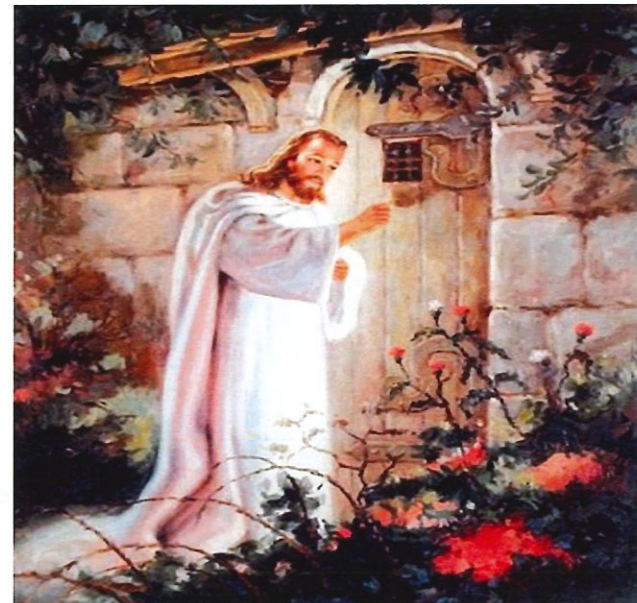


Official Mass Calendar for the week
 No other published Mass times in the bulletin are to be
 believed. If Funeral on day w/Noon Mass, then the Noon
 Mass cancelled.

Sat. 7/23	IC @ SS-4 PM CC—6 PM	For the People Judee Myers by Dick & Nancy Sennett
Sun. 7/24	SS—8:30AM SM—10:30AM	Ignatz & Gertrude Schockling family by Clair & Janet Schockling Mick Carpenter by Jordan & Adam Cline
Mon. 7/25	NO Mass	
Tue. 7/26	SM—8:00am SS—Noon	Harry & Angie Singer by Bill Dimmerling Lillian Zeleznik by Joan Jackson
Wed. 7/27	SS—8:00am	Alex Flach by Kelly & Angela Saling
Thu. 7/28	IC—8:00am SAHH-10am SS—Noon	Marcella Snider by Bill & Maria Schockling Eleanor Riski by Tony & Joan Steed Betty Stoffer by PJ & Annette Thomas
Fri. 7/29	SS—8:00am	Sherman Bickford by Ron & Patty Dimmerling
Sat. 7/30	IC @ SS-4 PM CC—6 PM	Harold Schockling by Paul & Patty Nau Don Nau by Vickie Basford
Sun. 7/31	SS—8:30AM SM—10:30AM	Sophia & Clem Ruppel by Jean Ruppel For the People



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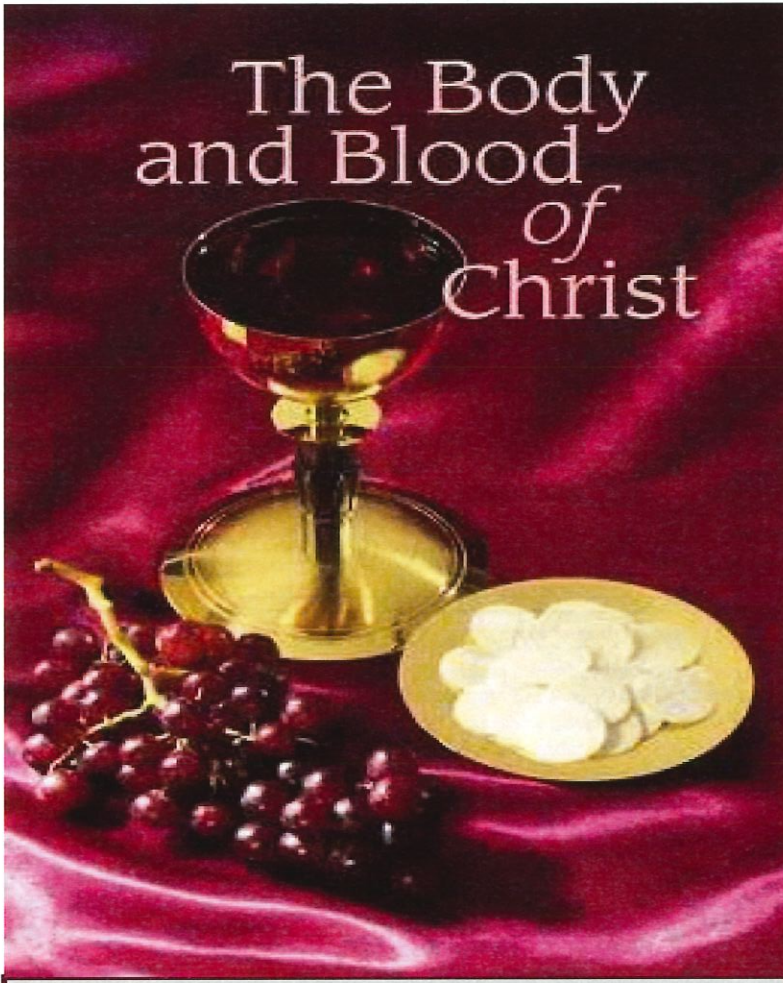
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Corpus Christi
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 Belle Valley Ohio



17th Sunday in Ordinary Time
July 24, 2022

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
 Saturday's 3:15-3:45 pm at IC & 5:40^{ish} at CC
 Sunday's 7:45-8:15 at SS & 10:10^{ish} at SM
 Anytime upon request

Sacraments:
 Baptism: instructions are offered; please call for info.
 Weddings: Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

Homebound: If you or a loved one would like communion or to have a pastoral visit on a regular basis, please contact the parish office.

Nursing Home: Mass & Anointing of the Sick is the last Thursday of each month; the Rosary on the 3rd Wednesday.
 Communion is distributed weekly.

Hospital Visitation: Due to national regulations, we may not know if you or a loved one is in the hospital. Please call immediately.

Marriage Encounter: 330-305-9963
Retrouvaille (troubled marriages) 740-749-3335

St Michael
 44935 Carlisle Rd
 Caldwell Ohio

Website
 www.nccchurches.org

Office Hours
 Tuesday & Thursday
 9am—3pm

Bulletin Deadline
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 740-732-4129 ext: 151

Confession
 Sat 3:15-3:45pm IC
 5:40^{ish} pm CC
 Sun 7:45-8:15am SS
 10:10^{ish} am SM
 Anytime by request

Immaculate Conception
 43700 Fulda Rd
 Caldwell Ohio



Beginning March 29, Fulda's Saturday Mass will be
 at St Stephen Church until further notice.
 Daily Mass at Fulda will be in the House Chapel.

Up and Coming Events

- 7/24 SS—Raffle Tickets for 2nd parish social will be handed out.
- 7/28 10:30am Mass at Nursing Home
- 8/07 SS—2nd Parish Social

The Living Word Outdoor Drama
Fridays only— thru Sept. 30th
7:30pm at the amphitheater
 Performances are approximately 2.5 hours
Tickets are:
\$18 adults (13-59) \$16 seniors (60+)
\$6 children (ages 4-12)
 There is a concession stand that is open before and throughout the drama. Gift Shop will also be open
 For additional info call 800 933-5480

On Vacation? No excuse for missing Mass on Sunday, no matter where you are.
 Go to discovermass.com or masstimes.org on your i-phone or on your computer before departing.
 Most motels have internet access.
 These two sites give the Mass times and directions for all the Catholic churches within a 30 mile radius.
 With GPS it's even simpler.

Please remember... If you have a family member who is hospitalized or homebound and wishes to receive the Holy Eucharist, Please notify the parish office.
 This is the only way we have of knowing your needs.

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Julia Hinzman, Mobility Manager for Noble County
 As the Mobility Manager, my main goal is to educate the community on our transportation options and to be an advocate for those in need of these services. Should you or a loved one ever have any questions regarding transportation or any other needs, please feel free to reach out to me for assistance.
 1400 Pike St., Marietta, Oh 45750
 1 800 331-2644 ext. 6
 1 740 373-6400
 Fax: 740 373-1594

It is with deep regret that
St. Michael's has decided to cancel the Annual Homecoming Dinner on Sunday, August 14th
In the uncertainty of our world today with Covid We feel it would be wise not to pursue the picnic where many people may gather.

"Friend of the Week"
Jane Thompson
 27247 Thompson Rd. Summerfield, Ohio 43788
 Please send Jane a Get Well Card as she is Recuperating from pneumonia & bronchitis.

	Greeters	Lector	EM	Ushers	Servers	Gift Bearers
Sat. 7/30 IC@SS—4PM		Mackenzie Walters	Anne Watson	Jim Hupp Bill Schockling	Ellie Hanning	Schockling family
Sat. 7/30 CC—6:00PM	Dale & Monica	Monica Fry	Brandon Konkler	volunteers	Eleanor Webb	Nau family
Sun. 7/31 SS—8:30AM	Mark Chicwak	Jeff Minosky	Maryellen S	Randall Clark Kenny Hendershot Mike Schott Rodger Willey	Camy & Ethan Crock	Ruppel family
Sun 7/31 SM—10:30		Tom Archer	Alex Noll	Jeff Johnson Matt Ogle	Nathan, Kylie & Leah	John & Karen

	Greeters	Lector	EM	Ushers	Servers	Gift Bearers
Sat.8/06 IC@SS—4PM		Marvin Ruppel	Stephanie Forshey	Bill Schockling Jared Hupp	Volunteer	
Sat. 8/06 CC—6:00PM	Regina Crock	Paul Nau	Polly Dimmerling	Volunteer	Volunteer	
Sun. 8/07 SS—8:30AM	Randall & Lisa Clark	Dugan Hill	Susan Haas	Jack Archer John Gaydos Kenny Hendershot Mark Ogle	Korra, Garrett Gentry Brown	Jack & Judy Turner
Sun 8/07 SM—10:30		Tammy Zwick	Michael Zwick	Michael Johnson Russ Lee	Alexis Lee	

WE ARE PRAYING FOR: For Economic recovery of our valley.

For all in the military; For all who are seriously ill, recovering from a serious illness or surgery; for those in the Nursing home; for the Shut-ins; Sarah Ashbury; Doug Bauerbach; Corissa Bird; Marcella Rose Bond; Brinley Boyd; Donna Bridgman; Gertrude & Sarah Burkhardt; Bud & Rita & Theresa Byers; Lendel Byrd; Jan Carter; Art Chavez; Christine & Daria Chavez; Rosemary Chicwak; Barb Christman; Bill & Mary Clark; Tom Clark; Jeannine Cox; Rita Crock; Betty Crum; Ed & Mary Crum; Mary V. Crum; Phyllis Davidson; Vickie Dennis; Sara Dimmerling; Annie Dye; Liz Ennis; Krista Estadt; Becky Fry; Deb Gaydosik; Mark Groves; Tim Hall; Attie Hammon; Ruth Noll Fox; Esther Hohman; Paul Horton; Robin Leasure; Stephanie Lee; Merlyn Long; Stacia Longstreth; Margaret Mary McCort; Berdine McLaughlin; Brady Martin; Kayla Makowski; Marilyn Merry; Bill Merry; Mary Merry; Tracy Mitchum; Gisele Miller; Richard Minyo; JoAnn Mitchell, Dolores "Dee" Henry Moore; Jennifer Moore; Charlie Morton; Sarah Ogle; Bonnie Perkins; Patti Perkins; Robin Perkins; Carol Powell; Rosanna Pryor; Judy Raymond; Tom Repasky; Leann Rhinehart; Georgia Rich; Amanda Riski; Fritz Ritterbeck; Herman Ritterbeck; Larry Ritterbeck; Ray Ryman; Pat Scarbury; Mary Saneda; Barbara Schaad; Mary Jo Schell; Doug & Tom Schockling; Bob Schockling; Maureen Schultice; Logan Secrest; Myron Secrest; Ruth Smith; Jamie Smith-Mitchell; Rhonda Snider; Delbert Stover; Jeff Sulek; Mike Sulek, Sr.; Donna Sullivan; Laura Thompson; Peggy Townsend; Jimmy Walters; Jennifer Ward; Kelly Warden; Kerry Lee Weber; Tim Wells; Bill Worcester; Marc Zagoric; Stephen Zvolensky;

New this week : Zack Rich; Amy Porter; Carolyn Schockling; Mary Kula; Jane Thompson; Reis Gibson; Cindy Kirkbride; Kaye Hill;

For our Troops: Damieon J. Basford; Troy Bauerbach; Andrew Bjork; Michael Brown; Allison Chicwak, Levi Chicwak; Jimmy Clark; Shawn Cooper; Kissta DiGregorio; Joe Fry; Sarah Fry; Chrystal Goman, Alex Grewell; Tanner Harding; Trevor Hayes; Dusty Hooks; Christopher Irvin; Savannah Kittrell; Cory McGilton; Anthony Monsegur; Jacob & Marshal Niswonger; Levi Pemberton; Aaron Powers; Justin Rossiter; Lane Sayre; Maria Serdy; Benjamin Schroeder; Olivia Schroeder; Paul Trent Siddle; Joe Wheeler; Our thoughts and prayers remain with those serving our country and with their loved ones at home. We pray for a safe homecoming and that the world may one day be at peace. Keep praying for our County and our World.

Eucharistic Ministers to the Home Bound:

IC: July—Anne Watson August—Janet Harr
SM: July—Jan Ramage August—
SS: July—Donna Crum August—Ron Saling

7/17/2022	CC	IC	SM	SS
Adults	\$426	\$797	\$480	\$3,080
Loose	\$245	\$274	\$96	\$365
Candle	\$20		\$12	\$10

CANDLES: Sp. Int. for Cathy Moore; 4 Sp. Int. Sp. Int. by Randall & Lisa; Sp. Int. by Becky Sp. Int. by Maryellen; Tally Hill by Barbara; Sp. Int. for family & those in need;

Fireman's Festival Parade: As in the past, the Noble County Catholic Parishes will be entering a float. Everyone is welcome to participate. Decorating of the float at St. Stephen Parking Lot on Saturday, July 30th at 10 pm. Looking for people to ride the float and pass out candy. To ride on the float please meet at St. Stephen Parking lot at 5pm or you can join us at the Fairgrounds at 5:15 pm. Please use the McDonald's gate to entry fairgrounds.

SOME HUMOR FOR THE PEW -

An elderly couple is invited to eat dinner at another couple's home. After dinner, the two women go into the kitchen and the two men remain at the table catching up. One of them, Frank, gushes over a restaurant he had taken wife to the previous weekend to celebrate their 60th anniversary. "You have to take your wife there, the service is excellent, the food was delicious, it was honestly the best restaurant experience I've ever had." His friend, impressed, asks him what the name of the restaurant is. Frank replies "Um... Ugh... I can't remember." After thinking about it for a couple of minutes he says, "Hey, wait, what's the name of that, that flower?"

"A tulip?"

"No, no, no, the... the red one, you know, with... with thorns."

"A rose?"

"Aha! Yes! Thank you!"

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<p>At Corpus Christi, in Belle Valley</p> <p>ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS Mondays @ 8pm</p>	<p>At Corpus Christi, in Belle Valley</p> <p>AL-ANON MEETINGS Tuesdays @ 7pm For info: call 581-0502 or 732-4844</p>	<p>ST. MICHAEL'S Group list for August *Picnic Committee</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> As head of a group, you are asked to schedule the cleaning times and call your group Each month the group is responsible for cleaning the CHURCH; the hall, restrooms and entrance into the hall If you are not able to clean, you are asked to hire a replacement. Each Group is expected to provide a prize on the Annual Homecoming Picnic Raffle: Couples \$10 Singles \$5
<p>ST. STEPHEN CHURCH CLEANERS For the Month of August 4th & 18th @1pm</p> <p>Diane Braden Becky Hendershot Pat Schroeder Connie Stiers Tracy Saling Lynn Archer Jean Gibson Nancy Antill Teresa Chicwak SUBSTITUTE COST IS: \$20 each time Annette Thomas 740 509-2216 Tammy Gaydos 740 541-6801 Paige Carter 740 581-2082 Anyone wishing to be a sub is asked to please call the office</p>	<p>ST. MARY'S Group list for August</p> <p>++M/M Danny Saling M/M Frank Wickham Tanner Baker Isaac Dimmerling M/M Jerry Mosser M/M Jim Singer Bill Singer Mary Gerst M/M Tom Singer M/M Clint King Donna Kress</p> <p>++Indicates head of group</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Group head is responsible for contacting group members for church cleaning for their month and for collecting money from each member for the Ticket Prize. If you are unable to clean church for your month, you are expected to hire someone to clean for you. The amount is \$20. Subs are Kim, Izzie & Kendal Snyder (740 732-0041) At this time you are permitted to clean but you are still on a group to work towards the raffle ticket. 	

Dear Padre,

My good friend is converting to Catholicism and learning things that I, a cradle Catholic, never knew. Why wasn't I taught these things? I'm embarrassed that a convert knows more than me.

Catholics receive most of their religious education as children. Even at the high school level, teachers are not able to explore religious topics with the same breadth and depth that occurs during the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA) formerly known as RCIA. The Bible, for instance, is taught to children as stories, but adult faith requires us to read and understand Scripture as more than a story.

Adults learn differently from children; adults ask different questions. The facts and contents remain the same, but it's not possible for your early religious education to have the same content and depth as that of an adult who is converting to Catholicism.

Most Catholic parishes need a faith-formation program for adults who want to take their faith to a deeper level. If yours doesn't offer adult-education programs, many publishers offer programs that can be used for individual study. Let your own interest and curiosity be your guide.

Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR
Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org

Do you have a question for the Padre?

Go to DearPadre.org to send your question and to learn more about Dear Padre.



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A WORD FROM Pope Francis

Is your faith, is my faith tired? Do you want to reinvigorate it? Look for God's gaze: sit in adoration, allow yourself to be forgiven in confession, stand before the Crucified One. In short, let yourself be loved by him. This is the starting point of faith: letting oneself be loved...by he who is Father.

ANGELUS, OCTOBER 10, 2021



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Calendar

Monday
JULY 25
St. James, Apostle
2 Cor 4:7-15
Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday
JULY 26
Sts. Joachim and Anne,
Parents of the
Blessed Virgin Mary
Jer 14:17-22
Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday
JULY 27
Weekday
Jer 15:10, 16-21
Mt 13:44-46

Thursday
JULY 28
Weekday
Jer 18:1-6
Mt 13:47-53

Friday
JULY 29
Sts. Martha, Mary,
and Lazarus
Jer 26:1-9
Jn 11:19-27
or Lk 10:38-42

Saturday
JULY 30
Weekday
Jer 26:11-16, 24
Mt 14:1-12

Sunday
JULY 31
Eighteenth Sunday
in Ordinary Time
Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23
Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Lk 12:13-21

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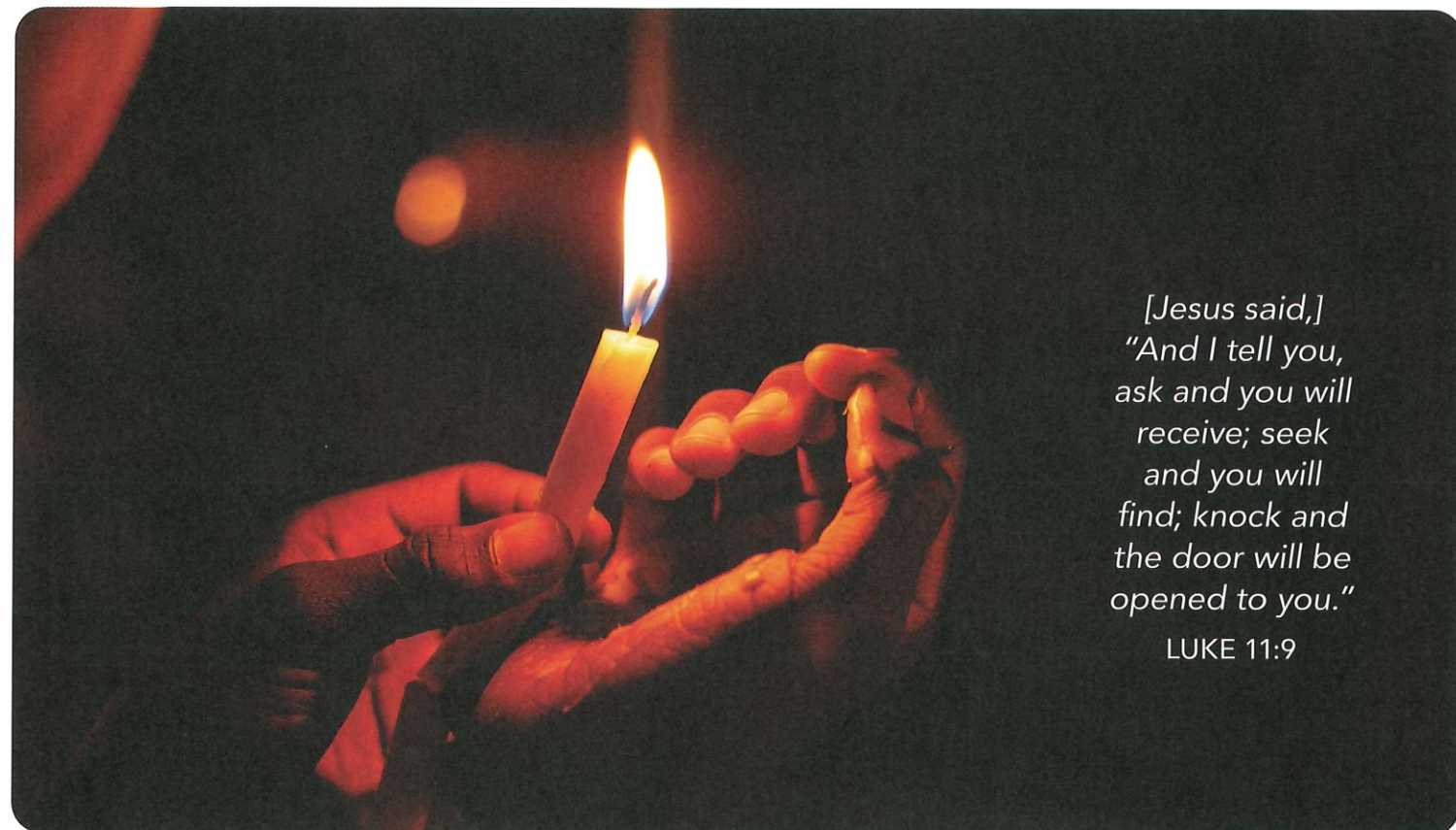
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Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (C)

Gn 18:20-32

Col 2:12-14

Lk 11:1-13



*[Jesus said,]
"And I tell you,
ask and you will
receive; seek
and you will
find; knock and
the door will be
opened to you."*

LUKE 11:9

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The Power of Prayer

"I'll pray for you." What a simple promise. When we make this promise, what do we expect it will accomplish? The sentence is really a statement of faith. It assumes a caring relationship between us and those for whom we pray. It presumes the other person trusts that we do care. Most importantly, it acknowledges there is so much we humans cannot achieve by ourselves, and so we turn in confidence to God that our needs are the concern of God as well.

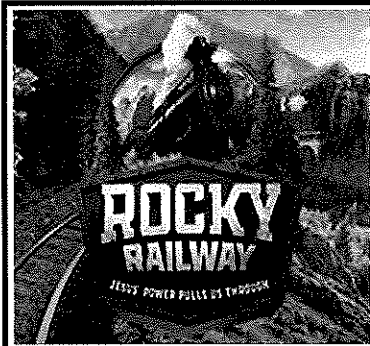
Today's first reading is the startling account of Abraham's prayer for two sinful cities. He pleads with God to spare them for the sake of any righteous citizens found there. God is willing to do that if righteous citizens can be found. Abraham prays for people who do not deserve God's mercy. But there it was. God's mercy outstrips the most horrendous crimes. Abraham kept pleading, and God kept saying, "All right."

The same persistence in prayer is found in the Gospel passage. The message there? Keep at it. We don't know whether the praying will end as Abraham's did or like that of the determined friend in the Gospel. That's not our concern, because the way prayer is answered belongs to God, not to us. So then why pray if we can't be confident about the answer? Because we believe we are connected to each other, and together we stand in need before a loving God who wants the best for us.

Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

FOR Reflection

- ★ *How often do you promise: "I'll pray for you"?*
How often do you keep that promise?
- ★ *What do you hope prayer will accomplish?*



Rocky Railway Totally Catholic —VBS —Sunday, July 31st

It is going to be a one day event. 10:00am—6:00pm
 The summer event that puts kids on track for trusting Jesus!
 At Rocky Railway, kids explore Jesus' power and how we can trust Jesus to pull us through when life feels like a valley or a mountaintop.
 It's our prayer that Rocky Railway Totally Catholic VBS will allow everyone involved to discover why and how we can truly trust Jesus' power to do big things in our lives.

PLEASE PICK UP A FORM FOR EACH CHILD AND DROP IN THE COLLECTION OR DROP OFF AT THE OFFICE. We would like to know how many to prepare for.

ATTENTION: Need 7th thru 12th graders to help!! Please sign up or let Angela Crock Saling know.

ATTENTION: Corpus Christi Parishioners:

The Raffle Committee is starting to work on the prizes for our upcoming fall raffle. Again this year we would like to go with money prizes, and we are looking for donations and hoping that all the prizes will be donated like last year.

You will find an envelope in your packets for a special collection for next week, July 24th. Please use it and let Polly or Regina if you are able to make a donation this year towards a prize. There is no other fundraiser or dinner planned so we relying on your generosity toward the raffle. **There will be no Hog Roast!!**

There will be a special collection this weekend of Saturday, July 23 & Sunday, July 24th. Monies generated will go to each parish. Since CC & SM have cancelled their fund raisers any donation you make will be greatly appreciated. Monies collected will also go toward PSR & VBS

Such as SM—Annual Picnic has been cancelled!!

CC—Fall Raffle (There will be No Hog Roast)

St. Mary's in Temperanceville
 Annual Picnic
 Sunday, July 31st 11:00am
 Bingo, Food, Games & Pull Off Tickets

Prayer

A man stands tallest
 when he's on his knees



The Men's Prayer Group
 Monday, August 15th
 at 7:00pm at IC Pavilion

Is prayer your steering wheel or
 Your spare tire??

Dave & Theresa Ackley
 Jamieson Ackley & Annie Ewert
 Jaret Ackley
 Mildred Ackley
 Rick & Angela Ackley
 Adam & Melanie Archer
 Dueb & Lynn Archer
 Jeff & Susan Archer
 Don & Pam Bickford
 Scott & Diane Braden
 Donna Bridgeman
 Gary Bridgman
 Randall & Lisa Clark
 Ray & Karen Crum
 Brian & Connie Curtis
 Phyllis Davidson
 Ron & Patty Dimmerling
 John & Wanda Farrar
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 Norm Feldner
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 Bill & Janice Hupp
 Mike Hupp
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 Leo & LuAnn Michel
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 Jeff & Darlene Minosky
 Lori Minyo

Mike & Lynn Minyo
 Warren & Sandy Moore
 Mary Ramage
 Ruth Ann Ramsey
 Dick Saliba
 Bryan Sawyer
 Aaron Schaad
 Maryellen Schleappi
 Jim Schoeppner
 Pat & Krista Schoeppner
 Patti Shaw
 Debbie Stapp
 Rick & Connie Stiers
 Nathan Thomas
 Jack & Judy Turner
 Steve & Melanie Wentworth
 Ann Warner
 Charles Zwick
 Dave & Missy Zwick



SS--The Committee list for the 2nd Parish Social
 Sunday, August 7th 5:00pm —8:00pm
 with Bingo, Country Store & Chicken
 Sandwiches, Chicken & Noodles, Hot Dogs, etc.
 If your name appears please pick up your tickets

Extra forms can be found in back of churches
 Light green in color.....

K thru 12th from 10am to 5pm

REGISTRATION FORM

(One per child)

Preschool for 4 & 5 years old from 10am to 1pm



Child's name: _____ Child's gender: _____

Child's age: _____ Date of birth: _____ Last school grade completed: _____

Name of parent(s): _____

Street address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home telephone: (____) _____

Parent/caregiver's cellphone: (____) _____

Home email address: _____

Home parish: _____

Allergies, medical conditions, or special needs: _____



In case of emergency, contact: _____

Phone: _____

Relationship to child: _____

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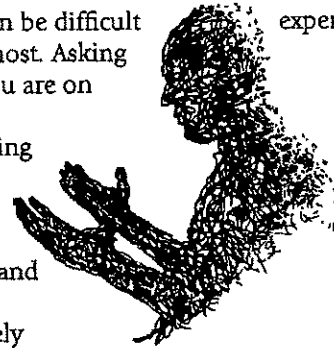
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Discerning God's will

Do you have a big decision to make? It can be difficult to hear God's voice just when you need it most. Asking the right questions and looking for signs you are on track can help you make the right choice.

"Will it help me get to Heaven?" Answering this question first will weed out extraneous options quickly. Then, when deciding between two good choices, consider which one makes best use of your strengths, gifts, and your state in life.

Deep peace. In heartfelt prayer, you'll likely



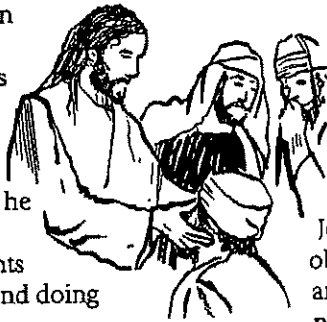
experience a deep peace for one of your options. Only God gives this kind of peace (John 14:27). It's a good sign when that peace lasts throughout the decision process. Lack of peace is usually God saying, "no."

Good fruits. These are easiest to see after you have taken steps toward your decision. If you see spiritual fruits like generosity, joy, patience, and self-control growing in your soul, you're on the right track. Anxiety, turmoil, anger, tension are signs that you made a misstep.

from Scripture

Luke 14:1, 7-14, Unreciprocated kindness

Jesus was under close and careful scrutiny by the Pharisees who were watching for a misstep in order to discredit him. They were afraid that his "radical" ideas would undermine the religion and tradition they protected. Nonetheless, he never let this critical scrutiny by his opponents keep him from saying and doing the right things.



"networking" – entertaining people who can further our personal or professional goals. There is usually an exchange of favors implied in this kind of a relationship, "you scratch my back and I'll scratch yours."

In this parable, however, Jesus urged us to forget about obtaining benefit or admiration and instead serve people in need. He said that doing favors for and being kind to the disadvantaged can be very rewarding and will bring blessings to the host. The guests won't be able to reciprocate, but God will certainly repay the kindness.

Feasts & Celebrations

August 2 – St. Peter Julian Eymard (1868). Born in France, Peter was ordained in 1834 and earned a reputation as a preacher. He was friends with St. John Vianney. He founded the Congregation of the Priests of the Blessed Sacrament to increase devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

August 9 – St. Edith Stein (1942). Born Jewish, she was a brilliant atheist intellectual in Germany. Edith converted to Catholicism after studying St. Teresa of Avila, and became a Carmelite nun. Although her order tried to shelter her

from the Nazis, she was arrested and executed at Auschwitz.

August 15 – Solemnity of the Assumption. Declared a dogma of faith in 1950 by Pope Pius XII, the Assumption celebrates Mary's being taken up into Heaven body and soul at the end of her life.

Aug. 24 – St. Bartholomew the Apostle (1st Century). Bartholomew is thought by some scholars to be the apostle, Nathanael (John 1:46). After Jesus's Ascension, Nathanael spread Christianity to India and Armenia, where he was martyred.



Q & A What does Mary's Assumption mean for us?

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII infallibly declared that, "having completed the course of her earthly life," the Blessed Virgin Mary was taken up, body and soul, into heavenly glory.

Although this doctrine was declared relatively recently, the Church's belief in it isn't new. Sacred Scripture and Tradition repeatedly emphasize Mary's sinlessness and holiness (Luke 1:28), and her deep involvement in the mysteries of Christ's life. Given this, we believe Jesus preserved her body from decay and raised her to heavenly glory.

For us, the Assumption, is a "sneak preview" of what our ultimate destiny can be if we are faithful to Christ, as Mary was - having our glorified bodies, sinless and perfectly happy. What she is now, we hope someday to be. Moreover, the Assumption reveals the value of our bodies in God's plan. When God created us in His image, He created us body and soul and said it was "very good" (Genesis 1:31). It's so good, that He intends to raise us, bodily, into His glory.

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St. Stephen, Corpus Christi, St. Mary's and St. Michael's
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Jesus, I trust in you!

We fully trust in someone when we have a firm belief in his or her reliability, truth, ability, and strength. Do you trust God? He really is "faithful and true" (Revelation 19:11). You can trust Him ...

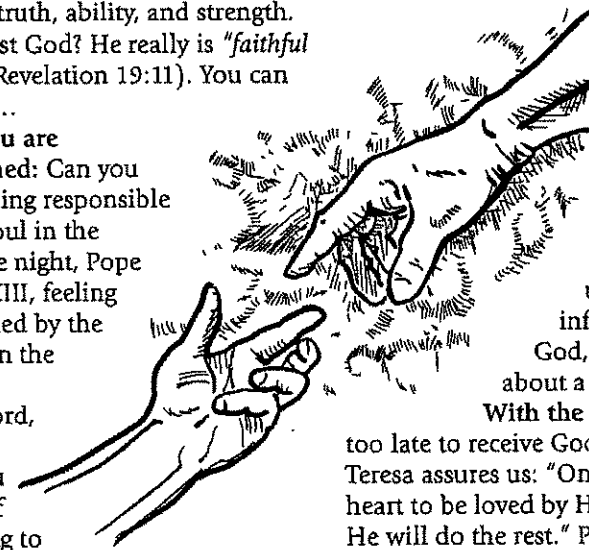
When you are overwhelmed: Can you imagine being responsible for every soul in the world? One night, Pope St. John XXIII, feeling overwhelmed by the problems in the Church, prayed, "Lord, it's Your Church; You take care of it. I'm going to bed." That's the perfect model for us. Surrender concerns to God, trust Him to handle them, and relax.

With the future: St. Padre Pio said, "You say you are anxious about the

future, but don't you know that the Lord is with you always and that our enemy has no power over one who has resolved to belong entirely to Jesus?"

When we understand the infinite love of God, we won't worry about a thing.

With the past: It's never too late to receive God's mercy. Mother Teresa assures us: "Only open your heart to be loved by Him as you are. He will do the rest." Pope Francis has said that God is never tired of dispensing His mercy. We are the ones who tire of asking. Never tire of asking. Absolution is as close as your nearest Catholic church.



One Minute Meditations

Get involved
Catholics have a long history of action – feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, caring for the poor, praying for souls. Are you doing all you can to help? If not, find out if there is a parish ministry that could use your time, talent, or treasure. Catholics are meant to make a difference.

Run, don't walk
If you think you don't sin and don't need the Sacrament of Reconciliation, run – don't walk – to the nearest confessional. "If we say, 'We are without sin,' we deceive ourselves" (1 John 1:8). Unconfessed sin, especially when it goes unnoticed, forms a barrier between us and God. Penance, absolution, and life amendment helps to break it down.

A Novena
Do you have a particular concern or an upcoming challenge? A novena – a prayer offered over nine consecutive days in preparation for a feast day or a special need – is a great way to ask for God's particular help.

Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics bury loved ones' remains?

Everything the Church teaches about care for the dying, funeral rites, and burial is out of respect for the body. For Catholics, the body has the added dignity of participating in the Sacraments during life: "your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit" (1 Corinthians 6:19). In the Creed, we profess belief in the resurrection of the body. Therefore, the Church permits cremation as long as the remains are buried in sanctified ground. Scattering ashes is prohibited.

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Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for the warm welcome that I have received so far. You have made my transition into the parish easy. I wanted to give you an update on a few different items in the parishes:

- **New Weekday Mass Schedule Effective 1 August 2022**

Starting 1 August, there will be a new Daily Mass schedule for our four parishes. Daily Mass will be celebrated at St. Stephen's at Noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays and at 8:00AM on Wednesdays and Fridays. There will be no Mass on Mondays as that will continue to be my day off. The Code of Canon Law (Canon 905) and my faculties from the Bishop only allow me to regularly celebrate one Mass per day during the week. While I am allowed to celebrate two Masses on a weekday when pastorally needed, that is really only envisioned to be in cases of a funeral or some special event and it is not suppose to be a regularly scheduled occurrence (the prison ministry is an exception). The reason I have chosen St. Stephen's to be the location for Daily Mass is because of concerns with road conditions due to weather, especially in the winter and early morning hours, and because St. Stephen's is a central location for the whole county. When there were more than one active priest in the county, it made sense to have multiple daily Masses, but since I am by myself this change is necessary. Another change is that while we will still have Adoration following Mass on First Fridays, we will just be having Adoration and Benediction along with Confessions.

- **Distribution of the Precious Blood**

After this weekend, July 23/24, we will once again stop the distribution of the Precious Blood. With the rising number of COVID cases both in Ohio and Nationally, it is in the best interests of all that we cease distribution of the Precious Blood. One thing most people do not think about is that I have to consume the remaining Precious Blood and purify the sacred vessels after Communion and if I happen to get sick everything in the parishes come to a halt. I have also seen the Precious Blood spilled far too many times in my life. It is important to remember that you do not have to receive Communion under both species to receive the fullness of the sacrament – the fullness of the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Christ is found both in the Host and the Precious Blood.

- **Update on Fulda**

I have been working with the Diocese to get estimates on what work needs to be done in the church to get it open for Mass again. To date, we have had two companies come and look at the church. One company gave an estimate for just what they could see from the floor, with the understanding that once they got up there they may discover other issues. This bid did not include painting or patching cracks. The other company gave an estimate for what they would charge per month just for plaster repairs (we are trying to get them back to refine this estimate). I have also contacted a third company to come and

look as well. In looking at the plaster issues, I try to focus on what needs to be done in three separate but related stages:

1. What is the minimum we have to do to get the church open again
2. What do we need to do going forward to make sure there are not other structural problems and to correct other visible issues in the church
3. Long term, and perhaps concurrently with the plaster repairs, we need to start thinking about painting the church interior and perhaps some other house keeping things as well (such as replacing the carpet/flooring). I believe the last renovations were in 1971 and 1984.

So, at this point we are still trying to fully assess the situation. When it comes to the Hall, I have spoken to the Diocese and they have said that in order to use the lower hall, we need to have stairs built from the door in the kitchen to act as both a secondary exit and fire escape. I am currently trying to get estimates on how much that would cost. As far as the situation with the upstairs hall, I have no updates at this time.

- **Livestreaming of Mass**

At this time, I will not continue the practice of livestreaming Mass. While livestreaming was good during the lockdown, it is time for us to get back to Mass in person. There are also a number of other locations that livestream their Sunday Masses. I am also not as good with technology as Fr. Morris.

I know that there are other things that I am forgetting to mention here, but I am trying my best to get up to speed with everything that I need to know. Please be patient with me as I work through everything. I am sure that I will do things differently than they have been done in the past, but my goal is to try help you grow closer to Christ in your daily life.

In Christ,



Fr. Tom