

"The wind blows wherever it pleases; you hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. That is how it is with all who are born of the Spirit." John 3:8

Sounds From The Cenacle

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From David's Desk



As I write this, Spring has just begun. Even though it's up and down, the weather is on a steady path towards the warmth of later Spring and the heat of Summer. My wife and I are starting to lift some weights and are getting out more often for walks and talks in the woods. In the natural world, better days are here and really good days are coming. But what is the spiritual forecast?

In the spiritual world, we are in the heart of Lent, a time for soul searching, sacrifice, and suffering. As for the Renewal, it seems like it's been in a very long Lent with lots of soul searching, sacrifice, and suffering. Over the years, people have worked hard and remained faithful, yet the overall number of prayer groups have declined dramatically, big events with big turnouts are no longer happening, and new members haven't come in to take up where the original members began. These are hard times indeed.

There are deep sentiments in the Church to always be positive and nice, and I'm sympathetic to these sentiments. Positivity and niceness are often good and appropriate ways to interact with each other, but when *(Continued inside)*

From Fr. Jim's Desk



My beloved sisters and brothers in the Lord Jesus,

Greetings of this Paschal Season both Holy Week, Easter Triduum, the great feast of Easter and the Easter Season. The seven weeks of Easter offer us an ideal opportunity to experience the Life in the Spirit Seminars. I like to use the DVDs from Fr Dave Pivonka, TOR - **The Wild Goose** series. (view online: <https://thewildgooseisloose.com/wild-goose-main-page>) It is an excellent preparation for the Feast of Pentecost, like Lent is for Easter.

I am preparing to celebrate my fifty years of priestly ministry at the end of May, Memorial weekend to be precise. Although the Teens Encounter Christ (T.E.C.) and Cursillo Movements were my first introduction to a personal relationship with Jesus, I was gradually introduced to the Charismatic Movement through my Cursillo prayer groups. I have met hundreds of people over these years and many of you are woven into the fabric of my life. You have truly touched me in a deep and abiding way. The center piece of course is Jesus and the Holy Spirit's gifts.

My first experience of a healing Mass *(Continued inside)*



PENECOST CELEBRATION

June 5 4:00 PM
St Joseph, Marblehead

Changes in MCCR Office

The MCCR Board decided to save over \$4,000/year by not having a physical office and removing the office phone.

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If you have questions, contact Irene Bland,
MCCR Office Manager.

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From David's Desk (cont. from front page)

the house is burning down, the most important thing to do is to get out, even if you have to be carried out against your will. Bedside manner is important, but it's more important that the doctor finds the cancer and removes it. Bad habits don't end when well intentioned friends are nice to us and make excuses for our bad habits. No, bad habits end when good friends tell us the truth and help us make the changes necessary to live a better life.

Only God can save the world, the Church, and the Renewal, whereas we, with St. Peter, when we try to walk on the water, often get scared, start sinking, and yell out, "Lord save me!" And He saves us. We all know that faith is the right response to God. Like the wedding vows, we have faith in God "for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health..."

We are in this for the long haul. We aren't giving up, even when disappointments or sickness or old age come upon us.

God saves and does the real work, but he also calls us to do our part as coworkers and friends. As a Board, we are trying to do our part by devoting ourselves to the **Amazing Parish** movement, a movement encouraged by Bishop Thomas and many of our priests. There's not enough room to share it all in this short article, but one thing to share is that we are trying to overcome the Five Dysfunctions of a Team by striving for vulnerability based trust, engaging in healthy conflict around ideas, making clear commitments, holding each other accountable, and focusing on tangible results. As we have begun this good work, it has become clear that we need new members for the Board. According to our bylaws, board mem-

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bers are to serve at most two 2 year terms before taking a mandatory 1 year absence. In light of this, it is time for new members. As you probably already do, please pray for the Church, the Renewal, and the Board. **Please also pray and discern if you are called to help lead the Renewal by joining the Board.** Remember our mission: *"To initiate and support living the fullness of the Baptism of the Holy Spirit with a natural joy and fire integrated in the local church with personal holiness and corporate unity."* **Ask God, "do I have the time and passion to be on the front lines of making this happen?"**

We are dedicated to continuing to provide the Night of Healing service around the diocese, but we also want to provide a regular Life in the Spirit Seminar and even other opportunities for people to be baptized in the Holy Spirit.

"And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." (Matthew 9:35-38)

David Ordorica

From Fr. Jim's Desk (cont. from front page)

was with Fr Carl Recker, then the spiritual director of the MCCR. That was in Paulding, Ohio in the early 80s. Gradually I was able to help out with other Masses and actually lead a service at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Genoa.

The Priest, Deacon and Seminarian Conferences in Franciscan University in Steubenville made a huge impact on me as well as the Fraternity of Priests, an outgrowth of these conferences. Fr Tom Oedy and Fr Jerry Nowakowski were very instrumental and an essential part of our local fraternity. Fr Mike Scanlon TOR was a mentor for me as well.

The **Toledo Fraternity of Priests** have been together since 1989, meeting once a week. Today there are only four of us: Fr Norb Howe, Fr Nicholas Weibl, Fr Skip Littellmann, and myself. We include Fr Tom Oedy, although he doesn't often make our meeting because of a schedule conflict. We have four brothers in heaven (hopefully, prayerfully engaged with us and for us - Fr Jerry Nowakowski, Fr Jerry Knueven, Fr. Phil Seuhr, and Fr. Bob DeSlover).

Another very strong influence on me is Fr Dave Pivonka TOR. He is currently the President of Franciscan University in Steubenville. The Wild Goose program is a powerful work on the Holy Spirit.

Most recently I have attended the Encounter Ministries Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan, and two years prior when it was in Toledo. That has been a powerful experience of the Holy Spirit's presence and work in the Church.

Of course, my involvement with the leadership team of the MCCR over these last few years is also a vital part of my engagement in the Charismatic Renewal.

I am planning a **Mass of Thanksgiving** for all who have been woven into the fabric of my life through the Cursillo Movement and the Charismatic Renewal on **July 10th at Elizabeth Schaefer Auditorium** on the Tiffin Franciscan Sisters Campus. (190 St. Francis Ave, Tiffin, OH 44883) **Mark your calendars now.**

I invite all of you, my MCCR sisters and brothers, to celebrate with me. The plan is to begin at 1pm with Praise and Worship music, followed by a Mass of Thanksgiving, a shared meal, and then an Ultreya. Please feel free to invite all the people you know who are in the prayer groups, have experienced the Life in the Spirit seminars, or Cenacles .

May you be blessed and may you always BE a blessing to all you meet, and/or serve.

Fr. Jim Brown

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May 24 | June 15
7:00 pm 2 LOCATIONS

Night of Healing

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TUES. **MAY 24** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Epiphany of the Lord

729 White Street, Toledo, OH 43605

WEDS. **JUNE 15** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

St. Peter, Huron

430 Main St, Huron, OH 44839

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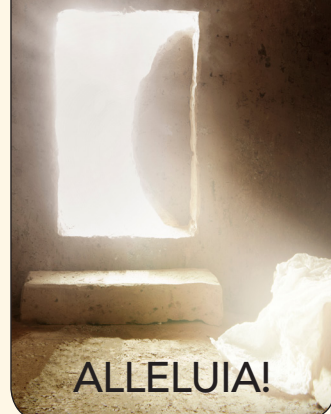
PENTECOST CELEBRATION

Sunday, June 5 4:00 PM

St Joseph Church, Marblehead

822 Barclay St., Marblehead, OH 43440

HE IS RISEN



July 10 MASS OF THANKSGIVING Fr Jim Brown invites us to celebrate his 50 years of priestly life by joining him at Elizabeth Schaefer Auditorium on the Tiffin Franciscan Sisters Campus in Tiffin, Ohio. Praise & Worship starts at 1 pm, followed by a Mass of Thanksgiving, shared meal and then an Ultreya.

Diocese of Toledo Charismatic Prayer Meetings

Call contacts with any questions

MONDAY:

Eden Springs, Greensprings OH
(2nd Mon.) (Not meeting due to Covid)
Judy Good (419) 366-1025

Beacon of Love, Defiance, OH 7:00 p.m.
Richard Boff (KOC Hall, 111 Elliott Rd) (419) 783-9891

St. Peter's 7:00-8:30 p.m.
Huron - Women's Prayer & Scripture Meeting
Diane Dudenhofer (419) 602-0627

St. Richards, Swanton 7:00 p.m.
Judy Cole (419) 367-8385

Port Clinton 9:30-11:30 a.m.
Joan Nunnery (440) 390-0054

TUESDAY:

Norwalk, St. Paul's 6:30 p.m.
Bev Reichert (419) 706-0464

Ottawa Areawide (SS Peter & Paul in chapel) 7:30 p.m.
Sharon Rump (419) 523-3137

TUESDAY: (cont)

Emmaus Community (alternate New Leaven) 1:30 p.m.
St. Jerome Walbridge chapel in PLC (or David O. home)
David Bland (419) 322-8282

THURSDAY:

Toledo, SS. Peter/Paul 7:00 p.m.
Candy Cordova Hispanic (419) 377-8053

FRIDAY:

Defiance St. Mary Hispanic (EVERY Fri.) 6:00 p.m.
Fela Trevino (419) 784-4508

SATURDAY:

Fremont, St. Jos. Hispanic 7:00 p.m.
Raul Gonzales (419) 332-9252

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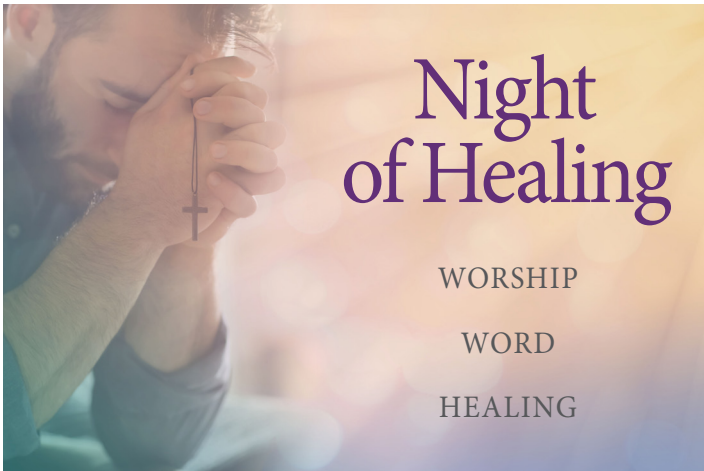


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