



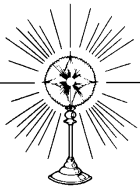
On Saturday, October 23, at the 5:00 PM Mass, Bishop Martin Amos will be here to administer the Sacrament of Confirmation to sixty-five members of our parish community. Please keep these young people in your prayers this week as they prepare to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit and commit themselves to Christ and His Church. We are very proud of our young people as they make this commitment to live their Catholic Faith and follow Jesus.

We may take this time to think back to our own reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation and realize that we too, have received the fullness of the Holy Spirit. This is a gift that never leaves us and whenever we renew our commitment to Jesus, the Holy Spirit and the gifts He brings us are renewed in our lives as well. The grace of this sacrament can be continually revived in our lives to strengthen us to follow Jesus more closely. We are in special need of this grace when we think about the kind of world we live in today. It is a world filled with signs that are contradictory to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If we are to live as His followers, then we must always draw from the never-ending stream of grace that flows through the Church in the sacraments that Jesus has given us.

A very important way that we draw from this living stream of grace is when we come to Mass and receive the Holy Eucharist. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our Christian Faith. This is why the Holy Eucharist is so essential to our lives. Our weekly participation in the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass enables us to receive the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity, of Jesus Christ. Our reception of Holy Communion unites us to God and to our brothers and sisters. At the same time, the Holy Eucharist also gives us the strength to be eucharist for one another. This means that we live a life of gratitude that witnesses to the love and compassion of Jesus. Through the Holy Eucharist, we can and do become more like Jesus in our daily lives.

As a eucharistic people, we do all that we can to be witnesses of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. As we celebrate the Word of God made flesh and the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, we are instructed, challenged, and nourished to be like Jesus to all that we meet.

Again, please mark your calendars for our annual Eucharistic Devotions, which will be held on November 5, 6, & 7. We will begin with a special Mass at 9:30 on Friday, November 5. After Mass, the Holy Eucharist will be exposed on the main altar through the weekend, except when Masses are being celebrated. Our Solemn Closing will be on Sunday, at 4:00 PM, when the children will gather to pray the Rosary. Then at 4:30 PM, we will begin Evening Prayer, Procession, and Benediction with the Blessed Sacrament. Please make every effort to make a Holy Hour with your family during this special time of prayer and to attend the closing ceremonies. God will reward us in many ways when we show devotion to Him in the Blessed Sacrament. It does take a little more of our time and effort, but it is certainly worth it to show God how grateful we are for His most precious gift, the gift of HIMSELF.

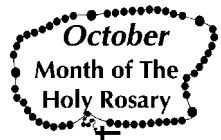


FORTY HOURS

MEN OF THE PARISH! Mark your calendars for the Catholic Men's Conference: *Answer the Call!* This annual conference will be held on Saturday, November 13, at Regina High School, in South Euclid, Ohio. You can register by phone (1-800-443-3107) or on line (www.cmfneo.org). What happens when men "*Answer the Call*" and get together in the name of Jesus? Hearts and minds open. God's power heals, encourages, strengthens, and inspires – men's lives change. Take advantage of this great opportunity to grow in your faith. Register today!

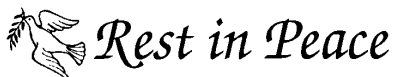
This is probably a little overdue, but I take this opportunity to extend our congratulations to Karla Bellinger on the completion of her master's degree in theology from the University of Notre Dame. Karla has been studying for several years and taking summer courses at the university in addition to all that she does for her family and her parish community. God bless you, Karla, for this wonderful achievement and for your willingness to share your gifts and talents for the greater honor and glory of God. May God bless your family too for all their support and encouragement through the years. We are blessed to have you here at Sacred Heart and all that you bring to us in His Name.

On a final note for today, I recently received thank you letters from WLIB, Living Bread radio station, a new Catholic station at 1060 on the AM dial, from Habitat for Humanity of Medina County, and Catholic Charities USA for the hurricane victims. Our parish community recently donated 5% of our Sunday collection to these very worthy causes. Your charity and generosity does make a difference in the lives of many people. God bless you and keep up the good work!

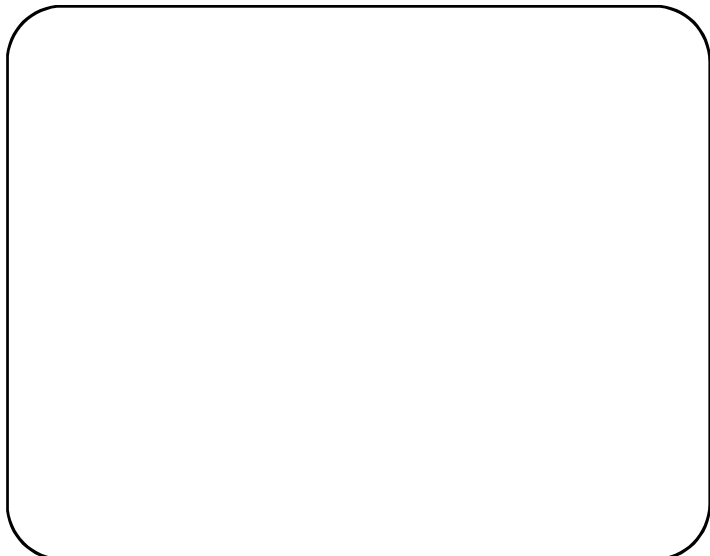



Mass Intentions

Saturday, October 16, St. Hedwig;
St. Margaret Mary Alacoque
 5:00 p.m. Margaret Pope [Al & Elaine Daigle]
Sunday, October 17, Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. For Our Parish
 9:30 a.m. Gene Maksum [Choate Family]
 11:30 a.m. Shirley Huffman [Mlazovsky Family]
Monday, October 18, St. Luke
 8:00 a.m. Bernie Tighe [K of C]
Tuesday, October 19, St. John de Breufeuf,
Isaac Joques, & Companions
 8:00 a.m. Intentions of Mary Ferrell [Lenore]
Wednesday, October 20, St. Paul of the Cross
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 2:00 p.m. Rosary & Benediction
 5:30 p.m. John Henry, Anniversary [Linda Goff,
 Thomas Csondor, & Thelma Bailey]
Thursday, October 21
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 9:30 a.m. Elizabeth Weber [Roger Weber]
Friday, October 22
 8:00 a.m. Walter Blasic [Lunch Bunch]
Saturday, October 23, St. John of Capistrano
CONFIRMATION DAY
 8:00 a.m. Communion Service
 5:00 p.m. Ann & George Bechtold [Mary Beth Palmer]
Sunday, October 24, Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 8:00 a.m. Elizabeth & Michael Schur [Bernie & Carol Schur]
 9:30 a.m. For Our Parish
 11:30 a.m. Jerry Blubaugh [Ed Otanicar]



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS the family and friends of *John D'Aveta*, father of Linda Tricomi, who died recently. May our Lord grant John eternal rest.



Wedding  Banns

I DOUG EDWARDS, Sacred Heart & STEPHANIE HULL

I RYAN MCNEILL, Sacred Heart & LEAH REICHLIN, SS Phillip & James

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT -- OCTOBER 10	
[5% of our collection was given to the Breakpoint Program].	
Offertory.....	\$11,984.00
Support Our School	\$724.00
Debt Reduction.....	\$825.00
Missions	\$5.00
Communications.....	\$13.00
All Saints.....	\$40.00
Number of envelopes used:.....	386
MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.	

URGENT NEED FOR HOLY HOURS UNCOVERED:

- 3:00 a.m. Wednesdays
- 1:00 a.m. Thursdays
- 3:00 a.m. Thursdays

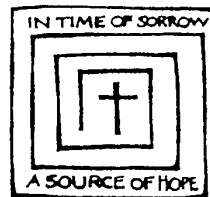


Is it I Lord? Are you calling me in the night? Answer by calling the parish office, 336-3049.



ALL LEGION OF MARY MEMBERS, active & auxiliary, and junior-All are invited to attend the 5:30 p.m. Mass, Wednesday, October 27, which will be offered for Mary's Legion, her army of love.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP-A series on grief related issues is being offered at Sacred Heart Parish for anyone who experienced the death of a loved one. The first meeting will be Tuesday, October 19, at 7:00 p.m., in the Andes Room, in the church hall. If you have any questions, please call Deacon Roger, 336-4826.



EUCHARIST DEVOTIONS [40 HOURS] will take place Friday, November 5, 6, and 7. Please mark your calendars!

THERESE-THE STORY OF ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX began showing in selected theatres on October 1, across the nation. To indicate a desire to have it shown in our area, we are urging you to please call 1-800-683-2998 or contact their website: www.theresemovie.com



St. Therese, the Little Flower



MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of October 18

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**
 - Joseph Askew, Joey Easton
 - Patsy Ford, Michael Paridon
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**
 - Samantha Gearhart, Anthony Lorubbio
 - David Smith, Jr., Miranda Boland
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**
 - Josh Looser, Eddie Duckworth
 - Stephanie Gilbert, David Kauffman

Saturday, October 23

- 5:00 p.m. - Matt Gaborcik, Maria Adams
 - Drew Renacci, Ryan Renacci

Sunday, October 24

- 8:00 a.m. - Adam Petersen, Michael Carps
 - Sean Leahy, Bob Ruedlinger
- 9:30 a.m. - Rachel Figliomeni, Jacqui Flaherty
 - Nick Flanigan, Christopher Hall
- 11:30 a.m. - Zachary Goodson, Keith Cooper
 - Vincent Greczanik, Jimmy Davies

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 23

- 5:00 p.m. - Sr. Therese Marie, Donna Sponsler
 - Diane Bruce, Helen Klaas

Sunday, October 24

- 8:00 a.m. - Bob Potts, John Baker, Phil Gerace
 - Dave & Fran Hammerly
- 9:30 a.m. - Joe & Candi Weber, Diane Batyko
 - Maria Manning, Joe McNeill
- 11:30 a.m. - Matt & Jan Finneran, Ann Kellish
 - Tony & Diane Agnesi

- Cup Ministers** - Oscar & Judy Mifsud, Beth Sobnosky
 - Lou & Joan Perry, Mark Walters

Altercare - Wrights/Sorrent

Liberty Residence - Smiths

Magnolia - Thompson/Michney

Sterling Oaks - Anderson/Manning

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, October 23

- 5:00 p.m. - Confirmandi Lectors

Sunday, October 24

- 8:00 a.m. - Jack Brumbaugh, Lois Potts
 9:30 a.m. - Nancy Houck, Matt Seifert
 11:30 a.m. - Lane Edwards, Alice Henry

Sorrow is a fruit. God does not make it grow on limbs too weak to bear it.

FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP IN AN ELECTION YEAR

What does it mean to be a Catholic living in the United States in the year 2004 and beyond? As *Catholics*, the election and the policy choices that follow it call us to recommit ourselves to carry the values of the Gospel and church teaching into the public square. As *citizens and residents of the United States*, we have the duty to participate now, and in the future, in the debates and choices over the values, visions, and leaders that will guide our nation. —USCCB Administrative Committee
 Additional resources-www.catholic-action.org or 330-535-2787.

IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION REMINDERS!

- Mandatory practice for Confirmation is Thursday, October 21, at 6:00 p.m., in the church. The candidate and either the sponsor or parent must be present.
- The Sacrament of Confirmation will take place on Saturday, October 23, at the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Candidate and sponsor must be in McMahan Hall by 4:30 p.m., to meet with the Bishop.
- If you have any questions, please call Diane Bruce, 335-0029.



BLANKET SUNDAY "COVERS" MANY NEEDS-Next weekend is Blanket Sunday, sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. When you come to Mass, please bring your new or like-new blankets, sheets, pillowcases, towels, or washcloths



OR simply make a cash donation using the SVDP Blanket Sunday envelope. Your money will go further through bulk purchases of blankets and other items for families, children, elderly, homeless, and other needy individuals in our own area. Your blankets may be dropped off in the Conry Room in the lower level of the church. Thank you.

AREA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOLS:

- **Archbishop Hoban High School**-Registration is underway for the Third Annual Archbishop Hoban "Classic at the Castle" Pre-Season Basketball Tournament for 5-8th grade CYO teams, November 19-21, in Akron. Registration is \$125 per team. The deadline to register is November 10. For information, contact Tim Heil, tournament director, 330-688-8564, or at ThreeTwo9@aol.com
- **Our Lady of the Elms School**-A campus-wide Open House will take place on Wednesday, October 20, from 6-8:00 p.m., and Sunday, November 14, from 1-3:00 p.m. Students and their families are invited to drop by the campus for tours and Q&A with faculty and current students. The Scholarship/Placement Exams will be Saturday, November 20, and Saturday, December 4. Advance registration is required. Please call 330-867-0918 for reservations.
- **St. Vincent -St. Mary High School**-An Open House is scheduled for Thursday, November 4, from 6:30-8:00 p.m. There will be a Scholarship/Placement Test on Saturday, November 6. Please call STVM, 253-9113 to pre-register for the test.

You are Invited—

GOURMET MEALS! Have you been looking for a special place to take your favorite “girl”, “guy”, or special friend? The Altar & Rosary Society is planning the first of a series of gourmet dinners, on Saturday, November 6. This wonderful treat will be held in a private home and therefore seating will be limited to ten. Tickets are \$50 per person. For information and to reserve a seat, call Darlene O’Sullivan, 334-3020, ext. 13, or 330-948-2528.

YOUTH NEWS

- Pack some pasta for the poor; bring it to our youth group meeting this Sunday, October 17, at 7:00 p.m., in the Upper Room. See you there!
- Our bonfire is next Sunday, at 5:00 p.m., at the Crowley’s, 438 Akron Road. Go straight out Rt. 261 [from Convenient], past Hartman Rd.; we’ll have signs posted by the driveway; it’s on the south side of the road. Dress warmly—we’ll be outside all evening. This is a good time to bring a friend to introduce them to our youth group.
- Questions, call Mrs. Bellinger, 336-6314.



HELP!!! COMMUNITY PREGNANCY CENTER is in need of diapers and formula. Could you please give to help feed and diaper our babies? We are critically low on Similac w/iron, Similac advanced, and Isomil. We also are in dire need of size 4 & 5 diapers. We are in desperate need of help from MEN! Help in fixing and cleaning up used items and carrying large items for our clients. Mondays and Thursdays are when you are most needed. We will accept any other time you can give!!! Giving of time and talents is a form of gratitude. If you have any thought about giving back, please call 330-825-1900. Ask for Mary Agnes. We appreciate all that you can do. God Blesses a giving heart!



DIVORCED, SEPARATED, & WIDOWED CATHOLICS will hold a “Caring & Sharing” discussion at 7:30 p.m., on Thursday, October 21, at St. Martha’s church, in Akron. Visitors and prospective members are welcome and encouraged to come. For information on the group or discussion call Marie, 330-784-9650 or Fred, 330-923-1695.

CYO CAMP CHRISTOPHER HALLOWEEN GATHER-

ING! Everyone is invited to this FREE gathering on Tuesday, October 26, from 6-9:00 p.m. Families are welcome to come in costume [but not required] for games, music/dancing, refreshments, and hayrides. Also, a semi-



haunted hayride and bobbing for apples will be offered. Don’t miss this FREE, FUN, FAMILY activity great for all ages! Call 330-376-2267, ext. 203.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

- GOF Registration after all Masses, McMahon Hall
- 10:30 a.m. - Chastity Program, Conry Room
- 5:00 p.m. - Court of Honor, McMahon Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - Youth Group, Upper Room

MONDAY, OCTOBER 18

- 3:15 p.m. - Jr. Praesidium., Andes Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Parish Council, Conry Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 19

- 3:00 p.m. - Brownies, Conry Room
- 5:00 p.m. - 1st Reconciliation Class, school
- 7:00 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahon Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - Grief Support Group, Andes Room

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 20

- 10:00 a.m. - Bible Study Group, Andes Room
- 2:00 p.m. - Rosary & Benediction, church
- 6:30 p.m. - Young Adult Choir, church

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

- 3:15 p.m. - Daisies, Conry Room
- 5:00 p.m. - 1st Reconciliation Class, school
- 6:00 p.m. - Confirmation Practice, church
- 7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir, Andes Room

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 22

- 12:00 p.m. - BB Bible Study, Andes Room

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23

- 9:00 a.m. - 1st Reconciliation Class, school
- 11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church
- 3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church
- **CONFIRMATION MASS, 5:00 P.M., CHURCH**
- **CONFIRMATION RECEPTION, MCMAHON HALL**

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24

- 10:30 a.m. - Chastity Program, Conry Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Youth Group Bonfire, Crowley farm

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM DIRECTOR NEEDED!

3:00-5:30 p.m.; please call 330-864-7210, ext. 1-428 for further details.

SCI ESCAPE SCHOOL is coming on Thursday, November 4, at 7:00 p.m., in McMahon Hall. More details to follow!

FORMATION OF THE CYO SPEAKERS BUREAU-if

your club, group, or association would like to learn more about one of the CYO programs [Adult Day Services, Athletics, Camping, Programs for Individuals with Special Needs, Neighborhood Services, or Youth Ministry], or CYO & Community Services as a whole, and would like to schedule a speaker, please call Louise, 330-762-2961, ext. 220.

