

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Andrew "Drew" Wisniewski: This weekend is the last weekend for Drew in the parish. He has done an extraordinary job as a summer seminarian. During his time here, Drew has assisted at all of our Masses, visited the homebound, helped to run the Wild Goose series on the Holy Spirit, met numerous parishioners, wrote an impressive weekly bulletin article, and the list goes on. He is a fine candidate to the priesthood and his presence has been a blessing and encouragement for me. Please remember Drew in your prayers as he returns to the Pontifical College Josephinum to begin his first year of theology and to continue his discernment regarding his call to priesthood.



Mass Intentions for the Week of August 20th

- Tuesday: The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary 6:15 P.M.
Wednesday: Saint Rose of Lima, Virgin 10:00 A.M.
Thursday: Saint Bartholomew, Apostle 9:00 A.M.
Friday: Saint Louis; Saint Joseph Calasanz, Priest 9:00 A.M.
Sunday Vigil: Weekday 4:00 P.M.
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time 8:00 A.M.
Jennifer Pintz by Jim, Cathy, Natalie, Kevin & Kate Pintz 10:30 A.M.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule Week of August 20th

- Daily Mass Schedule
6:15 p.m., Tuesday, August 22nd - Judy Healy (L), Volunteers (Servers)
10:00 a.m., Wednesday, August 23rd - Assigned (L), Assigned (Servers)
9:00 a.m., Thursday, August 24th - Don Montell (L), Assigned (Servers)
9:00 a.m., Friday, August 25th - Yvonne King (L), Assigned (Servers)
Sunday Vigil Mass, August 26th 5:00 P.M.
Sunday, August 27th 8:00 A.M.
10:30 A.M.
Sara Moore, Drew Caton, Lacey Holman, Violet Caton

Sunday Lector & Eucharistic Ministers Schedule

- Sunday Vigil Mass, August 26th 4:00 P.M.
Sunday, August 27th 8:00 A.M.
10:30 A.M.
Cliff Bigler, James Burger (L), Deacon Patrick, Mike Clark, Michelle Cleland, Maria Bigler, Chris Grieb (EM)

Rectory Update: Some of you may have heard that we began a summer monastery at Blessed Sacrament rectory. The rumors were true. When Fr. Dave Sizemore, the new pastor of St. Francis de Sales Church, began his assignment this July, he moved into Blessed Sacrament rectory with the summer seminarian at St. Francis. For several weeks in July, I hosted three guests in the rectory. The reason why Fr. Dave moved in is that a building review of the St. Francis rectory indicated that it was not safe for habitation (due to wiring concerns). Since arriving, and after consulting with his parish, Fr. Dave has decided to renovate his rectory. He will be our guest for the duration of the St. Francis rectory renovation. I am very grateful that we renovated the upstairs of the rectory, so we as a parish were able to offer our guests comfortable accommodations in three newly renovated rooms. When Fr. Dave finishes his rectory renovation, I plan on starting the downstairs renovation of the Blessed Sacrament rectory. During that time, I will move in to the St. Francis rectory.

Financial Peace University: This weekend, we will be announcing a new program that will begin in September and be run on Sunday evenings this fall. The program, Financial Peace University, is a tested and biblically based program to help families work on proper budgeting. I have sensed the need for this for some time and I hope that many of our families will participate as a way of learning new budgeting tools that will help to reduce the stress associated with finances. I am very grateful for Dan and Carol Steele, who will be driving up from Lancaster to run the program for us. Please consider this great opportunity!

First Day of School: This week, we begin another school year! I am looking forward to our first day of classes on Wednesday, August 23rd. Our first school Mass will be on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m. (the usual 9:00 a.m. Mass will be moved to 10:00 a.m. for the first day). Welcome to our new students and welcome back to all of our returning students!

Festival Time! Our Festival will be on August 26th, from 5:00-11:00 p.m. A reminder that our Saturday Mass time will be moved on the Festival day to 4:00 p.m. Plan on attending and bring your friends and family!

Sunday Mass times: A reminder that our new schedule for Sunday Masses will begin on September 16-17. Our Masses will be Saturdays at 5:00 p.m., Sundays at 8:00 a.m., 10:45 a.m., and 5:00 p.m.

In Christ, Fr. Wilson



Remember in your prayers all parishioners who are ill or injured, especially for *Charlotte Walker, Connie Donaker, Don DeVault, Marjeanne McDonnell, Tony Sharp, Nick Duffy, Brian Hayes, Charles Bruah, Barb Rue, Ed Moats, Jan Rengert, Renee McCann, Lucy Lopez, Donald Bexstead, Mark Spinazzola, John Deering, Nancy Young, Michelle Darkes, Eileen Gray, Debbie Ridenour, Mingo O'Rourke, Karen Addy*, and for those who are homebound or in healthcare facilities.

Our love, prayers, and sympathy for the family and friends of Margaret Campolo. May she rest in the arms of Our Risen Savior.

Next Week's Scripture

August 27, 2017

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

"Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands"

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

2nd Reading: Romans 11:33-36

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

*This week, we pray Liturgy of the Hours
Seasonal Proper IV.*



Our Stewardship Collection

August 6, 2017

New Fiscal Year Budget per Week	\$	12,199.38
Offertory (179 envelopes)	\$	9,063.75
Average Auto Withdrawal (111 households)	\$	3,627.76
Loose Cash	\$	292.25
Total	\$	13,113.76
Latin America Collection	\$	251.00

August 13, 2017

Budget per Week	\$	12,199.38
Offertory (165 envelopes)	\$	6,259.75
Average Auto Withdrawal (111 households)	\$	3,627.76
Loose Cash	\$	475.82
Total	\$	10,363.33
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Year to Date Offertory Budget	\$	85,395.66
Year to Date Actual Offerings	\$	75,977.96
Trinity Dome Collection	\$	646.00
YTD Centennial Building Fund Collection	\$	5,028.05
Centennial Building Loan Balance	\$	1,690,533.24
YTD Church Restoration Collection	\$	27,974.31
Church Restoration Loan Balance	\$	176,238.90

In today's reading, St. Paul reminds the Romans – and us – that all things come from God: "For from Him and through Him and for Him all things are." Good stewards understand that all is a gift and share generously the gifts of time, talent, and treasure with which they've been blessed.

See Romans 11:36

Going on vacation this summer? *Don't forget* to use your **Vacation Make-Up envelopes**, so you don't miss out on giving the gift of stewardship while you are away!

Let us pray for those in the military on active duty and overseas:

Douglas Chacey, Air Force	Nathan Hall, Navy
Lucas Chacey, Air Force	Chase Meldau, Marines
Edward Wilson, Navy	Brandon Medley, Army
Joshua P. Brown, Air Force	Bob Yanka, Army
Foxx Schneider, Marines	Jayden Kelley, Navy
Catherine Wagner, Air Force	
Rudy Snider, Air Force Academy	
Christopher Severino, Air Force	
Connor Severino, Air Force Academy	
David L. L'Esperance, Army	

If you wish to submit names for this list, please call the parish office at 740-345-4290.

Our Parish & School Events

Parish Prayerline

The entire parish is requested to pray:

The Vatican Intentions for the month of August

- **Universal:** *That artists of our time, through their ingenuity, may help everyone discover the beauty of creation.*
- **Father Wilson's Intention:** *That all those hurt by members of the Church in any way, including clergy, would experience healing and reconciliation.*

Eucharistic Adoration –

Your Personal Relationship with Jesus!

Eucharistic Adoration is adoring and honoring the Eucharistic Presence of Christ! In a deeper sense, it involves "the contemplation of the Mystery of Christ truly present before us." Jesus waits for us in the Blessed Sacrament. Can you find an hour in *your* week to come and be in His presence? You will find peace and a renewed sense of discovery in Jesus! Check your calendar and look for an hour for Jesus. *Adoration hours: Monday, Noon-8:00 p.m.; Tuesday, 5:00-6:00 p.m.; Wednesday, 10:00 a.m.-midnight. Call Caroline Starr at 740-366-3591 to schedule your Adoration hour.*

Blessed Sacrament Festival

Join us for an evening of FUN at the Blessed Sacrament Festival on Saturday, August 26th, from 5:00-11:00 p.m. There will be live entertainment, great food, kids games, inflatables, raffles, "Chris the Balloon Guy," and much more!

We also need your help to make this year's Festival a success! We can use *donations of pop* (both cases of cans and 2 liters), prizes for the kids games and your time! If you can volunteer to help in any way, please contact Nancy Griebel, volunteer coordinator, at zrimpala@aol.com, or Courtney Baesmann, your Festival chair, at 740-641-7914. If you have a high school student in need of National Honor Society or other volunteer hours, please contact us! We can use their help, too!



Two Spiritual Resources Before I Depart

I write this final letter with a great sense of gratitude for all of the parishioners of Blessed Sacrament parish. I have been touched by the kindness, generosity, and warmth that many of you have shown to me. I am truly appreciative. So, as my time at Blessed Sacrament comes to an end, I would like to share some spiritual resources that have benefited me over the last few years. It is my most sincere hope that these will be efficacious for you and your families as you continue to be renewed in love for the Holy Spirit. Just as in life, we have times where we need to depart to a better place, job, relationship etc., so too, in the spiritual life there are points of departure whereby we can move to a new understanding of how we can know God, love God and live out our vocation. What follows are a couple of books that have made a huge impact on me.

Henri Nouwen, was a well-known writer and spiritual director. Fr. Nouwen saw the struggles that were prevalent in the generation that was coming to age in the tumultuous times of the Vietnam War and the hippy movement. His writing is still very prescient in our own time as we see many people who struggle with father wounds, loneliness, etc. Fr. Nouwen's best known book is *the Wounded Healer*; in it Father Nouwen speaks of how we address our woundedness, take those experiences and let them be a source of healing for others. One story that he recounts is that of a seminary student who was visiting a man who was facing death. The man was a farm labourer who knew nothing but the fields. The seminary student, with his best intentions tried to comfort the man and let him know that everything would be okay. However, what the seminarian failed to notice was that as the man spoke, he subtly showed that he had no human connection to come home to. The man only had the fields and the labour to look forward to. The point that Nouwen makes is that human persons long for relationships; we all want to know that someone is waiting for us. In the case of the dying man, he needed to know that even in death, someone was waiting for him!

In our day-to-day lives, most, if not all of us have felt that we have no one to come to. The reality is that many people, including devoted churchgoers struggle with great loneliness. There are a variety of reasons for these hurts, but Nouwen encourages his readers to be a source of affirmative healing for others. The Christian life is not about never suffering, really it's the contrary; our struggles allow for our victory, moreover, they allow us to bring others to victory as well. I have often found that the best way to address my times of loneliness is to spend time serving others and offering my prayers for them. The Josephinum allows its seminarians a number of opportunities to feed and spend time with the homeless. These moments have been a wonderful source of healing for me because they have gotten me further out of my comfort zone, have reminded me of my blessings, have allowed me to develop relationships with the homeless communities and have let me be [in some small way] a source of comfort for some of these folks. While I cannot relate to being homeless, the reality is that these people don't care about that; they want someone to listen and care about them. Isn't that what we all really want? So often when we feel a deep loneliness or depression, it usually begins with a sense that we are not cared about, which results in a feeling that we aren't worthy of being cared about, which just perpetuates a vicious cycle. Yet our souls are relational precisely because God is relational, thus our souls are fed by feeding others. Wallowing in self-pity gets one nowhere, while seeing our wounds and using them as a source of understanding and presence with others allows for the healing power of the Holy Spirit to flow in and through us.

Two Spiritual Resources Before I Depart

Conrad Barrs was a Dutch Catholic psychiatrist who wrote a number of books and pamphlets on affirmation. One of them is the second book that has made an impact on me. That one is *Healing the Unaffirmed*. This book addressed a condition that Dr Barrs and his colleague Anna Terruwe discovered in the late 1950's called "Emotional Deprivation Disorder." The basic thesis is that many people have never been genuinely affirmed in the humanity; they have often been told [often implicitly] that love or salvation has to be earned. Many Americans struggle with seeing themselves in economic terms, as only being good if they can be productive or useful. This mentality breeds many of our social ills (i.e. abortion, euthanasia, suicide, racial/political animosity, etc.) and is wholly contrary to the Gospel. Every human person has inestimable value; Christ showed us that time and again, such as when He confronted the Pharisees who wanted to stone the prostitute or by revealing His resurrected self to Mary Magdelene before any of the disciples.

Being a former worker in a large corporation, I had deadlines to meet, tasks to accomplish, and so on. These all affected my pay and ultimately my being considered a "good employee." Often in relationships, I felt that I had to please everyone and, in a sense, be "useful" to others in order to have their friendship and affirmation. Thinking in this way almost certainly leads to being excessively self-critical, worrying unnecessarily and not utilizing the talents and personality that our LORD has graced us with. This ultimately makes living one's vocation all but impossible, at least in terms of living it joyfully! We, as human persons, made in the relational image of God need affirmation of our dignity and value. The takeaway for me was seeing the signs a person who is not properly affirmed bears, learning how to see these in myself and most importantly, how to start recognizing the signs in others. Dr. Barrs helped further my understanding of how to meet people where they are at, and Henri Nouwen, how to see woundedness not as a shame or a pity, but as a source of healing and strength.

Again, it has been a true joy to have spent this summer with so many of you! You have all blessed me in countless ways! I can say with all sincerity that I will be returning to the Josephinum with much joy in my heart. On that note, I would love to host any parishioners who would like to attend a Mass and take a tour of the Josephinum. We have a solemn holy Hour with Lauds and Benediction beginning at 9:00 a.m. and Mass at 10:15 a.m. These are not public, but we are always able to accommodate guests. It would truly be an honour for me to host any of you! Finally, if I can be of any assistance to anyone, I am but an email away. You can reach me at andrew.wisniewski@live.com. As always, may we all be blessed in all that we do and may we use those blessings for the building up of the Kingdom.

Andrew Wisniewski

Annual Festival Raffle Tickets

Thanks to everyone who has purchased or is selling Festival raffle tickets! Tickets are \$5.00/each or a book of 6 for \$25.00. Place ticket stubs and money in the small return envelope and drop it in the weekend collection basket or at the parish/school office. The final drawing is on Saturday, August 26th. If you would like to purchase/sell tickets, or for more information, call the parish office at 740-345-4290.



Just as in Rome... As you come to church, especially during the summer months, please remember to dress modestly.



This Week

Saint Vincent de Paul Collection

Sunday, August 20

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:00 a.m. Financial Peace Presentation – Shepherd Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Mass
- 11:30 a.m. Financial Peace Presentation – Shepherd Hall

Monday, August 21

- 12:00 p.m. Adoration until 8:00 p.m.

Tuesday, August 22

- 5:00 p.m. Adoration until 6:00 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Reconciliation until 6:00 p.m.
- 6:15 p.m. Mass

Wednesday, August 23

- 10:00 a.m. Opening School Mass**
- 11:00 a.m. Adoration until 12:00 midnight

Thursday, August 24

- 9:00 a.m. Mass
- 6:30 p.m. Alpha Host/Helper Training – Cafe

Friday, August 25

- 9:00 a.m. Mass

Saturday, August 26

- 6:30 a.m. Men’s Faith Sharing Group – Conference Room
- 4:00 p.m. Mass**
- 5:00 p.m. Blessed Sacrament Festival until 11:00 p.m.**

Sunday, August 27

- 7:30 a.m. Rosary
- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 9:15 a.m. “The Wild Goose” Faith Formation – Shepherd Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Mass
- 12:00 p.m. CYSC Parent Meeting – Shepherd Hall

Praying and Caring for our Homebound or Hospitalized Parishioners

If you or a member of your family is either homebound or hospitalized, or will be in the hospital or homebound, please contact the parish office and let us know. The prayers of our parish family will be there to help them, and this will help us insure that our Clergy or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will be able to visit and bring the Lord in Holy Communion as an extension of the Holy Mass.

Safety Tip for the Week!

The St. Michael Safety and Security Committee has offered us advice on how to become more aware of our surroundings! Their tip for the week is: *Put your phone down and look around you. If you are not paying attention to your surroundings, you are easy prey for criminals!* Stay safe this week!

Eucharist



Eucharistic Ministers for the Homebound Needed!

“I was sick and you visited me.” It is a great privilege both to carry our Eucharistic Lord and to befriend our homebound parishioners who cannot attend Mass due to health problems. We have a very small team of EMs who distribute the Eucharist to the homebound. Too small. We are asking you to join the team, even if you are not now an EM who distributes the Eucharist at Mass. Also, you have the bonus of Eucharistic Adoration as you drive. If you hear the call of Jesus, “I was sick and you visited me,” please contact Ann Selby at 740-670-2792 or the parish office. We will provide needed training.

Band of Brothers

Blessed Sacrament’s “Band of Brothers” will be gathering September 5th at 7:00 p.m. in Shepherd Hall. Father Larry’s strengthening video “A 22:32 man is a man who Tithes” will be viewed. Come and join other men as they share fellowship, snacks and a good time.

Gretchen O’Neill Scholarship

Scholarships benefitting students at both Blessed Sacrament School and St. Francis de Sales School will be offered in memory of Gretchen O’Neill, a long-time educator and administrator at both schools. An account for the Gretchen O’Neill Scholarship Fund has been established at Park National Bank. Those who desire to contribute may do so at any Park National Bank branch. Further details about the scholarships will be announced soon.

Local Events of Interest

Help the Children of Mary

Have time on your hands and like to work and pray? The Sisters of the Children of Mary would love to have your help cleaning and praying – joining us in cleaning the office and eating our noon meal in monastic style (in the refectory listening to a spiritual reading) www.childrenofmary.net. Call 740-323-1977 or email childrenofmarysisters@gmail.com.

Protecting God's Children

A Protect God's Children Class will be offered at Saint Mary's in the new Saint Francis Abbey Monastery Sanctuary and Family Life Center and Gardens, 6280 Saint Mary Road, Nashport, Ohio 43830 on Saturday, September 9th, from 9:00 a.m.-noon. To register call Martha Silver at 740-607-7598 or register online at www.Virtus.org.

Engaged and Married Couples: Learn about NFP!



Married Couples who use Natural Family Planning (NFP) report many benefits including: better communication between spouses, increased patience and emotional maturity, deeper understanding of each other, and growth in respect for God's gift of fertility. Engaged and married couples are invited to learn about NFP by visiting <http://www.columbuscatholic.org/natural-family-planning> or contacting the Marriage and Family Life office at 614-241-2560.



Catholic Men's Ministry Meeting

Our next meeting is on Monday, August 28 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary Mattingly Settlement, 6280 Saint Mary Road, Nashport. We will have Eucharistic Exposition, Benediction, prayer and continue the discussion on "Into The Breach," Chapter 4, by Bishop Thomas J. Olmstead. Plus light refreshments will be served. Feel free to bring a refreshment to share. Come join us and feel the Grace of God and take it back to your family and Parish. Remember there is strength in numbers, let's see how many men we can get to answer the call of God. Bring a friend! If you have any questions, contact Dave Bonifant at 740-763-4647 or Mike Stickle at 740-258-3138.

Save the Date! Men's Silent Retreat

The Catholic Laymen's Retreat League is hosting a Men's Silent Retreat with Fr. Dave Pivonka, TOR, on Friday, September 8th-Sunday, September 10th, at the St. Therese Retreat Center, 5277 E. Broad Street, Columbus. This retreat allows men to have a relationship with the Holy Spirit. A contribution of \$150.00 covers the cost of the retreat. Make reservations now and consider bringing a friend! Contact Charles Kielkopf at 614-268-0175, or Eric Lutz at 614-949-5905. For more information, visit <http://www.retreatleague.org/retreats/event/4-silent-retreat>.

Bethesda Healing Ministry



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. We have been there and understand. Bethesda Healing Ministry confidential lines are 614-309-2651 or 614-309-0157 or visit our website at bethesdahealing.org.

Around the Diocese

Live-In at the Josephinum

The Pontifical College Josephinum is opening its campus to young men who are discerning a vocation. High School juniors and seniors, and college students are welcome to attend one of these weekends. You will experience the prayer life, academics, and communal worship of the seminarians, as well as being able to speak with them about their vocations and yours! These live-ins will be held October 19-21, 2017 and March 15-17, 2018. For more information, or to sign up, contact Fr. Baker at 614-985-2255 or by email at jsbaker16@pcj.edu.

Healing Mass and Prayer Ministry

There will be a Healing Mass with Prayer Ministry on September 10th at St. Elizabeth, 6077 Sharon Woods Boulevard, Columbus, including a Recitation of the Rosary at 2:30 p.m., Reconciliation at 3:00 p.m. and Mass at 4:00 p.m. There will be a brief explanation of the healing ministry before Mass by Fr. John Vadakkettom, CFIC, and the possibility of Anointing of the Sick following Mass.



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Catholic Men's Luncheon Club



The Catholic Men's Luncheon Club is back in session beginning Friday, September 1, 2017. Our luncheon will feature a talk by Ben Hartings of St. John Neumann Parish in Sunbury, Ohio. Please join us Friday, September 1st at St. Patrick Church, 280 N. Grant Avenue, Columbus, for Ben's talk about his book, *Return to the Altar, A Sacred Journey Through Grief and Joy*, coauthored with his wife, Lynn. Holy

Mass begins at 11:45 a.m., followed by lunch and Ben Hartings' talk until about 1:00 p.m. No reservations are necessary. \$10.00 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend! For information on Catholic Men's Luncheons, visit www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc or contact Tim Merkle, CMLC President at htm@ejhlaw.com.