



Christ Our Light Parish

Saint Benedict Catholic Church, Corner of North 7th Street & Gomber Avenue, Cambridge OH
Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory, 136 East High Avenue, Lore City OH

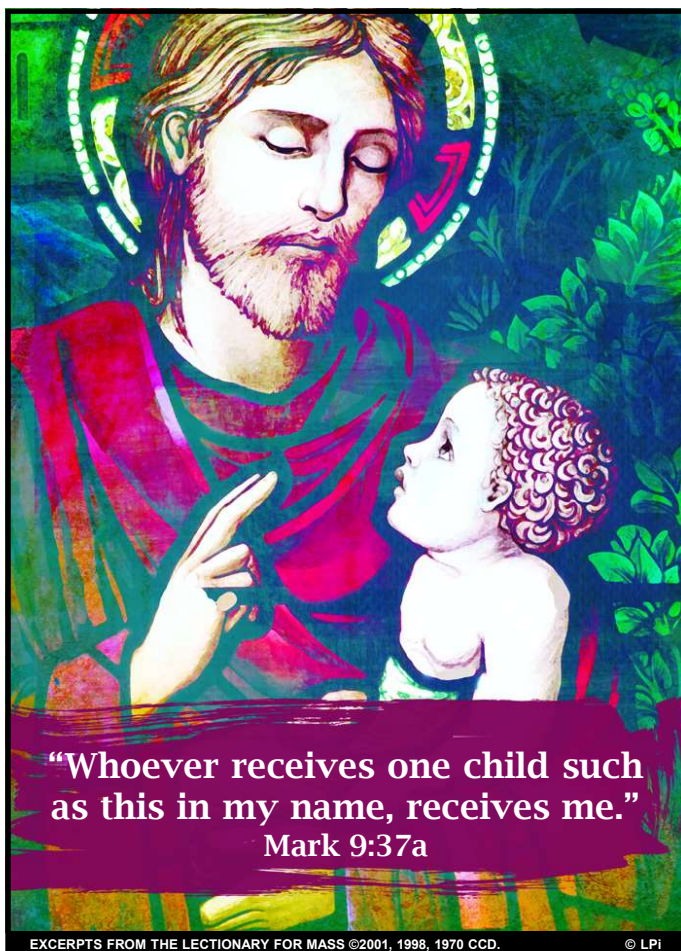
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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 19, 2021



**"Whoever receives one child such
as this in my name, receives me."**

Mark 9:37a

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ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT:

Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at St. Benedict Chapel.

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, inserts a week early, 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 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.

Pastor

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Bulletin Deadline Noon Wednesday

Bulletin Inserts must be submitted at least one week early.

St. Benedict Church Social Hall 740-432-6751 x 123

Parish Offices 701 Gomber Avenue

Office Hours 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Convent 319 North Seventh Street

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St. Benedict School 220 North Seventh Street

Phone 740-432-6751

Web Site www.stbenedictschool.net

St. Vincent de Paul Society

Web Site...www.colsvdp.org **Phone** ... 740-432-7609 x 207

Mass Intentions for the Week of September 19, 2021

Saturday, September 18	5:00pm	SB	† Allen Cochran by Theresa Cochran and Family
Sunday, September 19 (Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
	8:00am	SB	People of Christ Our Light Parish
	10:30am	SB	† Albert and Helen DeStephen (Wedding Anniversary) by Norma Longinie and Family
	12:15pm	SSPP	† Gene Bay by Ed McConkey and Debbie McConkey
Monday, September 20	8:35am	SB	Living and Deceased Members of the Martin Lehotay Family by the Roger and Dorothy Vincent Family
Tuesday, September 21	8:35am	SB	† Mary A. Goffos by John and Kathleen Dinan
	6:00pm	SSPP	† Ted and Mary Bailey by William and Barbara Chorey
Wednesday, September 22	8:35am	SB	† Sister Mary Ann Nugent by the Biedenbach Family
Thursday, September 23	8:35am	SB	Intentions of the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity (School Mass)
Friday, September 24	8:35am	SB	† Sally Hoey by Bill and Cathy Whitmire
Saturday, September 25	8:35am	SB	Intentions of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society
	5:00pm	SB	† Fred Lewis by Liz Lewis
Sunday, September 26 (Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time)			
	8:00am	SB	† Anne Krall Regan (Birthday) by Family
	10:30am	SB	† Mike Zeleznik (Anniversary) by Daughters and Families
	12:15pm	SSPP	People of Christ Our Light Parish

Ministers of the Altar for Saturday and Sunday, September 25-26, 2021

	Saturday (SB) 5:00 p.m.	Sunday (SB) 8:00 a.m.	Sunday (SB) 10:30 a.m.	Sunday (SSPP) 12:15 p.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Lou Klamut (B)	Pat Goggin (B)	Ron Engott (B)	Betty Duche' (B)
Lectors	Kathi Albertson	Sharon Miller	Winnie Wells	Shellie Brown
Altar Servers	Jonah Stanberry	Samantha Delik	Kara Desjarlais	Ben Jackson
	Caleb Stanberry	Patrick Ross	Volunteer	Volunteer
Ushers	John Jamail	Victor Orange	Alan Bay	Ed McConkey
	Bill Ditto	Bud McCutcheon	Mark Anker	David Casasanta
	Buddy Brill	Volunteer	Gary Klamut	
	Jacob Padden	Volunteer	Anna Pavlov	
Cantors	Folk Group	Sister Carol	Choir	
		David Speer		

Blood Pressure Screenings

Next Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 1:15 p.m.



Sts. Peter & Paul Rectory
Face masks are required and proper precautions and cleaning of equipment between persons will be followed.

Because of recent increases of Covid, the Knights of Columbus Monthly Breakfast HAS BEEN CANCELLED!

Coffee and Donut Hour will be held in the St. Benedict Social Hall after the 8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses.



Schedule for This Week

Sunday, September 19

After Masses Reverse Raffle Tickets and Scrip Sales (SB Marian Room)
 11:55am Confession (SSPP Oratory)
 1:15pm Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales (SSPP Oratory)

Monday, September 20

9:00am Rosary (SB Church)

Tuesday, September 21

9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
 6:00pm Mass at SSPP Oratory
 6:30pm Catholic Women's Club Meeting (SSPP Social Hall)

Wednesday, September 22

9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
 9:00am-9:00pm Eucharistic Adoration (SB Chapel)
 4:30pm Evening Prayer & Benediction (SB Chapel)
 6:30pm Holy Hour of Prayer (SSPP Oratory)

Thursday, September 23

8:35am School Mass
 9:15am Rosary (SB Church)

Friday, September 24

9:00am Rosary (SB Church)

Saturday, September 25

9:00am Rosary (SB Church)
 9:30am SVdP Meeting (SB Social Hall)
 12:00noon Prayer Service (SB Mt. Calvary Cemetery)
 4:00pm Confession (SB Church)
 6:00pm Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales (SB Marian Room)

Sunday, September 26

After Masses Scrip and Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales (SB Marian Room)
 11:55am Confession (SSPP Oratory)
 1:15pm Reverse Raffle Ticket Sales (SSPP Oratory)
 1:15pm Blood Pressure Screenings (SSPP Rectory)
 2:30pm Mass of Anointing (SB Church)

Offertory for September 11-12, 2021

Collection \$5,539.00
 Miscellaneous 74.00
 Haiti Collection for Those in Need 1,627.86

Weekly Budget Amount Needed.....\$9,000.00

The Chalkboard

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

Our school year has gotten off to a wonderful and busy start. We are getting settled into our new classroom routines. We welcomed our youngest students to pre-school on September 7, and I hope this is just the beginning of a love of learning for them. Our Leps Volleyball League has started, and our team continues to practice with determination for Saturday games. As I look back, I cannot believe we have been in school for a month already.

Fundraising efforts are underway with our ongoing SCRIP sales. There are just a few tickets left for the Reverse Raffle, and we have an upcoming fundraiser at Chipotle on September 29, from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Please consider helping to support these fundraisers for our school.

I wish to thank all of you for such a warm welcome to St. Benedict School. Your support and encouragement is greatly appreciated. May this be a healthy, successful and fun school year for all.

Traci Mitchell, Principal

Mass of Anointing Sunday, September 26, 2021 2:30 p.m. at St. Benedict Church

This Mass is for Catholic parishioners who are in need of physical, spiritual, psychological or emotional healing. It is also for those weakened by age, facing surgery, dealing with a life-threatening illness, a heart condition, or a chronic ailment. The Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick is for healing, strengthening, and comforting.



Volunteers are needed to provide transportation. Please call Sister Sharon Paul (740-255-5912 or 740-680-1297) or the parish office (740-432-7609) if you can help.

This Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation.

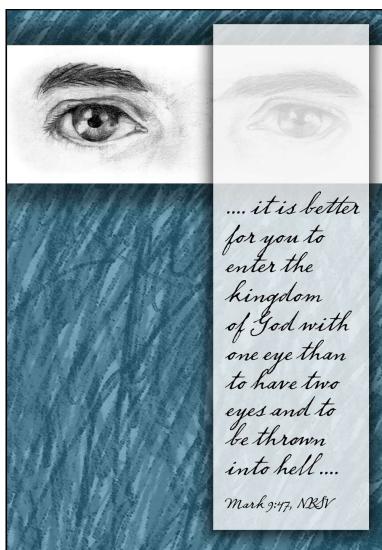
The Catholic Women's Club will meet this Tuesday, September 21st, with Mass at Sts. Peter & Paul Oratory at 6:00 p.m. and the meeting to follow in the social hall. All women of the parish are invited to attend. The Mass is open to all parishioners.

READINGS FOR THE 26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 26, 2021

The first reading and the Gospel reading remind us that those who are most involved in holy work also struggle with jealousy. We often refuse the good—even a miracle—if it comes from someone who does not belong. In the second reading James speaks harshly to the rich who take advantage of the poor. Let us pray, asking God to open our minds and our hearts to the truth. Let us be still to hear God speak to us.

Our readings focus on the freedom of the Spirit to act when and where it will. The Spirit of God often surprises us by raising up, inspiring and acting through people we might least expect. This helps us to recognize a moment of grace as truly a positive act of God and not from human manipulation. And, God wants to encourage each of us to exercise the spiritual gifts He has given us from



Baptism and Confirmation. Our Church community will be stronger and more alive as each of us asks God to help us to recognize those spiritual gifts and to put them into practice for the benefit of others.

Numbers 11:25-29

Moses responds to those who are jealous of other prophets.

Who is the prophet from the Scriptures who stirs your heart to respond?

James 5:1-6

St. James calls us to generosity.

How do you use your time, talent and treasure for the good of all?

Mark 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

Jesus responds to the jealous disciples.

Is there a “minister” of whom you are jealous? What underlies that jealousy?

In this part of the Gospel of Mark, from the second half of Chapter 9 through the middle of Chapter 10, Jesus teaches about entering into the Kingdom of Heaven: what can give us hope about being saved and what could become obstacles. This teaching is set between the second and third times that Jesus forewarns the disciples that he would be killed in Jerusalem but then rise from the dead three days later.

One of the key interior dynamics all of us need in moving forward as disciples of the Lord and in being open to the graces that help us to grow in holiness and in freedom from sin is hope. It's not surprising that Pope John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis have all emphasized again and again, from the very beginning of their ministries as pope, that God wants to fill us with the gift and reality of hope.

In next Sunday's Gospel passage, Jesus responds to the Apostle John's concerns with three deepening degrees of a hopeful message about salvation.

When St. John saw someone outside of their group of disciples driving out demons in Jesus' name, his reaction was to prevent that person from continuing to do so and then reporting the situation to Jesus. Jesus reassured John

— and us — with a message of hope. First, Jesus simply stated that a person doing a mighty deed like casting out a demon in Jesus' name would not then disparage Jesus. If anything, he would then praise Jesus all the more for the freedom that the authority of His Name had brought to the spiritually afflicted person.

Jesus then went further and extended his hopeful response to include anyone who does not oppose Him and his ministry. Any such person who does not oppose Jesus is actually for Jesus. What's more, an action as simple as giving a drink of cold water to a disciple of Jesus because he is a disciple of Jesus will receive tremendous blessings. And, what better reward could one hope for than the gift of salvation in Heaven? Jesus' requirements for being drawn into the Kingdom of Heaven sound relatively simple!

This hopeful statement by Jesus, that as many people could be saved as possible, echoes Moses' prayerful and hopeful declaration in the First Reading for next Sunday. In a similar way, Joshua reported to Moses that the gift of prophecy appeared to have been poured upon two men who had apparently absented themselves from the group of 70 men that Moses had told to gather at his tent to receive this grace from the Lord. That God gave them the prophetic gift though they had apparently been playing

hooky, Moses said in reply to Joshua, “Would that all of God’s people were prophets” (Numbers 11:29)! Though Jesus mercifully is inviting all of us to be his disciples and members of the Kingdom of God, not everyone accepts His invitation, at least not right away. Jesus describes several obstacles to being His disciples: leading others into sin and persisting in sin, even when the cause of the sin becomes apparent. Jesus invites us to orient our lives toward proclaiming and experiencing the authority of His Name over sin and toward helping others to experience that authority. May Jesus’ hopeful and merciful message help us to respond to the grace of freedom that Jesus wants to give us each day. May we experience this teaching of Jesus giving joy and hope to our hearts (Psalm 19:9)!

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

It’s not too late to consider participating in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. If you have an interest in learning more about the Catholic faith, RCIA will explore the full range of questions. We will meet on Thursday evenings from 6:30 until 8:30 p.m., starting October 7, in the St. Benedict Church conference room or social hall. If you are interested in being a team member or a sponsor for a candidate, please contact Fr. Paul at the parish office, 740-432-7609, Traci Mitchell at 740-432-6751, or Jacob Padden at 740-421-1393.



Pastor’s Letter

We have a special – relatively spontaneous(!) –outdoor prayer service developing this week. This upcoming Saturday is a national day of prayer of those who have died through abortion. Several years ago, our local Knights of Columbus Council 1641 established a memorial marker in the St. Benedict Mt. Calvary Cemetery for encouraging a stronger respect for life. That memorial marker is actually also above a grave where remains of 5 unknown stillborn children are buried. Though these children had not died through abortion, this is, again, a place to help us grow in our respect for life.

For our connection with the national day of prayer we are planning to offer a prayer service at that memorial marker at Noon, this upcoming Saturday, September 25th. The memorial marker is in the northeast corner of that cemetery.

Please keep in prayer this week’s annual fundraising banquet for the Open Arms Pregnancy Center. The banquet is on Thursday, September 23rd, and the keynote speaker is the founder of the 40 Days for Life, Shawn Carney. This has grown into a substantial national movement that has proven to be a very effective approach to praying for healing and for an end to abortion. In a very timely way, the fall 40-day cycle of prayer and fasting begins on Wednesday, September 22nd. What a blessing that the national founder will be here at that time!

As I’ve mentioned before, thank you so very much for your generosity for the fundraising appeal we conducted last year and into the spring so that 2 new ultrasound machines could be purchased for the pregnancy center. There will be some mention of the new machines at the banquet. Again, please keep in prayer the banquet, the work of the OAPC and the work of the 40 Days for Life movement, so that these efforts will be both spiritually protected and blessed.

We will not have our Holy Hikers trek this month because of the Mass of Anointing that we are still planning for next Sunday. I have put Sunday, October 24th, on my calendar for the next Holy Hikers activity. Please let me know if you have any suggested trails we should explore, other than continuing on other parts of the Buckeye Trail.

May Our Lord Jesus Christ help us to experience the transforming power of His mercy as He helps us to be always ready for the gift of eternal life in Heaven!

Christ Our Light Parish Bazaar Yard Sale / CWC Bake Sale Lottery Tree Raffle

**Sts. Peter & Paul Social Hall / Pavillion
Friday & Saturday, October 8-9, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.**

- Nut Rolls will be available from the CWC in addition to other baked goods.
- If any nut rolls are left after Saturday, they will be sold after the 12:15 p.m. Mass at St. Peter & Paul Oratory on Sunday.
- Anyone interested in renting a table to sell your own items, please contact Maria Duke at 740-260-0489 by September 21st so arrangements can be made for table set-up.
- All unsold items must be picked up and removed by 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, September 9th.



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

Joseph Kuchinka
(Brother of Rose Kopyar)

Mark Dosch
(Brother of Sister Miriam and Cousin of Sister Sharon)

Angie Doerfler


Irene Sekel



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, especially those connected to our parish: Steven Barrows, Makenzi Carna, Becky Chesar, Phillip Cram, Carl Duch, Scott Fearn, Josh Fletcher, Luke High, Travis Jackson, Jeremy Jones, Stephen J. Kraizel IV, Michael Kuhns, Joshua Lucas, Ryan McGough, Jeff McKnight, William Miller, J.C. Minarchek, Josh Norris, Anthony Stevens, Jesse Walters, Sean Weir, Steven Whaley, Zac Wilson, Ethan Wray




Please
Pray
for...



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

Justin Allen, Dorothy Bates, Judy Beaver, Larry Beck, Whitney Benson, Kathy Billi, Steve Bodner, Frank Booth, Brinley Boyd, Imelda Bruney, David Callihan, Diane Carkin, Patti Cartner, the Chesler Family, Karen Chumney, Lee Cline, Mrs. Theresa Cochran, Mike Cowgill, Anita Cox, Jennifer Cox, Lucy Davis, Maxine Davis, Linda Delik, Peggy Ditto, Morgan Ann Downerd, Karen Drabick, Carl James Duch, Patty Eibel, Liam Elliott, Mary Evans, Don Fairchild, Betty Fannin, Jen Fannin, Irene Feyko, Marsha Finley, Fran Frohman, Greg Gibson, Pat Graven, Steve Hall, Dave Hanes, Stephen Hannum, Judy Hayes, Mark Hayes, Mary Ann Haynes, Karen Jakubisin Hinrichs, Ted Hoey, Angie Pruneski House, Sally and Payton Hubal, David and Paul Iten, Rachel Jirles, Josh Jones, Nate Kamban, William Kyser Jr., Dennis Landingham, Ron LaPage, Amara Larrison, Jane Larrison, Andrea May, Lisa McGregor, Joyce McPeak, Keagan Meek, Angela Merva, Haley Morris, Irvin Moxley, Florence Neff, Gerald O'Connor, Alice Orr, Mary Ann Pachuta, Dick and Frances Pavlov, Sally Pfalzgraf, Ben Pickenpough, Joe Ravak, Donald Robinson, Don Ross, Emma Ross, Jett Schmitt, Terri Scott, Vi Scott, Rosemary Sebek, Steve Shedlock Jr., John Shipley, Pat Siegwarth, Joe and Joan Sikora, Carys Singler, Mallory Smith, Mike Smith, William Smith, John Sprouse, Louie Stahovec, Mark Stahovec, Leibert Stanko, Mary Stoner, Ken Stump, Loran Stutz, Chris Seward, Steve and Ethel Stasny, Debbie Tostenson, Margaret Urdak, Gerald Warner, JoMarie Wasik, James Weidlich, Theresa Welker, Matthew Wentzel, Bill and Cathy Whitmire, Diana Whitmire, Don & Grace Whitmore, Jodie Williams, Andrea Yakubik



Please Pray for our Priests

September 19	Rev. Thomas Chillog Rev. Bernard Geiger, OFM CONV
September 20	Rev. Kevin Barrett Rev. Matthew Gossett
September 21	Rev. Nathan Malavolti, TOR Rev. Martin Holler
September 22	Rev. Thomas Nau
September 23	Rev. Frederick Kihm Rev. Paul Vankeirsblick
September 24	Rev. Francis Dankoski, OSIHJM Rev. Charles Moran
September 25	Rev. Matthew Russick, TOR Rev. Wayne Morris
September 26	Rev. Joseph Massucci Rev. Paul Hrezo

Table of Plenty
For the month of September, Grace Pantry is in need of spaghetti sauce in cans, soups, and mac and cheese. Please place your donation in the marked box in the Marian Room.

September 25th is The National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children.
Every day more than 3,000 unborn children are killed through abortion. On this day we honor the lives of our aborted brothers and sisters and offer prayers to recognize the dignity that they were denied. Throughout the nation, memorial services are held to recognize these unborn children. **Christ Our Light will have a prayer service at St. Benedict Mt. Calvary Cemetery at noon.**

REVERSE RAFFLE 2021

Ticket Price: \$100.00
Only 100 tickets will be sold!

\$3,000 Grand Prize!

**Tickets may be purchased
after weekend Masses and
at St. Benedict School.**

***Congratulations to Bruce Basalla,
the 3rd \$50 winner!***

Make checks payable to:

- St. Benedict School
- **\$50.00 Weekly drawings for 10 weeks**
Tickets go back into the drawing. You can win more than once!
Fourth Drawing Date: September 21
Grand prize will be awarded **Sunday, November 7, 2021** at St. Benedict Social Hall.
- A catered dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. to ticket holders.
- Guest meals available for \$15.00.
- When purchasing tickets, please indicate if you will attend the catered dinner.
- **Additional \$1,000 in prizes will be awarded at the dinner.**
- **Dinner reservations are required by October 25, 2021.**

For reservations & info, call:

- Nicole Forbes (740-338-9061)
- Jennifer Delik (740-255-4227).

Sponsored by the Leps Pride.
Proceeds benefit St. Benedict School.
Winners need not be present.

SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support St. Benedict School.

Chipotle

61690 Southgate Road in Cambridge
Wednesday, September 29
4:00pm to 8:00pm.

Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier that you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to St. Benedict School.

NEW!

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP

Use code **ZBV963C** before checkout in 'promo' field. Orders placed on Chipotle.com or through the Chipotle app for pickup using this unique code will be counted towards the fundraiser.



All online orders must be placed for pickup at the same time/location of the fundraiser. Delivery cannot be counted at this time. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchased made with an existing gift card will count. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.



29th Annual Life Chain

Sunday, October 3, 2021

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

Downtown Cambridge at
Guernsey County Courthouse



October is the month of our Lady of the Rosary.

We will pray the Rosary before
each weekend Mass in the month
of October.

2021 Ohio Knights

Proceeds Benefit Knights of Columbus Programs

PRO FOOTBALL SWEEPSTAKES FUNDRAISER

- \$2,500.00 in Weekly Prizes
- \$25,000 in Total Prizes
- 23 chances to win per week for 10 weeks
- Tickets are only \$20: that equates to \$2 per week
- Each Ticket Provides 4 Random Pro Football Teams per Week
- Proceeds benefit Knights of Columbus programs
- Contact a Knight or: John Sprouse 740-432-3254
Ron Engott 740-685-5759



PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION REGISTRATION

Grades K thru 8 - September 25, 2021 thru May 1, 2022 - 9:15-10:15 a.m.

For additional information, call: Traci Mitchell, 740-432-6751, or Jacob Padden, 740-421-1393

Mother's Full Name: _____

Complete Address : _____

Phone Number: _____

Father's Full Name: _____

Complete Address (if different from above): _____

Phone Number: _____

Student Name (1st & last)	Grade	Age

Student Name (1st & last)	Grade	Age

\$20 Per Student

Please return this form with payment to Christ Our Light Parish
by way of the offertory basket at Mass or mail it to Traci Mitchell,
220 North 7th St., Cambridge, Ohio 43725.

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Jubilee of Marriage Anniversaries

A celebration of the Diocese of Steubenville



Three (3) locations:

- ◆ Saturday, November 20, 2021
5:30 p.m. Mass at Holy Family Church, Steubenville
- ◆ Sunday, November 21, 2021
12:00 noon Mass at St. Mary Basilica, Marietta
- ◆ Sunday, November 21, 2021
5:15 p.m. Mass at St. Lawrence O'Toole Church, Ironton

(PLEASE NOTE: Receptions will not be held this year.)

The Most Reverend Jeffrey M. Monforton, Celebrant

*For couples whose
10th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th, 40th, 45th, 50th, 55th, 60th
and 60+ (every year thereafter)
anniversary of marriage is (or was) in 2020 or 2021.*

To register, please contact your Pastor.
R.S.V.P. by October 15, 2021.

Coordinated by the Office of Marriage, Family and Respect Life
in collaboration with the Office of Worship and the
Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Contact Joseph Schmidt, jschmidt@diosteub.org (740) 516-9270, with any questions.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE®

THE BEGINNING OF THE END OF ABORTION

The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, round-the-clock prayer vigil outside a single Planned Parenthood center or other abortion facility. Each day during 40 Days for Life, individuals, churches, families and groups will be asked to join together in prayer for a specific request so the entire Body of Christ can unite around a common focus.

PRAYER & FASTING

Christ told us some demons can only be driven out by prayer and fasting. The two go hand in hand. Prayer keeps us rooted in the fact that it is our desire to carry out God's will.

Fasting is a sacrifice that helps us reach beyond our own limitations with God's help. People of faith are also invited to fast throughout 40 Days for Life. We believe that when God's people fast with a repentant, and contrite spirit, our heavenly Father hears our sincere prayer, through the Holy Spirit, and will heal our lives, our churches, our communities, our nation, and our world. (You are encouraged to go to the website for more info ... 40daysforlife.com)

Devotional for Preparation, Day 1, Wednesday, September 22

Intention: For God's blessing upon the coming 40 Days for Life campaign.

Scripture: If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and forgive their sin and heal their land.

— 2 Chronicles 7:14

Prayer: Heavenly Father, we have turned our backs on you and your principles in your Word. We have

allowed man to usurp Your role as God over life and the number of our days. But we come to you in brokenness and repentance over our sin. We cry out for Your mercy and ask you to remove the scourge of abortion from our land. Use us as your vessels, Lord, to bring the light of Your Truth to our nation once again. Because of Christ we pray, Amen.

Devotional for Day 2, Thursday, September 23

Intention: Let us pray that pastors may not be distracted from the priority of caring for human lives.

Scripture: In those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.

— Acts 6:1

Prayer: Father, in the Church's desire to engage our communities with the Gospel let her not disengage from those who need their care and company the most. Let us gain wisdom from those who have gone before us and cherish their experiences and perspectives. Help us to appreciate every soul in the body of Christ and minister properly to everybody. Amen.

Devotional for Day 3, Friday, September 24

Intention: We pray for God's gift of strength as we strive to protect human life during these 40 Days for Life.

Scripture: Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? —Matthew 6:25-26

Prayer: Loving heavenly Father, help us to see the worth of all human beings by the way in which you provide for us. We would ask that you provide also the faith, grace and courage to enable us to protect that which is so precious to you. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

Devotional for Day 4, Saturday, September 25

Intention: May the mystery of the Incarnation increase our zeal for defending life.

Scripture: Then the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And behold, you will conceive in your womb and bring forth a Son, and shall call His name Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Highest; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end.”
— Luke 1:30-33

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have made the womb of each woman a very special place. Help us to hold fast to the sanctity of this first home of humanity, remembering the wonderful mystery, that God inhabited the womb of a young woman and came forth as the savior and deliverer of the world. We ask this in the Name of the one who came forth, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



Open Arms Pregnancy Center

141 South 11th St., Cambridge, OH

I'm pregnant and need FREE help!

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