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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday 5:00 p.m.
Sunday 8:15 & 10:45 a.m.

Holy Day Mass Schedule

TBA in bulletin

Weekday Mass Schedule

Monday-Friday 9:00 a.m.

Confessions

Saturday 4:00-4:30 p.m.

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Noon on Monday

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Mass Intentions *Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time**The Solemnity of Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)***Sunday, June 22**

- 8:15 a.m. For the Protection of Unborn Children
by Stephanie Helgerman
- 10:45 a.m. For the People of the Parish,
Living and Deceased

Monday, June 23

- 9:00 a.m. Denis Petticrew (RIP)
by Jon Petticrew

Tuesday, June 24*The Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*

- 9:00 a.m. Timothy Murray (RIP)
by Patty Gaul

Wednesday, June 25

- 9:00 a.m. Catherine Abraham (RIP)
by Mark & Paula Coleman

Thursday, June 26

- 9:00 a.m. Livia Gallicchio by the Cannon Family

Friday, June 27*The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

- 9:00 a.m. Richard Wells by Bonnie Wells

Saturday, June 28

- 5:00 p.m. Bill & Pat Schuler (60th Wedding Anniversary)
by Bill Schuler

Sunday, June 29*The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles*

- 8:15 a.m. For the Living and Deceased of the Lanciault
& Baldwin Families
- 10:45 a.m. For the People of the Parish,
Living and Deceased

***This Week at St. Edward*****Sunday, June 22***The Solemnity of Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**2nd Collection: Holy Father (Peter's Pence)**Father Timothy Hayes' 40th Jubilee*

Mass – 8:15 a.m. Fr. Hayes

Mass – 10:45 a.m. Fr. Hayes

O.C.I.A. – 12:00 p.m. Lounge

Jubilee Mass – 3:00 p.m.

Celebration – after 3:00 p.m. Mass

Monday, June 23

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Ghiloni

Adoration – 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, June 24*The Solemnity of the Nativity of Saint John the Baptist*

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Hayes

Parish Council Meeting – 6:30 p.m. Lounge

Wednesday, June 25

Men's Fellowship Breakfast – 7:00 a.m.

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Hayes

Garden Work Day – 5:00-8:00 p.m. Parish Grounds

Men's Rosary Prayer Group – 7:00 p.m. Church

Thursday, June 26

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Hayes

St. Ed's Book Club – 7:00 p.m. Lounge

Friday, June 27*The Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus*

Mass – 9:00 a.m. Fr. Hayes

Saturday, June 28

Men's Fellowship – 7:00 a.m. in Enke Parish Hall

Garden Work Day – 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Parish Grounds

Confessions – 4:00 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m. Fr. Hayes



A Word from Your Pastor



Solemnity of the Body and Blood of Christ

Dear Parishioners:

We have reached this glorious day I have been looking forward to for a long time. The Solemnity of Corpus Christi is very special to me for many reasons. First, it is due to the fact that the Gift of the Holy Eucharist is the center of my Faith and of my whole life. The simple truth that Jesus chose to remain with us for all time as Food for the Journey in the Eucharist is the heart and soul of the Catholic Faith. To believe it is to be Catholic or to want to be Catholic so that it can be received in Its Fullness.

Second, this Feast is the Feast Day of my first parish as a Pastor – the Church of the Blessed Sacrament in Newark, Ohio. When the bishop who ordained me appointed me to be Pastor of that particular parish, I felt that my priesthood had reached where I was meant to be. My understanding of *Who God Is* is centered upon how He feeds and nourishes His People with His very Life and Being. God's Love is made divine sustenance for us in the Body and Blood of Christ, the Most Blessed Sacrament of the Altar.

Third, the 40th anniversary of my priestly ordination falls on the Feast of Corpus Christi this year. It calls to mind the 40 years of Manna in the desert that was the foretaste and promise of the Eucharist. That “bread from Heaven” sustained the People of God as they journeyed by stages to the Promised Land. The true Bread from Heaven, Jesus Himself, continues to sustain us, the People of God still on a journey of Hope, as we seek to live in the Kingdom.

I am grateful to God, to the Church, and to all of you who are part of my journey. I give God thanks that Fr. Jeff Rimelspach and I can celebrate this day with so many of you, friends, parishioners, family, brother priests and deacons, seminarians (our hope for future retirement!), and all who happen to be here on this day. We are truly blessed to share the Eucharist and time together.

May our Faith in the Eucharist – and how we live by so great a Gift – serve to invite all to know the Love of God for all His People. Here's to many years ahead on our journey of Hope! As we encounter Jesus, truly Present to us in the Eucharist, may we bring Him to all we meet along the way.

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Pastor



St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Divine Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits that prowl around the world seeking the ruin of souls.

Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) June 22, 2025 – YEAR C

Prelude

Adoro Te Devote & O Salutaris Hostia (various arr.)

Introductory Rites

Opening: Blessed by Your Sacrifice (#203)

Gloria: Mass in Honor of St. Benedict

(text: inside front cover or p. 6)

Liturgy of the Word

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 110: You are a priest... (p. 181)

Sequence (sung by cantor/choir): Laud, O Zion

(arr. DeBruyn)

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia... (p. 182)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: O Lord, I Am Not Worthy (#479)

Sanctus, Mem. Acc A, Amen, Lamb of God:

Mass in Honor of St. Benedict

Communion: Eat This Bread (#323)

Communion 2: Excerpts from *Lauda Sion* (chant)

Concluding Rite

Closing: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name (#206)

Postlude

Improvisation on *Tantum Ergo* (St. Thomas)

Cantors

5:00 p.m.: Kayla Drummond

8:15 a.m.: Kevin Skinner

10:45 a.m.: Kayce Long

Notes from the Loft

♪ Corpus Christi – the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ – formally became part of the Church's calendar in 1264. At Pope Urban IV's request, St. Thomas Aquinas wrote a number of Eucharistic hymn texts for the occasion, including the sequence *Lauda Sion*. At all three Masses this weekend, the short form of the sequence will be sung after the second reading. Some of the other texts that Aquinas wrote still appear in many Catholic hymnals. Our hymnal contains long form of the sequence (pgs. 181-182), *Pange Lingua/Tantum Ergo* (pgs. 114-116), *Adoro Te Devote* (#370), and *O Salutaris Hostia* (#664 & #666).

♪ Congratulations to Fr. Tim and Fr. Jeff Rimelspach as they celebrate their 40th anniversary of priestly ordination this weekend!

~ Paul Radkowski, music@saintedwards.org,
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Parish News

St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry

Your food donations help our local community feel at ease knowing they can stop by the SVdP food pantry and get what they need to ensure their family eats. Current needs are: toilet paper and canned pasta (SpaghettiOs®-type). Please drop off in the Gathering Space or the Parish Office. Thank you!

Help Us Spruce Up Our Grounds!

Wednesday, 6/25 | 5 - 8pm

Saturday, 6/28 | 9am - 2pm

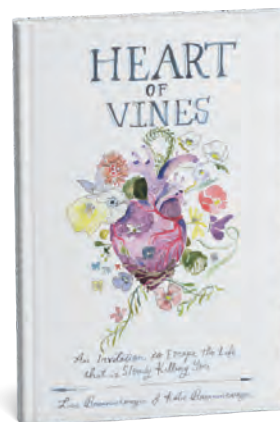
The Landscaping Committee invites you to join garden clean-up sessions around the Church. Come to any session that fits your schedule—no sign-up required! Bring garden tools if you have them, and help us keep our parish grounds beautiful.



walking with purpose

You're Invited to Our VIRTUAL Summer Book Club

We have been talking a lot about *Heart of Vines*, but now it's time to experience it. Over 200 women have already signed up to dive into this book and have meaningful, thought-provoking discussions with others like themselves—and there is a spot waiting for you!



When: Begins July 8

Where: Anywhere You'd Like to Listen

Book: *Heart of Vines*

Frequency: Weekly, 5 sessions total

To Sign Up, Visit:

calendly.com/amanda-orndorff

Men's Ministries

That Man Is You!

Sat. @ 7 a.m.

Fellowship Breakfast

Wed. @ 7 a.m.

Rosary Prayer Group

Wed. @ 7 p.m.



Men's Fellowship Program

All men are invited to our Saturday morning men's fellowship gatherings on Saturday mornings at 7:00 a.m. The meeting is held in the Lounge.



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Spiritual Adoption Program

Month 3: Developing Baby – We are at the end of the first trimester! Your spiritually adopted baby is becoming very active in the womb now. Here are some things he can do: squint; swallow; move his tongue; make a tight fist if you touch his palm. The baby is about 3" long and weighs one ounce. Still very small, but fully formed and he can even suck his thumb!

The Guild Has a New Meeting Place!

After many years of meeting at St. Leonard's, the Heart of Ohio Quilters Guild has found a new home at St. Edward the Confessor. We're pleased to welcome them! Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month in Enke Parish Hall.

Details:
heartofohioquilters.com



Lectio Divina

SCRIPTURE READING + MEDITATION + PRAYER + CONTEMPLATION

*"What page, what passage of the inspired books of the Old and New Testaments is not the truest of guides for human life?" ~Saint Benedict, from the *Rule of Saint Benedict* (73:3)*

The month of June is dedicated to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

"Lord, I come to Your tender heart today, to You who have words that set my heart ablaze, to You who pour out compassion on the little ones and the poor, on those who suffer, and on all human miseries. I desire to know You more, to contemplate You in the Gospel, to be with You and learn from You and from the charity with which You allowed Yourself to be touched by all forms of poverty. You showed us the Father's love by loving us without measure with Your divine and human heart. Grant all Your children the grace of encountering You. Change, shape, and transform our plans, so that we seek only You in every circumstance: in prayer, in work, in encounters, and in our daily routine. From this encounter, send us out on mission, a mission of compassion for the world in which You are the source from which all consolation flows. Amen."

+PRAYER OF POPE LEO XIV TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS

Monday, June 23 ~ Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:1-5 Jesus said to his disciples: "Stop judging, that you may not be judged. For as you judge, so will you be judged, and the measure with which you measure will be measured out to you. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove that splinter from your eye,' while the wooden beam is in your eye? You hypocrite, remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye."

Meditation: Everybody has the potential to be rather critical at times (and not of the "constructive criticism" variety), but nobody wants to be judged or condemned. Then why is judgementalism so rampant, even among Christians? Often times people don't hear what is actually being said, but instead their hearing gets impaired by their prejudices or biases which, in turn, impacts their thought process. Thinking the best of other people is necessary if we wish to grow in love. And kindness in judgment is nothing less than a sacred duty. The Rabbis warned people: "He who judges his neighbor favorably will be judged favorably by God." How easy it is to misjudge and how difficult it is to be impartial in judgment. Our judgment of others is usually "off the mark" because we can't see inside the person, or we don't have access to all the facts, or we are swayed by instinct and unreasoning reactions to people. It is easier to find fault in others than in oneself.

Prayer: Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Jesus reminds each of us of a heavenly principle that we can stake our lives on: what you give to others (and how you treat others) will return to you. The Lord knows our faults and he sees all, even the imperfections and sins of the heart which we cannot recognize in ourselves. Like a gentle father and a skillful doctor he patiently draws us to his seat of mercy and removes the cancer of sin which inhabits our hearts. Do you trust in God's mercy and grace? Ask the Lord to flood your heart with his loving-kindness and mercy that you may only have room for love, charity, compassion and forbearance towards your neighbor.

Tuesday, June 24 ~ Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time Solemnity of the Nativity of John the Baptist

Holy Gospel: Luke 1:57-66,80 When the time arrived for Elizabeth to have her child she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy toward her, and they rejoiced with her. When they came on the eighth day to circumcise the child, they were going to call him Zechariah after his father, but his mother said in reply, "No. He will be called John." But they answered

her, "There is no one among your relatives who has this name." So they made signs, asking his father what he wished him to be called. He asked for a tablet and wrote, "John is his name," and all were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened, his tongue freed, and he spoke blessing God. Then fear came upon all their neighbors, and all these matters were discussed throughout the hill country of Judea. All who heard these things took them to heart, saying, "What, then, will this child be?" For surely the hand of the Lord was with him. The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the desert until the day of his manifestation to Israel.

Meditation: John the Baptist's life was fueled by one burning passion – to point others to Jesus Christ and to the coming of God's kingdom. Scripture tells us that John was filled with the Holy Spirit even from his mother's womb (Luke 1:15, 41) by Christ himself, whom Mary had just conceived by the Holy Spirit. When Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth, John leaped in the womb of Elizabeth as they were filled with the Holy Spirit (Luke 1:41). The fire of the Spirit dwelt in John and made him the forerunner of the coming Messiah. John was led by the Spirit into the wilderness prior to his ministry where he was tested and grew in the word of God. John's clothing was reminiscent of the prophet Elijah (see Kings 1:8). John broke the prophetic silence of the previous centuries when he began to speak the word of God to the people of Israel. His message was similar to the message of the Old Testament prophets who chided the people of God for their unfaithfulness and who tried to awaken true repentance in them. Among a people unconcerned with the things of God, it was his work to awaken their interest, unsettle them from their complacency, and arouse in them enough good will to recognize and receive Christ when he came. What is the significance of John the Baptist and his message for our lives? When God acts to save us he graciously fills us with his Holy Spirit and makes our faith come "alive" to his promises. Each and every day the Lord is ready to renew us in faith, hope, and love. Like John the Baptist, the Lord invites each of us to make our life a free-will offering to God. God wants to fill us with his glory all the days of our lives, from birth through death. Renew the offering of your life to God and give him thanks for his mercy and favor.

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that your family may walk in the way of salvation and, attentive to what Saint John the Precursor urged, may come safely to the One he foretold, our Lord Jesus Christ, Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: Do you marvel at the grace and work of God, especially in your personal life? The friends of Zechariah and Elizabeth marveled at the wonderful way in which God blessed them with a child. This child was destined by God for an important mission. The last verses in the last book of the Old Testament, taken from the prophet Malachi, speak of the Lord's messenger, the prophet Elijah who will return to "turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers" (ref. Malachi 4:6). We see the beginning of the fulfillment of this word when the Angel Gabriel announced to Zechariah the marvelous birth and mission of John the Baptist (ref. Luke 1:17). When this newly born child was about to be named, as customary on the eighth day, his relatives quibbled over what name to give him. This child, however, has been named from above! And Elizabeth is firm in her faith and determined to see that God be glorified through this child. The name "John" means "the Lord is gracious". In the birth of John and in the birth of Jesus the Messiah we see the grace of God breaking forth into a world broken by sin and without hope. John's miraculous birth shows the mercy and favor of God in preparing his people for the coming of its Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Wednesday, June 25 ~ Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 7:15-20 Jesus said to his disciples: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but underneath are ravenous wolves. By their fruits you will know them. Do people pick grapes from thorn bushes, or figs from thistles? Just so, every good tree bears good fruit, and a rotten tree bears bad fruit. A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a rotten tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. So by their fruits you will know them."

Meditation: What's the test of a true or false teacher? Jesus connects soundness with good fruit. Something is sound when it is free from defect, decay, or disease and is healthy. Good fruit is the result of sound living — living according to moral truth and upright character. The prophet Isaiah warned against the dangers of falsehood: Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness (Isaiah 5:20). The fruits of falsehood produce an easy religion which takes the iron out of religion, the cross out of Christianity, and any teaching which eliminates the hard sayings of Jesus, and which push the judgments of God into the background and makes us think lightly of sin.

Prayer: Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What some people say claiming to be “the way” and what we “hear” might both have some resemblance of the truth, but, in fact, when you inspect it closely, it’s actually false – it is a twisting of “the way, and the truth” of Jesus Christ. False prophets or teachers abound today as much as they did in biblical times. And, sadly, they attract great numbers of people because these false teachers water down the laws of God and the teachings of the Christ so that people who “hear” these false teachings no longer are challenged by God’s laws or Christ’s teachings. Many people seek the things of this earth, instead of looking heavenward; false teachings suffice for them. Such falsehoods do not help anyone grow in holiness, or conform our lives to follow the will of God – instead we impose our will upon Him. Falsehood, then, leads to wrong thinking, wrong actions, and a life contrary to God, His Son, and His one true Church. How do we avoid falsehood? By faithfully being true — true to God, His word, and His grace. Being true takes a keen ear and a sharp mind – both attentive because of the familiarity one has attained through reading and knowing scripture and the teachings of the one, holy, Catholic and Apostolic Church, all of which nourish us. Those who are true to God know that their strength lies not in themselves but in God who supplies what we need. The fruit of a disciple is marked by faith, hope and love, justice, prudence, fortitude and temperance. Do you cultivate good fruit in your life and reject whatever produces bad fruit?

Thursday, June 26 ~ Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time
Optional Memorial ~ Father Josemaría Escrivá de Balaguer, Priest

Holy Gospel: 7:21-29 Jesus said to his disciples: “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name? Did we not drive out demons in your name? Did we not do mighty deeds in your name?’ Then I will declare to them solemnly, ‘I never knew you. Depart from me, you evildoers.’ “Everyone who listens to these words of mine and acts on them will be like a wise man who built his house on rock. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. But it did not collapse; it had been set solidly on rock. And everyone who listens to these words of mine but does not act on them will be like a fool who built his house on sand. The rain fell, the floods came, and the winds blew and buffeted the house. And it collapsed and was completely ruined.” When Jesus finished these words, the crowds were astonished at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as their scribes.

Meditation: We live in a time when color-coded “threat levels” are part of the norm. We take these seriously, we don’t mind the extra security measures, especially when traveling because we know it’s for our own safety and security. Even outside of “threat levels” there are daily “threats” – severe weather, traffic accidents, and other events that are part of the challenges of life. If the threat of disaster or life-changing moment were to come your way, would you be ready to meet it and overcome it? When Jesus told the story of the builders he likely had the following proverb in mind: When the storm has swept by, the wicked are gone, but the righteous stand firm for ever (ref. Proverbs 10:25). What’s the significance of the story for us? The kind of foundation we build our lives upon will determine whether we can survive the storms that are sure to come. Builders usually lay their foundations when the weather and soil conditions are at their best. It takes foresight to know how a foundation will stand up against adverse conditions. Building a house on a flood plain, such as a dry river-bed, is a sure bet for disaster! Jesus prefaced his story with a warning: We may fool humans with our speech, but God cannot be deceived. He sees the heart as it truly is — with its motives, intentions, desires, and choices (ref. Psalm 139:2).

Prayer: O God, who raised up your priest Saint Josemaría Escrivá in the Church to proclaim the universal call to holiness and the apostolate, grant that by his intercession and example we may, through our daily work, be formed in the likeness of Jesus your Son and serve the work of redemption with burning love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: There is only one way in which a person’s sincerity can be proved, and that is by one’s practice. Fine and fancy words can never replace actions and good deeds. Our character is revealed in the choices we make, especially when we must choose between what is true or false, and good or evil. Do you cheat on an exam or on your income taxes, especially when it will cost you? Do you lie, or cover-up, when disclosing the truth will cause you pain or embarrassment? A true person is honest and reliable before God, neighbor, and oneself. Such a person’s word can be taken as trustworthy. What can keep us from falsehood and disaster? If we make the Lord and his word the rock and foundation of our lives, then

nothing can shake us or keep us from God's presence and help. Is the Lord and his word the sure foundation of your life?

Friday, June 27 ~ Twelfth Week in Ordinary Time

Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

Holy Gospel: Luke 15:3-7 Jesus addressed this parable to the Pharisees and scribes: "What man among you having a hundred sheep and losing one of them would not leave the ninety-nine in the desert and go after the lost one until he finds it? And when he does find it, he sets it on his shoulders with great joy and, upon his arrival home, he calls together his friends and neighbors and says to them, 'Rejoice with me because I have found my lost sheep.' I tell you, in just the same way there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance."

Meditation: The Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Christ is the heart of love and compassion. This level of love and compassion is clearly revealed in the way he sought out sinners and outcasts of society. No one was excluded from his gracious presence unless they chose to stay away out of jealousy or mistrust. The scribes and Pharisees took great offense at Jesus because he freely associated with sinners and treated them graciously. The Pharisees had strict regulations about how they were to keep away from sinners, lest they incur defilement. They were not to entrust money to them or have any business dealings with them, nor trust them with a secret, nor entrust orphans to their care, nor accompany them on a journey, nor give their daughter in marriage to any of their sons, nor invite them as guests or be their guests. They were shocked with the way in which Jesus freely received sinners and ate with them. Sinners, nonetheless, were drawn to Jesus to hear him speak about the mercy of God. Jesus characteristically answered the Pharisees' charge with a parable or lesson drawn from everyday life. What does Jesus' story about a lost sheep tell us about God and his kingdom? Shepherds normally counted their sheep at the end of the day to make sure all were accounted for. Since sheep by their very nature are very social, an isolated sheep can quickly become bewildered and even neurotic. The shepherd's grief and anxiety is turned to joy when he finds the lost sheep and restores it to the fold. The shepherd searches until what he has lost is found. His persistence pays off. He instinctively shares his joy with the whole community. The poor are particularly good at sharing in one another's sorrows and joys. What was new in Jesus' teaching was the insistence that sinners must be sought out and not merely mourned for.

Prayer: Grant, we pray, almighty God, that we, who glory in the Heart of your beloved Son and recall the wonders of his love for us, may be made worthy to receive an overflowing measure of grace from that fount of heavenly gifts. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Consecration to the Sacred Heart of Jesus – St. Margaret Mary Alacoque: O Sacred Heart of Jesus, to Thee I consecrate and offer up my person and my life, my actions, trials, and sufferings, that my entire being may henceforth only be employed in loving, honoring and glorifying Thee. This is my irrevocable will, to belong entirely to Thee, and to do all for Thy love, renouncing with my whole heart all that can displease Thee. I take Thee, O Sacred Heart, for the sole object of my love, the protection of my life, the pledge of my salvation, the remedy of my frailty and inconstancy, the reparation for all the defects of my life, and my secure refuge at the hour of my death. Be Thou, O Most Merciful Heart, my justification before God Thy Father, and screen me from His anger which I have so justly merited. I fear all from my own weakness and malice, but placing my entire confidence in Thee, O Heart of Love, I hope all from Thine infinite Goodness. Annihilate in me all that can displease or resist Thee. Imprint Thy pure love so deeply in my heart that I may never forget Thee or be separated from Thee. I beseech Thee, through Thine infinite Goodness, grant that my name be engraved upon Thy Heart, for in this I place all my happiness and all my glory, to live and to die as one of Thy devoted servants. Amen.

Contemplation: God does not rejoice in the loss of anyone. Instead God desires that all be saved and restored to fellowship with him. That is why the whole community of heaven rejoices when one sinner is found and restored to fellowship with God. Seekers of the lost are much needed today. Do you persistently pray and seek after those you know who have lost their way to God? Do you acknowledge that Jesus is King of our heart? Do you conform your heart to his Sacred Heart, expressing love and compassion to all whom you meet and interact with?

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Thank you to all who have already supported the 2025 Appeal. Your generosity is making a real impact across the Diocese of Columbus! Now, as we move toward the final stretch, we need everyone's help to reach our parish goal of **\$111,705.00**. So far, we've raised an incredible **\$108,409.00** – but we're not there yet.

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The Appeal funds essential work in:

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Our goal is to meet this challenge **by June 30th** and we can do it *together*. Every gift, no matter the size, brings us one step closer. To make your gift, use a pledge card from pew or visit **columbuscatholicgiving.org** to donate securely online.

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Welcoming Jesus Into Your Home - A Powerful Devotion for Your Family

The Lord, in His mercy and love, seeks to liberate each one of us from the fears and worries in our day-to-day lives, and indeed it is only the Lord who can truly liberate us from whatever weighs us down in this life. Welcoming Jesus into your home as King, Savior, and Friend, through the Enthronement to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, is a conscious decision to place Jesus at the center of your life and home.

What is Enthronement?

This is a ceremony where Jesus is invited into your home and is given authority over your household/family. An image of Our Lord's Sacred Heart is given a place of honor in your home. As you receive Jesus in the Eucharist at Holy Mass, Jesus desires through His Image to remain present spiritually in your home, "the domestic church." This devotion can be transformative for you as an individual and as a family.

How Do I enthrone the Sacred Heart of Jesus in My Home?

Option 1: Assistance From Missionaries

Sacred Heart Missionaries come to your home and lead you through some prayers (featuring the Holy Rosary) and readings from the Bible. This will take about 30-40 minutes. The missionaries provide all the materials necessary for the Enthronement process. We return seven days later to lead the Home Enthronement Ceremony; allow about 30 minutes.

Option 2: Self Home Enthronement

Please take a look at the website WelcomeHisHeart.com where there are videos on this devotion, self-led Enthronement packets, guide to praying the Rosary and more. God is calling for this action of devotion.

There are 12 promises that Jesus revealed to St. Margaret Mary Alacoque of how He would bless each home where a picture of His Sacred Heart is honored. Some highlights:

- ♥ I will give them all the graces necessary for their state in life.
- ♥ I will give peace to their families.
- ♥ I will console them in all their troubles.

Questions? Contact the Sacred Heart Missionaries in our area. We can explain the process and give options for Enthronement. Gregg (Barb) Hinterschied 740-403-3738 hinterg@gmail.com, Anna Hofer 740-334-0170 amariehofer@hotmail.com, Monica Stanley 740-818-5203 stanley1816@roadrunner.com, or Lucy Lopez 740-616-5638 lucia1530@yahoo.com

We've had unexpected expenses due to pump station and pipe repairs, as well as issues with the rectory's heating system. Thank you for your continued generosity! Our Offertory Budget for FY 2024-25 (July 1-June 30) is \$917,000.

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