

## Christ Our Light Parish

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### ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. in St. Benedict Church **BAPTISMS:** Families desiring baptism for their child must be registered in the parish. Parents must attend a preparation class. **BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Articles must be submitted in writing by noon on Wednesdays and are subject to approval by the pastor. Space is limited, so we reserve the right to edit.

**FACEBOOK PAGE:** Live-Streamed Mass every day. "Christ Our Light Parish, Guernsey County, OH." **HOSPITAL VISITATION:** Please call immediately if you or a

loved one is in the hospital.

## MINISTRY TO THOSE IN NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS,

**AND THE HOMEBOUND:** If you or a loved one wishes to receive the Eucharist or have regular pastoral visits, please call the parish office.

### **RECONCILIATION:**

St. Benedict Church - Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory - Sundays at 11:45 a.m. And by Appointment

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Parish School of Religion (PSR) classes for children in grades K through 8 are held Sunday mornings from September to May.

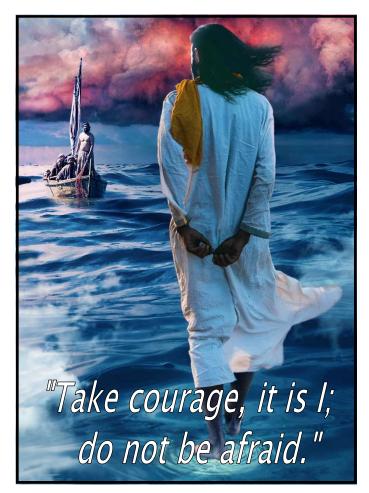
**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA):** Adult preparation for Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation. Call Fr. Hrezo or Pat Farley for information.

**SCHEDULING MASS INTENTIONS:** Anyone wishing to schedule Masses on special days, especially weekends, should do so at least 6 months in advance.

**WEDDINGS:** Arrangements must be made six months in advance.

**WELCOME TO OUR PARISH:** Registration forms can be found at the church, oratory and parish office.

# 19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, August 9, 2020



#### **Pastoral Minister**

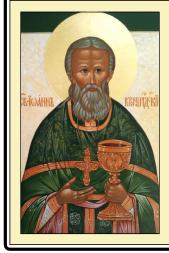
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Mass Intentions	for the	Week	of August 9, 2020
Saturday, August 8	5:00pm	SB	<b>† Tom Zembar</b> (Birthday) by Family
Sunday, August 9 (19th Sunday of Ordinary Time)			
	8:00am	SB	People of Christ Our Light Parish
	10:30am	SB	† Dr. Joe Goggin by Ray and Charmaine Chorey
	12:15pm	SSPP	† Deceased Members of the Radachi and Cibrik Families by Dan and Mary Ann Dzurec
Monday, August 10	8:35am	SB	<b>† Robert Cox</b> (Wedding Anniversary) by Anita
Tuesday, August 11	8:35am	SB	† Howard Nau by Jim and Bonnie Arnold
Wednesday, August 12	8:35am	SB	† Mark Larrison by Friends
Thursday, August 13	8:35am	SB	Vocations by the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity
Friday, August 14	8:35am	SB	<b>† Rebecca Lehotay</b> by Martha Wojtowicz and Family
Saturday, August 15 (Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, not a Holy Day of Obligation this year)			
	8:35am	SB	† Cyril Kochera (Anniversary) by Evelyn Kochera
	5:00pm	SB	<b>† Carl and Mari-An Brill</b> (Birthday) by Buddy and Donna Brill
Sunday, August 16 (20th Sunday of Ordinary Time)			
	8:00am	SB	People of Christ Our Light Parish
	10:30am	SB	<b>† Timothy Hack</b> by the Grubbs, Grace and Lohman Families
	12:15pm	SSPP	† Dave Scholik by Tom and Jacquie Adamik

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Ministers of the Altar for Saturday & Sunday, August 15-16, 2020				
	Saturday (SB) 5:00 p.m.	Sunday (SB) 8:00 a.m.	Sunday (SB) 10:30 a.m.	Sunday (SSPP) 12:15 p.m.
Lectors	Peggy Adams	Sharon Miller	Jacob Padden	Betty Duche'
Ushers	Donald Poole	Craig Stickelmeyer	Alan Bay	Eugene Duke
Cantors	Audrey Kuklica	Ron Roby	Choir	



A Great Saint for August St. Augustine Feast Day ~ August 28th

Miracles are not contrary to nature, but only contrary to what we know about nature.

And Jesus departed from our sight (in the Ascension) that we might return to our heart, and there Him. For He departed, and behold, He is here.

If you believe (only) what you like in the Gospels, and reject what you don't like, it is not the Gospel you believe, but yourself.



### Sunday, August 9

After Masses ...... Scrip Sales (Marian Room) 11:45am ..... Confession (SSPP) 2:30pm.....Bereavement Haven (SB social hall) Monday, August 10 9:00am ...... Rosary **Tuesday, August 11** 9:00am ...... Rosary 6:30pm ...... Knights of Columbus Rosary and Meeting (SB social hall) Wednesday, August 12 9:00am ...... Rosary 9:00am-9:00pm...... Eucharistic Adoration (SB Church) 11:00am .....SVdP (SB social hall) 4:30pm ..... Evening Prayer and Benediction Thursday, August 13 9:00am .....Rosary Friday, August 14 9:00am ...... Rosary 10:00am ...... Scrip Sales (school office) Saturday, August 15 9:00am .....Rosary 4:00pm ..... Confession (SB) Sunday, August 16 After Masses ......... Scrip Sales (Marian Room) 11:45am ..... Confession (SSPP)



Basilica and National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation, Carey Ohio Annual Novena Cancelled Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, our

annual Assumption Novena for 2020 has been cancelled. This decision was made for the safety and concern of all our parishioners

and pilgrims. However, we will be posting videos for you to pray the Novena virtually at your convenience, in several languages, on the Shrine's Website – <u>olcshrine.com</u> or YouTube channel: **OLC Shrine** beginning on August 6.



# Table of Plenty

Suggested food donations for August are *soups*, *pasta and ready to eat meals*. Please place your donations in the marked box in the Marian Room of St. Benedict Church.

**In addition to the packaged food** generously donated by members of our parish, Grace Food Pantry will be happy to accept any <u>produce</u> that we want to share from our gardens, even if a small amount.

Different, however, from the packaged food, **the fresh fruit and vegetables** <u>need to be taken</u> <u>directly to the pantry at Christ Lutheran Church</u> on the corner of Steubenville and 11th/Clark Street. Someone will be there to receive donations Monday-Friday from 9 AM to Noon in the church basement and shared with those who come for the daily lunch.

Access to the Pantry is from Steubenville Avenue via the church driveway across

the street from the Orme's parking lot. This is one way that we can "do something" to help our neighbors in need during the Covid crisis.



We are still seeking help with our website! (Someone to provide back-up to our current Website Administrator.)

# Why Do Catholics Do What They Do?

Do you attend the Catholic Church sometimes with family or friends and wonder what in the world all of the gestures and prayers mean? Do you have a hard time following the missalette? Then RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) may be for you. RCIA classes will begin in October and we invite you to call Fr. Paul or Pat Farley at the parish office, 740-432-7609, to learn more about the RCIA process.





With faith and hope in the Risen Lord, we pray for the eternal peace and happiness of:

**Richard Quinn** (Grandfather of Michael Kuklica and Shawn Quinn)



## Please pray for <u>all</u> God's children who are ill, homebound or in nursing homes, and those who care for them.

Beth Anderson, Megan Archer, Bob Barlock, Larry Beck, Dorothy Bednarski, Joe Bennor, Whitney Benson, Marcella Beros, Bill Bodner, Steve Bodner, Frank Booth, Brinley Boyd, Imelda Bruney, David Callihan, Rosie Campbell, Diane Carkin, Melanie Carna, Jeff Carpenter, Patti Cartner, Milt Cerny, Chesler Family, Monica Chicwak, Yung Chuang, Lee Cline, Mike Cowgill, Anita Cox, Jennifer Cox, Linda Delik, Peggy Ditto, Angie Doerfler, Sister Miriam Dosch, Carl James Duch, Patty Eibel, Liam Elliott, Mary Evans, Betty Fannin, Jen Fannin, William "Buzzy" Ferguson, Marsha Finley, Greg Gibson, Pat Graven, Louise Hack & Family, Steve Hall, Dave Hanes, Stephen Hannum, Mark Hayes, Mary Ann Haynes, Jane Hemlar, Violes Henry, Lorriane Hesson, Dolly Hitzel, Sally & Ted Hoey, Sally & Payton Hubal, Bob Huffman, Laverne Ingles, David, and Paul Iten, Rachel Jirles, Josh Jones, Diane Krall, William Kyser Jr., Dorothy Lackney, Amara Larrison, Mike Long, Andrea May, Lisa McGregor, Joyce McPeak, Keagan Meek, Angela Merva, Hayley Morris, Pam Motil, Mary Ann Pachuta, Christine Palmer, John Palmer, Dick & Frances Pavlov, Lynda Pawlowski, Carole Pekari, B.J. Petrasko, Sally Pfalzgraf, Ben Pickenpaugh, Richard Riesbeck, Don Ross, Emma Ross, Connie Rummell, Mary Schmid, Jett Schmitt, Terri Scott, Rosemary Sebek, Irene Sekel, Steve Shedlock Jr., Carys Singler, Mallory Smith, Mike Smith, William Smith, Ramona Springer, John Sprouse, Loretta Stahovec, Louie Stahovec, Mark Stahovec, Mary Stoner, Stephen Storch, Ken Stump, Loran Stutz, Chris Seward, Don Thatcher, Margaret Urdak, JoMarie Wasik, James Weidlich, Matthew Wentzel, Bill and Cathy Whitmire, Don and Grace Whitmore, Jodie Williams, Andrea Yakubik, Helen Yakubik, William "Bill" Yoho

We ask your prayers for all men and women serving in our armed forces and those who put themselves in harm's way to protect and serve others. Steven Barrows, Makenzi Carna, Becky Chesar, Phillip Cram, Carl Duch, Scott Fearn, Luke High, Travis Jackson, Jeremy Jones,



Michael Kuhns, Joshua Lucas, Ryan McGough, Jeff McKnight, William Miller, J.C. Minarchek, Josh Norris, Anthony Stevens, Jesse Walters, Sean Weir, Steven Whaley, Zach Williams, Zac Wilson, Ethan Wray

# PRAY FOR OUR PRIESTS

August 9	Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon
August 10	Rev. Matthew Russick, TOR
August 11	Msgr. Thomas Petronek
August 12	Rev. Victor Cinson
August 13	Rev. David Pivonka, TOR
August 14	Rev. Timothy Kozak
August 15	Our Holy Father
August 16	Rev. William Cross

## Offertory for August 1-2, 2020

Adults	\$8,593.00
Children	11.00
Miscellaneous	
Monthly Collection for Those in Need	
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**Bishop Thomas J. Tobin of Providence,** Rhode Island, recently wrote on Twitter, "Just saw a headline in a Catholic newspaper with the phrase 'pro-abortion Catholic.' Sorry. That's a contradiction in terms. You can't be a Catholic, at least not an authentic one, and be 'pro-abortion' (or 'pro-choice.' It's the same thing)."



# What is the Origin of the St. Michael Prayer?

On October 1, 1884, Pope Leo XIII had a deeply disturbing mystical experience at Mass. He had just finished celebrating in his private chapel when he suddenly stood transfixed in front of the altar. For perhaps

10 minutes he stood there as if in a trance, his face drained of color. Then he went to his office and composed a prayer to St. Michael. He told his staff the prayer should be offered throughout the Church.

He explained that he had heard two voices in the vicinity of the tabernacle. He believed they were the voices of Our Lord and of Satan. Pope Leo heard Satan boast that he could destroy the Church in 75 or 100 years, if given the opportunity. Then he heard Our Lord give Satan permission to try. (This sounds somewhat similar to what we read in Job 1).

The prayer which Pope Leo XIII composed was 10 times the length of the version we use today. Use of the prayer was discontinued in 1964. Thirty years later, in Regina Coeli address, Pope John Paul II revived use of the prayer. He said, "Although the prayer is no longer recited at the end of Mass, I ask everyone not to forget it and to recite it to obtain help in the battle against the forces of darkness and against the spirit of the world." The pope clearly intended that we should offer this prayer in our homes as well. The prayer, by the way, is as follows:

> St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.



### St. Benedict School Faithfully Educating God's Children Since 1911

I hope that everyone is enjoying a safe and relaxing summer! The faculty and staff are busy preparing for our Safe School Restart. St. Benedict School will open school in a traditional classroom setting, five days a week, following all state and local health department regulations.

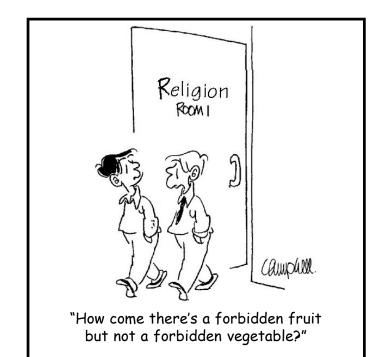
While it may look a little different, we are excited to have students back in our classrooms! Our complete restart plans can be found on our school website at www.stbenedictschool.net.

School will open this year on a "soft schedule" for students and staff to adjust to our new procedures and regulations.

- August 24-31: Teacher Meetings/Professional Development
- September 1: Students in grades 5-8 will report
- September 2: Students in grades 3-8 will report
- September 3: Students in grades K-8 will report
- September 8: First day of Preschool

**Of course, all could change at any time** based on decisions made by Governor DeWine. Regardless of how school begins this year, please keep our students and staff in your prayers during these challenging times. I look forward to reporting all the great accomplishments of our students in the coming months!

In His Name, Sue Sanders



## READINGS FOR THE 20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME Sunday, August 16, 2020

God's mercy and salvation is for all people, regardless of race, creed or color. United by the saving grace of God, we gather as one family, mindful of our need for the Lord's mercy.

Our readings focus mainly on the universality of God's church. The reading from **Isaiah** tells us that the day is coming when people from every nation will come to praise and worship God. For God, this equality, this unity, is a matter of justice. The people are commanded to act in fairness to each other.

This prophecy from Isaiah is clearly realized in Jesus and especially in the Gospel. The point of the passage is that a Canaanite woman — a foreigner, a non-Jew — shows faith in Jesus and is welcomed by him. Her faith is expressed in an act of prayer for which Jesus praises her!

### Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

For my house shall be a house of prayer for all people.

How welcoming is our parish? Who do you greet when you attend Mass or a parish event?

### Romans 11:13-15, 29-35

God delivered all to disobedience that he might have mercy upon all. How or when have you experienced God's mercy?

Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus said to the Canaanite woman, "O woman, great is your faith." How great is your faith in Jesus?

## During this upcoming week we will have two days that celebrate women of faith who are foundational for us as a Church.

On Saturday, August 15th, we celebrate the Assumption of Mary, the mother of Jesus, from Earth into Heaven. As we do with several Marian feast days throughout the year, we thank the Lord both for her example of faith as our spiritual mother and for her caring and powerful intercession for us (note that because this feast day is on a *Saturday* this year we won't observe it as a Holy Day of Obligation – though with our current COVID-19 situation it wouldn't be a Day of Obligation on that account either).

In the Gospel for next Sunday, August 16th, we encounter another woman who is a spiritual mother of sorts for all of us of Gentile background.

In that passage, from Matthew chapter 15, we hear of a surprising exchange between Jesus and a woman from that region to the north of Israel into which Jesus had just traveled, where Jesus says to her, "It is not right to take the food of the children and throw it to the <u>dogs</u>!"A key for helping us to understand why Jesus would insult her in this way is to read the passage just before this one. There we read that Jesus had been challenged by the Pharisees about <u>externals</u> of the faith, such as eating with unwashed hands. Jesus responded to them by emphasizing that what comes *out* from a person's <u>heart and soul</u> is what would render a person either clean or unclean.

Right after that, then Jesus traveled to the Gentile region to the north, to the region of Tyre and Sidon. There we read about how Jesus tested the faith of a woman from that region. Her response of faith provides a stark contrast with that of the Pharisees.

Knowing this contrast can help us to understand why Jesus would use such insulting language, even using the strongest language possible for a test like this. As the Pharisees and scribes had tested Jesus, it was common in that day and time to challenge someone who was presenting himself as a teacher and leader like Jesus. Additionally, someone who was making a request could <u>also</u> be put to the test.

So, Jesus tested the Canaanite woman not because he was tired and cranky from his journey! Instead, his strong words to her became an opportunity for a profound response on her part.

And, she did respond very profoundly! She even cried out with a **Jewish** prayer – "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!" She does Jesus homage and appeals a second time, "Lord, help me." Her third response shows that Jesus had successfully drawn her, like the Woman at the Well in the Gospel of John, to a higher and deeper intercession for her daughter and for all of her Gentile children. She ultimately says, "Lord, even the dogs eat the scraps that fall from the table of their masters." She knows and believes that Jesus **can** heal. She is so confident in **Jesus** 



The Faith of a Canaanite Woman that she would be happy with the scraps! Her faith was in **Jesus**, confident that even a scrap from Jesus would be sufficient; she expresses a mustard seed prayer!

As Jesus had done even with his own mother, Mary, in Cana when she had asked Jesus to help a family when the wine was running short at their wedding feast, Jesus calls this person from Tyre and Sidon "woman" and commends her small, simple, yet profound faith. That is another reason why we can see this Canaanite woman as a spiritual mother for all of us.

May our Lord bless us with a faith focused on Him, as we see modeled for us by this week's women of faith: our spiritual mothers of Mary and the Canaanite woman. May their examples and intercession bring us the healing and confidence that our Lord has for all of us as His beloved daughters and sons!

# **Pastor's Letter**

As many of us enjoy doing spring cleaning and sprucing up our living environments, you can see that we're very much in the midst of a number of summer fix-up projects around our church campuses.

Two of the three parking lots around St. Benedict Church have been resurfaced and the courtyard parking lot will be next. Before then, we have a couple of other projects that are underway, including fixing a broken drain basin and broken drainpipes that were root causes of water backups along the south wall of the St. Benedict Church basement hallway, former music room, social hall and rectory basement. With those water issues dealt with, we can then replace the flooring in much of those areas and liven up our social hall as well. That former music room is valuable and much-needed space as we need to have more and wider meeting and classroom spaces.

We also have a couple of roof projects slated over the next couple of weeks, one for the school and the other for the front building (former school building) of the church.

Finally, we'll be preparing the playground for the beginning of the school year as well.

Again, we're trying to be cautiously optimistic with some groups beginning to meet again. Our local "conference" of the St. Vincent de Paul Society has been both serving people in need in our area mostly by phone and fax and email and meeting for the spiritual formation of our parish volunteers. The Knights of Columbus local "council" has met a couple of times in person spread out throughout the social hall for monthly meetings after having conducted those meetings by conference calls in April and May.

Our Pro-Life Committee, which is always open to new members, is likewise planning for its first meeting since the beginning of March. They are working on plans to assist with voter registration for this year's upcoming election. Please look and listen for information about their meetings because, again, we will have need for many active volunteers for the election.

The Bereavement Haven is meeting this weekend at 2:30 p.m. in the St. Benedict social hall on Sunday, August 9th. The topic or focus of each month's meeting is an independent theme, so anyone can always participate either for the first time or after some time away without needing to "catch up." For example, this month's meeting will read and reflect on Chapter 5 of the book, <u>Finding a Loving God in the Midst of Grief</u>. Additional copies will be available so that anyone could participate. This chapter considers the various feelings and emotions we have in our relationship with God in the midst of grief that are not unlike those described between Job and God in the Old Testament Book of Job, even when they include anger.

Finally, the group that is developing our twin parish relationship with St. Elisabeth Parish in Caracol, Haiti, is adapting plans to the current COVID-19 situation. We had hoped to conduct an "evening of sacred music" concert as a fundraiser. And, the folks in Caracol have completed their part of the concert by filming their parish and choir while offering a Mass in February. Because of the persisting virus concerns, we have rescheduled this concert until Lent 2021. However, please see the bulletin and our website as we post information about specific people of that parish and their very challenging circumstances, made even more dire at this time: no running water, no local health clinic, and subsistence-level food supplies.

May the Lord keep us protected and healthy and, as always, well prepared for the gift of eternal life!!

