

HOLY ANGELS ST. MARY'S STS. PETER & PAUL

The CATHOLIC PARISHES of SANDUSKY
To seek and to show the face of Jesus Christ.



MASS TIMES

MONDAY	8 A.M.	Holy Angels
TUESDAY	8 A.M.	Holy Angels
WEDNESDAY	12 P.M.	Saints Peter and Paul
THURSDAY	12 P.M.	Saints Peter and Paul
FRIDAY	8 A.M.	Saint Mary's
SATURDAY	8 A.M.	Saint Mary's
SATURDAY	4 P.M.	Saint Mary's
VIGIL	4:30 P.M.	Saints Peter and Paul
SUNDAY	8 A.M.	Holy Angels
	9 A.M.	Saint Mary's
	10 A.M.	Saints Peter and Paul
	10:30 A.M.	Holy Angels
	5 P.M.	Holy Angels

CONFESSION TIMES

TUESDAY	5-6 P.M.	Saints Peter and Paul
THURSDAY	5-6 P.M.	Saints Peter and Paul
SATURDAY	8:30-9 A.M.	Saint Mary's

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Monday-Thursday 9 A.M. - 4 P.M. | Friday 9 A.M. - 1 P.M.

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Catholic Community Supper

Holy Angels Parish Hall
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Wednesdays
To volunteer, contact Deacon Phil Dinovo

St. Mary's Parish Outreach Committee

Parishioners who know of an individual with a special financial need are encouraged to call 419.202.6497

St. Vincent De Paul Society

ext. 1019; Locations:
Holy Angels - 2nd & 4th Tues., 9-10:30 AM
Sts. Peter & Paul - 2nd & 4th Thurs. 6:30-8 PM

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Sacraments

- **Baptisms** or RCIA: Contact Deacon Phil
- **First Communion**: Contact Laura Bricker
- **Confirmation**: Contact Anna Morse
- **Marriage**: Call the Pastoral Office 6 months in advance of your date.
- **Anointing of the Sick**: Please call the Pastoral Office (419) 625-7500 (after hours, press 1) if you or someone you know is seriously ill or facing surgery.

Times for Private Prayer

- **HA**: Adoration, Wed. 9 AM-5 PM | Call parish office or go to tinyurl.com/Adore44870
- **SM**: M-F 9 AM-5 PM
- **SPP**: M-TH 9 AM-3 PM; F 9 AM-1 PM

Prayer Network

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Bulletin Deadline

The submission deadline is 12 Noon on Thursdays, ten (10) days prior to the requested publication date. The bulletin is limited to parish news, activities, ministries; Catholic Cemeteries; related organizations; and Diocesan information. Please email: bulletin@sanduskycatholic.org

Mass Intentions

(A) Anniversary | (L) Living

HA: Holy Angels | SM: St. Mary's | SPP: Sts. Peter & Paul

MONDAY, JULY 31

8 A.M. HA Rebecca Mya

TUESDAY, AUGUST 1

8 A.M. HA John A. Baum (A)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 2

12 P.M. SPP Michael Henley

THURSDAY, AUGUST 3

12 P.M. SPP Gwen Hufnagle
Ron Karl

FRIDAY, AUGUST 4 St. John Vianney

8 A.M. SM William Guendelsberger
Elaine Jesberger

SATURDAY, AUGUST 5

8 A.M. SM Robert M. Mayer Sr. (A)
4 P.M. SM Living & Deceased SMCC Class of 1973
Scott Niehm (A)
Larry & Mary Ann Sennish Family
4:30 P.M. SPP Sam Sidoti, Sr
Lawrence H. Stookey Family
Mary Ann Forster

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6 Transfiguration of the Lord

8 A.M. HA People of the Sandusky Catholic Parishes
9 A.M. SM Joyce Claubaugh (A)
Stephen Kromer
Lucile Ritzenthaler
10 A.M. SPP Michele Sortino (A)
Elpidio & Susie Loreda
Edmond Hayes
10:30 A.M. HA Donna Erckman
Vincent Esposito
Traci Adams
5 P.M. HA Joseph Vaschak

Help Lead the Rosary

The Knights of Columbus invite families, parish ministry leaders, groups, and individuals to help lead the rosary before each of the weekend Masses here at our Sandusky Catholic parishes. If you are interested in this opportunity to lead your fellow parishioners in prayer before Mass, please consider signing up at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050e4fa8ac22a2fe3-weekend>

Tri-Parish Calendar

Location Key: Gathering Room (GR); Gathering Space (GS); Parish Hall (PH); Multi Purpose Room (MPR); School (S); Church (C); Lower Room (LR); Commons (CO); Pastoral Office (PO)

MON
31

Holy Angels

8:45 A.M. Book Study (GR)

TUE
1

Holy Angels

8:30-9:30 A.M. Donuts with the Deacons (GR)
1-6 P.M. American Red Cross Blood Drive (PH)

Sts. Peter & Paul

5-6 P.M. Confessions (C)
6:30-8 P.M. Tri-Parish Evangelization Meeting (GS)

WED
2

Holy Angels

9 A.M.-5 P.M. Adoration (C)
10-11:30 A.M. Summer Catechism Session (S)
7-9 P.M. Knights of Columbus Meeting (KoC Room)

St. Mary's

7-8 P.M. Outreach Meeting (LR)

THURS
3

All Parish Offices Closed from 9-11 A.M.

Holy Angels

8-9 P.M. Men's Open AA Discussion (GR)

Sts. Peter & Paul

5-6 P.M. Confessions (C)
6:30-8 P.M. SVDP Team Meeting (PO)

FRI
4

9 A.M. Fitness & Fellowship: Castalia Quarry

SAT
5

St. Mary's

7-8 A.M. Men's Bible Study (LR)
8:30-9 A.M. Confessions (C)

SUN
6

<No Events>

Be an Adorer!

Wednesday Adoration at Holy Angels needs at least one person signed up for a Holy Hour. Please consider signing up any time between 9 A.M.-5 P.M. Call the Holy Angels Parish Office at 419-625-3698 or sign up online by going on our tri-parish website or www.tinyurl.com/Adore44870.

Leading the FLOCK

BY BISHOP DANIEL E. THOMAS



The Eucharist and the Priesthood

*“There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood,
just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist.”¹*

These words of Pope Saint John Paul II have echoed over and over again in my daily prayer during this season of Eucharistic Revival. It has been clear to me since becoming your bishop that here in the diocese of Toledo, there is a deep and evident love for the Eucharist, and a deep and evident love for the priesthood! Yet many of our faithful may not be aware that the number of priests in our diocese has been declining for several years; that many priests are now serving multiple parishes, some to the point of exhaustion; and that, in the past few years, the number of diocesan seminarians has also declined.

In some ways, these trends should be no surprise. The past two decades have seen a sharp decline in Catholic parish participation throughout North America and Europe. In our diocese, Mass attendance declined 47% from 2005 to 2022. During that period, 37% fewer children were baptized and 45% fewer people received Confirmation. These numbers clearly indicate that there are not as many people practicing the faith in our diocese, which means there is a smaller pool of possible candidates for the priesthood and subsequently a lower number of seminarians.

The reality of our diocese mirrors national trends. From 2014 to 2021, the total number of seminarians in the USA decreased 22%.² Vocation directors cite many contributing factors that go beyond the obvious rise in secularization and the priority shifts of a generation

averse to lifelong commitment and riddled by “fear of missing out” (FOMO). The tense and confusing ecclesial climate seems to be discouraging young men from answering the priestly call. The scandal of priestly sexual abuse has also caused hesitation about entering seminary. Certainly, the COVID-19 pandemic had a negative impact: the inability of the vocations office to host typical in person events, and the rise in anxiety for young adults, were obstacles to healthy discernment.

So what should we do? With the tide rushing forcefully in the wrong direction, should we just give up? St. Paul’s words come to mind: “where sin increased, grace abounded all the more” (Romans 5:20). Do we believe that He can and will curb the tide? Do we believe that He can make the difference? Do we believe and hope in Him to draw men to the priestly vocation? We believe!

Salvation history teaches us that whenever humanity moves away from God, an abundance of divine grace is available to the faithful who are open to it. The Lord uses the service of his prayerful people to lead humanity back to God. Here and now, we are the people the Lord is depending on to open the eyes of hearts and minds to see the reality of our situation and to address head on our need for priests. It takes the joyful, faithful witness of priests themselves coupled with the support and encouragement of all the lay faithful.

Jesus encouraged his disciples not to give into despair when faced with small numbers of ministers and a culture greatly in need of His message. “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; pray therefore the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Matthew 9:36-38). Jesus taught His disciples that sometimes, the only solution is prayer and fasting! Thus, I invite every Catholic in the Diocese of Toledo to do two things to implore the Lord of the harvest for more laborers to be ordained to shepherd the Church in our diocese: these are simple, practical, and doable!



First, I ask every Catholic to pray one Hail Mary per day for an increase of priestly vocations. I especially encourage families to add this Hail Mary to their prayer before meals, regular daily prayers or family rosary, as a way of encouraging their children to seek God’s call for their life. Mother Mary will intercede for us with her Son for an increase of priests in the Person of her Son!

Second, I ask all who are able to offer some form of intentional fasting or penance each Friday for this same intention. The fasting or penance might be foregoing a meal, abstaining from meat, avoiding snacks between meals, or some other small sacrifice that can be united with Jesus’ loving offering of his life for the salvation of the world on Good Friday, the very sacrifice we encounter in the Eucharist.

At a diocesan level, I kindly request that every parish offer some time of Eucharistic Adoration each week for the intention of an increase in priestly vocations. This might be a new addition to the parish calendar, or it might mean encouraging prayers for vocations during an already scheduled period of weekly Exposition and Adoration of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Many of our recent seminarians have come from parishes where Eucharistic Adoration for vocations is regularly offered. I also ask every parish in the diocese to pray specifically

for an increase of priestly vocations each week at Mass during the Universal Prayer.

Without an increase of priestly vocations, we risk not having enough priests to celebrate the Eucharist. In challenging times like ours, faithful Catholics need the Eucharist more than ever to sustain them in their mission of sharing the faith with the large number of

people in northwest Ohio who are distant from Christ and his Church. The Eucharist and the priesthood are inseparable.

While the challenges we face may seem daunting, I ask that you approach your prayer and fasting/penance for priestly vocations with **hope**. Just think, if every parish in our diocese sent just one man to the seminary every ten years, we

would have 122 seminarians over a ten-year period. If just half of them were ordained priests, we would be ordaining an average of over 6 men per year! This would be a huge shift from our current 20-year average of less than 2 ordinations per year. Dare we hope?

The word “revival” comes from the Latin verb *re-vivere*, meaning “to live again” and “to restore to life.” During this parish year of the Eucharistic Revival, please join me in praying that enthusiasm for priestly vocations might be born anew in the hearts, minds and souls of young men throughout our diocese, leading to a generous response to Christ. We pray that their future ministry, especially their celebration of the Eucharist, will empower many people in Northwest Ohio to live out their Catholic faith with renewed zeal. “There can be no Eucharist without the priesthood, just as there can be no priesthood without the Eucharist.”

Many resources to promote priestly vocations are available at: <https://toledopriesthood.org>

+ Daniel E. Thomas

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo
July 21, 2023



ST. ALPHONSUS LIGUORI

Feast Day: August 1



"Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest of the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us."

St. Alphonsus Liguori is a doctor of the Church who is widely known for his contribution to moral theology and his great kindness. He was born in 1696 in Naples to a well-respected family and was the oldest of 7 children. From a young age, he spent hours adoring Jesus in the Eucharist, recalling "Oh, how delightful to be before an altar with faith and a little tender devotion, in a familiar conversation with Jesus Christ!"

A brilliant scholar and theologian, he authored many great works. In "Visits to the Blessed Sacrament" (1745) — a work readily available today — he wrote, "Pause for a while each day, at least a half or quarter of an hour, before Jesus Christ in the Sacrament in some church. If you do this, you will see the great benefit you will derive from it. Know that the time you spend in devotion before this most divine Sacrament will be the time in your life most fruitful to you; it will be of comfort when you die and in eternity".

THE PARISH YEAR

SAINT STORIES

Parish News & Events

Please pray for our Faithful Departed

Paul Keller (SM)
Sandra Martinez (SPP)

Newly Baptized

Gianni Antonio Joseph Sidoti
son of Samuel and Alexandria (DeCaro) Sidoti (SPP)

Pope's August Prayer Intention

For World Youth Day

We pray the World Youth Day in Lisbon will help young people to live and witness the Gospel in their own lives.

Sunday Collection Numbers

The Sunday collection numbers for the weekend of July 23 will be available in next weekend's bulletin. Thank you for understanding.

Aug. 8 - Tri-Parish Health Ministry

The Tri-Parish Health Ministry will be meeting on Tuesday, August 8 from 7-9 P.M. in the bridal room of Sts. Peter and Paul. If you are interested in health or currently work/used to work in the healthcare field, please feel free to join us!

FITNESS & FELLOWSHIP

Get your steps in while connecting with your fellow parishioners!

Each Friday walk begins at 9 AM. Please use the address the below and meet us at the parking lot.

August Schedule

- 8/4 - Castalia Quarry (8404 SR 101, Castalia; meet in parking lot across the street)
- 8/11 - Castalia Levee Loop (same address as quarry)
- 8/18 - Old Woman's Creek (2514 Cleveland Rd E, Huron)
- 8/25 - Sheldon's Marsh (2715 Cleveland Rd, Huron)

September

- 9/1 - NO SCHEDULED WALK
- 9/8 - Huron Lakefront Park (310 Park St, Huron)
- 9/15 - Strickfaden Park (318 Bell Ave, Sandusky)
- 9/22 - Sorrowful Mother Shrine (4106 OH-269, Bellevue)
- 9/29 - Downtown Sandusky (Shoreline Park, 411 E. Shoreline Dr)

Cancellations due to inclement weather will be posted on www.sanduskycatholic.org/news and on social media.

Marriage Congratulations

On Thursday, July 20, the Herold family had the opportunity to attend Mass and have a special blessing from Fr. Hoyles. Congratulations on your wedding anniversary!

Roger & Therese Herold (60th) (HA)

Jeff & Jennifer Herold (35th)

Greg & Karen Herold (30th)

Paul & Mary Von Mohr (30th)



Aug. 15 - The Assumption of Mary HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

On Tuesday, August 15, we celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation this year.

Note: All parish offices are closed and Confessions are canceled. Please see below is the Mass schedule.

Monday, August 14 Vigil Mass

6 P.M. Vigil Mass - Sts. Peter and Paul

Tuesday, August 15

8 A.M. - Holy Angels

8 A.M. - St. Mary's

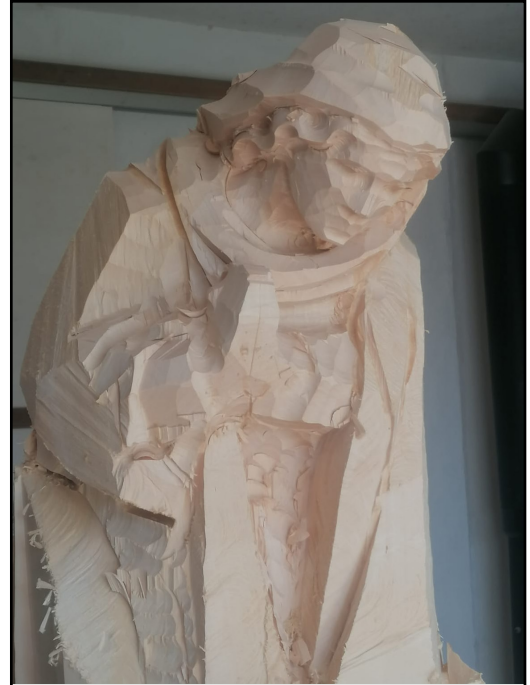
12 P.M. - Sts. Peter and Paul

5:30 P.M. - St. Mary's

7 P.M. Holy Angels

New Saint Mary's Nativity Set in the Works!

Here are two photo updates of the new Saint Mary's Nativity Set being carved in northern Italy! We have ordered the statues of Saint Mary, Saint Joseph and the baby Jesus - and we have started raising money to commission the Three Kings, an ox and a donkey. If you wish to contribute to this project, please indicate that on your donation and send it to the attention of Father Hoyles.



Parish Finance Councils and Pastoral Council are Looking for New Members!

The finance councils for Saint Mary's, Holy Angels and Saints Peter and Paul, and the Tri-Parish Pastoral Council are looking for individuals willing to serve as council members.

Parish Finance Councils meet four (4) times each year to review financial statements and consider how best to ensure the finest stewardship of parish assets. Ideal individuals will have a background in business, accounting, banking, civil law or human resources.

The Tri-Parish Pastoral Council meets five (5) times each year to offer counsel on pastoral and evangelical initiatives. This council works closely with the Pastor and key pastoral staff members to ensure that the spiritual, catechetical and liturgical needs of parishioners are met and that the Catholic faith continues to grow in our community.

For both councils, members must be fully-initiated Catholics in good standing, registered at Saint Mary's, Holy Angels or Saints Peter and Paul Parishes, and commit themselves to being an active member of the tri-parish community (regularly attending parish events and offerings), including Mass on weekends and Holy Days of Obligation.

If you or someone you know would like to be considered for membership on one of these councils, please let Father Hoyles know. He can be reached at (419) 625-7500 or via email at mhoyles@sanduskycatholic.org.

JOIN US ^{for}
amplify²³

A SUMMER PRAISE AND WORSHIP
GATHERING FOR ALL AGES AT THE
HURON BOAT BASIN AMPHITHEATRE

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20 @ 5 P.M.

RAIN OUT LOCATION: ST. PETERS GYM

GOD IS GOOD!
LET US PRAISE HIM.

Young Adult SOCIAL

AUGUST 24, 2023

WHEN

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24
6-9 PM

WHERE

ST. MARY RECTORY
38 WEST LEAGUE ST.
NORWALK, OH

WHO

AGES 18-30 ARE
WELCOME

Save the date for our next Young Adult Social held on Thursday, August 24 from 6-9 P.M. in the St. Mary Rectory in Norwalk. Ages 18-30 are welcome. Bring Your Own Beer and we'll see you in a couple weeks!

2023 Diocesan Celebration of Wedding Anniversaries

Holy Rosary Cathedral | October 22, 2023 | 3:00 P.M.

If you are celebrating a milestone wedding anniversary in 2023—25, 40, 50, 60, or 60+ years—plan to join Bishop Daniel E. Thomas for the Order of Blessing Married Couples within Holy Mass. Registered couples receive a commemorative certificate and are invited to a reception following Mass. To register visit: www.toledoanniversarymass.org

Erie County Fair: Right to Life Booth Volunteers

Erie County Right to Life is seeking volunteers to witness for life at the Erie County Fair on August 11, 2023. Please contact Sharon Braun to volunteer: 419-656-2011

AED Safety Reminder

Automated external defibrillators (AED) can help save lives during sudden cardiac arrest. If needed, instructions are in the AED wall cabinet.

AED Locations:

- **Holy Angels (2)** - In the kitchen by the walk-in freezer, and by the choir loft stairway (moved from the priest sacristy)
- **St. Mary's (1)** - Back wall of the Commons by the pews
- **Sts. Peter & Paul (1)** - Next to the church and Gathering Space entrance

**SANDUSKY & HURON PARISHES
PRESENT**

2023 Women's ACTS Retreat

NOVEMBER 9-12, 2023

SAVE THE DATE!

All women 21+ are invited to this annual retreat. Come and experience community and the love of Jesus Christ.

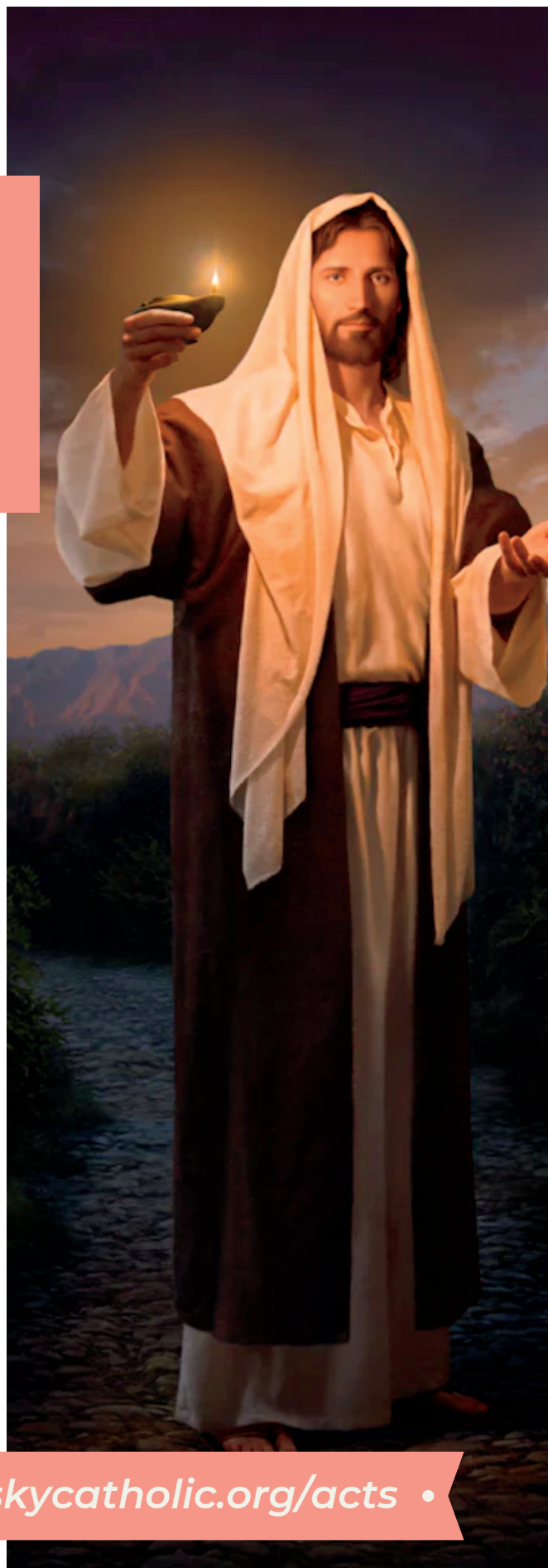
**Online registration opens on Sunday,
August 20.**

Scholarships are available upon request.



*Adoration
Community
Theology
Service*

• *Learn more at sanduskycatholic.org/acts •*





Comments from women in our parish...

- WWP has been one of the best things I have ever done. It is life changing.
- I love WWP! I look forward to coming each week as we have the time and space to not only discuss the lesson each week, but also to delve deeper into Holy Scripture. Our community of women has grown in so many ways! I feel our time together is refreshing and filling, allowing new friendships to form and current friendships to become stronger in Christ and His Church!

OPEN HOUSE August 23 @ 9:30 AM ~ Holy Angels gathering room

Session 1: August 30 @ 9:30-11am~ Holy Angels gathering room

Sign up & More information on the studies: <http://www.sanduskycatholic.org/wwp>
or in person at Holy Angels parish office



Books are available for purchase at Holy Angels, Open House or our first session.

*Scholarships available

We hope to welcome you soon!



Contact us



Annie 419.602.1596 * Sue 419.357.1662

August 8, 2023

VOTE YES ON ISSUE 1
PROTECTING
OHIO'S PREBORN



What is Issue 1?

Issue 1 is a common-sense resolution to elevate the standards necessary to amend Ohio's Constitution—ensuring that **every citizen has a voice** when changing our founding document. Issue 1 will be voted on on August 8th.

- **60 Percent Consensus**

Firstly, Issue 1 would require that at least 60 percent of the electorate approve of any **constitutional amendments** in order to pass.

- **Every County Matters**

Additionally, Issue 1 will allow all 88 counties in Ohio to be a part of the process of getting an amendment onto the ballot.

- **Close All Loopholes**

Finally, this resolution specifies that petitioners may not go back and add additional signatures to an amendment's petition once it is filed with the Secretary of State's office—eliminating loopholes that give fraudulent petitioners excess time to collect signatures.

What is at stake?

The very integrity of Ohio's constitution hangs in the balance. The abortion lobby is currently attempting to enshrine **abortion up until birth with zero restrictions** in Ohio's constitution this November. That is unacceptable and goes against the very nature of our nation's principles. Our state's founding document was created to protect Ohioans' liberty and freedoms, not take them away. Enshrining abortion removes the most foundational right that any of us have—**the right to life**. We cannot allow this to be stripped away. **We must vote YES on Issue 1 on August 8, 2023.**

Sign up TODAY!

We need YOUR help.

Be sure to sign up to volunteer TODAY by emailing Elizabeth Marbach at **emarbach@ohiolife.org**

THE TRUTH

ABOUT THE ABORTION BALLOT INITIATIVE



1. REMOVES PARENTS' RIGHTS

The initiative's language uses the legal term "individual," which does **not** differentiate between adults and minors. An "individual" legally refers to citizens of all ages—nullifying parents' rights to stop their children from making harmful decisions.



2. ALLOWS ABORTION THROUGH NINE MONTHS OF PREGNANCY

In the case "Doe v. Bolton," the court defined "health" to include physical, emotional, psychological, familial, and the woman's age, allowing for abortion without limits in the proposed amendment.



3. ENSHRINES THE "RIGHT" TO SEX-CHANGE SURGERY AND HORMONES FOR MINORS

The initiative would enshrine protections for anything involving "reproductive decisions." This would include gender transition "therapy" like hormones and irreversible surgeries.



4. ENABLES ABUSERS

Any "person" that "assists" an "individual," including a minor, in getting an abortion or sex change would now be legally protected in doing so. This includes an adult man abusing a teenage girl or a teacher going behind a parent's back.

THIS AMENDMENT IS LIKELY TO BE ON THE BALLOT THIS NOVEMBER

SEE AMENDMENT'S LANGUAGE



FULL TEXT OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Be it Resolved by the People of the State of Ohio that Article I of the Ohio Constitution is amended to add the following Section:

Article I, Section 22. The Right to Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety

1.

A. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on:

3.

1. contraception;
2. fertility treatment;
3. continuing one's own pregnancy;
4. miscarriage care; and
5. abortion.

B. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, burden, penalize, prohibit, interfere with, or discriminate against either:

1. An individual's voluntary exercise of this right or
2. A person or entity that assists an individual exercising this right,

4.

unless the State demonstrates that it is using the least restrictive means to advance the individual's health in accordance with widely accepted and evidence-based standards of care.

However, abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health.

2.

C. As used in this Section:

1. "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis."
2. "State" includes any governmental entity and any political subdivision.

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