From the Desk of

Sr. Lucille

A new season has moved in. We can sense its presence in the growing shortness of daylight, in the coolness of the breeze and low hanging clouds, in the golden and rusted color of flowers and trees, and in the harvested fruits and vegetables as they make their way to market. Daily activities, too, take on a different structure and pace with school study and sports replacing summer fun and relaxation.

Nature reminds us that in the deepest part of who we are, there is always a call to continue our transformation process. We are always called to be in the process of growing and changing. This Sunday's scripture readings enlighten us on our need to recognize our evil ways, jealousy and selfish ambition, and to cultivate sincerity, humility and peace.

(James 3:13-18).

In today's gospel, Jesus chooses a small child to explain the meaning of true greatness. A child is powerless, dependent, and needs things done for them. And so, when we reach out to serve the poor and ordinary, the powerless, those who have no influence, wealth or prestige; the destitute, the drop out, the homeless, the recovering substance abuser and those who have not had a fair chance, we are allowing ourselves to be transformed into the likeness of Jesus and bringing about his mission, his kingdom on earth.

Jesus says, "If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." The story is told that Frederick the Great once asked his court priest if he knew anything for certain about the afterlife. The gentle pastor replied: Yes, your Majesty, it is absolutely certain that in the future life, your highness will not be the King of Poland. So too, with each of us, our greatness will be measured by the good we have endeavored to accomplish in this life.

Sister M. Lucille Kime, SND, RCIA Coordinator

"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." MARK 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words *"sacer" = sacred* and *"facere" = to make*. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Temptations will be with us for our entire life. However, their presence or absence is no indication of personal holiness; how we deal with them is.

Open Hours

Tues. 5-6 p.m. Wed. 10-11-a.m.

Dianne Pinkelman 826-0428 Ann Hallett 826-7147
Charlene Karamol 825-1696 Bea Kovacs 340-0987
Barbara Smith 825-1507

ST. RICHARD PRAY FOR US

FALL FAITH SHARING SESSIONS

Pat Worline's Fall Faith Sharing sessions will be held on Thursday, October 11,18, 25 and November 1, 8, 15 from 10:30 am to 12 noon in Guadalupe Hall. The Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, The First and Second Letters of St. Paul to the Corinthians written by Scott Hahn and Curtis Mitch will be ordered for all interested. Call Pat at 419-260-4172 or email

patworline1661@gmail.com.

TELLERS

Sept. 24: Lynn Fleming, Pam McMillin, Susan Gladieux

Oct 1: Tom Krupitzer, Mike Hallett, Craig Kuhlman

MINISTRY SCHEDULE: Sept. 29/30, 2018

	Sept. 29, 5:00 p.m.	Sept. 30, 8:00 a.m.	Sept. 30, 10:30 a.m.
LECTORS	Sr. Celine Bundschuh	Bea Kovacs	Karen Jankowski
	Susan Hallett	OPEN	Larry Durholt
ALTAR SERVERS	Jude Adam Gibbons	Ed Hamlet	Caden Beier
	Wyatt Gibbons	Nicholas Heban	Ryan Beier
	Mike Hallett	OPEN	Ben Carr
GREETERS	OPEN	Larry Benton	Amy Miller
	Mike Flynn	Dennis Heban	Tracey Moore
	Judith Fessenden	Mike Jennings	OPEN
	Lon Fessenden	Andy Keil	OPEN
MINISTERS OF HOLY	Judy Cole	Dianne Bryan	Gennie Gongwer
COMMUNION	Ann Hallett	Pat Worline	Colleen Carr
	Walter Hallett	Sharon Buckenmeyer	Ross Carr
	James Keller	Lauren Krohn	Ann Geise
	Carol Chovanec	Frank Patek	Joey Geise
	OPEN	Jennifer Schmidt	OPEN
	OPEN	Tedd Spurgeon	OPEN
POINT POINT	OPEN	Katherine Wheeler	Thomas Cook
MASS COORDINATOR	Carol Chovanec	Janet Buck	Sr. Lucille Kime
HOMEBOUND	RT.#1 Dennis Walsh	Rt.#2 Charlene	Rt.#3 Pam McMillin

Mass Intentions this Week
SATURDAY, Sept. 22
4:15 p.m. Confessions (RR)
5:00 p.m. Mass– Harold, Marge, Bob Lovejoy, George & Georgia Snyder, Melody Keller **(SRC)**
SUNDAY, SEPT. 23- 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mass— Gil Urban, Bill Hopkins, Tim Worline, Arlo & Mary Ellen Worline **SRC)**
10:30 a.m. Mass– Tom Warner, Leo Szabo, Lilly & Julian Abbott Wedding Day **(SRC)**
MONDAY, Sept 24
TUESDAY, Sept. 25
8:30 a.m. Mass (SRC)
WEDNESDAY, Sept 26
8:30 a.m. Mass — (SRC)
THURSDAY, Sept. 27
NO MASS
FRIDAY, Sept. 28
8:30 a.m. Mass — (SRC)
6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal **(SRC)**
SATURDAY, Sept. 29
12:00 p.m. Wedding —Keefe/Kulakowski **(SRC)**
4:15 p.m. Confessions (RR)
5:00 p.m. Mass– Robert Debo, Gary Miller, In Honor of Walt and Ann Hallett Wedding Anniversary, Gary Miller **(SRC)**
SUNDAY, SEPT. 30— 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mass— Leo Szabo, Bill Hopkins **(SRC)**
10:30 a.m. Mass– Baptism **(SRC)**

SAVE THE DATE

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Our 2nd Annual Benefit Tea for Stephen *Ministry will* be held on Sunday, October 28 from 2-4 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. Seating is limited so get your RSVP in early. Check next week's bulletin for more details!

CRUSADERS CORNER

September 22-23, 2018

FROM CHAOS TO PEACE

Chaos and disease are companions of disorder. These are not the gifts we seek, yet each of us has probably experienced their detrimental power in our lives. In your prayer today, take a long, honest look at your enemies of peace. What kind of chaos exists in your life that you would like to replace with the gifts that wisdom brings?

Wisdom comes from above, James says in today's readings. It is peaceable and gentle—filled with mercy and all sorts of good fruits. What are the good fruits that wisdom brings? The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.

SCHOOL NEWS

The Grade 3 students participated in Ag Fest at the Fulton County Fairgrounds this past week. They learned about many different aspects of Agriculture and where our food comes from.

Friday we had our first Family Dance to welcome everyone back to the new school year. We will have more on these two events next week.

Have a great week from all of us at St. Richard Catholic School!

Sister Jean M. Walczak, SND
Principal
St. Richard Catholic School

CLASSIC BOOK CLUB NEW

A nice discussion was had for the August book titled **THE LAST PILOT**, by Benjamin Johncock. Our next book is to be **WONDER**, by R. J. Palacio. This book concerns a young boy who begins school as a 5th grader with a disfigured face and the issues he must deal with. We will be meeting in Guadalupe Hall, **Tuesday, September 25** at 6:00 p.m. for discussion of this title. This Book is also a movie. Any questions call Dianne - 419-826-0428.

2018 PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

Please join us in praying a rosary for our nation on **Saturday, October 13, 2018** at 12:00 Noon in Pilliod Park, by the Swanton Library. This prayer gathering will be taking place all over the United States at this same time. The United States is in great need of repentance and conversion. Public Prayer will remind those passing by to pray for our country. We will be asking God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Feel free to invite family and friends for this is going to be a powerful prayer service. Please bring a folding chair if you have trouble standing. If it rains we will gather in the Library. If you have any questions or need more information contact Judy Cole at 419-825-1589.

Altar Rosary Candlelight

Living Rosary Service

Saints Adalbert & Hedwig's Altar Rosary Society will have their annual Candlelight Living Rosary Service on **Thursday, October 19 at 6:30 PM** at Saint Adalbert Church. If you would like to participate in this service, please call Rita at **419.661.9355** or Donna at **419.727.5777.** We welcome both men and women, and you need not be a parishioner to participate. Please meet in the Church at 6:00 PM for instructions.

FRIENDS & RELATIVES OF PARISHIONERS

Aleta Biana, Pat Bechtel, Dianne Belinger, Lynn Brickman, Josie Brown, Rob Brooks, Beth Cones, Chris Davis, Jim Dickman, Anita Douglas, Mary Dudley, Janet Fackleman, Fred Fether, Deb Floyd, Larry Gatesman, Dianne Gorsha, Mitchell Gorsha, Ina Gwinn, Sr. Eve Marie Korzym, Terry Lynos, Doris Marckel, Jim Mills, Mary Morris, Denver Mossing, Ceil Nartker, Charlie Payne, David Rahm, Bob Salsa, Amy Saunders, Amy Seel, Linda Shoup, Eileen Simon, Jean Simon, Donna Steward, Danny Strezynski, Jack Strohm, Gary Urbanski, Justin & Daniel Walsh, Robert Walters, Michael Warner, Mercy Warrer, Todd Wesley, Fr. Dan Zak

PLAN NOW

MARCH FOR LIFE

BUS TRIP TO WASHINGTON D.C.

JANUARY 17——JANURAY 19

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Details to follow.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR PARISHIONERS

Rita Bayer, Ron Berkebile, Larry Burditt, Ann Czajka, Sue Dzyak, Bea Guthrie, Velma Hallett, Albert Halsey, Char Haskins, Tonya Hoyt, Roxanne Incorvaia, Brice Johnson, Charlene Karamol, Tom Krupitzer, Gloria Lanum, Dennis McCartney, Tom McGhee, Bea Meyers, Edward & Antionette Misko, Josie Myers, Lois Myers, Ruth Roth, Heather Rahe, Ruth Ritenour, Norma Slawinski, Barbara Smith, Rosemary Smith, Jean Szabo, George Torda, Hope Truckor, Sharon Urbanski, Richard Ueberroth

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Mon. Sept 24 9:30 a.m. Prayer Group (GH)
7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer (GHE)
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Mtg. (SFH)

Tues. Sept.25 9:00 a.m. Rosary Prayer Group (GH)
6:00 p.m. Classic Book Club (GH)

Wed. Sept 26 11:30 a.m. Rosary (GH)
12:00 p.m. Senior Gathering (GH)
6:30 p.m. Stephen Ministry Core Staff (PLC)
7:00 p.m. Choir Practice (SRC)

Thurs. Sept 27 9:30 a.m. Rosary (GH)
7:30 p.m. AA Mtg. (SFH)

Fri. Sept 28

Sat. Sept. 29 9:00 a.m. Spiritual Workshop (PLC)

Sun. Sept. 30 9:10 a.m. PSR (SRS)

If you missed the Parish Information Meeting last Tuesday evening and are still interested in the following **adult** opportunities:

——**becoming Catholic**

——-**receive a sacrament:** ***First Communion, Confirmation, Marriage***

—--**an Annulment**

Please call the parish office and ask for Sister Lucille.

Free movie

Paul, the Apostle of Christ

Sat. Sept. 29th at OLPH in meeting room 2 from 1-3pm. Stay for discussion afterwards if you wish. Free popcorn and soda, tea, or coffee. Bring a snack to share only if you wish.

PG-13 1hr 48 min 2018

Save the Date – Calling all Dirty Cars!

Our High School Youth Group will be sponsoring a car wash from **10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** on Saturday, **October 6** in front of the Kroger on Airport Hwy. Free will offerings will be accepted with all proceeds going to their March for Life trip to Washington, DC in January. See the flyer in this bulletin for more details.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

9/29: Jonathan Keil

9/30: Jennifer Wheeler, Isaiah Kincaid, Kristina Pace; ***Sal & Paula Ellinger, William & Jane Green, Ronald & Dorothy Wielinski***

10/01: Gloria Jefferds, Christina Timko, Val Myers, Cody McCaw, Michelle McVey; ***Brad & Carrie Smith***

10/02: Jennifer Koder, Mary Jo Bright

10/03: William Green, Dylan Haselman, Erika Franko, Dennis Dziengelewski, Autumn Ersham, Jeffrey Koder, Jeanne Pritchard, Paesyn Rhodes; ***Michael & Angela Lust, Joseph & Jennifer Molnar***

10/04: Scott Haselman, Logan Echler, Carli LaGrange

10/05: Patrice Vaughan, Faith Hagar Cadence Molnar; ***Fred & Melissa Sturt, Kevin & Dana Garling***

Sunday, Sep 23, 2018
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Race you to the bottom
We're bred for competition. In the ongoing contest for limited resources, we don't want to be without a chair when the music stops. Pitted against siblings for the finite attention of parents, the competition grows larger as we do. Schools bid us compete for grades and rank. Sports, video games, the car we drive, the job we get, the promotion we achieve, the money in the bank, are contests won or lost on the ladder toward greatness. Jesus says don't compete; serve. True greatness is a race to the bottom. Count the ways you're winning.

TODAY'S READINGS: Wisdom 2:12, 17-20; James 3:16—4:3; Mark 9:30-37 (134). *"They had been discussing among themselves on the way who was the greatest."*

Monday, Sep 24, 2018

Invite God to be your friend
It helps to think of the Bible as a "library," a collection of different kinds of books written at different times by diverse authors for a variety of purposes over thousands of years. Like any library, it is divided into sections, and one of those areas is known as "Wisdom literature," which deals specifically with wise actions in contrast to foolish ones: the Books of Proverbs, Job, Ecclesiastes, Sirach, and the Wisdom of Solomon. One of the messages biblical wisdom offers is the importance of friendship with God, and to be friends with God is reflected in how you are friends with others: not refusing to do good when you have the chance, not creating needless conflict, not being envious. Be this kind of a friend, and God will friend you back.

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 3:27-34; Luke 8:16-18 (449). *"Say not to your neighbor, 'Go, and come again, tomorrow I will give,' when you can give at once."*

Tuesday, Sep 25, 2018

We are family
While many English translations make it sound as if Jesus had brothers, confusion arises because Hebrew and Aramaic, the written and spoken languages of the day, lacked distinct words for *brothers*, *cousins*, and other close kin. When Christian scripture was written in Greek, the word *adelphos*—"brothers"—was used to represent all of those relations. So it remains unclear what kind of extended family Jesus might have had. What *is* clear is that Jesus saw blood relations as secondary to spirit relations. Those who follow Jesus are family to him. Claim your place in that gathering.

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 21:1-6, 10-13; Luke 8:19-21 (450). *"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and act on it."*

Wednesday, Sep 26, 2018
MEMORIAL OF COSMAS AND DAMIAN, MARTYRS

Doctors without fees
Many folks have heard of Doctors Without Borders, who selflessly bring medical care around the world in response to humanitarian emergencies and where it's most needed. But the idea of doctors who don't charge fees goes back to the second century, when, according to legend, Cosmas and Damian, twin brothers from Arabia, combined their medical practice with their new Christian faith to become the "silverless ones," practicing medicine without charge. Some parishes today recognize the need for affordable, accessible health care and sponsor "parish nurses" to assist with basic screenings and visitations. How does your parish attend to the needs of its most vulnerable members?

TODAY'S READINGS: Proverbs 30:5-9; Luke 9:1-6 (451). *"Take nothing for the journey."*

Thursday, Sep 27, 2018
MEMORIAL OF VINCENT DE PAUL, PRIEST

An angel on my shoulder
In his first inaugural address, President Abraham Lincoln hoped the nation would be "touched . . . by the better angels of our nature." His imagery says a lot about life: We can take either the high road or the low. We can be selfish and angry, or generous and kind. Saint Vincent de Paul (1580-1660) knew both sides. He admitted he had a "caustic temper" and had to mind his "black and boiling moods." He also wrote: "We should remember that Christ himself said that by gentleness we inherit the earth. If we act on this, we will win people over so that they will turn to the Lord. That will not happen if we treat people harshly or sharply." By which angels do we choose to live, the better or the worse?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 1:2-11; Luke 9:7-9 (452). *"One generation passes and another comes, but the world forever stays."*

Friday, Sep 28, 2018
LORENZO RUIZ AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS

One life to give
Lorenzo Ruiz (c. 1600-1639) was born in Manila. Married, with two sons and a daughter, he became a companion to Dominican missionaries who sailed for Japan despite intense persecution of Japanese Christians. In Nagasaki, facing torture, Lorenzo at first asked if, by giving up his faith, his life would be spared. He received no answer but felt his faith strengthen to the point that he finally said, "I am a Catholic and wholeheartedly accept death for the Lord; if I have a thousand lives, all of them I will offer to him." In 1987 Pope John Paul II canonized 16 Asian and European men and women who spread the faith in the Philippines, Taiwan, and Japan. Lorenzo Ruiz is the first canonized Filipino martyr. What does your faith inspire you to offer the world?

TODAY'S READINGS: Ecclesiastes 3:1-11; Luke 9:18-22 (453). *"There is an appointed time for everything, and a time for every thing under the heavens."*

Saturday, Sep 29, 2018
FEAST OF MICHAEL, GABRIEL, AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS

Help from on high
Today we celebrate the Feast of the Archangels. Michael, the chief archangel, is known as a defender of God's people. *Michael* in Hebrew means "who is like God?" *Gabriel* is inseparable from the event of the Annunciation when Mary said "yes" to be the Mother of God. Gabriel's name in Hebrew refers to the strength or power of God. *Raphael*, "God heals," appears in the Book of Tobit as a protective, healing presence to both Tobias and his father, Tobit. Honor the archangels this day by looking for ways to incarnate the message that each of them represents. How can you be a source of safety for those in distress? In what ways can you spread the word that through God all things are possible?

TODAY'S READINGS: Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14 or Revelation 12:7-12a; John 1:47-51 (647). *"You will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending."*

Invest just five minutes a day, and your faith will deepen and grow—a day at a time

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