

Sept 2, 2018

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time



MASS INTENTIONS & READINGS

Monday, Sept 3- Labor Day

St Gregory the Great, Pope and Doctor of the Church

1 Cor 2:1-5; Lk 4:16-30

9:00 am Barbara Dillhoff

Tuesday, Sept 4

1 Cor 2:10b-16; Lk 4:31-37

12:00 pm Sp Int Willoughby Family (McGlinch)

Wednesday, Sept 5

St. Teresa of Calcutta, Religious

1 Cor 3:1-9; Lk 4:38-44

8:15 am Holland & McDaniels Families

Thursday, Sept 6

1 Cor 3:18-23; Lk 5:1-11

8:15 am Tom Fullmer (Swartztrauber)

First Friday, Sept 7

1 Cor 4:1-5; Lk 5:33-39

8:15 am Roy Pistone (Pistone)

Saturday, Sept 8

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Mi 5:1-4a; Mt 1:1-16, 18-23

5:00 pm Living & Deceased of Parish

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Sept 9

Is 35:4-7a; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

7:30 am Ken Heitkamp (Heitkamp)

10:30 am Jane Butler (White)

Fr. Michael's Message

"Out of the heart come evil thoughts"

Meditation: Which is more important to God - clean hands or a clean mind and heart? The Scribes and Pharisees were upset with Jesus because he allowed his disciples to break with their ritual traditions by eating with unclean hands. They sent a delegation all the way from Jerusalem to Galilee to bring their accusation in a face-to-face confrontation with Jesus. Jesus dealt with their accusation by going to the heart of the matter - by looking at God's intention and purpose for the commandments.

Allow God's word to shape your heart and intentions

Jesus explains that they void God's command because they allow their hearts and minds to be clouded by their own notions of what is true religion. Jesus accuses them specifically of two things. First of hypocrisy. Like actors, who put on a show, they appear to obey God's word in their external practices while they inwardly harbor evil desires and intentions.

Allow God's word to change your way of thinking

Secondly, he accuses them of abandoning God's word by substituting their own arguments and ingenious interpretations for what God requires. They devised clever arguments based on their own thoughts rather than on God's word. Jesus refers them to the prophecy of Isaiah (29:31) where the prophet accuses the people of his day of honoring God with their lips while their hearts were far away from choosing and doing what God asked of them.

Uproot wrong thoughts and attitudes before they grow

Where does evil spring from and what's the solution for eliminating it from our lives? Jesus deals with this issue in response to the religious leaders' concern with ritual defilement - making oneself unfit to offer acceptable sacrifice and worship to God. The religious leaders were concerned with avoiding ritual defilement, some no doubt out of fear of God, and others out of fear of pleasing other people. Jesus points his listeners to the source of true defilement - evil desires which come from inside a person's innermost being. Sin does not happen. It first springs from the innermost recesses of our thoughts and intentions, from the secret desires which only the individual soul can conceive.

Only Jesus can free us from sin and guilt

God in his mercy sent his Son Jesus Christ to free us from our sinful cravings and burden of guilt, and to restore us to wholeness of life and goodness. But to receive his mercy and healing, we must admit our faults and ask for his forgiveness. "If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:8-9). "Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit and make my heart like yours - on fire with love and holiness. Strengthen my will that I may always choose to love what is good and to reject what is evil."

Vocation Views- "Be doers of the word and not hearers only." The reception of the Word of God demands a living response, for the Word is active and alive, spurring us on to action. (James 1:22)

Fr. Eric is giving a series of talks about the Eucharist. The next talk is Wednesday Sept. 5 in the parish hall at 7:00 p.m. entitled "The New Passover". The series continues on the following dates: Sept. 20, Oct. 16, Oct. 22 and Oct. 30. Hope to see you there!

Liturgical Ministers ---Weekend of September 8-9

	<u>Ushers</u>	<u>E. Ministers</u>	<u>Lector</u>	<u>Servers</u>
<u>Saturday</u> Sept 8 5:00 pm	K. Kleman K. Serey B. Alsip <i>Volunteer</i>	V. Daum B. Knife R. Burns	C. Serey	M. Schaurer J. Bushong
<u>Sunday</u> Sept 9 7:30am	N. Craport B. Hoffman T. Hartley J. Stutz	M. Desch J. Mergler D. Mergler	G. Mergler	C. McKinney K. Stutz L. Mergler
<u>Sunday</u> Sept 9 10:30am	M.P. Post L. Manson J. Artin S. Bradley	W. Dexter <i>Volunteer</i> D. Miller	N. Dexter <i>Volunteer</i>	N. Canavan D. Canavan <i>Volunteer</i>

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

~Sunday, Sept 2~

Shepherds of Christ Prayers for all Priests 9:30 am
Rosary 9:50 am

~Wednesday, Sept 5~

Fr E Talks: The New Passover 7:00 pm Parish Hall

~Thursday, Sept 6~

Eucharistic Adoration begins after 8:15 am
Mass Closing with Benediction at 7:00 pm

~Friday, Sept 7~

First Friday Adoration @ Estate 9:30 am

DIVORCED OR SEPARATED? Too many people stay stuck in their pain and don't know how to find their way past the pain of divorce or separation. A 12-week support group begins Tues., Sept. 4 at 7:15 p.m. at the Parish Office Center just east of St. Michael Church, 33 Elm St., Fort Loramie, Ohio. Cost of \$25 per person includes a "Survival Guide," and materials for 12 weeks. Topics included in the series include shock, denial, fear, anger, depression, loneliness, financial issues, battles in court, custody and visitation, & annulment. Find comfort and counsel consistent with Catholic teachings. Call Rose Meyer @ 937-295-2891 or rosem@nflregion.org to find out more information or to register.

Not signed up for Kroger Rewards? Visit the Kroger website at <http://www.kroger.com> and look for Transfiguration or our new account number EK946. Already enrolled? No problem. The old account number still works and thank you to all those who participate in this program. Last time Transfiguration received \$572.64!

Behold the Glory– Family Worship Night at St. Patrick
Saturday Sept. 22 at 6-8 pm. See Website for more details.



St. Patrick's daily Mass times have changed for the school year. Mass now begins at 7:45am with school Masses begins at 8:40am. Holy Day of obligation Masses have their own Mass times.

Have you been married a couple months or many years? Are you looking for a way to connect with your spouse and other Catholic Married Couples? Please join us October 13, 2018 and every 2nd Saturday of each month from 8 am to 10 am in Mother Teresa Hall. Contact Anne Case at 937.216.3328 or thecases618@gmail.com for more information. (Nursing babies welcome but we ask that you find childcare so that we many focus on our marriage and connections with others.)

Parish Weekend Mission– St. Mary Catholic Church in Greenville, Ohio on Sept. 8 &9, 2018. Fr. Daniel McCaffrey will highlight the "Humanae Vitae" and Theology of the Body at an evening presentation 7-8 pm Sunday Sept. 9. Fr. McCaffrey will say the homilies at the Masses at 5:30 pm Sat. Sept. 8 and 8:30 & 10:30 am Sun. Sept 9. There will be a second collection at all Masses for the Natural Family Planning Worldwide Apostolate. "A spiritual event that will spark new interest in what it means to be a Catholic today."

CCD Starts Soon!

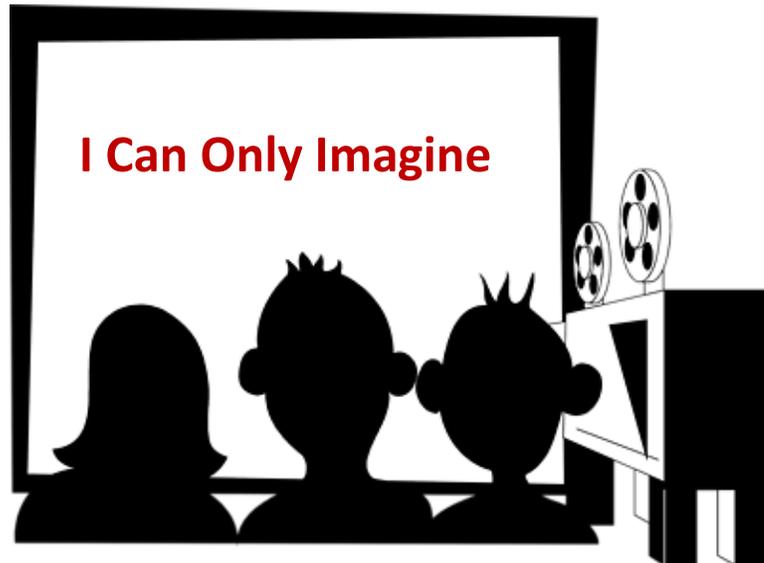
Classes start Wednesday Sept. 12, 2018 6:30 pm –7:15 pm. Call Ginny for more information 698-4520. Registration forms are in the back of church. Just bring it on the first day of CCD.



On September 9 at 2 p.m. the Patriot Riders will pass through West Milton after beginning at Wright Patterson AFB. They ride in remembrance of 9/11 and to show support for our military.

Info Classes Know anyone interested in becoming Catholic? Our RCIA class will start with inquiry sessions on Thursday, September 6, 7-8:30 p.m. at the Lange Estate on Calumet Road. Call 698-4520 for more info.

Don't forget CCD Teachers: There will be a meeting on Wed. Sept. 5 at 7 pm. in Mother Teresa Hall.



Popcorn Provided



Classic Family Movie Night

Friday Sept 14 @ 7:00 p.m.

Parish Hall

Featuring:

I Can Only Imagine



Cost: A non-perishable food item to be donated to the local food pantry.

Bring your own chair and drinks if you wish.

All are welcome to attend our 'Classic Movie Night' sponsored by Transfiguration parish. We project the movie onto a large wall mounted screen with large external speakers. You will feel like you are in a movie theater! Minus the big comfy recliners.

