

*"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



In preparing to attend the **Encounter Ministries Conference** in Grand Rapids, MI, I am watching the conference they had a few years ago at Christ the King Charismatic parish in Ann Arbor, MI, the parish I was confirmed at in 2007. Very impressive and inspiring! In one video, he shared these words, which I now share with you.

*"And I have good news for you...Jesus is very close to you right now. We're in the presence of our Almighty God, and my encouragement to you is to stretch out your hands to touch him."*

To touch Him, wouldn't that be amazing. It's good to pray and think and read and talk about Him, but to touch Him. To go from faith to fact...to go from hoping to holding...that would be something worth giving everything up for, don't you think?

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## From Fr. Jim's Desk



My beloved sisters and brothers in Christ Jesus, our Lord...

Greeting to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of all creation. To Him we give all honor and glory and praise. Let us renew our Consecration and allegiance to Christ our King who brings us His kingdom of truth, light and life.

Through the anointing of His Holy Spirit we are commissioned to carry on His work of being Truth to our world today, **Truth** and reality about human relationships and identity. About the sacredness of ALL human **life** from the very moment of conception to our life's final breath and sleep in death. And the **light** of Christ, entrusted to us at our baptism. In the darkness of our times we bring this light through our witness and our practice of our faith.

I'm finding that a number of programs are being layered for the Church in these next few years, one is the

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

Change doesn't come easily. For most of us, giving things up doesn't come easily either, especially when we have (or think we have) a lot of good stuff worth holding onto. After all, we are "Adam," people of the earth, and change requires loss before gain. "Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly," writes Saint Paul. Interesting that it's not necessarily something that happens to us, it's something we do to ourselves. So why would we intentionally put something inside of us to death?

Saul of Tarsus had many religious & social advantages. He was born to the right people "a member of the people of Israel...a Hebrew born of Hebrews." He was also a Roman citizen, with all of its privileges. He had the right religious ceremony of initiation, "circumcised on the eighth day." He had the right religious education and religious standing in society, "a Pharisee." He even opposed the right people (so he thought), "a persecutor of the Church." If anyone was on the right path, it was him, "as to righteousness under the law, blameless."

Still with all of these advantages, he writes: "Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord" (Phil.3:7-8a).

Some of you are starting **New Leaven**. Most of you are hearing about this for the first time, so let me explain. New Leaven is a discipleship program made for people baptized in the Holy Spirit. It entails a small group sharing food, having a time for worship, a teaching, and a time to share, but it's all in service to foster a change the Lord is calling us to, and then to actually start doing it. It may be small or big, but after prayer and discernment and the encouragement of the group, we do it. We don't just talk about it. Jesus says as much as he finished His Sermon on the Mount..."Everyone therefore who hears these words

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of mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man, who built his house on a rock." Mt.7:24 And Saint James confirms this in his letter, "But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror;

for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like." James 1:22-24

Let us all make the changes He wants, so we can say with Saint Paul: "For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead." Phil 3:7-11

New Leaven is a great tool to use to help discern and make changes that bring us closer to the Lord, but whatever inspires you to change, do it. Whatever He wants you to give up or add or do differently will be worth it, for as we respond to His Word, we begin to touch Him, to hold Him, to live the life that is truly life. Beloved MCCR, we are called to be His men and women, His saints, His body. Let us continue to pursue the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus...so that somehow we may attain the resurrection from the dead!

Have a blessed Advent in preparation for Christmas,  
David Ordorica

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

study of the Eucharist formulated by the Bishops of our country that will have three phases over a number of years, 2021, 22 and 23. The first phase has already begun. The next is for parishes and peoples, and that is where you and I come in. The final stage is a national celebration.

The second endeavor is the worldwide Synod called by Pope Francis. It too is in its early time of development and is being staged in a multi-year project from 2022-2024, on several platforms: parish, diocesan and universal.

Imagine being able to witness your testimony of faith to the Pope. That is what synods are about. You will be hearing more about "synodality" in the near future. In our diocese Mrs. Pat Odey Murray has been designated by Bishop Thomas to be the Lead Agent for us in this project. [synodality@toledodiocese.org](mailto:synodality@toledodiocese.org). You can also access more about Synodality by connecting to [www.reconnecttoledo.org/synod](http://www.reconnecttoledo.org/synod).

We are preparing to begin the new Church liturgical year of grace in this season of Advent. "Prepare ye the way of the Lord..." not only for the Christmas celebration but also and most especially for His Second Coming at the end of time and also for his personal coming to our own lives.

By celebrating the Christmas story again, we learn how to prepare for God's surprising entrance into our humanity and into our own lives. It is not what we expect. Many, who should have known and been ready, missed him altogether, while those who had simple faith and were eagerly waiting, experienced the wonderful event in Bethlehem.

Seasons Greetings to all of you for this blessed time of year. I do not use the 'season greetings' as the secular world does, but rather as the multiple seasons of grace that the church celebrates: Advent, Christmas and Epiphany.

May your New Year be joyful and holy as well.

I love you all,  
Fr. Jim Brown

## Coming Events 2021- 2022

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**Dec 14 | Jan 11 | Feb 8**  
7:00 pm 3 LOCATIONS

## Night of Healing

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**DEC. 14** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

### St. Joseph Church

822 Barclay St., Marblehead, OH 43440

**JAN. 11** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

### St. Jerome Church

300 Warner St., Walbridge, OH 43465

**FEB. 8** 7:00 - 8:30 pm

### St. Richard Church

333 Brookside Dr, Swanton, OH 43558

**Have a Blessed Advent and Celebration of our Lord's birth at Christmas and a holy New Year!**



**Dec 27-29-2021 ENCOUNTER CONFERENCE 2021**  
Grand Rapids, MI <https://encounterministries.us/conference/>

### Jan 14-16-2022 Women's Winter Retreat

**Presenter: Fr. Michael Voithofer** Reserve your spot for this retreat, limited to 40 overnight reservations. You can also attend as a commuter. Our presenter will be Fr. Michael Voithofer, the spiritual director of the Magnificat Chapter in Omaha. He has appeared on EWTN and is the founder of Ablaze, a ministry dedicated to building up and strengthening the Culture of Pentecost within the Church. **Registration information can be found at this link:** <https://huronmagnificat.weebly.com/winter-retreat.html>



**Feb 12 Magnificat Breakfast** • Our Lady of the Lake Chapter • New Location: Blue Ribbon Catering, 1023 Main St., Huron, OH 44839  
*Speaker: Sheila Hershiser Starts 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM* Cost \$20. Mail check (Magnificat) & registration to Hortensia Clevenger, 316 Wexford Dr. Huron, OH 44839 - Must be received by Feb. 4 (There is no registration at the door.)  
**Online registration** is \$22, see link: <https://huronmagnificat.weebly.com/next-magnificat-meal.html>

## 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 (in MCCR chapel) 1:30 p.m.  
St. Jerome Walbridge, OH (chapel in Parish Life Center)  
**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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**Bernie Schnipke** (419) 303-0555

Findlay, St. Michael  
**Barb & Ron Kuhlman** (419) 365-5545

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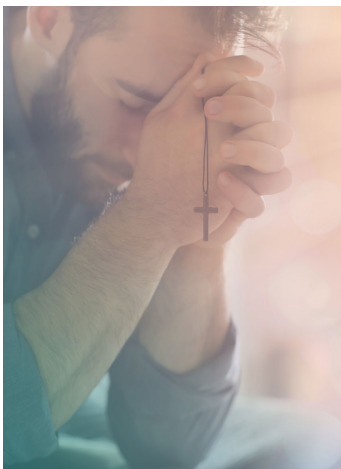
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**SS Peter and Paul Spanish Prayer Group**

**728 St. Clair St.**  
**Thurs., 7:00 p.m.**  
Everybody welcome  
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