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Welcome

BACK TO SCHOOL



ST. PAUL CHURCH IN FLORENCE, KY

AUGUST 2018

ST. PAUL FESTIVAL

By Father Michael Barth on Sunday, July 15, 2018

After Sunday Masses, the parish campus becomes almost eerily quiet but not this day. Sounds of activity: people moving about and construction like noises break the normal silence. Oh yes, it's festival week and setup has begun.



Throughout the week, the intensity of activity ramps up each day: more people and more construction sounds. In the back parking lot, a whole festival town is rising. Where only stripped blacktop was once seen, now there are booths and tents and rides. Lights are strung across the whole lot. These workers, builders and electricians, are all parishioners sharing their gifts and talents

for the good of our parish.

Throughout the week, I am inspired. I am humbled. I am once again impressed. A lot of the work is not noted. It's behind the scenes. Then, as festival days set in, even more people enter the scene to work at the activities and booths of the festival. These are seen and the faces with whom patrons interact. They become the face of St. Paul Parish to the community.



All of these contributing parishioners are the heroines and heroes of our parish.

There are so many that to try to thank each by name is impossible. To thank



them, however, is imperative. They deserve our gratitude and deep respect. So to all those who were behind the scenes or on the front line, on behalf of the whole parish I say THANK YOU!! The words are simple and do not do justice to the deep respect and gratitude that I have for your incredible effort and for each of you personally. So, again: Thank You! Thank you for your effort. Thank you for sharing your time and talent. Thank you,

most of all, for being the incredible person each and every one of you are individually and the tremendous force for good you are together.

THE PRECEPTS OF THE CHURCH

By Father Michael Barth

As early as the fourth century, the Church started insisting that its members behave in certain ways: They were to attend Mass on Sundays and special feasts, receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, and not get married during Advent and Lent. By the end of the Middle Ages, there was a consensus that Catholics were obliged to perform certain practices. Saint Peter Canisius, writing in 1555, listed five precepts, and his list is used in Germany and Latin America. Saint Robert Bellarmine, writing in 1589, listed six precepts, and his list is followed in France and Italy. The Baltimore Catechism used in the United States listed six precepts, and the 1992 Catechism of the Catholic Church lists five precepts. Whatever their number, the purpose of the precepts has always been to preserve good order in the Church; to ensure good care of souls within the Church; and to establish a specific Catholic identity.

The Precepts of the Church describe the minimum effort one must make in prayer and in living a moral life to understand oneself as a practicing Catholic in good standing. All Catholics are called to move and grow beyond the minimum by growing in love of God and love of neighbor.

The Precepts are as follows:

1. Attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation
2. Confession of serious sin at least once a year
3. Reception of Holy Communion at least once a year during the Easter season
4. Observance of the days of fast and abstinence
5. Providing for the needs of the Church

Throughout the week of July 15, I marveled at the dedication and commitment of numerous parishioners as they setup and then ran the festival. The hours given, the perspiration spent, and the parish loyalty expressed was truly awe inspiring. This was “providing for the needs of the Church on steroids.” The number of parishioners involved were numerous, too many to name and their effort too great to risk missing someone. So, thank you to one and all! If you see a fellow parishioner that you know worked to make the festival a success, say thank you and ask them how you can help. I am sure they can “plug you in.” These dedicated parishioners are keeping the lights on, the monthly bills paid and the gospel announced. Join their ranks. There are other parishioners who, like the festival workers, provide for the needs of the Church in heroic proportions. Since the festival just happened, it is easy to point to these specific parishioners. Nevertheless, thank you to all of you who provide for the Church, for our Parish, in heroic ways. You are a great example and an inspiration.

The precepts of the Church are 5 simple statements that help us to stay on track as Catholics. Are you an active Catholic? Are you a Catholic in good standing? Do you fulfill the minimum criteria, the precepts of the Church, to be considered an active Catholic in good standing?

CHANGE IN PARISH STAFF



Effective as of 1 July 2018, Mrs. Judine Hooker has joined the parish staff as Comptroller (business manager with fewer responsibilities).

Mrs. Linda Fryman is staying on the staff as a part-time Parish Administrative Assistant. Thank you to both for their commitment to our parish and for their skilled and knowledgeable assistance.

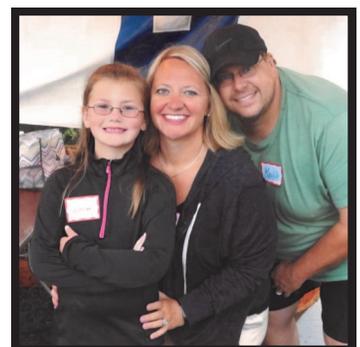


Did You Know(tice)?

- Did you know that tennis balls are great for protecting tile floors? How do they do this? They can be used on the legs of tables and chairs as “socks” so that when the chairs and tables move they do not scratch the floor. If you have any extra tennis balls or would like to donate some, please drop them off in the marked bin in the Gathering Space. If you have any question, please email Steve Elmlinger at selmlinger@stpaulnky.org.



Family Fun Festival



Am I A Disciple?

By: Deacon Nick Schwartz

When someone is baptized, they become a son or daughter of God; they become part of the Body of Christ and a member of the church founded by Jesus Christ, the Catholic Church. But, does that mean they are a disciple of Jesus? Well, the short answer is it depends. Let me explain.

The dictionary defines “disciple” as *1) a person who learns from another, especially one who then teaches others; 2) an active follower or adherent of someone, some philosophy etc.* Therefore, we could say a disciple of Jesus is someone who actively chooses to learn from and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ and His Church. You would think that if someone has been baptized then they must be a disciple, but that may not necessarily be true. True discipleship is a conscious decision, a choice to be in a relationship with Jesus and believe in the Gospel. Pope John Paul II put it this way:

The “good news” is directed to stirring a person to a conversion of heart and life and a clinging to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior...in the prospect and realization of new life according to the Spirit.

So, what does a disciple of Jesus look like; what are some basic signs that someone is trying to follow in the Master’s footsteps? First, there must be evidence of faith. A disciple needs to know what is in the creed and what it means; they must believe it is true and revealed by God for their salvation.

Next, a disciple shows evidence of conversion, a willingness to change in order to be more Christ-like (one can’t say they are Christian and continue to live unchanged from the secular world). And, a disciple consciously chooses to enter into a relationship with God in the person of Jesus Christ.

As a consequence of these decisions, a disciple will undergo repentance (and repent again and again as needed). A disciple will also turn to God in prayer and develop a regular prayer life. And, a disciple will grow in an understanding of the Church, experiencing fellowship with other Christians, especially by worshipping together in the Sunday liturgies.

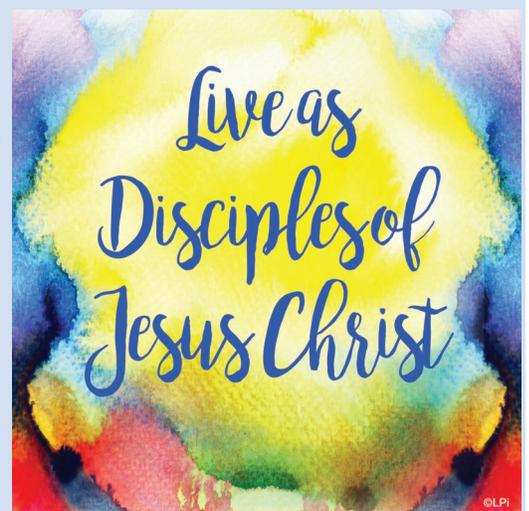
Finally, a disciple will endeavor to grow in love of God and neighbor by practicing one or more of the Corporal and/or Spiritual Works of Mercy and by sharing with others the Good News they have experienced (evangelization).

The Catholic Church needs today, more than ever, the Holy Spirit and Fire. And, the best way for that to happen is for the Church to be filled with members who have made a conscious decision to be a disciple of Jesus and develop a personal relationship with him. If you haven’t done so already, what are you waiting for?

<https://en.wiktionary.org/wiki/disciple>

Pope John Paul II, *Christifideles Laici* (Apostolic Exhortation on the Vocation and Mission of the Lay Faithful in the Church and in the World), 33

<http://www.newadvent.org/cathen/10198d.htm>



SUNDAY PRESCHOOL

Sunday Preschool will restart this year at the 10:00 AM Mass on Sunday, September 9, 2018. This program is for children ages 3 through Kindergarten. The children pray and learn about God and the Catholic faith through Bible stories, art and song. All children need to register, there will be registration forms in the Gathering Space of church or you can easily register online at stpaulnky.org/faith-formation/religious-education/.



**STARTING SEPTEMBER 5TH
IN THE NEW YOUTH ROOM**



**A NEW YOUTH MINISTRY PROGRAM
FOR GRADES 6-12 IN THE NEW YOUTH
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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

BY KATIE HUBBART

Every year when I start to write this welcome back article, I am amazed at the date and wonder where the summer has gone! I still have kids at home and it is really amazing that, as I write this, I will have two seniors and a sophomore in high school this year. I am constantly reflecting and wondering where the years have gone, and if I have prepared them enough to face the world and life's challenges with a strong faith in God. Even when they feel shaken, will they be able to fully trust in God and know that the Holy Spirit is always there? They just need to understand this. My son recently informed me that I worry about everything; I can honestly say the only thing that I worry about is their strength of faith and trust in God, because with a strong faith and trust in God they can do anything.

I worry about that for all of the children. The catechists and I work to make the Saint Paul Parish Religious Education Program one where children can experience fun, faith, and God within their parish community. It is such an honor for all of us to assist every parent and guardian in helping their children understand the Catholic faith and God.

Wednesday evenings are going to be packed for all this fall. We will begin classes for grades 1 through 8 on Wednesday, August 29 at 7:00 PM in the gym. Registration has started. Please register online at stpaulnky.org/faith-formation/religious-education/. Any registrations received after August 10 will be subject to a \$10 late fee. Please register now to avoid the late fees!

I can't wait to see all the kids at the end of August!! If you have any questions, please contact me, Katie Hubbard, at 859-371-8051 ext. 222 or by email at khubbart@stpaulnky.org

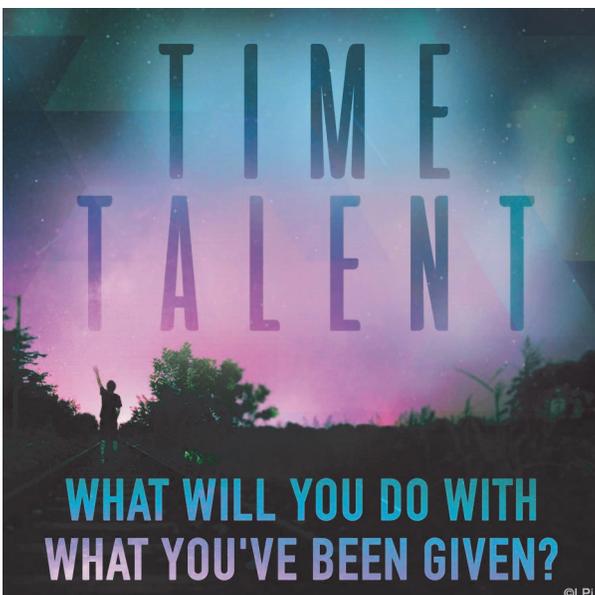
**RELIGIOUS ED
SIGN-UPS!**



CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) takes place every week starting in August. The dedicated catechists bring the Liturgy of the Word to the young children of the parish, grades 1-4, in terms they can understand. Every week at the 10:00 AM Sunday Mass, the children leave the church and go to the chapel. There is no registration necessary to attend Children's Liturgy of the Word. When the children are called forward to be sent forth, we have them join the catechist to process out of the church. They will return after the homily and rejoin their families.

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St. Paul Families for Life— Be Not Afraid

By Marla Kelly



Let us pray for our nation that the right to life of every human being, from conception to natural death, will again be protected in our laws.

USCCB ANTI-TRAFFICKING - The mission of the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' Anti-Trafficking Program (ATP) is to educate on the scourge of human trafficking as an offense against fundamental dignity of the human person, to advocate for an end to modern day slavery, to provide training and technical assistance on this issue, and to support survivors through community-based services. "It is not possible to remain indifferent before the knowledge that human beings are bought and sold like goods!" - Pope Francis

Each year, an estimated 17,000 vulnerable men, women and children are trafficked across our borders and then forced into slavery. Many are fleeing terrible situations in their home countries and come to the United States to find a better life. Unfortunately, the nightmare often begins when they reach our shores.

For over a decade, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB) has been a national leader in advocacy and education to eradicate sex and labor trafficking. Migration and Refugee Services (MRS) leads efforts to combat trafficking in human persons, carrying out the commitment of the U.S. Bishops' Committee on Migration to protect the life and dignity of the most vulnerable. Our initiatives include advocacy, awareness raising, training and technical assistance, and integration services.

To find out more about Human Trafficking go to <http://www.usccb.org/about/anti-trafficking-program/index.cfm>. Or other resources on Bridging Refu-

gee Youth and Children's Services website (<http://www.brycs.org/clearinghouse/anti-trafficking.cfm>)

CARE NET 7TH ANNUAL GOLF SCRAMBLE will be held on August 17th at Aston Oaks Golf Club (North Bend, OH). All proceeds benefit the Fatherhood Parenting Education Program. Outing includes 18 holes with cart, Refreshments, Lunch by JTM, Silent Auction/Raffle and Dinner provided by Texas Roadhouse. Register on-line at www.choselifenky.org.

ROSARY COAST TO COAST – Reminder that the Coast to Coast rosary begins on Wednesday, August 15, 2018, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary and ends on Sunday, October 7, Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary. The novena consists of praying one rosary each day for 54 consecutive days. The first 27 days is to petition God to help us battle the evils that have taken over our country. The last 27 days the rosary is said in thanksgiving, regardless of whether the petition has been answered.

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED CHILDREN - On Saturday, September 8, 2018, Citizens for a Pro-Life Society, Priests for Life and the Pro-Life Action League will co-sponsor the 6th annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children. They are calling on pro-life Americans to honor the gravesites of our aborted brothers and sisters.

Solemn prayer vigils will be conducted at gravesites throughout the United States, as well as at dozens of other sites dedicated in memory of aborted children. There are no known gravesites or memorial sites in northern Kentucky but all are asked to take a moment on this day to remember those children aborted.



MASS TIMES FOR THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

WED., AUGUST 15

8:15AM

12:10PM

7:15PM

**The Rectory will be closed
on August 15.*



Our Church Family

NEW PARISHIONERS

Mrs. Mary Bell
Mr. and Mrs. Craig Rengering and family
Mr. and Mrs. Jeremy Rosing and family
Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey Ryle
Mr. and Mrs. Thierry Mulomba and family
Mr. and Mrs. Brad Arlinghaus and family

DEATHS

JoAnn Hancock (June 26)
Patricia Murphy (June 29)
Brooke Justice (July 9)

BAPTISMS

Daniela Rebecca Barajas
Daughter of Louis and Nancy Barajas
Maximilian Kolbe Aylor
Son of Joseph and Brooke Aylor
Caleb James Houlehan
Son of Jonathan and Lisa Houlehan

WEDDINGS

Travis Montgomery & Brooke Warning (June 22)
Walter Stribling & Rose Disney (June 23)
Jerald Wilmes & Rose Elmore (July 6)
Chad Diaz Negrete & Christina Prindle (July 7)



St. Vincent de Paul News

by Marla Kelly

Because of your generosity, we were able to help many of our Florence neighbors and would like to share some of the visits our members recently made.

David and I visited Christine, who unexpectedly got custody of two of her cousin's children. There are ages 5 and 7 and had been abused. Both needed clothing and a bed; they were sleeping on the floor. Christine works fulltime and, besides the two girls, she has a special needs child of her own and was struggling to make ends meet. We provided the family with some food and Christine was especially thankful for the clothing vouchers. We were also able to get a bed for the girls. Hopefully, Christine will be able to receive some benefits to help with the children's needs.

Jennifer moved into her mobile home after leaving her abusive husband and getting a restraining order against him. He was heavily into drugs and most likely will end up in prison so she does not receive any financial support from him. Jennifer has a full-time job and was able to get a loan to purchase a trailer for her and 2 daughters, ages 10 and 11. Her 20-year-old son moved back home to try and help her out. He stays with the girls while Jennifer is at work and will be going to college in the Fall. Jennifer is not eligible for government assistance because of her income but struggles to have enough food and to pay all her bills. Her latest utility bill was extremely high, partly due to the deposit fees along with the monthly charge. She had some money and was able to secure help from United Ministry and hoped to get some money from Community Action Commission (CAC). Since this was still not enough, we agreed to pay the remaining balance. Jennifer thought she may have to get a second job to make ends meet but hates the idea of being away from the girls for that long. Her son is also looking for a job to help out as well. She and her son are very special people to do all they are doing for the two girls. We pray she will be able to get on their feet very soon.

Robin lives alone and needed help with her rent, which was due in a couple of days. She did not have enough and would not get paid until several days after the due date. If not paid on time, she would be charged a \$75 late fee. It is taking all she has to make her rent payment so we helped with the balance and also gave her food, a Remke voucher and a gas card to carry her over until she got paid. She began to cry when we gave her the gas card and was overwhelmed with our help. Robin had a brother who passed away when he was 14; that was years ago. She lost her mother several years back and her father passed away last year leaving just her and her sister. She moved from Florida 2 years ago and began working. Robin does not receive any assistance but seems to be very frugal with how she lives and watches everything, like turning off lights when she goes from room to room and not having a TV so no ca-

ble bill. Robin was very grateful for all the help we provided and especially for praying for and with her.

Cathy just started back to work at a local restaurant. She was 5 months pregnant and lost the baby and needed time to recover physically and emotionally and so was off work for a month. She has 2 other children but does not get any child support. The fathers are out of state so the courts, hoping to catch them, put a freeze on their driver's licenses, which will prevent them from being able to be renewed. Cathy was behind on her rent but her landlord was so kind and did not add on any late fees. She is working 40+ hours per week and trying to get as much time as possible to get back on track. Cathy has been on the Section 8 waiting list for 8 months and hopes to soon be approved so she can get another place. We were able to help with food and promised to help with the rent but Cathy was able to pay that bill. She ended up needing help with her electric so we paid some of that to keep it from being disconnected.

WITH YOUR CONTINUOUS SUPPORT AND GENEROSITY, WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE FOLLOW ASSISTANCE DURING JUNE. WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT.

- Conference calls: 75 calls serving a total of 191 people
- Members Times: 162.3 hours
- Direct Aid' (Conference funded assistance)
 - Total \$5,106.59
 - Food/Groceries (Remke Vouchers) - \$1,493.91
 - Housing/Rent - \$822.00
 - Transportation (Bus Tickets, Gas Cards) - \$350.00
 - Utilities - \$2,415.50
 - Miscellaneous - \$25.18
- 'In Kind Goods & Service' (Vouchers/Food)
 - Total \$5,752.69
 - Food (Pantry) - \$2,531.00
 - Furniture / Houseware Vouchers - \$1,006.69
 - Clothing Vouchers - \$1,540.00
 - Other - \$675.00

We welcome you to come and check us out. Our meetings are held every second Saturday of the month at 9:00 AM in the Parish Center, Room 171. August meeting is 8/11 and September is 9/8.



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Breaking Down the Bible

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Father Jason and Deacon Tom

**Breaking Down the Bible will resume this fall on
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the Bulletin and the September Link.**

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To submit articles to The Link, please email your information to TheLink@stpaulnky.org.

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The deadline to submit articles is the 3rd Monday of each month.