

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • SEPTEMBER 11, 2016

TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, September 12

3:00 pm – Monday Prayer Group

Tuesday, September 13

7:00 pm – Social Action meeting

Thursday, September 15

7:00 pm – RCIA meeting

Saturday, September 17

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

Sunday, September 18

Car Raffle after 11 am Mass – Buy your tickets today!



Readings for the Twenty- Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading: Amos 8:4-7

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

CAR OR CASH RAFFLE UPDATE!

The Car or Cash Raffle continues. We have sold 360 tickets so far. Remember we need to sell 800 tickets by the drawing on September 18th 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.

AUDITIONS FOR THE ATHENAEUM CHORALE

The Athenaeum Chorale is holding auditions for its 2016-2017 season now through September 25th. All singers over 18 years of age are welcome to audition. Spots for all voice parts are available. Beginning its thirty-seventh season, the Athenaeum Chorale was founded in the fall of 1980, and has continued to inspire listeners and worshippers in performances of great choral masterworks and the sacred liturgical repertoire. The Chorale sings for approximately eight liturgical events per year, most of which occur in the Athenaeum's beautiful Italian Romanesque Chapel of St. Gregory the Great. Sung Vespers liturgies comprise the main offering of the year's schedule. Each service includes choral repertoire from a variety of periods and traditions. All auditions will be held, by appointment, at the Athenaeum of Ohio, 6616 Beechmont Ave. Cincinnati OH 45230. If you would like to schedule an audition or have questions about the Chorale, please contact the music director: Ms. Mary Catherine Levri at mlevri@athenaeum.edu or 513-233-6138.

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

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 was 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.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE IS BACK – FIRST SALE DATE SEPTEMBER 17TH AND 18TH

The weather will be changing soon and you will be ready for some warm coffee and perhaps hot chocolate. You can make your purchase right here at church on Saturday or Sunday. By doing it this way you are helping to support small farmers around the world to get a fair price for their product. Thank you.

SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

"Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but use violence to get what they want."
St. Teresa of Calcutta

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

SERVERS SCHEDULE
September 17th and 18th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Maria Taylor, need 2 volunteers please

Sunday, 9:00 am – Lily Sharp, Noah Wadell, need 1 volunteer please

Sunday, 11:00 am – Will Forte, Jordan Fanning, Joey Restle

NEW SERVER TRAINING TODAY, AFTER 11 AM MASS

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 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.

“THE NON-DIET APPROACH TO HEALTHY EATING”

The Guardian Angel Faith Community Nurse Ministry invites you to an event at their parish. On September 20, Distinguished Speaker, Theresa Sacher, a Registered Dietician Nutritionist, will present “The Non-Diet Approach to Healthy Eating.” Please come at 7 pm, in the Parish Center, Room 101. Find out how Theresa can help you make healthy choices. Parking is available outside the Parish Center in the lower parking lot off Beechmont Ave. to the left of the church. See the poster in the transition area for more information.

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.

TUESDAYS AT 10 BIBLE STUDY

We will begin our “Tuesdays at 10” Bible Study on Tuesday, September 20th, 2016 at 10:00 am. Please consider joining us this year! We will use several different resources for our study, beginning with a book called “Mighty in Power:” the Miracles of Jesus.” We will then use a series by Scott Hahn and cover the Gospel of Matthew, which will be the gospel for the new liturgical year, beginning with Advent 2016. The total cost of all of the books is usually about \$35-\$45 for the entire year. Please contact Jim Crosby at jimc@sjfchurch.org or in the parish office for more information or questions.

Monday, September 12

12:00 – Special Intention of Arch & Cass Ott (Joan Bahr)

Tuesday, September 13

8:00 am – Special Intention of Tony & Precy Pizarro (Larry & Steve)

Wednesday, September 14

8:00 am – Agnes Marie Schellman (Jackie & Frank Seurkamp)

Thursday, September 15

8:00 am – Phyllis Coffin (Mary Dean Grote)

Friday, September 16

12:00 pm – Jack Williams (Bob & Sue Winstel)

Saturday, September 17

4:30 pm – Special Intention of Tim & Carol Donahue (Georgia Lynch)

Sunday, September 18

9:00 am – Carolyn Motz (Her counting group at church)

11:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

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, volunteer to lead a Bible Study at a local prison, or donate Catholic books to a prison ministry.

FORMED – WHY DO I NEED THE CHURCH

Though Jesus saves us as individuals, He calls us to live out our salvation as members of a communion of believers. But that can be hard if we don't understand what the church is, and what it is meant to be. Why does the Church assume to have any authority over what Catholics believe? How do we reconcile both the divinity and humanity of the church that Christ Himself created? Why is the Church essential to the life of every believer? Session # 8 of the series “Symbolen: Knowing the Faith” is found on the FORMED website. This video series is available free to our parishioners. 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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