

ST. JOHN FISHER CHURCH • OCTOBER 15, 2017

TWENTY- EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

PARISH EVENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday, October 17

Tuesdays @ 10

Wednesday, October 18

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

6:00 pm – Social Action Team meeting

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

Thursday, October 19

7:00 pm – Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, October 21

7:45 am – Catholic Men’s Fellowship

Fair Trade Coffee sale

World Mission Sunday Collection

Sunday, October 22

Fair Trade Coffee sale after Masses

World Mission Sunday Collection



Readings for 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

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.

OPEN AUDITIONS FOR THE ATHENAEUM CHORALE

The Athenaeum Chorale will be holding auditions for its 2017-2018 season through late fall. All singers over 18 years of age are welcome to audition. **Spots for all voice parts are available.** The Chorale sings for approximately eight liturgical events per year, including a Solemn Vespers series and the beloved Advent Lessons & Carols ceremony, in the beautiful Italian Romanesque Chapel of St. Gregory the Great at the Athenaeum. Each liturgy includes choral repertoire from a variety of periods and traditions. **All auditions will be held, by appointment, at the Athenaeum of Ohio**, 6616 Beechmont Avenue, Cincinnati, OH 45230. If you would like to schedule an audition or have questions about the Chorale, please contact the music director: Dr. Mary Catherine Levri at mlevri@athenaeum.edu or 513.233.6138.

Fr. Del ... Points to Powder, Part 4

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.

We sometimes hear the question, “What must I do to be a good Catholic?” Most of the answers are ones that come readily to us: go to Sunday Mass, celebrate the sacraments, pray, keep learning about the faith, raise our children to know the love of Jesus, live the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, spread the gospel, and be a person who embodies the presence of Christ for the world. These are both basic and essential answers.

What must we believe? God loves us so much that he sent His Son, Jesus, to redeem the world by becoming one of us (what we call the Incarnation). God chooses to deal with us in ways that we can understand — what Catholics refer to as *the sacramental principle* — everything created has the potential to lead us to a life of holiness. Christ is present at Mass in the people who gather, in the presider, the Word, and Christ’s Body and Blood; we say “Amen” to this four-fold presence of Christ. The Church is the means to salvation because of Christ’s presence in His body, the Church. We uphold each human life as sacred, a gift of God, and a sharing in the divinity of Christ. To be Catholic means that we work diligently for the common good, the belief that we are all responsible for the stewardship of God’s gifts, given for the good of all. These are some of the essential public ways that we witness to our faith.

We also have many private “helps” as we journey toward Christ, devotions that may assist individuals in the growth of faith. All of these devotions are important and helpful, but may not speak to each individual. The list of these helpful aids is long, practices like: Stations of the Cross, praying the rosary, apparitions of saints, novenas, fasting, etc. These practices are important to some people, but may not speak to everybody. The Church encourages us to be involved in the practices like these that help us — even to try them if we have not done so — but does not require them as a practice for everybody.

To be a “good Catholic” might be summarized in the words of Jesus: “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbor as yourself.”

Each of us is responsible for growing in our faith, understanding who Christ calls us to be as His disciples. May we grow in the holiness to which each of us called, by the means that are both essential and helpful.

COFFEE SALE NEXT WEEKEND

Fair Trade Coffee, tea, chocolates will be available next weekend after all Masses. Stock up for winter!

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY 2017

Chat with Pope Francis using your Facebook Messenger App to learn more about his Missions. Pray and give generously on World Mission Sunday October 21 and 22.

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

SERVER SCHEDULE

October 21st and 22nd

Saturday, 4:30 pm – Maria & Michael Taylor

Sunday, 9:00 am – Erin Fanning, Jordy Fanning

Sunday, 11:00 am – Arlyn Scott, Will Forte, Stephen Kroeger

PRESIDER SCHEDULE

October 21st & October 22nd

St. John Fisher

Saturday

4:30 pm – Fr. Del Saigers

Sunday

9:00 am – Fr. Pat Crone

11:00 am – Fr. Pat Crone

St. Veronica

Saturday

4:00 pm -- Fr. D. Doseck

8:00 am -- Fr. D. Staigers

9:30 am – Fr. D. Staigers

11:30 am – Fr. D. Doseck

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 Rauén at mmrauen@gmail.com if you have questions or are interested in being an Adult Parish Party Host. Thank you!

HATS, GLOVES, MITTENS & SCARVES!

The Forever 50 Group invites all parishioners to donate new items between now and November 13th. Help needy children, teens & adults keep warm this winter!

A Basket is in the Gathering space for your donations. IPM (Inter Parish Ministry) will distribute the items you donate. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER 2017 OFFERTORY

Weekly Offertory - \$27,544

Electronic Giving - \$9,359

Actual Offertory Received - \$36,903

Budgeted Offertory - \$38,800

PLEASE REMEMBER ST. JOHN FISHER IN YOUR WILL

As you develop your estate plan, please consider gifting part of your assets to St. John Fisher. This could include making the church the beneficiary of your will, IRA, insurance policy, trust fund, and/or investments (stocks, mutual funds, cash, etc.). It is a wonderful and selfless way to give a gift that provides for the long-term future of our parish. Contact your attorney or financial advisor to find out how. Please call the parish office at 513-561-9431 x115 if you have questions. Many thanks for considering it!

MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, October 16

8:00 am – Michelle Schoettmer (Mary Dean Grote)

Tuesday, October 17

8:00 am – Communion Service

Wednesday, October 18

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

Thursday, October 19

8:00 am – Tom Bauer

Friday, October 20

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

Saturday, October 21

4:30 pm – Tom Moehringer (Pat Volk)

Sunday, October 22

9:00 am – Rita Conger (Amy & Mike Castellini)

11:00 am – St. John Fisher Community

CHURCH CLEANING TEAM FRIDAY, Oct. 20th

Jeannie Kroeger and Anne Schneider

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 29th Sunday of Ordinary Time (October 22, 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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