



This Friday, January 22, is the 37th anniversary of the Supreme Court decision of *Roe vs. Wade*. This decision made abortion on demand the so-called “law of the land.” Aside from the decision being a bad and inaccurate interpretation of our Constitution, it is also a decision which contradicts both the divine and natural law.

No court or person has the right to say that it is lawful to take the life of another human being, least of all the life of an unborn child who cannot even defend himself. Life is a sacred gift from God and He is the only One who can give or take a life.

We do not have to spend too much time thinking about all the effects this decision has had on our world and our society. The decision of *Roe vs. Wade* and the subsequent legalization of abortion has destroyed the lives of over 50 million children in our country alone. This decision has also destroyed the lives of millions of women and men who suffer and will suffer the loss of their child through abortion. It is easy to say that this was their decision, but it is still a decision that neither they nor anyone else should have the ability to make. Again, no one has the right to make the decision to take the life of another human being. God’s law is very clear: YOU SHALL NOT KILL.

The good Lord gave us this law or commandment neither to please Himself nor to make us do anything that would be harmful to us or anyone else. On the contrary, He revealed this to us so that we could have a better life: a life that is more reflective of His love for us and others. Where is the love in destroying the life of an unborn child? This kind of love is a self-serving and self centered love that tricks one into thinking that abortion is the “better” thing to do because it will seemingly solve one’s “problem” for the time being, but such a decision, because it lacks real love, eventually leads to the destruction of a woman’s physical, emotional, psychological, and spiritual life. Such a decision also affects the father of the child in many of the same ways. When millions of women and men make the decision to destroy the life of an unborn child, the effects become widespread and rampant as we can see in our society today.

The Supreme Court’s decision in 1973, like the widespread use of artificial contraception, was thought to be a means by which women would have more respect and dignity, but that has not happened and it never will by employing such means to obtain it. We cannot accord women more dignity and respect by using a means that is destructive of human life and self-centered at the same time. We cannot grow in God’s love by making available to people the means to destroy innocent life for any reason whatsoever.

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Let’s not be fooled by those who would have us believe that abortion is the “right” of every woman to choose what to do with her own body. There is a lot more at work here than just promoting the right of women. Some of the “pro choice” advocates have much more on their agenda than promoting women’s rights. It is no accident or coincidence that most abortions are procured by the poor and by minorities. It is not coincidence that most abortion clinics and Planned Parenthood clinics are located in the poorer sections of our major cities. It has been shown that Planned Parenthood targets the poor and minorities with their abortion services and artificial contraception information. Somehow I cannot help but think there is a much bigger plan here than most people might think. Margaret Sanger, the founder of Planned Parenthood, was a eugenics advocate which promotes the elimination of the minority races, the poor, and the disadvantaged in our society. She was not too far off the thinking of Adolf Hitler.

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All of this leads us to why it is so important for us as a country to be a land where the words of our founding fathers are lived out in principle and in life as well as the words of our loving God and Creator. God has given us the right to LIFE, LIBERTY, and the PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS. Our laws and leaders are called to protect and defend these words. We are all called to use the voice and power God has given us to defend human life and protect it from the moment of conception to natural death.

We need to pray for our leaders, we need to vote for leaders that are committed to respecting all human life, and we need to speak up and defend the right to life of all people even when it may be difficult or unpopular. This is especially true within our own families. We must teach our children to respect the gift of life even when members of our own families are confronted with unplanned pregnancies and other difficult circumstances that might call into question our respect for human life. We must be willing to consider the consequences of our choices and teach our children the same lesson. Sometimes we have to make difficult decisions when it comes to living out the love of God in our daily lives. We cannot allow ourselves to be trapped by what others say is “legal” or a sense of false compassion that can so often show a lack of respect for human life.

Please pray for all those who will be going to Washington, D.C. on Friday for the March for Life that they may be safe and the voice of Truth may be heard.



I AMANDA LEACH, Sacred Heart
& ROBERT RUSSELL

Saturday, January 16
5:00 p.m. Poor Souls

Sunday, January 17, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Chuck Kahl [Rita Owens & Alice Serfass]
9:30 a.m. Anna Banfield [Sponsler Family]
11:30 a.m. Marvin Fulton [Marilyn Fulton]

Monday, January 18
8:00 a.m. Molly Michney [Roberts Family]

Tuesday, January 19
8:00 a.m. Richard Kislin [Ruth Kislin]

Wednesday, January 20, St. Fabian
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:30 p.m. For Our Parish

Thursday, January 21, St. Agnes
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
9:30 a.m. Dorothy Pape [Lunch Bunch]

Friday, January 22, St. Vincent
8:00 a.m. In Reparation for the Sin of Abortion

Saturday, January 23
8:00 a.m. Communion Service
5:00 p.m. Michelle Kelly [Tom & Annette Palecek]

Sunday, January 24, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Frank Carrino [Caesar & Lynda Carrino]
9:30 a.m. William Behlke [Hlavaty Family]
11:30 a.m. Vartan Gulaian [Carole]

MASS FOR LIFE Bethesda the House of Mercy announces a Solemn Mass for Life at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Friday, January 22, at 7:00 p.m. Come to this special evening of remembrance and repentance on the 37th anniversary of *Roe v. Wade* and pray for healing and for full restoration of the legal guarantee of the right to life. The Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon will be the celebrant and homilist. For further information, please call Bethesda the House of Mercy at 1-800-482-4100.

Readings for the Week of January 17, 2010

Monday 1 Sm 15:16-23; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday 1 Sm 16:1-13; Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7; Mk 3:7-12
Friday 1 Sm 24:3-21; Mk 3:13-19
Saturday 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; 1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Second Sunday In Ordinary Time

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. At a certain point the wine ran out, and Jesus' mother told him, "They have no more wine." Jesus replied, "Woman, how does this concern of yours involve me? My hour has not yet come." His mother instructed those waiting on table, "Do whatever he tells you." Jesus performed this first of his signs at Cana in Galilee. Thus did he reveal his glory, and his disciples believed in him.

John 2:1, 3-5, 11

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP REPORT -- JANUARY 10

Offertory..... \$15,274.00

Support Our School \$1,481.00
 Capital Reserve Fund \$255.00
 Catholic Universities \$228.00
 Eastern Europe \$20.00
 Solemnity of Mary..... \$10.00
 Christmas..... \$4,250.00
 Number of envelopes used: 359

MANY THANKS for your generous offerings.

Your Sacrificial Offering

SCRIPTURE READING REFLECTIONS OF THE WEEK
SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
[WEEK OF JANUARY 17]

Question for Adults: When have you stepped in, as Mary did at Cana, to try and make a difficult situation easier for someone?

Question for Children: What can you do this week to help make someone's job a little easier?

FROM FR. MIKE: Thank you for your warm welcome to me. Please keep the medical mission team traveling to Honduras with me in your prayers. Our 34-member team includes doctors, dentists, an optometrist, nurses, pharmacists, translators and 'others' who assist. We will be offering medical, dental, and eye exams in a medical clinic near our guest quarters for 2 of the days and traveling to villages the other 3 days. To read my diary or see pictures from last year's medical mission, go to www.svdpcleveland.org, click on Honduras Mission. I hope to write a similar diary for this year's trip when I return. Fr. Mike Ausperk



STILL LOOKING FOR THAT PERFECT NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? There are three Holy Hours that need filled:

- 7:00 a.m. Fridays
- 9:00 a.m. Fridays
- 7:00 a.m. through the winter on Saturdays.

Please call the Parish Office if you would like to start this New Year in this very special way!



LITURGICAL + ROLES

MASS SERVERS SCHEDULE

Week of January 18

- 8:00 a.m. - **Monday - Wednesday**
- Jordan Frevola, Hannah Smith
- 5:30 p.m. - **Wednesday ONLY**
- Kristi Karaffa, Samantha Zeiger
- 8:00 a.m. - **Thursday - Saturday**
- Patrick McFarland, Tracey Petersen

Saturday, January 23

- 5:00 p.m. - Elizabeth King, Christopher King
- Anna Masica, Sarah Masica

Sunday, January 24

- 8:00 a.m. - Anna Davies, Paul Davies
- Sarah Davies, Brian Race
- 9:30 a.m. - Larry Chiavaroli, Stuart Turk
- Peri Turk, Dominic Chiavaroli
- 11:30 a.m. - Charles Hawkins, Tom Rohrer
- Nathan McDevitt, Jonathan Hawkins

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 23

- 5:00 p.m. - Madeline Kelly, Greg Kornaker
- Lou & Joan Perry, David King

Sunday, January 24

- 8:00 a.m. - John Baker, Dick Ravetta
- Jim & Helen Conroy, Bill Schapel
- 9:30 a.m. - Bobbe Evans, Marian Kauffman
- Joe McNeill, Lorretta Turk, Frank Witschey
- 11:30 a.m. - Tony & Diane Agnesi, Bryan Uhl
- Matt & Jan Finneran

Cup Ministers - *Karla Bellinger, Elaine Daigle, Beth Sobnosky*
- *Betty Ruppel, Madonna DiPietro, Ann Kellish*

Wadsworth Hospital - Ciofani

Altercare - Sorrent/Wenneman

Liberty Residence II - Buccitelli

Magnolia - Clarks/Dunn

Wadsworth Pointe - McNeill

The Rosary is prayed at:

- Wadsworth Pointe on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 2:00 p.m.
- Magnolia on the 3rd Wednesday, at 10:00 a.m.
- Altercare on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays, at 10:00 a.m.

LECTOR SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 23

- 5:00 p.m. - Clara Lou Serbin, Sue Bielawski

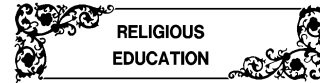
Sunday, January 24

- 8:00 a.m. - Fritz Kungl, Richard Day
- 9:30 a.m. - Ellen Turk, Tom Hegarty
- 11:30 a.m. - Dan Bellinger, Jay Edurese

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY There will be a Prayer Shawl Meeting on Monday, Jan. 25, at 1:00 p.m., in the Andes Room. Everyone is welcome. If you have questions, call Carol Heim at 330-334-6746.



ARE YOU LOOKING FOR A FRESH, DIFFERENT WAY OF GETTING INVOLVED IN THE NEW YEAR? Do you have extra time and heart to offer in 2010? Your talents would be put to good use for however many hours you are able to give. Please prayerfully consider whether God may be calling you to active participation in this pro-life ministry this new year of life. Please contact Jennifer, 330-825-1900, ext. 200 for more information. Thank you and God bless.



CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES: We have been participating in an outreach to the poor and homeless at St. Bernard Parish in Akron on the 2nd and 4th Fridays from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The youth and their parents who have participated in the last few months have many affirming comments about this much-needed work. We are a part of the much larger group, Springtime of Hope, which is also associated with Sacred Heart Parish. We need additional volunteers beginning in February. Please contact Diane Bruce at 330-335-0029 if you would be willing to volunteer your time.

CONTINUE TO PRAY for our families and their children as they prepare for the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation. Recently, I had a coach call me and confess how he recalled his own Confirmation and what it meant to him. He said this in the context of working with some of our youth who at times may need to be excused from a school function to attend a Confirmation session. This would be a great secret New Year gift, to pray for one of our Confirmandi as they study and prepare to become a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. As we all know, prayer works and our youth need our prayers to sustain them in this most distracting culture.

BUILD A CULTURE OF LIFE! Please show your support for life by signing the Signature Campaign this weekend. Volunteers will be in the back of church accepting signatures and donations for the Unborn in a protest against legalized abortion. Your name will appear in an ad in our local newspaper and a copy of the ad and petition for life will be sent to Congress.

2009 ANNUAL PARISH CONTRIBUTION-Due to cost, statements will only be sent out to the parishioners who do not have email! Please return in the collection basket or email to: keith@shofjesus.com. Statements will be mailed by the end of January.



ENVELOPE NUMBER MUST BE INCLUDED, PLEASE!

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ENVELOPE NUMBER _____

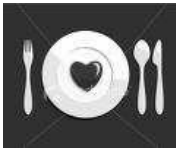
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This Week...

THE HUMBOLT HOUSE NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! The Humbolt House is operated by the St. Vincent de Paul Society, and is affiliated with the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank. We serve the local community by providing groceries to those who are struggling in these hard economic times. The Humbolt House is open Monday and Thursday evenings. We currently have a need for one volunteer who is willing to come in and help out twice a month. For those who have questions, or are interested in helping out, call Carolyn, 334-4414.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK is quickly approaching (January 31 - February 5). Our theme this year is "We are Many Parts, We are all One Body." Once again, our students will be opening our Sacred Heart School Restaurant. We will be serving breakfast on the mornings of Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, February 1-3. This was very successful last year. If you didn't get a chance to try it, please make a point to check it out this year! Reservations are required. Please call the school office at 330-334-6272 to let us know how many people will be coming and which day you will be attending. Also, our school carnival will be held on Friday evening, February 5, from 5:30 to 8:30 p.m. This evening provides a wonderful opportunity to play games, eat, mingle, and visit classrooms. We hope to see you there! For more information about carnival events, please call our school office.

SAVE THE DATE! - Sunday, February 14, Treat the Family to dinner on Valentine's Day. Enjoy an Italian Dinner prepared by the great cooks of the Altar and Rosary Society. Look for additional details in the upcoming weeks.



Middle School Youth Group will meet this Sunday from 7:00 - 8:15 p.m. in McMahon Hall.

The High School retreat planning team will meet next Sunday, January 24, at 5:30 p.m. in McMahon Hall.

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For any questions or more information about youth activities, call Keith at the Parish Office or email him: keith@shofjesus.com.

THE KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS OF SACRED HEART has sponsored an annual Free-Throw Basketball Competition for many years. This Basketball Championship is open to all area boys and girls ages 10-14. The event is designed to test each participant's mastery of basic foul-line shooting. All area boys and girls are invited to compete. There is no cost to participate. Winners will have the opportunity to advance to district, regional, state, and national levels. The contest will begin at 1:00 p.m., Sunday, January 24, at the Sacred Heart School gymnasium.



SUNDAY, JANUARY 17

- 10:45 a.m. - PSR, school
- 5:00 p.m. - Adorations for Vocations, chapel
- 7:00 p.m. - Middle School Youth Group, McMahon Hall

MONDAY, JANUARY 18

- 3:15 p.m. - NO! Jr. Presidium, Andes Room
- 7:00 p.m. - Parish Council, Conry Room

TUESDAY, JANUARY 19

- 7:00 p.m. - Cub Scouts, Conry Room
- 7:30 p.m. - Boy Scouts, McMahon Hall

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20

- 9:00 a.m. - LBS, church lower level
- 7:00 p.m. - RCIA, McMahon Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - RCIC, Andes Room
- 7:30 p.m. - LBS, Conry Room

THURSDAY, JANUARY 21

- 7:00 p.m. - Legion of Mary, Andes Room
- 7:30 p.m. - Adult Choir, church
- 11:00 p.m. - Gethsemane Hour, chapel

SATURDAY, JANUARY 23

- 9:00 a.m. - Finance Council, Andes Room
- 9:30 a.m. - 2nd Grade PSR, school
- 11:00 a.m. - Confessions until Noon, church
- 3:30 p.m. - Confessions until 4:30 p.m., church

• Iron Chef Banquet, school

SUNDAY, JANUARY 24

- 10:45 a.m. - PSR, school
- 5:00 p.m. - Adorations for Vocations, chapel
- 5:30 p.m. - Youth Group Retreat planning mtg., McMahon Hall
- 7:00 p.m. - High School Youth Group, McMahon Hall

Springtime of Hope-Sacred Heart Parish Iron Chef Banquet 2010 January 23, 2010

After a tremendous success last year, we are very excited to move the Iron Chef Banquet to Sacred Heart School gymnasium. Call Diane Bruce, 335-0029, or email: dianebruce@yahoo.com with your reservation. Please join us for an enjoyable evening of fine food and desserts which will benefit the homeless and less fortunate in the Akron and Barberton area. Twelve chefs, including top chef 2009 winner Ray Tricomi, will battle off for the best dish of the evening! Added features this year include:

1. All chefs will prepare their favorite dish.
2. Cash wine and soft drink bar.
3. \$20.00 per ticket + dessert dish.
4. Reserved seating only (**no walk-ins this year**).
5. Reserve your table with your friends; first-come, first-serve on all reservations.
6. Music and MC by Big Ear Entertainment.
7. Please make check payable to *Sacred Heart Parish*.

Every penny raised on this event will benefit those in need.