



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2016

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Lift up your emptiness

In her poem "If You Have Nothing," poet and Carmelite nun Jessica Powers wrote, "The gesture of a gift is adequate." No matter what you have to give, it is the act of giving that is a gift unto the giver. As the Prayer of Saint Francis says, "It is in giving that we receive." To recognize the true gift we have to offer we need to empty ourselves, step aside, and see what God is offering through us. "If you have nothing," Powers concludes, "gather back your sigh / and with your hands held high, your heart held high / lift up your emptiness!"

TODAY'S READINGS: *Wisdom 9:13-18b; Philemon 9-10, 12-17; Luke 14:25-33 (129)*. "Anyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple."

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5

Prayer works

In most countries, May 1, the Feast of Saint Joseph the Worker, is the day when workers are celebrated. In the United States, however, the first Monday in September is recognized as Labor Day. Ten thousand workers marched in the first Labor Day parade in New York City on Sept. 5, 1882. Today, let's remember all those who work, those who are unemployed and underemployed, and especially those who are not able to work due to disability or illness. Through the intercession of Saint Joseph, may those without work find hope and work, and may those with work find the joy of labor in all they do and strive to offer others the gifts they've received from God.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Luke 6:6-11 (437)*. "Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?"

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

Hands-on holiness

When someone becomes your hero, you want to have a tangible experience of that person to capture and take home with you. So you go to the concert, attend the lecture, buy the book, see the play ten times. Secretly you hope to have a moment alone with this exceptional person, to get an autograph or selfie, maybe even to touch them—as if their specialness might be transferred to you by association. Jesus never invited this kind of celebrity from his followers. What he wanted was for us to realize that the Holy Spirit's power lives in us, too.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 6:1-11; Luke 6:12-19 (438)*. "Everyone in the crowd sought to touch him because power came forth from him and healed them all."



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

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WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

Be happy

The word *beatitude* comes from the Latin word for "happiness." God knows how much all of us want to be happy. In fact, as the Catechism says, "this desire is of divine origin: God has placed it in the human heart" in order to draw us "to the One who alone can fulfill it." In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus listed the blessings that lead to happiness. But they're not what the world considers blessings. The beatitudes are a revolutionary moral call. Not easy, but take heart, and follow the heart's desire.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Luke 6:20-26 (439)*. "Behold, your reward will be great in heaven."

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Seeing the light

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is one of the oldest Marian feasts on the liturgical calendar. Marking the birth of the Blessed Mother, this day is a celebration not only of Mary but of the gift her life is to our salvation. The Marian hymn "Mary, the Dawn" speaks beautifully of this relationship by declaring, "Mary the dawn, Christ the perfect Day." It is the light that dawned in Mary that is brought to fullness in Jesus. Today, as we celebrate her birth, let us hold high the gift of life, finding the Light in all we meet.

TODAY'S READINGS: *Micah 5:1-4a or Romans 8:28-30; Matthew 1:1-16, 18-23 (636)*. "Behold, the virgin shall . . . bear a son, and . . . name him Emmanuel, which means 'God is with us.'"

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 9

MEMORIAL OF PETER CLAVER, PRIEST

Let my people go

Pope Pius IX branded slavery the "supreme villainy" at the end of the 19th century. Some 300 years earlier, Spanish Jesuit Peter Claver was ministering to slaves brought to the Americas as part of a flourishing slave trade and plantation economy. This villainy is still very much alive as human trafficking continues today. Catholic Relief Services says you can help by urging Congress to act, supporting the work of CRS, and praying for your sisters and brothers who are enslaved. Visit their website at CRS.org and search on slavery and human trafficking.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22b-27; Luke 6:39-42 (441)*. "Although I am free in regard to all, I have made myself a slave to all so as to win over as many as possible."

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

There's always time for reconciliation

Today in the year 422, Saint Celestine I began his papacy. He was pope for 10 years and is remembered as the pope who founded the papal diplomatic service. He is also known for saying that "absolution or reconciliation should never be refused to any dying sinner who sincerely asked it; for repentance depends not so much on time as on the heart, which can be changed in a moment when God so wills." Today, as we continue in this Year of Mercy, let's pray for all who will die this day, for transformed hearts, repentance, and an acceptance of God's will.

TODAY'S READINGS: *1 Corinthians 10:14-22; Luke 6:43-49 (442)*. "The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good."

Mark Your Calendars!

Come enjoy a few hours at the "Home of Champions" and learn everything Benedictine has to offer. Students will be on hand to deliver guided tours throughout the school. Teachers, administrators and staff will be available to answer any questions you may have!

OPEN HOUSES:

Thursday, October 20 6pm - 7:30pm

Sunday, October 23 Noon - 2:30pm

ENTRANCE EXAMS:

Saturday, October 22, 9am - 12:15pm

Saturday, November 5, 9am - 12:15pm

Wednesday, November 16, 5pm - 8:15pm

Saturday, December 3, 9am - 12:15pm

Check out our website at www.cbhs.edu and click our admissions tab to register for an exam or call our Admissions Department at 216-421-2080 x356.

Addiction Awareness Workshop

The Samaritan Ministry of St. Malachi Parish will again offer a free one-day workshop on addiction awareness in St. Malachi Center (behind the church), West 25th & Detroit, Cleveland, OH 44113, on Saturday, October 1 from 9am to 4pm. PB&J sandwiches, snacks and beverages will be provided. Donations welcome. Brochures are at the church doors. Relevant topics will include: addiction/alcoholism as a brain disease; effects of drinking/using on others; treatment options; 12-Step programs of recovery; resources in the community. For additional information or to register, please contact Judy Stowe at 440-250-9959 or judydystowe@gmail.com, St. Malachi Rectory at 216-861-5343, or visit www.stmalachi.org/samaritan-ministry-2015.

Movie and St. Anthony of Padua Parish

The September 9th Saint's Movie is "Brother Sun, Sister Moon." The 1972 film is an examination of the life of Saint Francis of Assisi. The movie is sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 3529, is in the St. Anthony Cafeteria (83 Mosser Place, Akron, OH 44310), begins at 7pm, and popcorn/soda is provided.

Attention All Golfers!

Right to Life of Northeast Ohio invites you to enjoy a round of golf, good food, prizes and camaraderie at the beautiful Silver Lake Country Club on Monday, September 19. Registration opens at 10am with a Noon shotgun start. Registration fee is \$125/golfer and includes putting green, driving range, lunch, golf with cart, beer and soft drinks on the course, dinner and great prizes. Your support helps us to continue with our mission to save lives NOW! To register, please call 330-762-2785 or visit www.righttolifeofnortheastohio.com.

CANA II

CANA II is a marriage preparation series for couples, in which one or both have been married before, or one or both will become a stepparent. Includes Active Parenting for Stepfamilies series on one subsequent Saturday. Held at St. Joseph Parish (12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, OH 44136) on Saturday, Sept. 24 from 8:30am to 5:30pm. Cana II session includes 4:30pm Mass. \$125 per couple. Register at www.ccdocle.org/program/cana-ii by Sept. 16.

ACTIVE PARENTING for Stepfamilies

Parenting in a stepfamily requires a combination of traditional parenting skills and a specialized knowledge that shows how step-families are different. This video series is designed to help couples work together to build a successful step-family. Active Parenting is designed for couples with stepchildren under age 18, and can be taken by any stepparents, or by couples preparing for remarriage in conjunction with a Cana II or PREP day. Active Parenting is included in the cost of Cana II or PREP (\$125 per couple); or \$50 when taken without Cana II or PREP. Held Saturday, October 8 from 8:30am to 4pm (4:30 Mass) at St. Joseph Parish (12700 Pearl Rd., Strongsville, 44136). Please register at www.ccdocle.org/program/active-parenting-stepfamilies.

Prison Volunteer Meeting Kairos Ministry

Are you interested in a new or expanded volunteer opportunity within the prison environment? If so, please come for an informational meeting Saturday, September 10 at St. Aloysius Church (10932 St. Clair Ave. Cleveland, OH 44108). The gathering will start at 9am with breakfast followed by a presentation on the Kairos Prison Ministry Program. We need more servant-hearted Christians from the Cleveland area to join our team of volunteers. Come learn how you can make an impact on lives within the prison walls. Kairos is an ecumenical program so you may invite your friends from other denominations. For planning purposes, please RSVP by September 6. Reply with your name, number attending and your phone number at jwuerthele@neo.rr.com or 330-361-7301 or 330-936-7784.

Catholic Challenge Quiz Show

The Catholic Challenge Quiz Show is coming to Living Bread Catholic Radio AM1060 starting September 10 at noon with an encore on September 11 at noon. Teams compete to test their knowledge of the Catholic faith and to win prize money for their favorite Catholic organization. Checkout the teams on our facebook page. Listen 24x7 with phone apps or online at www.livingbreadradio.com.

Please check the vestibule for more information on upcoming events, registration forms, prayer cards, and notices.

St. Mother Teresa Celebration

All are invited to the **Sorrowful Mother Shrine (4106 State Route 269, Bellevue, OH 44811)** for a **Special Mass honoring St. Mother Teresa on Saturday, September 10 at 4pm**, followed by a **procession into the woods to dedicate and bless the St. Mother Teresa Grotto**. Mass will be held in the outdoor Pieta Chapel. The Sorrowful Mother Shrine consists of 120 acres of beauty and peace with a beautiful Shrine Chapel built in 1914 and an outdoor Pieta Chapel built in 1968. Newly paved walkways lead through the woods to the Stations of the Cross and numerous grottos including replicas of Our Lady of Lourdes, Fatima, Our Lady of Guadalupe, and the Sepulcher Grotto. Please come and make a day of it. A light luncheon will be served following the Dedication. **The Gift Shop will be open 10am to 4pm on Saturday**. Call 419-483-3435, email sorrowfulmother@yahoo.com or visit www.sorrowfulmothershrine.org for more info.

Jubilee Year Of Mercy Holy Door Bus Trip

Save the date! You don't want to miss St. Paul Parish's Holy Door Bus Trip on Tuesday, September 20, 2016! We will have an air-conditioned bus with a restroom and we will visit the Sacred Statues Museum, The Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, and the Shrine at Our Lady of Lourdes. **Bus will depart St. Paul Parish (91580 Brown St., Akron, OH 44301) 9am and return at 6pm**. 54 seats are available and will go fast!! **Cost is \$55 including lunch**. To reserve a seat or if you questions, call **Deacon John Amedeo at 330-310-1628**.

You are Invited!

Annunciation Church (Visitation of Mary Parish) presents the **8th Annual September Sensation 2016, "Make Eight Great!" Dinner, Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction Saturday, September 10 at 6:08pm** at St. George Fellowship Center (3204 Ridgewood Rd.) \$70 Donation - Open bar, 1 ticket and 1 dinner; \$100 Donation - Open bar, 1 ticket and 2 dinners; \$130 Donation - Open bar, 2 tickets and 2 dinners; Grand Prize - \$2,000! Make your plans now! **For more information, please call Jerry at 330-592-4155 or 330-535-4141 x12**.

Building a Culture of Life

Youth grades 7-12 are invited to the 8th Annual Building a Culture of Life Youth Retreat and Dinner held at St. Stephen Catholic Church (44 Britton St. West Salem, OH) Saturday, October 22 from 6-9pm. This, fun and free event includes spaghetti dinner, Eucharistic Adoration, ice cream bar, games and prizes. This year's speaker topics include **Our Lady of America's Message to Youth and Building a Jesus Culture**. To register, contact **Wendy and Todd McKee at 330-262-1096 or rosarywtm@gmail.com**.

Calling A Few Good Men

First & Ten men's ministry (a service of Community Pregnancy Center, Barberton) is searching for a few good men to join our ranks. Be on the front line of **mentoring young fathers into strong dads!** If you are interested in **finding out more about this growing ministry**, email firstandten@communitypregnancycenter.org or call **330-825-1900** and ask for **First & Ten!**

50th Breakfast Celebration

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, invites you to our **50th Breakfast Celebration Saturday, September 10 at Walsh University, Barrette Center, 2020 East Maple St., North Canton, OH**. Join us in a special time of fellowship and sharing. **Bobbi Bankovich** will be the guest speaker. Cost is \$18. Make checks payable to **"Magnificat of Stark County"** and send to **Debby Bentivegna, 5575 East Blvd. NW, Canton, OH 44718**. Seating is limited. Get your reservations early! **Reservations not accepted after September 3**. Open seating. **Doors open at 8:30am; Breakfast at 9am**. There will be an optional **Mass at 8am in Our Lady of Perpetual Help Chapel**. For more info, call **Shirley DeOrio at 614-620-3169**.

Tutors Needed!

Seeds of Literacy, provides free basic education and GED prep to adults in the Cleveland area. Volunteer tutors help students one-on-one at a variety of skill levels and subjects. Tutor training sessions held **Friday, September 9, 9am-3pm (Seeds East) and Saturday, October 1, 9am-3pm (Seeds West)**. Please contact **Alexandria Marshall at 216-661-7950 x15, alexandriamarshall@seedsofliteracy.org or visit seedsofliteracy.org**. Seeds West: 3104 West 25th St., 3rd Floor, Cleveland, OH 44109. Seeds East: 13815 Kinsman Rd., Cleveland, OH 44120.

Retrouvaille

Retrouvaille is a three-month program to help couples struggling in their marriages. It has three phases, starting with a weekend experience in which couples learn to re-establish communication and to gain new insights into themselves as individuals and as a couple. Post sessions are held over a period of 12 weeks to further develop and enhance the techniques learned on the weekend. A support group is available offering interaction with other couples who are striving to improve their relationship. **The next weekend is scheduled for September 9th - 11th, 2016 at the Fairfield Inn & Suites, Beachwood, Ohio**. Contact **Diane and Al Miskinis with questions at 3031@retrouvaille.org or call 330-665-3506**. For more info, visit www.retrouvaille.org.

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National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children

Every day, more than 3000 children are killed in this country through abortion, and most of their bodies are discarded with medical waste. Please, take an hour out of your day and join with Right to Life of Northeast Ohio, the University of Akron Students for Life, and other area pastors and pro-life advocates on **Saturday, September 10** as we observe the **National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children** in a memorial service at 1pm at the **Memorial to the Unborn at Holy Cross Cemetery in Akron**. These children deserve the dignity and respect that abortion denied them. This moving ceremony gives some of that dignity back. For more details, visit www.RightToLifeofNortheastOhio.com.

A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, **Mary: A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother** will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys and her sorrows. You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her divine Son. Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever. She will become a part of your daily life and help you to become more like Christ. **Join us for the film at St. Sebastian Parish in Akron beginning September 12 at 7pm and continuing every Monday for 8 weeks. For more info or to register, call Jisel Emerson at 330-745-4462 or email paulandjisel@sbcglobal.net.**

September Sensation

Visitation of Mary's 8th Annual September Sensation on September 10 at Guy' Party Center is fast approaching! All are invited to attend. The evening includes dinner, open bar, reverse raffle, silent and live auctions, sideboards, 50/50, grab bags and The Mystery Box drawing. The grand prize is \$2,000! **Call Jerry at 330-592-4155 or 330-535-4141, x12 for reservation information.** Just wait until you see the special Cleveland Cavaliers Championship T-shirt quilt to be auctioned at this event! It is terrific! It will most certainly be a treasured keepsake for the lucky bidder. Twelve different championship shirts have been specially chosen and stitched together to create this awesome handmade, machine stitched quilt. It is sure to delight all who see it. It is a unique, handsome auction item so don't miss your chance to bid on this exceptional piece in the live auction. Call for ticket/reservation info today!

Enrolling Now for Fall 2016

Our Lady of the Elms Preschool is a co-ed program serving children ages 2-5. We offer full and half day options. **To schedule a tour or for more information, contact Sarah Hutzler-Psihountakis 330-867-0918 or spsihountakis@theelms.org.**

Engaged Encounter

Catholic Engaged Encounter is a comprehensive weekend of marriage preparation held three times a year at the **St. Leonard Retreat Center, 4076 Case Rd., Avon, OH 44011**. Questions? Call Alex and Lily Fuentes at **216-849-3769. \$185 per couple**. The next program is **October 14-16**. Visit www.clevelandencounter.com to register.

Catholic Charities 2016

If you have not yet made your gift to the Appeal, won't you consider a generous donation today? **Please call Karen Joyce at 800-869-6525 x1910 or visit www.catholiccommunity.org/ccdonate to give.** To see the impact of your gift and to learn more about the men and women whose lives you have changed, go to www.catholiccommunity.org/2016Appeal.

JCU Lecture

On **Thursday, September 15**, **Doris Donnelly, Ph.D.**, Professor Emerita of Theology, John Carroll University will give a talk on "**Dorothy Day and the Men in Her Life**" at 7:30pm in the **D.J. Lombardo Student Center, LSC Conference Room on John Carroll University's campus**. Please join us for this intriguing talk about Dorothy Day who co-founded The Catholic Worker, a newspaper promoting Catholic teachings that became very successful and started the Catholic Worker Movement. Free and open to all. **For more info, call 216-397-4558.**

PREP - Relationship Skills Workshop

PREP fulfills the Pre-Cana requirement for engaged couples, and offers enrichment to married couples. Held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church (410 Lear Rd., Avon Lake, OH 44012) Sunday, September 18 from 8:30am to 4:30pm (Mass at Noon). Please register by **September 9. \$125 per couple.** For more info, call **216-334-2978**. For registration forms, visit www.ccdcle.org/program/prep.

Living Bread Catholic Radio Banquet

The **Living Bread Catholic Radio Banquet** is just a few weeks away. Don't miss the opportunity to hear our speaker, **Ralph Martin**, President of Renewal Ministries and host of The Choices We Face program which is broadcast on Living Bread Radio 1060 AM on Saturday at 7am and Sunday at 8am. **The banquet is Tuesday, October 11 from 7-9pm.** Call **Molly Romano now for your personal invitation 888-966-2903.**

Natural Family Planning

Learn about your faith and a method of family planning that goes beyond the physical. NFP classes start on **Thursday, September 22, in Broadview Heights at Assumption Parish**. For more information or to register, please visit www.neo-nfp.org.

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CatholicMom.com Gospel Activity - Luke 15:1-32



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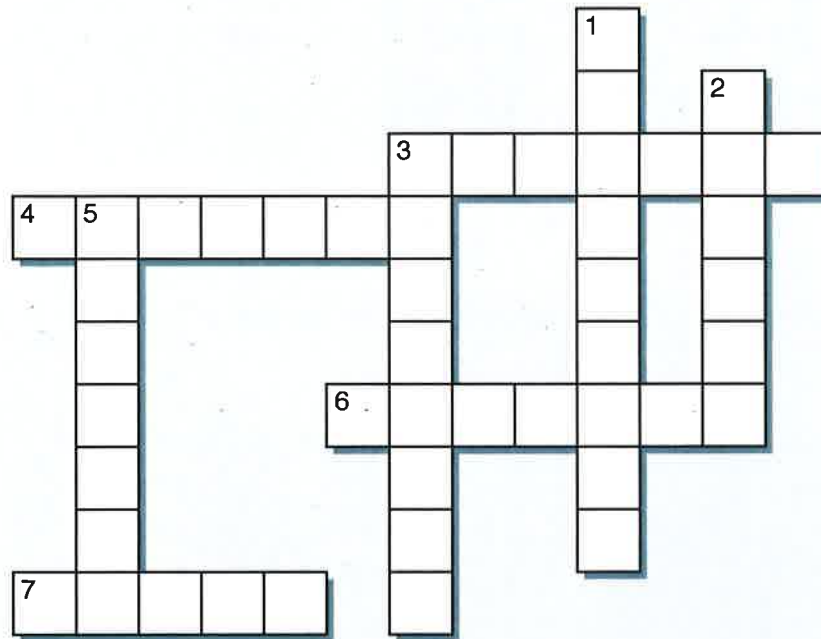
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Across

3. Jesus told all of those listening a _____.
4. "Your ____ was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found."
6. "This man welcomes ____ and eats with them"
7. Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to _____

Down

1. The _____ and scribes began to complain
2. "My son, you are here with me ____; everything I have is yours."
3. The parable told in this week's gospel is often called the parable of the _____ on.
5. "_____ with me because I have found my lost sheep."