastoral visit, call 614-876-1272.**



Please Pray for...

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Curt Thayer
Bertha Torok
Ilona Owens
Joseph Rienhard
Dave Boyd
Lisa Lynch
Chris Carrino
Eliott Verrilli
Steve Strait
Tonya Prickett
Bailey Curtis
Andrea Gigliotti
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Dan Severance
Trevor Pfirrmann
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Robbie Hite
Ross McDonald
Maddux Cunningham

...we also pray for all our men and women in service to our country, healthcare workers and first responders.

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Join Inviting Catholics Home Ministry in praying daily for those no longer practicing our Catholic faith.

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SUNDAY 6:30 PM–10 PM

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A Scriptural Rosary

The Glorious Mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary

(Traditionally prayed on Sundays and Wednesdays)

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Apostles' Creed

ALL: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell; on the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

The "Our Father"

Leader: Our Father, Who art in Heaven, Hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in Heaven.

ALL: Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. Amen.

The "Hail Mary"

Leader: Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee, blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

ALL: Holy Mary Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The "Doxology"

Leader: Glory be to the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

ALL: as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The "Fatima Prayer"

ALL: O my Jesus, forgive us our sins, save us from the fires of hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those in most need of Thy mercy.

The First Glorious Mystery + The Resurrection of Jesus Christ, the Son of God

1. "As the first day of the week was dawning, Mary Magdalene and other Mary came to see the tomb" (Mt 28:1).
2. "An angel of the Lord...rolled back the stone and sat upon it" (Mt 28:4).
3. The guards grew paralyzed with fear of the angel and fell down like dead men (Mt. 28:4).
4. Then the angel spoke..."Do not be afraid. I know you are seeking Jesus the crucified. He is not here. He has been raised, just as He said" (Mt 28:5, 6).
5. "Go and tell His disciples and Peter, 'He is going before you to Galilee, there you will see Him, as He told you'" (Mk 16:7).
6. "Simon Peter...went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there" (Jn 20:6).
7. "He appeared first to Mary Magdalene, out of whom he had driven seven demons" (Mk 16:9).
8. Last of all, Jesus appeared to the eleven disciples as they were eating. He rebuked them because they did not have faith and because they were too stubborn to believe those who had seen Him alive. (Mk 16:14).
9. Jesus told them, "Go into the whole world and proclaim the Gospel to every creature." (Mk 16:15).
10. Jesus also said, "Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned" (Mk 16:16).

The Second Glorious Mystery + The Ascension of Jesus into Heaven

1. Before His passion Jesus said to His apostles, "If you ask anything of me for anything in my name, I will do it" (Jn 14:14).
2. Peter professed to Jesus, "Lord, you know everything. You know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep" (Jn 21:17).
3. "The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them" (Mt. 28:16).
4. "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the holy Spirit" (Mt. 28:18, 19).
5. He also said, "Observe all that I have commanded you." And he said, "I am with you always, until the end of the age" (Mt. 28:20).
6. Jesus told them, "everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets, and psalms must be fulfilled" (Lk 24:44).
7. Then Jesus "opened up their minds to understand the scriptures" (Lk 24:45).
8. Jesus said to them: "Thus it is written that the Messiah would suffer and rise from the dead on the third day" (Lk 24:46).
9. After the Lord Jesus had spoken to them, He was taken up into heaven and sat at the right hand of God (Mk 16:19).
10. The disciples "returned to Jerusalem filled with great joy, and were continually in the temple praising God" (Lk 24:52, 53).

The Third Glorious Mystery + The Descent of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost

1. "I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate – to be with you always, the Spirit of truth" (Jn 14:16, 17).
2. The Holy Spirit "... will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you" (Jn 14:26).
3. Jesus said to "wait for the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak"...John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit! (Acts 1:4, 5).
4. "...you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be witnesses to me in Jerusalem, throughout all Judea...and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8).
5. When the day of Pentecost arrived, all the believers were gathered together in one place (Acts 2:1).
6. Suddenly, there was a noise from the sky which sounded like a strong wind blowing (Acts 2:2).
7. Tongues as of fire appeared, which parted and came to rest on each of them (Acts 2:3).
8. All were filled with the Holy Spirit. They began to express themselves in foreign tongues (Acts 2:4).
9. "Now there were devout Jews from every nation...At this sound...they were confused because each one heard them speaking his own language" (Acts 2:5, 6).
10. Many of them believed and were baptized; about three thousand people were added to the group that day (Acts 2:41).

The Fourth Glorious Mystery + The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven

1. "Arise, my beloved, my delightful one, and come" (Song 2:10).
2. "For see, winter is past, the rains are over and gone" (Song 2:11).
3. "Let me see you, let me hear your voice, for you are lovely" (Song 2:14).
4. "God's temple in heaven was opened. The Ark of his covenant could be seen" (Rev. 11:19).
5. "A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun..." (Rev. 12:1).
6. "...with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars" (Rev. 12:1).
7. With jewels set in gold, and dressed brocades, the king's daughter is led in to the king (Ps. 45:13-14).
8. "Blessed are you daughter, by the Most High God, above all the women on earth" (Judith 13:18).
9. "Your hope will never depart from the hearts of men, as they remember the power of God" (Judith 13:19, RSV).
10. "You are the glory of Jerusalem, the surpassing joy of Israel! You are the splendid boast of our people" (Judith 15:9).

The Fifth Glorious Mystery + The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary as Queen of Heaven and Earth

1. "Who is this that comes forth like the dawn, as beautiful as the moon, resplendent as the sun?" (Song 6:10).
2. "Like the rainbow appearing in the cloudy sky...like blossoms in the springtime" (Sirach 50:7-8).
3. "I am a flower of Sharon, I am a lily of the valley" (Song 2:1).
4. "In the highest heavens did I dwell, my throne on a pillar of cloud, and for eternity I shall remain" (Sirach 24:4).
5. "Come to me, all that yearn for me, and be filled with my fruits" (Sirach 24:18).
6. "You will remember me as sweeter than honey" (Sirach 24:19).
7. And now, my children, listen to me; listen to instructions and learn to be wise (Prov. 8:33).
8. "Happy the man who obeys me...watching daily at my gates" (Prov. 8:33-34).
9. For he who finds me finds life, and wins favor from the Lord (Prov. 8:35).
10. Hail, Queen of Mercy, pray for us!

Concluding the Rosary:

ALL: HAIL, HOLY QUEEN, Mother of Mercy, our life, our sweetness and our hope! To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve; to thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us, and after this our exile, show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary!

ALL: Pray for us, O Holy Mother of God. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

ALL: Let us pray. O God, whose only begotten Son, by His life, death, and resurrection, has purchased for us the rewards of eternal life, grant, we beseech Thee, that meditating upon these mysteries of the Most Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary, we may imitate what they contain and obtain what they promise, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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October: Respect Life Month

A Culture of Life: Recognizing & Supporting the Dignity of Every Human Person

PART ONE IN A FOUR-PART SERIES FOR RESPECT LIFE MONTH

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Each October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. It is a special time for parishes, families, and individuals to contemplate more deeply a foundational truth of our Catholic faith: every human life is created in the image and likeness of God and possesses an inherent dignity that no government, ideology, or personal choice can erase. From the hidden beginnings of a child in the womb to the final breaths of an elderly person, life is a sacred gift to be protected, cherished, celebrated and loved.

Yet our contemporary society also presents a sobering challenge. We live amid what Pope Saint John Paul II prophetically termed a “culture of death” – a world in which human worth can be measured by productivity, convenience, physical capability, or political expedience (*Evangelium Vitae*, 12). The Church’s concern for life is broader than any single political cause. As *Dignitas Infinita* teaches, the dignity of every person remains “beyond all circumstances,” calling Catholics to resist abortion and euthanasia while also confronting many other issues compromising the dignity of human persons and the lives given them by God (DI, 1). Pope Francis reminded the global community, “Every child who is unborn, but is condemned unjustly to being aborted, bears the face of Jesus Christ, who before being born, and then as soon as he was born, experienced the rejection of the world” (*Pope Francis, Address to the International Federation of Catholic Medical Associations, September 20, 2013*). This series invites us to renew our conscience, consider several urgent challenges to human dignity, and respond through prayer, education, compassionate service, and faithful witness.

THEOLOGICAL & BIBLICAL FOUNDATION OF LIFE

The Divine Act of Creation

At the heart of the Catholic defense of human dignity is a profound theological truth: life is an intentional gift of God’s divine love. Scripture reveals God as the Author of life, declaring in Genesis 1:27 that “God created mankind in his image; in the image of God he created them.” This *Imago Dei* means that every human being reflects the Creator and therefore possesses an intrinsic, sacred dignity. The prophets echo this intimate truth; in Jeremiah 1:5, the Lord proclaims, “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you.” The Psalmist likewise sings of God’s loving craftsmanship in Psalm 139:13-14: “You formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother’s womb... wonderfully made are your works.” Saint Paul reminds us of our divine design in Acts 17:25, noting that it is God “who gives to everyone life and breath and everything.” This foundational act of creation means that no person is an accident. As Pope Benedict XVI beautifully stated in his 2005 Inaugural Homily, “Each of us is the result of a thought of God. Each of us is willed, each of us is loved, each of us is necessary.”

The Sanctity and Fullness of Life

Because humanity is divinely authored, human life possesses an absolute sanctity from its very beginning to its natural end. In the New Testament, Jesus reveals the fullness of life he desires for us: “I came so that they might have life and have it more abundantly” (John 10:10). Through the Incarnation, Christ embraced human flesh and affirmed the dignity of the whole human person. This abundant, sacred life is meant to reflect the Divine, as Saint Irenaeus famously wrote, “The glory of God is man fully alive; and the life of man is the vision of God.” Because the Holy Spirit dwells within us, our very bodies participate in this sanctity; Saint Paul challenges believers in 1 Corinthians 3:16, asking, “Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells in you?” Protecting this sacred reality requires active defense. Pope Francis affirmed this in a 2019 address, stating, “Human life is sacred and inviolable. Every medical intervention or treatment must be at the service of life, from conception to its natural end.” Saint Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa) captured this call to celebrate and protect life’s sanctity, exhorting us: “Life is an opportunity, benefit from it. Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realize it.”

Our Stewardship and Moral Choice

Because life belongs to God, we receive it gratefully and care for it as faithful stewards rather than absolute masters. God does not grant us ownership over life, but rather entrusts it to our care. As Pope Saint John Paul II explained in *Evangelium Vitae* (52), “Man’s life comes from God; it is his gift, his image and imprint, a sharing in his breath of life. God therefore is the sole Lord of this life: man cannot do with it as he wills.” This stewardship requires a conscious, moral choice to protect and nurture life in all its forms. In Deuteronomy 30:19, God places this ultimate choice before humanity: “I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life, then, that you and your descendants may live.” Embracing this choice means actively cooperating with God’s design for the propagation and protection of humanity. Saint Gianna Beretta Molla highlighted this active moral responsibility, writing, “Every vocation is a vocation to motherhood: physical, spiritual, moral motherhood, because God has put in us the instinct of life.”

When human laws or societal pressures conflict with this divine duty, the Catholic tradition draws ultimate boundaries based on apostolic courage. In Acts 5:29, Peter and the apostles boldly declare, “We must obey God rather than men.” This truth forms the bedrock of Christian conscientious objection and moral duty. This foundational principle is heavily reinforced by modern papal teaching. In *Evangelium Vitae* (72-73), Pope St. John Paul II explicitly

connects Acts 5:29 to civil law, declaring that laws which authorize abortion or euthanasia completely lack authentic juridical validity. He wrote that such statutes cease to be true laws and instead become an "unjust commandment," which a well-formed conscience must refuse to obey. This echoes Pope Saint Paul VI's landmark encyclical *Humanae Vitae* (*On Human Life*), specifically *Humanae Vitae* Paragraph 4 which emphasizes that the Church's moral teachings are rooted in the natural law – a universal truth accessible to human reason that binds all people, regardless of shifting human legislation.

At the heart of navigating this tension between earthly laws and divine mandates is the authentic exercise of free will. In contemporary culture, freedom is often misconstrued as "autonomy" – the radical license to do whatever one desires, independent of objective truth. However, Catholic theology teaches that true free will is not the power to define our own reality, but rather the capacity to freely choose what is right and true and good in the eyes of God. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "The more one does what is good, the freer one becomes. There is no true freedom except in the service of what is good and just" (CCC 1733). God gave humanity free will so that we might consciously align our hearts with His divine love, rather than act in rebellion against Him.

Exercising freedom in this way requires the formation of a correct conscience. Conscience is not a subjective feeling or a mechanism for self-justification; it is "man's most secret core and his sanctuary" (*Gaudium et Spes*, 16) where he echoes the voice of God. The *Catechism* reminds us that "conscience must be informed and moral judgment enlightened" through the education of the word of God, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the authoritative guidance of the Church's Magisterium (CCC 1783, 1785). When a conscience is properly formed, it recognizes that the "human person has a right to act in conscience and in freedom so as personally to make moral decisions" (CCC 1782). By anchoring our conscience in the Divine Law rather than human opinion, trends and popular fads, our free will ceases to be a tool for self-assertion and becomes instead a powerful instrument for protecting the sacredness of God's creation.

A Call to Radiant Witness

Ultimately, the theological and biblical defense of life demands more than passive assent; it requires an active, joyful, and radiant witness to the truth. When we anchor our free will in God's law and cultivate a well-formed conscience, we transform our stewardship from a legalistic obligation into a living testament of divine love. Faced with a modern "culture of death," the Church's unchanging message remains a beacon of hope and an urgent summons. By choosing life, honoring our bodies as temples of the Holy Spirit, and boldly prioritizing God's eternal laws over fleeting human decrees, we participate in Christ's own mission to bring abundant life to the world. We are called to look upon every human person with the eyes of the Creator – recognizing that each life is necessary, beautifully made, and destined for an eternity of love.

PROPHETIC WARNINGS: HUMANAЕ VITAE

To understand some of the currents shaping our society, it is helpful to return to an important moment in modern Catholic teaching. In 1968, Pope Saint Paul VI issued his landmark encyclical, *Humanae Vitae* (*On Human Life*). Many Catholics regard Paul VI's warnings as prophetic because he foresaw serious consequences when society separates the unitive and procreative meanings of the marital act through widespread artificial contraception.

He warned that this separation could contribute to a lowering of moral standards, an increase in marital infidelity, and a decline in respect for women, who might be reduced to instruments of selfish pleasure (*Humanae Vitae*, 17). He also cautioned that governments could use these technologies coercively to control human populations. In the decades since, Catholic thinkers have used the phrase "contraceptive mentality" to describe an outlook that approaches fertility and new life chiefly as problems to be controlled. Such an outlook can foster a wider culture in which dependence is feared and those who are weak, sick, or vulnerable are regarded as burdens rather than welcomed as gifts.

CHALLENGES OF OUR TIME: FOUR KEY ISSUES

1. The Tragedy of Abortion and the Call to Witness

Abortion remains one of the most urgent challenges to a culture of life. Despite significant legal shifts in recent years, its wounds continue to touch children, mothers, fathers, and families, calling forth an even greater response of prayer, pastoral care, material support, and public witness. Catholics and people of other faiths embodied that response on Friday, October 2, when people of faith gathered for the Mass for Life at 9:00 a.m. at Saint Joseph Cathedral in downtown Columbus. Events at the Ohio Statehouse followed, with a concert at 10 AM, a rally at 1 AM, and the Ohio March for Life at Noon. Together, these events provided an opportunity to show that the Church desires to be a sanctuary of hope for the unborn child, the expectant mother, and every family in need, while advocating for laws shaped by justice and compassion, and the sacred dignity of every human life.

2. Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide: Compassion and the Dignity of Life

Questions surrounding euthanasia and assisted suicide often arise amid illness, disability, pain, or fear, when individuals and families are especially vulnerable. The desire to relieve suffering can be sincere, yet the Church teaches that compassion must never mean intentionally ending a human life. True compassion means "suffering with" another person: relieving pain, refusing abandonment, offering competent palliative care, and remaining present with love. As the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states, "Whatever its motives and means, direct euthanasia consists in putting an end to the lives of handicapped, sick, or dying persons. It is morally unacceptable" (CCC 2277).

Developments in several countries raise serious questions about how societies protect those who cannot speak for themselves. As reported by CBC News, the Quebec College of Physicians, the province's medical regulatory body, urged a parliamentary committee to consider expanding Medical Assistance in Dying (MAID) protocols to include infants under one year old born with severe health conditions. Whatever compassionate motives may be offered, the inability of an infant to consent calls for especially careful moral reflection and steadfast protection of vulnerable life.

In Europe, the Dutch Health Ministry confirmed the first case under the country's broadened regulations involving a child older than infancy but younger than twelve. As detailed by The Catholic Herald, the child, who was nearly two years old, died by euthanasia after independent physicians had initially questioned whether reasonable medical alternatives remained. The case invites sober reflection on how compassion, palliative care, consent, and the protection of children should guide medical and public policy.

Closer to home, the legal landscape of assisted suicide continues to change. New York's Medical Aid in Dying law took effect on August 5, 2026, allowing eligible terminally ill adult residents with less than six months to live to request lethal medication that they must self-administer. Oregon has also removed the residency requirement from its Death with Dignity Act. These developments raise serious concerns about whether legal safeguards will continue to protect people who are ill, disabled, dependent, or unable to speak for themselves. Our response must be more than political opposition. Catholics are called to support hospice and palliative care, accompany patients and caregivers, address loneliness and untreated pain, and assure every person that his or her life remains a gift. No one approaching death should feel abandoned or believe that he or she is some form of burden – financial, emotional, or otherwise.

3. Capital Punishment

Our commitment to the sanctity of life also asks us to consider capital punishment with honesty and humility. In continuity with the development of Catholic social teaching, the Church teaches that the death penalty is inadmissible in the modern era. Justice requires accountability, concern for victims, and protection of the public; at the same time, modern penal systems can safeguard society without taking the life of the offender. Refraining from execution also leaves room for repentance, conversion, and redemption. As the *Catechism* states, the death penalty is "inadmissible because it is an attack on the inviolability and dignity of the person" (CCC 2267). A culture of life affirms that even those who have committed grave crimes never lose their God-given dignity.

4. Care for the Aged and Infirm

Finally, a comprehensive respect for life must be visible in the way we honor and accompany older adults and people living with serious illness, especially those who need specialized care. In a world that is highly connected yet often marked by loneliness, older persons can be overlooked or isolated. The Church is called to recognize them not as remnants of the past, but as beloved members of the Body of Christ whose presence, wisdom, and prayer enrich us all.

Eldercare is not merely a medical or logistical concern; it is a moral and spiritual responsibility shared by families, parishes, caregivers, and the wider community. The *Catechism* teaches that adult children "must as much as they can give them material and moral support in old age and in times of illness, loneliness, or distress" (CCC 2218). Older persons carry memories, wisdom, and faith that enrich the whole Church. Respecting them means seeking dignified care, offering regular companionship, supporting family caregivers, and ensuring that those in nursing and senior care facilities remain connected to the sacramental and communal life of the parish. Such care answers the isolation and fear that can make assisted suicide appear attractive to some.

All of us in our parish can begin with four simple commitments: accompany pregnant and parenting families with friendship and practical help; learn how hospice, palliative care, and Catholic moral teaching can guide difficult medical decisions; pray for victims of violence, those awaiting execution, and those responsible for grave harm; and remain close to older adults, caregivers, and people who are isolated. These commitments

can take shape in many ways, including regular one-on-one personal visits and phone calls, transportation and meal support, prayer intentions, educational meetings, and partnerships with trustworthy local ministries. The goal is not merely to speak about a culture of life, but to become a community in which every person can encounter the mercy of Christ. Look for informational meeting events to come in our parish.

As we begin our journey through Respect Life Month, let us ask the Lord to make us faithful witnesses to the dignity of every person. We build a culture of life not only through public advocacy, but also through ordinary acts of compassionate care and love: praying for a mother or father in need; supporting a family facing a difficult diagnosis or prognosis; visiting and supporting those who are ill, infirm or alone; accompanying a prisoner; assisting caregivers; or listening patiently and compassionately to an older person. At the altar of Saint Joseph Cathedral, on the streets of downtown Columbus, and in our own parish community and homes, Christ gives us the grace to welcome every life as a wonderful, beautiful and sacred gift. In the articles that follow, we will examine these areas more deeply and offer theological insight and practical ways to bear courageous, compassionate witness in the Church and in the public square.



PRAYER VIGIL, OCTOBER 14 – Our parish is participating in the **40 Days for Life** campaign of bringing continuous prayer to abortion clinics across the nation to promote life. St. Brendan Parish has adopted October 14, 8 AM-2 PM to pray at Planned Parenthood (3255 East Main St., Columbus). At least two volunteers are needed to pray at the clinic each hour. Accept a "need" at <https://tinyurl.com/stb-needs> to sign up and for questions, email Tim at tireno04@gmail.com

RESPECT LIFE NOVENA, OCTOBER 22-30 – Join in praying together with thousands of Catholics across the country for the protection of human life from conception to natural death and sign up for daily prayers at www.respectlife.org

Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

“What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?” +Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)

The Month of October – a Marian Month – is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary

“Lord Jesus, over the centuries you’ve inspired your Church to give the Faithful the doctrine of the Holy Rosary as the foundation for devotion to the Rosary. Help us, in our own lives, to show the progress of our understanding of the mysteries of the Rosary, and becoming more devoted every day to your Mother, so that by our growing knowledge of her and of experiencing her help we might be in our lives channels of grace to everyone whose life we touch because it [is] through your Mother, dear Savior, that we hope to reach that destiny for which we were made. Amen.” ~PRAYER OF FATHER JOHN HARDON, S.J.

Monday, October 5 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Faustina Kowalska, Virgin

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:25-37 There was a scholar of the law who stood up to test Jesus and said, “Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “What is written in the law? How do you read it?” He said in reply, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.” He replied to him, “You have answered correctly; do this and you will live.”

But because he wished to justify himself, he said to Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” Jesus replied, “A man fell victim to robbers as he went down from Jerusalem to Jericho. They stripped and beat him and went off leaving him half-dead. A priest happened to be going down that road, but when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. Likewise a Levite came to the place, and when he saw him, he passed by on the opposite side. But a Samaritan traveler who came upon him was moved with compassion at the sight. He approached the victim, poured oil and wine over his wounds and bandaged them. Then he lifted him up on his own animal, took him to an inn, and cared for him. The next day he took out two silver coins and gave them to the innkeeper with the instruction, ‘Take care of him. If you spend more than what I have given you, I shall repay you on my way back.’ Which of these three, in your opinion, was neighbor to the robbers’ victim?” He answered, “The one who treated him with mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

Meditation: When personal tragedy strikes, or when there is a great human calamity, people will often ask “If God is all-loving and compassionate, then why is there so much suffering and evil in this world?” Jesus’ parable about a highway robbery gives us a helpful hint. Jesus told this dramatic story in response to a devout Jew who wanted to understand how to apply God’s great commandment of love to his everyday life circumstances. In so many words this religious-minded Jewish person said: “I want to love God as best as I can and I want to love my neighbor as well. But how do I know that I am fulfilling my duty to love my neighbor as myself?” Jesus must have smiled when he heard this man challenge him to explain one’s duty towards their neighbor. For the Jewish believer the law of love was plain and simple: “treat your neighbor as you would treat yourself.” The real issue for this believer was the correct definition of who is “my neighbor.” He understood “neighbor” to mean one’s fellow Jew who belonged to the same covenant which God made with the people of Israel. Up to a certain point, Jesus agreed with this sincere expert but, at the same time, he challenged him to see that God’s view of neighbor went far beyond his narrow definition.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What does Jesus’ story tell us about true love for one’s neighbor? First, we must be willing to help even if others brought trouble on themselves through their own fault or negligence. Second,

our love and concern to help others in need must be practical. Good intentions and showing pity, or empathizing with others, are not enough. And lastly, our love for others must be as wide and as inclusive as God's love. God excludes no one from his care and concern. God's love is unconditional. So we must be ready to do good to others for their sake, just as God is good to us. Jesus not only taught God's way of love, but he showed how far God was willing to go to share in our suffering and to restore us to wholeness of life and happiness. Jesus overcame sin, suffering, and death through his victory on the cross. His death brought us freedom from slavery to sin and the promise of everlasting life with God. He willingly shared in our suffering to bring us to the source of true healing and freedom from sin and oppression.

Tuesday, October 6 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Bruno, Priest, Founder of the Carthusian Order;
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

Holy Gospel: John 1:47-51 Jesus entered a village where a woman whose name was Martha welcomed him. She had a sister named Mary who sat beside the Lord at his feet listening to him speak. Martha, burdened with much serving, came to him and said, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me by myself to do the serving? Tell her to help me." The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part and it will not be taken from her."

Meditation: Jesus enjoyed visiting the home of Martha and Mary as they were gracious and hospitable. But notice in this brief encounter we see two very different temperaments in Martha and Mary. Martha loved to serve, but in her anxious manner of waiting on Jesus, she caused unrest. Mary, in her simple and trusting manner, waited on Jesus by sitting attentively at his feet. She instinctively knew that what Jesus the Lord most wanted at that moment was her attentive presence. Who are we more like – Martha or Mary? When in prayer in church or at home or work does anxiety and preoccupation keep us from listening and from giving the Lord our undivided attention. What about that mobile phone that seems to be glued to our hand, waiting for the next text message from someone, rather than turning it off so we can focus totally on our prayer conversation with Jesus? Folks, the Lord asks us to give him our concerns and anxieties because he is trustworthy and able to meet any need we have. His grace frees us from needless concerns and preoccupation. Do you seek the Lord fully and attentively? Do you welcome him?

Prayer ~ Saint Bruno: O God, who called Saint Bruno to serve you in solitude, grant, through his intercession, that amid the changes of this world we may constantly look to you alone. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer ~ Blessed Marie Rose Durocher: Lord, who enkindled in the heart of Blessed Marie Rose Durocher the flame of ardent charity and a great desire to cooperate in the mission of the Church as a teacher, grant us that same active love, so that, in responding to the needs of the world today, we may lead our brothers and sisters to the blessedness of eternal life. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: The Lord Jesus desires that we make a place for him, not only in our hearts, but in our homes and in the daily circumstances of our lives as well. We honor the Lord when we offer to him everything we have and everything we do. After all, everything we have is an outright gift from God (1 Chronicles 29:14). Paul the Apostle urges us to give God glory in everything: "Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him" (Colossians 3:17). Practically speaking, do you have a framed image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus hanging noticeably in your home? Do you have crucifixes hanging in various rooms of your home? Is your Bible a ready source of reading in your living room, den, or bedside? When is the last time you had your home blessed? All of these help us remember Jesus by visibly welcoming him into our physical homes (dwellings) – honoring him, remembering him, praying to him, thanking him – and will nourish and strengthen the spiritual home we build in each of us.

Wednesday, October 7 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time
Our Lady of the Rosary

"The Church has always attributed particular efficacy to this prayer, entrusting to the Rosary, to its choral recitation and to its constant practice, the most difficult problems. At times when Christianity itself seemed under threat, its deliverance was attributed to the power of this prayer, and Our Lady of the Rosary was acclaimed as the one whose intercession brought salvation."

+Pope Saint John Paul II, Apostolic Letter ROSARIUM VIRGINIS MARIAE, October 2002, No. 39

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:26-38 In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God to a city of Galilee named Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and considered in her mind what sort of greeting this might be. And the angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High; and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever; and of his kingdom there will be no end." And Mary said to the angel, "How shall this be, since I have no husband?" And the angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be called holy, the Son of God. And behold, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month with her who was called barren. For with God nothing will be impossible." And Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord; let it be to me according to your word." And the angel departed from her.

Meditation: Do you want to live a grace-filled life? Of course you do! The angel Gabriel salutes Mary as "full of grace." To become the mother of the Savior, Mary was enriched by God with gifts to enable her to assume this awesome role. There is a venerable tradition among many Christians, dating back to the early church, for honoring Mary as the spotless virgin who bore the Son of God in her womb. A number of early church fathers link Mary's obedience to this singular grace of God, including Saint Irenaeus who said: "Being obedient she became the cause of salvation for herself and for the whole human race... The knot of Eve's disobedience was untied by Mary's obedience: what the virgin Eve bound through her disbelief, Mary loosened by her faith."

Prayer: Pour forth, we beseech you, O Lord, your grace into our hearts, that we, to whom the Incarnation of Christ your Son was made known by the message of an Angel, may, through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, by his Passion and Cross be brought to the glory of his Resurrection. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

A wonderful "all things Rosary" resource: The Rosary Center ~ www.rosarycenter.org

Contemplation: October is the Month of the Rosary – a time set aside to devote our time and attention to this ancient form of prayer, the devotion to Our Lady, and the Christocentric walk we take with Jesus when praying and meditating on the mysteries and life of Jesus our Savior. By praying the rosary we also implore the aid of our Blessed Mother to help us in the various challenges and struggles each of us face in life, and to help those whom we pray the rosary on their behalf. Recall the words of Saint Paul: "In all things we suffer tribulation, but we are not distressed; we are sore pressed, but we are not destitute; we endure persecution, but we are not forsaken; we are cast down, but we do not perish; always bearing about in our body the dying of Jesus, so that the life also of Jesus may be made manifest in our bodily frame."

Thursday, October 8 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:5-13 Jesus said to his disciples: "Suppose one of you has a friend to whom he goes at midnight and says, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread, for a friend of mine has arrived at my house from a journey and I have nothing to offer him,' and he says in reply from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked and my children and I are already in bed. I cannot get up to give you anything.' I tell you, if he does not get up to give him the loaves because of their friendship, he will get up to give him whatever he needs because of his persistence.

"And I tell you, ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives; and the one who seeks, finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. What father among you would hand his son a snake when he asks for a fish? Or hand him a scorpion when he asks for an egg? If you then, who are wicked, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the Father in heaven give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him?"

Meditation: Jesus used the illustration of a late-night traveler to teach his listeners an important lesson about how God treats us in contrast to the kind of treatment we might expect from good neighbors. The rule of hospitality in biblical times required the cooperation of the entire community in entertaining an unexpected or late-night guest. Whether the guest was hungry or not, a meal would be served. In a small village it would be easy to know who had baked bread that day. Bread was essential for a meal because it served as a utensil for dipping and eating from the common dishes. Asking for bread from one's neighbor was both a common occurrence and an expected favor. To refuse to give bread would bring shame because it was a sign of in-hospitality.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who in the abundance of your kindness surpass the merits and the desires of those who entreat you, pour out your mercy upon us to pardon what conscience dreads and to give what prayer does not dare to ask. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: God will always give us what we need – not what we want, but what we need. There is a difference, obviously, and we should find contentment that God does provide, not the way we want, or according to the time we want, but the way that God wants “it” for us – whatever “it” happens to be.

Friday, October 9 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time **Saint Denis, Bishop and Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs**

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:15-26 When Jesus had driven out a demon, some of the crowd said: “By the power of Beelzebul, the prince of demons, he drives out demons.” Others, to test him, asked him for a sign from heaven. But he knew their thoughts and said to them, “Every kingdom divided against itself will be laid waste and house will fall against house. And if Satan is divided against himself, how will his kingdom stand? For you say that it is by Beelzebul that I drive out demons. If I, then, drive out demons by Beelzebul, by whom do your own people drive them out? Therefore they will be your judges. But if it is by the finger of God that I drive out demons, then the Kingdom of God has come upon you. When a strong man fully armed guards his palace, his possessions are safe. But when one stronger than he attacks and overcomes him, he takes away the armor on which he relied and distributes the spoils. Whoever is not with me is against me, and whoever does not gather with me scatters.

“When an unclean spirit goes out of someone, it roams through arid regions searching for rest but, finding none, it says, ‘I shall return to my home from which I came.’ But upon returning, it finds it swept clean and put in order. Then it goes and brings back seven other spirits more wicked than itself who move in and dwell there, and the last condition of that man is worse than the first.”

Meditation: Evil is not an impersonal force that just happens. It has a name and a face and it seeks to master every heart and soul on the face of the earth (1 Peter 5:8-9). Scripture identifies the Evil One by many names, ‘Satan,’ ‘Beelzebul’ - the ‘prince of demons,’ the ‘Devil,’ the ‘Deceiver,’ the ‘Father of Lies,’ and ‘Lucifer,’ the fallen angel who broke rank with God and established his own army and kingdom in opposition to God. Jesus declared that he came to overthrow the power of Satan and his kingdom (John 12:31). Jesus’ numerous exorcisms brought freedom to many who were troubled and oppressed by the work of evil spirits. Jesus himself encountered personal opposition and battle with Satan when he was put to the test in the wilderness just before his public ministry (Matthew 4:1; Luke 4:1). He overcame the Evil One through his obedience to the will of his Father.

Prayer: O God, who sent Saint Denis and his companions to preach your glory to the nations and strengthened them for their mission with the virtue of constancy in suffering, grant, we pray, that we may imitate them in disdaining prosperity in this world and in being undaunted by any trial. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: When you see evil at work in the world, what kind of protection do you seek for yourself and for others? Jesus came to free us from the greatest danger of all - the corrupting force of evil which destroys us from within and makes us slaves to sin and Satan (John 8:34). Seek Jesus first, foremost and always.

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Litany of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of Life

Mary, Mother of all Life,
help us to respect human life from the moment of conception
to the moment of natural death.

R. Mary, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of Compassion,
you showed us how valuable a single life can be;
help us to guard and protect the lives of all people entrusted to our care.

R. Mary, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the Child Jesus,
with Saint Joseph you formed the Holy Family.
Guard and protect all families in this earthly life.

R. Mary, pray for us.

Mary, Mother Most Holy,
you sanctified the vocation of motherhood;
pour out your heavenly aid on all mothers and help them to be holy.

R. Mary, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of Sorrows,
Simeon's prophecy foretold that a sword of suffering would pierce your heart;
bring comfort and hope to all mothers who suffer over their children.

R. Mary, pray for us.

Mary, Full of Grace,
you had a choice in responding to God's call;
help us always to say "Yes" to the will of God in our lives,
and strive always to do whatever He tells us.

R. Mary, pray for us.

Mary, Comforter of the Afflicted,
gather within your motherly mantle all who are in need of God's healing,
especially those who have been involved in abortion;
help them to experience the love and mercy of Christ, your Son.

R. Mary, pray for us.

Mary, Intercessor and Advocate,
we lift up the poor, the displaced, the marginalized and vulnerable members of society;
help them to never abandon hope, but to place their trust in God who gave them life.

R. Mary, pray for us.

Mary, Mother of the Word Incarnate,
you bore in your womb Him whom the heavens cannot contain;
help us to bear witness to Christ by the example of our lives
and show the world the extravagant love of God.

R. Mary, pray for us.

Closing Prayer:

Remember, O most gracious Virgin Mary, that never was it known that anyone who fled to your protection,
implored your help, or sought your intercession was left unaided. Inspired with this confidence, we fly unto you,
O Virgin of virgins, our Mother. To you we come, before you we stand, sinful and sorrowful.
O Mother of the Word Incarnate, despise not our petitions, but in your mercy hear and answer them. Amen

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Jubilee Year of St. Francis



Saint Francis of Assisi – Setting the Record Straight

Article by Jennifer Gregory Miller courtesy of CatholicCulture.com

October 4 marks the memorial of Saint Francis of Assisi, a feast honoring one of the most popular saints in the Church. It seems that everyone knows about Saint Francis, or at least they claim they know him. This saint has become even more well-known due to our previous Pope taking the name of Francis. For this feast day, may we all ask for the intercession of Saint Francis for the soul of our Holy Father? Then shall we set the record straight on a few areas of St. Francis?

Excuse the rant, but it is continually irksome to see so many aspects, quotes and anecdotes mistakenly attributed to St. Francis. If I were to compile a quick modern (incorrect) composite of Saint Francis, he would be a barefoot, soft-talking, sentimental, free-thinking, anti-church, head-in-the-clouds, tree and animal hugger and social activist. And really, while there might be some outward appearance to give people these ideas, so much of this portrait is very mistaken. I can't address all the areas in this small space, but I did want to correct a few aspects of mistaken identity.

Who really was Saint Francis of Assisi? He was a man who wholeheartedly answered Jesus' call to follow Him. One could strip down his life to three essential elements: loving Jesus above all else, living the Gospel completely, and preaching the Gospel by his words and life.

Literally Living the Gospel

Saint Francis lived the Gospel to the letter. Reading the different versions of the Rule for the Friars Minor, the instructions are all based on the Gospel. Initially the Pope did not approve his Rule because it was too difficult. How could an order not own anything? His first rule from 1209 is lost, but it is thought it simply worked together key teachings from the Gospel as the later rules reflect, such as:

- **Matthew 19:21:** *"If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me."*
- **Matthew 16:24:** *"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."*
- **Luke 14:26:** *"If any one comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple."*
- **Matthew 19:29:** *"And every one who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or lands, for my name's sake, will receive a hundredfold, and inherit eternal life."*
- **Luke 9:62:** *"No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."*

- **Matthew 6:16:** *"And when you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by men. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward."*

People know from experience how it is easier to read the Good News than to put it completely into practice. In worldly eyes, Francis was a radical. Because he lived the Gospel, he was considered crazy. Yes, he was crazy for love of God.

Saint Francis didn't live a soft life. He was demanding of himself and his brothers and lived so austere that we modern people cannot handle one finger's worth of his personal mortifications.

And he certainly wasn't against the Church. He respected the clergy, was obedient to the Church, especially the Pope. If he truly was anti-church, he wouldn't have set up rules and three orders within the Church. He didn't come to abolish the Church, but he brought in a breath of fresh air, reminding people that living our Faith means loving Jesus and following the Good News. These coincide with the Liturgy, but often worldly matters can overshadow the heart of living the Faith.

Two October Saints Embracing the Heart of the Gospel

Similar to Saint Thérèse, Saint Francis always preserved that childhood wonder. He lived the same Gospel message we heard twice this week: *"Unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child, he is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven"* (Matthew 18:3-4). Today's Gospel reinforces that message: *"I give you praise, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for although you have hidden these things from the wise and the learned, you have revealed them to the childlike."*

I have often thought that Francis would have acted like Will Ferrell in the movie *Elf*. Ferrell acted childlike in the world, stopping and marveling at wonders, both great and small. Everything is new and amazing, and there is no worry or rush. There is only time to stop, observe, and wonder. Children do this; grown-ups often forget. We all have to embrace and find that wonder. From then Cardinal Ratzinger (Pope Benedict XVI): *"Wonder should not be lost – the capacity, that is, to marvel and to listen, to ask not only about what is functional but equally to perceive the harmony of the spheres and to rejoice precisely that it is no obvious use to us"* (Ratzinger, Journey to Easter).

Saint Thérèse manifested a smaller, less visible way of embracing the Gospel. She was bound and restricted by obedience and physical limitations that she couldn't do the great things of austerity, like fasting and penance and praying all day, like Saint Francis. There is a connection and similarity in these two saints. They loved and lived the Gospel, loved Jesus above all things and saw Jesus in everyone and everything, and allowed wonder and childlike confidence in their lives!

Patron of Animals and Environmentalism

Ah, Saint Francis! One would think he was the patron of PETA and Serra Club by all the things attributed to him with nature. He was such a tree hugger, right? He's become larger than life in the legends of being kind to animals, and praising the different aspects of nature, that people have jumped to the conclusion that he's a staunch environmentalist.

Francis loved Jesus above all things. He was united in prayer with Christ almost continually. Because of his love of God, this extended in recognizing God's handiwork in all of creation. Seeing the beauty and marvels in nature was another way to continually praise and love God. This wasn't an elevation or worship of creation, but a respect and love of God's gifts for man. Gifts of nature brought thoughts of God, and united Francis with God in prayer.

Francis was not opposed to using the gifts of creation for man's purpose, but he always recognized that is what they are: gifts, and only temporary gifts. We thank our Giver through prayer and are to be good stewards of our gifts, as in the Parable of the Talents. So yes, Francis is an effective intercessor for us for use of the gifts of nature, but we must recognize that he didn't elevate nature higher than God nor man, but recognized nature as a tool and a gift, and that man must be good stewards.

Blessing of animals on the feast of Saint Francis is a newer sacramental. There are blessings of animals in the older form of the *Roman Ritual*, but they were not nested around the feast of Saint Francis. The newer Book of Blessings includes a new blessing of animals that can be used on the feast of St. Francis.

Saint Francis: Man of Few Written Words

Saint Francis wrote very little, and so few of his words have been recorded. Two primary sources, *Saint Francis of Assisi: Omnibus of Sources* and *Francis and Clare: The Complete Works* are only one-volume works, neither overly large. And yet, there are quite a few written things attributed to Saint Francis.

- While it is a beautiful hymn, the Prayer of Saint Francis, *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*, is not a prayer or hymn written by Saint Francis. It is written in a style similar to Saint Francis, but not by him at all.
- "Preach without ceasing; use words only if necessary" is a quote extensively and falsely attributed to Saint Francis. Saint Francis did not say this. He did preach and used his words often. He also believed in using his good example and never preached differently from what he practiced. There is a story attributed to him about how he took a brother into a town to preach. They walked through the whole town without saying a word. The brother asked when they were going to preach, and Saint Francis responded that they already did. Last night I pored through the Omnibus, and I couldn't find the reference to the story, so I'm not even sure if that is based on the historical writings. Perhaps the quote has been formed based on the story, but please, let's not say Saint Francis said this! Just because it can be found on the Internet does not necessarily mean it is true.

Honoring and Imitating the Real Saint Francis

The *Directory on Popular Piety* and the Liturgy emphasizes how we must carefully present the saints in the correct light:

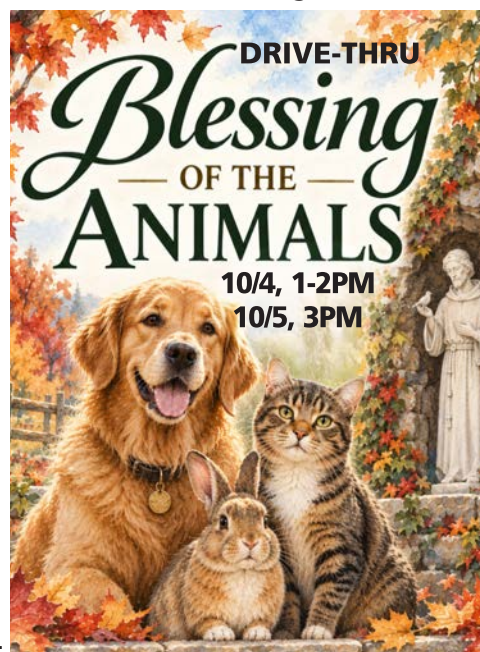
231. *It is always necessary to ensure that the feast days of the Saints are carefully prepared both liturgically and pastorally.*

Such requires a correct presentation of the objectives of the cult of the Saints, i.e. the glorification of God "in His Saints" 318, a commitment to live the Christian life following the example of Christ, of whose mystical Body the Saints are preeminent members.

It is also necessary to represent the figure of the Saint in a correct manner. Bearing in mind the prospect of contemporary society, this presentation should not only contain an account of the legendary events associated with the Saint, or of his thaumaturgic powers, but should also include an evaluation of his significance for the Christian life, the greatness of his sanctity, the effectiveness of his Christian witness, and of the manner in which his particular charism has enriched the Church.

Legends of Saint Francis abound. Everyone knows of his stories with the Wolf of Gubbio, his preaching to the birds, and admonishing the swallows. While it is a natural outpouring of the cult of a saint to have legends and stories, these need to be portrayed not as signs of wonder done by one man. The stories need to portray a saint who was humble, lived the Gospel, loved Jesus above all things. The stories show Francis recognized the hand of God in all of nature, and respected God's gifts to man. In that holy humility, God worked wonders through Saint Francis. All the miraculous wonders do not reflect Francis, but they point back to God. So, in finding appropriate stories for our children about Saint Francis, measure whether the reader will come away with wanting to imitate the saint. Will they be praying for his intercession? Will the reader want to love God more and want to be a saint just like Saint Francis? Do the wonders portrayed show the hand of God, or is it all explained as either a supernatural or natural phenomenon performed by exclusively Francis?

So, on this feast of Saint Francis, let us recognize the true and living saint from Assisi. Let us not put words in his mouth and assign false attributes to him. Saint Francis lived an uncomplicated life, following the Gospel to the letter. It might have been simple, but it was radical and difficult. May we ask his intercession to see how we can imitate him and live the Gospel in our lives every day.



Mass Intentions

MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

- 6:30 AM Virginia Nolasco †
8:00 AM For the needs of our parishioners as they begin the week
5:30 PM John G. & Dolores D'Amico †

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

- 6:30 AM Reynaldo Guerzo †
8:00 AM Intention for the Thornton Family

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

- 6:30 AM Lucille Schock †
5:30 PM Mary Pezzol †

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

- 6:30 AM Tim Ritz †
8:00 AM Intention for the Eleuterio Family

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

- 6:30 AM Martti Johnson †
8:00 AM Intention for the Neal Family

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

- 8:00 AM Intention for Living & Deceased Members of the Paoni Family
5:30 PM Josefina King †

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

- 7:15 AM Sue Homan-McDowell †
8:45 AM JT Schneider †
10:45 AM For the Protection of the Unborn
5:30 PM For the People of St. Brendan Parish

(† Intention is for someone deceased.)



Marriage Banns

We are pleased to announce the wedding of **Brendan Colvin** and **Sarah Tonisen** on

Friday, October 9, 2026 at St. Brendan Church. We wish Brendan and Sarah God's blessing as they unite as husband and wife! Any known reason why this marriage should not happen should be reported to Fr. Michael Lumpe.



Congratulations

ON THE BAPTISMS OF:

Henry William Lefeld
Maverick James Manes



In Sympathy...

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE FAMILY OF:

Sue Devore

Update on The Appeal

Our parish is blessed to have surpassed our diocesan goal for the 2026 Appeal and are currently at **\$411,382** in pledges. Father Mike is grateful for the generous parish families who have made their gift and humbly encourages more families to commit their pledges. Participation is currently at about **25% of families (567)** having now pledged. Since we eclipsed the diocesan goal, we now set our sights on our extended goal of **\$520,000**. Every dollar donated now is returned to our parish for our parking lot expansion project. With everyone's participation, we are certain to increase access and safety to our campus.

To make your gift to The Appeal, please scan the QR code.



PARISH OFFICE CLOSED, OCTOBER 20

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, October 20, as some of our staff will be on a pilgrimage to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio.

Men's Events:

Esto Vir Events...

Questions? ricekris8813@att.net

Saturdays, 6:30 AM Esto Vir:

Gather in the Davidson Rooms to Experience content from *Jesus - The Way, the Truth and the Life, The Chosen* season 5 and *Sharing Our Story*.

Tuesday 6:30 AM study:

Meet weekly in the Davidson Rooms for study series on Scripture, early Church Fathers, lives of the saints and fellowship.

Dinner with Esto Vir -

Oct. 24 Join Esto Vir at 6:30 PM on Saturday, October 24 in the Davidson Rooms for fellowship and community and maybe catch some football on the big screens!

Melchizedek Project

...helps young men discern priesthood. The next meeting at St. Brendan is Monday, **October 19**, at **6-7:30 PM** in the School Library (dinner is provided). Email Fr. Sam at frseverance@stbrendans.net to let him know you plan to attend. Future meetings: **Nov. 30, Jan. 25, Feb. 22, March 15 & April 26**.

Become a Knight!

St. Brendan Knights of Columbus Council 11208 invites parish men (ages 18+) to become a Knight, to help those in need, serve our parish, grow in faith and have access to top-rated insurance protection for your family. Join in 5 minutes at kofc.org/joinus and initial annual dues are waived if signing up online. For more details, email Dean Pfirman, Council Membership Director, at pfirman56@gmail.com

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Community Calendar

Monday, October 5

6:30 AM Daily Mass
 8:00 AM Daily Mass
 9:00 AM Catholic Way: The Book of Revelation
 9:00 AM Church Cleaning
 5:00 PM-6:00 PM Fingerprinting Session
 6:00 PM Protecting God's Children Class
 5:30 PM Daily Mass
 6:00 PM-10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration

Adoration Chapel
 Church
 Wellnitz, Room 1
 Church & Chapel
 Davidson, Room B
 Davidson, Room A
 Church
 Adoration Chapel

Tuesday, October 6

6:30 AM Daily Mass
 6:30 AM Esto Vir Men's Ministry
 8:00 AM Daily Mass
 8:30 AM-10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
 9:30 AM Elizabeth Ministry: Play Group
 6:30 PM OCIA Immaculate Conception Cohort Mtg.
 6:30 PM OCIA Vigil Cohort Meeting
 7:00 PM Men's Club Monthly Meeting

Adoration Chapel
 Davidson, Room A
 Church
 Adoration Chapel
 Childcare Center
 Davidson, Room B
 Davidson, Room A
 Wellnitz, Rms. 1 & 2

Wednesday, October 7

5:30 AM Fit Shepherds Men's Ministry
 6:30 AM Daily Mass
 7:00 AM-5:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
 5:30 PM Daily Mass
 6:00 PM Adoration with Confession
 7:00 PM VINE Formation
 7:15 PM Choir Rehearsal

Campus Parking Lot
 Adoration Chapel
 Adoration Chapel
 Church
 Church
 School Library
 Church

Thursday, October 8

6:30 AM Daily Mass
 8:00 AM Daily Mass
 8:30 AM-10:00 PM Adoration (*moves into the church 10 AM-12 PM*)
 8:45 AM Women's AM Studies: Chosen 5
 1:00 PM Grief Support Luncheon (Off-site)
 6:30 PM Communion/Liberation School of Community
 6:45 PM Women's PM Studies: Chosen 5

Adoration Chapel
 Church
 Adoration Chapel
 Davidson, Rms. A & B
 La Chatelaine, Dublin
 Private Home
 Davidson, Rms. A & B

Friday, October 9

6:30 AM Daily Mass
 8:00 AM Daily Mass
 8:30 AM-10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
 12:00 PM-6:00 PM American Red Cross Blood Drive
 5:45 PM Kairos Ministry Meeting

Adoration Chapel
 Church
 Adoration Chapel
 Davidson, Rms. A & B
 Wellnitz, Rms. 1 & 2

Saturday, October 10

5:30 AM Fit Shepherds Men's Ministry
 6:30 AM Men's Ministry: Esto Vir Meeting
 8:00 AM Daily Mass
 8:30 AM-1:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
 9:00 AM Confession
 9:30 AM VINE Bible Studies
 5:30 PM Vigil Mass

Campus Parking Lot
 Davidson, Rms. A & B
 Church
 Adoration Chapel
 Confessional
 School Library
 Church

Sunday, October 11

7:15, 8:45, 10:45 AM, 5:30 PM Sunday Masses
 During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass POD Nursery
 During 8:45 & 10:45 AM Mass Children's Liturgy of the Word
 9:45 AM Continued Growth Family Sessions
 9:45 AM First Reconciliation Family Sessions
 12:00 PM Baptisms
 6:30 PM-10:00 PM Eucharistic Adoration
 6:30 PM VINE Night
 6:45 PM Confirmation Family Sessions

Church
 Childcare Center
 Adoration Chapel
 School Gym
 Davidson, Rms. A & B
 Church
 Adoration Chapel
 School Gym
 Davidson, Rms. A & B

Weekly/Monthly Parish Ministries

Fit Shepherds Men's Ministry

Meet in the parish parking lot on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 5:30 AM to workout with other men of faith. To join, email Nick Hasou at njhasou@gmail.com

Church Cleaning – Meet weekly on Mondays at 9 AM in the church for light cleaning. Supplies are provided. Questions? Email Lisa at lisaplong@gmail.com

Prayer Shawl Workshop – Meet 1st Saturdays & 3rd Wednesdays in Wellnitz, Room 2. Lessons and yarn are provided. To join, email: Kathy at kendrizz@aol.com or Karen at kkessmith@yahoo.com

M.A.S.T. – (Mature Active Singles Together) for single/widowed/divorced, age 45+. To join, email Chris: chrishauck0522@gmail.com

St. Brendan Young Adults

Those in their 20s/30s meet on 2nd & 4th Wednesdays monthly, at 7-9 PM. Men meet in Wellnitz Hall, Room 1. Women meet off-campus. To join, email Jorden: jfreydesigns@gmail.com

SVdP Sandwich Making

Meet in Wellnitz: 1st Thursdays at 10 AM; 3rd Thursdays at 7 PM

Grief Support Lunch – Meets monthly, 2nd Thursdays at 1 PM at La Chatelaine in Dublin. Questions? edmuch@me.com

Grief Support Study – Meets 1st & 4th Sundays monthly in Wellnitz, Room 1 at 7 PM to learn about grief care. Questions? Email Nell at doconnell@stbrendans.net

Email Scam Alert!

Be aware of scammers who impersonate our clergy or other office staff. We will never email or text you asking you to purchase gift cards. Contact the Parish Office if not sure of the legitimacy of a correspondence.

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC*...
5:30 PM, 2nd & 4th Wed. Masses
5:30 PM, Sunday Masses
**These Masses utilize the screens.*



Trunks & Treats Are Needed!

Sign up your "trunk" (decorated vehicle) to pass out candy or donate "treats" (individually wrapped) via the QR code or at <https://stbrendan.ccbchurch.com/goto/needs/public> (Trunks should arrive to the parking lot by 5:30 PM to set up.) Candy is needed in large quantities for this event, so please consider dropping off candy donations this month in the marked box in the Gathering Area when you come to Mass.

Protecting God's Children, Oct. 5

To volunteer in the POD Nursery or to help at parish events with children, you need to be Safe Environment compliant and so, this PGC class is for you! Meet October 5, 5-6 PM in the Davidson Rooms for fingerprinting (no sign-up needed) and 6-9 PM for a *Protecting God's Children* class. Sign up for the class at tinyurl.com/StBrendanPGCTotus

Elizabeth Ministry Monthly Events

Mothers with young children are invited to join us each month in the Childcare Center for...

Playgroup: 1st Tuesdays at 9:30 AM; **The Upper Room:** 3rd Tuesdays, 9:30 AM; **FIAT Hour:** 4th Fridays, 10-11 AM (Adoration time for moms while childcare is provided.) Questions? Email Regina at thelonggears@gmail.com

POD Nursery Volunteers Needed

Our nursery for children 6 months-4 years old is in need of volunteers during 8:45 & 10:45 AM Sunday Masses. To be added to the roster, email nursery@stbrendans.net (Note: Ages 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant.)



Families with children grades 1-8, not attending a Catholic school should enroll in Family Faith Formation. Register via the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/FFFstB> (late fees now apply.) Questions? Contact Jacob at 614-876-1272, ext. 231 or jdoran@stbrendans.net

VOLUNTEERS – Anyone sixth grade or older can help out with our Family Faith Formation program! We are looking for table leaders for parent small group discussions, as well as hospitality and intercession teams. Please pray about how God is calling you (those 18+ must be Safe Environment compliant). To help, please email Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net

SACRAMENT PREPARATION – If you missed the sacrament preparation meeting last month and still need to pick up your at-home box, email Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net

VINE & ROOTS Youth Groups

ROOTS FOR MIDDLESCHOOLERS (GRADES 6-8) – Sunday nights, 6:30-8:30 PM. Questions? Email amarino@stbrendans.net
Oct. 4: "Men's & Women's Night" – Davidson Rooms
Oct. 11: No ROOTS

VINE FOR HIGHSCHOOLERS (GRADES 9-12) – Sunday nights, 6:30-8:30 PM. Questions? Email Kara at kshand@stbrendans.net
Oct. 4: "Where Did the Church Come From?" – School Gym
Oct. 11: "Kingdom Series I: Friendships" – School Gym

Damascus Summer Camp Discount...

Damascus Summer Camp 2027 Pre-Order registration is now open. Because our parish placed a Pre-Order, our campers have early access to 90 reserved spaces before registration opens up to receive a \$100 sponsorship. Register before October 31 at 5 PM. After that, unregistered Pre-order spaces will be released to the general public. Pre-register for Week 1, June 6-11 with our group code **BRENHILL27**:

High School (grades 9-12): <https://tinyurl.com/HSdamascus>

Middle School (grades 6-8): <https://tinyurl.com/MSdamascus>

1. When asked about payment, select "Pay in full"
 2. Type our discount code **BREN100HILL27** into the promo code box
 3. Click the checkbox for your reservation, enter payment & submit
- For questions, email Jacob Doran at jdoran@stbrendans.net



"Sip & Sing" Music Ministry Event Recap

There were 30 people at the *Sip & Sing* last Wednesday night!! We had singers who were interested in reviving the Resurrection Choir; we had members from the choir; and we had cantors and instrumentalists in attendance. If you are interested in being a part of the Music Ministry but were unable to attend our *Sip & Sing* event, please reach out to me at jcottrill@stbrendans.net and let's see how we can get you involved in the music ministry! ~ Julie Cottrill



Red Cross Blood Drive, Oct. 9

The next St. Brendan Knights of Columbus sponsored Red Cross Blood Drive is Friday, October 9, 12-6 PM in the Davidson Rooms. To give the gift of life, call 1-800-Red-Cross (1-800-733-2767) or visit www.redcrossblood.org

Seniors NOW (Navigating Our Way)

OCTOBER 12, 12 PM – Those ages 65+ are invited to our Italian Fest in the Davidson Rooms. RSVP Jerry Price at pricej62@gmail.com or 614-805-6792.

NOVEMBER 6, 8 AM – First Friday Mass followed by breakfast at Crème de la Crème in Hilliard (5311 Westpointe Plaza.) No RSVP needed.

Dementia Series Session, Oct. 15

Explore the medical, safety, emotional and the community-resource aspects of Alzheimer's disease and dementia. All are welcome to this informative free series held monthly from 5:30-7 PM on third Thursdays in the School Library. Register via the QR code or at <https://tinyurl.com/dementia4part> Questions? Email Nell O'Connell at doconnell@stbrendans.net The remaining sessions available to sign up for are:

OCTOBER 15: Tonya Kreml, *Safety at Home While Caregiving*

NOVEMBER 19: Laurie Schier, *Resources Beyond the Home*



Next Date Night for Young Couples, Oct. 23

The Knights of Columbus *Date Night for Young Couples/Young Parents* builds strong Catholic marriages, families and friendships. We'll take care of the kids in the Pod Nursery (6 mos.–5 years) while you enjoy a dinner on the house in the Davidson Rooms on Friday, October 23, 6:30-8 PM. To attend, please **RSVP** to Chuck at chuck436@att.net or call/text to 224-612-1557.

Women's Retreat, Nov. 14-15

Register for the *Hearts on Fire* Women's Overnight Retreat on **Nov. 14-15** at the Spiritual Center of Maria Stein. Explore the fire God places within each of us that refines our hearts and inspires us to live boldly for Christ.

Through worship, reflection, prayer and conversation, women of all ages are invited to rekindle their passion for God. Cost of \$145 includes: private room with bathroom, 3 meals, snacks and drinks. Add Friday night to your stay for an additional \$80. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/women26retreat> to register/pay online or, to pay by check, complete a paper form (on the Welcome Desk) with check made to St. Brendan Church (memo: "Women's Retreat") and mail to: Chris Hauck, 2121 Jervis Rd., Columbus, OH 43221. Early Bird discount of \$10 applies if you register/pay by **Oct. 27**. Questions? Email Chris at chrishauck0522@gmail.com



Around Our Diocese

Catholic Cemeteries Rosary Walk, Oct. 7

Join the Catholic Cemeteries at St. Joseph Cemetery (6440 S. High St., Lockbourne) on Oct. 7, 6 PM for a Walking Rosary as we honor the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary! We will start at our Marian Grotto and pray as we walk the grounds, remembering and praying for those buried at the cemetery.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter, Oct. 9-11

Attend a WME Weekend to give you and your spouse all the tools for a stronger and more loving marriage. Getaway October 9-11 at the Procter Camp & Conference Center, London, OH. Register/details at WWME.org

Mental Health Sunday is October 11

The USCCB designated Sunday, Oct. 11, as Mental Health Sunday. Bishop Fernandes will celebrate a Mass on Saturday, Oct. 10 beginning 5:15 PM at St. Joseph Cathedral to acknowledge those living with mental health challenges, their caregivers, and mental health professionals. A resource fair and reception will follow in the undercroft. For more information, visit www.usccb.org/mental-health-sunday

2026 CCYA Conference, Oct. 24

Columbus Catholic Young Adult Conference is for those ages 19-35 with inspiring Catholic speakers, breakout sessions, exhibitors, Adoration, vigil Mass, and a closing dinner at SmashPark. Join us on Saturday, Oct. 24 for a day and evening of faith, fellowship, fun, and food at Saint Paul the Apostle Parish in Westerville. Register at www.ccyac.org

Sacred Heart Congress Retreat, Nov. 7

Saturday, November 7 at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Westerville, hosted by the Sacred Heart Enthronement Network – this year's Congress invites Catholics to respond to Christ's invitation: "Come to Me" – a call to the faithful to bring the love of Christ into their homes, parishes, schools and communities. Speakers are Bishop Donald Hying (Diocese of Madison) and Annie Mitchell (Son Rise Morning Show.) Bishop Earl K. Fernandes will celebrate Holy Mass. A children's program follows the Mass. Register at www.welcomehisheart.com

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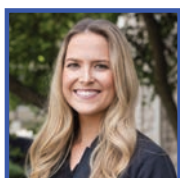
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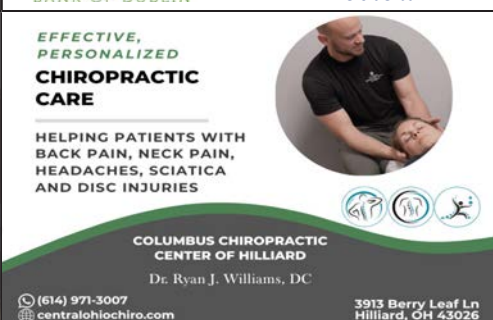
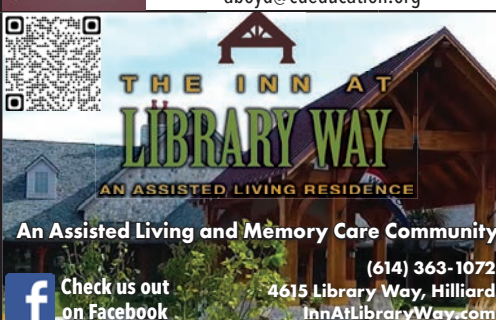
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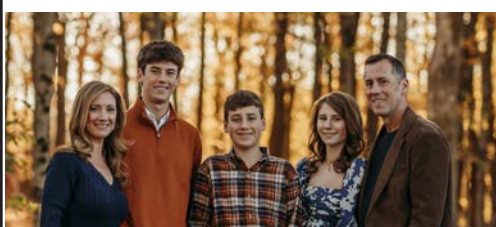
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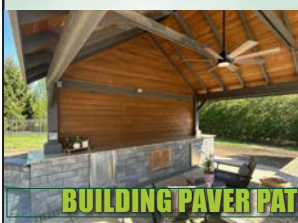
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