

"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



### FAMILY

#### What is God's plan for humanity?

His plan was for us:

#### 1) To be like Him - Genesis 1: 27

- God created man in His image; in the divine image He created him;
- God is 3 persons in one, completely unified in love.

#### 2) Diversified - Male and female He created them.

#### 3) Unified - Genesis 2:23

• The man said: "This one, at last is bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; this one shall be called 'woman', for 'out of her man' this one has been taken." That is why a man leaves his father and mother and clings to his wife, and the two of them become one body.

It seems to me that from the beginning, we are meant to be family. There are several definitions of family and most define it as physically related parents and children living in a common household.

The family unit is God's plan for humanity. It is the environment that we are supposed to live in to be like Him which means to love as He loves. When that environment is weakened, our ability to love is weakened.

Satan is often referred to as Diablo, He who has an opposing plan. His plan has always been, especially in the 20th and 21st century to oppose God's plan for us to be a family. I am not an anthropologist but it is apparent that the family unit has been decimated greatly in the western world. Therefore it is absolutely necessary for us to resist Satan and live in God's plan.

Unfortunately, not everybody, including our natural families, sees this necessity to believe in God's plan and we cannot force them to believe. It goes against our God given ability to choose.

So what are we to do? I believe Jesus answers this question with His response in Luke 8:20. In this passage He was told "your mother and brothers are standing outside and they wish to see you". He said to them in reply, my mother and brothers are those who hear

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## From Fr. Jim's Desk

Greetings to all in the name of the Lord Jesus and in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Inspired by St Paul I too can write that I give thanks to God every time I think of you and pray for you. May the good work that has begun in you continue to reach its perfection as your life continues to be a powerful witness to the truth of God's love and care for his creation.

I just came back from a trip to the Holy Land with twenty folks from my parish of St Joseph. We used Trinity Travel and they were more than accommodating. (They are the family that bring the olive wood carvings to parishes, and also have the travel agency business.) It truly was a Spirit inspired and led experience from a Palestinian Christian perspective. We were able to stay several days in Jordan, in Nazareth and in Bethlehem. I was able to celebrate Mass each day and for me that was a highlight.

Our guides and bus drivers were superior, very knowledgeable both in history and in faith. Our little group was somewhat a minority as we twenty white folk who only know English traipsed around in the midst of all kinds of cultures, nationalities, languages and faiths. Yet we felt no tension but rather a peace in this holy place. It is so neat to see so many people from all over the world coming to the Holy Land to experience and pray just like us. Now we are back to tell our stories and show our pictures.

As we celebrate this time of Thanksgiving in our country, we as Christians and especially as Catholics have so much more to be thankful for especially all the manifold blessings we have received. Each time we celebrate Mass we enter 'eucharistain' thanksgiving. Our Mass is our ritual of thanksgiving. 'Eucharist' is the Greek word for Thanksgiving.

We as the People of God come to the altar of the Lord to join together to offer our thanksgiving to

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

*the word of God and act on it". Was He saying that his mother and brothers (male relatives and friends) were not family? Not at all, but he was letting us know that we need to be in the family of God. That is in relationships that will teach us and guide us in God's plan for our lives. We learn in several ways. By hearing, by reading but I believe most importantly by observing or perhaps more accurately, by experiencing the actions of others.*

The church family, when it is open to the Holy Spirit, is a place where we receive the benefit of others charisms and we have the opportunity to love others by exercising our charisms. We are purified and empowered.

It is my experience and belief that "programs" are not the answer to the health of the church. We can organize

until hell freezes over but we will never be able to do better than the Lord. The church has to become a "full service" family where we are able to welcome spiritual babies into the family, nurse them on spiritual milk, and gradually bring them to maturity so that they can then, in turn, welcome new babies into the family of God. This is called discipleship. Where this is happening the church is strong and we fulfill John 15:16;

*"It was not you who chose me, but I who chose you and appointed you to bear fruit that will remain, so that whatever you ask in my name he will give you. This I command you: love one another."*

Steve Toth

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

the Father in and through and with Jesus, our Lord and Savior, empowered by His Holy Spirit. The neat thing is that we don't have to do anything extraordinary but to be open and mindful to offer ourselves with Jesus.

The **Season of Advent** offers us an opportunity to begin again (a do over) as we begin a new Church year. We begin the Matthew Cycle of gospel readings this year. One of the three Synoptic Gospels, Matthew's is the longest and the first Book of the New Testament. His gospel is written to a Hebrew audience as he references the Hebrew Testament quite often. It was most likely written after 70 AD because Matthew makes reference to the destruction of Jerusalem, especially the Temple by the Romans.

St Matthew opens his version of the Gospel with a toledote – a genealogy of Jesus – the list of "begots" that gives Jesus his firm Jewish ancestry as the framework for his birth. Genealogies are used throughout the Hebrew Scripture to reference a new beginning in the story line and a new point of God's intervention in human history.

May I suggest a personal study of Matthew's gospel for yourself or with your spouse or family during this Advent Season and throughout the year.

I hope you all can avail yourselves of the **Night of Healing** services – for healing or sharing your charisms. Or our **Stir into Flames** visitations throughout the diocese to parish prayer groups. We encourage you to join us at one near you or make a decision to hit the road – God does not want us to be alone, but

to connect with a prayer community to strengthen us and our charisms for His tasks.

**2020 Encounter conference** is in Toledo January 2-4 at the SeaGate Centre. I hope many of you can attend. Last year our Diocese was a small portion of all those that traveled from many states to attend. Let's join our Bishop Thomas in showing our Diocese is alive and contributing to the kingdom! Encourage your families, friends and parish prayer groups to attend. There are so many wonderful speakers coming to Toledo and the Spirit is moving in a powerful way!

**What do you want for Christmas?** ... by way of a spiritual gift. Advent is the time to prepare your life for that gift. A little prayer, a little fasting and a little almsgiving will open your hearts to that gift.

*Have a very blessed Advent and Christmas.*

Fr Jim Brown

## January 2020 Encounter Conference:

Conference participants can expect an atmosphere of spirit-filled worship in the presence of God, Mass, inspiring and transforming keynote speakers, breakout sessions, Eucharistic Adoration, a healing service, fellowship and many opportunities for prayer ministry and growth in the gifts of the Holy Spirit. We're excited the conference will be able to minister to the entire family. There is an Encounter Kids track for ages 6-12 & an Encounter Teens track for ages 13-18. To REGISTER or more information go online at [www.Encounter2020.com](http://www.Encounter2020.com).



## Coming Events 2019/2020

**Dec 7 Magnificat Breakfast** • Our Lady of Consolation Chapter • Old Barn Out Back Restaurant, Lima  
 Speaker: **Joan Nunnery** 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM Cost \$10. Dec 4, mail check (Magnificat of Lima) & registration to Kay Smith, 2825 Hummingbird, Elida, OH 45807 (419-339-8791)

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### Jan 10-12 Women's Winter Retreat "All that is Mine is Yours" Living Each Moment In God's Abundance

Presenters: **Greg & Stephanie Schlueter** Our Lady of the Pines Retreat Center, Fremont. Register NOW, \$50 deposit required by mail only, first come first reserved (nonrefundable & payable to Brandy Eddinger, 155 Sandusky St., Monroeville, OH 44847) **EARLY BIRD** due in full by Dec. 1 at \$220 (Commuters at \$100). If you pay in full after Dec. 1 cost is \$230 (Commuters \$105). All payments must be in no later than December 15. Questions: contact Brandy Eddinger at 419-706-0364 or email [wwr155@aol.com](mailto:wwr155@aol.com), if you don't have a form.

**Jan. 14 thru May 12**

7:00 pm

## 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** JAN. 14 | FEB. 18 | MAR. 10 | APR. 14 | MAY 12  
EXCEPT FEB!

### Feb 8 Magnificat Breakfast • Our Lady of the Lake Chapter • Anjulina's 2270 Hayes Ave., Fremont

Speaker: **Fr. Andrew Wellmann** Starts 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM Cost \$18. Mail check (Magnificat) & registration to Hortensia Clevenger, 316 Wexford Dr. Huron, OH 44839 - Must be received by Jan. 31 (There is no registration at the door.)

### May-Nov Stir into Flames ROAD TRIPS

We are traveling the Diocese Stirring the Flame - Join Us!

If your prayer group has not set up a date please email us: [mccrholyspirit@gmail.com](mailto:mccrholyspirit@gmail.com)

Stir into Flame

## Diocese of Toledo Charismatic Prayer Meetings

#### MONDAY:

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

Eden at the Springs, Greensprings OH 3:00 p.m.  
 (2nd Mon.) **\*\*\*NEW TIME\*\*\***

**Judy Good** (419) 334-8145

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) 825-1589

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

#### TUESDAY:

Ottawa Areawide (chapel in Church) 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:

Light of Christ (1st & 3rd Thurs.) 10:00 a.m.  
 Marblehead, St. Joseph (parish hall)

**Elaine Burriss** burrisdeno@frontier.com (419) 734-2605

Lima, St. Gerard 7:00 p.m.  
**Jerry & Sharon Laurent** (419) 331-1763

Toledo, SS. Peter/Paul 7:30 p.m.  
**Candy Cordova** (419) 377-8053

#### FRIDAY:

Defiance St. Mary (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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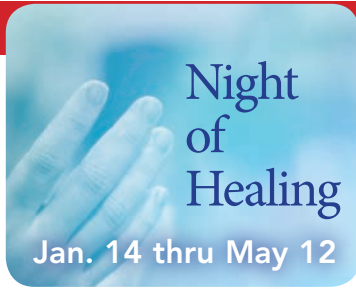
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<p><b>Swanton St. Richard's Prayer Group</b> <i>"Proclaiming His marvelous deeds"</i> Monday 7:00 p.m. <b>All are welcome</b></p>	 <p><b>Michael W Bragg</b> Attorney at Law</p>		
<p><b>SS Peter and Paul Spanish Prayer Group</b> 728 St. Clair St. Thurs., 7:30 p.m. Everybody welcome Mateo 11:28-30</p>	<p>419-252-6271 Spengler Nathanson, PLL  <b>mbragg@snlaw.com</b> 4 SeaGate, Suite 400          Toledo, Ohio 43604</p> <p><b>Business, Real Estate and End of Life documents from a Catholic Perspective</b></p>		