

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • OCTOBER 8, 2017

TWENTY- SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Monday, October 9 – Office is closed

Mass at 8 am

Light bulb replacement begins

Tuesday, October 10

Tuesdays @ 10

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm – Catholic Lutheran Dialogue

(Pater Hall)

Wednesday, October 11

8:30 am – 11:30 am – **No Eucharistic Exposition**

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm – “Wisdom” Bible Study

Thursday, October 12

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 14

7:45 am – Catholic Men’s Fellowship

4:30 pm – Mass with anointing of the sick



Readings for 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

CONFIRMATION CLASSES

If you have a child in the eighth grade this 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.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Our semi-annual Anointing Mass will take place during the 4:30 pm Mass on Saturday, October 14th. This sacrament promotes the healing of both body and soul, since Christ is present when we gather in his name. If you would like to receive the sacrament of the anointing of the sick, or know of someone who would, please contact Jim Crosby in the parish office if you have any questions.

PARISH PICNIC – OCTOBER 15TH

Stop by the table in the gathering space to sign up for our annual parish picnic, this year featuring a pie-baking contest! We need the number of people attending in order to purchase the main dish. Please sign up to bring a salad, side dish, or dessert to share. Also, you are asked to bring items for the IPM food barrel. The fun begins at 4 pm and ends at 7 pm.

Fr. Del ... Points to Powder, Part 3

For the coming weeks, I will be addressing some topics that people have raised about the Catholic faith, not dogmatic pronouncements, but approaches to lead to a deeper understanding of the riches we hold as followers of Christ.

Preparing for the Sunday Mass is a commitment that we each make during the week before we come to church. I sometimes introduce the liturgy by saying, “This is the most important thing that we are going to do all week.” I say this, not only because I believe it, but because this is what the church teaches.

In the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, or *Lumen Gentium*, the Second Vatican Council teaches us that, “Taking part in the Eucharistic sacrifice, which is the fount and apex of the whole Christian life, they offer the Divine Victim to God, and offer themselves along with It.” (Chapter 3, paragraph 11)

In other words, Mass is not something we watch, or merely attend. The celebration of the Eucharist requires that each of us is an active participant because when we celebrate the Mass together, we are most visibly and fully the people of God, the church.

One important way that we prepare for Mass is by reflecting on the upcoming Sunday readings in the week preceding the Mass we celebrate together. When we spend time praying with the readings, we hear them in an entirely new way when we gather on Sunday. When we apply the readings to our own life, the liturgy takes on a richness as we celebrate together. Another way to approach this prayerful preparation is by each of us asking ourselves, “If I were the one preaching, what would I say to the People of God?”

When we join our lives with Christ at Mass, all of the challenges of our busy week are re-ordered in such a way that we are enabled to place our entire life in His hands. This is a promise of Christ himself. Yes, we are gathered for the most important thing that we will do all week. His resurrection becomes ours when we gather on the first day of the week as witnesses of His rising to new life. May it be so.

CAR OR CASH RAFFLE UPDATE

There is only one week left before the October 15th drawing in the St., John Fisher Car or Cash Raffle. We need to sell 800 tickets to award the Mazda 3 or \$25,000 cash. If fewer than 800 tickets are sold, the prize will be a 50/50 split. Volunteers will be here after every weekend Mass or you can mail or drop off your check and ticket stub to the church office. We need your participation to help our parish keep the programs it now offers. Tickets are \$50 each. Thank you for your support. As of October 1st we have sold 456 tickets.

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

SERVER SCHEDULE
October 14th and 15th

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Maria & Michael Taylor
Sunday, 9:00 am – Noah Wadell, Philip Messerly, Grayson Moellering
Sunday, 11:00 am – Olivia Walsh, Will Forte, Prestyn Haucke

PRESIDER SCHEDULE
October 14th & October 15th

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. Del Staigers	8:00 am -- Fr. D. Doseck
11:00 am – Fr. Del Staigers	9:30 am – Fr. Pat Crone
	11:30 am – Fr. Pat.Crone

ADULT PARISH PARTY HOSTS NEEDED

Once again the Social Action Team is organizing Adult Parish parties to raise money for St. Vincent Mission in David, Kentucky. Party hosts select the date, time, type of party, theme and number of guests. Parties are scheduled from January until June. You may host by yourself or with a group. In November parish members will sign up and pay \$30.00 per person to attend your party, with your guest's fee going to St. Vincent Mission. Parties can be casual or formal with or without a specific theme. This is a great way to get to know people in the parish and to share your creativity and hospitality. Please contact Marty Rauhen at mmrauen@gmail.com if you have questions or are interested in being an Adult Parish Party Host. Thank you!

LED LIGHT BULB REPLACEMENT PROJECT

As many of you have noticed there are quite a few burned out light bulbs in church, making it seem darker than it should be. We are happy to report that every light bulb in church and Pater Hall will soon be replaced with long-lasting LED bulbs! This is great news because after the project is complete both spaces (but particularly the church) will appear much brighter than they have in recent years. It's also a good thing because, of course, the LED bulbs will last much longer, thereby reducing maintenance expenses – and they cost a lot less to operate. The work will begin on Monday, October 9th and is expected to take a week. We appreciate your patience with the disruption as we move forward with this very important project.

EUCCHARISTIC EXPOSITION

Please note that due to the upcoming LED lighting project in church, there will be no Eucharistic Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Wednesday, October 11th. The regular schedule will resume the following week. Thank you for your understanding!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 9

8:00 am – Pat Walkley (Diana Reitz)

Tuesday, October 10

8:00 am – Communion Service

Wednesday, October 11

8:00 am – Dolores Rolfes (Phil & Hazel Germann)

Thursday, October 12

8:00 am – Intentions of Samuel Shapiro

Friday, October 13

8:00 am – Nicholas W. Bucci Jr.

Saturday, October 14

4:30 pm – St. John Fisher Community

Sunday, October 15

9:00 am – Caleb Fairley (Friends of the Fairley Family)

11:00 am – Patricia Paulford (Barb Kraemer & David Koehler)

FORMED- PREPARING FOR MASS

One way of preparing yourself for Sunday Mass is to read and reflect upon the readings prior to coming to Mass on the weekend. "Opening the Word" is a series containing a reflection about the readings every Sunday of the liturgical year. You will find a 6 minute video for next Sunday, the 28th Sunday of Ordinary Time (October 15, 2017) under "Exploring the Catholic Faith" and then "Opening the Word" you may have to navigate and use the arrows to locate the series.

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



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