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OUR MISSION

At Saints Peter & Paul, we cultivate the Gospel message and offer the Sacraments & Worship, activities & community for God's people. "We are God's co-workers."

1 Corinthians 3:9



JANUARY 2, 2022 THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday & Friday: 8:30am

Vigil Saturday: 4:00pm • Sunday: 8:30am Holy Days: Check bulletin prior to Holy Day

STAFF

Rev. John J. Schneider, *Pastor* john.j.schneider@icloud.com Rev. Mr. Robert Bugaj, *Deacon*

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SACRAMENTS

CONFESSIONS: Saturday 3:00pm & the 1st Thursday of the month 5–6pm, in the Servers Sacristy of the Church.

BAPTISM: Before any detailed arrangements are made, prospective expecting parents must attend a pre-baptism class. Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory Office in advance.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are to be made at the Rectory Office before publication in newspapers.

WEDDINGS: Arrangements are to be made in person at the Rectory Office at least six months in advance. All couples planning to be married must attend Diocesan Pre-Marriage Instructions.

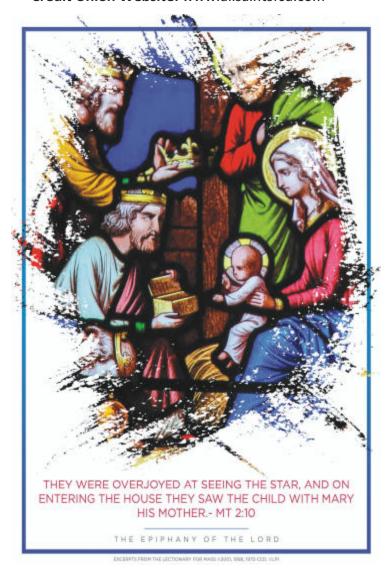
SICK CALLS: Inform the Rectory Office of the ill and homebound.

RCIA: Interested in becoming Catholic? Learn about the Catholic Faith. Call the Rectory.

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Ss. Peter & Paul and St. Therese LITURGY SCHEDULE

MONDAY, January 3, 2022

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

St. T.—6:30 PM Blessings for Sister Helen Skok

St. T.—7:00 PM Confessions

TUESDAY, January 4, 2022

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious

No Mass

WEDNESDAY, January 5, 2022

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

Ss. P&P—8:30 AM † Gerald Petrus

THURSDAY, January 6, 2022

Saint Andre Bessette, Religious

St. T.—8:30 AM † Wanda & Richard Golias

Ss. P&P.—5:00 PM Confessions

FRIDAY, January 7, 2022

Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest

Ss. P&P—8:30 AM † Michael Cimperman

SATURDAY, January 8, 2022

Vigil, The Baptism of the Lord

Ss. P&P—4:00 PM People of the Parishes

St. T. — 5:30 PM † Rich & Pat Kraft

SUNDAY, January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

Ss. P&P— 8:30 AM † Joe Ziegler

St. T. — 10:30 AM † Wally Ciokajio

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: 1 John 3:22—4:6; Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday: 1 John 4:7-10; Mark 6:34-44
Wednesday: 1 john 4:11-18; Mark 6:45-52
Thursday: 1 John 4:19—5:4; Luke 4:14-22
Friday: 1 John 5:5-13; Luke 5:12-16
Saturday: 1 John 5:14-21; John 3:22-30

Sunday: Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11; Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7;

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

John said One mightier than I is coming; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire.

ACTIVITY SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, January 4, 2022

NO Altar & Rosary Sodality General Meeting

WEDNESDAY, January 5, 2022

PSR—St. Therese Church Hall—6:00pm

PRAY FOR THE ILL AND HOMEBOUND

Mary Jane Andrako, Mary Bienkowski, Sue Boyne, Thom Boyne, Eleanor Buras, Arline Charvat, Bill Choma, Carol Cieplowski, Sal Crasi, Cheryl Decker, Al Deuche, Dennis Dikowicz, Brandon Dombard, Dick Fabian, Ross C. Furcello, Ed Gabriele, Adele Gispanski, Laverne Grabowski, Dori Herout, Cathy Hrestak, Mary Anne Ineman, Kyle Knight, Mary Ann Koenig, Carol Krapovich, Rich Kropinak, Dolores Kubicek, Fr, Joseph Manich, Daria Melnyc, Karla Muir, Robert Novak, Michelle Nowakowski, Kelly Ann Palasics, Christopher Pawlak, Kelly Perhach, Nancy Perhach, Robert Perhach, Richard Pointious, Sandra Priebe, Ken & MaryAnn Prybor Kathy Riegelmayer, John Robinson, Maria Schieda, John Shedlock, MaryAnn Sibits, Gary Skelley, Veronica Skrocki, Edward Slovenski, Allen Strnad, Darlene Triska, Vince Vartorella, Florence Vlanty, Jackie Yenco

REST IN PEACE

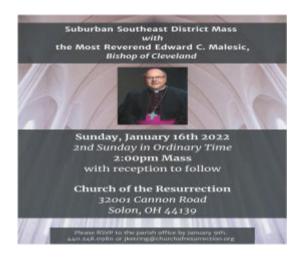
Celia Eve Zeman Stella H. Wall Deacon Thomas J. Grasson, retired



POPE FRANCIS JANUARY INTENTIONS OF PRAYER

For true human fraternity

For all those suffering from religious discrimination and persecution, may their own rights and dignity be recognized, which originates from being brothers and sisters in the human family, we pray





PASTOR'S NOTES

The Lord be with you!

And lest I forget, a Happy New Year as well! There is much to celebrate this weekend, and much more to meditate upon. As we consider the role of repentance, let us consider what resolutions we can make to remove at least one sin from our daily lives.

Question 770. What do you mean by a firm purpose of sinning no more?

Answer. By a firm purpose of sinning no more I mean a fixed resolve not only to avoid all mortal sin, but also its near occasions.

Question 771. What do you mean by the near occasions of sin?

Answer. By the near occasions of sin I mean all the persons, places and things that may easily lead us into sin.

Question 772. Why are we bound to avoid occasions of sin?

Answer. We are bound to avoid occasions of sin because Our Lord has said: "He who loves the danger will perish in it"; and as we are bound to avoid the loss of our souls, so we are bound to avoid the danger of their loss. The occasion is the cause of sin, and you cannot take away the evil without removing its cause.

Question 773. Is a person who is determined to avoid the sin, but who is unwilling to give up its near occasion when it is possible to do so, rightly disposed for confession?

Answer. A person who is determined to avoid the sin, but who is unwilling to give up its near occasion when it is possible to do so, is not rightly disposed for confession, and he will not be absolved if he makes known to the priest the true state of his conscience.

Question 774. How many kinds of occasions of sin are there?

Answer. There are four kinds of occasions of sin: (1) Near occasions, through which we always fall;

- (2) Remote occasions, through which we sometimes fall;
- (3) Voluntary occasions or those we can avoid; and
- (4) Involuntary occasions or those we cannot avoid.

A person who lives in a near and voluntary occasion of sin need not expect forgiveness while he continues in that state.

Question 775. What persons, places and things are usually occasions of sin?

Answer. (1) The persons who are occasions of sin are all those in whose company we sin, whether they be bad of themselves or bad only while in our company, in which case we also become occasions of sin for them;

- (2) The places are usually liquor saloons, low theaters, indecent dances, entertainments, amusements, exhibitions, and all immoral resorts of any kind, whether we sin in them or not:
- (3) The things are all bad books, indecent pictures, songs, jokes and the like, even when they are tolerated by public opinion and found in public places.

My commentary.

Let's take questions 771 and 774 first since understanding the four categories of an occasion of sin will help us understand the rest of the questions better. To wit, an occasion of sin is a circumstance that often leads us into sin. All of us have strengths and weaknesses so that some temptations barely phase us while others we fail at almost immediately. We can further refine such occasions as either being near or remote. Here question 774's answer is woefully incomplete. A "near" occasion is immediately connected to a sin whereas a "remote" occasion is linked to something else that is in turn immediately linked to a sin. For example, for an alcoholic a bar would be a near occasion of sin whereas the street with several bars might only be a remote occasion. The Baltimore Catechism is right that near occasions cause us more often to fall than remote ones, but it is confusing the causal chain (more on that below).

A "voluntary" occasion is a circumstance that we choose; an "involuntary" occasion is a situation that we did not choose. Returning to the example above, if the alcoholic walks into a bar to see the price of a beer, he has entered a near and voluntary occasion of sin. Conversely, if the alcoholic's Uber drives him down a street with bars on it, the alcoholic has entered an involuntary and remote occasion.

In identifying our own occasions of sin, we would prefer to have clear causes but correlations will work almost as well. Figuring out our motivations can be difficult at times; acknowledging our failures can be much easier. In emphasizing how often we fail as the clear sign of whether an occasion is near or remote, the *Baltimore Catechism* is encouraging us to make the most prudent judgements we can.

Once we know a circumstance leads us into sin, we need to avoid it as best we can. The more voluntary the circumstance, the more we ought to distrust ourselves around it. Anger at ourselves is often less effective than guile in temptation. It is not about convincing ourselves that something is bad for us; it is about walking away or around that occasion whatever way we can.

All of us have occasions of sin that we need to avoid if we are going to grow in charity. In fact, there are entire industries designed around entrapping people in sin, and I am not only referring to materials meant for "adult entertainment." Almost all news - whether mainstream or alternative - is now made less to inform and more to emotionally manipulate. That was not true even ten years ago, but it is my assessment today.

If every year we rid ourselves of one sin, we would all be saints by the time we were twenty. What sin and its near (or remote) occasions can you easily rid yourself of this year? Resolve to reject it and do everything in your power this year to avoid it. Whatever your New Year's resolution may be, let us all walk through 2022 with charity and true fraternity.

In His Sacred Heart, Fr. John

STEWARDSHIP OF TIME & TALENT

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR

January 9th at 2:30pm St. Monica Church All are welcome!



HOUSE BLESSING

Select a family member to lead the blessing of your home. Gather family members around the main door of your

house. Together pray the blessing printed below. Then over the door, use the blessed chalk to inscribe these numbers and letters.

> 20 + C + M + B + 22 Christus Mansionem Benedicat May Christ bless this dwelling place

LET US PRAY - O Lord, almighty God, come to bless this home that it may be a shelter of health, chastity, victory over sin, humility, goodness, mildness, obedience to your commandments and thanksgiving to God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit. May this blessing remain for all time on this dwelling and all that live and visit here. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ASK FATHER

Question: Can a priest attend mass while being a co-celebrant?

Answer: A priest, who is not the main celebrant, can concelebrate the Mass (assisting the main celebrant), sit in choir, or attend Mass as part of the assembly. The difference between being in choir and attending Mass is mostly symbolic; in both cases the priest is not offering the Eucharistic Prayer with the main celebrant. When a priest concelebrates, there is obviously less to do so that it can be like attending Mass, but the concelebrant is still effecting the Eucharist as a priest.

ST. THERESE 5TH ANNUAL SOUP & CHILI COOK-OFF

Save the Date in 2022 - Sunday, January 30, 2022 from 1:00pm-3:00pm at the St. Therese Hall



Advance Sale only for this event Tickets are \$6.00 per person

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\$ 1,450.00	Energy Needs
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STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Spread love everywhere you go.
Let no one ever come to you
without leaving happier.

Mother Teresa

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER 10806 Granger Road - K of C Club 4130 Hall CHICKEN PARMESAN

Wednesday, January 12, - Pick-up 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Dinner: 1 piece Chicken Parmesan with Pasta, Italian Wedding Soup, Roll & Butter

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