

C.O.O.L. NEWS

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Monthly Newsletter



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Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Tuesday, August 15, 2023

Masses at 9:00^{AM} and 7:00^{PM}

Eucharistic Adoration At Church of Our Lady

Friday, August 4th

From 9:45^{am} 'til Noon

All other Fridays in August -

From 9:45^{am} 'til 10:30^{am}



PSR Training - Sunday, August 13, 2023



for anyone who would like to participate with the PSR program. Help is needed for the success of the 2023-24 program.

Thanks, Carolyn



Pastor/Administrator's Corner

It has been my custom over my years as a Pastor to share columns in the Sunday bulletin. There may be some weeks that there may not be a column. There may be items shared in the column that apply to both COOL and Seton and others that apply to one or the other.

Father Cyprian and I want to take this opportunity to express our deep appreciation to all at both parishes for the gracious welcome that I received at COOL and Fr. Cyprian received at Seton last weekend. Both of us are in the process of learning about both parishes and about the African Francophone Community. We realize that there is much to take in and we ask for your patience as we do so.

I realize that many have were wondering whether major changes would take place on July 11, 2023. There may be some minor changes that will be needed. We need to look at the Calendar of Events and Meeting Schedules at both parishes to determine how best we can make sure that the priest(s) can be present and involved as much as possible.

As some may have been aware, a Planning Team comprised of members from both parishes has been meeting over the past few months. The team will be hosting gatherings at both parishes to help all of us process the transition process to having two parishes but with shared clergy. One of the blessings of this past year has been the opportunity for both parishes to come together for programs such as Alpha and The Rescue Project. We may discover that there may be some activities and the like that can be shared.

I would like to share that it is of the utmost importance and an Act of Christian Charity that all of us at both parishes realize that each of our communities have their own "personality" if you will. Each has their own strengths and weaknesses, joys and sorrows, customs and practices. I ask that we all be in prayer for all at both parishes that we will be able to resist the temptations that lead to unjust condemnation, judgments, assumptions, assertions. All of us are members of the Body of Christ and the Universal Church and are sisters and brothers in Christ. We are uncertain about the future, and this may be difficult for us. This has been the experience of the Church since its inception. As people of faith and hope, together we seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit as we journey together!

God's blessings!
Fr. Leo Connolly

We welcome Fr. Leo and Fr. Cyprian to Church Of Our Lady!



FR. LEO'S FIRST MASS ON SATURDAY, JULY 15 AT 4:00^{PM}

AUGUST FEAST DAYS

August is the Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary!

August 1 - St Alphonsus Liguori, Bishop, Doctor of the Church & Feast of the Chains of St. Peter

August 2 - St. Eusebius of Vercelli, Bishop & St. Peter Julian Eymard, Priest & **Feast of Our Lady of the Angels (Portiuncula Indulgence)**

August 3 - St. Lydia & St. Nicodemus

August 4 - **FIRST FRIDAY** & St. John Vianney, Priest

August 5 - FIRST SATURDAY & Dedication of the Basilica of St. Mary Major (Our Lady of the Snows) in Rome

August 6 - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 7 - St. Sixtus II, Pope & Companions, & St. Cajetan, Priest

August 8 - St. Dominic, Priest Religious Founder

August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, Virgin, Martyr (Edith Stein) and her sister Rosa Stein

August 10 - St. Lawrence, Deacon, Martyr

August 11 - St. Clare, Virgin

August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, **Our Lady of Las Lasjas**

August 13 - St. Pontian, Pope, Martyr; St. Hippolytus, Priest & Martyr

August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest, Martyr

August 15 - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary & St. Joachim, Father of BVM

August 17 - St. Hyacinth, Priest

August 18 - St. Helena

August 19 - St. Eudes, Priest & 106th Anniversary Our Lady of Fatima #4

August 20 - St. Bernard, Abbot, Doctor of the Church

August 21 - St. Pius X, Pope

August 22 - QUEENSHIP OF MARY

August 23 - St. Rose of Lima. Virgin

August 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle

August 25 - St. Louis of France, Married Man & King & St. Joseph Calasanz, Priest, Educator

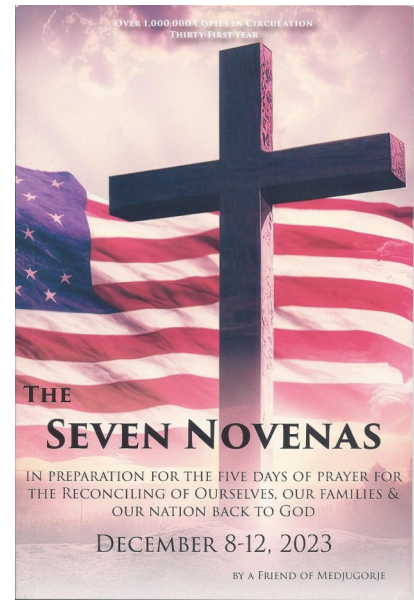
August 26 - **Our Lady of Czestochowa** & St. Caesarius of Arles, bishop & patron of the unmarried

August 27 - St. Monica

August 28 - St. Augustine, Bishop, Doctor of the Church

August 29 - Passion of St. John The Baptist

THE SEVEN NOVENAS



THE SEVEN NOVENAS FOR RECONCILING OF OURSELVES, OUR FAMILIES & OUR NATION BACK TO GOD, continue in August. Here is the outline of intentions:

1st, June 25-July 3, is for Hope.

2nd, July 25-August 2, is for Faith

3rd, August 25-September 2, is for Individual Conversions

4th, Sept 25-October 3, is for Family

5th, October 25-November 2, is for Nation

6th, Nov 5-December 3, is for Love

7th, December 4-12, is for Spiritual Healing

If you have missed the first two months, it is not too late to join! The prayers are short to make it as easy as possible to participate. **FREE** books are available on the tables in both lobbies.

PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE August 1ST & 2ND!



PORTIUNCULA INDULGENCE

AUGUST 1ST - 2ND

"BRETHREN, I WANT TO SEND
YOU ALL TO HEAVEN!"

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

**Pamphlets available
on the lobby tables.**

FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

Mary Bishel's Prayer Corner

FR. SOLANUS CASEY, CAPUCHIN
1870-1957

Father, I adore You. I give myself to You.
May I be the person You want me to be
and may Your will be done in my
life today.

Thank You for the gifts You gave to
Father Solanus. If it is Your will, glorify
him on earth so that others will carry on
his love for the poor, lonely and suffering
of our world.

In order that others will joyfully accept
Your divine plan, I ask you to hear this
prayer . . . through Jesus Christ, our
Lord. Amen.

IMPRIMATUR, John Cardinal Dearden, Archbishop of Detroit
September 7, 1978

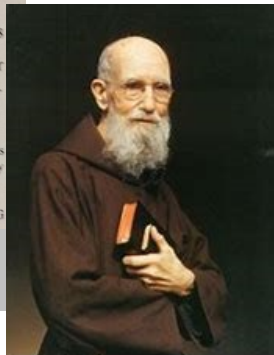
Please report any personal knowledge of Father
Solanus or favors to: Vice-Postulator; 1780 Mt.
Elliott Avenue, Detroit, Michigan 48207-3496.

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<https://www.solanuscasy.org/about-blessed-solanus-casey/>

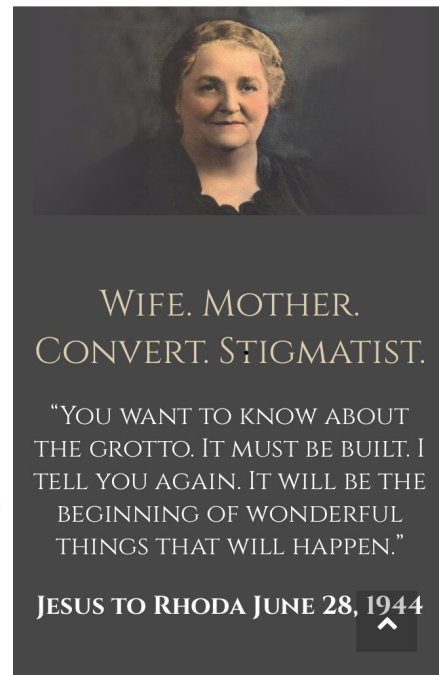
I pray for Fr. Solanus Casey's cause for sainthood because of his commitment to the poor, lonely and suffering. Please Lord give us a saint of our times to intercede for us. Give your people and the world a saint to intercede for the poor, the lonely and suffering. Honor him on Earth for the work that was done for his love of You, God Almighty, that it be continued into the future. Bring attention to the needs of so many, give them hope, the strength and courage to continue. Through his sainthood, call others who will continue on with his work; in Jesus name I pray. Amen



Rhoda Wise has also been postulated for sainthood. She lived in Canton Ohio, in a very tiny house. She was a convert to Catholicism. She herself had two miraculous healings.

Through her intercessory prayer, Rita Rizzo, (Mother Angelica of EWTN), received a miraculous healing which allowed her to enter the convent.

Go to: <https://rhodawise.com/story-of-rhoda-wise/> to learn about Rhoda's life and the events of her lifetime in Canton,



WIFE. MOTHER.
CONVERT. STIGMATIST.

"YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT THE GROTTTO. IT MUST BE BUILT. I TELL YOU AGAIN. IT WILL BE THE BEGINNING OF WONDERFUL THINGS THAT WILL HAPPEN."

JESUS TO RHODA JUNE 28, 1944

A PRAYER FOR CANCER VICTIMS AND THEIR TREATMENT

May the mixture of the Precious Blood and Holy Healing Balm enter into each of them to heal, mend, repair, correct, cure or correct anything it encounters, known or unknown. Be it mentally, physically, emotionally, psychologically or spiritually. God knows their needs. May it be done in His Holy Name.

Breast cancer, all cancer can be so scary. You don't know when or if it will come back. My breast cancer was returning yearly until my double mastectomy; my maternal aunt's breast cancer came back after 40 years. I lift up all with breast cancer or any cancer to the Lord. For healing from the trauma it causes in

addition to the cancer itself. For the peace, strength and courage to go on in their journey of life. May God heal them all. May St. Anthony light the path for cures. I ask Rhoda Wise and St. Peregrine to intercede. (Rhoda Wise had cancer that wouldn't go away). May they along with St Therese, The Little Flower, bring miraculous healings in the Name of Jesus.

May St. Therese send a rose to each to make them aware of the miraculous healings, in the name of God, Our Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. In the Holy Trinity I trust. All thanks, praise and glory be to God for all that You do for us, known and unknown Amen.

Blessings upon all of you and those in your hearts.
Please join your prayers with mine, Mary Bishel.

SOUND OF FREEDOM - Movie Review

On July 4, I saw the movie "Sound of Freedom". This movie is based on a true story of two young children rescued from child trafficking. It hit home to me how many are not free! I DO RECOMMEND THIS MOVIE. It is not graphic about what is being done to these victims; but it does make you aware of its prevalence, especially here in America! Our American children are captured and sent to other countries. Foreign children are brought here. One in ten children are affected.

The wife of the agent, Tim, who felt a calling to rescue these children was interviewed. She was asked how could she send her husband on these dangerous missions: her response was that she did so for the fear of losing the salvation of her own soul.

The actor who played her husband in the movie did an excellent performance. Previously, he played Jesus Christ in the movie "The Passion". Please pray for human trafficking to end.

I have heard in the news that pedophiles' are just people attracted to the young, not sick individuals committing illegal and perverted acts. Please pray against the sexual perversions that are growing in this country. Pray for America to return to One Nation Under God.

Prayer for the End of Slavery

Loving Father, we seek Your Divine protection for all who are exploited and enslaved.

For those forced into labor, trafficked into sexual slavery, and denied freedom.

We beseech you to release them from their chains.

Grant them protection, safety, and empowerment.

Restore their dignity and provide them a new beginning.

Show us how we might end exploitation by addressing its causes.

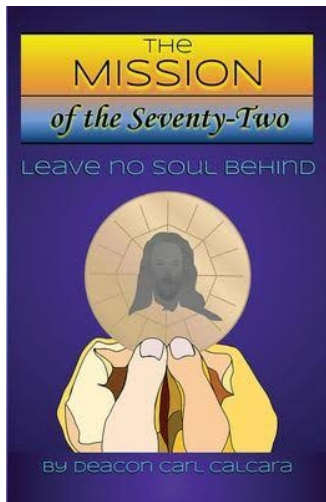
Help us reach out in support of victims and survivors of human trafficking.

Make us instruments of Your Spirit for their liberation.

For this we pray through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen

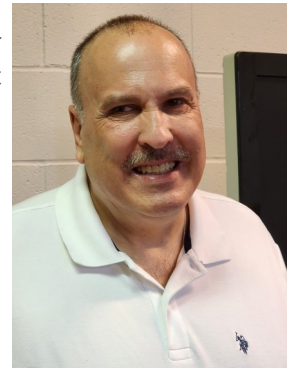
(From USCCB handout for [World Day of Peace 2015](#))

Blessings, Mary Bishel



Men of the Medal - July Meeting

Deacon Carl Calcara of St John Neumann Parish in Sunbury was the speaker at the Men of the Medal Prayer Group's last meeting. Deacon Carl is the author of the book *"The Mission of the Seventy Two"*, which is a plan to reach out to inactive Catholics. He explained how the Lord gave him this mission and the process of "figuring it all out" while in Adoration. The book has a detailed outreach plan to attract parishioners who are no longer active or attending weekly Mass. Statistically, only 17% of Catholics in the U.S. attend Mass weekly. There are FREE COPIES of his book in each lobby, if you have a call to evangelize, this is a great opportunity to reach the lost sheep.



Submitted by Patrick Shroyer

August Special Election Voting on Issue 1 on August 8

• Posted: May. 31, 2023

Categories: [Current Legislation](#), [Election Issues](#), [News](#)

A special election will take place in Ohio on August 8, 2023 to vote on [Issue 1](#), which asks voters if Ohio should "Require that any proposed amendment to the Constitution of the State of Ohio receive the approval of at least 60 percent of eligible voters on the proposed amendment."

The Bishops of Ohio do not have a position on Issue 1 as it does not have moral content. However, as "responsible citizenship is a virtue, and participation in political life is a moral obligation" (Faithful Citizenship, No. 13), the bishops urge Catholics in Ohio to register and vote in the special election.
source: <https://www.ohiocathconf.org/>

Editor's Note: **Voting "yes" on Issue 1** will ensure that in order to amend the Constitution of the State of Ohio, there must be a 60% approval in order to implement changes. A "no vote" will continue to allow that a simple majority 50% +1 vote can make major changes to the Ohio Constitution.

This special election is in preparation for the November ballot.

Voting on Issue 1 on August 8 - more info

Why is the 50%+1 threshold a problem?

The 50%+1 threshold permits well-funded leftist groups like Planned Parenthood to funnel millions of dollars into Ohio and force their radical agenda items in amendments to the state constitution.

One such amendment is the Reproductive Rights Amendment for Ballot in November 2023, which was drafted by the

American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Ohio. It declares that "every individual has the right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions." The vague language applies to contraception, fertility treatment, miscarriage care and abortion, and includes children in its definition of "individual".

"This amendment is too extreme for Ohio," said Logan Church, director of CatholicVote Ohio. "As part of its unrelenting attack on parents, the ACLU's proposed amendment seeks to cut parents out of their child's most important and life-altering health decisions – including abortions and so-called sex change operations."

"On top of that, the amendment would nullify existing and future health and safety protection for women and permit abortions in Ohio through all nine months of pregnancy, well after the point at which the unborn child can feel pain," Church added.

Planned Parenthood is a sponsor of the amendment. The organization used deceptive advertising and fraudulent means of collecting signatures to get the Reproductive Rights Amendment on the Ohio ballot in 2023.

For Ohioans, voting "yes" on Issue 1 on August 8th will make it much harder for the ACLU's amendment to make it onto the ballot.

"Issue 1 must pass to defend the values of the good people of Ohio – and the American principle that our government is of the people, by the people, and for the people. The Constitution belongs to us, not to Planned Parenthood," said Brian Burch, president of CatholicVote.

source: <https://catholicvote.org/whats-at-stake-in-ohio-august-vote/>

Watch the Bishop Earl Fernandes 10-minute YouTube interview these issues: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uXnAr4xApSo>

Submitted by Tom Crosby and Rob Trufant



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

God is doing something
NEW

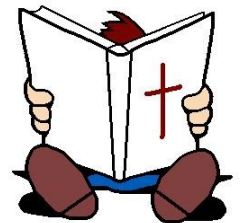
and he is calling you
to be a part of it!

Thanks to Joel Kpachavi for these great pictures from the Togolese Cultural Summer Festival held here at Our Lady!



ADULT ED. UPDATE:

Join us on selected Sundays after the 10:00am Mass for a snack and a program.



Starting in late July/early August on Wednesdays- Brant Pitre's series on the Pentateuch - this program will build on "The Old Testament" which we have just completed with the Wednesday group.

Joanne Farrell

The Eucharistic Revival at Seton and COOL!

On Wednesday, July 19, Dcn. Steve, Joanne Farrell and Elaine Sturm attended a meeting at Seton Parish which focused on plans for how we will implement the Eucharistic Revival activities in our parishes. We have a great benefit in partnering on this with Seton! Liz Christy chaired the meeting.

The USCCB is releasing a program in mid September: "Jesus in the Eucharist"; it will be a 7-week series. Seton is planning to provide this series in October until Thanksgiving.

We also discussed how we might increase Adoration opportunities in alignment with other parishes so that there are not competing events here on the east side.

We don't have a lot of details at this time but please know that activities are in the works and you will begin to see an increased focus on the Eucharist and the Mass.

Submitted by Elaine Sturm

Ready to be a part of something life-changing?

It's an exciting time to be Catholic! The National Eucharistic Revival is a movement to restore understanding and devotion to the Eucharist: the greatest gift God has ever given to humanity and the very source of our strength. Encounter the reality of the Real Presence, and fall in love with your faith like never before.

WAYS TO EXPERIENCE THE REVIVAL

- ◆ Join a Eucharistic Revival small group.
- ◆ Sign up for the *Heart of the Revival* newsletter.
- ◆ Keep an eye out for upcoming Revival events in your area.
- ◆ Explore our free library of videos on the Eucharist for information and inspiration!
- ◆ Intercede for the Revival through prayer and fasting.
- ◆ Register for the long-awaited National Eucharistic Congress.
- ◆ Learn more about the historic National Eucharistic Pilgrimage.
- ◆ Help bring the Revival to your parish!

SCAN THE CODE TO GET STARTED!

eucharisticrevival.org



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Revival**

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ,
you give us your flesh and blood for the life of the world, and you desire that all people come to the Supper of the Sacrifice of the Lamb.
Renew in your Church the truth, beauty, and goodness contained in the Most Blessed Eucharist.

Jesus living in the Eucharist, come and live in me.
Jesus healing in the Eucharist, come and heal me.
Jesus sacrificing yourself in the Eucharist, come and suffer in me.
Jesus rising in the Eucharist, come and rise to new life in me. Jesus loving in the Eucharist, come and love in me.

Lord Jesus Christ, through the paschal mystery of your death and resurrection made present in every Holy Mass, pour out your healing love on your Church and on our world.
Grant that as we lift you up during this time of Eucharistic Revival, your Holy Spirit may draw all people to join us at this Banquet of Life. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, God forever and ever.

**Our Lady of Guadalupe, Mother of the Eucharist,
Pray for us.**

Submit your article for the next C.O.O.L. NEWS to:
Editor in Chief Elaine Sturm at
cool.sturm@gmail.com

Or place your submission in the box marked "COOL NEWS" located in the sacristy

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS: August 15th

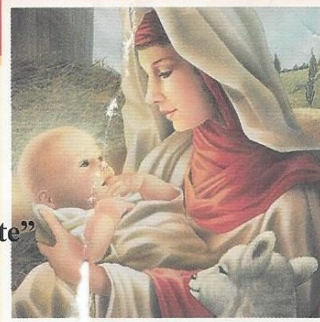
Join us on the WEB and FACEBOOK!

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CHURCHOFMADONNACOLUMBUS.ORG

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Litany of Mary U.S.A.
(for private use only)



Response: **Pray for "Name of State"**

Our Lady of the Gulf in Alabama
St. Mary of Kodiak and of the Islands in Alaska
Our Lady of the Highways in Arizona
Our Lady of the Holy Souls in Arkansas
Our Lady of the Wayside in California
Immaculate Conception in Colorado
Notre Dame of Easton in Connecticut
Our Mother of Mercy in Delaware
Our Lady of La Leche in Florida
Immaculate Heart of Mary in Georgia
Star of the Sea in Hawaii
Our Lady of Limerick in Idaho
Queen of the Universe in Illinois
Our Lady of Providence in Indiana
St. Mary of Nazareth in Iowa
Mary Queen of Angels in Kansas
Mother of God in Kentucky
Our Lady of Prompt Succor in Louisiana
Our Lady of Peace in Maine
Our Lady of the Assumption in Maryland
Our Lady of the Incarnation in Massachusetts
Gate of Heaven in Michigan
Mother of the Church in Minnesota
Our Lady of Sorrows in Mississippi
Our Lady of Calvary in Missouri
Our Lady of the Pines in Montana
Our Lady of The Presentation in Nebraska
Our Lady of Las Vegas in Nevada
Our Lady of Perpetual Help in New Hampshire
Our Lady of Fatima in New Jersey
Our Lady of Guadalupe in New Mexico
Mary Help of Christians in New York
Our Lady of the Holy Rosary in North Carolina
Our Lady of Consolation in North Dakota
St. Mary Queen of Heaven in Ohio
Queen of All Saints in Oklahoma
Our Lady of the Woods in Oregon
Our Lady of Mount Carmel in Rhode Island

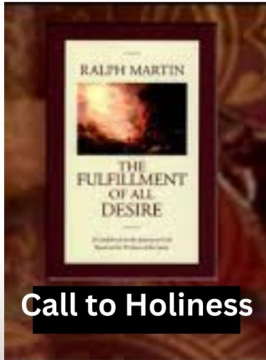
Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal in Pennsylvania.
St. Mary the Virgin Mother in South Carolina
Our Lady of the Prairie in South Dakota
Our Lady of Lourdes in Tennessee
Our Lady of the Annunciation in Texas
Our Lady of the Snows in Utah
Our Lady of Grace in Vermont
Queen of the Apostles in Virginia
Our Lady of Good Help in Washington
Our Lady of Victory in West Virginia
Queen of the Americas in Wisconsin
St. Mary in Wyoming
Our Lady of Divine Providence in Puerto Rico
Our Lady in Washington DC

Our Lady of Wisdom, Pray for our Congress
Our Mother, Pray for our President

Dear Mother Mary, this touching variety of titles shows your interest in all the States of the Union and their inhabitants according to their special needs. In it we want to tell you how much you mean to us and how close you are to us all, to our mountains and lakes, to our towns and villages, to our homes and our hearts. We sum up all your titles in one when we call you **HELP OF CHRISTIANS**, because, as by His love for all men Christ your Son makes them all Christians and brothers unto Himself, He entrusts them all to you as your children. Amen.

In 1976, the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians in West Haverstraw, New York, USA, held a "Bicentennial Religious Celebration". The following litany was composed for the occasion. "It consists of 50 invocations of Mary's help for the 50 States of the Union, each invocation being chosen from the titles of Marian Churches in that State

COMING AUGUST 26TH



Call to Holiness

FULLFILMENT

of all Desire
By Ralph Martin

BOOK STUDY

4TH SATURDAY OF MONTH
9:30-10:30 am

A NEW PROGRAM IS COMING TO COOL!

We are pleased to announce a new book study beginning at Our Lady on the 4th Saturday of the month from 9:30-10:30. The first session will be on August 26th!

It will be in person and by Zoom and is hosted by the Columbus Catholic Renewal, and is open to all.

The book we are using is Ralph Martin's "Fulfillment of all Desire"; all participants will need to purchase their copy of the book and the study guide as he frequently quotes seven doctors of the church throughout.

Submitted by Cheryl Shroyer

Knight's News



2023 - 2024 Football Frenzy will be coming in September! Stay tuned!

Many "Thanks" to Our Lady's Prayer Warriors!

1st The 36-day Novena Prayer for Church of Our Lady

I would like to thank all of you who prayed the 36day novena from June 4-July10. I know our prayers were heard. Some of you are continuing to pray; we know that all prayers are received. I

do believe that God will answer in His time. I don't know how many of you remember that old TV show "Father Knows Best"; God the Father really does know best and He will answer in His perfect time.

2nd Special Rosary Rally on Saturday, July 15

I want to thank all who came early for Mass to participate in the Rosary Rally on July 15 at Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal and especially those who came just to say the Rosary with us.

I united all those who prayed elsewhere with our prayers. Judging by the number of the prayer cards missing from the lobbies, many prayers were sent up. We know God hears them all.

I would like to add that America Needs Fatima has asked us to add "**Prayers for those who have no one to pray for them**" to our Rosary intentions. This was done at the rally. Please add them to your intentions when you pray. We also added prayers for Church of Our Lady to the intentions.

Again I want to thank all of you who participated in the Fatima Rosary Rally. Blessings upon all of you.

Mary Bishel

RCIA 2023 - 2024 UPDATE

As fall approaches we begin to plan for our RCIA program kick-off. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to refresh their knowledge of our Catholic Faith and to grow in wisdom and understanding of Christ's Mystery of the Church. The 2023-24 sessions begin in September. We will be once again using the

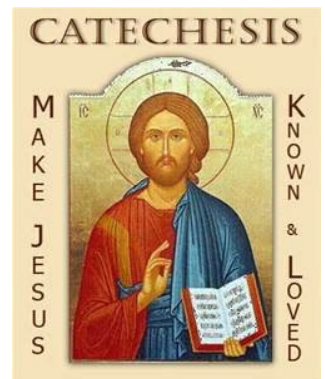
Symbolon program to review the basics of Catholic teaching along with additional materials to cover Church history and other important aspects of our Catholic Tradition.

Sign-up sheets are available in both lobbies. You will also find an outline of the topics covered and the tentative schedule; it will be finalized as we get closer to September. There is no cost for attending this program, so don't let this be an obstacle to you.

I'm borrowing a quote from George Medary as he promotes the Men's Conference every year, "Here I am again inviting you to attend this conference. You won't regret it!" I am inviting you to sign up for some or all of our sessions, "You won't regret it!"

I am also looking for persons who would be interested in acting as sponsor for our catechumens/candidates. This year especially we have need of sponsors who are Spanish and English speaking. Please consider. Thank you so much, and God bless!

Elaine Sturm, Catechist



What is The Year of Jubilee? (Hebrew)

According to the legislation contained in Leviticus, a Jubilee Year is the year that follows immediately after the seven successive Sabbatic years (*the Sabbatic year was the seventh year of a seven-year cycle*). Accordingly, the Jubilee Year takes place at the end of seven times seven years, i.e. at the end of every forty-nine years, or the fiftieth. Hence, the institution of the Jubilee-Year system is but an extension or the working out of the Sabbatic-year legislation, viz. that as at the end of every six years there succeeds a Sabbatic year, so at the end of the seventh Sabbatic year (the 49th year), there succeeds a Jubilee Year.

The term Jubilee Year (Vulgate annus Jubilei, or Jubileus) is of Hebrew origin, the etymological meaning of which is, in all probability, "ram", which metonymically (In *metonymy*, a word that is associated with something is used to refer to that thing, as when *crown* is used to mean "king" or "queen,") stands for "the horn of a ram". Thus the name "the year of the blowing of the ram's horn" exactly corresponds to "the day of the blowing of the horn", or the "feast of the new year", and it was, like the latter, announced to the people by the blowing of the horn. In Ezekiel (46:17) the Jubilee Year is called "the year of release".

The legislation concerning the year of Jubilee is found in Leviticus, 25:8-54, and 27:16-24. It contains three main enactments:

- rest of the soil;
- reversion of landed property to its original owner, who had been driven by poverty to sell it; and
- the freeing, or manumission, of those Israelites who, through poverty or otherwise, had become the slaves of their brethren.

The first enactment (contained in Leviticus 25:11-12) enjoins that as in the case of each Sabbatic (7th) year, so in each Jubilee Year the soil is to be at rest, and that there is to be no tillage nor harvest, but that what the land produces spontaneously and of its own accord is free to be utilized by all Israelites, including, of course, the landlord himself, but only for their own actual and immediate use and maintenance, and, consequently, not to be stored by anyone for any other time or purpose. The object of this law, as well as of the two following, is most commendable, as by it the poor and all those who, mainly on account of poverty, do not actually own any land, are hereby provided for, not only for a whole year every seven years, but also in every fiftieth year.



The second enactment, contained in Leviticus, 25:13-34, and 27:16-24, enjoins that any owner of

landed property, who, for reason of poverty or otherwise, has been compelled to part with his land, has the right to receive his property back free in the Jubilee Year, or to redeem it even before the Jubilee Year, if either his own financial circumstances have improved, or if his next of kin will redeem it for him by paying back according to the price which regulated the purchase. Hence, among the ancient Hebrews, the transfer of property was not, properly speaking, the sale of the land but of its produce for a certain number of years, and the price was fixed according to the number of years which intervened between the year of the sale and that of the next Year of Jubilee.

Accordingly, the right of possession of real estate was inalienable. [Whether a landowner was ever allowed to part permanently with his property for speculation, or for any purpose other than poverty, is not explicitly stated, although according to later rabbinical interpretation, this was considered as legally unlawful.] Real estate in walled towns was made an exception to this law. An owner who had sold was permitted to redeem his property provided he did so within a year, but not afterwards. Levitical cities, on the other hand, as well as all the property in them, came under the provisions of the general law, reverting back to their original owners in the Year of Jubilee. Land in the suburbs of such cities could not be disposed of, or traded with in any manner. In case a man dedicated property to the Lord, he was permitted to redeem it, provided he added to it one-fifth of its value as reckoned by the number of crops it would produce before the Year of Jubilee, and provided, also, he redeemed it before that period. If not reclaimed then or before that period it was understood to be dedicated forever. The details of these exchanges of property probably varied at different times. Josephus informs us that the temporary proprietor of a piece of land made a settlement with its owner at the Year of Jubilee on the following terms: after making a statement of the value of the crops he had obtained from the land, and of what he had expended upon it, if his receipts exceeded the expenses, the owner got nothing; but if the reverse was true, the latter was expected to make good the loss.

The third enactment (contained in

Leviticus 25:39-54) enjoins that all those Israelites who through poverty have sold themselves as slaves to their fellow-Israelites or to foreigners resident among them, and who, up to the time of the Jubilee Year, have neither completed their six years of servitude, nor redeemed themselves, nor been redeemed by their relatives, are to be set free in the Jubilee Year to return with their children to their family and to the patrimony of their fathers. Exception, of course, is made in the case of those slaves who refuse to become free at the expiration of the appointed six years' servitude. In this case they are allowed to become slaves forever and, in order to indicate their consent to this, they are required to submit to the boring of their ears (Exodus 21:6). This exception, of course, is in no way in contradiction with the Jubilee-Year's enactment.

The design of the Jubilee Year is that those of the people of God who, through poverty or other adverse circumstances, had forfeited their personal liberty or property to their fellow brethren, should have their debts forgiven by their co-religionists every half century, on the great day of atonement, and be restored to their families and inheritance as freely and fully as God on that very day forgave the debts of His people and restored them to perfect fellowship with Himself, so that the whole community, having forgiven each other and being forgiven by God, might return to the original order which had been disturbed in the lapse of time, and being freed from the bondage of one another, might unreservedly be the servants of Him who is their Redeemer.

The aim of the Jubilee, therefore, is to preserve unimpaired the essential character of the theocracy, to the end that there be no poor among the people of God (Deut. 15:4). Hence God, who redeemed Israel from the bondage of Egypt to be His peculiar people, and allotted to them the Promised Land, will not suffer any one to usurp his title as Lord over those whom He owns as His own. It is the idea of grace for all the suffering children of man, bringing freedom to the captive and rest to the weary as well as to the earth, which made the Year of Jubilee the symbol of the Messianic Year of grace (Isaiah 61:2), when all the conflicts in the universe shall be restored to their original harmony, and when not only we, who have the first-fruits of the Spirit, but the whole creation, which groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now, shall be restored into the glorious liberty of the sons of God (comp. Isaiah 61:1-3; Luke 4:21; Romans 8:18-23; Hebrews 4:9).

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The importance of this institution will be apparent if it is considered what moral and social advantages would accrue to the community from the sacred observance of it.

- It would prevent the accumulation of land on the part of a few to the detriment of the community at large.
- It would render it impossible for anyone to be born to absolute poverty,

since everyone had his hereditary land.

- It would preclude those inequalities which are produced by extremes of riches and poverty, and which make one man domineer over another.
- It would utterly do away with slavery.
- It would afford a fresh opportunity to those who were reduced by adverse circumstances to begin again their

career of industry, in the patrimony which they had temporarily forfeited.

- It would periodically rectify the disorders which creep into the state in the course of time, preclude the division of the people into nobles and plebeians, and preserve the theocracy inviolate.

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