

“All
LIFE has
inestimable
value, even the
weakest and most
vulnerable, the **sick**,
the **old**, the **unborn** and
the **poor** are masterpieces
of God’s creation.”

Pope Francis

St. Bernard Catholic Community

October 4, 2020

Respect Life

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Mass Intentions

SUNDAY, October 4

Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mass - Livestream
Bud Meyer
11:00 a.m. Jim Porta

MONDAY, October 5

Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, Priest

8:15 a.m. St. Bernard Students and their Families
Recitation of the Rosary

TUESDAY, October 6

St. Bruno, Priest; Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin

8:15 a.m. For all Healthcare Workers
Recitation of the Rosary

WEDNESDAY, October 7

Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary

8:15 a.m. NO MASS

THURSDAY, October 8

6:10 p.m. Recitation of the Rosary
6:30 p.m. Peace

FRIDAY, October 9

St. Denis, Bishop, and Companions, Martyrs

St. John Leonardi, Priest

8:15 a.m. People of the Parish
Recitation of the Rosary

SATURDAY, October 10

4:00 p.m. Jim Porta

SUNDAY, October 11

Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30 a.m. Mass - Livestream
Keith Jones
11:00 a.m. Jim Miles

Parish Stewardship

Sunday Offering Received - Sept. 27	\$	13,596.50
Budgeted Amount for Sept. 27	\$	12,115.00

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving; let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7

The opposite of Christian stewardship is fear. Giving to God "from the top" and not what is left over requires an inner assurance that God will provide for our needs. This assurance or faith is the solid foundation for the practical exercise of stewardship.



Happy Birthday wishes to the following parishioners who are celebrating 70+ years!

Barbara Rasche, Oct. 4	Carol Boggs, Oct. 5
Lawrence Duvall, Oct. 5	Shirley Legler, Oct. 5
Mary Willen, Oct. 5	William Stanley, Oct. 6
Mary Lona, Oct. 7	Jo Ann Muench, Oct. 10

Preparing for Next Week

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Living Our Faith

Jesus said, "Many are invited, but few are chosen." (Matthew 22:14)

Isaiah 25:6-10 - A feast for all peoples
Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20 - Generosity
Matthew 22:1-14 - The wedding banquet

Adults: How do you translate your faith into the work of the Reign of God?

Kids: What three things can you do this week to show that you are a follower of Jesus?

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QUOTE OF THE WEEK

If we defend our habits,
we have no intention of quitting them.

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Please keep the following parishioners in your prayers: Margaret Blandford, Pat Bohannon, Robert Caseman, Joyce Downs, Pat Dwyer, Larry Fogarty, Fran Fox, Darlene Havel, Jackie Recktenwald Hazelrig, Annette Henry, Elana Hohl, Pat Howell, Laura Hughes, Elizabeth Hunter, Joseph Jessel, Fred Kirsch, Mike Kreutzer, Peggy Kuchenbrod, Sonny Lucas, Chris Manning, John Manning, Nicholas Manning, Chuck McDonald, Carol Montgomery, Irene Mueller, Tom Newton, Caden O'Daniel, Karen Pierce, Wayne Robinson, Esteban Saldana, Tish Schaaf, Tony Senninger, Theresa Stopher, Nataley Thompson, Steve Tobbe, Mary Tyra, Tommy Walsh, Larry Warren, Betty Weber, Norma Wiedemer, Tom Wiedemer, Ken Woodburn, Jeremy Wooten.



Live the Gospel of Life

RESPECT LIFE MONTH
October 2020

PRO-LIFE SIGNATURE AD

Our church is invited to participate in a Pro-Life Signature Ad in memory of nearly 65 million babies aborted since January 22, 1973. The ad will run in the Sunday, January 24, 2021 statewide edition of the Courier-Journal. The ad is sponsored by Right to Life of Louisville. Please be part of this important message to Kentucky. Your name or family name will be added to the "signature" ad. \$5 is requested from individuals, couples or families to support the expensive media outreach. Please sign now and pay online at <https://krla.org/Louisville/SignatureAd> or send a check made out to RTL Louisville: 134 Breckinridge Lane, Louisville, KY 40207.

Today is Respect Life Sunday!

Join Catholics nationwide in celebrating Respect Life Month!
respectlife.org/celebrate.



CASHBOOKS FOR SALE

The St. Bernard PTO has 2021 Cashbooks for sale. Cashbooks are \$20.00 each and contain coupons to various restaurants, amusements and services in the Louisville area. Cashbooks may be purchased after most Masses. If a PTO representative is not available, please call the school office to arrange purchase. The PTO earns \$10 for each book purchased. Your support is appreciated. They make great gifts!

Looking for a new and exciting way to bring
the Bible and the people in the Bible to life?
Look no further!

The CHOSEN

GET USED TO DIFFERENT!!!

The Chosen TV Series is a critically acclaimed series that takes a look at the various people in scripture and the life of Jesus in an authentic and truly engaging way. Using an unconventional method to first reach its audience with a free app on your Google Play Store or Apple Store, it's popularity has since soared.

We invite you to watch all eight episodes of Season One with us on the BIG SCREEN (or TV) and share in some small group reflection questions

Mondays

September 14 - November 9

(No session on Nov. 2 - All Souls Day)

Noon- 1:30 pm in the All Saints Room

OR

7:00- 8:30 pm in the Checkerboard Room

All Covid-19 safety guidelines apply. We will be socially distanced; participants must wear masks. No food or beverages will be offered but participants are invited to bring their own drinks or snacks. Any questions please contact Cyndi Marlow - cmarlow@stbernardlou.com

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2020 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL BRINGING CHRIST TO OTHERS

Every year St. Bernard parish benefits greatly from the ministries and offices of the Archdiocese of Louisville. In fact we receive much more than what we give to the Catholic Services Appeal. We are aided in our school, our pre-school, all of our formation ministries, our worship, and administratively weekly if not daily. Besides that, our gifts go to help people in parishes and through Archdiocesan ministries that need a hand up. Help us reach our goal AND help us help bring Christ to others in the counties and parishes of our Archdiocese by being generous with your gift to the 2020 Catholic Services Appeal.



Our Parish Target - \$65,200

**Our Parish Participation Goal -
268 households**

FOOD TRUCKS

Come on out and join us for our spirit food truck night! Ramiro's Cantina and Ehrler's Ice Cream will be available in the parking lot from 5:00--7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 4! Feel free to bring a blanket! Social distance, wear a mask and enjoy the SBS community! These food trucks will give us a percentage of their sales!



BUNGALOW JOE'S COLLECTION

We are heartbroken as a Church family over the murders of three people at Bungalow Joe's Restaurant on Friday, September 18th. The folks that own, work at, and support this business are our neighbors and friends. We are asking all parishioners and school families to contribute to a collection that will be shared by the three families who have too tragically and senselessly lost a beloved family member. Baskets will be in Church through October 4 for your gifts. You can also drop off your contributions to our school and parish offices. Thank you in advance for your generous outpouring of support.

WE NEED MINISTERS!

Now that we are having Mass back in Church we need folks to help in various ministries. Some of the good parishioners who have served at Mass in the ministries of hospitality, lector, Communion, and cantor may be skittish about returning to Mass in person. Also these new times have necessitated that we create some new ministries of videotaping the 8:30 AM Mass and doing temperature checks at each Mass. Please call the Parish Office 239-5178, or email dmeyer@stbernardlou.com if you can help us out.

WHITE MASS

A special Mass for healthcare heroes, including all who work in the healthcare fields, will be held on Saturday, October 17, 4:00 p.m. at Saint Bernadette Parish ([6500 St. Bernadette Avenue, Prospect, Ky.](https://www.stb2008.org/media)). This Mass, traditionally known as the White Mass because of the white coats that physicians wear, gathers doctors, dentists, nurses, psychologists, respiratory and physical therapists and all who work in healthcare to ask God's blessing upon those who work in this profession, especially during the COVID-19 pandemic.

A warm invitation to extended to persons of all faiths who serve as healthcare professionals. Those professionals who wear white coats are asked to wear their coats to this Mass. For those unable to attend in person, Saint Bernadette Parish will live-stream the Mass at <https://www.stb2008.org/media>.

PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

Please join the 2020 Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother.

Please join us in praying for our nation on October 10, 2020 at 12:00 noon. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at St. Gabriel close to the church sign on Bardstown Rd.

Please contact Joyce Wall at 502-314-1718 for more information.

Masks and/or Social Distancing are encouraged

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FALL FUN CAPITAL PRIZE RAFFLE

What a year it's been so far! As many of you know, we were unable to host our annual parish picnic and hold our \$10,000 capital prize raffle. With that being said and "normal" traditions a way of the past right now, St. Bernard is holding its first Fall Fun Capital Prize Raffle for \$10,000 (*or 50% if sales are under \$20,000*)! *The drawing will be held between Masses at 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, November 1!*

As you know, our community depends on this raffle to support the financial needs of our parish community and supplement the other forms of generosity (time, talent and treasure) we receive from our parishioners and school families.

To purchase the raffle tickets (\$5 each), you can complete the form (available in the back of Church). Once you have completed the form, please place it in an envelope. You can then drop it in the box in the back of Church, mail it to St. Bernard Church, Attn: Leslie Hooker, 7500 Tangelo Drive, Louisville, KY 40228, or drop it off at the Parish or School Offices.

You may also purchase tickets on the WeShare page on our website:

<https://stbernardlou.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/FALLFUNCAPITALPRIZERAFFLE>

If you have questions, please feel free to contact Leslie Hooker at hooker@stbernardlou.com or 239-5178, ext. 130.

As always, we are amazed at how much our parish and school families continue to support each other and this community during this unusual and interesting year! Thank you for your continued support!

KY LIC. #0122



St. Bernard has been able to reschedule the 2020 Golf Scramble! It will be held Oct. 10 at Weissinger Hills Golf Course. Check-in will begin at 11:00 am, with tee-off at 12:00 pm. The cost is \$75 per golfer/\$300 per team, which includes lunch and beer tickets. Registration is limited to the first 24 teams. To register, please call Steve Koewler at 502-387-2831.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT WORKSHOP

The Archdiocese of Louisville requires that all adults who work with children in our parish communities attend a "Honor Thy Children Safe Environment" training session and have a **background check**. Background check forms are available from Larry Abell. The following workshop dates are on the calendar. You do not need an appointment, just come 15 minutes early and register. **SESSIONS LIMITED TO 50 ATTENDEES**

Please note: Children are not allowed to attend this training.

Oct. 5 - 6:30 p.m. - St. Gabriel - Gymnasium

Oct. 6 - 6:30 p.m. - St. Margaret Mary - Cafeteria

Oct. 20 - 6:30 p.m. - Incarnation - Gymnasium

QUEEN OF HEARTS IS BACK

Our parish/school fundraiser, THE QUEEN OF HEARTS, is back. Do you want some extra cash? Want to try your luck? To participate, visit this link to purchase your chance! <https://stbernardlou.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities/QueenofHearts>. Choose a number at time of purchase. If your name and number is drawn on September 13, the card will be turned over. If it's the queen of hearts then the pot is spilt with you and the church. There will be a drawing the second Sunday of each month. The more chances you buy, the better your chances and the bigger the pot!



SPONSOR OF THE WEEK

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Catholics have an obligation to promote the common good – and that includes registering to vote.

Kentucky has made voting, and registering to vote, easier than ever before. Additionally, many who were previously disenfranchised may now register for the first time. The deadline for new registrations (or for updating your existing registration) is October 5.

Kentucky is one of the few remaining states where a felony conviction bars one from voting for the rest of his or her life, absent a restoration of civil rights by the governor. Last December, Governor Andy Beshear signed an executive order automatically restoring voting rights to Kentuckians with convictions for most non-violent felonies, provided they have completed their sentences. There are a few exceptions to this, but it represents a significant opportunity for many who were previously shut out of the political process. To find out if you are eligible under this order, visit civilrightsrestoration.ky.gov.

GoVoteKY.com is the state's portal for new registrations, for updating one's registration information, and for finding information about polling locations and voting absentee, as well as viewing sample ballots for your county.

Because of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Beshear and Secretary of State Michael Adams have agreed to a number of steps to make voting safe and convenient for all Kentuckians. If you are concerned about contracting or spreading the coronavirus, you may request an absentee ballot through the GoVoteKY.com website.

Also, beginning October 13, every county clerk will offer in-person early voting every business day and at least four hours on each Saturday. This is early voting, not absentee voting, so anyone may take advantage of this opportunity, even if they do not have one of the typically required reasons for voting absentee.

Finally, there will be locations to vote on Election Day itself, but the number of polling stations will likely be reduced in most places. Each county will have at least one location where everyone can vote regardless of their home precinct. The GoVoteKY.com website will link to that information as Election Day approaches.

The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* teaches that “[i]t is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person.” In the United States, one of the primary ways we participate is through voting. Let us not neglect this responsibility, but carry it out prayerfully and thoughtfully, as followers of Christ.

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CIVILIZE IT



DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

2020

What does it mean to form my conscience?

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: “Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one’s] heart more specifically: do this, shun that” (*Gaudium et Spes* 16). However, our conscience doesn’t just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation.

How do I form my conscience?

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

- 1) Begin by **being open to the truth** and what is right.
- 2) **Study Sacred Scripture** and the **teaching** of the Church.
- 3) **Examine the facts** and **background information** about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information.
- 4) **Prayerfully reflect** to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).

Additionally, it is important to consider how

our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps:

- 1) Seek the **prudent advice** and **good example** of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
- 2) Learn about the **authoritative teaching** of the Church.
- 3) Pray for the **gifts of the Holy Spirit** to help us develop our conscience.
- 4) Regularly partake in an **examination of conscience** to hear God’s voice in your life.¹

Doing the work of forming our consciences can seem daunting. Fortunately, we have many church teachings that can help us in this important task. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* is an important resource for U.S. Catholics and helps us prayerfully reflect on how we can apply Church teaching in our civic life. “Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling” about what we should or should not do. Rather, **conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart**, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil.”²

Here are some questions for further reflection:

1. When has my conscience guided me to “do good and avoid evil”?
2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
3. Forming conscience is a “lifelong task.” What do I do to *regularly* form my conscience? What more should I do?

¹ Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: Libreria Editrice Vaticana–United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 2000, no 1777

² USCCB. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. Washington, DC: 2015, no. 17



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One Minute Meditations

True happiness

Popular theologian C.S. Lewis wrote, "Aim at Heaven and you will get Earth thrown in. Aim at Earth and you get neither." We were made for God and can't be truly happy unless we are united with him. If we focus on worldly concerns, we will never know the meaning of true happiness. If we focus on God, we will know happiness even on Earth.

The Commandment imbalance

Of the Ten Commandments, only the first three address how we are to respect the Creator of the universe. The other seven detail how we are to treat each other. It is one way God lets us know how much he wants us to love one another.

Silence of the heart

"In the silence of the heart God speaks. If you face God in prayer and silence, God will speak to you. Souls of prayer are souls of great silence." Mother Teresa of Calcutta

"Live in harmony with one another"

In times of uncertainty or stress, tempers can shorten, perspectives narrow, and peace suffers. It is important to remember that Jesus came to bring love and unity. His followers are asked to do the same.

"The rich and the poor meet together; the Lord is the maker of them all" (Proverbs 22:2) – embrace diversity, don't just tolerate it. Different as we are, we are all made in God's image and likeness. There is great diversity in the communion of saints.

"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another" (1 John 4:11) – as children of God, all humans were created with inherent dignity that we are required to acknowledge.

Trying to understand others' perspectives is the best way to realize the impact of our actions on them.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God" (Matthew 5:9) – a

steady diet of violent entertainment and media helps us become comfortable with violence and to see people as characters rather than humans.

Instead, live with peace and pray for victims of violence.

"And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts" (Colossians 3:15). This means we have to make the choice to trust God's promises (letting His peace rule) or to rely on ourselves and reject the peace He offers.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

God gives us a free gift to share in His life, a gift that we can't earn and don't deserve. Called, "grace," this gift helps us to become His adopted children. When God shares His divine life with us as sanctifying grace, we

What is grace?

are strengthened to act in His love. Through actual grace, God strengthens us to live in harmony with His will. Sacramental and special graces – gifts of the Holy Spirit – help us to live out our Christian vocation.



Make holiness your goal

All people are called to be holy, "*Be you therefore perfect, as also your heavenly Father is perfect*" (Matthew 5:48). Achieving holiness requires a constant effort like climbing a mountain. To stop trying, even for a little while, is to lose ground. Daily effort will pay off with results.

Look for Jesus' presence. Search for Him each day. Not only will awareness of His presence help you grow in love and kindness toward everyone, you will find it easier to control your faults.

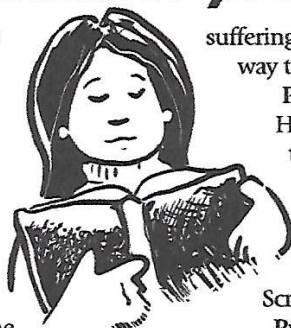
Don't avoid suffering. Jesus experienced extreme

suffering in His time on Earth and used it to pave our way to Heaven.

Pay attention to His voice. Speak to Him, ask Him for help, express sorrow for your mistakes, tell Him you love Him.

Nurture your faith. Just as food nourishes our bodies, faith feeds our souls. Scripture is a staple of our spiritual diet. Ask for the inspiration of the Holy Spirit to meditate on Scripture every day.

Practice patience. It's the first step toward holiness.

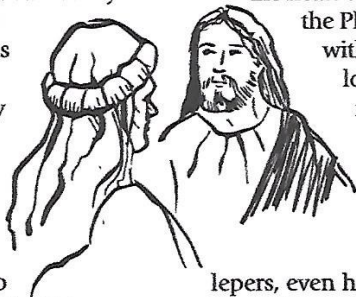


from Scripture

Matthew 22:34-40, Jesus has the right answers.

In their first meeting with Jesus, the Pharisees attempted to trap him into publicly contradicting Jewish law by sending a slick lawyer to "engage" him. Then Jesus could be arrested and silenced. The lawyer they sent knew that generations of Jews had debated fruitlessly about which law was the most important. Pretending to seek Jesus' opinion, he asked him to choose which of the 613 commandments of the Jewish law was the most important.

Jesus silenced them by saying that everything starts and ends with love –



love of God and love of others. To love God is to love one another. Love is at the heart of all the other laws. Even the Pharisees couldn't argue with that. While it is easy to love God, loving others is more difficult. It means including those our natural inclination says to exclude or avoid. Jesus loved prostitutes, thieves, lepers, even his political enemies.

True love of neighbor is measured by how we treat the poor, the vulnerable, and our enemies. This is how God loves and he calls us to the same.

Q & A How can I develop more faith?

Faith is not a single event or a mastered skill. It's a journey that develops and grows over time. A father asking Jesus for a miraculous cure for

his son cried out, "*I do believe, help my unbelief*" (Mark 9:24). We have to ask God to help our faith develop and grow.

The best way to develop a strong faith is to pray.



Prayer is a conversation with God. Most of us use prayer to talk at God, but it's important to listen, too.

One good way to listen to God is to read his Word in the Bible. Start by reading a passage from Scripture, particularly the Gospels. Then ask yourself what the passage is saying to you, personally.

For example, ask yourself, "What is God saying to me through this reading?" Or "How can I put his message into practice in my life?" We need to meditate on the message and put it into action in our lives. Only then can the word be "*living and effective*" (Hebrews 4:12).

Feasts & Celebrations

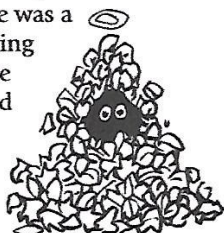
In October we celebrate the Rosary with the feast of **Our Lady of the Rosary** on October 7th. The Rosary helps us meditate on the mysteries of our salvation – Jesus' birth, life, death, and resurrection.

Oct. 15 - St. Teresa of Avila (1583). St. Teresa founded a strict religious order whose nuns wore rough brown habits and sandals instead of shoes. St. Teresa established more than 17 convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

Oct. 17 – St. Ignatius of Antioch

(1st century). Succeeded St. Peter as the second bishop of Antioch, St. Ignatius encouraged obedience to the world's bishops and reminded people that Jesus is present in the Church and in each other.

Oct. 28 – St. Simon and St. Jude (1st century). St. Simon was a Zealot – Jews who believed that the Messiah would free them from political oppression. St. Jude was a fisherman. After being called by Jesus to be apostles, they ended up in Persia where they evangelized until they were martyred.



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GIVING OPPORTUNITIES

Adopt-A-Child is a fund that has been established to help those who wish to have their children attend our school, but due to financial emergencies or circumstances need help in making that dream a reality. If you would like to give to this worthy cause, please visit www.stbernardlou.weshareonline.org and click on “Adopt-A-Child” or drop your contribution into the weekly collection.

School Lunch Program - The cost of school lunch for one child is \$70 per month. If you would like to make a donation of any amount, there are a number of ways to do this. Give cash, or make your check out to St. Bernard with the notation “School Lunch Program Donation” on the memo line. You may also give online by going to our website and clicking on Online Giving, then School Lunch Program.

St. Bernard is an extremely generous community in so many ways and this is another way to share your blessings and help us to keep the school costs as low as possible. Your gift helps kids feel better and succeed as students. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Father Chuck or business manager Jim Parr.

REST IN PEACE



Please pray for the family and friends of Dustin Watson, brother of Jimmy Watson who passed away recently. May he enjoy the Eternal Peace of the Risen Lord.

EVER WONDER WHAT SEMINARY IS LIKE?
EVER WANTED TO ASK A PRIEST QUESTIONS,
BUT NEVER HAD THE CHANCE?

*Join us for a WhatsApp discussion
group for young men starting on
Sunday, September 13 from 4-5pm
and continuing every
Sunday thru December 13*

TEXT SR. SARAH YUNGWIRTH AT
(502) 751-7111
TO JOIN THIS GROUP

 Archdiocese of Louisville Vocation Office 



October 4, 2020 | Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 5:1-7 | Phil 4:6-9 | Mt 21:33-43

Written by
THE
FAITHFUL
DISCIPLE

GROW AS A DISCIPLE | PRAY, STUDY, ENGAGE, SERVE

Have you ever had that feeling that all is right with the world? Perhaps it's the cool breeze on a crisp fall day, holding a newborn baby for the first time, or watching your friends or family enjoying each other's company around the dinner table. These are grace-filled moments that bring to mind St. Paul's words today which speak of "the peace of God that surpasses all understanding." It can be all too easy to lose sight of them amid the stresses of daily life and a news feed dominated by negativity and catastrophic events. Paul, never one to shy away from taking a stand, is not asking us to bury our heads in the sand, however. His Letter to the Philippians encourages us to "have no anxiety at all," and turn our thoughts to "whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is gracious." In doing so, we can not only counter the negativity, but persevere in faith as we confront the challenges of 2020.

PRAY Focus on the encouragement of St. Paul's words today and pray Psalms 100, 136, and 148. Pray these sacred hymns of praise and thanksgiving, and then suggest that you pray them together with your friend.

GO EVANGELIZE

PRAYER, INVITATION, WITNESS, ACCOMPANIMENT

Paul goes on to say, in that same reading: "Keep on doing what you have learned and received and heard and seen in me. Then the God of peace will be with you." I think Paul just offered us the secret to a happy life! Allow this passage to speak to you today. Allow God's peace to permeate your heart and calm the unrest that can so easily creep in these days. And then pray that you can be the true, honorable, and gracious presence in another's life. Send this passage to a friend who may be hurting in some way, and invite him/her to think of a time recently when they felt the presence of God, the peace of God, in their life. And then offer to accompany them in their struggles - walk beside them and encourage them to "think about these things" that are excellent or worthy of praise.

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Sacrament Preparation (Youth) - For information on sacrament preparation for youth (First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation) or for adults interested in completing their Sacraments or learning more about the Catholic Way of life please contact Cyndi Marlow in the parish office at 239-5178.

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INFANT BAPTISMS (0-6)

The Rite of Infant Baptism for children, ages 0-6, is celebrated quarterly. Please contact Tiffany Sizemore, 836-0980, or tansizemore@gmail.com, to register and begin the process. Parish membership and attendance at a preparation class are required. Children above the age of 6 and adults seeking baptism should contact Cyndi Marlow in the parish office, 239-5178 to inquire about the RCIA process.

Marriage

Please call Fr. Chuck Walker at 239-5178, ext. 131 at least 6 months before the intended wedding date to allow an adequate amount of time for marriage preparation.

New Member Registration

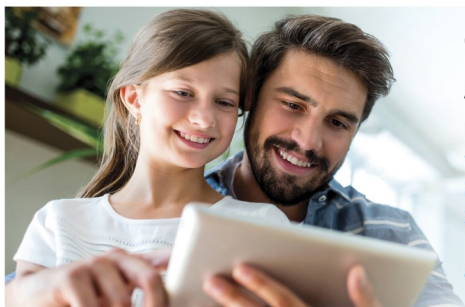
When moving into our parish, please call the Parish Office at 239-5178 for information on new member meetings and the registration process.

Reconciliation

The Sacrament of Reconciliation may be celebrated on Saturdays, 3:00-3:30 p.m., or by appointment, 239-5178. Communal celebrations with area churches are held seasonally. Watch the bulletin for more details.

Pastoral Care of the Sick

Arrangements for home reception of Holy Communion and the Anointing of the Sick are made by calling Denise Meyer, 239-5178, ext. 128. Please let us know when a family member is hospitalized or enters a nursing facility.



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