

C.O.O.L. NEWS

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Monthly Newsletter



**A PRAYER TO JESUS
IN THE TABERNACLE**

O Divine Savior!
I thank Thee for having perpetuated
Thy humble,
obedient, self-sacrificing
and recollected silence of Nazareth in
the Tabernacle.
How Thy example puts me to shame!
Forgive me for my bold, self-seeking,
and superficial talkativeness.
Teach me to understand the words:
"In silence and in hope shall your
strength be." [Is. 30:15]



All Saints' Day Masses

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Wednesday, November 1st

9:00AM and 7:00PM



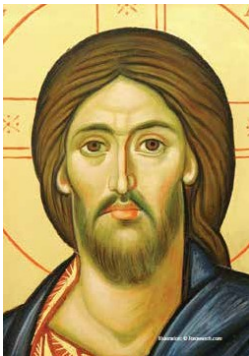
**All Souls' Day Masses
Thursday,**

November 2nd at 9:30AM

and 7:00PM is the

**Mass of Remembrance
for all those who have died
this past year.**

Prayer for Vocations

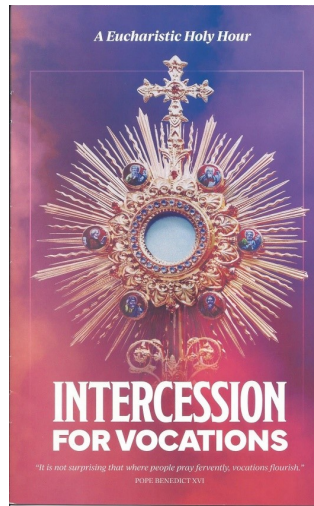


God our Father, we thank You for calling men and women to serve in Your Son's Kingdom as priests, deacons, and consecrated persons. Send your Holy Spirit to help others to respond generously and courageously to Your call. May our community of faith support vocations of sacrificial love in our youth and young adults. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Secretariat of Clergy, Consecrated Life And Vocations

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**ADORATION AT
CHURCH OF OUR LADY**

FIRST FRIDAY,

November 3:

From 10:15 to Noon

**There will be a special Holy
Hour for Vocations
beginning at 10:15^{am} until
prayers are completed!**

With Benediction

All Other Fridays:

10:15 to 11:00^{am}

National Vocation Awareness Week

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated **November 5-11, 2023**, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations.

NVAW began in 1976 when the U. S. bishops designated the 28th Sunday of the year for NVAW. In 1997, this celebration was moved to coincide with the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord, which falls on January 13 in 2013. Beginning in 2014, NVAW was moved to the first full week of November.

Source: <https://www.usccb.org/committees/clergy-consecrated-life-vocations/national-vocation-awareness-week>

Saturday evening,

November 4,

**be sure to set your clocks
BACK 1 hour as Daylight
Savings Time ends at 2^{AM}!**



Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00^{am}

Thursday, November 23

**Bring your non-perishable
goods to place on the Altar
for families in need.**

Mass at 9:00^{AM}



Happy Thanksgiving

**Feast of Our Lady
Of The Miraculous Medal**

Monday, November 27, 2023

Fr. Cyprian will say Mass at 9:30AM



Feast Days in November 2023

November is the Month of the Holy Souls!

Wednesday, November 1 - All Saints' Day

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION - Masses 9:00^{am} & 7:00^{pm}

Thursday, November 2 - All Souls' Day

November 3 - St. Martin de Porres & First Friday - **ADORATION**

November 4 - St. Charles Borromeo & First Saturday

November 5 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS!

November 5 - 11 National Vocational Awareness Week

November 7 **Election Day**

November 9 - Dedication of the Lateran Basilica in Rome

November 10 - St. Leo the Great, Pope & Doctor of the Church

November 11 - St. Martin of Tours, Bishop also (**Veterans' Day**)

November 12 - St. Josaphat, Bishop, Martyr

November 13 - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin

November 15 - St. Albert the Great, Bishop & Doctor of the Church

November 16 - St. Margaret of Scotland also St. Gertrude

November 17 - St. Elizabeth of Hungary

November 18 - Dedication of the Basilicas of St. Peter and St. Paul in Rome, Apostles and St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, Virgin

November 21 - The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

November 22 - St. Cecilia, Virgin & Martyr

NOVEMBER 23 - St. Clement I, Pope, Martyr, St. Columban, Abbot, Missionary & Bl. Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr

THANKSGIVING DAY

November 24 - St. Andrew Dung-Lac, Priest & Companions, Martyrs

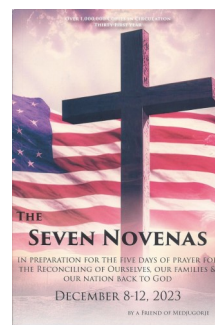
Saturday - November 25 - St. Catherine of Alexandria, St. Catherine Laboure & **Mary, Mother of Divine Hope**

Sunday, November 26 - OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

November 27 - the Feast of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Fr. Cyprian will say Mass at 9:30^{am}

November 30 - St. Andrew, Apostle

THE SEVEN NOVENAS



THE SEVEN NOVENAS FOR RECONCILING OF OURSELVES, OUR FAMILIES & OUR NATION BACK TO GOD, continues:

6th, Nov 25-December 3, is for Love

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



Our annual tradition of a food drive on Thanksgiving Day will continue this year. Please bring your non-perishable food items to Mass at 9:00^{am}. The non-perishable food will be taken to the Altar at the Offertory during Mass.

The majority of the food will be given to the Bishop Griffin Center. George Medary told me that often times in October, they have served food to over 200 families. The need is great!

Some of the food will remain here in the rectory in the event we have someone in need.

Larger quantities may be placed in the black bins in both lobbies, marked SVdP. If unable to donate food, please donate your time in prayer for those in need.

Blessings and thanks to all, Mary Bishel

**MEN OF THE MEDAL
MEN'S SATURDAY PRAYER GROUP
NOVEMBER MEETING IS SATURDAY,
NOVEMBER 11TH
FROM 9:00 TO 11:00^{AM}**

Reception of the Precious Blood at Holy Mass

In this time of the Eucharistic Revival, Bishop Earl Fernandes has been working with Father Paul J. Keller, O.P., S.T.D. to define and clarify the directives for the distribution of the Precious Blood at Mass. These directives become effective on All Saints Day 2023.

For the most part we have been acting in accordance with these directives but we must be aware that there may be some changes in the future.

The following selected paragraphs are from the Office of Divine Worship of the Diocese of Columbus letter to the parish priests and are meant to help deepen our respect and love for Jesus in His Precious Body and Blood:

- (5.) Of immense concern is the profanation of the Precious Blood. Profanation includes not only deliberate abuses of the Sacrament but accidental profanation as well. Accidental profanation occurs when the chalice is mishandled such that the sacred contents are spilled, often by the recipient.
- (9.) EMHCs are to be carefully instructed about their roles and responsibilities when handling the Holy Eucharist under either species, receiving sufficient spiritual, theological, and practical training to fulfill their roles as ministers of Holy Communion (GIRM USA 29; RS 46). They are to be helped to understand that their role is ancillary to the priest and deacon who have the first place in administering Holy Communion as ordinary ministers of Communion.
- (10.) "When the distribution of Communion is finished, the priest himself immediately and completely consumes at the Altar any consecrated wine that happens to remain" (GIRM 163). Concelebrants and deacons may assist in consuming the remaining Precious Blood.

REFRESHER TRAINING WILL BE SCHEDULED FOR ALL EMHC VOLUNTEERS.

You must be in the 'state of grace' to receive Jesus' Body and Blood at Mass!

To be in the 'state of Sanctifying Grace' means that you have no unconfessed mortal sins on your soul!
Confession is the only way to get souls into right relationship with God so that you can receive worthily!



RENEW YOUR REVERENCE TO JESUS AT HOLY COMMUNION

Prayer Before Holy Communion

MY LORD Jesus Christ,
I believe that Thou art truly present in the Blessed Sacrament.

I believe that in Holy Communion

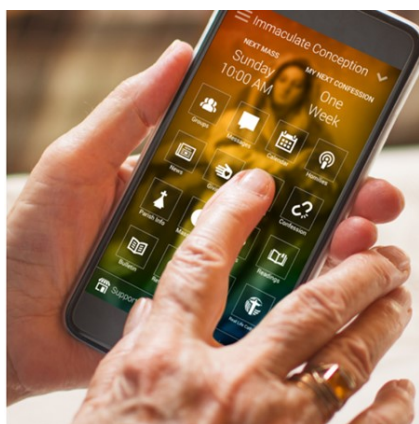
I shall receive Thy Sacred Body and Thy Precious Blood.
My faith in Thy Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist is firmly founded on Thy Word, O Eternal Truth.

My Savior and my God,
with the angels who surround Thy Altar-throne,
I bow down in humble adoration before Thy Majesty. Amen.

Act Of Humility After Holy Communion

O Jesus, my God!
Thou art infinite in all perfections;
and I am but dust,
and unto dust shall I return.
Depart from me, O Lord,
for I am a sinful man.
Yet, O my sweet Jesus,
if Thou leavest me,
to whom shall I go?
What will become of me?
Rather will I say,
"Stay with me, Lord;
abide always within my heart;
and may my heart make ever sacrifice for Thee."
Amen.

source: <https://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=977>



myParish App

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There are three different ways to download the myParish App:

- 1) The most direct is to open this link from your phone or tablet: <https://mypari.sh/gqFX>.
- 2) You can also text the word "app" to 55321 -or-
- 3) Search "myParish App" in the app store from your smart phone.





CHRIST THE KING

Quas Primas

Encyclical of the Feast of Christ the King,
Pope Pius XI, December 11, 1925

From Article 5. During this Holy Year (1925) Pope Pius XI commanded a celebration to mark the 16th centenary of the Council of Nicaea. The special reason for this is that the Nicene Synod defined and proposed for Catholic belief the dogma of the Consubstantiality of the Only-

begotten with the Father, and added to the Creed the words “of whose Kingdom there shall be no end,” thereby affirming the kingly dignity of Christ.

This is a marvelous letter, you can read the entire piece at: https://www.newadvent.org/library/docs_pi11qp.htm

This year the Feast of Christ The King and Our Lady of The Miraculous Medal come together on November 26 & 27 respectively! The French Community are planning a festivity for Sunday afternoon, November 26 following the French Mass! All are invited!

THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL STORY

The Blessed Virgin herself designed the Medal of the Immaculate Conception—popularly known as the Miraculous Medal! No wonder, then, that it wins such extraordinary graces for those who wear it and pray for Mary’s intercession and help.

The First Apparition

The story begins on the night of July 18-19, 1830. A child (perhaps her guardian angel) awakened Sister (now Saint) Catherine Labouré, a novice in the community of the Daughters of Charity in Paris, and summoned her to the chapel. There she met with the Virgin Mary and spoke with her for several hours. During the conversation, Mary said to her, “My child, I am going to give you a mission.”



inscription: O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to Thee.

Then Mary spoke to Catherine: “Have a medal struck upon this model. Those who wear it will receive great graces, especially if they wear it around the neck.”

Catherine explained the entire series of apparitions to her confessor, and she worked through him to carry out Mary’s instructions. She did not reveal that she received the Miraculous Medal until soon before her death 46 years later.

The Second Apparition

Mary gave her this mission in a vision during evening meditation on November 27, 1830. She saw Mary standing on what seemed to be half a globe and holding a golden globe in her hands as if offering it to heaven. On the globe was the word “France,” and our Lady explained that the globe represented the whole world, but especially France. The times were difficult in France, especially for the poor who were unemployed and often refugees from the many wars of the time. France was first to experience many of those troubles which ultimately reached other parts of the world and are even present today. Streaming from rings on Mary’s fingers as she held the globe were many rays of light. Mary explained that the rays symbolize the graces she obtains for those who ask for them. However, some of the gems on the rings were dark, and Mary explained that the rays and graces were available but did not come because no one had asked for them.



The Chapel at Rue de Bac

With approval of the Church, the first medals were made in 1832 and were distributed in Paris. Almost immediately the blessings that Mary had promised began to shower down on those who wore her medal. The devotion spread like wildfire.

Marvels of grace and health, peace and prosperity, followed in its wake. Before long people were calling it the “Miraculous” Medal. In 1836, a canonical inquiry undertaken at Paris declared the apparitions to be genuine.

There is no superstition, nothing of magic, connected with the Miraculous Medal. The Miraculous Medal is not a “good-luck charm”. Rather, it is a great testimony to faith and the

power of trusting prayer. Its greatest miracles are those of patience, forgiveness, repentance, and faith. God uses the Miraculous Medal, not as a sacrament, but as an agent, an instrument, in bringing to pass certain marvelous results. “The weak things of this earth hath God chosen to confound the strong.”

When our Blessed Mother gave the design of the medal to Saint Catherine Labouré she said, “Now it must be given to the whole world and to every person.” The Association of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, Missouri carries out our Lady’s request in many ways, including offering you a free Miraculous Medal.

The Third Apparition and the Miraculous Medal

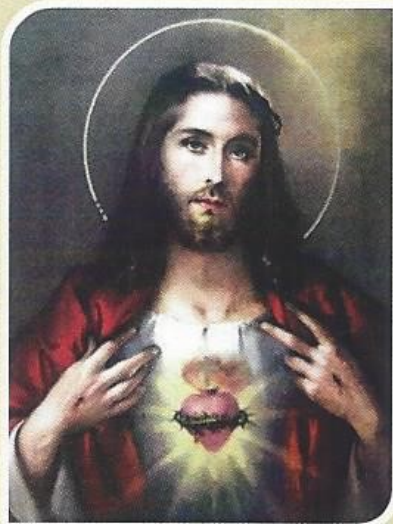
The vision then changed to show our Lady standing on a globe with her arms now outstretched and with the dazzling rays of light still streaming from her fingers. Framing the figure was an

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12TH ANNUAL SACRED HEART CONGRESS

REVIVING THE FAMILY THROUGH THE SACRED HEART AND THE EUCHARIST



NOV. 4, 2023

**ST. PAUL
THE APOSTLE CHURCH**
313 NORTH STATE ST
WESTERVILLE, OH

8:00am - Noon

7:30 REGISTRATION

8:00 ROSARY

8:30 MASS

AFTER MASS: Donuts & Coffee

10:00 SPEAKERS

ADORATION & BENEDICTION

Special Youth Program (K & Up) provided by Daughters of Holy Mary of the Heart of Jesus



REGISTER AT: www.WelcomeHisHeart.com



October 14 Rosary Rally

Thank you all who participated in the America Need Fatima Rosary Rally, whether you were here with us at the church, home or elsewhere. We united our Rosary Rally with all the rallies around the country.

Paul Mitchell described the rally in Canal Winchester; 35 persons prayed there. He said most had red t-shirts that said "Vote NO on Issue 1".

Fr. Sunder was with them and sang a special song in tribute to the Blessed Virgin Mary. We need to ask him to sing it for us here at Our Lady.

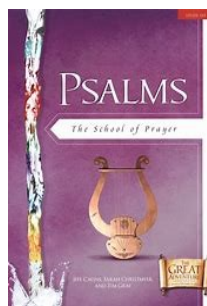
The day started rainy and cool; but the sun came out for a time while we were praying. I want to thank God for our opportunity to be among the thousands of Rosary rallies praying throughout the country.

Blessings upon all, Mary Bishel

Adult Ed. Update

In October we began "Psalms" *The School of Prayer*, at our after-Mass Sunday Bible Study.

This will continue through November into December. The program comes to us from Ascension Press and is hosted by Jeff Cavins with Dr. Tim Gray providing the instruction. You will find a greater understanding of the depth of meaning and the background of these prayers.



We continue with "Genesis and the Books of Moses" on Monday evenings at 6:30pm and Wednesday mornings at 10:30am. Note the later time on Wednesdays due to our change in the morning Mass time to 9:30am. Join us on ZOOM if you cannot attend in person. ZOOM # 226 966 6248.

Submitted by Joanne Farrell



The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Tuesday, November 21, 2023
Mass at 9:30^{am}

The Didache - Part 3 *In the first part we introduced this document mentioned by early church fathers. In the second part we presented the first 4 chapters. Now we continue with the next six chapters.*

Chapter 5. The Way of Death

And the way of death is this: First of all it is evil and full of curse: murders, adulteries, lusts, fornications, thefts, idolatries, magic arts, witchcrafts, rapines, false witnessings, hypocrisies, double-heartedness, deceit, haughtiness, depravity, self-will, greediness, filthy talking, jealousy, over-confidence, loftiness, boastfulness; persecutors of the good, hating truth, loving a lie, not [knowing](#) a reward for righteousness, not cleaving to good nor to righteous judgment, watching not for that which is good, but for that which is evil; from whom meekness and endurance are far, loving vanities, pursuing requital, not pitying a poor man, not laboring for the afflicted, not knowing Him that made them, murderers of children, destroyers of the handiwork of God, turning away from him that is in want, afflicting him that is distressed, advocates of the rich, lawless judges of the poor, utter sinners. Be delivered, children, from all these.

Chapter 6. Against False Teachers, and Food Offered to Idols

See that no one cause you to err from this (false) way of the teaching, since apart from God it teaches you. For if you are able to bear all the yoke of the Lord, you will be perfect; but if you are not able, what you are able, that do. And concerning food, bear what you are able; but against that which is sacrificed to idols be exceedingly on your guard; for it is the service of dead gods.

Chapter 7. Concerning Baptism

And concerning Baptism, baptize this way: Having first said all these things, baptize into the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, [Matthew 28:19](#) in living water. But if you have not living water, baptize into other water; and if you can not in cold, in warm. But if you have not either, pour out water thrice upon the head into the name of Father and Son and Holy Spirit. But before the Baptism let the baptizer fast, and the baptized, and whatever others can; but you shall order the baptized to fast one or two days before.

Chapter 8. Concerning Fasting and Prayer (the Lord's Prayer)

But let not your fasts be with the hypocrites; [Matthew 6:16](#) for they fast on the second and fifth day of the week; but fast on the fourth day and the Preparation (Friday). Neither pray as the hypocrites; but as the Lord commanded in His Gospel, thus pray: Our Father Who art in Heaven, hallowed be Your Name. Your Kingdom come. Your Will be done, as in

Heaven, so on Earth. Give us today our daily (needful) bread, and forgive us our debt as we also forgive our debtors. And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one (or, evil); for Yours is the power and the glory forever. Thrice in the day thus pray.

Chapter 9. The Thanksgiving (Eucharist)

Now concerning the Thanksgiving (Eucharist), thus give thanks. First, concerning the cup: We thank you, our Father, for the holy vine of David Your servant, which You made known to us through Jesus Your Servant; to You be the glory forever. And concerning the Broken Bread: We thank You, our Father, for the life and knowledge which You made known to us through Jesus Your Servant; to You be the glory forever. Even as this broken bread was scattered over the hills, and was gathered together and became one, so let Your Church be gathered together from the ends of the Earth into Your Kingdom; for Yours is the glory and the power through Jesus Christ forever. But let no one eat or drink of Your Thanksgiving (Eucharist), but they who have been baptized into the Name of the Lord; for concerning this also the Lord has said, Give not that which is holy to the dogs.

[Matthew 7:6](#)

Chapter 10. Prayer After Communion

But after you are filled, thus give thanks: We thank You, Holy Father, for Your Holy Name which You caused to tabernacle in our hearts, and for the knowledge and faith and immortality, which You made known to us through Jesus, Your Servant; to You be the glory forever. You, Master almighty, created all things for Your Name's sake; You gave food and drink to men for enjoyment, that they might give thanks to You; but to us You freely gave spiritual food and drink and life eternal through Your Servant. Before all things we thank You that You are mighty; to You be the glory forever. Remember, Lord, Your Church, to deliver it from all evil and to make it perfect in Your love, and gather it from the four winds, sanctified for Your kingdom which You have prepared for it; for Yours is the power and the glory forever. Let grace come, and let this world pass away. Hosanna to the God (Son) of David! If any one is holy, let him come; if any one is not so, let him repent. Maran atha. Amen. But permit the prophets to make Thanksgiving as much as they desire.

Source:<http://www.newadvent.org>

In the December issue we will share the final chapters from this wonderful teaching document; how blessed we are to have the Sacred Scriptures and Tradition!



February 28, 2023

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Peace be with you! As Catholics, we are committed to protecting the sanctity of human life no matter the circumstances or stage of development. We live this out by, among other things, accompanying the poor and needy, refugees and immigrants, prisoners on death row, young mothers, and children.

In Ohio, the dignity of life in its earliest stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to Ohio's Constitution for the November 2023 ballot that would enshrine and expand abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Church must not be silent and cannot remain on the sidelines when confronted with such a clear threat to human life. This proposal demands a response, and we strongly encourage Catholics and all people of good will in Ohio to work against including the proposed amendment for the November ballot and, if it appears on the ballot, vote against the amendment to prevent countless deaths of preborn, innocent children.

Our Holy Father Pope Francis reminds us that "Our defense of the innocent unborn ... needs to be clear, firm and passionate, for at stake is the dignity of a human life, which is always sacred and demands love for each person, regardless of his or her stage of development" (*Gaudete et Exsultate*, no. 101). Our commitment to protecting and promoting life includes providing resources and accompanying women during and after pregnancy through our numerous social service agencies, schools, and parishes. This commitment also includes rejecting abortion expansion, which only perpetuates a throwaway culture that does not value human life.

The Catholic Conference of Ohio will be collaborating with statewide organizations, and diocesan respect life offices will be seeking volunteers to help coordinate a campaign at every parish. More information and materials will become available as we mobilize to oppose the proposed amendment on the November 2023 ballot.

We, the Catholic Bishops of Ohio, stand with you, our faithful, in our commitment in the name of the Lord of Life, to each human person from conception to natural death. Let us unite in fasting and offering this prayer:

God our loving Father, grant wisdom to those who govern us, compassion and courage to those who work to defend human life, and safety and care to every human being. For you alone who formed us in our mothers' wombs, and who call us home to heaven, are God, for ever and ever. Amen.

With you in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Diocese of Toledo

Most Rev. Earl K. Fernandes
Diocese of Columbus

Most Rev. Edward C. Malesic
Diocese of Cleveland

Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Monforton
Diocese of Steubenville

Most Rev. David J. Bonnar
Diocese of Youngstown

Most Rev. Michael G. Woost
Diocese of Cleveland

Most Rev. J. Michael Botean
Romanian Catholic Eparchy
of St. George in Canton

Most Rev. Bohdan J. Danylo
Ukrainian Catholic Eparchy
of St. Josaphat in Parma

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Thanks to everyone who has joined in praying the 54-day Rosary Novena and our novena here at COOL. We are approaching Election Day. Please continue the prayers on Election Day, November 7.

Pray for all life to be in God's time and for the protection of our children from the evil surrounding all of us.

I heard from my Aunt Bernadette that St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Zanesville is also praying a novena for Issue 1 to fail. I have United our Novena with theirs.

Thanks and blessings on all for your prayers.

Mary Bishel



[CCO on 2023 November Ballot Issues 1 and 2](#)

The Catholic Conference of Ohio firmly opposes Issue 1, which would enshrine the “right” to abortion in the Ohio Constitution. This extreme amendment endangers the health and safety of women, threatens parental rights, and allows for abortion through all nine months of pregnancy.

The Catholic Church has always advocated for and acted to protect the most vulnerable in society, including the indigent, migrants, and preborn children in the womb. We will continue to do so by explaining the harms Issue 1 poses to women, parents, and babies with Catholics and all people of goodwill across Ohio and encourage a ‘no vote’ on this egregious proposal. Ohioans deserve just laws which provide expansive resources and accompaniment to mothers and young families, not proposals like Issue 1 which does nothing to support women.

The Catholic Conference of Ohio also opposes Issue 2 to legalize recreational marijuana in Ohio.

Click the link to view CCO resources to defeat Issue 1: <https://www.ohiocathconf.org/protect-ohio>

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Miscarriage Care

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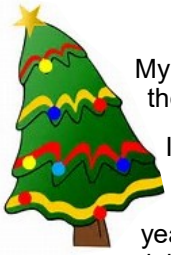
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Over thirty Catholic hospitals, providing care to millions of patients in Ohio, affirm their commitment to delivering comprehensive healthcare for women and preborn children during pregnancy complications.

Contrary to common misconception, neither Catholic religious directives nor any state law restrict Catholic hospitals from responding to pregnancy complications. Catholic hospitals provide comprehensive miscarriage care, treatment for ectopic pregnancies, and perform other life-saving measures through medical procedures in life-threatening circumstances.

Catholic hospitals play a critical role in maintaining public health. Regardless of the passage or failure of Issue 1 in November, the care they provide during a miscarriage or other pregnancy complications will remain comprehensive and committed to the well-being of mothers and preborn children. This commitment is an expression of respect for the dignity of all human beings and is central to their mission to carry out Jesus's ministry of love and healing in the world today.



2023 Giving Tree Changes!

My how this year has flown! It will be soon time for the 2023 Giving Tree.

In the past we have the Giving Tree up Thanksgiving weekend, typically the beginning of Advent, but the dates don't fall in line this year. The Giving Tree is a part of our Advent celebration. Advent begins on the weekend of December 2 & 3 so this is when the tree will be set up. We have two weeks to share our time and talent (for shopping) for those less fortunate.

Another change this year is the location of the Giving Tree(s). Yes, trees! Starting this year there will be a Giving Tree in each lobby - an easy change for me as I won't have to move the trees anywhere, they stay in the lobbies.

Which leads us back to our regular routine. As usual each tree will be decorated with gift tags. Simply pick a tag or tags, buy a gift or gifts. Then bring the gift/s back by December 17.

From December 17th, you may start decorating the Giving Tree with hats, gloves and scarves to be donated until January 2024.

The agencies request that the gifts **NOT** be wrapped. However, they would like the gifts to be placed in gift bags. It is much easier for them to be able to see the gifts in order to identify where they are most needed. Please have these gifts back by the 1:30^{pm} Mass Sunday, December 17th. There are two recipients this year:

- 1) Bishop Griffin Center
- 2) Women's Care Center

If you have an organization that you would like to add; please let me know. I would like your help in sorting the gifts and to make delivery to the new organization.

Thank you to all who participate. The organizations are appreciative of all that you do and they look forward to receiving our gifts. I also appreciate all that you do for our recipients. It's like an early Christmas present for me to see your purchases.

Blessings Mary Bishel



Honor Our Veterans !!

Saturday, November 11, 2023

Why do we use incense in worship?

[Father Dwight Longenecker](#)

In the Old Testament, God gave Moses instructions on how to build the tabernacle — the traveling temple of God. The Book of Exodus recounts the instructions to build an altar of incense (see 30:1-10).

When the priest enters the tabernacle each morning and evening to tend the perpetually burning lamps he is also commanded to offer incense.

God even gives Moses a recipe for making the incense: "Take these aromatic substances: storax, onycha and galbanum, these and pure frankincense in equal parts; and blend them into incense. This fragrant power, expertly prepared, is to be salted and so kept pure and sacred. Grind some of it into fine dust and put this before the covenant in the tent of meeting where I will meet with you. This incense shall be treated as most sacred by you" (Ex 30:34-36).

John the Baptist's father, Zechariah, was taking his turn serving in the Temple when the angel Gabriel appeared, informing him of the pregnancy of his wife, Elizabeth. The Temple duty he was performing at the time was the evening offering of incense. His actions echoed Psalm 141:2: "Let my prayer be incense before you; / my uplifted hands an evening offering."

That a priest of the Old Covenant was offering incense when the birth of the forerunner of the New Covenant is announced links the use of incense as a prayer offering to the worship of Christ the Lord.

The fulfillment of this worship is pictured in the Book of Revelation when St. John has a vision of the worship in Heaven (see Chapter 4). He understands the worship in Heaven to be a completion of the Jewish worship in the Temple. Because of his vision and because the first Christians were Jews, it would make sense to assume that the early Christians used incense in their Eucharistic ceremonies.*

Today, incense can be used at Mass at the priest's discretion to purify and sanctify the Altar, the assembly of the people at Mass, etc. At Funeral Masses it is used to sanctify the deceased as the remains are brought into the church, to sanctify and purify the Altar and at the final commendation to honor the deceased!



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In Memoriam

The Annual Memorial Mass

As a remembrance in honor of their fallen members, our local Knights of Columbus will have a Mass celebrated to honor the deceased members of Knights of Columbus #11188. It will take place at the 10:00^{am} Mass on Sunday, November 5th. The Mass service will include special seating for the families of the past members, a reading of the names, a carnation for each family of a deceased member, and a procession lead by the 4th Degree Honor Guard to the Statue of Mary outside the church for the laying of a commemorative wreath.

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 Deacon Joe Poland
 Orville Potts
 Jack Priest
 Al Samuel
 Dave Smith
 Rusty Tucker
 George Yates
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