



HOLY MASS SCHEDULE

SEE BULLETIN FOR HOLY DAYS

Saturday Vigil	4:00pm
Sunday	8:30am
	10:30am
	12:30pm

Daily

Monday-Friday	6:30am
Monday-Saturday	8:15am

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2:00pm on first and third Sundays.
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Sponsors need letter from their pastor.

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2:30-3:30pm every Saturday;
Weekly Holy Hour with Confessions from 6:30-7:30pm every Wednesday.

Anytime upon request.
(Call for appointment.)

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

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HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

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TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME OCTOBER 8, 2023 DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, October 8

- 8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
- 10:30 a.m. + Sally Ann Smith (The Stover Family)
- 12:30 p.m. + Warren, David & Michael Roberts (Carolyn Roberts)
- 5:00 p.m. + Dolores Mahaney (The Marinelli Family)

Monday, October 9

- 6:30 a.m. + Sharon Burr
- 8:15 a.m. + Kyle Ann Kowaleski (Steve & Kristy Wagner)

Tuesday, October 10

- 6:30 a.m. + Bella (Pat Kearns)
- 8:15 a.m. + Francesca Tata (The Pizzuti Family)

Wednesday, October 11

- 6:30 a.m. + Poor Souls in Purgatory
- 8:15 a.m. For the School

Thursday, October 12

- 6:30 a.m. + Msgr. Robert Schneider
- 8:15 a.m. Msgr. Cody's 50th Anniversary (The Christ Child Society)

Friday, October 13

- 6:30 a.m. + James R. Cecil (Theresa & Rich Agnello)
- 8:15 a.m. 50th Wedding Anniversary of Jim & Charlotte Stevens

Saturday, October 14

- 8:15 a.m. Pontifical College Josephinum Seminarians, Faculty and Staff
- 4:00 p.m. + Thomas O'Leary (The O'Leary Family)

Sunday, October 15

- 8:30 a.m. + Arthur Dauny & Marguerite Dauny (Luis & Francoise Caso)
- 10:30 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of our Parish
- 12:30 p.m. + Fiore Matteis
- 5:00 p.m. + Elizabeth Sulich (The Kohler Family)



OCTOBER 8, 2023 TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone..."

– Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too, are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others, it is a sign that God is alive and well!

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Envelopes	\$	13,875.30
Online Giving	\$	13,208.00
Total:	\$	27,083.30



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OCTOBER 7, 2023 – CELEBRATING THE
SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY
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PARISH CALENDAR: OCTOBER

SUNDAY, October 8	11:30 a.m. RCIA (UMR) 11:30 a.m. PSR (LMR) 2:00 p.m. Seasons of Hope (UMR) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry (MH)	Thursday, October 12	Eucharistic Exposition (Adoration Chapel) 5:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 6:00 p.m. Respect Life Ministry Meeting (UMR) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
Monday, October 9	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U) 6:45 p.m. K of C Rosary (C) 7:00 p.m. K of C Meeting (LMR)	Friday, October 13	Eucharistic Exposition (Adoration Chapel)
Tuesday, October 10	11:30 a.m. Live Wires (MH) 7:30 p.m. WFF Bible Study (UMR)	Saturday, October 14	7:00 a.m. Pietra Class (LMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C)
Wednesday, October 11	6:00 p.m. Melchizedek Project (UMR) 6:30 p.m. Holy Hour & Confessions (C)	SUNDAY, October 15	11:30 a.m. RCIA (UMR) 11:30 a.m. SVdP Meeting (LMR) 2:00 p.m. Seasons of Hope (UMR) 2:00 p.m. Baptism (C) 3:00 p.m. Middle School Youth Ministry (Gym) 6:00 p.m. High School Youth Ministry (MH)

(U) = Undercroft, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (PO) = Parish Office, (SG, SR, SM) = Saints Gabriel, Raphael and Michael, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (SC) = School Conference Room, (R) = Rectory, (PSR) = Parish School of Religion Office, (UMR) = Meeting Room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting Room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (YMR/SG) = Youth Ministry Room

FROM THE PASTOR

FOLKS, ON THIS 27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, we find ourselves in the midst of seemingly endless streams of bad and challenging news stories day after day. So much so that people – including me at times – wonder if there is any good news at all to be heard and to be shared. Washington politics continues down a messy path, prices of basic necessities continue to increase, the homicide rate continues to climb, and Ohio's Issue One is on the November ballot – a proposed constitutional amendment that actually threatens the health of a mother, the human life she carries in her womb, and potentially drive a wedge between the love and trust relationship between parents and their children by eliminating parental rights. In his encyclical letter *Evangelium Vitae* (*The Gospel of Life*), Pope Saint John Paul II wrote: ***“What is urgently called for is a general mobilization of consciences and a united ethical effort to activate a great campaign in support of life. All together we must build a culture of life”*** (EV, 95). In these challenging days, I hear people asking, “Where is God in all of this? Why doesn't God do something about all of this? Isn't God tired of all the bad news? Could God be disappointed in how many choose to exercise the freewill that God has given us? Could God be saddened as well at what our misguided, self-focused agendas have generated, let alone produced and harvested?” Today's Gospel – another vineyard story – might speak quite loudly to all of us today. In the first parable, we are the vineyard, and God is the owner – God who spared nothing in planting and cultivating us, in giving us everything that we needed to grow and flourish as His vines. But it turns out that our yield is often wild and sour, and the parable promises we'll be held accountable and pay the price of this failed harvest. The parable in the Gospel recounts the Vintner's multiple efforts to warn us – the servants that He sends to collect the harvest are the Old Testament prophets, who were ignored, ridiculed, and in many cases killed. Then He sends his own Son (Jesus Christ) – and they, too, put Him to death. Jesus told this story as a warning that unless they were faithful to the Lord's word, their inheritance will be taken from them and given to others – in today's parlance, our choices have consequences. And so we must ask ourselves, if we are now grafted on to the Vine (remembering that Jesus is the Vine, and we are His branches), what is our harvest? Is our harvest abundant, sweet and delicious? Or is our harvest abundant, but bitter and sour? The daily headlines and our social discourse provide the answer, and each of us would be wise to heed these ancient parables of timeless Gospel truths found in Sacred Scripture and find ourselves located in them. Now, is all of the news bad? Of course not! There are many good things happening in our parish, in our Diocese, in our neighborhoods, in our metropolitan area, in our great State of Ohio, and in our world that reflect those living their lives in witness to the timeless teachings of Christ as “doers of the word, not hearers only” (James 1:22), walking in His footsteps, and striving to enter into the gates of Heaven. Some of this is found in the words of our second reading today from Saint Paul: ***“Brother and sisters, have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer, make your needs known to God. Then the peace that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, think about these things; think about whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious; if there is anything of excellence, anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you”*** (Philippians 4:6-9). Folks, in a time when social discourse grows less and less civil by the day, when backbiting, bitterness and mud-slinging (on all sides) takes place rather than constructive dialogue; and when mistrust and accusation are the rulebook instead of mutual respect and collaboration, in these times the words of Saint Paul can become a new beginning, a fresh start, a reset button for our minds and hearts, for the choices we make in life, by the way we conduct our lives. Let's start fresh today by putting on the mind of Christ, align our human hearts to His Most Sacred Heart, so that working together as disciples of Christ, we can begin rebuilding our world in the image and likeness of Christ. While there are no guarantees in life, of this I am very certain – making a good confession, changing our ways, and heeding today's words of Saint Paul, combined, are a great starting point to reset our lives and, with the help and grace of God and His Son, Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit, we can transform ourselves and work towards a personal harvest sweet enough to be counted as the harvest of God's grace. Let's take these steps together as a parish family, and walk this journey together, helping one another along the way. Something else to reflect on comes from a Letter to the Faithful written by Saint Francis of Assisi: ***“O how happy and blessed are those who love the Lord and do as the Lord Himself said in the Gospel: You shall love the Lord your God with your whole heart and your whole soul; and your neighbor as yourself. Therefore, let us love God and adore Him with pure heart and mind. This is His particular desire when He says: True worshippers adore the Father in spirit and truth. For all who adore Him must do so in the spirit of truth. Let us also love our neighbors as ourselves. Let us have charity and humility. Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. We must not be wise and prudent according to the flesh. Rather, we must be simple, humble and pure. The Spirit of the Lord will rest on all who live in this way and persevere in it to the end. He will permanently dwell in them. They will be the Father's children who do His work. They are the spouses, brothers and mothers of our Lord Jesus Christ”*** (Opuscula, edit. Quaracchi 1949).

ABUNDANT PRAYERS AND THANKS to all who volunteered in one way or another to make last Sunday's Patronal Solemnity of Saint Michael the Archangel a wonderful parish celebration of the Eucharist and food and fellowship gatherings after each Mass. There are many new faces as of late, and we welcome them to our parish family of Saint Michael, including our new Associate Pastor, **Father Wojcieck Stachura, SAC**, who arrived last Saturday and was able to meet so many! Please welcome him!

~Fr. Mike Lumpe



OCTOBER: *Month of the Rosary*

Praying the *Hail Mary* like never before

By Dr. Edward Sri

Catholics sometimes come across slightly defensive, almost embarrassed, about Mary. 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 noted 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 (Luke 1:28). To more fully appreciate the meaning of this opening line in the *Hail Mary*, imagine what these words originally 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” (Luke 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” (Luke 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 pray 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 explained, “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’ ” (CCC 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 called “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 pray the *Hail Mary*?

Pope Saint John Paul II noted 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.

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*Hail Mary, full of grace,
the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women,
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners now,
and at the hour of death.
Amen.*

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 is dedicated to the Most Holy Rosary.

"At the moment for saying farewell, or better still, 'arrivederci,' I once more remind everyone of what counts most in life: blessed Jesus Christ, His Holy Church, His Gospel; and in the Gospel, above all, the 'Pater noster' (Our Father) in the spirit and heart of Jesus and the Gospel, the truth and goodness, the goodness meek and kind, active and patient, victorious and unbowed."

+ "FINAL REMINDER" FROM THE LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT OF POPE JOHN XXIII

Monday, October 9 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Denis, Bishop and Martyr, and Companions, Martyrs;

Saint John Leonardi, Priest

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: Jesus' story enlightens us about true love for one's neighbor. Above all, we must be willing to help even if others brought trouble on themselves through their own fault or negligence. Our love and concern to help others in need must also be practical; good intentions and showing pity, or empathizing with others, is not enough. Also, our love for others must be as wide and as inclusive as God's love, remembering that 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 each of us -- always.

Prayer ~ Saint Denis: 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.

Prayer ~ Saint John Leonardi: O God, giver of all good things, who through the Priest Saint John Leonardi caused the Gospel to be announced to the nations, grant, through his intercession, that the true faith may always and everywhere prosper. 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 Jesus said "Go and do likewise" in today's Gospel, he wasn't only saying it to the scholar of the law, Jesus was speaking to each of us. Sacred scripture is called the "living word" because the scripture readings are not just ink on paper, but readings to learn from, be challenged by, and put into action. So when Jesus tells us "Go and do likewise" he means it, at all times, and in all situations. "Go

and do likewise" as he teaches us throughout sacred scripture – live "the word" – live the teachings as "doers of the word, not hearers only" (James 1:22). Thus we also are all called to love God above all things, and love your neighbor as yourself, as Christ shared with the scholar of the law.

Tuesday, October 10 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:38-42 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: 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 (ref. 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" (ref. Col. 3:17). When you sit, eat, sleep and when you entertain your friends and guests, remember that the Lord Jesus is also the guest of your home. Scripture tells us that when Abraham opened his home and welcomed three unknown travelers, he welcomed the Lord who blessed him favorably for his gracious hospitality (ref. Genesis 18:1-10; Heb. 13:2). The Lord wants us, as well, to bring him glory in the way we treat others and use the gifts he has graciously given to us.

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: Does the peace of Christ reign in your home and in your personal life? Really and truly reign? Jesus loved to visit the home of Martha and Mary and enjoyed their gracious hospitality. 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 knew that what the Lord and Teacher most wanted at that moment was her attentive presence. Anxiety and preoccupation keep us from listening and from giving the Lord our undivided attention. The Lord bids us to give him our concerns and anxieties because he is trustworthy and able to meet any need we have.

Wednesday, October 11 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time **Saint John XXIII, Pope**

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:1-4 Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray just as John taught his disciples." He said to them, "When you pray, say: Father, hallowed be your name, your Kingdom come. Give us each day our daily bread and forgive us our sins for we ourselves forgive everyone in debt to us, and do not subject us to the final test."

Meditation: Jesus teaches us to address God as "Our Father" and to confidently ask him for the things we need to live as his sons and daughters. We can approach God our Father with confidence and boldness because Jesus Christ has opened the way to heaven for us through his death and resurrection. When we ask God for help, he fortunately does not give us what we deserve. Instead, he responds with grace and mercy. He is kind and forgiving towards us and he expects us to treat our neighbor the same. We can pray with expectant faith because our heavenly Father truly loves each one of us and he treats us as his beloved children. He delights to give us what is good. His love and grace transforms us and makes us like himself. Through his grace and power we can love and serve one another as Jesus taught -- with grace, mercy, and loving-kindness.

Prayer: Almighty and eternal God, who in the Pope, Saint John XXIII, gave to the whole world the shining example of a good shepherd, grant that, through his intercession, we may with joy spread abroad the fullness of Christian charity. 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 Jesus taught his disciples to pray he gave them the disciple's prayer, what we call the Our Father or Lord's Prayer. What does Jesus' prayer tell us about God and about ourselves? First, it tells us that God is both Father in being the Creator and Author of all that he has made, the first origin of

everything and transcendent authority, and he is eternally Father by his relationship to his only Son who, reciprocally is Son only in relation to his Father (ref. Matthew 11:27). All fatherhood and motherhood is derived from him (ref. Ephesians 3:14-15). In Jesus Christ we are reborn and become the adopted children of God (ref. John 1:12-13; 3:3). Do you treat others as they deserve, or do you treat them as the Lord would with grace and mercy? Jesus' prayer includes an injunction that we must ask God to forgive us in proportion as we forgive those who have wronged us. God's grace frees us from every form of anger, spite, resentment, bias, prejudice and hatred. Are you ready to forgive others just as Jesus forgives you?

About Pope Saint John XXIII: Pope Saint John XXIII was born Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli at Sotto il Monte, Italy, in the Diocese of Bergamo on 25 November 1881. He was the fourth in a family of 14. The family worked as sharecroppers. The religious atmosphere of his family and the fervent life of the parish, under the guidance of Fr. Francesco Rebuzzini, provided him with training in the Christian life. He entered the Bergamo seminary in 1892. Here he began the practice of making spiritual notes, which he continued in one form or another until his death, and which have been gathered together in the *Journal of a Soul*. Here he also began the deeply cherished practice of regular spiritual direction. In 1896 he was admitted to the Secular Franciscan Order by the spiritual director of the Bergamo seminary, Fr. Luigi Isacchi; he made a profession of its Rule of life on 23 May 1897. From 1901 to 1905 he was a student at the Pontifical Roman Seminary. On 10 August 1904 he was ordained a priest in the church of Santa Maria in Monte Santo in Rome's Piazza del Popolo. In 1905 he was appointed secretary to the new Bishop of Bergamo, Giacomo Maria Radini Tedeschi. When Italy went to war in 1915 he was drafted as a sergeant in the medical corps and became a chaplain to wounded soldiers. When the war ended, he opened a "Student House" for the spiritual needs of young people. Benedict XV brought him to Rome to be the Italian president of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith in 1921. In 1925 Pius XI named him Apostolic Visitor in Bulgaria, raising him to the episcopate with the titular Diocese of Areopolis. For his episcopal motto he chose *Oboedientia et Pax (Obedience and Peace)*, which became his guiding motto for the rest of his life. On 19 March 1925 he was ordained Bishop and left for Bulgaria. He was granted the title Apostolic Delegate and remained in Bulgaria until 1935, visiting Catholic communities and establishing relationships of respect and esteem with the other Christian communities. In 1935 he was named Apostolic Delegate in Turkey and Greece. His ministry among the Catholics was intense, and his respectful approach and dialogue with the worlds of Orthodoxy and Islam became a feature of his tenure. In December 1944 Pius XII appointed him Nuncio in France. At the death of Pius XII he was elected Pope on 28 October 1958, taking the name John XXIII. His pontificate, which lasted less than five years, presented him to the entire world as an authentic image of the Good Shepherd. Meek and gentle, enterprising and courageous, simple and active, he carried out the Christian duties of the corporal and spiritual works of mercy: visiting the imprisoned and the sick, welcoming those of every nation and faith, bestowing on all his exquisite fatherly care. His social magisterium in the Encyclicals *Pacem in terris* and *Mater et Magistra* was deeply appreciated. He convoked the Roman Synod, established the Commission for the Revision of the Code of Canon Law and summoned the Second Vatican Council. The faithful saw in him a reflection of the goodness of God and called him "the good Pope." He was sustained by a profound spirit of prayer. He launched an extensive renewal of the Church, while radiating the peace of one who trusted in the Lord.

Thursday, October 12 ~ 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: Notice how 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 inhospitality.

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: If a neighbor can be imposed upon and coerced into giving bread in the middle of the night, how much more hospitable is God who, no matter the circumstance, is generous and gracious to give us what we need 24/7/365? In conclusion Jesus makes a startling claim: How much more will the heavenly Father give! The Lord is ever ready to give us not only what we need, but more than we can expect. He gives freely of his Holy Spirit that we may share in his life and joy. Do you approach your heavenly Father with confidence in his mercy and kindness?

Friday, October 13 ~ Twenty-Seventh Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Edward the Confessor

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: It is not enough to banish evil thoughts and habits from our lives. We must also fill the voids in our lives – "empty time" if you will – with God who is the source of all that is good, wholesome, true, and life-giving for us. Saint Augustine said that our lives have a God-shaped void which only God can fill satisfactorily. If we attempt to leave it vacant or to fill it with something else, we will end up being in a worse state in the end. So, what do you fill the void in your life with? The Lord Jesus wants to fill our hearts and minds with the power of his life-giving word and healing love. Jesus makes it very clear that there are no neutral parties in this world. We are either for Jesus or against him, for the kingdom of God or against it. There are ultimately only two kingdoms which stand in opposition to one another — the kingdom of God and the kingdom of darkness which is under the rule of Satan. If we disobey God's word, we open the door to the power of sin and Satan. Thus our "house" must be occupied by Jesus.

Prayer to Saint Edward the Confessor: Most glorious Saint Edward, you showed your devotion to God with patience, gentleness and generosity. Like you, may I serve to strengthen the Kingdom of God through patient prayer and charity. Amen.

Also on this day in Fatima: In 1917 the marvelous miracle of the sun took place in the sky before 70,000 witnesses. The Virgin Mary's message at Fatima was to pray the rosary – let's do as she asks!

Contemplation: 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 (ref. John 8:34). 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 (ref. 1 Peter 5:8-9). Scripture identifies the Evil One by many names – "Satan," "Be-el'zebul—the prince of demons," the "Devil," the "Deceiver," the "Father of Lies," and "Lucifer" the fallen angel who broke ranks 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 (ref. John 12:31). Jesus overcame the Evil One through his obedience to the will of his Father; your obedience to God's will can achieve the same triumph over Satan and all that is evil.

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The Ten Commandments: So Much More Than A List Of Rules

by Edward Van Buskirk

Have you ever thought to yourself, "How relevant could a list of arbitrary Commandments, given to an ancient civilization, possibly be in our modern world? They are just a list of rules that restrict my freedom, and besides, they really aren't all that relevant any more. Are they?"

To dispel any doubts, let's consider just one of the many other sets of rules that help us in our everyday lives, such as rules for driving.

The roads were created by our local, state and federal governments for everyone's benefit. Having created the roads, the government has the authority to make and enforce the commandments about driving, and we are obliged to follow them. A few of the rules are: 1. Thou shall not run red lights; 2. Thou shall not speed through school zones; 3. Thou shall not cross over the yellow line.

What would the roads look like and how dangerous would driving be if "enlightened thinkers" convinced society that the rules were arbitrary, restrictive and unnecessary, and everyone should decide on their own rules. Without a common list of rules that govern how people drive, the roads would be chaotic and dangerous. It is because there are rules that it is possible for you, me, and everyone to use the roads for the purpose for which they were designed, so that we can reach our intended destinations.

Now, let's apply this same logic to something much more important than roads. Let's apply it to life. Life is given to us by God and, having created us, He has the authority to determine and enforce the rules. Since God is all loving, he crafted the rules for life to be beneficial for everyone and to keep us "safe" and free from the enslavement of sin. But when "enlightened thinkers" convince society that the Commandments are just a list of arbitrary, restrictive and unnecessary rules, what is the outcome? Might it look a little like the world we are living in right now? Having discarded the Ten Commandments as being just a list of rules, doesn't it seem that the world is unraveling, making life chaotic and dangerous.

God's list of rules against idolatry, lying, stealing, adultery, coveting, and killing are so much more than just another set of rules. God's Ten Commandments are the foundation for ALL the other lists of rules. They are the foundation for driving, selling and purchasing, how teachers teach, and how parents parent. The Commandments are the foundation and God is the authority.

Unfortunately, the "enlightened thinkers" have largely convinced society that the Commandments are just a list of arbitrary rules. Having been removed from the schools, courts, and public squares, the memory people have of the Commandments has faded, causing confusion, chaos, and division.

But it doesn't have to be this way. Let's restore the foundation so that you, your children, and everyone know the Commandments, appreciate how they are the guardrails that keep us from veering off the "narrow" road to safely reach our intended destination.

To get started, give some thought to the following questions. Then, decide on one action you can take to restore the Commandments to their rightful place for yourself, your family and the world.

- Do I view the Commandments as old fashioned and too restrictive? Or, do I embrace and appreciate them as the foundation for all of life's choices?
- Do I know the Ten Commandments well and do I regularly apply them in daily decisions? If there are a few that have slipped your mind you can review them here: www.godsrecipe.org/ten-commandments.
- Do I display the Commandments in a prominent place in my home as a reminder to know them and align my life by them? If not, download a copy for your home and share them with family and friends.
- Am I intentional to teach the children in my life how important the Commandments are for them today and for their future? One way to teach them is to pray the "Praying the Ten Commandments" prayer with them. You can get a copy of this prayer by visiting www.IfULoveMe.org.

Let's all work together to restore the foundation for living in harmony with one another so that we can all reach our ultimate destination – everlasting joy in heaven.

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St. Michael Festival Income Statement

	2023	2022	2021
Revenue:			
Festival Weekend Income	\$208,692	\$144,376	\$159,188
Festival Sponsors	40,000	28,630	29,568
Net Sales:	248,692	173,006	188,756
Cost of Sales:			
Food	12,016	11,571	15,101
Beer	11,053	7,130	8,088
Soda / Water	1,204	3,371	3,765
Rides	42,764	29,638	39,614
Midway Prizes	8,424	7,305	2,191
Cost of Goods Sold:	75,461.47	59,015.34	68,758.81
Gross Sales Profit (Loss):	173,231	113,990	119,997
Expenses:			
Entertainment	16,805	10,360	9,950
Maintenance / Cleaning			
Setup / Teardown	3,380	2,890	2,799
Tent / Chair Rental	12,258	12,291	8,324
Advertising / Signs	2,036	2,395	3,340
Sanitation Services	5,354	2,760	1,985
Equipment Rental	1,018	-	1,608
Permits and Union Fees	304	150	455
Raffle Payout	3,100	3,100	3,100
Silent Auction	2,495	1,495	2,141
Tshirt/Poster Sales			
Dunk Tank Payout			
Security Services	2,000	7,424	5,629
Misc Expenses	11,559	5,754	5,433
Total Expenses:	60,308	48,619	44,765
Net Income (Loss):	\$ 112,922	\$ 65,371	\$ 75,233

A huge **THANK YOU** to: Jesus for the faith that You have given us and for our wonderful St. Michael Parish family! Our Festival Chairs (Seth and Kelly Walker – 5th year!) and all organizers and committee chairs, our festival volunteers, festival sponsors, vendors, silent auction donors, parishioners, visitors, neighbors and friends, parish and school staff members, Saint Vincent de Paul, Mission Warmth, Knights of Columbus, and all parish ministries, police officers, sheriff deputies, firefighters/EMTs!

AROUND THE PARISH

MAKE TIME FOR ADORATION

There is no better way to spend an hour of your week than in the presence of the Eucharist. *Eucharistic Adoration is now available at St. Michael three days a week! Join us in the church on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-7:30 p.m. for our new weekly Holy Hour with Confessions.* Our Adoration Chapel offers Eucharistic Exposition on both Thursdays and Fridays. Our current Exposition hours are from 9:00 a.m. Thursday morning through 9:00 p.m. Friday evening. Adoration is available at all other times with the Blessed Sacrament reposed in the tabernacle. Signing up is easy to do from your phone or computer. You can sign up at StMichael.WeAdoreHim.com.

SCHEDULE YOUR MASS INTENTIONS

The tradition of Masses offered for the intentions of living or deceased loved ones originated in the early Church and continues to be an important Catholic practice. No greater gift can be offered for our loved ones, both living and deceased. The gift of a Mass Intention is a wonderful way to offer prayers to those you love. Mass Intentions are available for an offering of \$10.00 each. If you would like to remember a loved one in this way, please visit the Parish Office to schedule, or call for more details.

CHRISTMAS CARD ART CONTEST

Each year, one way we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ and the fullness of the Christmas season is by sending Christmas cards to our parishioners and friends. This year, we are asking for your help! Children and adults of the parish are invited to submit artwork for the parish to use on our Christmas card this year. There will be category champions awarded along with the grand champion. Submissions are due October 25th. Please see the flyers in Marian Hall or on the parish website for more information.

MEN'S IGNATIAN SILENT RETREAT

Men, mark your calendars for this year's Silent Retreat at the Jesuit Spiritual Center in Milford, Ohio. This year's Retreat, hosted by St. Peter, St. Michael, St. Timothy, and Immaculate Conception parishes, will be held Friday, October 27th to Sunday, October 29th. The theme is "Come and See" with Fr. Michael Graham, SJ, as retreat master. Please go to www.jesuitspiritualcenter.com/retreats for more information and to register. Space is limited, so register early. For additional information, please contact Bill Hinger at bill.hinger@gmail.com or at 614-593-1073.



ST. MICHAEL CUB SCOUT POPCORN SALE

Help us support St. Michael's Cub Scout Troop 123 during their Annual Popcorn Sale! Scouts will be in Marian Hall after all Masses the weekend of October 21-22 with popcorn available to purchase. You can also order online using the QR code or by visiting <https://www.prpopcornstore.com/?sid=4VS0HE>. This fundraiser works two-fold: It provides an opportunity to offset the scouting dues cost as well as encouraging the boys to build interpersonal and leadership skills for life. Thank you for your support and generosity!

MASS & CONFESSION TIMES

<u>Weekday Masses</u>	<u>Sunday Obligation Masses</u>
Monday: 6:30am & 8:15am	Saturday Vigil: 4:00pm
Tuesday: 6:30am & 8:15am	Sunday:
Wednesday: 6:30am & 8:15am	8:30am
Thursday: 6:30am & 8:15am	10:30am
Friday: 6:30am & 8:15am	12:30pm
Saturday: 8:15am	5:00pm

Confessions
Wednesdays: Holy Hour with Confessions 6:30-7:30pm
Saturdays: 2:30-3:30pm

ATTENTION, ALL LIVE WIRES!

Our next get-together will be held on Tuesday, October 10th at 11:30 a.m. in Marian Hall. All current and future Live Wires are welcome. Live Wires of ALL ages are invited – no need to be a Senior. Bring your favorite brown bag lunch and leave the desserts and drinks to us! Plan to enjoy some games and conversation! Hope to see you there!

MEN'S FAITH & FELLOWSHIP

There will be no meeting on Saturday, October 14, so that men of the parish can attend the pilgrimage to Our Lady of Consolation in Carey, Ohio. We look forward to meeting again on October 21st for the Rosary and discussion.



PIETRA CLASSES

Join our Pietra Classes! Meeting each week on Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m., Pietra is a whole-person fitness class that stretches and strengthens the body, while refreshing the soul with prayer and meditation. Register at viribuswellness.com or by using the QR code. For more information, contact Maria Elliott at maria@viribuswellness.com

MELCHIZEDEK PROJECT

St. Michael will have a Melchizedek Project, starting Wednesday October 11. The Melchizedek Project is a spiritual discernment group that helps high school and college-aged men consider a vocation to the Priesthood. It is based on the book, "To Save A Thousand Souls," by Fr. Brett Brannen. All participants will enjoy a meal at each meeting and receive the book for free. The Project is led by Fr. Bill Hahn and assisted by seminarians Zach Goodchild, and Sam Severance and Youth Minister Jake Asuncion at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 5750 N. High Street, Worthington, OJ. 43085. This is primarily for high schoolers. The group meets on the second Wednesday of each month. Dinner and discussion begins at 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room of the parish. Please email Fr. Bill Hahn at whahn@columbuscatholic.org or Jake Asuncion at jasuncion@saintmichael-cd.org for more information.

SEASONS OF HOPE

Are you mourning the loss of a loved one? A FEW SPACES are still available for the fall session of the Seasons of Hope Bereavement Ministry. Sessions will be held on FIVE consecutive Sundays, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., beginning on Sunday, October 8 and running through Sunday, November 5. Sessions will be held here at St. Michael. REGISTER NOW by contacting Debbie Kennedy at kennedydeborah@yahoo.com, or by calling Debbie at 614-937-0516.

SCHOOL

ST. MICHAEL PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

St. Michael Pre-Kindergarten is accepting registration for full-time and part-time classes for the 2023-2024 School Year. Our Pre-Kindergarten program uses a balance between hands-on instruction and centers for Kindergarten readiness. We also offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, which is Montessori-based, hands-on Catholic education and we use *Disciple of Christ, Education in Virtue* (<https://educationinvirtue.com/>). For more information, please go to <https://www.stmichaelworthington.org/admissions/preKindergarten/> or contact Laura Wells at 614-885-3149, option 8, or lwells@cducation.org.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL IS HIRING!

St. Michael School is hiring a Before Care Assistant for the 2023-2024 School Year to work the following shift: 6:45-7:45 a.m., Monday-Friday. Students arrive at 7:00 a.m., so the start time for the position could be discussed if applicant wishes to attend the 6:30 a.m. Mass.

Requirements:

- Current satisfactory BCI & FBI background checks
- Have attended or be willing to attend a **VIRTUS Protecting God's Children** training
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.

For more information or to apply, please contact Sr. Mary Regina at principal@stmichaelworthington.org.



To celebrate the feast of St. Michael last week, each student received a St. Michael medal and holy card! K-5 classes had an extra recess period and Middle School went to Selby Park in the afternoon. What a beautiful feast!

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AROUND THE DIOCESE

12TH ANNUAL SACRED HEART CONGRESS

Please attend the 12th Annual Sacred Heart Congress at St. Paul the Apostle Catholic Church in Westerville, OH on **Saturday, November 4th, 2023**. This mini-retreat will include the Rosary at 8:00 a.m., Mass with Bishop Fernandes, Speakers, Fellowship, Testimonies, and Confession will be offered. The Congress will end with Adoration and Benediction. Please register at www.WelcomeHisHeart.com. This year we are offering programming for school-age children. *Also a livestreaming option, if you cannot attend in person.

AN EVENING WITH THE SISTERS FOR LIFE

Join us on Friday, October 13th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Paul in Westerville for this free event sponsored by Greater Columbus Right to Life. The Sisters for Life are a religious community that is committed to the protection of human life and the promotion of new life in Christ. A reception will follow in the Klinger Center. This is not a fundraising or campaign event, but there will be an opportunity to donate and pick up campaign materials for those who are interested. For more information, visit gcrtl.org/into-life.



EARLY VOTING AGAINST ISSUES 1 & 2

Catholics are called to faithful citizenship, which means we must act when a moral question confronts our society by praying and fasting, educating ourselves and our neighbors, and making our voice heard when it's time to vote. As followers of Christ, Catholics cannot be silent when the health and safety of women and preborn children are endangered by the vague language of Issue 1. We must also protect the health of children and safety of our communities, which are both threatened by the legalization of recreational marijuana proposed by Issue 2. Recreational marijuana puts children at risk by increasing exposure to harmful drugs when their development is most vulnerable. It also increases the likelihood of traffic fatalities and workplace accidents. Visit www.voteohio.gov to **register to vote by October 10th**. Early voting begins October 11th – find your early voting location or request an absentee ballot at www.voteohio.gov to protect women, children, and communities in Ohio and **Vote NO on Issue 1 and Issue 2**. The Catholic Conference of Ohio is the official voice of the Catholic Church in Ohio on public policy, advocating for the dignity of life at all stages, immigrants, Ohioans in need, and Catholic education.

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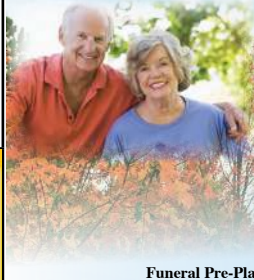
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