

### 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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#### 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.

# 28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 10, 2021



They were exceedingly astonished and said among themselves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God. All things are possible for God."

- Mark 10:26-27

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# Mass Intentions for the Week of October 10, 2021

Saturday, October 9	5:00pm	SB	† William Bodner by Jim and Chris Schwamel
Sunday, October 10 (Twent	8:00am 10:30am 12:15pm	inday in SB SB SSPP	Ordinary Time) People of Christ Our Light Parish † Virginia Trolio by Phyllis Houser and Family † Julia Pachuta by Ron and Christine Ginnetti
Monday, October 11	8:35am	SB	Vocations by the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity
Tuesday, October 12	8:35am	SB	† Angie Doerfler by Richard Lecznar
Wednesday, October 13	8:35am	SB	† Deceased Members of the Saint Benedict Class of 1961 by Pat and Pat Grubbs
Thursday, October 14	8:35am	SB	† <b>Michael Mertus</b> (Anniversary, October 15) by Buddy and Donna Brill
	9:45am	SB	† Deceased Members of the Wasieleski Family by Estate (School Mass, not open to the public at this time)
Friday, October 15	8:35am	SB	† Al Mueser by the Mueser Family
Saturday, October 16	8:35am 5:00pm	SB SB	† Dorothy Lackney by Pat and Pat Grubbs † Bob Huffman (Birthday) by Aunt Bea Harper
Sunday, October 17 (Twent	ty-Ninth Su	nday In	Ordinary Time)
	8:00am	SB	† Deceased Members of the Christy, Kalill and Clemenson Families by Rosemary Christy Clemenson
	10:30am	SB	People of Christ Our Light Parish
	12:15pm	SSPP	† Michael Duke by Eugene and Maria Duke

Ministers of the Altar for Saturday and Sunday, October 16-17, 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.
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Alycia Oswald (B)	Jeff Ross (B)	Gloria Knott (B)	Winnie Wells (B)
Lectors	Frederick Frank	Jack Goggin	Jacob Padden	David Krak
Altar Servers	Jonah Stanberry	Taylor Forbes	Owen Dennis	Ben Jackson
	Caleb Stanberry	Grady Forbes	Tyrell Mullen	Volunteer
Ushers	Donald Poole	Victor Orange	Alan Bay	Eugene Duke
	Bill Ditto	Bud McCutcheon	Mark Anker	Ed McConkey
	Buddy Brill	Volunteer	Gary Klamut	
	John Jamail	Volunteer	Anna Pavlov	
Cantors	Folk Group	Ron Roby	Choir	

# **Table of Plenty**

Bereavement Ministry

Suggested food donations for October are canned fruit and vegetables. Thank you for your continued support.

The Bereavement Haven Will

meet this Sunday, October 10th, at 2:30 p.m. in the St. Benedict Social Hall. If you are struggling with the loss of a loved one, please join us in sharing and reflection.

### **ANNUAL ROSARY RALLY**

This Saturday, October 16th, 2021

We will meet at noon in front of the Guernsey County Courthouse.



### Schedule for This Week

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Sunday, October	10		
Before Masses			
	. Scrip Sales (SB Marian Room)		
	. Picture Directory Photo Session		
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	. Parish School of Religion (SB Church)		
	. Confession (SSPP Oratory)		
1:15pm	. Picture Directory Photo Session		
	Sign-Up (SSPP Oratory)		
2:30pm	. Bereavement Haven (SB Social Hall)		
Monday, October	` '		
	. Rosary (SB Church)		
Tuesday, October	• ` '		
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0:30pm	. Knights of Columbus Rosary &		
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Wednesday, Octo			
	. Rosary (SB Church)		
9:00am-3:00pm	. Eucharistic Adoration (SB Chapel)		
3:00-9:00pm	. Eucharistic Adoration Continues (SB		
	Church)		
4:30pm	. Evening Prayer & Benediction (SB		
1	Church)		
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•	. Rosary (SB Marian Room)		
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-	. RCIA (SB Social Hall)		
Friday, October			
8:45am	. Knights of Columbus Breakfast at		
	Bob's (Bob Evans)		
9:00am	. Rosary (SB Church)		
Saturday, October 16			
9:00am	. Rosary (SB Church)		
	. SVdP Meeting (SB Conference		
	Room)		
12:00noon	. Rosary Rally (Guernsey County		
12.00110011	Courthouse)		
4.00			
	. Confession (SB Church)		
	. Rosary (SB Church)		
6:00pm	. Picture Directory Photo Session		
	Sign-Up (Marian Room)		
6:15pm	. Pro-Life Meeting (SB Marian Room)		
Sunday, October	17		
Before Masses	. Rosary		
	. Scrip Sales (SB Marian Room)		
	. Picture Directory Photo Session		
	Sign-Up (SB Marian Room)		
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	. Confession (SSPP Oratory)		
1:13pm	. Picture Directory Photo Session		
	Sign-Up (SSPP Oratory)		
4:30pm	. The Chosen, Episode 1 (SB Marian		
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Room)



#### The Chosen

Have you ever wondered what it was like to travel with Jesus as one of his disciples? Then join us for the first episode of "*The Chosen*" on Sunday, October 17, from 4:30-6:00 p.m. in the Marian Room of St. Benedict Church.

We'll continue this eight-week season with additional viewings of the entire first season of "*The Chosen*". Families are welcome.

"The Chosen" is the first multi-season series about the life of Jesus. It offers the viewer a glimpse into what the daily and extraordinary life of Jesus Christ and His disciples might have looked like 2,000 years ago and invites the viewer into His story. Based on scripture and historical references, "The Chosen" makes the story of Jesus come to life.

The first episode, titled "You Are Called," introduces us to Mary Magdalene, Nicodemus, Matthew and Simon (Peter) just before Jesus calls them to be His "chosen" disciples.

Sundays at 4:30-6:00 p.m.

St. Benedict Marian Room: October 17, 24, 31

November 14, and 21 December 5, 12, 19

# Happy Anniversary!

Myron and Cynthia Law will celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary on October 18, 2021. If you would like to send a card, their address is 53455 Seneca Lake Rd, Senecaville OH 43780-9649.

# **Attention Knights and Catholic Men:**

Breakfast at Bob's (Bob Evans Restaurant) Friday, October 15, 8:45 a.m.

Come join us in a fun, friendly event. Membership in the Knights of Columbus is not require PLEASE call Ron Engott at 740-685-5759 so proper seating arrangements can be made.



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

In just one week the first quarter of the school year comes to a close, which is amazing since it feels as though we just began. Book fair is in our near future, the week of October 18, which has many of the students excited at the prospect of new books to explore.

The blessing of the pets was a great success on Monday, October 4. Over two dozen families brought their pets to be blessed. From cats and dogs to rodents and reptiles, the variety of animals present was diverse and a great experience for all our students.

Currently, the middle school English classes are studying punctuation marks and all their many uses. We are learning the difference between a colon and a semicolon. We know how to declare, exclaim, command, and interrogate in our writing. It is fun learning how a simple punctuation mark can so easily change what and how the written word is understood. With this new knowledge in hand, we are ready to write the story of the rest of the 2021-22 school year.

Ms. Emily Klinger, 5th Grade Reading 6-8 Grade English, Reading, Literature

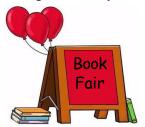
It is almost time to start working on the 2021 St. Benedict School Auction and Raffle. We are in need of a chairperson/co-chairpersons and **volunteers** to get



preparations underway. Please contact Traci Mitchell at St. Benedict School at 740-432-6751 for additional information. Many hands make light work, and your participation is greatly appreciated. Thank you for your consideration.

#### The St. Benedict School BOOK FAIR is

**fast approaching.** I'm excited to say we will hold our in-person Book Fair in the gym. The fair runs from October 18 through 24. The students will be buying throughout the day, therefore you can buy books daily:



- Monday Friday: 7:30 8:30 a.m. and 3:00 4:00 p.m.
- Saturday: 4:00 6:00 p.m.
- Sunday: 9:15 a.m. noon Please watch for additional information in next week's bulletin.



# Congratulations to Sharon Miller, our Sixth \$50 Winner!

Have you purchased your raffle ticket yet? There are only a few tickets left! What a great opportunity to support our school!

- Tickets will be sold after all weekend Masses at St. Benedict Marian Roomand Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory. They may also be purchased at the St. Benedict School office.
- When purchasing tickets, please indicate if you will attend the dinner on November 7, 2021.
- Ticket Price is \$100.00 Checks payable to: St. Benedict School
- **Grand Prize:** \$3,000 Prizes will be awarded Sunday, November 7, at St. Benedict social hall.
- \$50.00 Weekly drawings for 10 weeks
  Tickets go back into the drawing. You can win
  more than once!

7th Drawing Date: October 12, 2021

- · Proceeds benefit St. Benedict School.
- · Winners need not be present.

### Would you like to help provide

**prizes** for the upcoming Reverse Raffle dinner and drawing? The only requirement is that gift cards be purchased from St. Benedict School's SCRIP program in amounts of \$25, \$50, or \$100, or you can make a donation of money for this purpose. Please put the card (or money) in an envelope **marked** *Reverse Raffle* and place it in the offertory basket at Mass

or drop off your donation at the school office. Thank you in advance for your help in making this another successful year!



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

**Dr. Frank Shively** (Brother of Dan Shively)



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

Justin Allen, Richard Arnold, Dorothy Bates, Judy Beaver, Larry Beck, Whitney Benson, John Beros, 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, Mark Doerfler, Morgan Ann Downerd, Arya Downing, Karen Drabick, Carl James Duch, Patty Eibel, Lonnie Ellis, Liam Elliott, Mary Evans, Don Fairchild, Betty Fannin, Jen Fannin, Irene Feyko, Marsha Finley, Darlene Fitch, 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, Helen Laughman, 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 Pickenpaugh, Joe Ravak, Donald Robinson, Don Ross, Emma Ross, Jett Schmitt, Terri Scott, Vi Scott, Rosemary Sebek, Chris Seward, 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, Steve and Ethel Stasny, Mary Stoner, Ken Stump, Loran Stutz, Ed Symons, Debbie Tostenson, Margaret Urdak, Gerald Warner, JoMarie Wasik, James Weidlich, Theresa Welker, Matthew Wentzel, Bill and Cathy Whitmire, Diana Whitmire, Don and Grace Whitmore, Jodie Williams, Andrea Yakubik

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 our Priests

October 10 Bishop Gilbert I. Sheldon
October 11 † Msgr. Robert Kawa
Msgr. Gerald Calovini
October 12 Rev. Anthony Rumpf
Rev. Walter Heinz
October 13Msgr. Anthony Giannamore
Rev. Basil Corriere, ec
October 14 Rev. August Deasio
Rev. David Huffman
October 15Rev. Nicholas Polichnowski, TOR
Rev. Joseph Safraniec
October 16 Rev. William Wagner, ORC
Rev. James Dunfee
October 17Rev. Samuel Saprano
Rev. Edward Maxfield



# October is the month of our Lady of the Rosary.

"To recite the Rosary is nothing other than to contemplate the face of Christ with Mary." -St. Pope John Paul II

"Praying the rosary for America... As human efforts fail to solve America's key problems, we turn to God,

through His Holy Mother, asking His urgent help."
-America Needs Fatima

# READINGS FOR THE 29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME October 17, 2021

"Can you drink the cup that I drink?" This question posed by Jesus to James and John is in reality an invitation to us all. To drink of the cup of Christ is to say YES to a life spent in loving service to God and one another. As we prepare to celebrate these sacred mysteries, let us place ourselves in the presence of our God who loves and cares for us.

The focus of the readings is the difficult message that suffering, willingly accepted in an attitude of service, can be a means of salvation. The servant in **Isaiah** gives his life for the sins of others, and "his suffering will save many people." Jesus presents the same challenge. It is the servant, not the power-loving rulers, who image the life of Jesus. It is the servant, whose life is given willingly, who saves many people. The readings present the profound mystery of salvation through suffering.

#### Isaiah 53:10-11

Through his suffering, my servant shall justify many.

When have you experienced meaningful suffering?

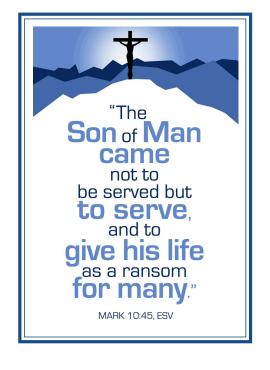
#### Hebrews 4:14-16

We have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens. How have you experienced the "mystery of salvation through suffering"?

#### Mark 10:35-45

The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve.

Who have you met or known who best exemplifies a person who seeks to serve rather than be served?



Why does God allow suffering? Why are people "put to the test" by God? Why is suffering part of how our sins are forgiven and we are restored to good relationship with God? All three of next week's Sunday Mass Readings, for the 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B, speak suffering as part of the Christian life, part of being a baptized disciple who enters into the glory of Jesus' eternal reign in heaven.

In the first reading the Messiah is described by the prophet Isaiah as one who would "give his life as an offering for sin" and because of this "the will of the Lord shall be accomplished through him. Because of his affliction he shall see the light in fullness of days; through his suffering, my servant shall justify many, and their guilt he shall bear." In the second reading, from the Letter to the Hebrews, we read that our great high priest, Jesus, "has... been tested in every way, yet without sin." Finally, in the Gospel, Jesus tells James and John, who wanted to have the top two places with Jesus in his glory, that in

addition to drinking the cup that He would drink – ultimately a cup of suffering – they would need to be the servant and slave of the others.

So, again, suffering and servitude are hallmarks of a Christian disciple, of a disciple of the Jewish Messiah and Son of God. But, why must it be that way?

God is amazing in His works. As St. Paul says in the very first chapter of his Letter to the Romans, "[God's] eternal power and glory [His divinity] can be <u>clearly</u> seen in the things that God has made" (Romans 1:20). Yet the two most amazing aspects of God's works in which we as human beings are privileged to participate are the gifts of freedom and of God's mercy! We are not forced to love God. We were not created as robots programmed to respond only in one way. We were given the capacity to choose for God in freedom. To <u>help</u> with exercising that <u>free</u> choice to love God, God has offered us the additional gift of His <u>mercy</u>. We are unique in all of creation in that way.

God created us with a capacity to love, which includes the possibility of weakness. Yet, God is nevertheless able to "sympathize with our weakness" because Jesus, too, was tested in every way as we human beings are. Jesus' response to the testing that each one of us faces was to do so without sin. "So," as the author the Letter to the Hebrews concludes in verse 16 of chapter 4, "let us confidently approach the throne of grace to receive mercy and to find grace for timely help."

The suffering in which Jesus invites His disciples to participate is <u>the suffering of freedom and of love and of mercy</u>, not a <u>suffering of meaningless</u> <u>weakness</u>. Whatever weaknesses we may find ourselves facing,

Jesus invites us to know that He has suffered that very same kind of testing and weakness. God doesn't ask us to do anything that Jesus hasn't already faced. He invites us then to turn to Him freely for timely help in facing that weakness, so that it may be transformed into a mercygiving and eternal-life-giving opportunity; so that it may be transformed into a truly *meaningful* weakness. That weakness can be transformed into something that participates in and becomes a vehicle for the most amazing aspect of God's creation – His mercy!

May the Lord help us to experience transformation of our lives in Christ by helping us to experience the ultimate transformation of our weaknesses!

### Pastor's Letter

If you attend Mass this weekend, you will hear a letter from Bishop Monforton, which addresses plans for an upcoming synod. A synod is a gathering of bishops and other representatives from throughout the Church to discuss or grow in understanding of certain topics we are facing as a Church – topics related to internal issues or external issues. And the synod process usually includes gathering information and input from the local level as well.

As Bishop announces in the letter, next Sunday, October 17th, he will be facilitating local level sessions for input. In this case, the local level means that of our diocese that spans our 13-county area of southeastern Ohio, with two representatives from each parish, religious community and school. He is planning to conduct a virtual gathering at 1:30 p.m. next Sunday in Marietta and the participants from the Catholic schools and parishes can either be there in person with him or by internet. I am looking forward to learning how this process will gather additional input from our parish and school and from the Franciscan Sisters of Christian Charity. Please keep this process as a whole in prayer.

Here is an link to the primary internet site for this upcoming synod: https://www.synod.va/en.html.

Please see the information for the Samaritan Center's upcoming fundraiser – A Night in a Box! It looks like an interesting way to bring attention to a need in our community and to raise funds for an organization that is striving to be part of the solution.

And, again, the bishops of the U.S. have asked us all to express opposition to what is now a bill in the U.S.

Senate (S. 1975) that would severely alter basic protections for the unborn. Please go to this USCCB website to sign their petition: <a href="https://www.usccb.org/prolife">https://www.usccb.org/prolife</a>.

Our first RCIA gathering for this year was an enjoyable potluck supper and opportunity for introductions and an overview, this past Thursday evening. Since we are just beginning, please feel free to invite people you know who have been asking for opportunities to learn more about our Catholic faith. We are planning to meet on Thursday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Benedict Church Social Hall. Additional team members and volunteers are welcome as well as any parishioner who would like to explore our Catholic faith, reviewing both the fundamentals of our faith and exploring topics with more detail. We will also try to have the sessions available with Zoom connections so that they can be more interactive than only by Facebook live-streaming. If you would like to participate in our RCIA sessions online, simply let me know.

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!

#### Offertory for October 2-3, 2021

Collection	\$7,193.00
Miscellaneous	135.00
Monthly Collection for Those in Need	. 2,403.11

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



# It's time for a New Directory!

Schedule your Photography appointment after weekend Masses!

- ♦ St. Benedict Church Marian Room
- ♦ Sts. Peter and Paul Oratory

Appointments fill up quickly, so schedule as soon as possible to secure your preferred date and time.

Our church directory will not be complete without you. Please join us and help celebrate faith and family with our new church directory.

# **Scheduling Administrator:**

Rita Nolan, 740-260-1216

### **Photo Session Schedule:**

- St. Benedict Conference Room:
   Wednesday, Nov. 17 3:00 to 9:30 pm
   Thursday, Nov. 18 3:00 to 9:30 pm
   Friday, Nov. 19 3:00 to 9:30 pm
   Saturday, Nov. 20 10:30 am to 5:00 pm
- Sts. Peter and Paul Social Hall: Monday, Nov. 22 - 2:00 to 8:30 pm Tuesday, Nov. 23 - 2:00 to 8:30 pm



# Samaritan Center "Night In A Box" Fundraiser

Monday, October 18, 4:00pm to Tuesday, October 19, 8:30am 740.435.0333

We need your help this year to raise money for our area homeless individuals and families.

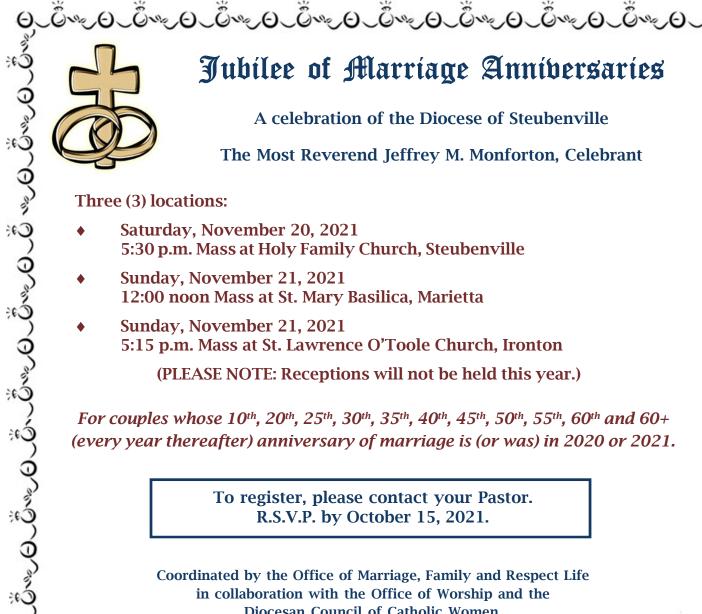
How can you help?

- Commit to spending the night of October 18 in a cardboard box on Wheeling Ave. with us. Ask family, friends, coworkers, businesses, etc. to pledge/donate to Samaritan Center. Pledge forms are available by calling the number above or contact a board member.
- Can't make it on October 18? Just grab a pledge form and collect donations for us. Donations can be mailed to Samaritan Center, PO Box 893, Cambridge, OH 43725.
- ♦ Make a group, school, business or Corporate donation.

All money raised will be used by the Samaritan Center to help our area homeless.

Samaritan Center has been helping our homeless transition to permanent, safe housing since 2008.





# Jubilee of Marriage Anniversaries

A celebration of the Diocese of Steubenville

The Most Reverend Jeffrey M. Monforton, Celebrant

#### 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.)

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.

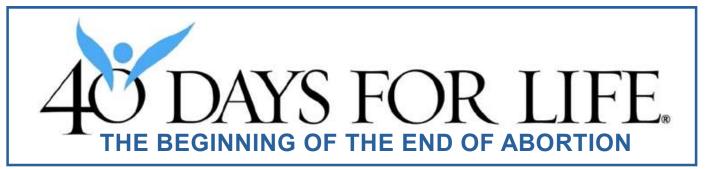
Contact Joseph Schmidt, jschmidt@diosteub.org (740) 516-9270, with any questions.



**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



The visible, public centerpiece of 40 Days for Life is a focused, 40-day, non-stop, 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.

(You are encouraged to check the website for more info ... 40daysforlife.com)

#### Devotional for Day 19, Sunday, October 10

Intention: We pray for a renewal of our zeal to offer generous help to the unborn and their families. Scripture: If I have despised the cause of my male or female servant when they complained against me, what then shall I do when God rises up? When He punishes, how shall I answer Him? Did not He who made me in the womb make them? Did not the same One fashion us in the womb? —Job 31:13-15

Prayer: God, forgive us when we try to explain away the obligation we have to help others who need help. Enable us to not devalue them because they are in the circumstance that they are in, but to see them for what they are, those, who like us, were formed

#### **Devotional for Day 20, Monday, October 11**

by your hand in their mother's womb. Amen.

**Intention:** That we may realize the generational impact of abortion.

Scripture: Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren; and the Lord granted his prayer and Rebekah his wife conceived. The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is thus, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples, born of you, shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger." — Genesis 25:21-23

**Prayer:** O, God, you formed us in our mother's womb and planned a unique and special life and purpose for each of us, and we do thank you. Grant that we may pray and work for an end to abortion, especially in these 40 days, so that no unborn baby you have made may fail to achieve your divine intention for him or her because of intentional abortion. We pray this in the powerful and loving name of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

#### **Devotional for Day 21, Tuesday, October 12**

**Intention:** Pray that we each will daily put on the full armor of God, so that we are strong in the Lord and the power of His might.

Scripture: For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. Therefore, take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day and, having done all, to stand. — Ephesians 6:12-13

**Prayer:** Dear Lord, as you lead us into the spiritual battle of abortion may we be reminded that the battle is truly Yours. Thank you for hearing our requests for direction and protection. Thank you for the victory that is ours because of Your Son Jesus. Amen.

#### **Devotional for Day 22, Wednesday, October 13**

**Intention:** May those who hold life as trivial realize that we live because God wills it so.

**Scripture:** Who among all these does not know that the hand of the Lord has done this, in His hand is the life of every creature and the breath of all mankind.

— Job 12:9-10

**Prayer:** Thank you, Father God, for being the Creator of my life and every life. Please give me, and the society in which I live, an appreciation for your gift of life. Please help us set aside our pride and acknowledge that we need you. Show me how I can

honor you today in response to all the blessings you bestow freely. In the name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.

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National Director, Priests for Life

#### Devotional for Day 23, Thursday, October 14

**Intention:** We pray for the strength to love those who do not love us.

Scripture: But the Lord said "You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in the night and perished in the night. And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left, and much livestock? Should I not be concerned about that great city?"

-Jonah 4:10-11

**Prayer:** Gracious God, loving our enemies seems like one of most difficult things you could ask of us. Please remind us that this is how you love and that if you ask it of us then you will give us the grace to do it. This we ask through Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### Devotional for Day 24, Friday, October 15

**Intention:** Pray that God will continue to bless the efforts that have gone into the 40 Days for Life campaign, as we trust Him for the results.

Scripture: Now these are Your servants and Your people, whom You have redeemed by Your great power, and by Your strong hand. O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name. —Nehemiah 1:10-11

**Prayer:** Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in heaven and in the earth is Yours. We pray for your continued guidance and protection throughout the remainder of this 40 day campaign. May we be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in Your work, knowing that our labor will not be in vain. We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

#### Devotional for Day 25, Saturday, October 16

**Intention:** We pray for the conversion of all those who refuse to acknowledge that human life belongs only to God.

**Scripture:** Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying: "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you; before you were born I sanctified you; I ordained you a prophet to the nations."

— Jeremiah 1:4-5

**Prayer:** Lord God, we confess that in You we live and move and have our being. Because You are, we are. May we find grace from You to affirm the being of every human and may we labor to make this truth known to the world around us. Amen.

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