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Updated CYO SPORTS

Diocesan Policy for CYO Sports--All players must be members of the sponsoring parish and/or educational system of the parish to play on the parish team. St. John's Parish Policy for High School CYO-Playing any sports this year? It is a privilege to play sports for St. John's and not an expectation. You are expected to attend both the Fall and Winter Semesters of High School Religious Education CCD Classes.

- Attendance at these classes will be monitored and reviewed. For each class missed beyond 4 classes you will be sitting out one game per absence.
- Parents, if your child will be absent, please contact or text Ruth Gerding at 567-204-1275 before class.
- All high school players are required to give 5 hours of service to St. John's by January 14, 2024.

The Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. Without the gift of the Eucharist, we do not exist as a parish, and you do not have the privilege of playing for St. John's.

- All coaches and players are required to attend Saturday evening or Sunday Mass. If you miss, we kindly ask that you sit out that week's game.
- All coaches and high school players are to spend one hour in Adoration on Eucharistic Day. If you miss, we kindly ask that you sit out one game.

If you do not have time for the LORD, you do not have time to play sports. We kindly ask the cooperation of all as we implement this policy for the good of our parish and the good of the Church.

(Fr. Matt Keller & Mike Karhoff, Parish Council President)

PARISHIONERS

- New Members
- Any status or address changes
- To keep informed, register for Bulletin and Parish Notifications by email or visit St. John's website

Call or email the Parish Office

WANT TO GET INVOLVED IN OUR PARISH?

- If you are interested in becoming a Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Usher, Funeral Server, Choir, Spirit and Song Group and any other way.
- If Interested in becoming a member on our Finance Committee or Parish Council Committee. Please call the parish office for more information and to be put on the next ballot.

Call or email the Parish Office.

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FROM THE DESK OF FATHER MATT

www.stjohnglandorf.org

This past week November 5-11 was National Vocations Awareness Week. With the pressing issue of Issue 1 and Election Day this week, the subject of Vocation Awareness Week unfortunately went to be backburner. As National Vocations Awareness Week draws to a close, I think the subject of vocations is an important issue that needs some attention so I would like to shed some light on this subject.

In our scriptures today we encounter ten virgins that go out to meet the bridegroom. We are told that five were foolish and did not bring extra oil and we are told that five were wise and brought along extra oil with them. All ten were tired and fell asleep and at midnight they were awoken to be told that the bridegroom was coming go out to greet him. All ten wake up and trim their lamps and the foolish ask the wise to share some of their oil with them. To which we here this wise "No, for there may not be enough for us and you" (Matthew 25:9). As I reflect on the wise virgins answer of no, it leaves me puzzled why didn't they share their oil with the foolish ones. Sharing would seem to be the right thing to do, the Jesus thing to do. But the wise ones seemed to get praised, they got the rewarded for not sharing, for their lack of generosity. Why?

First thing to note about this story of ten virgins is that it is a parable and since it is a parable this story of the ten virgins may have never actually happened. Jesus in his teaching and perhaps you also use parables when you are trying to teach a lesson, why? The lesson that is being taught is hard to understand and some image or story can help to better understand the lesson. Jesus in sharing this parable of the ten virgins is lesson in helping understand the kingdom of heaven, specifically to be ready for the unknown hour.

While it would seem to be charitable to share oil with the foolish, but this is not the lesson that Jesus is trying to teach here, so what is the lesson with the wise and foolish virgins? While it is important that we help each other out and share. There is a limit to our help, there are some things that you cannot do for another person. There are just somethings that one just has do for oneself, being ready for that unknown hour, bringing extra oil is one example. People can help you to get ready, people can give you the tools to help you to be ready for that unknown hour. But at the end of the day, it depends on each one of us doing the work to be ready.

When I think of vocations, God has a vocation for each one of us, not all of us get called to the same vocation. We called to respond to wherever God call us. If we do not respond to that call,

that call will never get answered. If I never would have responded to God's call to be priest, other men would have got called, but my called never would have gotten answered. Those that have been called to marriage or to be single if you never said yes to marriage or to be single that called would have remain unanswered. Now there are people in my life, and I am sure that there are people in your lives that helped you to answer. There are many young people that are listening for God's call to their life and as people of faith we called help them hear that call. But it is for them to respond to that call.



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ABOUT OUR PARISH

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13 St. Frances Xavier

7:35am Rosary

8:00am Communion Service - Don Inkrott

6:00pm-8:30pm - 7th grade parent meeting (last names A-M)

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

8:20am Rosary

8:45am Paul Schulte

6:00pm-8:30pm - 7th grade parent meeting (last names N-Z)

WEDNESDAY, November 15 St. Albert the Great

7:15-7:45am Confessions

7:35am Rosary

8:00am John Yaufman

8:45am - 9:15pm Penance 5B

NO ADORATION

6:00pm-9:00pm First Reconciliation 7:45pm-8:20pm Confessions

THURSDAY, November 16 Sts. Margaret & Gertrude

8:20am Rosary

8:45am L/D Dick & Doris(AN) Birkemeier Family

FRIDAY, November 17 St. Elizabeth

7:15am-7:45am Confession

7:35am Rosary

8:00am John Wurth

12:00pm Rosary

SATURDAY, November 18

7:35am Rosary

8:00am John Brinkman

8:30am Confessions

4:00pm Confessions

4:30pm Andrew Schroeder, Denny Unvererth,

Bernadette Unverferth, JoAnn Trame, Jay Lauf, Gerald Schmitz, L/D Ott(AN) Schnipke Family,

Edna M Ellerbrock

SUNDAY, November 19-33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:35am Rosary

8:00am L/D Steve & Linda Conn Family, William & Evelyn Palte,

Ray & Helen Schroeder, Harry & Leona Palte

10:30am L/D Kaufman & Gerten Families,

L/D Alvin & Dorothea Lanwehr Family.

L/D Virgil Hageman Family

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Mon 8:00am No Mass Tue 8:45am Students

Wed 8:00am Jerry Hanneman, Jeff Schram

Thu 8:45am Students

Fri 8:00am Elton Schroeder, Roger Schroeder

Sat 8:00am Quinn Crumrine, Lochlan Brinkman, Ella Brady
 Sat 4:30pm Ethan Weis, Sam Warnecke, Brandon Warnecke
 Sun 8:00am Hayden Kaufman, Ethan Kuhlman, Peyton Kuhlman
 Sun 10:30am Zachary Birkemeier, Carter Vorst, Grant Leopold

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS LECTORS

Sat 4:30pm Doug Deitering Sharon Meyer

Diane Deitering Chris Schroeder

Sun 8:00am Deb Leopold Andy Gray

Deb Schroeder Deb Schroeder

Sun 10:30am Tara Gerding Mary Ellen Klear

Jane Moening Dan Klear

***Lectors - The Lector Workbooks for next year are now in the servers' sacristy. Please pick yours up today. These will start the first Sunday of Advent. Thank you!

GIFT BEARERS

Sat 4:30pm Dale & Ruth Gerding
Sun 8:00am Denny & Joan Karhoff
Sun 10:30am Keith & Beth Hempfling

NOVEMBER USHERS

Sat 4:30pm Dale Evers & Kenneth Schroeder
Sun 8:00am Bryan Kaufman & Michael Recker

Sun 10:30am Jerry Recker & Al Kaufman

COMMUNION TO MEADOWS: Suzy Brinkman, Paula Elchinger

COUNTERS FOR SUNDAY: 7

ROSARY NEXT SUNDAY: Edna & Diane Nienberg

NOVEMBER FUNERAL ROSARY LEADERS: Deb & Mike Ebbeskotte,

Betty & Don Nienberg, Carol Kaufman, Diane Utrup,

Steve & Deb Leopold, Linda Schroeder

SACRAMENTS

Baptism

Instruction is necessary when this is your first child. To arrange a baptism or register for the parental baptism class, please contact the Parish Office.

PARENTAL BAPTISM CLASS (by Deacon Don) Parish Center

Room 15 9:00am -10:30am

Upcoming classes:

February 4, 2024, May 12, 2024 (Room 22), and September 15

Marriage

Please contact the Parish Office six months in advance to start planning your wedding. A marriage preparation class is required.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION CLASS (REQUIRED) 1-DAY CLASS

organized by Dr. Craig and Wendy Imm in the Parish Center Cafeteria Sunday, November 3, 2024 at 8:00am

Initiation of Adults into the Catholic Faith (RCIA)

Is a journey through which interested adults and older children are welcomed and gradually introduced to the Roman Catholic Faith, Sacraments, Worship and way of life. In response to their inquiries, these people are properly instructed so that you can discern (through reflection and prayer) whether you are indeed called to Catholicism. If you would like more information or want to register please contact the Parish Office. The next session will start in the fall.

Reconciliation (Confession)

Wednesday 7:15am -7:45am, 7:45—8:20pm

Friday 7:15am—7:45am Saturday 4:00pm—4:15pm

Anointing of the Sick

Please call the Parish Office if you need a Priest for Anointing of the Sick or Last Rites. If a Sacramental Emergency call 419-778-9339.

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday 6:30pm—8:15pm 1st Saturday 5:30pm - 8:00am 1st Friday 1:00pm—4:00pm with Benediction

Holy Orders and Religious Life

Contact the vocation office at the Toledo Diocese at 419-244-6711 ext. 4945 or e-mail psmith@toledodiocese.org or contact the vocation office at the Missionaries of the Precious Blood 937-228-9263 or e-mail vocation@cpps-preciousblood.org.

PRAYER AND STEWARDSHIP

STEWARDSHIP	November 5, 2023	
<u>Offering</u>		
Loose	\$ 1,673.00	
Adult Envelope	\$ 9,288.61	
Children	\$ 111.00	
Maintenance	\$ 2,542.00	
Online Giving	\$ 2,290.00	
All Saints	\$ 250.00	
All Saint's Day Offering		
Loose	\$ 772.00	
All Saint's Envelopes	\$ 1,567.00	
Adult Envelopes	\$ 1,145.00	
Maintenance	\$ 71.00	
Total Collection	\$19,709.61	

Thank you to all of you who have been continuing to make your Weekly/monthly contributions to your St. John's parish family and for sharing your treasure, time, & talent with your St. John's parish family!

Give Online Today!

Visit our website to get the E-Giving Form to fill out and return to the Parish Office. It is located in the left side above the Menu options. www.stjohnglandorf.org

Heartbeat needs size 4 and 5 Pampers Swaddler Diapers Heartbeat Hours: Tuesday 1-5pm and Thursday 9-1pm

Foods Needed at the Ottawa Food Pantry: pineapple, mandarin oranges, pears, ready to eat soup, pancake mix, pop tarts or breakfast bars, boxed or canned potatoes. rice, dry beans, canned pasta, egg noodles, condiments, salad dressing, sloppy joe sauce, hamburger helper, spaghetti sauce, snacks. Note: Monetary gifts are appreciated, as well (Ottawa Food Pantry, Trinity United Methodist Church, Ottawa).

Pray For Those Who Have Gone Before Us

James H Stechschulte 11/12/08 Travis A Schnipke 11/12/17 Joyce M Korte 11/12/20 Daniel N Langhals 11/13/14 Robert J Maag 11/13/22 Edwin John Schroeder 11/14/01 Bruce B Bohrer 11/14/14 Marilyn J Gulker 11/14/21 Joan M Schmitz 11/15/01 Mary L Blevins 11/15/05

Dolores A Karhoff 11/15/08

Jay E Gerding 11/15/18 Ronald L Kahle Jr 11/15/20 Rita B Maag 11/15/20 Ruth C Drerup 11/15/22 Doris A Birkemeier 11/16/21 Charles J Nienberg 11/17/18 David E Beckett 11/17/21 Bernadette A Unverferth 11/18/05 Othmar K Schnipke 11/18/11 Patricia | Macke 11/18/18 Kathryn M Meyer 11/18/18

The Holy Father asks for our prayers for a specific intention each month.

November: For the Pope

We pray for the Holy Father; as he fulfills his mission, may he continue to accompany the flock entrusted to him, with the help of the Holy Spirit.



Please Pray Every Day for a Missionary of the Precious Blood

issionaries of the Precious Blood of the United States Province Missionaries of the Precious blood of the Office States Flowers
are in ministries of prayer, preaching, teaching, parish work and
other apostolates, following their call to serve God's people. Please support them in prayer each day, lifting them up for God's blessing.

Prayer suggestion: O Jesus, Eternal High Priest, live in (name), act in him, speak in him and through him. Think your thoughts in his mind, love through his heart. Give him your own dispositions and feelings. Teach, lead and guide him always. Correct, enlighten and expand his thoughts and behavior. Possess his soul, take over his entire personality and life. Replace him with yourself. Incline him to constant adoration and thanksgiving, pray in and through him. Let him live in you and keep him in this intimate union always. Amen.

NOVEMBER PRAYER LIST

- Br. Joseph Fisher
- Fr. Leon Flaherty
- 3. Fr. Anthony Fortman 4 Fr. James Franck
- Pray for vocations
- Fr. Richard Friebel
- Fr. James Gaynor
- Fr. Juan Gonzalez
- Fr. Michael Goode 10. Fr. Timothy Guthridge
- 11. Fr. Thomas Hemm
- 12. For living and deceased C.PP.S. members
- Fr. Larry Hemmelgam
 Fr. Tam Minh (Peter)
- Hoang
- 15. Fr. John Hoying

- 16. Fr. Mark Hoying
- 17. Fr. David Hoying 18. Fr. William Hoyng
- 19. Pray for those in formation
- Fr. William Hubmann
 Fr. Matthew Jozefiak
- 22. Fr. Raymond Kaele
- Fr. Matthew Keller
- 24. Fr. David Kelly 25. Fr. Dennis Kinderman
- 26. Fr. Jeffrey Kirch
- 27. For living and deceased Companions & Amici
- 28. Fr. Timothy Knepper 29. Fr. Scott Kramer
- 30. Fr. George (Yuri) Kuzara

Please Include them in your prayers **OUR FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

Please remember in your Masses and prayers the soul of our faithful departed. Our sincere sympathy is extended to their families, relatives, friends & neighbors.

CAROLYN MILLER JOHN RIEMAN

WEDDING BANN

III Allison Schroeder of this parish, daughter of Brian and Christine Schroeder and Erik Minter of Ave Maria Catholic Church, son of Daniel and Jennifer Minter

NEWLY WEDDED

Aaron & Morgan (Maag) Rieman

NEWLY BAPTIZED

Ila June, daughter of Drake & Kylie Lammers Maeve Marie, daughter of Grant and Carly Hershberger Caden Thomas, son of Stevan and Carrie Krendl **Dawson Ronald,** son of Nicholas & Kayla Meyer

High School Corner

Jason Everet, a National Speaker is coming to SPPS on December 13th. He is presenting on Sexuality and Gender Information pertaining to Teens. Students in HS will be invited along with their parents. More information will be forthcoming.

Ruth Gerding, Coordinator of HS (CD)

Elementary and Ir High Corner

* First Reconciliation

Wednesday, November 15th at 7:00pm in the Church. Treats to follow in the Parish Center in Room 5. Enter the Parish Center through the North doors across from the Elementary School Parking Lot.

* All K-8 Religious Education reminder... our first charity drive is to collect items to send to soldiers serving overseas this holiday. We are accepting donations. Please check what items are being requested and send them in with your child to religion class. Thank you for your generosity by supporting those who keep us free!



THANK YOU!

I would like to thank all the CCD Families that contributed to my birthday gift. I was able to test it out this week.

Father Matt

* 7th Grade Students and Parents: Reminder there is a mandatory parent meeting this coming Monday, November 13 (last names A-M) or Tuesday, November 14th (last names N-Z) for all wishing to be confirmed next year. The meeting will begin at 6:00 PM. Please meet in the church. See you there!



AROUND THE PARISH

St. John's Youth Group

NOVEMBER EVENT - Service Project Tuesday - 11/21/23 from 1-3pm (Please plan to arrive by 12:50 PM so we can work at 1)



WHO: All High School Youth Invited WHERE: The Meadows of Ottawa



WHAT: Come live out your faith by spending time with our friends at the nursing home

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: DECEMBER EVENT - 12/10/23 - Caroling

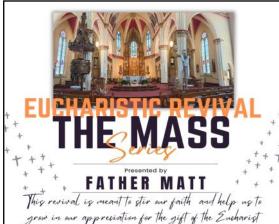
Fresh Whole-Hog Sausage Breakfast

Sunday, November 12th, 9:00 - 12:00 At the Glandorf St. John's Parish Hall

Free Will Donation

Proceeds to offset the cost of bringing a group from Damascus to speak to our youth to help deepen their faith.

> Dine in, carry out, or drive thru Organized by the St. John's Outreach Group



ON SUNDAY'S AT 9:30AM IN ST. JOHN'S CHURCH

NOVEMBER 12TH - EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

NOVEMBER 19TH - COMMUNION RITE AND CONCLUDING RITE

Appreciation Vinner Sunday, November 19. 2023 at 11:30pm in St. John's Parish Center

mittee and anyone who volunteered at SONday Fun Day, Church decorating Committee, Choir. I Trainers, Adult Servers, Lector Trainer, rosary prayers before Masses & for funerals, Distributes rest, Lectors, Estraordinary Ministers, Ushers, Spirit & Song Group, Nursing Home Mass helpetors, and Meal helpers, Funeral planning person, RCIA/OCIA Team, High School CCD facilitators, Adult Group Meditates of CCP. Because of Song Meditators and Song

RSVP by Wednesday, Nov. 8th . You can sign up by scanning the QR code or or emailing at admin@glandorfstjohns.com or holding down the control and of

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We appreciate all that you do for St. John's Parish.

ACTIVITIES **Every Second Sunday of** the Month, Today, November 12th **GRAND-orf CLUB** Drawing only by

PARISH CENTER

Kristin and Craig Duling located in Cafeteria along with Outreach Breakfast.

LENDING LIBRARY



located in Room 15 after 8:00am and 10:30am Masses

PARISH MUSEUM



Visitation Hours from 9:00am-12:00pm







The Piecemaker's Sewing Group Tuesday evening, November 14th from 7:00pm - 8:30pm in Room 8 (The old Science Room)

We will be putting together kits, stringing ribbon through bags and tracing and cutting fabric. If you can make it, come join us and help put some smiles on the faces of girls who are in need of these items. Thanks so much for helping If you have any questions, please contact Diana Meyer at 419-538-6437.

> OTTAWA K OF C CHICKEN AND FISH FRY Friday, November 17th, Serving from 4:30 - 7:00pm **Proceeds benefit Putnam County Right to Life**

AROUND THE PARISH

Attention ALL MEN!!!! Join us on for That Man Is You (TMIY)

Wednesday, Nov. 15th, 7-8:30pm in room 22 OR Saturday, Nov. 18th, 6-7:30am in the cafeteria.

For more information, contact Mike Karhoff @ mbkarhoff@bright.net, 419-796-0763

TMIY "WORTHY OF THE CALL" - The Nativity (Sat. 11/18, Wed. 11/29) (session 10)

Presenter: Mark Hartfiel: Join us as we journey the Holy Land while discovery more about the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary. <u>Scripture: Micah 5:2, Luke 2:7, Psalm 25:14, CCC 526</u>.

That Man is You (TMIY), Men, do you want to grow in your faith? Stop by any of the times or locations! Groups meet each week (Sept. - May). All men are welcome! https://paradisusdei.org/that-man-is-you/

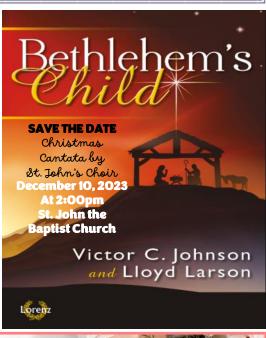
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Day	Time	Place		Contact	
Saturday	6:10 AM	Columbus Grove Church Basement	The Light of Men (season 8)	boonie5a@yahoo.com	Ben Schroeder
Saturday	6:00 AM	Glandorf Parish Center	Worthy of the Call (season 9)	mbkarhoff@bright.net	Mike Karhoff
Nednesday	7:00 PM	Glandorf Parish Center	Worthy of the Call (season 9)	mbkarhoff@bright.net	Mike Karhoff
Saturday	6:30 AM	Miller City Parish Hall	The Vision of Man Fully Alive (season 4)	ctobe.17@gmail.com	Curtis Tobe
Saturday	6:30 AM	SPPS school (new wing)	Worthy of the Call (season 9)	leon.fuerst@yahoo.com	Leon Fuerst
Saturday	6:30 AM	Ottoville Parish Center (KofC rm)	Becoming a Man After God's Own Heart (season 1)	adam_schnipke@hotmail.com	Adam Schnipke

All Marríage Encounter Couples

Glandorf is hosting the Marriage Encounter Dance in February. We need all the help we can get. Short informative meeting this Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. Please volunteer some of your time. It's always a lot of fun. Thank you! If you want to help, but can 't make the meeting just text me.

Elaine Inkrott (419-235-7292)







IGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

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Advent season is fast approaching!
We need families to volunteer to
light the Advent Wreath for all
Weekend Masses during Advent on
Dec 2/3, Dec. 9/10, Dec. 16/17,
Dec. 23/24.

To sign up your family, please scan the QR code or call or email the rectory and we will

sign you up or press control and click on the link below.

Thank you!

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Mustard Seed Gift Shop normal business hours Tues, Thurs, & Fri 9:00am - 5:00pm; Wed 12:00pm to 8:00pm; Sat 8:00am - 1:00pm

Phone number 419-538-7220 <u>www.mustardseedaiftshop.com</u> Brenda Maag 419-235-3106 Julie Barlage 419-303-5366

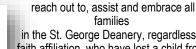


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Contact Wendy Imm, BSN CFCP for more information at 614-634-1043 or divinegracefertilitycare@gmail.com

The mission of St. Catherine's Embrace is to



in the St. George Deanery, regardless of faith affiliation, who have lost a child from miscarriage, stillbirth, or infant death. Please call the rectory 419-538-6928

A NOTE FROM SEM. ERIC KAUFMAN

+ Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto +

(November 2023)

Greetings Everyone,

As Vocation Awareness Week is celebrated November 5th - 11th, I want to say thank you for your continued prayers and support for me and all who are discerning God's call to be a priest, brother, or sister. Please continue to pray for vocations and encourage boys and girls to pursue religious life and to try the seminary, monastery, or convent. Time spent in prayer in discernment will draw us closer to God. Just as many kids job shadow or visit colleges, tours of seminaries and convents should also be encouraged. So, if anyone, young or mature, small group or a bus load, would like to take a tour of the seminary, please let me know. For promoting Holy Vocations is a great way to help do what we are all called to do: to help build up the kingdom of God.

Well, the fall semester is over halfway done and is just flying by. There is so much I want to share from the classes I am in, but the main ones that have impacted me are the courses on the Theology of the Eucharist and Catholic Social Doctrine. The Theology of the Eucharist class has given me so much information about the Eucharist, from transubstantiation and the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist to a deeper understanding of the sacrifice of the Mass and so much more. For example, during the Eucharistic prayer, yes, we hear the words of Jesus from the Last Supper, "This is my body. This is my blood.", but it is Jesus' sacrifice on the cross on Mt. Calvary that is made present there on the altar. Thus, the reason why the altar of sacrifice has its name. There is so much more to share and so much deeper to go that this doesn't even begin to scratch the surface. Amid the Eucharistic Revival, I hope all try to learn about the Holy Mass & the Eucharist – the source and summit of our Catholic Faith. Here are two short online videos (YouTube.com): Dare to Believe – The Eucharist (14:27) & The Veil Removed (7:15).

Catholic Social Doctrine is the other class that has been great because it brings together so many different topics, explaining how, as Catholics, we are to live in and engage the world—describing how, first and foremost, everything is to be focused on God. Then, there is human dignity, the common good, subsidiarity, and solidarity and how they play into the society of the family, the ecclesial (church) society, and the civic (political) society. Immediately, it's seen how each society builds off the one before it and how each one affects the others, with the family (with God in it) as the base society that the others rely on. Thus, if the family structure is suffering or not valued, so will all of society be hurt as well. Another part I really clung to was the role of the state. The state is there to help, when and where needed, those who are physically poor and those who are spiritually poor. Since I had been on village council before entering the seminary, this topic immediately caught my attention. So much so that the topic for my research paper for this class will be the state's role (at all levels of civic politics) and the responsibility it has to help promote the principles of Catholic Social Doctrine; to support those who are physically poor and those who are spiritually poor. For we are all first children of God; thus, every decision we make should be ordered towards Him, our first and final goal.

In the midst of this semester, we also took part in the Ohio March for Life in Columbus, had our annual seminary golf outing, and blessed and dedicated the brand-new pipe organ at the seminary, which was a unique experience. Instead of using holy water, they used incense so the sacred smoke could go through the pipes and fill the whole instrument while it was being played. In a sense it was given life. Lastly, we recently participated in the Men's Eucharistic Procession a few Saturdays ago, which went through two miles of downtown Cincinnati. It started at the cathedral, went past City Hall and the police station, past Music Hall, through Over the Rhine, to Old St. Mary's. It was a beautiful procession, with over 1,000 men, from young boys to older men. All praying the rosary and singing hymns, while bringing Christ out into the city. It was a great witness, especially during the Eucharistic Revival. A special part of the procession was that it rained down rose petals. Two young Carmelite Sisters were peeking out of the church steeple at Old St. Mary's, smiling and throwing down red and white rose petals on the procession below as we entered the church for Benediction. It was an awesome experience that I will not forget.

Thank you again for your continued prayers and support. Please know of my prayers for all of you. If you are ever in Cincinnati, please stop by the seminary to visit. Take care, and God Bless!

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