

"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 Steve's Desk



St. Augustine is one of my favorites because he is straightforward and logical in his writing. In the following treatise, he teaches us the most fundamental truth about love. We can have all the gifts in the world and follow all of the rules and church laws but if we do not have love, we are wasting our efforts.

Rules and laws are necessary to

guide us but they are meant to serve the two greatest commandments. Jesus over and over teaches the Jewish leaders this truth. The Sabbath laws were good but not when they made men go hungry. (Mark 2: 23). Feeding the men was the greater good.

Please enjoy St. Augustine. *Treatise on John by St. Augustine taken from The Liturgy of the Hours 1/3/2020*

### The Twin Commandments of Love

*The Lord himself came, the teacher of love, full of love, shortening the word upon the earth, as it was foretold he would do. He showed that from the 2 precepts of love depend the whole of the Law and the prophets. What are these two commandments? Join me, my brethren, in recollecting them. They ought to be thoroughly familiar to you and not just come into your mind when we recite them. They ought never be blotted out from your hearts. Always and everywhere, bear in mind that you must love God and your neighbor, love God with all your heart and all your soul, and with all your mind; and love your neighbour as you would love yourself.*

*We must always ponder these words, meditate them, hold them in our minds, practice them and bring them to fruition. As far as teaching is concerned, the love of God comes first; but as far as doing is concerned, the love of neighbour comes first. Whoever sets out to teach you these two commandments of love must not commend your neighbour to you first, and then God, but God first and then your neighbour. You, on the other hand, do not yet see God, but loving your neighbour will bring you that sight. By loving your neighbour you purify your eyes so*

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## From Fr. Jim's Desk

My beloved sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus our Lord,

Twenty some days ago I never heard the word "Coronavirus" or (COVID-19). Nor did I know how serious it would become. Life was normal and plans were unfolding for Lent, for a Men's Cursillo weekend, for Holy Week and Easter.

Day by day the news grew worse, like an invisible plague creeping across the globe, creeping across our country and our state. It is claiming victims and lives. How do we stop it? What is it? Where did it come from? How does it transmit? There are lots of questions and very few satisfying answers.

I've never lived in quarantine before and the only other time I had a private Mass was during the blizzard of 1978. It is weird. Yet, what a wonderful opportunity this situation provides me... time to pray, really pray, time to read and catch up on so many articles and papers. Clean out drawers and closets, go through pictures and mailing lists and update them. I just pray Lord that I continue to use this time wisely so that when life gets back to normal [that is an oxymoron] I won't have any regrets.

One of the newsletters that I read was from the Priests' Fraternity called *The Visitation*. The article from our chairman, Fr. Von DeRosia was his experience at the National Assembly of CHARIS. That was his first experience of the concept and of the word. Much like Steve has been telling us about CHARIS, so did Fr. Von in his message. Again, from the Holy Father, Pope Francis, that all expressions of the Charismatic Renewal are Currents of Grace in the Church. The three-fold purpose of CHARIS is:

- To share the experience of the Baptism in the Holy Spirit with the rest of the Church and the whole world.
- Service to the poor (both materially and spiritually... Matthew 25: the Beatitudes and the Corporal and

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**From Steve's Desk** (cont. from front page)

that you are ready to see God, as John clearly says: "If you do not love your brother, whom you see, how can you love God, whom you do not see?"

You are told "love God". If you say to me "Show me whom I should love. What can I say except what John says? No man has ever seen God. But you must not think yourself wholly unsuited to seeing God; "God is love" says John, "and whoever dwells in love dwells in God". So love whoever is nearest to you and look inside you to see where that love is coming from; thus as far as you are capable, you will see God.

So start to love your neighbour. Share your bread with the hungry, bring the homeless pauper into your house. Clothe the naked and do not despise the servants of your kin.

What will you get for doing all this? Your light will break forth like the dawn. Your light is your God, your dawn because he will come to you to end the night of this world – he who, himself neither rises nor sets but is eternal.

By loving your neighbour, by having care for your neighbour, you are traveling on a journey. Where are you journeying, except to the Lord God, whom we must love with all our hearts and all our soul and all our mind? We have not yet reached the Lord but our neighbour is with us already. So support you neighbour, who is traveling with you, so that you may reach Him with whom you long to dwell.

Steve Toth

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

Spiritual works of Mercy in a lived experience.

- Unity -internal unity within the CCR, - reconciliation and renewal, as well as an ecumenical aspect.

The National Service of Communion (NSoC) was developed in order to serve the needs of individual ministries like our own MCCR to become more aware of the purpose of CHARIS and how to interpret each point and put it into practice in our own ministry.

I experienced the third part, Unity, in January with the Encounter Conference in downtown Toledo as they had several Protestant speakers present. The leadership there made the point that it was intentional because all Christians are in this together and that we have to break down the walls and share together what the Holy Spirit is doing in our world and in our lives today.

This was not the first time that the Fraternity Newsletter brought to my attention a new program and a new ministry. Last year an article about UNBOUND, A Practical Guide to Deliverance (and Healing) by Neal Lozano. Neal is the director of Heart of the Father Ministries. I had an experience of UNBOUND at the Steubenville Priests' conference last summer and I am going to take an on-line course beginning this April.

There is no coincidence that the MCCR is focusing on Healing Services these days/months. (See article how God is moving with our *Night of Healings*.) It is the awesome presence of the Holy spirit directing our energies to the needs of our time.

Two areas we might want to focus on as a board: As Steve has already indicated, how might we understand CHARIS and apply the three principles to our own ministry? Looking ahead to some form of conference, how might we include the Cursillo Movement, TEC, and other retreat forms.

We also need to be a part of the conversation about the use of the Retreat Center in Carey. Perhaps we might be able to offer Cenacle Weekends again.

Let us pray:

**Come Holy Spirit ... fill us with your love and your peace in these uncertain days.**

**Help us to be positive and courageous and dynamic in our creative faith sharing.**

**Inspire us to reach out to others, especially family members who are away from the Christian community and not living as active Catholics. Keep us faithful, prayerful and in gratitude for all we are and all we have received in our life.**

**We pray giving glory to the Father in the name of Jesus, our Lord and in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen**

May you be blessed and always BE a blessing to all you serve.

Fr. Jim Brown

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## **PENTECOST 2020**

**JOIN US** to celebrate an outpouring of the Holy Spirit. We are continuing our Stir into Flame ROAD TRIPS around the Toledo Diocese. We will gather to join our gifts for the upbuilding of our Church! Fr. Jim Brown is inviting us all to give Praise in Adoration at St. Joseph in Marblehead. *Please visit our MCCR Facebook page for any updates.*

## **PENTECOST Sunday Celebration**

**May 31, 2020 • 3 pm**

**St. Joseph, Marblehead**

802 Barclay St, Marblehead, OH 43440

**Celebrate in Adoration  
with Praise & Worship (not a mass)**

**Coming Events 2020-2021** NOTE: all events are pending Diocese pandemic direction  
**PLEASE connect with MCCR Facebook** for updates <https://www.facebook.com/MCCR-297908527073164/>  
 Go to our Facebook page and LIKE & FOLLOW us to stay informed.

**April 14 & May 12**  
 7:00 pm

**If we can't gather in person,  
 we will as a online LIVE event.**

**Night of Healing**

WORSHIP WORD HEALING ADORATION WITNESS RECONCILIATION

**St. Jerome Church**  
 300 Warner St. Walbridge

Fr. Coci • Fr. Oedy  
 & personal prayer teams

2ND TUESDAYS APR. 14 | MAY 12

*canceled:* **April 25 Magnificat Breakfast** • Our Lady of the Lake Chapter • Anjulina's 2270 Hayes Ave., Fremont  
 Speaker: **Nikki Bruni** is rescheduled for the November breakfast

**May 2 Magnificat Breakfast** • Our Lady of Consolation Chapter • Old Barn Out Back Restaurant, Lima  
 Speaker: **Jacqueline Kohls** 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM Cost \$10. April 24, mail check (Magnificat of Lima) & registration to Kay Smith, 2825 Hummingbird, Elida, OH 45807 (Questions: 419-339-8791)

**May-Aug. Stir into Flames ROAD TRIPS**  
 We are traveling the Diocese Stirring the Flame - Join Us!

**PENTECOST Sunday, May 31, 2020 • 3 pm**

**St. Joseph, Marblehead** 802 Barclay St, Marblehead, OH 43440  
*Celebrate in Adoration with Praise & Worship (not a mass)*

**Tuesday, June 16, 2020 • 7:30 pm**  
**SS. Peter & Paul, Ottawa**

320 N Locust St, Ottawa, OH 45875 - Chapel, left side of altar

**Monday, Aug 17, 2020 • 7:30 pm**  
**St. Paul, Norwalk**

91 E Main St. Norwalk, OH 44857



**Jan 15-17-2021 Women's Winter Retreat "Filled With the Power of the Holy Spirit" Presenter: Fr. Micheal Voithofer**  
 Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont. Register NOW, \$50 deposit required by mail only, first come first reserved (nonrefundable & payable to "Women's Winter Retreat" and mail to Brandy Eddinger, 155 Sandusky St., Monroeville, OH 44847) The retreat cost includes 2 night and 4 meals. The total cost of the Retreat is for Overnight: \$230.00 and Commuters will be \$105.00 for the Weekend. With final payment due December 15. Questions: contact Brandy Eddinger at 419-706-0364 or email [wrr155@aol.com](mailto:wrr155@aol.com). If you don't have a form go to MCCR website: <https://mccrholyspirit.org/events>

**Diocese of Toledo Charismatic Prayer Meetings**

**MONDAY:**

Defiance, OH 7:00 p.m.  
**Richard Boff** (419) 783-9891

Eden Springs, Greensprings OH 3:00 p.m.  
 (2nd Mon.) **\*\*\*NEW TIME\*\*\***  
**Judy Good** (419) 366-1025

St. Peter's 7:00-8:30 p.m.  
 Huron - Women's Prayer & Scripture Meeting  
**Diane Dudenhofer** (419) 433-4835

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

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:**

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

**WEDNESDAY:**

**\*\*\*NEW TIME for winter\*\*\***

Emmaus Community (in MCCR chapel) 1:00 p.m.  
 St. Jerome Walbridge, OH (chapel in Parish Life Center)  
**David Bland** (419) 322-8282

**THURSDAY:**

Toledo, SS. Peter/Paul 7:30 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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How God is  
Healing...

...at our  
Night of Healing

*Share how God is Healing You: Visit our Facebook page or website.*

**We want to Give Glory to God for His Healings:**

1) Here is one from Barb:

I wanted to thank you for the healing nights. My husband and I drove from Bryan in February and March. (My husband is Catholic, but I am Mennonite.) Since Christmas, my mobility has decreased. I was to have a procedure March 23 to see if a further procedure would restore some of it. Father prayed with me and blessed me. I did not receive a physical healing that night BUT I received something I would need much more. I am prone to anxiety and have been somewhat depressed. NOT NOW!!! In these trying days, I have turned to God whenever I feel fear and anxiety. I pray Psalm 91. God comforts me and gives me peace. Now you have to understand, our only child is a doctor here with a wife and 5 small children. Had God not worked that healing in me, I would have added to his current stress by being frantic and despondent. I praise and thank Him for this work. My procedure is cancelled, but I trust God's timing.

Thank you for your witness in these healing nights and your prayers for all. As you pray for our world and the healthcare workers and first responders, please pray for our son, Mark. I pray that we may all be spared this virus and be able to gather again soon.

May God bless you all and keep you and yours safe.

2) Yvonne prayed with a lady: The Holy Spirit prompted her to pray by touching her head, then her shoulders, her waist, knees and feet. Yvonne said she had never prayed in this way before. Later the woman shared that she had asked Jesus to touch her from head to toe.

3) Michael shared the witness at the March event that at the February event he received 2 healings. Sometimes God heals through a sharing of Words of Knowledge that the Lord gives at a healing service. This was the case for Michael for two different healings.

He has always had a large stature, and as a boy it caused him a lot of hardship. He received a healing where the weight of all that heart ache was lifted from him.

In high school while playing football, an injury required a procedure where they removed a part of his skull and performed brain surgery. He had lost feeling in that part of his head. He did not understand what happened at the healing event - he had felt that he could not stand up without holding onto the pew. Later as he traveled home he felt a tingling on the side of his head that he previously had surgery. He said he slept all night and overslept - something that is not normal and he woke with great peace! He now has feeling on that side of his head.

**THANK YOU LORD JESUS FOR THESE HEALINGS!**



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God's power in our lives



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<p><b>SS Peter and Paul Spanish Prayer Group</b> 728 St. Clair St. Thurs., 7:30 p.m. Everybody welcome Mateo 11:28-30</p>	<p>419-252-6271 <a href="mailto:mbragg@snlaw.com">mbragg@snlaw.com</a></p> <p>Spengler Nathanson, PLL 4 SeaGate, Suite 400 Toledo, Ohio 43604</p> <p><b>Business, Real Estate and End of Life documents from a Catholic Perspective</b></p>			<p><b>"YOU CAN SUPPORT US AND HELP YOUR BUSINESS WITH THIS AD SPACE."</b></p>