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Mass Schedule

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.

Bulletin Submission Deadline

Noon on Monday

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Mass Intentions *Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time***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

Monday, June 309:00 a.m. Joyce Fouts (RIP)
by Jon Petticrew**Tuesday, July 1**9:00 a.m. Jan MacKay (RIP)
by Maggie Barno**Wednesday, July 2**9:00 a.m. Kendall Carpenter (Birthday)
by Maggie Barno**Thursday, July 3***Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle*9:00 a.m. Gloria Kiechel (RIP)
by Jeanne Mydland Evans**Friday, July 4**9:00 a.m. Stella Crum (RIP)
by Joan Swearman & Betty Betts**Saturday, July 5**5:00 p.m. George Matesich (RIP Birthday)
by Jim & Amy Matesich**Sunday, July 6**

8:15 a.m. For the People of the Parish, Living and Deceased

10:45 a.m. For the Living and Deceased Members
of the K o C and their Families**This Week at St. Edward****Sunday, June 29***The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul*

Mass – 8:15 a.m. – Fr. Hayes

Mass – 10:45 a.m. – Fr. Hayes

O.C.I.A. – 12:00 p.m. Lounge

Monday, June 30

Mass – 9:00 a.m. – Fr. Ghiloni

Adoration – 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, July 1

Mass – 9:00 a.m. – Fr. Hayes

Wednesday, July 2

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

Mass – 9:00 a.m. – Fr. Hayes

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

Thursday, July 3

Mass – 9:00 a.m. – Fr. Hayes

Mass at Otterbein – 4:30 p.m. – Fr. Hayes

Friday, July 4*Independence Day**Office Closed*

Mass – 9:00 a.m. – Fr. Hayes

Mass at Middleton – 10:30 a.m. – Fr. Hayes

Saturday, July 5

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

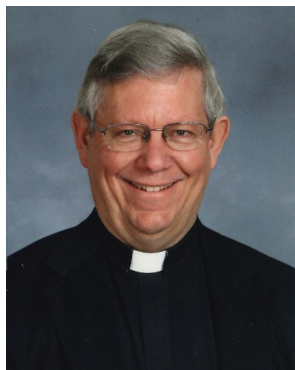
Confessions – 4:00 p.m.

Mass – 5:00 p.m. Msgr. Enke



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.

A Word from Your Pastor



Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

Dear Parishioners:

This is an exciting day to celebrate as Americans. Pope Leo XIV associates us as a land with the Holy Land in a new way. On the shores of Lake Galilee, Jesus established Peter's primacy among the Apostles. Now, one who knows us and our ways has

answered the call to be the "fisher of men" in the footsteps of St. Peter, who poured out his life in Rome, establishing it as the center of Christianity.

We are invited to pray for the Holy Father and to cooperate in the work entrusted to him, a work of Unity and Mission. In Christ, we are One, and that is the starting point for everything we do.

St. Peter had to learn that, and God intervened in many ways to open the Apostle's eyes to see that all human beings are called to the Life Christ shared with us. Paul, who also poured out his life in Rome, the Eternal City, had his own eyes opened and at times even helped Peter to realize the implications of the generosity of God in bestowing His Spirit so freely among Jews and Gentiles alike.

We live in a time that often sets us in opposition to one another. If we give in to division and polarization, we will never reach the goal God has set before us, namely, to remove all obstacles so that Jesus Christ can be revealed among us in His fullness. In Christ, we must start, we are already One. How does that change how we see one another and treat one another.

How sad it is that many use the "office" of the Papacy to divide rather than unite. Some who are not Catholic have begun to see the role that the Pope can play in inviting Christians and all human beings of good will to address common concerns. At the same time, some among us, Catholics and other Christians denounce papal efforts toward unity as if it is contrary to God's own manifest will.

Let us set aside the mindset of division and see what unites us. From there, and through genuine dialogue, we can seek together to discover the way of Truth. We are to join with Peter, in the person of Pope Leo XIV, to feed and nourish God's flock and to open our eyes to the abundant harvest awaiting our efforts to gather in all who are called to salvation in Christ.

Saints Peter and Paul, Glorious Apostles of Unity, pray for us!

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The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul June 29, 2025 – YEAR C

Prelude

Variations on *Tu Es Petrus* (You Are Peter)

Introductory Rites

Opening: Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones (#710)

Gloria: Mass in Honor of St. Benedict

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Liturgy of the Word

Vigil (p. 183-185) or Day (p. 185-187)

Liturgy of the Eucharist

Offertory: Blessed Feasts of Blessed Martyrs (#709)

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

Mass in Honor of St. Benedict

Communion: How Firm a Foundation (#711)

Concluding Rite

Closing: For All the Saints (#708)

Postlude

Variations on SINE NOMINE

Cantors

5:00 p.m.: TBD

8:15 a.m.: Michael Whiting

10:45 a.m.: Jim Bidigare

Trumpet

5:00 p.m. & 10:45 a.m.: Shelby Heist

Notes from the Loft

♪ This weekend, we honor Saints Peter and Paul. The designated antiphons today focus on those saints, while the hymns remind us of all the saints, martyrs, and holy ones who are now rejoicing forever with God in the kingdom of heaven. As they bore their own earthly crosses, let us pray for the strength to do the same. May Christ indeed be our firm foundation and our hope in this week to come.

♪ The Choir is now on its regular summer hiatus. Week in and week out, our singers, their spouses, and their families make many sacrifices for the sake of St. Edward's music ministry. They – and our Bell Choir, Funeral Choir, Children's Choir, cantors, organists, instrumentalists, and their families – are a great blessing to our parish. Thank you to them all!

~ Paul Radkowski,
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Parish News

Thank You from JOIN!

The community of St. Edward the Confessor recently received a heartfelt, handwritten note from JOIN (Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs) expressing deep gratitude for your generous support of the Ash Wednesday collection.

Thanks to your charitable giving, JOIN is able to provide vital assistance – such as help with utilities and prescriptions – to neighbors in need. As they shared, “With your gift, we are able to carry on and assist our struggling brothers and sisters as well as share the generosity and compassion of the Catholic Church.” Thank you for making a meaningful difference in the lives of others!

Support Our Seminarians

S.O.S.

The Knights of Columbus has been collecting to help our Seminarians with emergency expenses when their cars break down. The Seminarians do not have time to work a job due to their work load, so please take a donation envelope located in the Gathering Space and place in the donation box with your contribution.

Thank you
Chairman PCK/FDD Von Downing

Men's Ministries

That Man Is You!

Sat. @ 7 a.m.

Fellowship Breakfast

Wed. @ 7 a.m.

Rosary Prayer Group

Wed. @ 7 p.m.



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: tuna, Tuna Helper, canned pasta (especially Spaghetti-Os®) and toothpaste. Please drop off in the Gathering Space or the Parish Office. Thank you!

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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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


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



Stewardship of Treasure



	Actual	Budget	Variance
May Offertory	\$57,273	\$73,500	(\$16,227)
YTD Offertory	\$734,813	\$843,500	(\$108,687)

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.



Attention, Christmas Friends!

The Santa's Attic Sale 2025 is just four short months from this weekend. Please hold on to your gently used Christmas decorations until the week of October 26 and we will gladly welcome your donations!

Santa's Attic Sale: Saturday, November 1, 2025

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 July is dedicated to the Precious Blood of Jesus

“My final prayer is this: that God will bless America, so that she may increasingly become—and truly be—and long remain—‘One Nation, under God, indivisible. With liberty and justice for all.’ God bless America! God bless America!”

+POPE SAINT JOHN PAUL II, DEPARTURE FROM WASHINGTON, D.C., OCTOBER 7, 1979

Monday, June 30 ~ Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Optional Memorial: First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:18-22 When Jesus saw a crowd around him, he gave orders to cross to the other shore. A scribe approached and said to him, “Teacher, I will follow you wherever you go.” Jesus answered him, “Foxes have dens and birds of the sky have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to rest his head.” Another of his disciples said to him, “Lord, let me go first and bury my father.” But Jesus answered him, “Follow me, and let the dead bury their dead.”

Meditation: When the Lord Jesus calls us to follow him, he invites us into a personal relationship of love and friendship. That relationship also involves the commitment of our entire lives to Jesus as Lord and Master, Teacher and Healer, Messiah and Savior. To follow Jesus is the greatest of all calls. What an awesome privilege and an awesome responsibility to be a disciple of Jesus Christ! What does it cost to be a disciple? For the first disciples, they paid the ultimate price for being a follower of Jesus by not renouncing Christ as Lord, Savior, Messiah; by not renouncing Christ’s teachings; by being steadfast disciples of Christ. A disciple must be willing to make sacrifices, even the sacrifice of his own life to follow Jesus as his Master and Lord. Notice how another would-be disciple responded by saying that he must first bury his father, that is go back home and take care of his father until he died. Jesus appealed to the man’s heart and told him to detach himself from whatever might keep him from following as his disciple.

Prayer: O God, who through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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 + First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church: O God, who consecrated that abundant first fruits of the Roman Church by the blood of the Martyrs, grant, we pray, that with firm courage we may together draw strength from so great a struggle and ever rejoice at the triumph of faithful 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.

For more information about today’s Optional Memorial, visit the following web page:
<https://americaneedsfatima.org/articles/the-first-martyrs-of-the-holy-roman-church>

Contemplation: What can keep us from giving our all to God? Fear, anxiety, self-concern, pre-occupation and attachment to other things, to name a few. Even spiritual things can get in the way of having God alone as our Treasure if we put them first. Detachment is a necessary step if we want to make the Lord our Treasure and Joy. It frees us to give ourselves without reserve to the Lord and to his service. There is nothing greater we can do with our lives than to place them at the service of the Lord and Master of the universe. We cannot out give God in generosity. Jesus promises that those who are willing to part with what is most dear to them for his sake “will receive a hundred times as much and will inherit eternal life” (Matthew 19:29). Is there anything holding you back from giving your all to the Lord?

Tuesday, July 1 ~ Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Saint Junipero Serra, Priest

Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:23-27 As Jesus got into a boat, his disciples followed him. Suddenly a violent storm came up on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by waves; but he was asleep. They came and woke him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" He said to them, "Why are you terrified, O you of little faith?" Then he got up, rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was great calm. The men were amazed and said, "What sort of man is this, whom even the winds and the sea obey?"

Meditation: What is stronger than fear, even the fear of death? There are plenty of scripture passages which provide an answer: "There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18). The Wisdom of Solomon tells us that "love is stronger than death" (Song of Songs 8:6). Jesus' sleeping presence on the storm-tossed sea reveals the sleeping faith of his disciples. They feared for their lives even though their Lord and Master was with them in the boat. They were asleep to Christ while he was present to them in their hour of need. The Lord is ever present to us. And in our time of testing he asks the same question: Why are you afraid? Have you no faith? Do you recognize the Lord's presence with you, especially when you meet the storms of adversity, sorrow, or temptation? Whenever we encounter trouble, the Lord is there with the same reassuring message: "It is I, do not be afraid".

Prayer: O God, who by your ineffable mercy have been pleased through the labors of your priest Saint Junipero Serra to count many American peoples within your Church, grant by his intercession that we may so join our hearts to you in love, as to carry always and everywhere before all people the image of your Only Begotten Son. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: On the day of his election to the papacy in 1978, Pope John Paul II advised us: "Be not afraid." Several years later, on the third anniversary of Pope John Paul II's death, Pope Benedict XVI quite rightly reminded us of those words, adding that throughout his pontificate, John Paul II acted on those words "with unbending firmness - at first while carrying his bishop's staff with its cross, and later, when his physical strength was waning, almost while supporting himself on it, until that final Good Friday in which he participated in the Way of the Cross from his private chapel, holding the cross in his arms." John Paul II's final suffering, he said, "revealed to believers, and to the whole world, the secret of an entire Christian life." Pope John Paul II lived a life of faith, through many trials, tribulations, challenges, fears and anxieties. He knew that with Christ at his side, there was never any reason to fear. How do you face the challenges of life?

Wednesday, July 2 ~ Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time

Holy Gospel: Matthew 8:28-34 When Jesus came to the territory of the Gadarenes, two demoniacs who were coming from the tombs met him. They were so savage that no one could travel by that road. They cried out, "What have you to do with us, Son of God? Have you come here to torment us before the appointed time?" Some distance away a herd of many swine was feeding. The demons pleaded with him, "If you drive us out, send us into the herd of swine." And he said to them, "Go then!" They came out and entered the swine, and the whole herd rushed down the steep bank into the sea where they drowned. The swineherds ran away, and when they came to the town they reported everything, including what had happened to the demoniacs. Thereupon the whole town came out to meet Jesus, and when they saw him they begged him to leave their district.

Meditation: Jesus took pity on these men who were overtaken by a legion of evil spirits. The destructive force of these demons is evident for all who can see as they flee and destroy a herd of swine. After Jesus freed the demoniacs the whole city came out to meet him. No one had demonstrated such power and authority against the forces of Satan as Jesus did. They feared Jesus as a result and begged him to leave them. Why would they not want Jesus to stay? Perhaps the price for such liberation from the power of evil and sin was more than they wanted to pay. Jesus is ready and willing to free us from anything that binds us and that keeps us from the love of God. Are you willing to part with anything that might keep you from his love and saving grace?

Prayer: God of justice, Father of truth, who guide creation in wisdom and goodness to fulfillment in Christ your Son, open our hearts to the truth of his Gospel, that your peace may rule in our hearts and your justice guide our lives. 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: There were a growing number of Christians in Rome within a dozen or so years after the death of Jesus. Wherever the Good News of Jesus was preached, it met the same opposition as Jesus did, and many of those who began to follow him shared his suffering and death. But no human force could stop the power of the Spirit unleashed upon the world. The blood of martyrs has always been, and will always be, the seed of Christians. When you face opposition from friend, family members, co-workers, neighbors, classmates – whomever – for living your life according to the teachings of Christ and his Catholic Church, fear not as you are in good company. Jesus was ridiculed and mocked for proclaiming the truth, his apostles and disciples were mocked and scored for living the truth. We live in an era where it is acceptable – even “fashionable” – to embrace a life of political correctness, an era where many do not want to offend a friend or go against a societal trend by saying “no” but have no problem turning away from God of offending him. Never shy away from living your life according to the laws of God and the teachings of Jesus Christ. Remember, you profess to be a disciple of Christ – prove it by your actions.

Thursday, July 3 ~ Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time Feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle

Holy Gospel: John 20:24-29 Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, “We have seen the Lord.” But Thomas said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.” Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe.” Thomas answered and said to him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed.”

Meditation: What gives us unshakeable hope and confidence in the face of death and defeat? The apostles abandoned Jesus in his hour of trial and lost hope when Jesus was handed over to the Romans for execution. They saw the cross as defeat rather than victory. They were slow to believe the reports of the resurrection until the Risen Lord appeared to them and reassured them of his presence and love. The last apostle to meet the resurrected Lord was the first to go with him to Jerusalem at Passover time. The apostle Thomas was a natural pessimist. When Jesus proposed that they visit Lazarus after receiving news of his illness, Thomas said to the disciples: “Let us also go, that we may die with him” (John 11:16). While Thomas deeply loved the Lord, he lacked the courage to stand with Jesus in his passion and crucifixion. After Jesus' death, Thomas made the mistake of withdrawing from the other apostles. He sought loneliness rather than fellowship in his time of adversity. He doubted the women who saw the resurrected Jesus and he doubted his own fellow apostles. When Thomas finally had the courage to rejoin the other apostles, the Lord Jesus made his presence known to him and reassured him that he had indeed overcome death and risen again. When Thomas recognized his Master, he believed and exclaimed that Jesus was truly Lord and truly God!

Prayer: Grant, almighty God, that we may glory in the Feast of the blessed Apostle Thomas, so that we may always be sustained by his intercession and, believing, may have life in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, whom Thomas acknowledged as the Lord. Who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: It is through the gift of faith that we, too, are able to recognize the presence of the risen Lord in our personal lives. The Holy Spirit reveals the Lord Jesus to us and helps us to grow in knowledge and understanding of God and his ways. Through the gift of faith we are able to proclaim that Jesus is our personal Lord and our God. He died and rose that we, too, might have new life in him. The Lord offers each of us new life in his Holy Spirit that we may know him personally and walk in this new way of life through the power of his resurrection. Do you believe in God's word and in the power of the Holy Spirit?

Friday, July 4 ~ Thirteenth Week in Ordinary Time ~ Independence Day ~

Holy Gospel: Matthew 9:9-13 As Jesus passed by, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the customs post. He said to him, “Follow me.” And he got up and followed him. While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners came and sat with Jesus and his disciples. The Pharisees saw this and said to his disciples, “Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?” He heard this and said, “Those who are well do not need a physician, but the sick do. Go and learn the meaning of the words, I desire mercy, not sacrifice. I did not come to call the righteous but sinners.”

Meditation: We live in a world where Jesus constantly invites each of us to follow him. And yet, on this day when we celebrate our country's birth, there are many reasons to celebrate the blessings that God has bestowed on our country, and causes for concern about the freedoms that some choose poorly to exercise. Does Christ invite us to follow him to view pornography? Does Jesus invite us to follow him by participating in any way in having an abortion? Does Christ invite people to be involved in gun and other forms of violence? Does Jesus invite us to rob and steal from each other, or treat others poorly? Of course not. There are so many things that people choose to do in this country that are contrary to God's way and the way of Christ. And yet so many Americans – including those who identify themselves Christian – regularly participate in these sinful acts and, in doing so, choose not follow Christ. On this day when we celebrate the birth of the United States of America, let us pray that our fellow citizens – men and women of all ages, walks of life, and religious faiths – will turn away from all that separates us from the love of God, and in doing so simply take up Jesus Christ on his personal invitation to each and every one of us when he says: "follow me." May our nation truly be, as we pledge to be, "one nation under God."

Prayer: Father of all nations and ages, we recall that day when our country claimed its place among the family of nations; for what has been achieved we give you thanks, for the work that remains we ask your help, and as you have called us from many peoples to be one nation, grant that, under your providence, our country may share your blessings with all the peoples of the earth. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Contemplation: What is God's call on your life? When Jesus saw Matthew sitting at his tax office – no doubt counting his day's profit – Jesus spoke only two words – "follow me." Those two words changed Matthew's life forever, from a self-serving profiteer to a God-serving apostle who would bring the treasures of God's kingdom to the poor and needy. Jesus says "follow me" to every man and woman on this earth. The question becomes, how do you respond to Jesus' invitation to follow him? Take Christ up on his personal invitation to "follow me," and in doing so let your life be forever changed.

A Prayer for Our Nation

God, Our Father, Giver of Life, We Entrust our Nation to your loving care. You are the rock on which this nation was founded. You alone are the true source of our cherished rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. Reclaim this land for your glory and dwell among your people. Send your spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Open their minds to the great worth of human life and the responsibilities that accompany human freedom. Remind your people that true happiness is rooted in seeking and doing your will. Through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of our Land, Grant Us the Courage to reject the "Culture of Death". Lead us into a new millennium of life. We ask this through Christ, Our Lord, Amen.

A Prayer for Religious Freedom from the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops

O God our Creator, from your provident hand we have received our right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. You have called us as your people and given us the right and the duty to worship you, the only true God, and your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through the power and working of your Holy Spirit, you call us to live out our faith in the midst of the world, bringing the light and the saving truth of the Gospel to every corner of society.

We ask you to bless us in our vigilance for the gift of religious liberty.

Give us the strength of mind and heart to readily defend our freedoms when they are threatened; give us courage in making our voices heard on behalf of the rights of your Church and the freedom of conscience of all people of faith.

Grant, we pray, O heavenly Father, a clear and united voice to all your sons and daughters gathered in your Church in this decisive hour in the history of our nation, so that, with every trial withstood and every danger overcome — for the sake of our children, our grandchildren, and all who come after us — this great land will always be "one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen. Mary Immaculate, Patroness of the United States of America, Pray for Us. Our Lady of Guadalupe, Patroness of all the Americas and of unborn children, Pray for Us. St. Thomas More, Patron of Religious Freedom, Pray for Us.

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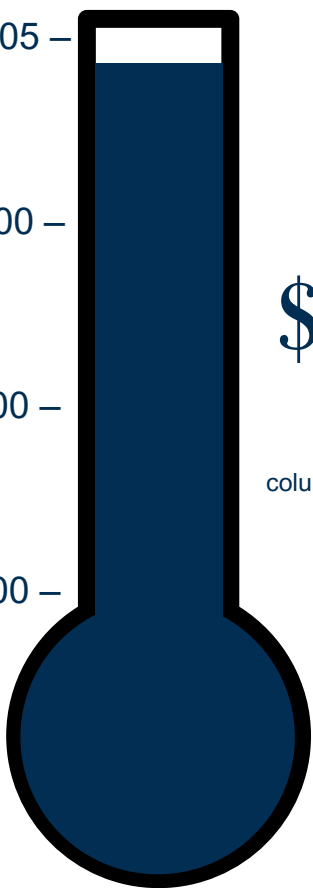
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If every family that is registered at St. Edward gave a donation of \$10.00-\$25.00, we could easily raise another \$25K that will go directly to our projects, without an assessment fee owed to the Diocese. Our response to The Appeal is one way to share our blessings with our neighbors and to express our gratitude for all the blessings that our most loving God has bestowed on us.

The Appeal is our parish's opportunity to bring about a positive change in the lives of many of God's people in our Diocese. The Appeal is a unifying force that calls on every member of our community to be stewards of faith so that we may continue to bring Christ into every home and heart. The Appeal funds so many crucial missions with your generosity.

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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

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Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Cindy Barbour (sub req.) Dianne McDonald Marian Skeen Kris Whiting	Christopher Haight	Paul McDonald NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
Sunday, 10:45 a.m.	Lisa Barrett Stephanie Dodd (sub req.) Sheila Heist Robin Krempel Joe Krempel Katie Perry	Dana Updegrove	Augustine Dodd Calvin Harms NOT FILLED
JULY 5-6: FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME			
Saturday, 5:00 p.m.	Natalie Cannon Lisa Cannon Bill Hoekstra John Martin	Karen Kolbe	Arianna Carter Olivia Priano Katelyn Shaw
Sunday, 8:15 a.m.	Leo Fox Suzanne Fox Terri Jackson Bonnie Kinney	Mindy Skeldon	Daphne Harms NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
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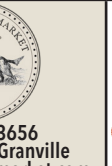
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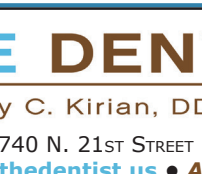
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