

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, September 5 – Holiday

Mass at 9:00 am – Office is closed

Wednesday, September 7

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm First Reconciliation/ Eucharist Parent Meeting – Resurrection Room

Thursday, September 8

7:00 pm – RCIA meeting

7:00 pm – Choir meeting

Friday, September 9

2:00 – 8:30 pm Pictorial Directory Photos

Saturday, September 10

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

10:00 am – 4:00 pm – Pictorial Directory Photos

Sunday, September 11

10:00 -11:00 am – First Reconciliation/ Eucharist Parent Meeting – Resurrection Room



*Readings for the Twenty- Fourth
Sunday of Ordinary Time*

First Reading: Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel: Luke 15:1-32

CAR OR CASH RAFFLE UPDATE!

The Car or Cash Raffle continues. We have sold 223 tickets so far. Remember we need to sell 800 tickets by the drawing on September 18 in order to award the 2016 Jeep Renegade or \$25,000 cash. If fewer than 800 tickets are sold the grand prize is a 50/50 split of the total amount. Please mail or bring your two tickets to church and stop and pick up additional tickets to sell to neighbors, co-workers and friends. We are now accepting credit cards after every weekend Mass. Multiple people may go in on a ticket, select the cash award and divide it among the winners. Please continue to support this important fund raiser. All the proceeds support the programs at St. John Fisher.

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN

This week we will begin holding informational parent meetings for children in 2nd grade or above interested in receiving 1st Reconciliation & 1st Eucharist. If you have a child who you would like prepared to receive these sacraments, **who was not in our summer religious education classes**, please contact Jim Crosby at 513-561-9431 x113 or jimc@sjfchurch.org for more information. Please watch the bulletin for information regarding parent/student meeting for the sacrament of Confirmation in October.

SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAMILY PHOTOS:

This is your last chance to sign up for your family photo to be included in the new church directory. Photos will be taken on September 9th and 10th. Please sign up online at www.ucdir.com, click on schedule your photography session on the right side, enter **oh1814** in the church code and enter **sjf1** for the password. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. Any questions contact Tina Mangan at tmangan@cinci.rr.com or 513-258-1759. I would be happy to help you schedule an appointment.

NEWTOWN 5K SUCCESS

Thanks for your prayers and for the time that many shared to make the 2016 Newtown 5K a success!

While we're still paying bills & finalizing results, here's a brief summary of the 5K: Nearly 700 individuals participated and the crowd easily surpassed 1000, including sponsor tents, spectators, Fun-Run kids, and **over 50 SJF volunteers** who helped the event run smoothly and made all feel welcome in the Village. We'll report the financial summary as soon as that's available. Meanwhile, see www.Newtown5Krun.com for a list of top finishers and a link to the complete Run/Walk results. The **35th** Annual Newtown 5K Run/Walk will be on Saturday, August 12, 2017.

It's never too early to send any feedback or suggestions to improve next year's event to Rob Tracy at rtracy1961@gmail.com. Thanks!

SPECIAL COLLECTION SEPTEMBER 17TH AND 18TH

The recent storms in Louisiana may not have a name, but the names of those suffering in the wake of the worst flooding since Katrina are our sisters and brothers. As a people of God, let us come to their aid. I encourage Catholics across the United States to respond generously. Our prayer and material support is urgently needed to help rebuild lives.

As many as 60 thousand homes have been damaged, with nearly 20,000 people being rescued from the flood waters. More than 106,000 individuals and families have sought federal disaster aid. Immediate and long-term recovery needs place a tremendous burden on public and private resources. This is a burden we can help carry as the body of Christ. Faced with the loss of their worldly possessions and, in some cases, economic livelihood, the flood waters left thousands of families feeling isolated and fearful. Let us draw near to them.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has requested an emergency collection on the weekend of September 17th and 18th to support the humanitarian efforts of [Catholic Charities USA](http://CatholicCharitiesUSA.org) and to provide pastoral and rebuilding support to impacted Catholic dioceses. Please join the church in being a visible witness to the healing presence of Jesus alive in the world. Archbishop Dennis M. Schnurr

All ministers may check their future schedules at:
www.ministryschedulerpro.com?user=stjfvolunteers

SERVERS SCHEDULE
September 10th and 11th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Olivia Walsh, 2 volunteers please
Sunday, 9:00 am – Ethan & Cole Kueper, 1 volunteer please
Sunday, 11:00 am – Will Forte, Danny Creelman, Arlyn Scott
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NEW SERVER TRAINING

Do you have a fifth grader or older who would like to become a server at Saturday or Sunday Mass? We will have a training session on Sunday, September 11th after the 11 am Mass. This is a great opportunity for your child to participate in the Sunday liturgies. If interested, please email Sharon Scott at sascott@fuse.net.

CATHOLIC UPDATES AVAILABLE

There are two new Catholic Updates available in our transition area today. The first one is entitled "Gospel Values in an Election Year...and Beyond." This insightful article, written by Cincinnati and moral theologian Ken Overberg, SJ, provides the insights and reminders about Catholic Social Teaching that we need when making decisions about voting. Please consider picking one up today and using it as a guide and reflection over the next few months as we approach the election.

The second Catholic Update is about Mother Teresa of Calcutta, who will be canonized a saint on September 4. She was "a saintly model of persistence in faithfulness, prayer and love" as the article states and she was certainly a champion for life. This article provides a beautiful history of her life, her struggles, and provides us with inspiration to follow her example.

MUSIC MINISTRY

Calling interested singers, ringers, and instrumentalists: SJF Music Ministry will be starting up very soon and would like to expand its membership. If you are interested in becoming a member of the choir, a handbell ringer, or an as-needed instrumentalist and would like additional information, please send an email to Mark Friedman Markfriedman90@gmail.com or Terry Wenninger tvwenninger@gmail.com or leave a message at the Parish Office. You'll be surprised at how easy, fun and spiritually fulfilling this commitment can be.

ST. VINCENT MISSION VISITORS

The visit of Sister Kathleen and two other employees from St. Vincent Mission has been postponed from September 17-18. We hope to have Sister Kathleen visit St. John Fisher sometime soon so we can expand our support and partnership with the mission in David, KY. St. John Fisher has reserved the week of June 11-17, 2017 for a parish mission trip and hope that many parish families will wish to participate. We will have more information in the months ahead. Thank you.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 5
9:00 – Joan Waits (Bill & Ginny Heming)
Tuesday, September 6
8:00 am –Mike Rohs (Mary Dean Grote)
Wednesday, September 7
8:00 am – Antonio & Celia Mello (Donna Mack)
Thursday, September 8
8:00 am – Bill Wachs (Bob & Sue Winstel)
Friday, September 9
12:00 pm – Carolyn Motz (Norma Frede)
Saturday, September 10
4:30 pm – Bill Jennewein (Ruth Jennewein)
Sunday, September 11
9:00 am – St. John Fisher Community
11:00 am – Joan Waits (Lee & Nancy Murrell)

KNOW MERCY: SHOW MERCY

Each week during this Jubilee Year of Mercy we will be offering suggestions about how to practice mercy in our lives. Some will be "corporal works of mercy" and others will be "spiritual works of mercy." This week, offer hospitality in your home to someone or a group of people that you would normally never invite over.

FORMED – DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that the free FORMED website not only has many videos, but also movies, books, and audios? Formed is a digital platform that has amazing Catholic material and programs for all ages and it is FREE through our parish. This series is designed to help you grow in your faith at all levels- how you think, how you pray, how you live, by immersing yourself in instruction about the Word of God and Our Catholic Faith. If you have not yet signed up for FORMED, here's how easy it is: go to www.formed.org. You will see a registration box that says "Does your parish already have formed?" with a box right below it to enter the parish code. Type in the parish code B68MWG. Now set up a username and a password and you are ready to use all the great programs on formed.org anytime by simply logging in.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

our parishioners who are sick and in need of your prayers: Kyle Forte, Maggie Jackson, Martie Kline, Daniel List, Esther Montag, Lee Murrell, Audrey Rapien, Geneva Schafer-Minnich, Dale Schoenberger, Paula Spille, Bob Winstel.



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