

Pastor's Corner...

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Stewardship Sunday: This Sunday, we observe our annual "Stewardship Sunday." During this weekend, we call to mind the privilege it is to serve the Lord through the generous giving of our time, talent, and treasure. At the end of all Masses, we will hear from the chair of our Finance Council, Dr. Tom Fitzsimmons.

This week, all registered members of the parish will receive a mailing which documents your giving to parish stewardship over the first three quarters of this year. You will also receive a copy of our annual report. In addition, I will be asking those with no record of giving to please consider some regular contribution to the parish offertory. And, I will be asking our regular givers to prayerfully consider a 5% increase to your offertory gift.

Finally, the mailing will include a pledge card. As always, all parishioners can contribute electronically and this gift amount can be changed at any time by calling the parish office or simply filling out the form that will be included in the mailing.

I want to thank all of our generous and faithful parishioners without whom we could not accomplish our mission. This year, it is my prayer to be able to add a full-time employee for the purpose of strengthening marriage and family life, serving our youth and young adults, assisting with faith formation opportunities for adults, and overseeing our current formation programs (Confirmation, RCIA, CCD, etc.). This position is long overdue! Your increased gift will help to make this position possible.

Restoration Update: Thanks to all who continue to make payments on your pledge to the Capital Campaign "To Restore All Things in Christ: Restoring Our Church and Renewing Our Parish." If all works out well, we will be moving out of the church after Easter and returning, God-willing, by Christmas 2016. We plan to have Mass in the Annex during our time of restoration. There are many variables that will affect this timing. Your continued regular and generous payments toward your pledge will be a great way to help us to complete our project on schedule.

In Christ, Fr. Wilson



Mass Intentions for the Week of October 18th

Table with 2 columns: Day and Time. Includes entries for Tuesday (St. Paul of the Cross, Priest), Wednesday (Weekday), Thursday (St. John Paul II, Pope), Friday (St. John of Capistrano, Priest), Saturday (St. Anthony Mary Claret, Bishop), and Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Week of October 18th

Table with 2 columns: Time and Ministers. Includes entries for Daily Mass Schedule (6:15 p.m. Tuesday, 8:15 a.m. Wednesday, 8:15 a.m. Thursday, 8:30 a.m. Friday) and Sunday Vigil Mass (Saturday, October 24th).

Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

Table with 2 columns: Mass Time and Ministers. Includes entries for Sunday Vigil Mass (Saturday, October 24th), Sunday, October 25th (8:00 A.M. and 10:30 A.M.).

Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for Alan Hall, Tom Snider, Natalie Yost Prescott, Jackson Prescott, John Debevoise, Mary Stevens, Karen Godwin, Peggy Rodgers, Don Barber, Philly Dolen, Pat Molnar, Shawn Miller, Fran Williams, Joseph Williams, Irma DeVault, John Vescio, Eileen Gray, Debbie Ridenour, Bettie Wolfinger, Barb Sullivan, Marsha Linden, Tony Montagnese, Jim Lannan, Mary Ann Walters, Michelle Darkes, Joe Brown, Jeff Erhard, Lisa Fleming, Karen Addy, Lou Ann Fleming, Erin Selfe, and for those who are homebound or in healthcare facilities.

**Next Weekend's Scripture**

**October 25th**

**30th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

1st Reading: Jeremiah 31:7-9

*"The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy"*

Responsorial Psalm: 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6

2nd Reading: Hebrews 5:1-6

Gospel: Mark 10:46-52

*This week, we pray Liturgy of the Hours*

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**Our Stewardship Collection**

**October 11th**

Budgeted per Week	\$	<b>11,170.80</b>
Offertory (170 envelopes)	\$	6,941.75
Loose Cash	\$	465.84
Average Auto Withdrawal (105 households – average weekly giving)	\$	3,141.77
Total	\$	10,549.36
<b>Deficit</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	<b>621.44</b>
Year to Date Offertory Budget	\$	178,732.80
Year to Date Actual Offerings	\$	166,763.75
<b>Year to Date Deficit</b>	<b>(\$)</b>	<b>11,969.05</b>
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	\$	11,675.19
Centennial Building Loan Balance	\$	1,926,252.18
Total Church Restoration Funds Collected	\$	354,887.92

*Good stewards must not argue about who is the most important. Today's Gospel says clearly that those who aspire to greatness must humbly serve the needs of all. Even Jesus came not to be served, but to serve.*

**Our Parish & School Events**

**Blessed Sacrament School Art Program** is selling "Bouquet-A-Month" coupons for Linnet's Flowers on The Square (30 N. Park Place, Newark). Purchase coupons in the school office for \$25.00/each which entitles you to pick up one bouquet each month for a year, beginning in October. Each month Linnet's Flowers on The Square is willing to provide an upgrade bouquet for \$5.00/including tax. Coupon holders have a one-time option to buy 1/2 dozen roses, get 1/2 dozen free (not valid during February). Coupon holders can receive 20% off one time on an in-stock purchase. For more information, call the school office at 740-345-4125.



**Parish Prayerline**

*The entire parish is requested to pray:*

**The Vatican Intentions for the month of October**

- **Universal:** That human trafficking, the modern form of slavery, may be eradicated.
- **Evangelization:** That with a missionary spirit the Christian communities of Asia may announce the Gospel to those who are still awaiting it.
- **Father Wilson's Intention:** That all baptized children of the parish would practice their faith, including attending Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.



Our parish **Book of Remembrance** is in the back of the church through Monday, November 2nd so that you may add the names of all Souls for whom you wish to have prayers offered. All names included in the Book of Remembrance will be prayed collectively in the Prayers of the Faithful during the **All Souls Mass of Remembrance on Monday, November 2nd at 7:00 p.m.** All are invited to attend this Mass and light refreshments will follow Mass in the Marian Room. *Let us continue to pray for the souls in Purgatory who, through the prayers of the whole Church, will one day be joined in Heaven with our Lord and all His Saints in Glory.*



*This Week*



**SVdP Collection**

- Sun., Oct. 18** 7:30 a.m. Rosary  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
**8:00 a.m. Confirmation Prep Class attend 10:30 a.m. Mass together**  
9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library  
9:00 a.m. CCD Classes  
10:30 a.m. Mass
- Mon., Oct. 19** 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 8:00 p.m. – *Church*  
**6:00 p.m. Lector Refresher Training – Church**  
**7:00 p.m. EM Refresher Training – Church**
- Tues., Oct. 20** 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m. – *Church*  
5:30 p.m. Reconciliation  
6:15 p.m. Mass  
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
- Wed., Oct. 21** 8:15 a.m. Mass  
9:00 a.m. Adoration until midnight – *Church*  
7:00 p.m. Restoration Committee Meeting – Marian Room
- Thurs., Oct. 22** 8:00 a.m. NC Retreat – Annex  
8:15 a.m. Mass  
1:30 p.m. BSS Exposition, Glorious Mysteries, Benediction  
6:30 p.m. ALPHA Team Meeting – Cafe
- Fri., Oct. 23** 8:30 a.m. Mass
- Sat., Oct. 24** 7:00 a.m. **"That Man Is You!" – Shepherd Hall**  
4:00 p.m. Reconciliation  
5:00 p.m. Mass  
**HNS Coffee & Donuts – Shepherd Hall**
- Sun., Oct. 25** 7:30 a.m. Rosary  
8:00 a.m. Mass  
**8:00 a.m. Confirmation Prep Class attend 10:30 a.m. Mass together**  
9:00 a.m. RCIA – Library  
9:00 a.m. CCD Classes  
10:30 a.m. Mass







**Bethesda Post-Abortion Healing Ministry**

“How long does it take to be healed?” “I have been to confession. I have prayed. I have tried to forget.” One can only grieve what one deeply loves. The residual effect of abortion lingers. There is hope, there is life after abortion. Bethesda Healing Ministry offers an open invitation to you to join us that you might experience the peace and hope that can be yours. There is a light in the window and welcome in the hearts of those who look forward to meeting you. Please contact us on BHM confidential phone lines at 614-309-0157 or 614-309-2651.

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**Fr. Pat Toner is hosting a trip next year to Ireland** from March 1st-11th. For a brochure, email [PatrickToner00@gmail.com](mailto:PatrickToner00@gmail.com). Information, meeting and slides will be hosted at Panera, Perimeter Loop, Dublin, on Thursday, November 12th at 6:30 p.m. Ireland is a wonderful experience you will never forget.

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**The Sacred Heart devotion** is rooted in the person of Our Lord Jesus Christ. In the account of the Last Supper St. John decides to remain at the event and draw close to the chest of the Savior, thus remaining close to the Heart of Jesus rather than being preoccupied with the events unfolding around him. In the example of John we see the importance of being rooted in an awareness of the presence of Christ, most notably signified by His heart, in our daily lives. We cannot serve one whom we do not love and we cannot love one whom we do not know. Enthroning Our Lord’s Sacred Heart in your life, in your home, and in your family is a great step towards coming to know, to love and to serve Jesus Christ.

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**The sacred remains of St. Maria Goretti, Patroness of Virtue and of Mercy, will be at St. Joseph Cathedral** (212 E Broad Street, Columbus) **on Wednesday, October 21st, from 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m., with a special Memorial Mass celebrated at 7:00 p.m.** This is a first-of-a-kind visit of her remains to the US and is coordinated with the Holy See’s Congregation for the Causes of Saints and the Treasures of the Church, and is part of a national Pilgrimage of Mercy in preparation for the Extraordinary Year of Mercy, which officially begins December 8th. All who wish to venerate her sacred remains are invited. For information about St. Maria Goretti, the importance of this opportunity, and this national Pilgrimage of Mercy, visit [www.MariaGoretti.com](http://www.MariaGoretti.com). Please note there are no “reservations” associated with this one-day opportunity – the faithful are invited equally to St. Joseph Cathedral for prayer and veneration of the sacred remains. It is suggested that you carpool, and make use of public parking facilities adjacent to the Cathedral; handicapped access to the Cathedral is available via elevator located on the west (courtyard) side of the Cathedral.

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**Our Lady of Consolation Shrine, Carey, Ohio,** will offer a Mass for Victims of Cancer, their family, friends and caregivers on Friday, October 23rd at 7:00 p.m. We welcome all to come and pray together. Following Mass, visitors are invited to participate in special prayers for healing. The Shrine Gift Shop will be open until 7:00 p.m.

**The Fourth Annual Sacred Heart Congress is Saturday, October 31st** at St. Catharine of Siena Church, 500 S. Gould Road, Columbus. The day includes; Mass, featured speakers; Gloria Anson, President of the Sacred Heart Apostolate, Inc., Fr. Stash Daily and Fr. Daniel Dury, both Priests of the Columbus Diocese; Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. Registration is 7:00 a.m. and the Conference begins at 8:00 a.m. with Mass at noon. The cost will be a freewill offering. For information or to register, go to [www.sacredheartcolumbus.org](http://www.sacredheartcolumbus.org).

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You are invited to the **2nd annual Bishop Rosecrans High School Alumni Social** at the Knights of Columbus Hall (275 Sunrise Center Drive, Zanesville) on Friday, November 27th from 6:00-10:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the door for \$10.00/each. Call Vincent Joseph, Director of Alumni and Development, at 740 452-7504, ext. 104 for information.

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**St. Matthew Hometown Bazaar**



St. Matthew School Home and School Association Annual Hometown Bazaar is Saturday, November 14th from 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. at St. Matthew School, 795 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna.

This Bazaar features handcrafted holiday and traditional decorations, woodcrafts, ceramics, fabric items, prints, floral arrangements, jewelry, wreaths, and more from over 120 vendors! Visit our Hometown Bakery for homemade treats. Our Hometown Café will satisfy your shopping cravings with snacks and lunch. We will also have a 50/50 drawing and a basket raffle!

Admission is \$3.00/adult, \$5.00/with reusable tote, children 0-10/free (sorry, no strollers). Additional parking with a free shuttle to the Bazaar is available at Gahanna Middle School South, 348 Shady Spring Drive, Gahanna. For information check out our Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/StMatthewHometownBazaar](http://www.facebook.com/StMatthewHometownBazaar).

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St. Timothy School, 1070 Thomas Lane, Columbus, is hosting a **Basketball Preview on Friday, November 6th**. Activities include: 3-on-3 basketball tournament 4th-8th grades (boys, girls divisions, separate divisions each grade); free throw competition and three point competition (boys and girls). Registration forms are at St. Timothy School [www.sttimschool.org](http://www.sttimschool.org). This competition is open to the entire Diocese and we encourage any teams and/or players to send in the registration form and fees to St. Timothy School as soon as possible. For more information, call the school office at 614-451-0739.

