



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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

2:00pm on first and third Sundays.
Pre-Baptism class is at 2:00pm on second Sunday. All by appointment.

Sponsors need letter from their pastor.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

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

No date should be set prior to seeing a priest or deacon six months before desired date.

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Please contact the Parish office.

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BULLETIN DEADLINE

To submit a bulletin request, the request must be made no later than 12:00 p.m., Monday. Send bulletin requests to rlund@saintmichael-cd.org with "BULLETIN REQUEST" in the subject line with all details and contact person for questions. Early submission deadlines may be required surrounding holidays. All bulletin requests are subject to approval.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

St. Michael's Homebound Ministry is available to bring the Eucharist to the homebound. If you or a loved one within St. Michael Parish boundaries would like someone to bring the Eucharist to you, please reach out to Sr. Riya Mary to coordinate. She can be reached by calling the Parish Office or by emailing srriya@stmichael-cd.org.



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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OCTOBER 15, 2023

DAILY MASS INTENTIONS

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)

Monday, October 16

6:30 a.m. Special Intention of Haley Hinger (Dominica Bean)

8:15 a.m. + James Mentel (Carol Chapman)

Tuesday, October 17

6:30 a.m. + Margaret & James Reid (Joe & Pat Kearns)

8:15 a.m. + Jeffrey M. Oglevee (Beth Oglevee)

Wednesday, October 18

6:30 a.m. + Cynthia Potter (Joe Fiala)

8:15 a.m. For the School

Thursday, October 19

6:30 a.m. + Fr. Ronald Schmelzer

8:15 a.m. + Msgr. James L.T. Ruef

Friday, October 20

6:30 a.m. Peace in the Holy Land and Middle East

8:15 a.m. Michael Plunkett (Janet Plunkett)

Saturday, October 21

8:15 a.m. + Msgr. James P. Hanley

4:00 p.m. + Claudia Pena (Juliana O'Leary)

Sunday, October 22

8:30 a.m. + Richard Lumpe (The Stover Family)

10:30 a.m. Maureen Ferega (James Ferega)

12:30 p.m. Living & Deceased Members of our Parish

5:00 p.m. + Joan O'Leary (Juliana O'Leary & Family)



OCTOBER 15, 2023

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP:

OCTOBER 1, 2023

Envelopes \$ 10,787.91

Online Giving \$ 13,270.00

Total: \$ 24,057.91

OCTOBER 8, 2023

Envelopes \$ 16,611.71

Online Giving \$ 16,235.00

Total: \$ 32,846.71

BAPTISM

Congratulations on the baptisms of

Patrick Bertane

and Avila Maria Vittoria Szolosi

PARISH CALENDAR: OCTOBER

SUNDAY, October 15	11:30 a.m. RCIA (UMR) 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)	Thursday, October 19	Eucharistic Exposition (AC) 5:30 p.m. Cub Scouts (U) 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (C)
Monday, October 16	6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts (U) 5:00 p.m. K of C Election Canvassing (MH)	Friday, October 20	Eucharistic Exposition (AC)
Tuesday, October 17	7:30 p.m. WFF Bible Study (UMR)	Saturday, October 21	6:45 a.m. Men's Faith & Fellowship (UMR) 7:00 a.m. Pietra Class (LMR) 2:30 p.m. Confessions (C) Cub Scout Popcorn Sale after 4:00 p.m. Vigil Mass (MH)
Wednesday, October 18	6:30 p.m. Holy Hour & Confessions (C)	SUNDAY, October 22	Cub Scout Popcorn Sale after all Masses (MH) 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)

(U) = Undercroft/Cafeteria, (S) = School, (C) = Church, (G) = Gym, (MH) = Marian Hall, (SL) = School Library, (UMR) = Meeting room on the first floor of the Parish Ministry Center, (LMR) = Meeting room in the basement of the Parish Ministry Center, (AC) = Adoration Chapel

ON THIS 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME we are treated to another parable of Jesus Christ, recognizing that His parables teach us about various aspects of living our everyday lives in accordance with His way and His timeless truths, which lead us on the path to everlasting life with Him. And so today, Jesus describes the kingdom of heaven as a wedding reception, with the king sending his servants to bring in the invited guests. Now the king in this parable is God, Who is inviting everyone to life through Him, with Him and in Him. God lovingly offers us to share in His life now, not just after our death, but God is inviting us to share his life right now, this very day, this coming week – every day of our lives. How? One very important aspect that is often overlooked, or perhaps not as important as it should be, is prayer. Our prayer life should be an important aspect of our daily living – carving out ample, quality time to spend in prayer (1) at home, work, or school; (2) in Church before, during, and after Mass; (3) in Church during Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament (such as in our Adoration Chapel, or on Wednesday evenings from 6:30pm to 7:30pm during our weekly Holy Hour with Confessions); at home in the quiet hours of the morning or evening. Prayer is a very important way to share in the life of God now, and shows that we are accepting the king's invitation to the banquet. In his book *Thirsting for Prayer*, written by a favorite theologian of mine, Fr. Jacques Philippe, writes:

“To pray is to spend time freely with God just for the joy of being together.

It is to love, because giving our time means giving our lives.

***Love does not mean primarily to do something for the other person;
it means being there with them.***

Prayer trains us to be there with God, in a simple act of loving attention.”

Another of my favorite theologians, Fr. Thomas Merton, OCSO, in his book *Contemplative Prayer*, writes:

***“Prayer does not blind us to the world, but it transforms our vision of the world,
and makes us see it, all men, and all the history of mankind, in the light of God.***

***To pray 'in spirit and in truth' enables us to enter into contact with that infinite love,
that inscrutable freedom which is at work behind the complexities and the intricacies of human existence.”***

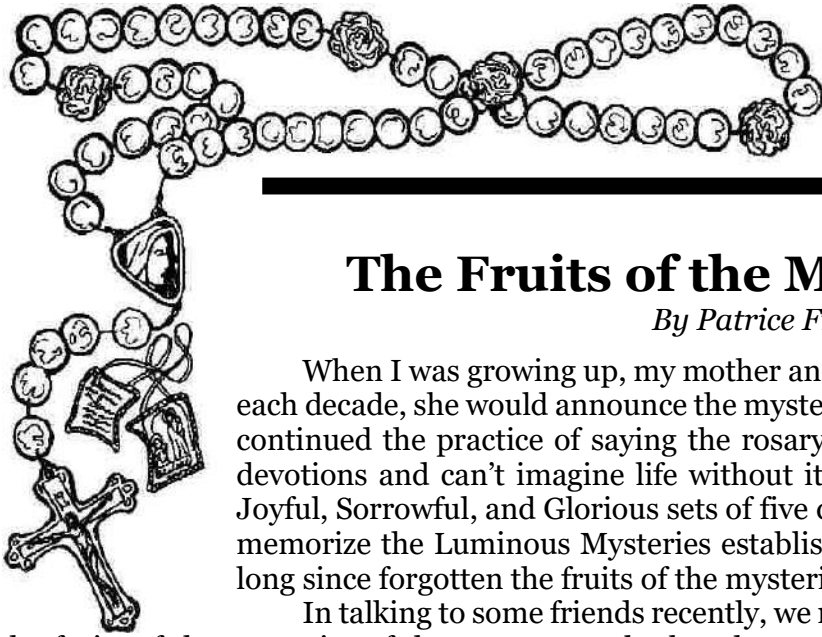
And so prayer is simply spending time freely with God in loving attention to and with Him, connecting with Him in a very personal and intimate way, recognizing the importance of that desire from our hearts, that connectivity in our daily lives so that we may live our lives in a manner that is pleasing to Him, an internal desire to love Him above all things and to show our love by giving our all to Him as He gives to us. And by applying the words of Jesus' parable today, when we pray, we enter the wedding feast of the king because, through prayer, we yearn for what is most important in life – our ultimate goal in life – to enter that wedding feast for all eternity. Now there is a rather shocking development as the parable unfolds – some of those invited were not interested in accepting the invitation because they were too busy with their own affairs. One went to his farm, and another went to his business. Really? Too busy to accept the greatest of all invitations because, in other words, these people had no time for God? How sad this is. How sad it is when people can get so caught up in various aspects of their daily lives that they either forget about God or place other people, places or things above and before God. Think of this, also, in light of the First Commandment:

“I AM THE LORD THY GOD: THOU SHALT NOT HAVE FALSE GODS BEFORE ME.”

What “false gods” have we placed before God our Father that rob us of some of the precious time that we should be spending in prayer? The god of sports? The god of money? The god of academics? The god of Saint Mattress of the Springs? The god of going on vacation and choosing not to go to Mass because “we’re on vacation.” Being caught up in our own affairs and not making suitable time for Jesus is really, in a sense, saying “no” to God, saying “no” to the invitation in Jesus' parable today, saying “no” because I don't see you, God, as being as important as it should be. Jesus' parable today and his parables in recent Sunday Gospels remind us in a number of different ways about God's invitation. Last Sunday we heard Jesus' parable about all God did for the vineyard hoping it would produce good grapes. Three Sundays ago we heard Jesus' parable about the landowner going out many times during the day to hire workers for his vineyard not wanting anyone to be idle. All these parables have one thing in common: God is continually inviting us and offering us to share in His life. Today, folks, let's all take an inventory of how we live our lives, how we spend our time each day, to make certain that we are spending ample time each day in prayer, beginning, perhaps, a few moments each morning with the **LECTIO DIVINA** that I provide each week in our bulletin, by praying the Rosary daily as the Blessed Virgin Mary said at Fatima, by spending time before Jesus in Adoration here in our parish, by spending time in prayer at work, home and school. Our connectivity to God our Father, His Son Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit are so important – the spiritual lifeline that we all need to nourish us, guide us, and keep us connected to them, the Blessed Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel, and all of the Saints. Let's recognize the importance of having and maintaining a strong, healthy and fruitful prayer life, in our daily living as individuals and in our families. “Ora et Labora” – “Prayer and Work” – is the mantra of Saint Benedict, of achieving balance in life. We can all achieve this if we make it a priority, as well we should.

THE FEAST OF SAINT GERARD MAJELLA is celebrated this coming week on October 16. As such, we will have a special blessing for all expectant mothers after all of the Masses this weekend. If you would like to pray a Novena to Saint Gerard of Majella, you can do so at any time – visit this website: <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-to-saint-gerard>.

~Fr. Mike Lumpe



OCTOBER:

Month of the Rosary

The Fruits of the Mysteries of the Rosary

By Patrice Fragnant-McArthur

When I was growing up, my mother and I would say the rosary every day together. Before each decade, she would announce the mystery and the fruit, or virtue, associated with it. I have continued the practice of saying the rosary in my adult life. Indeed, it is one of my favorite devotions and can't imagine life without it. I do remember all the mysteries of the original Joyful, Sorrowful, and Glorious sets of five decades. It took me a while, but I even managed to memorize the Luminous Mysteries established by Pope Saint John Paul II. My memory had long since forgotten the fruits of the mysteries, however.

In talking to some friends recently, we realized we were all in the same boat. No one knew the fruits of the mysteries of the rosary — only that there were some! To rectify that ignorance, here are the mysteries of the rosary and their corresponding fruits along with a brief reflection on each one. They offer yet one more good reason to pray the rosary.

The Joyful Mysteries

1. The Annunciation – Humility

It is appropriate to begin the rosary with the virtue of humility. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* states that “humility is the foundation of prayer. Only when we humbly acknowledge that ‘we do not know how to pray as we ought,’ are we ready to receive freely the gift of prayer. ‘Man is a beggar before God.’” (CCC 2559)

2. The Visitation – Love of Neighbor

Mary hastened to her cousin's Elizabeth's house to help her in her time of need. In what ways can we be of service to our own neighbor's today, whether we find that neighbor in our own home, in our community, at work, or on the internet?

3. The Nativity of the Lord – Poverty of Spirit, Detachment from the Things of the World

We live in a very consumerist culture. This mystery invites us to detach ourselves from our many possessions. What do we truly need and what is excess? What can we share with others?

4. Presentation – Obedience

Mary and Joseph humbly brought Jesus to the temple in accord with Jewish law. Obedience to God and to others can be very difficult, but offers us the opportunity to subjugate our own will to that of our heavenly Father. Not my will, but God's will be done.

5. Finding of the Child Jesus in the Temple – Piety

Piety is dedication to the Church's sacramental life and devotions. Mary and Joseph were surprised to find Jesus in the temple. We, too, should be dedicated to our Church and the sacraments.

The Luminous Mysteries

1. The Baptism of Jesus – Openness to the Holy Spirit

We each receive the Holy Spirit in a special way in Baptism and again at Confirmation. The gifts of the Holy Spirit are wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, knowledge, piety, and fear of the Lord. We need only ask the Holy Spirit for help and help will be provided.

2. The Miracle at Cana – To Jesus through Mary

Mary encouraged her Son to perform his first miracle at the Wedding at Cana. She simply told the servants to “do whatever he tells you.” She helps us in a similar way — always pointing us to her Son and interceding on our behalf. We need only to turn to her and ask for help.

3. Proclamation of the Kingdom of God – Repentance, Trust in God

Jesus spent the active years of his ministry preaching and performing miracles to proclaim the Kingdom of God. He asks us to express sorrow from our sin, turn away from sin, and trust in God.

4. Transfiguration – Desire for Holiness

Jesus gave three of his closest friends a glimpse of His glory at the Transfiguration. We, too, are called to holiness, and to ultimately live in glory in heaven. But, we need to want it and we need to want it more than what the world and the devil attempts to offer us.

5. Institution of the Eucharist – Eucharistic Adoration, Active Participation at Mass

Jesus gave us the greatest gift in the Eucharist. He gave us His very self. This mystery invites us to appreciate that gift fully and to participate at Mass often

Sorrowful Mysteries

1. Agony in the Garden – Contrition, Conformity to the Will of God

Jesus, both fully human and fully divine, suffered immensely in the garden. He knew what was coming and he was terrified. He begged His Father to spare him, but submitted Himself fully to His will. We, too, are called to do this.

2. Scourging at the Pillar – Purity, Mortification

Mortification isn't popular these days, but making small sacrifices and offering them up can be a great help to one's spiritual life. There is an opportunity every day to sacrifice and to suffer in some small way.

3. Crowning with Thorns – Moral Courage

Jesus remained resolute even as he was being made fun of. Do we have the courage to stand up for our convictions even when we are being laughed at? Whose opinion matters more – God's or those who surround us?

4. Carrying of the Cross – Patience

Patience is something we all seem to have difficulty with. Jesus patiently carried his cross through the streets of Jerusalem on the way to his Crucifixion. We can look to him for help when we are tempted to lose our patience.

5. Crucifixion – Salvation, Self-Denial

Jesus gave up everything for us on the cross. He took on the sins of the world, past, present, and future, and died for our salvation. We need to be so thankful for that gift. At the same time, when we are asked to die to ourselves and put others first, we can look to the cross for the example of total self-giving.

Glorious Mysteries

1. The Resurrection – Faith It takes great faith to believe that Jesus rose from the dead and that we, too, shall rise. As Jesus told his apostles, "Blessed are they who have not seen, and yet believe." This mystery offers us help in maintaining that faith. "Lord, I believe. Please help my unbelief!"

2. The Ascension – Hope, Desire for Heaven

We hope for a world that is better than this one. We desire to live forever with Jesus in heaven. May that hope help shape our lives here on Earth.

3. The Descent of the Holy Spirit – Wisdom, Love of God

The disciples were scared. They huddled together in that upper room not sure of what to do. Then the Spirit of the Lord came upon them and they were ready to go out and give their very lives in service to God. May the Holy Spirit also grant us that wisdom and love of God.

4. The Assumption of Mary – Devotion to Mary

Mary was brought up to heaven body and soul. We are devoted to her because of her relationship to her Son and because God saw fit to raise her up. "Blessed are you among women and Blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus."

5. The Coronation of the Blessed Virgin Mary – Eternal Happiness

Mary is the Queen of Heaven, enjoying forever her rightful place next to her Son. May we one day share in her happiness.

This article is made available courtesy of The Catholic Exchange.

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EVERYTHING ABOUT THE ROSARY
from one very good resource:
Confraternity of the Most Holy Rosary
www.rosaryconfraternity.org
Dominican Friars, Province of Saint Joseph

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.

"All the pleasures of the world, and all the kingdoms of this earth, shall profit me nothing. It is better for me to die in behalf of Jesus Christ, than to reign over all the ends of the earth. 'For what shall a man be profited, if he gain the whole world, but lose his own soul?' Him I seek, who died for us: Him I desire, who rose again for our sake." +SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH

Monday, October 16 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time
Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin;
Saint Gerard Majella, Priest

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:29-32 While still more people gathered in the crowd, Jesus said to them, "This generation is an evil generation; it seeks a sign, but no sign will be given it, except the sign of Jonah. Just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. At the judgment the queen of the south will rise with the men of this generation and she will condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and there is something greater than Solomon here. At the judgment the men of Nineveh will arise with this generation and condemn it, because at the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here."

Meditation: The Lord Jesus came to set us free from slavery to sin and hurtful desires. Through the gift of the Holy Spirit he pours his love into our hearts that we may understand his will for our lives and walk in his way of holiness. God searches our hearts, not to condemn us, but to show us where we need his saving grace and help. He calls us to seek him with true repentance, humility, and the honesty to see our sins for what they really are — a rejection of his love and will for our lives. God will transform us if we listen to his word and allow his Holy Spirit to work in our lives. Ask the Lord to renew your mind and to increase your thirst for his wisdom. James says that the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty or insincerity (James 3:17). A double-minded person cannot receive this kind of wisdom. The single of heart desire one thing alone — God's pleasure. God wants us to delight in him and to know the freedom of his truth and love.

Prayer ~ Saint Margaret Mary: Pour out on us, we pray, O Lord, the spirit with which you so remarkably endowed Saint Margaret Mary, so that we may come to know that love of Christ which surpasses all understanding and be utterly filled with your fullness. 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.

Prayer ~ Saint Gerard Majella: O good Saint Gerard, powerful intercessor before God and wonder worker of our day, confidently I call upon you and seek your aid. On Earth you always fulfilled God's designs, help me now to do the holy will of God. Implore the Master of Life, from whom all paternity proceeds, to render me fruitful in offspring, that I may raise up children to God in this life, and in the world to come heirs to the Kingdom of His Glory. Amen.

Contemplation: Many fatalities could be avoided if people took the warning signs seriously. When the religious leaders demanded a sign from Jesus, he gave them a warning to avert spiritual disaster. It was characteristic of the Jews that they demanded "signs" from God's messengers to authenticate their claims. When the religious leaders pressed Jesus to give proof for his claims he says in so many words that he is God's sign and that they need no further evidence from heaven than his own person. The Ninevites recognized God's warning when Jonah spoke to them, and they repented. Jonah was God's sign and his message was the message of God for the people of Nineveh. Unfortunately the religious leaders were not content to accept the signs right before their eyes. They had rejected the message of John the Baptist and

now they reject Jesus as God's Anointed One (Messiah) and they fail to heed his message. Do you pay attention to warning signs?

Tuesday, October 17 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop and Martyr

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:37-41 After Jesus had spoken, a Pharisee invited him to dine at his home. He entered and reclined at table to eat. The Pharisee was amazed to see that he did not observe the prescribed washing before the meal. The Lord said to him, "Oh you Pharisees! Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, inside you are filled with plunder and evil. You fools! Did not the maker of the outside also make the inside? But as to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you."

Meditation: Is the Lord welcomed at your table? Are you ready to feast at his table? A Pharisee, after hearing Jesus preach, invited him to dinner, no doubt, because he wanted to hear more from this extraordinary man who spoke the word of God as no one else had done before. It was not unusual for a rabbi to give a teaching over dinner. Jesus, however, did something which offended his host. He did not perform the ceremonial washing of hands before beginning the meal. Did Jesus forget or was he deliberately performing a sign to reveal something to his host? Jesus turned the table on his host by chiding him for uncleanness of heart.

Prayer: Almighty ever-living God, who adorn the sacred body of your Church with the confessions of holy Martyrs, grant, we pray, that, just as the glorious passion of Saint Ignatius of Antioch, which we celebrate today, brought him eternal splendor, so it may be for us unending protection. 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: Which is more important to God — clean hands, or a clean mind and a clean heart? Jesus chided the Pharisees for harboring evil thoughts that make us unclean spiritually — such as greed, pride, bitterness, envy, arrogance, and the like. Why does he urge them, and us, to give alms? When we give freely and generously to those in need we express love, compassion, kindness, and mercy. And if the heart is full of love and compassion, then there is no room for envy, greed, bitterness, and the like. Do you allow God's love to transform your heart and mind? If not, why not?

About Saint Ignatius of Antioch: In the *Martyrology* we read: "At Rome, the holy bishop and martyr Ignatius. He was the second successor to the apostle Peter in the see of Antioch. In the persecution of Trajan he was condemned to the wild beasts and sent in chains to Rome. There, by the emperor's order, he was subjected to most cruel tortures in the presence of the Senate and then thrown to the lions. Torn to pieces by their teeth, he became a victim for Christ." The bishop and martyr Ignatius of Antioch occupies a foremost place among the heroes of Christian antiquity. His final journey from Antioch to Rome was like a nuptial procession and a Way of the Cross. For the letters he wrote along the way resemble seven stations of the Cross; they may also be called seven nuptial hymns overflowing with the saint's intense love for Christ Jesus and his longing to be united with Him. These letters are seven most precious jewels in the heirloom bequeathed to us by the Church. The year of St. Ignatius' death is unknown.

Wednesday, October 18 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Luke, Evangelist

Holy Gospel: Luke 10:1-9 The Lord Jesus appointed seventy-two disciples whom he sent ahead of him in pairs to every town and place he intended to visit. He said to them, "The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few; so ask the master of the harvest to send out laborers for his harvest. Go on your way; behold, I am sending you like lambs among wolves. Carry no money bag, no sack, no sandals; and greet no one along the way. Into whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this household.' If a peaceful person lives there, your peace will rest on him; but if not, it will return to you. Stay in the same house and eat and drink what is offered to you, for the laborer deserves payment. Do not move about from one house to another. Whatever town you enter and they welcome you, eat what is set before you, cure the sick in it and say to them, 'The Kingdom of God is at hand for you.'"

Meditation: There is a significance of Jesus appointing 72 disciples to the ministry of the word, one of whom was Saint Luke, the Evangelist, who himself was a convert from paganism. Seventy-two was a significant number in biblical times. Moses, for example, chose 72 elders to help him in the task of leading the people through the wilderness. In Jesus' times, 72 was held to be the number of nations throughout the world. Jesus commissioned the 72 disciples to a two-fold task: to speak in his name, and to act with

his power. Jesus gave them instructions in how they were to carry out their ministry. They must go and serve as men without guile, full of charity and peace, and simplicity. They must give their full attention to the proclamation of God's kingdom and not be diverted by other lesser things. They must travel light — only take what was essential and leave behind whatever would distract them — in order to concentrate on the task of speaking the word of God. They must do their work, not for what they can get out of it, but for what they can give freely to others, without expecting special privileges or reward.

Prayer: Lord God, who chose Saint Luke to reveal by his preaching and writings the mystery of your love for the poor, grant that those who already glory in your name may persevere as one heart and one soul and that all nations may merit to see your salvation. 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 commissioned 72 of his disciples to go on mission, he gave them a vision of a great harvest for the kingdom of God. Jesus frequently used the image of a harvest to convey the coming of God's reign on earth. The harvest is the fruition of labor and growth — beginning with the sowing of seeds, then growth, and finally fruit for the harvest. In like manner, the word of God is sown in the hearts of receptive men and women who submit to God and honor him as their Lord and King. The harvest Jesus had in mind was not only for the people of Israel, but for all the peoples (or nations) of the world. God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). It also bears contemplation of the meaning when Jesus says his disciples must be lambs in the midst of wolves. The prophet Isaiah foretold a time when wolves and lambs will dwell in peace (Isaiah 11:6 and 65:25). This certainly refers to the second coming of Christ when all will be united under the Lordship of Jesus after he has put down his enemies and established the reign of God over the heavens and the earth. In the meantime, the disciples must expect opposition and persecution from those who oppose the gospel. Jesus came as the true "sacrificial lamb" who atones for the sin of the whole world. We, as disciples of Jesus, the Lamb of God, must also be willing to stand up and promote the truths of the Gospel in the face of societal challenges and lifestyles that are contrary to the Gospel, and be willing to sacrifice our lives in humble service of our Lord and Master.

Thursday, October 19 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time Saints Isaac Jogues and John de Brebeuf, Priests and Martyrs, and Companions, Martyrs

Holy Gospel: Luke 11:47-54 The Lord said: "Woe to you who build the memorials of the prophets whom your fathers killed. Consequently, you bear witness and give consent to the deeds of your ancestors, for they killed them and you do the building. Therefore, the wisdom of God said, 'I will send to them prophets and Apostles; some of them they will kill and persecute' in order that this generation might be charged with the blood of all the prophets shed since the foundation of the world, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah who died between the altar and the temple building. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be charged with their blood! Woe to you, scholars of the law! You have taken away the key of knowledge. You yourselves did not enter and you stopped those trying to enter." When Jesus left, the scribes and Pharisees began to act with hostility toward him and to interrogate him about many things, for they were plotting to catch him at something he might say.

Meditation: What does Jesus mean when he says they have taken away the key of knowledge? The religious lawyers and scribes held the "office of the keys" since they were the official interpreters of the scriptures. Unfortunately their interpretation of the scriptures became so distorted and difficult to understand that others were "shut off" to the scriptures. They not only shut themselves to heaven; they also hindered others from understanding God's word. Through pride and envy, they rejected not only the prophets of old, but God's final prophet, the Lord Jesus Christ. Jesus is the "key of David" (see Isaiah 22:22; Revelations 3:7) who opens heaven to those who accept him as Lord and Savior. He is the "Wisdom of God" and source of everlasting life. Only the humble of heart — those who thirst for God and acknowledge his word as true — can truly understand this wisdom.

Prayer: O God, who chose to manifest the blessed hope of your eternal Kingdom by the toil of Saints John de Brebeuf, Isaac Jogues and their companions and by the shedding of their blood, graciously grant that through their intercession the faith of Christians may be strengthened day by day. 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: Do you revere God's word and submit to it as true and authoritative for your life? Or does God's word make for a good phrase on a t-shirt or coffee mug, and that's about as far as it goes?

God sent his prophets to open the ears of his people to hear and understand God's word and intention for their lives. God's wisdom is personified in the voice of the prophets, a voice that usually brought rejection and martyrdom because they spoke for God rather than for human approval and favor. Jesus chastised many of the religious leaders of his day for being double-minded and for demanding from others standards which they refused to satisfy. They professed admiration for the prophets by building their tombs while at the same time they opposed their message and closed their ears to the word of God. Are your ears open to God's word – enough to transform your mind and heart?

Friday, October 20 ~ Twenty-Eighth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Paul of the Cross, Priest

Holy Gospel: Luke 12:1-7 At that time: So many people were crowding together that they were trampling one another underfoot. Jesus began to speak, first to his disciples, "Beware of the leaven—that is, the hypocrisy—of the Pharisees. "There is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. Therefore whatever you have said in the darkness will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be proclaimed on the housetops. I tell you, my friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body but after that can do no more. I shall show you whom to fear. Be afraid of the one who after killing has the power to cast into Gehenna; yes, I tell you, be afraid of that one. Are not five sparrows sold for two small coins? Yet not one of them has escaped the notice of God. Even the hairs of your head have all been counted. Do not be afraid. You are worth more than many sparrows."

Meditation: You might be wondering why Jesus warned his disciples to avoid the ways of the Pharisees. The Pharisees wanted everyone to recognize that they were pious and good Jews because they meticulously and scrupulously performed their religious duties. Jesus turned the table on them by declaring that outward appearance doesn't always match the inward intentions of the heart. Anyone can display outward signs of goodness while inwardly harboring evil thoughts and intentions. The word hypocrite means actor – someone who pretends to be what he or she is not. But who can truly be good, but God alone? Hypocrisy thrives on making a good appearance and masking what they don't want others to see. The good news is that God's light exposes the darkness of evil and sin in our hearts, even the sin which is unknown to us. And God's light transforms our hearts and minds and enables us to overcome hatred with love, pride with humility, and pretense with integrity and truthfulness. God gives grace to the humble and contrite of heart to enable us to overcome the leaven of insincerity and hypocrisy in our lives.

Prayer: May the Priest Saint Paul, whose only love was the Cross, obtain for us your grace, O Lord, so that, urged on more strongly by his example, we may each embrace our own cross with courage. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What does fear have to do with the kingdom of God? Fear is a powerful force. It can lead us to panic and flight or it can spur us to faith and action. The fear of God is the antidote to the fear of losing one's life. "I sought the Lord, and he answered me, and delivered me from all my fears...O fear the Lord, you his saints, for those who fear him have no want! ...Come, O sons, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the Lord." (Psalm 34:4,9,11) What is fear of God? It is reverence for the One who made us in love and who sustains us in mercy and kindness. The greatest injury or loss which we can experience is not physical but spiritual – the loss of one's soul to the power of hell. A healthy fear of God leads to spiritual maturity, wisdom and right judgment and it frees us from the tyranny of sinful pride, deceit and cowardice – especially in the face of evil and spiritual deception. Do you trust in God's grace and mercy and do you submit to his word?

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Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (*Feast Day: October 16*): The Twelve Promises of the Sacred Heart of Jesus

By Steven Jonathan Rummelsburg

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque, 1647-1690, had heavy burdens from her earliest years. She lost her father to pneumonia when she was only eight years old. After her father died she was sent to the Urbanist sisters where the order and peace of soul ushered in by the convent life swept her up into her devotions. From early on she took great comfort and consolation in the Blessed Sacrament. She impressed her order of nuns by her faithfulness so much that she was invited to make her First Holy Communion when she was nine years old.

When Saint Mary Margaret was eleven years old she suffered paralysis from rheumatic fever. She embraced her suffering by way of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist. She began to be gifted with visions for her faithful devotion. She was healed from her rheumatic fever and the accompanying infirmities by a vision of Holy Mother Mary, who impelled her to devote her life to God, which she did with unusual fervor.

As an additional consolation for her devotion to Christ's Sacred Heart, Saint Mary Margaret received visions from the Savior, one of which was of His scourging. This prompted her to her final vows in 1672. Christ revealed more to Mary Margaret during her devotions by saying to her: "Look at this heart which has loved people so much, and yet they do not want to love me in return. Through you, My divine Heart wishes to spread its love everywhere on earth." Jesus proceeded to make many promises to her and to those who honor His Sacred Heart as she had. We have passed onto us from the writings of St. Mary Margaret Alacoque twelve of the most powerful promises Christ reveals to her in consequence of a particular devotion to which we are all invited.

The devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus consists primarily of attending Holy Mass for nine consecutive first Fridays for nine consecutive months. This devotion must be carried out with great love for Jesus and in reparation for those souls who reject Him. Friday is a day chosen by Christ Himself and those committed to this holy devotion must partake of the Blessed Sacrament. All those choosing to partake in the devotion are reminded that Christ does not release us from our holy obligations and that we must practice our devotions with an increased vigilance. Christ's sacred promises grant abundant graces to His faithful to overcome the temptations hindering the efforts to persevere to the final end in a state of grace.

This list of twelve promises does not comprise all of the promises Christ made to Saint Mary Margaret concerning the devotion to His Sacred Heart. These are the twelve promises most likely to draw faithful souls to this most worthy devotion. But still, they are only a few of the many graces promised to those willing to offer up their broken hearts to the Sacred Heart of Jesus for nine consecutive first Fridays.

- 1.** Christ promises: "I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life." Our particular gifts and challenges carry with them different needs for different graces. Our individual particular state in life will be met with the requisite graces to strengthen the bond of sanctity to His Sacred Heart and thus prepare our way to salvation.
- 2.** Christ promises: "I will give peace in their families." In these troubled times when the family is under such immense attack from the powers and principalities seeking to destroy our bond with God, the consolation of peace in the family is devoutly to be wished. Who would not greatly prize bringing the graces of peace to his family that they may draw closer to the imitation of the Holy Family?
- 3.** Christ promises: "I will console them in all their troubles." Surely troubles abound in this vale of tears, let us devote ourselves to the Sacred Heart and enjoy the comfort only the Lord can give. Though our troubles will never vanish on this side of Paradise. Christ's consolations make all things bearable. Further,



by Christ's abundant graces, our troubles become the means to the further conversion of our hearts by the fruits of redemptive suffering.

4. Christ promises: "They shall find in my heart an assured refuge during life and especially at the hour of death." At what precise moment are we in the greatest need of Christ's graces? At the hour of our death. Most welcome is this promise to be with us at that hour that signals our departure from this mortal world as we either ascend or descend to our final destination. With Christ present to us at our final hour, we are assured the most efficacious means of salvation.

5. Christ promises: "I will pour abundant blessings on all their undertakings." In the great and small things we undertake, may God sanctify our every action so that we may amass treasure in heaven while we live in this world, all the while trying not to be of it. Our final disposition may require a cost of reserves not available here on earth. Certainly it is wise to invest in our eternal future and with the help of God's graces, all the more profitable.

6. Christ promises: "Sinners shall find in my heart the source and infinite Ocean of mercy." As Holy Mother Church is a hospital for sinners and no man is capable of nearing perfection without the grace of God, let us accept the gift of infinite mercy offered to the faithful by this devotion. To benefit from this extraordinary offer of mercy we must accept it by the submission of our broken hearts to our Father in heaven.

7. Christ promises: "Tepid souls shall become fervent." The promise of a heart on fire for Christ saves the tepid soul from the slothful spiritual malaise that grips this mortal coil. The tepid will be spewed from His mouth with more violently than the rebellious will be rejected. Let God make us pleasing to His sight by a fervent heart.

8. Christ promises: "Fervent souls shall speedily rise to great perfection." Once the tepid heart is imbued with fervency, the soul will be given further graces to advance towards the perfection required by the good citizen belonging to the City of God.

9. Christ promises: "I will bless the homes in which the image of my Sacred Heart shall be exposed and honored." As soon as is possible let us procure an image of Christ's Sacred Heart for prominent display in our homes that we may be reminded daily to accept the abundant graces flowing towards us. Dare to house the family at peace by God's grace in a peaceful home with the icon of Christ's love, the image of His Sacred Heart.

10. Christ promises: "I will give to priests the power to touch the most hardened hearts." Let us contribute to our communities by ushering graces onto our shepherds to draw more souls into the Body of Christ. Imagine what joy there will be in heaven at the conversion of each hardened heart!

11. Christ promises: "Those who propagate this devotion shall have their name written in my heart and it shall never be effaced." The indelible imprint of our names on Christ's own heart a consolation too precious to bear. Let it happen as He promises and let us be drawn into a permanent bond with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by the ineffaceable imprint of our names on His Sacred Heart!

12. Christ Promises: "The all-powerful love of my Heart will grant to all those who shall receive communion on the first Friday of nine consecutive months the grace of final repentance; they shall not die under my displeasure, nor without receiving the sacraments; my heart shall be their assured refuge at the last hour."

The grace of final repentance ends with a soul gazing on the face of God in beatitude for eternity. Let us follow the eternal wisdom of St. John the Baptist who commanded us to "Repent! For the Kingdom of God is at hand!" Let us begin to repent now and accept Christ's offer of abundant graces by redoubling our efforts towards sanctity committing our whole hearts to the devotion to His Sacred Heart. Then let us cooperate as fully as is humanly possible in order that the divine graces promised by the embrace of this most Holy Devotion get properly used to their maximum effect.

It would take but one hundred good souls faithfully committed to the next nine months of first Friday devotions to the Sacred Heart of Jesus and we would have a spiritual revolution whose final end would be to colonize heaven. With one hundred faithful souls across the globe we could allow God to use us to weave a web of Faith unifying vast and disparate places by the divine wealth gained for the edification of the spiritual economy. We would amass enough graces to cleanse entire communities, to bring peace to abundant homes, and to soothe uncountable restless hearts, all the while gaining many new citizens for the City of God.

It is my most fervent wish and my most heartfelt prayer that some of those who read this missive may join me and many of my friends to begin a serious and solemn devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. I implore all of you to follow through with this devotion faithfully for the next consecutive nine months. We must allow the graces offered by the Sacred Heart of Jesus to work through us to make all things new by the delivery of and cooperation with the divine and sanctifying graces.

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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.



NOVEMBER ELECTION CANVASSING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL

The Knights of Columbus and Respect Life Ministry are co-sponsoring two events this

month to support getting Ohioans to vote NO on Issue 1. Join us on Monday, October 16th and Monday, October 23rd to help us as we work together to defeat Issue 1 at the polls this November. We will meet as a group for prayer and fellowship in Marian Hall and then disperse into smaller groups to canvass the neighborhoods around St. Michael. Food and drink will be provided. For those not wanting or able to walk, a phone bank option exists as well. Special bonus! We are offering a cash reward to the parish organization that sends the most volunteers to the event. Sign up using the QR code. We hope to see you there!

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.

BOY SCOUT WREATH SALE

The St. Michael's Boy Scout Troop is kicking off its annual Christmas greenery sale! Scouts from Troop 123 will be accepting wreath orders in Marian Hall after the Sunday Masses on October 29th and November 5th. In-person orders will be distributed after the Sunday Masses on December 3rd. Direct Delivery wreath orders can also be placed on our secure on-line store (<https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/T123>) until 5:00 p.m. November 5th. Direct Delivery Orders will be shipped to the recipient within the two weeks after Thanksgiving. Contact us at 614-792-1138 with any questions.

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.

MEN'S FAITH AND FELLOWSHIP

Saturday, October 21st, we continue "Worthy of the Call" with "Whatever It Takes" presented by Brian Topping. He discusses what it takes to receive and rely on God's grace to pursue your holy calling in life. Join us in praying and learning with your brothers in Christ to be better fathers and evangelists. We meet from 6:45-8:00 a.m. in the Upper Meeting Room. Men of all ages may join us any week; invite a friend to join you! Any questions can be directed to mensgroup@saintmichael-cd.org.



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 as it provides an opportunity to offset the scouting dues cost as well as encourage the boys to build interpersonal and leadership skills for life. Thank you for your support and generosity!



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

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. Led by Fr. Bill Hahn and assisted with seminarians Zach Goodchild and Sam Severance and Youth Minister Jake Asuncion at St. Michael the Archangel Church, 5750 N. High St. Worthington, Oh. 43085. This is primarily for high schoolers. The group meets on the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Dinner and discussion beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the Upper Meeting Room of the parish. Please email Fr. Bill Hahn (whahn@columbuscatholic.org) or Jake Asuncion (jasuncion@saintmichael-cd.org) for more information.

AROUND THE PARISH



Last week St. Michael students participated in the Ohio March for Life to give witness to the dignity of the human person, at all stages of life. Students attended the Mass at the Cathedral before walking to the Statehouse to witness to life!



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ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL IS HIRING!

St. Michael School is hiring a Before Care Assistant for the 2023-24 School Year to work the following shift: 6:45 a.m. to 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:**

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

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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-aged children. *Also a streaming-live option, if you cannot attend in person.



ISSUE 1 PUTS WOMEN AT RISK - VOTE NO BY NOVEMBER 7

The Catholic Church honors Mary, the Mother of God, as the perfect model of the love that God wants to share with every person. When Catholics look to Mary, her cousin Elizabeth, or her ancestor Ruth, we see that God's plan for the world's salvation was entrusted to women. In Ohio, an amendment on this November's ballot puts women at risk and the Catholic Church cannot stand by as women are threatened in our state. The Catholic bishops of Ohio urge the faithful to Vote NO on Issue 1, which puts women at risk by...

- **Endangering health and safety standards for women** – Ohio laws that require that a woman has guaranteed access to a hospital during an abortion in case of an emergency or the 24-hour waiting period before having an abortion could be struck down. Issue 1 claims to help women, but this policy would put women at risk. Our faith teaches us that pregnant women deserve a community of support, so Catholics cannot be silent when an extreme amendment threatens to remove protections for women's health and safety. Learn more at www.ohiocathconf.org/protect. **Your vote is needed to save Ohio from this extreme amendment.** Look up your early voting location at www.voteohio.gov and protect women in Ohio by **Voting NO on Issue 1**. *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.* www.ohiocathconf.org

RELIC OF ST. JUDE

A relic of St. Jude the Apostle, known as the patron saint of hope and impossible causes, will be displayed at three sites in the Columbus area on three consecutive days. The relic will be at Westerville St. Paul Church, 313 N. State Street, on Monday, October 30; the Columbus St. Thomas More Newman Center, 64 W. Lane Avenue, on Tuesday, October 31; and the New Albany Church of the Resurrection, 6300 E. Dublin-Granville Road, on Wednesday, Nov. 1. Veneration of the relic at all three places will be from 1:00 to 10:00 p.m.

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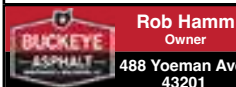
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