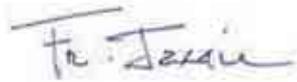


THE PASTOR'S CORNER

In October, in our Parish and the Region, we focus on Stewardship. Each of us is gifted with a life that has been given to us by God. Understanding this, we respond in gratitude to God by being good stewards of the life that we have been given. In the messages from our priests in the next few weeks we will encourage one to do this in three ways. We will ask you respond in gratitude through sacrificing your time in prayer and developing a relationship with God. We will ask you to respond in gratitude by giving your time in the ministry of Christ and His Church. Finally, we will ask you to show your gratitude by offering part of the finances available to you because of your work to support the work of the Church. All these means of gratitude are perfect because it leads one to have balance in your life and to keep Christ first. As this Stewardship Month begins we ask you, altogether, to contemplate how grateful you are to God and how you can show your gratefulness through the means of prayer, involvement in ministry, and financial giving.

Amen? Amen!



“WHAT REALLY MATTERS IN LIFE IS THAT WE ARE LOVED BY CHRIST AND THAT WE LOVE HIM IN RETURN. IN COMPARISON TO THE LOVE OF JESUS, EVERYTHING ELSE IS SECONDARY. AND, WITHOUT THE LOVE OF JESUS, EVERYTHING IS USELESS.”

POPE ST. JOHN PAUL II

PRACTICES FOR SPIRITUAL PROGRESS

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

In the Eucharist Jesus left us not only a memorial of his Paschal Mystery but also his Real Presence among us. As he said before ascending into heaven, “Behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age” (Matthew 28: 20). He has kept his promise! He wants to be with us, to listen to us, to speak with us.

The moments we share in silent, interior conversation with our Lord after receiving Holy Communion are extended in our private prayer throughout the day. A privileged opportunity we also have to encounter the God who loves us more than we can possibly imagine is to spend time with him in Eucharistic Adoration. We are able to stay with God and open our hearts to his love for us. We are able to worship him in thanksgiving and praise him for his love and mercy. Before his Sacred Heart we are able to ask him for all that we need. There is no set practice for what to do while adoring the Lord; what is important is to be with him and to be loved by him.



Weekend Masses: Sat. 3PM; Sun. 9AM & 11AM
Daily Masses: Mon. - Fri. 11:45 AM
Rosary: Mon. - Fri. 11:15AM (except First Friday)
Confessions: Mon. - Fri. 12:15PM; Sat. 2-2:30PM; Sun. 8-8:30AM and 10-10:30AM
Holy Hour: First Friday at 10:30AM (includes Rosary, Litany of the Sacred Heart and Benediction)
St. Cecilia's Masses: Mon.-Sat. 9AM; Wed. 6:45AM; Sat. 4PM, Sun. 8AM and 10AM
St. Anthony's Masses: Sun. 8:30AM and 11:30AM
Adoration: Wed. at St. Cecilia from 9:30AM - 8PM

+ THIS WEEK AT SMSJ +

TWENTY-SIXTH WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, October 2 - The Holy Guardian Angels

11:45AM † For those affected by recent hurricanes
 12:15PM True Reformers Class (St. Francis Room)
 7:00PM Reformation Talk with Msgr. Lane at St. Anthony Church

Tuesday, October 3

11:45AM † Mary Jones - Ryan Collins
 6:30PM Worship Commission Meeting

Wednesday, October 4 - St. Francis of Assisi

11:45AM † Pat Wagner - Ladies Dinner Group

Thursday, October 5

11:45AM † Vi Wittberg - Joan Doggett
 12:20PM Adult Ministry Light Lunch and BINGO
 7:00PM BINGO

Friday, October 6

10:30AM First Friday Holy Hour
 11:45AM † For our parishioners' intentions

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, October 7

3:00PM † Paul & Joan Fricker - Wedding Anniv. Remembrance - family

Sunday, October 8

9:00AM † Ann Shannon - Joan Doggett & family
 11:00AM † Pat Wagner - Janet Welliford

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BINGO

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The MISSION of St. MARGARET - St. JOHN PARISH is to spread the good news & blessings of JESUS CHRIST to our community.

We gather together TO GROW closer to Jesus Christ, TO WORSHIP at the Eucharistic Table, TO SERVE our children, the poor & the needy among us, and TO CELEBRATE our diverse community.



Credo (*I Believe*)

For what purpose are we here on earth?

We are here on earth in order to know and to love God, to do good according to His will, and to someday go to heaven.

To be a human being means to come from God and to go to God. Our origin goes back farther than our parents. We come from God, in whom all the happiness of heaven and earth is at home, and we are expected in His everlasting, infinite blessedness. Meanwhile we live on this earth. Sometimes we feel that our Creator is near; often we feel nothing at all. So that we might find the way home, God sent us His Son, who freed us from sin, delivers us from all evil, and leads us unerringly into true life. He is “the way, and the truth, and the life” (John 14:6).



A Gospel Reflection

by Father Jason Williams

MATTHEW 21:28-32

“He changed his mind and went.”

Since our attitude reveals a lot about us, it can have a great impact on our relationships. Who hasn’t experienced how the manner in which we say or do something can either delight someone or get us in trouble? Today Jesus wants us to consider our attitude before God. Our understanding of our dealings with others helps us to know how our relationship with God works. After all, God is a person too, our Father.

The son who first said “I will not” eventually goes and fulfills his father’s will. The other son, despite his promise, never does what was asked of him. Jesus compares the first son to great sinners who, after hearing the Word of God, change their hearts and eventually do the Father’s will by turning away from their sinful habits and living according to the Gospel. Those who only give lip service to God, but whose hearts do not bear fruit in love for those around them, will not enter the Kingdom. Jesus is not saying only great sinners will go to heaven. Rather, he invites us to live with an attitude of love for God’s will in our hearts: love that humbly seeks to make of all things a response of love to the love we have received. God doesn’t want us to be functionaries who act only out of a sense of duty. He desires us to be disciples of his Son, lovingly following him through the Cross to glory.



PENSAMIENTOS EVANGÉLICOS

LA RESPONSABILIDAD MÁS FINA DEL CRISTIANO ES HACER LA VOLUNTAD DEL PADRE POR AMOR.

“The supreme responsibility of the Christian is doing the Father’s will out of love.”

RCIA This Week

Please pray for all of those journeying to full Communion with the Catholic Church!

This week’s (October 4) RCIA lesson is **The Story of Salvation**. We want to know that our lives have meaning. But the modern world tries to tell us that we are simply insignificant specks in the universe, and that there is no real meaning to life. Nothing could be further from the truth. Our lives are a part of a much larger story. We are God’s beloved children, created in his own image, and made for greatness.

The story of salvation, which we recall through the words of the Creed, reminds us that there is a reason for our existence. Because each of us is loved by God, each of us has a role to play in God’s creation and his great story of love — a role that only we can play.

Questions for the week: How familiar are you with God’s plan for salvation? Do you think that salvation history as presented in the Bible is over? How are our own lives a part of God’s divine plan for the world? What is original sin? Where did it come from? What result or effect does it have on us? At some point in your life, you will be asked if you are “saved.” How do you know that you are saved? How would you respond to that question?

To study along with us, please log onto Formed.org (parish code YX2P22), program *Symbolon: Knowing the Faith*, Session 4.



October Papal Prayer Intentions

Each month, Pope Francis asks Catholics to pray for special intentions. For October, we pray that all workers may receive respect and protection of their rights and that the unemployed may receive the opportunity to contribute to the common good.

Love your faith even more.
Sacred Heart Radio. 89.5 FM & 740 AM



From Atheist to Catholic: The Apologetics of Imagination

On **Wednesday, Oct. 4, 2017, at 7:30 PM**,
Dr. Holly Ordway, professor of English
at Houston Baptist University and a

convert to the faith, will discuss her journey from atheism to Catholicism. Her story shows what it's like to move from outside the faith to inside, and provides encouragement and insights for those who are involved in apologetics, evangelization, preaching, and teaching. Dr. Ordway is author of *Apologetics and the Christian Imagination*. The lecture will be held at the Bartlett Pastoral Center, The Athenaeum of Ohio/Mount St. Mary's Seminary, 6616 Beechmont Ave. All are welcome and admission is free. For more information call 513-233-6172 or email dendres@athenaeum.edu. You will be able to view live at www.athenaeum.edu.



Turkey Dinner

Join us on **Saturday, Nov. 11, from 3-7 PM**,
for the annual St. Margaret-St. John
Turkey Dinner in the St. Margaret of
Cortona school cafeteria. Dinner will
include homemade mashed potatoes,

stuffing, cranberries, green beans, drinks and desserts.
Cost is \$9 for adults and \$5 for children.

Healthcare Forum

Please join us on **Friday, Oct. 6, at 11 AM in the St. Anthony Parish Center** for "CareSource Medicare Advantage."

Rhonda Ball, Medicare Sales and Marketing Rep for CareSource, will explain how their Medicare Advantage plans offer more benefits than basic Medicare. If you recently became eligible for Medicare or special circumstances, she can help you decide if their Medicare Advantage plan is the right choice for you. There is no obligation to enroll.

Rhonda has been a licensed health insurance agent in multiple states since 1996. Her 20+ years of experience in the healthcare industry includes working for the #1 and #2 health insurance companies in the U.S. She is currently working for CareSource, a nonprofit managed care company.

Lunch will be served after the presentation. Please call Becky at 271-0920, ext. 10, to let her know if you will be able to attend.



St. Cecilia Young Adults

Are you between the ages of 21 & 35? Are you looking to go deeper in your relationships with God & others? Married, parent, single — no matter your state in life — consider joining our Young Adult Group.

Spend time in community with others who share your faith and values. Our young adults gather & grow together in prayer, service, fellowship, and spiritual enlightenment.

Suggestions? Questions? More information? Email Sarah Rose at ssperduto@stceciliacincinnati.org.

Public Square Rosary Crusade America Needs Fatima Campaign 2017 The 100th Anniversary

What: The Holy Rosary

Where: St. Margaret-St. John Parish

When: Oct. 14, 2017, at noon

For more information, contact Dee Crabb at 513-561-4437.



Ruah Woods

Ruah Woods Psychological Services (RWPS) seeks to integrate the best of psychological science and the truths of the Catholic faith — empowering people to more fully embrace and live out their vocation to love according to God's plan. RWPS provides psychological assessment and therapy for adults, couples, and children. They can be reached at www.RWpsych.org and 513-407-8878.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." — John 3:16

+ LAY MINISTERS +

Saturday, October 7, 3:00 PM

Readers: C Sullivan, J Heitker
EMHC: T Wood, C Osterman, E Best

Sunday, October 8, 9:00 AM

Readers: M Mathers, P Polanski
EMHC: J Mullan, C Alfaro, J Douthit
Greeters: M Bates, C Collins
Servers: M Scharringhausen, A Sublett

Sunday, October 8, 11:00 AM

Readers: S Lindgren, J Weikert
EMHC: M Hurley, B Ferrara, L Gates,
L Keeney, K Losekamp
Server: S Knepfle
Greeters: D Crabb
Gifts: J Losekamp family

+ STEWARDSHIP +

Weekend of September 16 & 17, 2017
Offertory Total: \$3,536.20 Envelopes: 73

5 REASONS TO GIVE ONLINE:

1. It's the easiest way to give God your first fruits
2. You'll never have to worry about leaving your envelope at home again
3. It is safe and secure... and you can go green!
4. Give by credit card or direct from your checking account
5. You can adjust your giving online anytime

THANK YOU!

Four Grand Club

Congratulations to our weekly \$40.00 winners:
Dylan & Joshua Mathers!



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SICK

Len Scharringhausen, Charlene Alfaro, Nikki Best, Tom Blankemeyer, John Heitker, Jean Hord, Don Cafferky, Lorraine Carney, Robert Davis, Tony Wittrock, Steve Hofmann, Tammy Davis, Matthew Dickason, Tammy Doss, Linda Johns, John Ewald, Kelly Flanigan, Emma Gough, Mary Greis, Jim Griffin, Alice Wood, Heather Griffin, Lucilia Hock, Marge House, Diane Hudson, Clare Jones, Larry Kahles, Betsey (Kerkhoff) Jacquez, Jane Kaeser, Joe Kaeser, Dee Kaiser, Margie Lemkuhl, Steve Keeney, Marian Kleiman, Don Koehler, Bob Kohnen, Bert Sullivan, Steve & Mary Knepfle, Eddie Mahoney, Kevin Mahoney, Randy Mays, Mary (Marasco) LeRoy, Debbie Malicoat, Patrick Leo McKenrick, Sam Michael, Molly Montgomery, Martha Muchmore, Betty Nerl, Margaret Nerl, Steve O'Connor, Elaine Otto, Esther Quinn, Katie Rahn, Kate Roelker, Dee & Paul Rosing, Steve Ruwe, Ted Sentker, John Sheehy, Jacob Salamon, Louise Spahn, Joyce Scharringhausen, Helen Steele, Mary Twigg, Mary Lou Sturgeon, Tom Suddendorf, Michael Weber, Pamela White, Kenzie Suddendorf, Betty Tankersley, Patti Weikert, Diana Wiley, Darryl White, Olivia Svetkovich, Teresa K Wilson, Bob Witherby, Annette Collins, Deb Wittrock, Jani Wood, Frances Yunker

+ HAPPENINGS +

NATIONAL PILGRIM STATUE OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA



We are grateful to the faculty of St. Edmund Campion Academy who helped to organize the day of prayer on September 18, with the National Pilgrim Statue of Our Lady of Fatima. What an excellent opportunity to grow closer to Mary and to entrust the needs of the world to her intercession.

THE REFORMATION: CATHOLIC AND LUTHERAN HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVES

This presentation by Fr. David Endres, dean of Mt. St. Mary's Seminary and the Athenaeum of Ohio, and Dr. David Mengel, Xavier University Dean of College of Arts and Sciences and History Professor, will take place on Thursday, October 12, at 7pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, 7770 Beechmont Ave. Dr. Mengel will highlight the historical roots of the reform. Fr. Endres will speak about the reforming movement's impact on the Catholic Church leading up to the Council of Trent. Both will also speak to our hopes for a future of greater reconciliation and unity.

PRAYER SHAWLS FOR THE SICK

Spiritual Care Services of Mercy Hospital Anderson and Clermont are in need of knitted or crocheted shawls, approximately 48" x 20" in size, made from yarn in pastels, earth tones, or variegated colors. A handmade gift created by you with love and prayer is a sign of God's healing presence for our patients. Kindly contact Spiritual Care Services at Mercy Anderson (624-4092) or Mercy Clermont (732-8367) with any questions. Thank you and God bless!



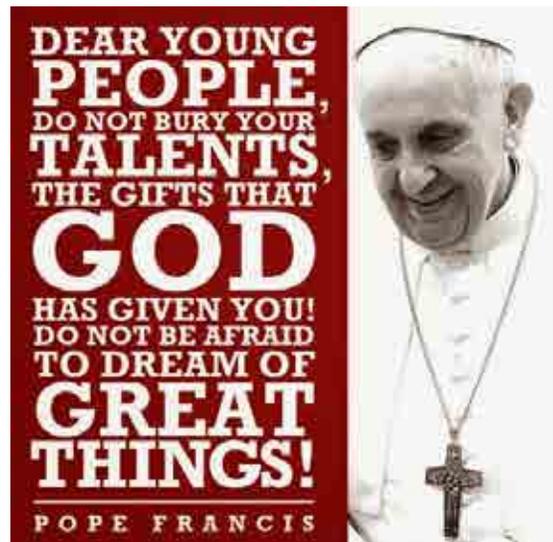
ST. FRANCIS BLESSING OF PETS

Next Saturday, Oct. 7, we will commemorate the feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Patron Saint of Animals, with a Blessing of Pets after the 9:00 AM Mass at St. Cecilia. We encourage you, your friends, and guests to bring any and all pets, big or small, so that Fr. Jamie can ask God to bless them with good health and safety. Bring your pet(s) to the side yard next to the St. Cecilia Rectory between 9:45 and 10am. (For the safety of both pets and their owners, pets should be on a leash or in an appropriate carrier.)



COAT DRIVE

The Free Store Food Bank of Cincinnati is organizing a coat drive to collect and distribute gently used winter coats for those in need right here in our area. Please consider donating a coat if you are looking to replace it this year. Donations will be accepted at the Free Store Food Bank center at 112 East Liberty Street downtown, on October 28, from 10am until 2pm. Thanks for your generosity.



Do not be afraid to give back to the One who has given everything for you!