Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

October is a month with several designations. First, it is devoted to the holy rosary. The Blessed Virgin Mary, when she appeared at Fatima 100 years ago, strongly encouraged that we pray a daily rosary. Doing so with your family is an excellent practice, one that helps your children learn the ways of meditating on the life of Christ as well as of proper devotion to Mary. As a little kid, my family prayed the rosary every night at 7:00 pm, after supper and the evening news. While I wasn’t always enthusiastic about it, I came to appreciate Mary’s role as my spiritual mother, something which has stuck with me, especially in times of difficulty.

October is also “respect life” month. There are many issues today which attack the precious gift from God which is human life. In my opinion (and in that of the Church) abortion is the most serious of these issues, since it attacks life at its most innocent and defenseless stage. Euthanasia is also a creeping threat, as is physician assisted suicide.

In parts of Europe, these issues seem to be completely lost for the pro-life cause. People with disabilities feel their lives threatened in many northern European countries, as if their lives are a burden to society and therefore should be eliminated. That’s terrible! By our prayers and sacrifices, however, that need not be the case in our country. Locally, we can help build a culture of life by supporting Heartbeat in their baby-bottle campaign. Also our support for Catholic Charities and Foundation for Life is key to growing the culture of life, as are our donations to the good work of the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Please pray regularly that we can have a society where all attacks upon innocent human life are prohibited by law and where people who face difficult situations like a troubled pregnancy or a debilitating disease will always find help through our works of mercy.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Hertzfeld
"My God will supply whatever you need…" - PHILIPPIANS 4:19

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don’t live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it’s just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time, talent and treasure and see how God provides for your needs.

**SCRIP NEWS**

The method of ordering Scrip has changed. Please watch for the bulletin inserts for new and complete instructions on how to use scrip along with the financial benefits that can be gained by using the program. A new customer code is included as well as new merchant participants.

**TELLERS**

Oct. 16: Carol Chovanec, Mark Chovanec, Larry Buckenmeyer, Laurie Buckenmeyer

Oct. 23: Kim Torok, Susan Wolfram, Pat Worline

**PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH (OR)**

**World Mission Sunday is Oct. 21-22, 2017**

Next week, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. Each year, the entire Church is invited to support the young mission dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and parts of Latin and Europe, where priests, religious and lay leaders serve the poorest of the poor. This year, we are invited to “Chat With The Pope” to learn more about his missions. Scan this year’s World Mission Sunday poster using Facebook Messenger for your mobile device, or learn more at ChatWithThePope.org.

**Ministry Schedule: Oct 21/22, 2017**

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Mass Intentions this Week
SATURDAY, October 14
4:15 p.m. Reconciliation (RR)
5:00 p.m. Mass — David Roth,
           Basil Langenderfer (SRC)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15-Twenty-eighth
Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mass— Kelley Wheeler (SRC)
10:30 a.m. Mass —Deceased Members of the
     Rosary Prayer Group (SRC)
MONDAY, October 16
TUESDAY, October 17
WEDNESDAY, October 18
8:30 a.m. Mass— (SRC)
THURSDAY, October 19
8:30 a.m. Mass —Ruck & Wesley Families (SRC)
FRIDAY, October 20
8:30 a.m. Mass —(SRC)
SATURDAY, October 21
     Pontifical Missions Society Collection
4:15 p.m. Reconciliation (RR)
5:00 p.m. Mass —Harold, Bob, Marge Lovejoy,
           Melody Keller, Roxanne Ramey (SRC)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22-Twenty-ninth
     Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Mass— Helen McCauley (SRC)
10:30 a.m. Mass — Tom Warner,
           Thelma Miller (SRC)

STRENGTH IN GOD
In the prime of life, we rely on the strength that we have to either
overcome or live with the obstacles that come our way. But there
comes a time when the strength that was once natural to us gives
way to the weakening effects of age. The weakening of our bodies
can awaken in us a need for the strength that is God’s presence in
our lives. It is not at all uncommon to see the elderly embrace the
strength that comes from prayer, from being still and from having
the need to hold fast to God. Our physical strength will never be
what it used to be in our younger years. But in our weakened state,
we will find it easier to find our real and lasting strength in God.

THE ENERGY GUYZ
The Energy Guyz entertained our students on ways to use energy
wisely and safely. Through their humor and skits, the students had
fun learning about energy resources, how energy is produced, how
to conserve energy, and to Open Your Eyes and Be Energy Wise.

Have a great week!
Sister Jean M. Walczak, SND
Principal
St. Richard Catholic School

Swanton High School will be having their annual
Bull Dog Bowl on October 21st. The street around
the high school will be closed to through traffic.
DIVORCED, SEPARATED AND HEALING SUPPORT GROUP

Join us on Thursday Oct. 19th at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Meeting Room 2 at 7 pm. OPLH & St. Joan of Arc are co-hosting an ongoing support group for the divorced & separated. Our group is open to all parishes and you do not have to be Catholic to attend. We will be using the video series from “The Catholic Divorce Survival Guide” as well as inviting speakers such as attorneys, counselors, clergy. etc.. Our group meets year round on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month from 7 to 9 pm. Questions or to register contact Sandy Stricker 419-865-9704 or Vicki Sweeney at 419-865-0085.

FRIENDS & RELATIVES OF PARISHIONERS:

STEPHEN MINISTRY TEA

Our Stephen Ministry Benefit Tea will be on Sunday, October 29 from 2-4 pm in the PLC. Tickets are just $10, but seating is limited so reserve your spot today! Menu includes a variety of teas, finger sandwiches, and delectable desserts. Many silent auction and raffle items will be available. To make your reservation or to donate a raffle item, call or email: 419-826-2791 or ageise@saintrichard.org

St. Vincent de Paul Family is in need of a washer and dryer. If you have one to donate, please contact Barbara Gorsha 419.826.8560

MAGNIFICAT

2270 Hayes Avenue
Fremont Ohio
Saturday November 4, 2017
9:30am –12:30 pm.
Registration $18 by October 27.
Irene Bland, Speaker

BROTHERS KEEPERS October 21 & 22, 2017

FIRST PARENT/CHILD RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST MEETING

Reminder – Parents with children in the 2nd grade - our first parent/child meeting is next Sunday, October 22 from 2-4 p.m. in the Parish Life Center. For questions or more information, please contact Ann Geise ageise@saintrichard.org or 419-826-2791.

COAT AND BLANKET DRIVE

Time to clean your closets! Our annual Coat and Blanket Drive will be held throughout the month of November. If you would like to help with sorting and delivering at the end of November, contact one of our co-chairs, Laurie Buckenmeyer or Kirsten Rodriguez.
**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

**Mon. Oct. 16**
- 6:00 p.m. Patriotic Rosary (SRC)
- 7:00 p.m. Charismatic Prayer (GHE)
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Troop (PLC)
- 7:00 p.m. CADA MTG. (CH)

**Tues. Oct. 17**
- 9:00 a.m. Rosary Prayer Group (GH)
- 5:30 p.m. Girl Scout Mtg. (SFH)

**Wed. Oct. 18**
- 11:30 a.m. Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary (GH)
- 12:00 p.m. Senior Gathering (GH)

**Thurs. Oct. 19**
- 9:30 a.m. Rosary (GH)
- 10:30 a.m. Fall Faith Sharing (GH)
- 7:00 p.m. Pastoral Council (GH)
- 7:30 p.m. AA Mtg. (SFH)

**Fri. Oct. 20**
- 6:00 p.m. Wedding Rehearsal (SRC)

**Sat. Oct. 21**
- 2:00 p.m. Wedding (McCaw/Mayer) (SRC)

**Sun. Oct. 22**
- 9:10 a.m. PSR (SRC)
- 2:00 p.m. First Reconciliation & Eucharist Parent & Child Mtg. (PLC)
- 5:00 p.m. High School Basketball Practice (CH)

**SAVE THE DATES**

January 18, 19, 20, 2018

St. Richard Knights of Columbus are putting together a bus trip to Washington DC. for the March for Life. If interested, contact Andy Keil cell 419-350-6965 or home at 419-825-1727 or any Knight.

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

10/20: Aletha Schmidt, Pamela Mossing, Kim Torok, Alan Raven, Harold Rieger, Robert Onweller, Vincent Wielinski; **James & Cheryl Ray**

10/21: Sandra Truckor, Stanley Multhauf, Barb Van Newhouse, Stephanie Kincaid Stuart

10/22: Terry Farmer, Justine Benton, Lindsey Fickel, Hope Crawford, **Mark & Carol Chovanec, Larry & Donna Benton, Tim & Rene Schetter**

10/23: Helen Wujkowski, Howard Kurth, Colleen Carr, Jennifer Haselman

10/24: Jeffrey Rogge, Melissa Sigg, Mitchell Kuhlman **Peter & Elizabeth Thomas, Dennis & Carol Dziengelewski**

10/25: David Bowling, Gary Bozarth, Karen Abrams, Lynne Timpe, Arlen Miller, Hope Truckor, Colleen Watts, Ted Haselman, Jennifer Molnar; **Barb & Doug Smith**

10/26: Tim Timko, Edward Snyder, Dan Karamol, Timothy Siefert, Hunter Urban

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**OUR ANNUAL PUMPKIN PATCH**

Saturday, October 21, 2017

10:30 a.m.—1:00 p.m.

Neville Funeral Home Airport Hwy

Come in Costume

Free Pumpkin with Donation
to Food Bank

Come enjoy the fun

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**BABY BOTTLES in the NARTHEX**

Have you picked up your baby bottle for Heartbeat of Toledo yet? There are still some in the narthex of the church. Please take one home and fill it with your spare change (cash or checks) and return it on the weekend of Nov. 4/5. For more information on Heartbeat visit www.heartbeatoftoledo.org.
Sunday, Oct 15, 2017
TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
Accept the invitation
Have you ever shown up at a party or other social function only to realize you’re woefully underdressed? It’s unnerving to realize everyone else is in formal wear when you came ready for a picnic. In today’s gospel Jesus taps into the powerful symbol of clothing as revealers of our interior disposition when he tells about the wedding guests who undid themselves by showing up in the wrong clothes—that is, unprepared to join the celebration. It’s not that Jesus is a stickler for fashion do’s and don’ts, but he cares enormously about the state of our hearts. And so should we.
TODAY’S READINGS: Isaiah 25:6-10a; Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20; Matthew 22:1-14 (142). “Many are called, but few are chosen.”

Monday, Oct 16, 2017
MEMORIAL OF MARGARET MARY ALCOQUE, VIRGIN
Take heart in Jesus
Devotion to the physical heart of Jesus goes back to the Middle Ages, but it really did not become widespread until a Visitazione sister, Saint Margaret Mary Alcoque, had a series of visions between 1673 and 1675 that gave a clearer shape to the devotion. Though prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus became one of the most popular devotions in the history of Catholicism, it did have its opponents, who thought it meant separating the human part of Jesus from the divine and worshiping it—idolatry, in other words. What they failed to see was that the Sacred Heart testifies to the Incarnation: how God took human form and showed mercy and love for humanity. Adore Jesus’ humanity by showing that same mercy and love.
TODAY’S READINGS: Romans 1:1-7; Luke 11:29-32 (467). “Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; break into song; sing praise.”

Tuesday, Oct 17, 2017
MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR
The same yesterday, today, and tomorrow
Ignatius, born in the first generation after Jesus, became bishop of Antioch in the year 69, shortly after the deaths of Peter and Paul. On the way to his own martyrdom in Rome, Ignatius wrote seven letters revealing much about the early church. They affirm that the humanity of Jesus was not simply an appearance; that the Eucharist is the “flesh of our Savior” and that the bishop is the primary teacher of the faithful. Ignatius was also the first to describe the church as “catholic” as in universal. Appreciate the gift of consistency in teachings across the millennia.
TODAY’S READINGS: Romans 1:16-25; Luke 11:37-41 (468). “But as to what is within, give alms, and behold, everything will be clean for you.”

Wednesday, Oct 18, 2017
FEAST OF LUKE, EVANGELIST
Retell the story
To Luke is attributed the authorship of both the gospel bearing his name and the Book of Acts; the two books are really one continuous work. Reputed to have been a physician, Luke also went with Paul on one of his missionary journeys. Each of the gospel writers addressed a somewhat different audience and brought out somewhat different aspects of Jesus and his ministry. Luke emphasized Jesus as both the fulfillment of the hopes of the Jewish people and the light to the Gentiles. What does your picture of Jesus include? If you were retelling the story of Jesus to someone, how would you frame it?

Thursday, Oct 19, 2017
MEMORIAL OF JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS
Faithful to the end
Saints Isaac Jogues and John de Brébeuf were among a group of Jesuit missionaries who tried to evangelize Native Canadians in the 1640s in what is now Ontario and upstate New York, often meeting fierce resistance. After a long imprisonment, Jogues returned to France to recuperate, so altered by his experience that his own brother did not recognize him. Given the option to stay in France and teach, Jogues decided to go back to the colonial territories even though it meant certain death, and indeed this time he was martyred. Determination and endurance can make an effort worthwhile, regardless of the outcome.

Friday, Oct 20, 2017
MEMORIAL OF PAUL OF THE CROSS, PREIST
Be slow to anger
Though Jesus could have resisted his persecutors, he chose not to. Paul of the Cross, a mystic, saw in the Lord’s suffering and dying the greatest demonstration of God’s love. He encouraged us to imitate Christ especially when tempted to lash out at someone who is bothering or irritating us. On a small scale we can choose the path Jesus chose on a very large scale: “When you feel the assaults of passion and anger,” wrote Paul, “then is the time to be silent as Jesus was silent in the midst of His ignominies and sufferings.” Though this approach runs counter to our assertive culture, try it out sometime and see if it does not bear unexpected fruit in your own life.
TODAY’S READINGS: Romans 4:1-8; Luke 12:1-7 (471). “There is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known.”

Saturday, Oct 21, 2017
MEMORIAL OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY
Shed some light on things
One of the great biblical themes is the presence of light in the world. Light is “God’s eldest daughter,” according to clergyman Thomas Fuller, who noted that God separated light from darkness as the primary action in Genesis. God’s presence is ever after associated with light, from the flaming torch Abraham sees in a trance, to the burning bush drawing Moses to his destiny, to the pillars of fire guiding the Israelites through the desert, to the fiery tongues of Pentecost. The psalmist calls the word of God a “lamp for our feet,” and Jesus calls himself the light of the world. Pray the Luminous Mysteries of the Rosary today, asking God for this discerning light in your decision-making.
TODAY’S READINGS: Romans 4:13, 16-18; Luke 12:8-12 (472). “I tell you, everyone who acknowledges me before others the Son of Man will acknowledge before the angels of God.”