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St. Ann Catholic Church, Channahon strives to be a welcoming, caring and faith-filled parish family who desires to bring one another closer to Jesus through Prayer, Involvement and Generosity on our way to the Heavenly Father.

FROM FATHER JOHN: *“Blessed are you who fear the LORD, who walk in his ways! For you shall eat the fruit of your handiwork; blessed shall you be, and favored. Your wife shall be like a fruitful vine in the recesses of your home; your children like olive plants around your table. Behold, thus is the man blessed who fears the LORD. The LORD bless you from Zion: may you see the prosperity of Jerusalem all the days of your life. May you see your children’s children. Peace be upon Israel!” ~ Psalm 128*

May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives!!!

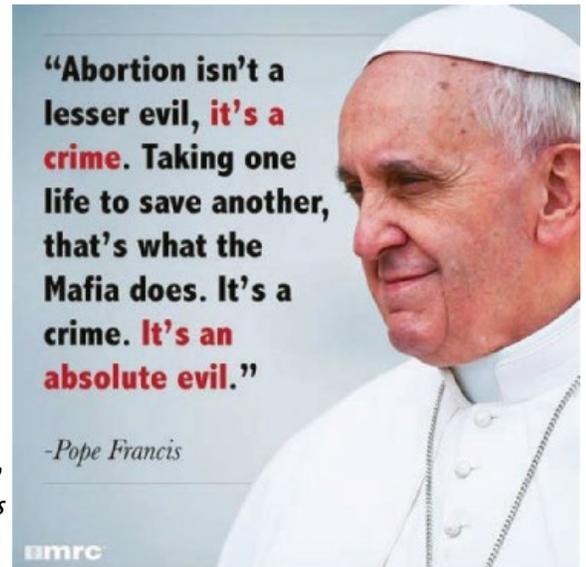
Today is Respect Life Sunday and October is Respect Life Month. The elite corporate media attacks and scorns the Church because we stand up and defend the right to life. The Church opposes abortion, the death penalty, euthanasia, human cloning, embryonic stem cell research, war and anything else that attacks the dignity and sanctity of all human life. Although the Church opposes abortion, the Church also embraces with mercy those who have made this mistake and offers to bring them absolution and forgiveness. In the words of St. John Paul II:

“I would now like to say a special word to women who have had an abortion. The Church is aware of the many factors which may have influenced your decision, and she does not doubt that in many cases it was a painful and even shattering decision. The wound in your heart may not yet have healed. Certainly what happened was and remains terribly wrong. But do not give in to discouragement and do not lose hope. Try rather to understand what happened and face it honestly. If you have not already done so, give yourselves over with humility and trust to repentance. The Father of mercies is ready to give you his forgiveness and his peace in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. To the same Father and to his mercy you can with sure hope entrust your child.” (The Gospel of Life, #99).

I believe that abortion is an act of desperation; that, unfortunately, people sometimes find themselves in a difficult and desperate situation where there seems to be no good solution. This is why “*The Father of mercies*” offers, through the auspices of the Church, forgiveness, absolution and mercy in the *Sacrament of Reconciliation*. But, at the same time, the reality of the situation in our nation is that over 62 million innocent human lives have been taken since 1973, the year abortion was legalized in the United States by the Supreme Court in *Roe v. Wade*. Roughly 3,300 innocent human lives are lost to abortion per day in the United States which has helped create a situation where human life has been cheapened in what St. John Paul II called “*a culture of death*”.

16-year-old Dolores Weber commented in the *Chicago Tribune* that, “A third of my generation is gone” when referring to abortions. How sad is that, when a 16-year-old realizes that one-third of her generation was never given a chance to live, to dream, or to love?

Suffragist Susan B. Anthony called abortion a “crying evil”. Nineteenth-century feminist Elizabeth Cady Stanton wrote “the degradation of women” was caused by the “murder of children, either before or after birth.” Quaker Alice Paul, the author of the original Equal Rights Amendment, called abortion “the ultimate exploitation of women.” In 1979, author Michael Harrington, a renowned socialist and liberal, surprised a crowd of wealthy Planned Parenthood supporters when he called the right-to-life movement “one of the few genuine social movements of the 1970s.” (continued on Page 4)



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SACRAMENTS

Baptisms:

Catholic parents have the responsibility to have their infant children baptized within the first few weeks of life when possible. Baptism prep will be the 3rd Saturday of the month @ 2 PM in the Fireside room, call the parish office to schedule. Baptisms will be the 1st Sunday of the month at 11:15 AM (Exceptions for holiday weekends.) Please call the parish office to schedule and for information. parishoffice@stannchannahon.org or 815-467-6962, Ext. 10.

Eucharist, Reconciliation, Confirmation for Children:

Formation is held during religious education sessions. Registration/questions contact Tom x13.

Reception of Baptism, Reconciliation, R.C.I.A.,

Eucharist & Confirmation for Adults:

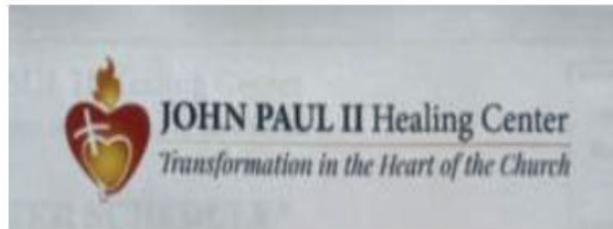
Inquiries about reception of Sacraments, contact Tom, Ext. 13.

Engagement Preparation for the Sacrament of Marriage:

Couples need to be registered and active in parish life and attend weekly Mass. Preparation begins eight months before proposed date. Contact Parish Office 815-467-6962.

Validation of a Civil Marriage:

If you were married civilly by the State and wish to validate your marriage as a Sacrament, contact Dcn. Bob, Ext. 12 or the parish office, Ext. 10



Would you like to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ?
Have you forgiven, but are still experiencing negative emotions?
Do you feel like you are bringing the same sins to confession, again?

Sin leaves all of us wounded, and as Pope Francis reminds us, the Church is a field hospital with all of us in need of healing from the Divine Physician.

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When St Isaac Jogues Parish hosted this retreat in Fall of 2019, there were 450 attendees who experienced wonderful healing from Jesus.

WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021

- Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/
Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27
- Monday:** Rom 1:1-7/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 [2a]/Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday:** Rom 1:16-25/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [2a]/Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday:** Rom 2:1-11/Ps 62:2-3, 6-7, 9 [13]/Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday:** Rom 3:21-30/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7]/Lk 11:47-54
- Friday:** Rom 4:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 [cf. 7]/Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday:** Rom 4:13, 16-18/Ps 105:6-7, 8-9, 42-43 [8]/Lk 12:8-12
- Next Sunday:** Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [22]/Heb 4:14-16/Mk
10:35-45 or 10:42-45

OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 10, 2021

- Sunday:** 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time
- Monday:** St. John XXIII, Pope; Columbus Day
- Thursday:** St. Callistus I, Pope and Martyr
- Friday:** St. Teresa of Jesus, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
- Saturday:** St. Hedwig, Religious; St. Margaret Mary Alacoque, Virgin; BVM
- Next Sunday:** 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

LIVE THE LITURGY

Inspiration for the week

Presumption can be a great sin. We can easily convince ourselves that as long as we do the bare minimum or master the basics, it is sufficient. Love doesn't operate this way. If we are truly in love with God, then the basics are not going to be enough. That love is going to want to get expressed in going above and beyond, in leaving the comfortable and familiar, in stretching and growing and in following a voice other than our own. This is what those who are truly in pursuit of wisdom come to realize. Just like any human relationship worth achieving reveals, we never reach a plateau in following the Gospel or growing in wisdom and holiness. Wisdom is the rudder that guides us through all of life's attractions and options. It alone determines what is worth pursuing and what must be left behind. That is why those who are only concerned about checking the boxes and doing the least amount possible often walk away sad when offered God's gift of life eternal. They are not truly in love.

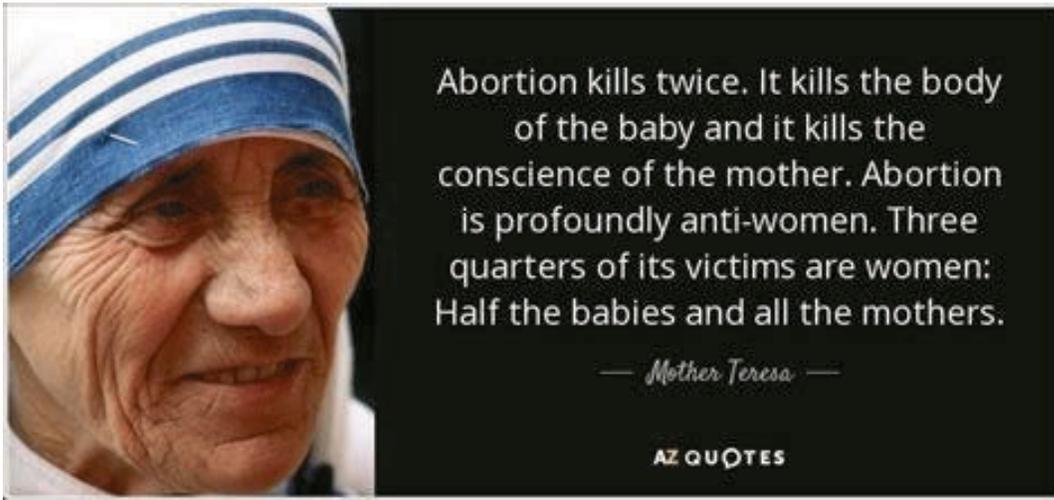


SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Teresa of Ávila (1515-1582) was a Spanish Carmelite nun who lived in the 16th century. She was a mystic and author of spiritual writings and poems. The originator of the Carmelite Reform, she founded numerous convents throughout Spain and restored a contemplative life to the order. She became well known for the mystical experiences, many of which she described in her autobiography.

The first of only four women to be named a Doctor of the Church, St. Teresa's ascetic doctrine and Carmelite reforms shaped Roman Catholic contemplative life, and her writings on the Christian soul's journey to God are considered works of art. Her writings, especially the "Way of Perfection" and "The Interior Castle," have helped generations of believers.

St. Teresa of Avila died on Oct. 15, 1582. She was canonized on March 22, 1622, along with three of her greatest contemporaries: St. Ignatius Loyola, St. Francis Xavier, and St. Philip Neri.



Abortion kills twice. It kills the body of the baby and it kills the conscience of the mother. Abortion is profoundly anti-women. Three quarters of its victims are women: Half the babies and all the mothers.

— Mother Teresa —

AZ QUOTES

Unfortunately, the University of Notre Dame invited President Obama to speak at its graduation ceremonies for the class of 2009. During his speech, Obama called for civil and open dialogue concerning abortion in an effort to reduce the number of abortions. Unfortunately, civil and open dialogue about our disagreements is not good enough when it comes to abortion. Dialogue is a good thing but it is not an end in itself.

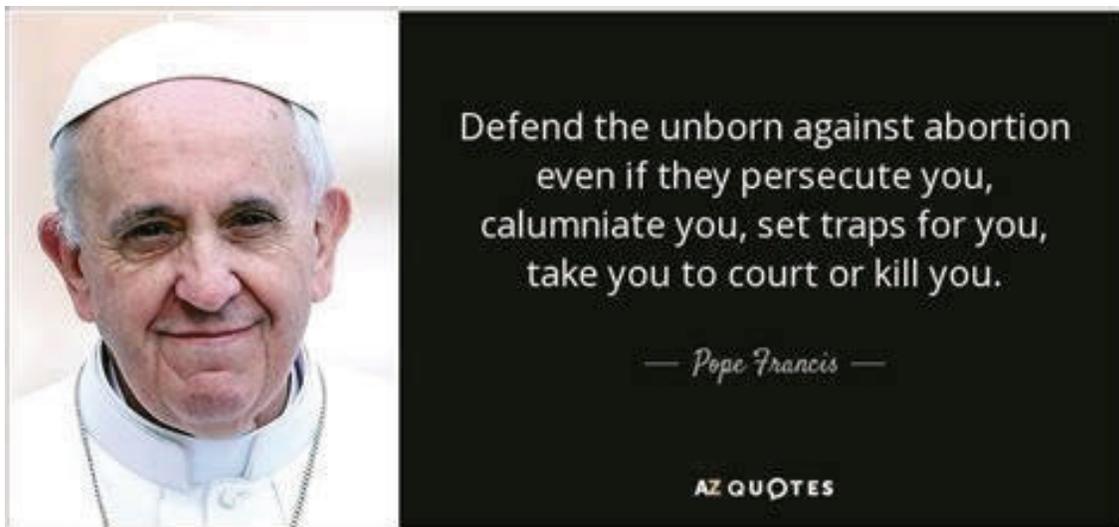
Dialogue did not end the blood sports in ancient Rome. Entering into a dialogue with Adolf Hitler to reduce the number of Jews murdered in the Holocaust gulags was not good enough. Entering into a dialogue with slave owners in the 1850's to reduce the number of African American slaves would not have been good enough, and in fact, it was not good enough for President Lincoln. Entering into a dialogue with the Khmer Rouge to reduce the number of Cambodians murdered in their killing fields was not good enough. Entering into a dialogue with Stalin to reduce the number of people murdered in the gulags was not good enough.

We must remember that all human life is sacred in the eyes of God. This means that we must nurture human life, we must care for human life, we must respect human life, and most importantly, we must defend all human life.

As Catholics, we don't just believe that all human life is sacred; we *celebrate* the sacredness of all human life, human life that comes from God, that is created by God, that is made sacred by God, that is saved by the Father sending His only Son into the world to die on a cross so that we might have life.

That is why our Lord Jesus came into the world — to give us, each and every one of us, life. God the Father didn't send His only son into the world on a whim or because he kind of liked us or because he felt sorry for us. God the Father sent His only Son into the world because he loves us, because he created us, because as the gospels reminds us, all human life is sacred. Always remember, our Lord Jesus Christ died on the cross defending the sacredness of all human life, giving each of us the gift of life.

May God Bless you and all those who love the Lord.



Defend the unborn against abortion even if they persecute you, calumniate you, set traps for you, take you to court or kill you.

— Pope Francis —

AZ QUOTES



Saturday, October 9, 2021

4:00 pm +Fred Dedin/Dedin Family

Sunday, October 10, 2021

8:00 am The People of St. Ann Parish

10:00 am +Victoria Recchia/CCW

Monday, October 11, 2021

8:00 am Liturgy of the Word w/Holy Communion

Tuesday, October 12, 2021

8:00 am SI Laurie Bonitez/Patti Olsen

Wednesday, October 13, 2021

8:00 am Presider's Intentions

Thursday, October 14, 2021

8:00 am Presider's Intentions

Friday, October 15, 2021

8:00 am Presider's Intentions

Saturday, October 16, 2021

4:00 pm The People of St. Ann Parish

Sunday, October 17, 2021

8:00 am The People of St. Ann Parish

10:00 am +Barbara J. Bielawski/Patty Dagdigan

† = denotes deceased person / SI = special intention



*Stewardship of
Treasure*



September 26th, 2021

Our Weekly Offertory →	\$ 7,083
Budgeted	8,169
Difference	- 1,086

October 10, 2021

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (MARK 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But we are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

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<i>Amount Paid</i>	\$ 50,203
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<i>Donor Count</i>	168

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