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PARISH VISION STATEMENT:

Go forth and make disciples of all nations.

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT:

Forming Disciples and Living Disciples

40 Days For Life



Please join fellow believers in the sanctity of life in peaceful prayer outside the Louisville abortion clinic, located at 138 W. Market St. 40 Days for life will begin September 22nd and end October 31st. Please contact 40 Days for life through Carol Masters at 502-424-6446 or

cbmasters2@aol.com to sign up for an hour to pray. 40 Days for life has a specific prayer for each day of the campaign.



Stewardship Message

Today's second reading warns that a heart consumed with avarice and envy leads to jealousy, strife, conflicts, and disputes. A giving heart, in contrast, can sing instead with the psalmist, "Freely will I offer you sacrifice; I will praise your name, O Lord, for its goodness."

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Celebrating Our Discipleship

Remember to sell or purchase your raffle tickets in order to be eligible for fabulous prizes at SMK's Annual Card Party this Wed., September 22nd—7pm in the Activity Center! Doors open at 6pm for early birds!



Calling All Bakers!



We rely on your generous donations to make this event a success! Dessert pans are available in the Gathering Space to receive your desserts!

This weekend, the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday on **September 19, 2021** under the theme of **“Say the Word and My Soul Shall Be Healed.”** Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each baptized person plays in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all to rededicate themselves to this mission as a community of faith.



SMK Sacrament Preparation or Questions about Joining the Catholic Faith

If you have questions regarding Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist, Confirmation, or joining the Catholic at any age, contact Garrek Harris at gharris@yoursmk.org call 812-923-2459.



Stewardship Information

Weekly Budgeted Amount.....	\$22,993
Collection of 9/12/2021	<u>\$20,768</u>
Variance to Weekly Budget.....	(\$2,225)
Budgeted total through 9/12/2021	\$252,923
Actual Collected through 9/12/2021	<u>\$225,772</u>
Variance to Annual Budget.....	(\$27,151)

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!

SMK Youth Basketball Committee Opportunity

The St. Mary of the Knobs Youth Basketball Committee is gearing up for the 2022 season and is looking for individuals to join the committee. This committee oversees the SMK youth basketball league which is played here at SMK at the Geis Activity Center with over 400 local children from our community participating during January and February. If interested, please reach out to Svend Jansen at svendjansen@gmail.com.



With Sadness



Our sincere sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Patricia Happel who died. May she rest in peace. Pat's family extends their heartfelt thanks to all who donated food for the Comfort Meal that follows the funeral and to all who offered their condolences.

Mass Intentions

Sept. 20	8:00am	Joyce Kroger
Sept. 21	5:30pm	Sonny Sprigler
Sept. 22	8:00am	Priest's Intention
Sept. 22	10:00am	Richard Duffy
Sept. 23	5:30pm	Alvin & Phyllis Leidolf
Sept. 24	9:00am	Mary Jo Ubelhor
Sept. 25	4:30pm	SMK Parish
Sept. 26	8:00am	Mary Ellen Koopman
Sept. 26	10:30am	Arvil Becht

September 25-26 Gift Bearers:

4:30pm	Ryan & Michelle Waiz Family
8:00am	Charles Koopman Family
10:30am	Ralph & Sandy Pinnick

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GOSPEL MEDITATION - ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

September 19, 2021 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire.

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.



Communion Fasting

Question:

Do we need to fast for one hour before Mass, or one hour before communion?

Answer:



The practice of fasting before receiving the Eucharist is a centuries-old act of devotion that was once very different than it is today. In the 1917 Code of Canon Law, for example, anyone who wanted to receive the Eucharist had to fast from midnight until the time of communion (even water and medications were forbidden). Over the following decades, the rules for the eucharistic fast were relaxed, first by Pope Pius XII and, later, by Pope Saint Paul VI.

The current Code of Canon Law (1983) states very clearly: "A person who is to receive the Most Holy Eucharist is to abstain for at least one hour before holy communion from any food and drink, except for only water and medicine" (Canon 919, §1). And, in the case of those who are ill and the elderly, the rules are even more accommodating, "The elderly, the infirm, and those who care for them can receive the Most Holy Eucharist even if they have eaten something within the preceding hour" (Canon 919, §3).

So, if we strictly follow the "letter of the law," the fast is calculated from the time of Holy Communion and not the start of Mass. However, when we remember why we fast — it is a reminder of the deeper hungers of the spirit that our physical thirst or hunger symbolize — we see that the issue is much bigger than simply fulfilling what is called for by Church Law and tradition. Joining fasting to our prayers and reflection before Mass is an opportunity to really center ourselves and to prepare our minds, hearts, and bodies to welcome the One we receive in the Eucharist. ©LPi

It's back! Join Fr. Mike Keucher and men from all over the New Albany Deanery for a weekend of dynamic fellowship and authentic worship as generations come together for REMNANT - a three-day retreat weekend held at Mt. St. Francis from November 5-7, 2021. The cost is \$175 per person. Hosted by Catalyst Catholic, the event is for all men 21+ and promises to be an experience like none other. The Catholic Christian man is somewhat of a remnant in today's society - we are coming together to bring about a revival. Tell every man you know.



SUNDAY'S READINGS

FIRST READING:

Let us condemn him to a shameful death;
for according to his own words, God will take care
of him. (Wis 2:20)

PSALM:

The Lord upholds my life. (Ps 54)

SECOND READING:

And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace
for those who cultivate peace. (Jas 3:18)

GOSPEL:

"The Son of Man is to be handed over to men
and they will kill him,
and three days after his death the Son of Man will rise."
(Mk 9:31)

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OBSERVANCES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

Sunday: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday
Monday: Sts. Andrew Kim Tae-gŏn, Priest, and Paul Chŏng
Ha-sang and Companions, Martyrs
Tuesday: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist
Thursday: St. Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest
Saturday: BVM
Next Sunday: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"THE MORE I REFLECT
ON THE GRACES I HAVE
RECEIVED, THE MORE
THEY ASTONISH ME."

—ST. ROSE PHILIPPINE DUCHESNE



ST. MATTHEW,
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REFLECT

FIRST READING

The Wisdom writer reveals the mentality of the wicked, characterized by revenge and treachery. How best should people of faith respond to such behavior?

SECOND READING

James offers insight into the human condition as it relates to how often our ambitions and passions can lead us astray. How do you keep yourself grounded in holy intentions?

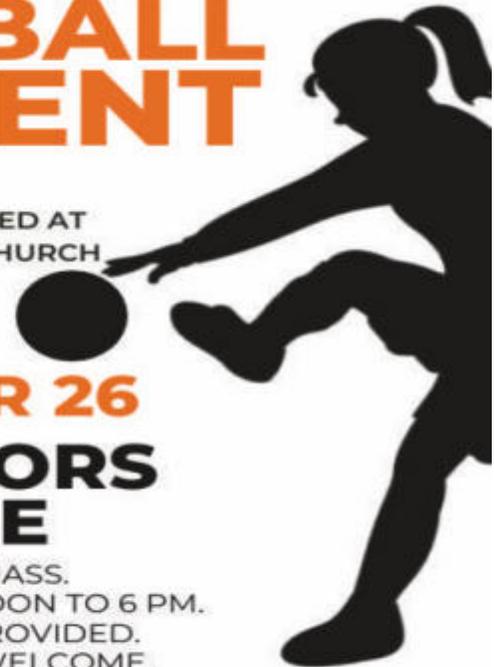
GOSPEL READING

We hear today how the disciples were afraid to ask Jesus questions and reluctant to share with him some of their tensions. Why do you sometimes hold back from opening up to the Lord?

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**ST. MARY OF THE KNOBS ANNUAL DESSERT CARD PARTY
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2021 AT 7:00PM IN THE ACTIVITY CENTER**



INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!

ADMISSION IS \$5.00 PER PERSON!

If you have not attended our Card Party before, this is how it works: The gym is set up with card tables. Bring and/or three people to play any card game you wish (rum, euchre, pinochle, bunco, yahtzee, bridge, etc.). We furnish a table prize for your table winner. You will enjoy a wonderful dessert and a drink at no extra charge! During the evening, we will call out names to give away door prizes (we have hundreds). We will also offer raffle tickets on special prizes to be drawn at the end of the evening, including a 50/50 raffle. Last year's winner took home over \$1,000! The Card Party begins at 7PM and ends about 10PM. An evening of FUN is guaranteed!

HOME PARTIES!

This is your opportunity to be eligible for ALL the great door prizes. If you (or anyone you know) cannot attend the Card Party, just send in \$5.00 per person (by mail or through the weekend collection) with your name and phone number on the form that will be mailed to your home soon. We will put your names in the door prize drawing bin. If you have four people, then you will also receive a table prize. You do not have to play cards at your house, but it's a great excuse for inviting friends over! Family and friends are important in life! Call Ruth Krueer 812-987- 5029 or Sherri Williams 812-951-3131 for details.

HALF-BARRELS OF GROCERIES!

Please help with our major raffle by donating some non-perishable items. Anything you use around your house will be welcome. Suggested donations are:

Last name A-D – Canned soups & meats, baking products

Last name E-L – Pasta, sauces, drinks, snacks, & cereals

Last name M-R – Paper products, cleaning supplies & detergents

Last name S-Z – Canned fruits & vegetables, condiments & staples

MAJOR RAFFLES!

Raffle tickets have been mailed to each family in the parish. Please help out by selling the chances and returning the money and stubs by mail or through the weekend collection in an envelope marked "CARD PARTY."

There are many valuable prizes and lots of cash on the major raffles. Actually, your odds of winning are much better than in the lottery, so please try to sell all of your chances!

A special thanks to all who continue to give of their time to make the Card Party a success! Volunteers are always welcome. If you would like to volunteer to help or have any questions, please call Rachel Didat at 502-777-7941.

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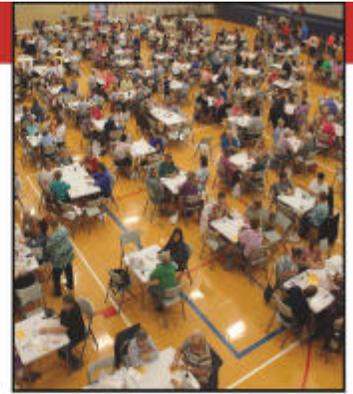
St. Mary of the Knobs Annual Card Party

Wednesday, September 22, 2021, 7PM-10PM

Doors Open at 6PM for Early Birds

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**INVITE YOUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS
FOR AN EVENING OF FUN!**



- Admission of \$5 registers you to win one of hundreds of door prizes.
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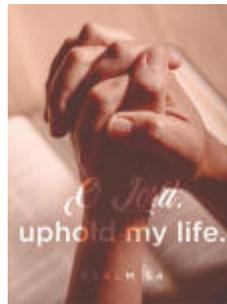
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