



# SACRED HEART of JESUS CATHOLIC CHURCH

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**October 6, 2024**  
**27th. Sunday of Ordinary Time**  
**Respect Life Sunday**

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A Sister Parish with St. Joseph, Crestline.



## Intentions

### Tuesday

**6:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart**

*Mass Intention: For the People of Sacred Heart Parish and those suffering with the devastating effects of Hurricane Helene*

### Wednesday

**8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart**

*Mass Intention: Edna Keller; For an Increase in Vocations*

### Thursday

**5:30 pm - Confession at St. Joseph**

**6:30 pm - Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intention: For the Poor Souls in Purgatory*

### Friday

**8:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intention: For the People of St. Joseph Parish and Families of School Students*

### Saturday

**3:30 pm - Confession at SHJ**

**4:30 pm - Mass at Sacred Heart**

*Mass Intention: Jeanne, Paul & Kathleen Gosser*

### Sunday

**7:00 am - Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intentions: Lee Steiner; In Thanksgiving for a Prayer Answered*

**8:30 am - Mass at Sacred Heart**

*Mass Intention: John Metzger; Bob & Shirley Vogt*

**10:30 am - Mass at St. Joseph**

*Mass Intention: Charles Marek; Ken Parr*

Dear Friends in Christ,

Every once in a while there is a post on social media that catches my attention. I came across a posting that I would like to share. The author of the post is unknown. Every minute someone leaves this world behind. We're all in "the line" without knowing it. We never know how many people are before us. We cannot move to the back of the line. We cannot step out of the line. We cannot avoid the line. So while we wait in line:

- ❖••Thank God
- ❖••Pray
- ❖••Make moments count
- ❖••Make priorities
- ❖••Make the time
- ❖••Make your gifts known
- ❖••Share your gifts
- ❖••Make someone feel special
- ❖••Make your voice heard
- ❖••Make the small things big
- ❖••Make someone smile
- ❖••Make peace
- ❖••Make sure to tell your people they are loved
- ❖••Make sure you are ready your tomorrow is not a guarantee

Our time here on earth is unknown. Each day should be considered a gift. We should use our gifts from God to help our brothers and sisters. While waiting in line we can make the world a better place. We can make a difference for our brothers and sisters while working towards our heavenly eternal destination.

God Bless,

Lisa Myers, Principal

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**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

Wednesday, Oct. 9

School Mass

Saturday, Oct. 12

Sunday, Oct. 13

**MUSIC MINISTER***Sean Beeson***SERVERS***Jude Kemerer**Rudy Belcik***OFFERTORY***Jake & Jessica Rietschlin Family***EXTRAORDINARY****MINISTERS***Greg Keller, Need 1**Jake Rietschlin***USHERS***Jacob Gosser & Jamie Picou***LECTOR***Molly Belcik*(Please check Ministry Scheduler Pro  
for the most up to date assignments)**MUSIC MINISTER***Folk Group***SERVERS***Adam & Evan**Keller***OFFERTORY***Jason & Kelsey Keller Family***EXTRAORDINARY****MINISTERS***Deacon Steve Vogt, Marti Keller**Kelsey Keller***USHERS***Greg Gwartz & Dave Kromer***LECTOR***Diane Metzger***COUNTERS***Sheila Vogt, Joyce Timmer**Cindy Keller***Bible Readings for the Week of October 6, 2024****Monday**

Gal 1:6-12, Ps 111:1-2, 7-10, Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday**

Gal 1:13-24, Ps 139:1-3, 13-15, Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday**

Gal 2:1-2, 7-14, Ps 117:1-2, Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday**

Gal 3:1-5, (Ps) Lk 1:69-75, Lk 11:5-13

**Friday**

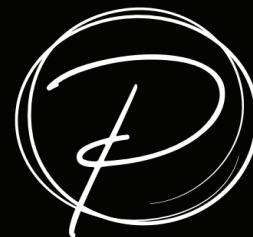
Gal 3:7-14, Ps 111:1-6, Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday**

Gal 3:22-29, Ps 105:2-7, Lk 11:27-28

**Sunday**

Wis 7:7-11, Ps 90:12-17, Heb 4:12-13, Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

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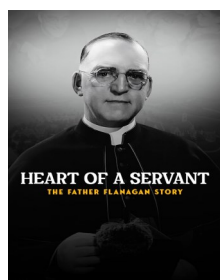
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*Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, and the first Sunday of October is observed as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to cherish, defend, and protect those who are most vulnerable, from the beginning of life to its end, and at every point in between. During the month of October, the Church asks us to reflect more deeply on the dignity of every human life.*

Learn more at: <https://www.respectlife.org/celebrate>



**Next playdate is October 12th.  
See you on the playground!**



**Parish Movie Night  
Tuesday, October 8 @ 7pm  
Cinemark Theatre, Ontario  
Music by Sean Beeson**

Father Edward J. Flanagan is a familiar name to many Americans, often for the Oscar-winning 1938 film starring Spencer Tracy about Flanagan's groundbreaking child welfare organization. But the story extends far beyond that, to a man whose name and legacy are still well-known as far as Germany and Japan.

## **World Mission Sunday October 19-20, 2024.**

The theme for this year's Mission Sunday is "Go and invite everyone to the banquet" (cf. Mt 22:9). World Mission Sunday is a global effort for the entire Church. All Catholics of the world join into one community of faith to provide for the building up of over one thousand local churches in Asia, Africa, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin America and Europe, an area that covers more than half of the territory of the globe. Through the work of these churches and their witness to Christ, the poor receive practical help and experience God's love and mercy, His hope and peace.

## **Annual Catholic Appeal Update: Week 32**

Goal: \$17,644.00  
Met: 9,005.00  
Left: (8,639.00)

## **October, Month of the Rosary**



Students of Sacred Heart School will be praying a decade of the rosary on Wednesday, October 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, after Mass during October. All are welcome to join us!

**Annual Rosary Rally** will be held on Saturday, October 26th. At noon at the gazebo in Crestline.

## **Calling all Sr. Citizens!**

St. Joseph October luncheon will be held on Tuesday, **October 15 at 12:15 PM.** We will be serving Salisbury Steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, applesauce, and dessert. *The cost is \$4.00. Please RSVP to the school office by Thursday, October 10 (419-683-1284).* Please join us for a time of good food and fellowship!

## **Trick-or-Trunk**

Sacred Heart School is holding their annual Trick-or-Trunk on **Sunday, Oct. 20 @ 4-4:30PM.** This event is open to parishioners of Sacred Heart Church and/or students of Sacred Heart School. Traditionally we have 150 plus trick-or-trunk participants at this event. We park in a circle on the west side of the church to pass out treats. We will start promptly at 4pm

## **Turkey Shoot**



Sacred Heart Turkey shoot & Chili Supper will be held **October 27th.** Please take any raffle basket donations to the parish office by **October 16th.** Signup sheets for workers and food donations are on the registers!

We will be conducting an **Early Bird Drawing.** Tickets and payment must be received by Wednesday, **Oct. 16th.** Those tickets will be entered into the drawing. The seller of the winning ticket will receive a free jackpot ticket. **Thank you!**

## **High School PSR**

Please mark your calendars for the following dates: **October 23, & 30. November 6, 13 & 20. December 4.** Classes will be held at the Sacred Heart Parish Center starting at 7:00pm and last about 1 hour. Hope to see you there! Steve & Sheila Vogt



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## One Minute Meditations

### St. Teresa of Avila

Born in 1515, St. Teresa joined the Carmelites—over family objections—in 1535. Soon after, she became so ill that the sisters dug a grave for her. St. Teresa recovered and wrote a book on prayer called *The Interior Castle*, based on her suffering. In 1562, she founded a stricter order whose nuns wore rough brown habits and sandals instead of shoes. Despite initial resistance, she founded several convents of Discalced Carmelites and helped reform the Carmelite friars.

**"I need all eternity to love them."**

Jesus confided these words to Gabrielle Bossis referring to us. By spending time with God, we get vital graces and limitless love. God wants to spend all eternity with us. Can you give five minutes to Him today?

*"Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people"*

(Psalm 125:1-2).



## Holiness grows from deep roots in God's Love

God is crazy-in-love with each of us: *"In this is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us"* (1 John 4:10).

Holiness begins when we accept His "crazy love" (John 15:9) and return it. We can do this by meeting God in the present moment, renewing our "Yes" to Him each day, and receiving the Sacraments:

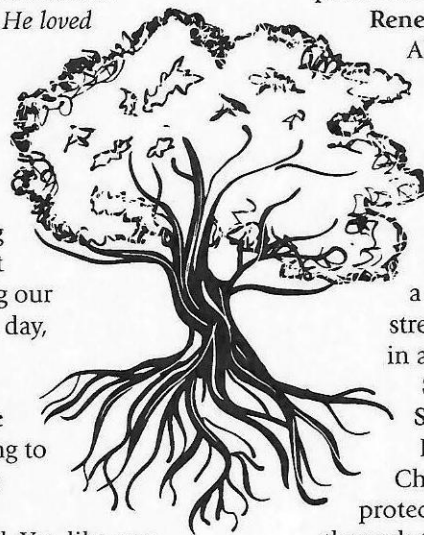
Meet God in the "now." It's tempting to delay approaching God until life is wonderful or awful. Yet, like any loving parent, He delights to be with us always (Proverbs 8:31), even when life is messy, unfinished, or imperfect. He knows we can't change ourselves without His grace. Give Him your heart

"as is," and receive the grace of the present moment.

Renew your "yes" daily.

Aligning with God's teachings and Commandments, as revealed in Scripture, affirms our "yes" to Him, showing trust in His plan over our own. Beginning each day with a sincere "yes" in prayer strengthens us to say "yes" in all areas of life.

Stay close to the Sacraments. Living the Faith is a battle, and the Church encourages us to protect ourselves with grace through the Sacraments, especially the Eucharist (in the Mass) and monthly Confession. In the Sacraments, God pours His grace and love into us, empowering us to share His love with others.



## Why Do Catholics Do That?

One way to recognize a Catholic is the crucifix or saint medal he or she may wear. Often blessed by a priest or deacon, these symbols represent the protection of God, Our Lady, or the saint depicted. Rather than being "good luck

## Why do Catholics wear saints' medals?



charms," they are sacramentals—consecrated objects meant to open the wearer's heart to God's grace. More than just adornments, they serve as constant, holy reminders to live out the values of the Catholic Faith in everyday life.

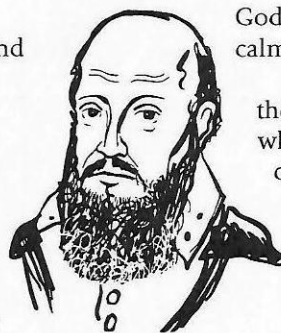


## Advice on patience from a saint with a temper

St. Francis de Sales, usually known for his meekness and patience, also had a fiery temper, and struggled against it all his life. Here are his tried-and-true tips for staying patient in a bad moment:

**Avoid speaking while angry.** St. Francis said, "It is better to drive it away quickly than to start a discussion with it." Even if you're right, what is said in anger is rarely effective. Most of the time, you end up apologizing anyway.

**Regain self-control "quietly and simply."** Only



God never has "bad hair days." Focus on staying calm. Be patient with everyone, including yourself.

**Prayer always helps.** St. Francis said to call on the Lord as the apostles did in the storm. Jesus, who calmed the wind and the waves, "will command your passions to cease and there will be a great calm."

**Apologize quickly.** If your anger does get the better of you, offer an act of gentleness towards the person right away (or as soon as you're feeling better). The sooner, the better.

## from Scripture

### Mark 10:46-52, a blind man leads

Bartimaeus was a blind beggar who saw Jesus clearly. When he heard Jesus was near, he cried out, "Son of David," a title reserved for the Messiah. Although people tried to quiet him, Bartimaeus persisted until Jesus noticed him and called him over.

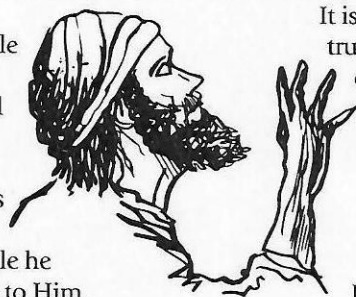
Immediately, Bartimaeus threw off his cloak and ran to Jesus. Even the little he had was discarded to get to Him.

Bartimaeus stood before Jesus humbly, but he was confident that Jesus had the power to do whatever he asked. The only person in Mark's Gospel to call Jesus, "Master," Bartimaeus asked Jesus

for his sight. When his prayer was answered, Bartimaeus followed Jesus as His disciple.

It is this faith, this profound trust, that Jesus wants to elicit from the crowd and from us. The difficulties of being Christian in the world can blind us to the joys of following Him. Like Bartimaeus, approach Jesus with excitement and humble confidence. When

we throw off our fear and doubt, we become true disciples who can tackle the difficult task of leading others down the road to God.



## Q & A How can I fully experience the Body and Blood of Christ at Communion?

God's grace is powerfully at work in this most accessible of Sacraments. To fully embrace this grace-filled experience, try these simple practices:

**Prepare your heart.** Just like medicine works best when taken correctly, being spiritually ready helps the Sacrament work more deeply in us. Dress respectfully, fast for one hour from food and drink, and confess any serious sins beforehand. These actions open us to



fully receive this healing medicine for our souls.

**Be real with God.** If you're struggling, don't hold back. Talk to Him! Echo the words of Scripture, "I believe; help my unbelief" (Mark 9:24). God welcomes your honesty, doubts, and questions. Ask Him to reveal His love to you in a personal way.

**Say "Thank you!"** We're taught to thank a giver for a gift, even when it's not what we expected, because the real gift is the love behind it. At Mass, we receive Love Himself. Thank God for this life-changing gift, trusting that the joy of His presence will grow within you over time.

## Feasts & Celebrations

**October 1 – St. Thérèse of Lisieux (1897).** At the age of 15, Thérèse Martin became a Carmelite nun in Lisieux, France, and served others with "quiet acts of love." Her autobiography, *The Story of a Soul*, includes her "Little Way" to holiness in daily life.

**October 2 – Feast of the Guardian Angels.** All of us have a guardian angel, in charge of protecting us and watching over us. Remember to thank the Guardian Angels for the work they have done in helping us.

**October 9 – St. Denis (258).** Originally born in third-century Italy, St. Denis was sent with two companions, Rusticus and Eleutherius, to Christianize Gaul (modern day France). St. Denis became the first bishop of Paris. The three men were martyred by the pagan authorities for their success in converting souls to Christ.

**October 18 – St. Luke the Evangelist (1st Century).** St. Luke was a Christian physician from Antioch. His Gospel and Acts of the Apostles were probably written between 70AD and 85AD.



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***F.I.S.H. food pantry operates solely by donations and doesn't receive any federal funding, making your donations critical to their operation! Most needed items: Canned chicken & beef stew, cream of chicken soup and boxed scalloped potatoes.  
Thank you!***



**Sister Maria  
Sacratissimi  
Cordis Iesu  
and  
family**

Sister Maria Sacratissimi Cordis Iesu, is part of the religious order The Servants of The Lord & The Virgin of Matara'- also called The Servidoras. Like many religious orders, the Servidoras take vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, as well as a fourth vow of consecration to Mary. Sister visited Sacred heart School on Sept 25. She spoke with the students about her call to religious life. Students also made food and school supply donations to The Servidoras.

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**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)** is how you can invite family or friends who have expressed an interest in becoming Catholic, and do not know where to start. Our next group of inquirers, those who have expressed interest or are just curious, **will begin classes on October 24.** For additional information or to express interest for yourself or someone you know, please call or text Katie DiLullo at 419-961-3494 (Sacred Heart) or Kim Legge at 419-689-3033 (St. Joseph) or call the parish office. Thank you!  
**\*Signup sheets to help provide a light snack are in the back of church!**

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### **Dear Sacred Heart and St. Joseph Parishioners:**

The 2024 Cycle for Life bike ride will be held on October 12th, at the Rhinegeist Brewery Distribution Facility, 329 Spring Grove Ave., Cincinnati, OH. This annual bike ride is for Cystic Fibrosis awareness and financial support for research towards a cure for this devastating genetic disease. The Traver/Keller and Fraizer/Gosser Families are requesting your support for this fund raiser. Please make checks payable to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and send to Matt and Kyle (Keller) Traver, 78 Inwood Rd., Wilmington, OH 45177 or Jacob and Dawn Fraizer, 2002 Kahn Rd., Crestline, OH 44827 or Russ and Marti Keller 3934 Nazor Rd., Crestline, OH 44827. For every donation received your name will go into a drawing to win a \$250. gift card from YNOT Bike in Lexington, OH. Please continue to pray for Lilly and Kaileigh Traver and Ashlyn and Emmalyn Fraizer and all those struggling with CF. A special Thank you to Rosie Sutter for her generous donation. Thank you kindly for your support to this endeavor!