

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • SEPTEMBER 25, 2016

TWENTY- SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, September 26

3:00 pm – Monday Prayer Group

Tuesday, September 27

10:00 am – Tuesdays@ 10

Thursday, September 29

7:00 pm – RCIA meeting

Saturday, October 1

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

Sunday, October 2

4:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Parish Picnic



Readings for the Twenty- Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time

First Reading: Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

Second Reading: 2Timothy 1:6-8,13-14

Gospel: Luke 17:5-10

SORRY, NO HOSPITALITY ON OCTOBER 2ND.

WE THRIVE IN NEWTOWN

Join community leaders and residents of the Village of Newtown in a discussion on how we can work together to enhance the health, safety, and vitality of the Village.

**Thursday, October 6, 2016, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm at
Newtown Municipal Center, 3537 Church Street.**

www.WatchUsThrive.org. Presented by Hamilton County Public Health. Learn more! Hannah Smith
hannah.smith@hamilton-co.org 513-946-7813

SIGN UP NOW – OCTOBER HARVEST FESTIVAL

Parish picnic date is **Sunday, October 2nd from 4 to 7 pm** on the grounds of St. John Fisher. Plan on joining other parishioners and their families for a fun Sunday afternoon, with good food and activities for young and old. Check the poster in the transition area and sign up now!

BELTERRA OUTING

The Forever 50 Group invites you to join them on October 12th for an outing to Belterra! See the poster in the Gathering space for sign up sheet, a registration card and envelope to prepay (\$6 per person) by October 6th. We're car pooling – and they have valet parking. Questions? Call Helen Vogt at 624-6387.

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops has designated OCTOBER as respect life month. Each year we are invited to become more aware of respect for life issues. On the first Sunday of October we will have a collection for the various respect life ministries throughout the archdiocese. Thank you for your generosity and your prayerful support of these issues.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITY – THE BIBLE TIMELINE: THE STORY OF SALVATION

The Bible is at the heart of our faith and our relationship with God. Scripture informs our beliefs and inspires our devotions. It is the place where our Father meets with us and lovingly speaks to us. Reading the Bible should bring us closer to Christ, but understanding it is often difficult. The good news is that *you can understand the Bible*, and *The Bible Timeline* makes it easy. *The Bible Timeline* has helped hundreds of thousands of people to understand the Bible and deepen their relationship with Christ, and it will help you, too. The study will include a series of twenty-four videos presented by Jeff Cavins. Each video will be preceded by a lively group discussion. If you have already taken our *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* this past summer, this program is a continuation of that series and will go into much more depth. If you miss an evening, you will be able to view the video at home and keep current. St. John Fisher will begin *The Bible Timeline* on Tuesday, October 11, 2016 at 7:00 PM. There may be a daytime class if there is enough interest. We will have 8 classes and then take a break during Christmas, resuming in January, 2017. For more information, please contact Jim Crosby in the parish office or at jimc@sifchurch.org

ANNUAL PET BLESSING, OCTOBER 4

Plan on attending our parish's annual St. Francis of Assisi Prayer Service and Blessing of the Animals on Tuesday, October 4 at 6:30 pm in the rear parking lot. Bring your lawn chairs and pets for this special celebration in honor of the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron Saint of animals. As we pray together we will ask God's blessings on our pets.

CATHOLIC UPDATES AVAILABLE

There are two new Catholic Updates available in our transition area. 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. *This Update has been reordered, so it will be available soon.*

HOSPICE OF CINCINNATI – ANDERSON NEEDS HELP

Hospice of Cincinnati is looking for Eucharistic Ministers for the Anderson In Patient unit at 5 mile and Beechmont. If you are interested, please call volunteer Coordinator, Lisa Smythe, at 246-9507.

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

SERVER SCHEDULE October 1st and 2nd

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Bryan and Daniel Creelman, need 1 volunteer please
Sunday, 9:00 am – Jordan & Erin Fanning, Arlyn Scott
Sunday, 11:00 am –Katherine Fisher, Francesca Damiano, Joey Restle

KAIROS AGAPE NEEDED!

A Kairos weekend is coming up at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility in Lucasville, Ohio and needs support for its success. These weekends are meant to show inmates a touch of God's love/agape (<http://bit.ly/stockmankairos>). 5,000 dozen cookies are needed for this retreat; all inmates and staff at the prison will receive cookies. Please consider contributing your time to this life-changing weekend. Simply put two dozen prayed-over, home-baked cookies (chocolate chip preferred) into a gallon sized zip-lock bag (please only put cookies into the bag, no plates or other materials). Cookies will be collected on the weekends of October 1st and 2nd and again on October 8th and 9th. Please also pray for the weekend that the men inside will be touched by God's grace. Financial support also welcome to fund meals and supplies for the retreat. Contact Jim Crosby at jimc@sjfchurch.org or in the parish office for more information.

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.

AUGUST 2016 OFFERTORY

Weekly Offertory - \$26,659.00
Electronic Giving - \$ 7,438
Actual Offertory received - \$34,097.00
Budgeted Offertory - \$36,000
Fiscal Year-to-Date Shortfall – (\$4,732.00)

As you can see, our parish revenues are less than budgeted. We would ask you to prayerfully consider a modest increase in your giving at a level at which you are comfortable. Whether you are able to contribute \$10, \$1,000, or anywhere in between each month, please know every dollar counts and is put to good use. Electronic giving also benefits the parish as well by helping to keep our income steady. Please contact the office at 513-561-9431 x115 for more information or to sign up. Thank you for your consideration and generosity!

Monday, September 26

12:00 – Robert Bollinger (The Sholtes Family)

Tuesday, September 27

8:00 am – Antonio & Celia Mello (Donna Mack)

Wednesday, September 28

8:00 am – Rosemary Compton (Bob & Tote Brodbeck)

Thursday, September 29

8:00 am – Antonio & Celia Mello (Donna Mack)

Friday, September 30

12:00 pm – Communion Service

Saturday, October 1

4:30 pm – Dick & Rosemary Zink (Doug Zink)

Sunday, October 2

9:00 am – Barbara Bohne (Bill Bohne)

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, make sandwiches and pass them out to the homeless.

FORMED - EUCHARIST

"The Lamb of God," "The Bread of Life," "The Body and the Blood of Christ"... these are phrases we know from the Mass. But do we understand what they mean in the greater and deeper context of Scripture and Church teaching? Acclaimed author and teacher Dr. Brant Pitre rigorously digs down to the biblical roots of the Eucharist, through its foreshadowing in the miraculous events of the Old Testament, the Gospels, and Apostolic teaching. We'll discover firsthand how Christ's Body and Blood are an integral and wondrous part of God's plan for our salvation. This video is part of the series on FORMED called "Lectio: Eucharist." The entire FORMED website 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 box that asks "Does your parish already have formed? Underneath that question is another box that says "Enter parish access code here." Type in the parish code B68MWG. Now set up a username and a password and you are all set 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, Barbara Mueller, Lee Murrell, Audrey Rapien, Geneva Schafer-Minnich, Paula Spille.

FEATURED ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK
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