

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • SEPTEMBER 17, 2017

TWENTY- FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, September 19

Tuesdays @ 10

Wednesday, September 20

8:30 am – 11:30 am – Eucharistic Exposition

Thursday, September, 21

7:00 pm -- Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, September 23

7:45 am – Catholic Men's Fellowship

Sunday, September 24

11:00 am – Choir Mass



Readings for 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST COMMUNION CLASSES

If your child is in the second grade this school year, preparation classes for the sacraments of Penance and Eucharist will begin in October. Parent meetings will be held on Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00 PM and Sunday, October 1st at 10:00 AM. The meetings will be in the Resurrection Room of the Wolfer Education Center and should be attended by at least one parent. Also, please bring your child's baptismal certificate. A complete list of the class dates is available on our website, sjfchurch.org or by calling Jim Crosby in the parish office.

FAIR TRADE COFFEE IS BACK – FIRST SALE DATE SEPTEMBER 16TH AND 17TH THIS WEEKEND!

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

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If you have a child in the eighth grade this year school year, preparation classes for the sacrament of Confirmation begin in October. An informational meeting for Confirmation candidates and at least one parent will be held on Sunday, October 29th. We will begin by attending the 11:00 AM mass together and then go to a meeting in the Resurrection Room of the Wolfer Education Center. Also, please bring your child's baptismal certificate. A complete list of the class dates and registration form is available on our website, sjfchurch.org or by calling Jim Crosby in the parish office, 561-9431 ext. 113.

PASTORAL REGION BULLETINS & ENVELOPES

For parishioners who are traveling between our two parishes on weekends, bulletins for both parishes are available. Offertory envelopes will always be returned to your parish.

THE RISK OF FORGIVING

"How many times must I forgive my neighbor?" "Seven times?" "No, seventy-seven times," Jesus says. In other words, forgive without limit. These may be words we would prefer not to hear. As followers of Jesus, this may not be the answer we would prefer to hear. The reality is that forgiveness is a lifetime endeavor, if we want to take the teaching of Jesus seriously.

Sometimes we would rather retaliate (passively or aggressively), rather than ending the cycle of forgiveness. Yes, there is risk in forgiving. When we let someone "off the hook" it can appear that we have lost our control to live another person's life, to get another person to act a certain way – because we have – when we forgive. We hand the situation over to God when we truly seek to live a forgiving life.

As members of the church, we go out of ourselves to take the risk to live the life of loving forgiveness. Pope Francis reminds us:

"It is true that going out on to the street implies the risk of accidents happening, as they would to any ordinary man or woman. But if the church stays wrapped up in itself, it will age. And if I had to choose between a wounded church that goes out on the streets and a sick, withdrawn church, I would definitely choose the first one."

To live the life of Christ, to live as members of the church, we choose vulnerability for the sake of the gospel. May it be so.

Fr. Del

EACH YEAR AS STUDENTS OF ALL AGES RETURN TO SCHOOL,

we are all reminded of the responsibility to pass on our faith; that, if we want to see what kind of faith our children and young people will have, we have only to look at the adults who influence their beliefs. Studies show that every teenager is directly influenced by five adults who help to form his or her character, beliefs and values. This is always a good time of year to challenge ourselves to be witness and evangelizer for one another in the ways of faith.

CAR OR CASH RAFFLE

The third annual Car or Cash Raffle to raise funds for St. John Fisher parish expenses has begun. The grand prize is either a 2017 Mazda 3 or \$25,000 in cash provided we sell 800 tickets. If we sell fewer than 800 tickets the prize will be a 50/50 split of the proceeds. The tickets cost \$50 each. Each parish family is asked to buy or sell three tickets. An envelope with the tickets is in the church's gathering space. Please stop and pick yours up and save us the postage. There will be an early bird drawing on Sunday, September 24 with the winner receiving his/her choice of \$50 or two additional raffle tickets. Please return the completed ticket stubs and check made out to St. John Fisher to the volunteers before or after any weekend Mass or mail to the church office. The drawing is Sunday, October 15 at the parish picnic. Good luck! Thanks to Jeff Wyler Auto Group for their support.

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

SERVER SCHEDULE
September 23rd and 24th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Bryan & Danny Creelman
Sunday, 9:00 am – Mac Castellini, Philip Messerly, Grayson Moellering
Sunday, 11:00 am – Noah Wadell, Katherine Fisher, Prestyn Haucke

PRESIDER SCHEDULE
September 23rd & 24th

St. John Fisher	St Veronica
<u>Saturday</u>	<u>Saturday</u>
4:30 pm -- Fr. D. Doseck	4:00 pm -- Fr. Del Staigers
<u>Sunday</u>	
9:00 am – Fr. Pat Crone	8: am -- Fr. Del Staigers
11:00 am – Fr. Pat Crone	9:30 am – Fr. Del Staigers
	11:30 am – Fr. D. Doseck

DONATIONS FOR HURRICANE HARVEY AND IRMA

Thank you so much for your response to the collection held last weekend. Our total as of this bulletin deadline is \$6400. That is a great amount for just one weekend. Those that were unable to contribute last weekend, you can still do so this week.

CINCINNATI RIGHT TO LIFE EVENING FOR LIFE

Don't miss Cincinnati Right to Life's Evening for Life, Thursday, October 12th, at the Sharonville Convention Center; social 5:30 pm, dinner and program 6:30 pm; featuring delicious buffet meal plus emcee Anna Mitchell, Sacred Heart Radio; speakers Jim Bradford and HK Derryberry; and popular Northern Kentucky Brotherhood Singers. Reservations required, seating limited. (CincinnatiRightToLife.org, 513/728-7870)

GIFT BEARER MINISTRY

Have you ever considered being a part of our Liturgical Ministry Team? We need several individuals or families who are willing to bring up the gifts during mass on Saturday at 4:30 pm and Sundays at either 9:00 am or 11:00 am. This is an opportunity to become more fully involved in our community and it is very easy! Please call Jim Crosby in the parish office at 561-9431, ext.113.

AUGUST 2017 OFFERTORY

Weekly Offertory - \$29,826
Electronic Giving - \$9,539
Actual Offertory Received - \$39,365
Budgeted Offertory - \$38,800

Thank you for your continued generosity! Some of you might be tired of hearing about our electronic giving program, but we continue to mention it because it really can benefit you and the parish. You never have to bring cash or checks to church, and it helps the church save money and plan the budget. To sign up, please call the parish office at 513-561-9431 x115.

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, September 18

8:00 am – Peg Mullock (Jackie & Frank Seurkamp)

Tuesday, September 19

8:00 am – Communion Service

Wednesday, September 20

8:00 am –Intentions of Lawrence Scherer (Gloria Timberlake)

Thursday, September 21

8:00 am – Tom Rohling (Ted & Mary Ann Rohling)

Friday, September 22

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

Saturday, September 23

4:30 pm – George & Clara Rosen (The Mohr Family)

Sunday, September 24

9:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

11:00 am – Bob Kneipp (Lee & Nancy Murrell)

FORMED-WHO IS POPE FRANCIS?

This outstanding new documentary film just produced in Europe gives an excellent overview into the life, thought, and work of Jorge Mario Bergoglio, formerly Archbishop of Buenos Aires and now Pope Francis. It contains previously unreleased recordings and endearing images of Cardinal Bergoglio. His words and actions convey the unique charisma of this surprise Argentine Pope whose humility, kindness and courage are winning countless admirers to a renewed interest in the Papacy. The film includes comments on the new Pope by the Provincial of the Society of Jesus in Argentina and Spain, and from a Spanish bishop on the spiritual exercises preached by Cardinal Bergoglio to the bishops. The film also shows many inspiring images of the papal conclave, and the most emotional details of the first appearances of Pope Francis, sprinkled with humor and warm emotion.

Here's how easy it is to get FORMED:

Go to www.formed.org. You will see a box that says "Register for free. Sign up using your parish code." Type in the parish code B68MWG. Now set up a username and a password, which will be used to access FORMED.

FORMED has recently released several new apps so that you will be able to access the website from your mobile devices. If you have any questions, call Jim Crosby in the parish office at 561-9431, ext 113, or email him at jimc@sjfchurch.org.

PLEASE KEEP IN YOUR PRAYERS

our parishioners who are sick and in need of your prayers: Marilyn Dillon,

Eugene Haywood, Ginny Heming, Jeannie Koepfer, Joyce List, Barbara Mueller, Lee Murrell, Fr.Giles Pater, Len Perry, Audrey Rapien, Bob Rolfes, Geneva Schafer-Minnich, Anita Schafer, Kathy Steinmetz, Katie Wellman, Jean Werning.



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