CHURCHES THROUGHOUT DIOCESE
FEED THE HUNGRY AT THANKSGIVING

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For the second year in a row, most parishes and parochial schools in the Diocese of Columbus and several other diocesan organizations will take part in the #iGiveCatholic program, a nationwide crowdfunding effort designed to bring the Catholic community together to give thanks and give back.

The diocese’s initial participation in the program last year resulted in donations of more than $123,000 from 666 donors, benefitting more than 70 ministries. They received amounts ranging from $33,335.10 for Columbus St. Anthony Church and School to $25 for four ministries.

Nationally, the #iGiveCatholic campaign, which began in 2015 in New Orleans, raised more than $5.6 million from more than 28,000 donors as part of #GivingTuesday, a worldwide online fundraising effort for charitable agencies in 150 nations that takes place the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. This year, that date is Dec. 3. #GivingTuesday, now in its eighth year, raised more than $400 million from 3.6 million people last year.

“The program provides the diocese with a huge evangelization opportunity,” said Jenna Zins of the diocesan Office of Development and Planning, which is coordinating the effort. “#GivingTuesday has become a huge part of our culture in a short time. It gives people in the diocese a chance to show the love of their faith in ways which go beyond the weekly collection. It doesn’t matter what parish, school or other organization you wish to support. We want people to choose a recipient and, just as importantly, to talk about it.

Unlike other fundraising efforts, the biggest part of this campaign is its social media base. It’s an act of evangelization as soon as you give. We’d love to see people support this program with as much engagement as they can.”

Zins said that 88 diocesan parishes, 42 schools and 23 nonprofit organizations are taking part in this year’s #iGiveCatholic program. Each participant is listed on the website columbus.igivecatholic.org. Funds designated for a particular church, school or nonprofit group will be used for that organization. The program focuses on Dec. 3, but advance gifts are being accepted through 1 a.m. on that date. People can give to as many organizations as they choose. The minimum donation is $25.

Participating organizations plan to use the money for a variety of reasons. St. Anthony Church and School used the $33,000 it raised from 103 donors to the campaign in 2018 for badly needed parking-lot improvements.

“Most of the money enabled us to recoat the entire parking lot, which also serves as our school playground and provides space for many of our other parish activities,” said Claire Hatem, a teacher at the school who is the parish’s campaign coordinator.

“The space not only looks better, but made for a wonderful site for our annual garage sale, corn roast festival and Trunk or Treat. The school students can play and have more gym classes outside safely because of #iGiveCatholic and our generous community.”

“This year, instead of a large parish project, we are focusing on the students. We would like to revamp our school field day activities and have funds to provide more in the classrooms in general. Our students deserve the best, and we want to do our best to provide that for them.”

Gahanna St. Matthew Church raised $8,365 through #iGiveCatholic last year – the fourth-largest total in the diocese. Zins, who was employed by the parish at that time, said the money was used for the church’s Adoration Chapel, where plants that were struggling to stay fresh because of the chapel’s basement location were replaced with sturdy, well-crafted statues of adoring angels.

“Obtaining those statues was a dream of ours, and #iGiveCatholic enabled us to fulfill that dream,” she said. “It’s easy to dream big at the parish level, and the program allows parishes to have some of those dreams come true in a way that works best for them.

“The Lord has gifted us with one of the easiest fundraising programs ever,” Zins said. “It’s a great blessing for parishes because we in the development office take some of the costs of setting the program up for the parishes and provide staff to assist the parishes in getting started. This hopefully enables them to bring dreams to reality on a small or large level.”

Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral again this year will use the money it receives through #iGiveCatholic for its “back door ministry,” which distributes food and other basic needs such as hats, gloves, socks and hygiene products twice a day, every day to people who line up at its back entrance. Last year, it served more than 23,500 bagged lunches. That number is likely to be larger this year, because the year-to-date total already has surpassed 20,000.

Granville St. Edward Church will use #iGiveCatholic donations to resurface its parking lot. Chillicothe Bishop Flaget School will take any money it receives to pay for renovation of its heating, ventilating and air-conditioning units and upgrade its 57-year-old electrical system.

Organizations such as Catholic Social Services, the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN), Accompanying Returning Citizens with Hope (ARCH), for people who have been released from prison, the St. Vincent Family Center, St. Stephen’s Community House, the Pontifical College Josephinum and many others that serve needs beyond those of an individual parish all are participating in the program and can benefit from your donation, depending on which #iGiveCatholic participants you choose to assist.

For more information about the program, go to the website or call Zins at (614) 241-2550.
Sacred Heart Congress emphasizes the accessibility of Jesus

By MaryBeth Eberhard

More than 650 people attended the eighth annual diocesan Sacred Heart Congress on Saturday, Nov. 16 at Worthington St. Michael Church. Attendance for the day of reflection, devotion and fellowship was 33 percent higher than it was in 2018.

The congress promotes devotion to the Sacred Heart through an enthronement in homes, schools, parishes and businesses. Enthronement involves installation of a Sacred Heart image, prayers and a blessing.

The congress opened with recital of the rosary, led by the Dominican Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, who teach at St. Michael School.

Emily Jaminet, operations director for the Sacred Heart Enthronement Network, was master of ceremonies, with Mass celebrated by Bishop Robert Brennan, assisted by Deacon Michael Fulton.

Jaminet said she is part of the third generation in her family to promote devotion to the Sacred Heart. She also said that with the help of diocesan laypersons who are members of Sacred Heart Columbus, about 2,500 homes and businesses have been enthroned to the Sacred Heart in the diocese.

In his homily, Bishop Brennan reminded those in attendance that God made Himself vulnerable on a cross for them. “There is no Sacred Heart without Christ becoming human. There is no Eucharist without God taking on a human body. God has chosen to bear our burdens, to hurt, suffer and die, all out of love for us. His love and mercy are accessible to us,” he said.

Bringing his Long Island, New York, roots and his love of the ocean into the talk, the bishop shared the words of Christ to Sister Margaret Mary Alacoque: “In my Sacred Heart, the sinner will find oceans of mercy.” The bishop emphasized the importance of allowing oneself to receive the mercy of God that is accessible and abundant.

He also noted that the day was the first anniversary of the death of one of his mentors, Msgr. James McDonald of the Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York.

“He didn’t inspire me to be a priest, but he inspired me to be the priest that I want to be,” Bishop Brennan said. “He shaped me more than you will ever know. And probably my one sadness here is that he never got to meet all of you and that you never got to meet him.”

Throughout the congress, the Sacrament of Reconciliation was available, and many attendees took advantage of the church’s Adoration chapel to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament.

Bill Messerly, executive director of St. Gabriel Catholic Radio.

When Jesus revealed himself to Sister Margaret Mary, he gave her 12 promises for those who propagate devotion to His Sacred Heart. Messerly condensed them into two main points: peace, and the graces while you carry your cross.

Messerly warned against allowing the image of the Sacred Heart to become merely a rarely noticed Catholic logo on a wall. He said enthronement of the Sacred Heart is not about us, but about Jesus being available to us.

More than 650 people attended the Sacred Heart Congress. Attendance for the event was about one-third higher than it was in 2018. Speakers in addition to Bishop Brennan and Father Dailey were Columbus-based author Emily Jaminet, operations director of the Sacred Heart Enthronement Network, and Bill Messerly, executive director of St. Gabriel Catholic Radio.

He shared that St. Teresa of Calcutta propagated a devotion to the Sacred Heart in every convent of her order throughout the world.

Father Stash Dailey, pastor of Columbus Holy Family Church and spiritual director of Sacred Heart Columbus, closed the congress with a Litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus.

“Home is where you can wrestle with the reality that He is seeking you,” Father Dailey said. “Stop being people who want to starve to death, choosing coldness, starvation and emptiness. Jesus makes His humanity known so that coldness, starvation and emptiness can be obliterated.

“Place the image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in a prominent place in your home as a way to draw closer to His heart. For when you see something beautiful, you will think something beautiful.”

Father Dailey joins Chuck and Joann Wilson on St. Gabriel Catholic Radio for The Sacred Heart Hour, from 8 to 9 a.m. on the first Friday of each month. For information on Sacred Heart Columbus, enthronement and future congresses, visit www.sacredheartcongresscolumbus.org. Next year’s congress will be at Westerville St. Paul Church.
Vets honored in Chillicothe

Retired U.S. Army Col. Bridget Rourke was the featured speaker at the annual Chillicothe St. Peter Church veterans appreciation dinner. Rourke, a graduate of Chillicothe Bishop Flaget High School and the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, New York, served in military intelligence and with mechanized and armor units for 29 years until her retirement in September 2015. Her service included tours of duty in Germany, South Korea, Iraq and Djibouti. She is a Chillicothe St. Mary Church parishioner and is married to Richard Arnold, a U.S. Air Force veteran. Their children, Matthew and Mary, are both attending West Point. The dinner closed with parishioner Dan Kulhanek playing Amazing Grace on the bagpipes.

Photo courtesy St. Peter Church

Parishes’ bell chorus, schola to appear in December at Statehouse

The bell chorus of Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church and the schola cantorum choir representing that parish and Heath St. Leonard Church will present a holiday program on Friday, Dec. 6, the Feast of St. Nicholas, from noon to 1 p.m. in the basement of the Ohio Statehouse.

This will be the second appearance in three years at the Statehouse’s holiday lunchtime concert series for the groups. Last year, they performed at the Rhodes State Office Tower, across the street from the Statehouse.

The Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board chooses participants each year from groups that apply to take part in the Statehouse programs. The groups come from throughout the state and cannot appear in consecutive years.

A Taize prayer service will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 24 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut Road S.E. Father William Hritsko, pastor of the Buckeye Lake and Heath churches, will be cantor and presider and Theresa DeMers will lead the singing, with choir members scattered among the congregation.

Taize prayer is a form of meditative sung prayer named for the Taize monastery in France, where it originated. The refrains are simple, using verses from the Psalms or other parts of Scripture. “It is truly a beautiful way to enter prayer, be open to the love of God and even let music penetrate your being,” Father Hritsko said. “Even if you cannot sing (or have been told you can’t), come and give your voice to God. He will make it lovely.”

Advent Vespers to be sung at St. Joseph Cathedral

Solemn Vespers (Evening Prayer), featuring the treble voices of the cathedral choir, will be sung at Columbus St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., at 4:45 p.m. on the four Sundays of Advent — Dec. 1, 8, 15 and 22.

This prayerful and moving liturgy lasts for 20 to 25 minutes and will be immediately followed by the 5:15 p.m. Mass. Vespers is part of the Liturgy of the Hours and is a great way to deepen and intensify your prayer life. Through this act of liturgical worship, we offer adoration to God, pray for the needs of the world and give thanks to God for the day.

Foundation awards grants to schools office

The Catholic Foundation recently awarded grants totaling $45,000 to the diocesan Office of Catholic Schools.

The first grant is for $25,000 and will go toward teacher development. The second grant is for $20,000 and will help develop a comprehensive strategic plan for Catholic schools of the Diocese of Columbus.

“The Office of Catholic Schools, led by Adam Dufault and his hardworking staff, are incorporating innovative methods for improving our Catholic schools,” said Dan Kurth, the foundation’s vice president of grants and community impact.

“These methods will improve Catholic education in the Diocese of Columbus while simultaneously allowing Catholic education to be more affordable and sustainable.

“The Catholic Foundation is proud to play a small role in these efforts with our fantastic partner, the Office of Catholic Schools.”

For more information on the foundation’s grants, visit www.catholic-foundation.org.

St. Charles presents awards

Columbus St. Charles Preparatory School presented its Borromeo Medal for distinguished achievement to Msgr. Joseph M. Hendricks and its Principal’s Award for leadership and service to Sandra and Jerry Ulibarri.

Msgr. Hendricks, a graduate of St. Charles Borromeo College, formerly located at the same site as the school, has served the Diocese of Columbus for 47 years as vicar general, vicar for administration, chancellor, vice chancellor, and secretary to the bishop. For the last 22 years, he has been at Dublin St. Brigid of Kildare Church as associate pastor and pastor. He also has been spiritual director and director of spiritual formation at the Pontifical College Josephinum. In addition, he was founding director of the diocesan school for permanent deacons.

The Ulibarri have helped complete transformative design and construction projects in the last several years for St. Charles’ Holy Angels Library, Mother of Mercy Chapel, Campus Theater and Cavello Center, the design elements of the Robotics and Mentoring Center and, most recently, the renovation of the Fine Arts Center’s art room.

ODU announces holiday schedule

Ohio Dominican University will host a series of free, family-friendly events to which everyone is invited as part of its annual Christmas celebration. All activities will take place on ODU’s campus at 1216 Sunbury Road, Columbus.

The holiday season will open with several evening events on Monday, Dec. 2. These include visits to Santa’s workshop in the St. Catherine of Siena Room of Erskine Hall from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.; sleigh rides across campus during the same period; a Christmas tree lighting ceremony and creche blessing at 6 p.m. in front of Erskine Hall; and the Christmas concert of the university chorus at 7:30 p.m. in Christ the King Chapel.

The university’s annual holiday art market will take place from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 4 in the Wehrle Art Gallery. There will be an Advent soup and Scripture program from 12:30 to 1 p.m. in the community room of Alumni Hall, and Sister Shawn Fitzpatrick, OP, will speak on “Advent: The Hope and Promise of Christmas” at noon Wednesday, Dec. 11 in the St. Catherine of Siena Room as part of the annual Center for Dominican Studies lecture series.

Catechetical institute reaches 5,000 members

The Catechetical Institute, an outreach of Franciscan University of Steubenville, has reached a milestone of 5,000 members on its online platform, FranciscanAtHome.com. The institute’s primary mission is to equip Catholics with the formation they need to spread the good news of Christ to others.

With the motto of “forming those who form others,” the institute provides in-depth online catechetical training and in-person mentorship to parish catechists, educators, priests, deacons and parents.

It partners with nearly 60 dioceses and has relationships in 20 nations, including a new partnership with the Eastern Rite eparchies in Ukraine. More than 1,000 parishes, schools and religious orders worldwide use the institute’s formation.

Learners on FranciscanAtHome.com have access to more than 50 workshops on topics including Confirmation preparation; methods and practical skills for youth ministry; and teaching catechesis for conversion. They are paired with mentors who guide and encourage them as they journey through the workshops and learn practical ways of reaching others through their ministry.

Learners also have the option to participate in tracks that offer diocesan

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Men have more of a say in the abortion choice than they realize

TIM WELSH

Tim Welsh is executive director of the Bethesda Healing Ministry for post-abortive women and men.

I miss Dr. Richard Anthony Welsh, my dad. He was a valiant man who, sadly, I only got to really know in the last few years of his life. He practiced the faith with an expectant vigor that was discreetly ferocious. He was 93 when he went home.

He claimed to have been a good athlete in his day, but I never saw any real evidence of that. He never told any of his children that he loved them; we were just supposed to know.

None of his 11 children will likely ever forget his attraction to a phrase in the lyrics of America the Beautiful: “stern, impassioned stress.” It appears in the second verse, while the author is recalling early settlers’ trials and challenges in the American wilderness. It was Dad’s motto.

Persistent self-denial was the hallmark of his life and the mantra of his fatherhood. He was the model of consistency and purpose. I regret not spending more time at his side.

But even as virtuous as my upbringing was, I disappointed my dad and others along the way.

Sometimes, everything he taught me about being a man who took ownership of his responsibilities, cared more about duties than rights, and held charity toward others as more existential than personal gain seemed to vanish into the dim mist of expedience.

Such was the case in the summer of 1977, when my girlfriend (now wife) told me that she was pregnant.

She needed me to be strong and I let her down. She already had gone through a teenage pregnancy at age 16 that wrecked her relationship with her parents and imprinted on her an inferior self-image that would take decades to erase. In her desperation to salvage her honor, she came to me with her mind made up. She would have an abortion and nothing would talk her out of it.

In that moment, ignoring all that my father had taught me about responsibility and accountability, I did the cowardly thing and told her that it was her decision and I would support her in what she decided to do. In retrospect, that was the moment I learned what it was like to be a man of character. I needed to be a man and stand up for what was right. Instead, I protected the decision and not the person. She needed me to be strong and I let her down.

Neither she nor I will ever forget it, but with “stern, impassioned stress,” we have been tolerated enough to understanding across the wilderness of bewilderment and heartache. God has shed His grace on us.

Women need more men of character in this world who value the person more than the choice and moral legacy more than secular convenience. We need more men like Richard Anthony Welsh.

God powerfully brings fulfillment to our spiritual efforts

HOLY AND HEALTHY

Lori Crock

Lori Crock is a parishioner at Plain City St. Joseph Church. Lori leads SoulCore Rosary prayer and exercise at parishes, teaches physical strength classes and writes about faith and fitness at holyandhealthycatholic.com.

It takes a lot of effort to start a new exercise routine. Sometimes, people are not ready, but when they are, it is a beautiful thing to behold. As they learn to move in new ways, you can almost see the pathways expand in their brain and body as they respond to the new impetus. When it clicks, it is pure joy to help that person move better and get stronger.

So let’s look at effort in our spiritual lives. We know that it takes effort to start anything new and to build strong relationships with people in our lives. It’s the same with growing more in tune with God’s will for our lives. We have to give time and effort to God so that he can work in us and through us.

Our Catholic faith teaches us that God responds to our efforts. It might not be in the way we expect; in fact, it probably will not be our way at all. In faith, we trust that he recognizes even our tiniest desire to give more effort to our relationship with him and with our neighbor, even if our response is slow and weak.

We had a discussion in Bible study recently about allowing God to be the pilot in our lives. It seems that many of us were catechized in a way that places us as the pilots with God as the co-pilot — myself included. It is interesting to take this to prayer and ask God to show us where we are depending too much on our efforts, where we are holding back something from him (and why) rather than allowing God to be fully in charge of our lives.

It is good to remember that God is the one who inspires us to make any effort in the first place — and that thought makes me crazy happy. Our effort is the result of cooperating with God’s grace received through the sacraments, in prayer and Scripture study, and in loving and serving others. He is first and we are second. He is pilot and we are co-pilots, no matter what is going on in our lives.

St. Teresa of Avila said, “The feeling remains that God is on the journey, too.”

Do we give God full reign of our efforts on this journey in all matters, temporal and spiritual? Do we trust that his way, and our effort to cooperate with his grace, will lead us to greater joy, freedom and peace on our journey to eternal life with him?

From the second letter of St. Paul to the Thessalonians, 1:11: “To this end, we always pray for you, that our God may make you worthy of his calling and powerfully bring to fulfillment every good pur-

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Adoption by single parent?; Standing at Mass in protest

Q I desperately want a child. I am not married and have had cancer twice. I take chemo for five days, then I’m off for 23 days, and the cycle is continuous. I will not be able to have my own children because chemo could harm the baby. I am not able to adopt through Catholic Charities since I am single. I am a practicing Catholic wanting to take care of an unwanted child. Why am I unable to adopt through Catholic Charities? (Jefferson City, Missouri)

A Catholic Charities has no rule against adoption by a single parent, so I’m not sure whether you were told that or just assumed it. (The Diocese of Erie, Pennsylvania, for example, specifies on its website, “Single parents are eligible to become adoptive applicants for some programs. Catholic Charities Counseling and Adoption Services understands that a good home can be provided by a single parent.”)

While a two-parent home is the ideal, single parents can indeed offer children the love and stability they need to develop and flourish. A prospective parent’s health, though, is one of the factors taken into account in the placement decision, since raising a child can be a demanding task.

I would suggest that you speak directly to the Catholic Charities office in your area and explain your situation, perhaps bolstered by a doctor’s certificate of your readiness to be a parent.

Q Recently, at a Mass celebrated by our archbishop, a few people about five rows back from the altar stood during the entire Mass to protest some decisions by the archbishop that they disagreed with. (He was upholding church teaching on marriage as being between one man and one woman.) They held no signs, but their actions distracted from the Mass – which I believe should be centered on Christ – and they certainly blocked the view of the congregants seated behind them. Is protesting in this way acceptable, even if no signs are held? (Indianapolis)

A Your question, no doubt, has to do with the announcement in June 2019 that a teacher at a Catholic school in Indianapolis had been terminated because of his same-sex marriage. A statement from the archdiocese noted that “all teachers, school leaders and guidance counselors are ministers and witnesses of the faith, who are expected to uphold the teachings of the church in their daily lives, both in and out of school.”

In a subsequent press conference, Archbishop Charles C. Thompson was quoted as saying that the issue in the case “is about public witness of church teaching on the dignity of marriage as one man and one woman. That is our church teaching.”

As for the strategy employed by the protesters in standing during the entire Mass, I agree with you that this must have been distracting, especially for those seated behind them. The Eucharist is meant to be an experience of prayer – the highest prayer, in fact – and anything that would divert attention from that should be shunned.

Those wanting to indicate their disagreement with the archdiocese’s decision might have been better advised to make their feelings known outside the church, not within – and not, certainly, during the Eucharist.

Why did the Berlin Wall fall 30 years ago?

November 9 marked the 30th anniversary of the peaceful breach of the Berlin Wall – the symbolic high point of the Revolution of 1989, which would be completed seven weeks later by the fall of the Czechoslovak communist regime and Vaclav Havel’s election as that country’s president. A few days before the actual anniversary, German foreign minister Haiko Maas penned a brief essay on the reasons why the wall came down, which was striking for what he didn’t mention.

He did not mention NATO steadfastness against a vast Soviet campaign of agitation and propaganda over western military modernization in the 1980s.

He did not mention President Ronald Reagan or Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher. He didn’t even mention West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl.

From my point of view, however, the most glaring omission in Maas’ essay was his complete lack of attention to the pivotal figure in the Revolution of 1989, Pope St. John Paul II. Just as oddly, the foreign minister neglected to mention the moral revolution – the revolution of conscience – that John Paul II helped ignite and that gave the Revolution of 1989 its unique human texture. This is bad history. And bad history always raises warning flags about the future.

Professor John Lewis Gaddis of Yale University is America’s most distinguished historian of the Cold War. He is not a Catholic, so he could not be accused of special pleading or sectarian bias in writing that “when John Paul II kissed the ground at the Warsaw Airport on June 2, 1979, he began the process by which communism in Poland – and ultimately everywhere – would come to an end.”

My friendly amendment would be to note (as the Polish pope did) that a lot had been happening in east central Europe before John Paul’s June 1979 pilgrimage to Poland; so the pope accelerated, rather than actually beginning, the process of dismantling European communism through an effective nonviolent resistance based on the assertion of basic human rights. And he did that in part by giving the Catholic components of the resistance new courage, rooted in the conviction that “Rome” now had their backs (as it hadn’t in the 1970s).

But I will happily accept Professor Gaddis’s citation of June 2, 1979 as a signal moment in this process. What happened that day? Unbelievably, after more than 30 years of communist repression, a pope from behind the iron curtain celebrated Mass in Warsaw’s Victory Square. And during that hitherto unimaginable event, a vast crowd chanted, “We want God! We want God!”

That dramatic scene was the curtain-raiser on nine days of national renewal in which John Paul, in dozens of speeches and addresses, never mentioned politics or economics once and ignored the Polish communist government completely. Rather, he played numerous variations on one great theme: “You are not who they say you are. Remember who you are. Reclaim the truth about yourselves as a nation formed by a Christian history and a vital faith and you will eventually discover tools of resistance that communism cannot match.” The demand for religious freedom, in other words, was at the center of the John Paul II-inspired Solidarity movement in Poland, even as it became an increasingly prominent part of the human rights resistance to communism in Czechoslovakia, Lithuania, and what was then the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic.

Getting this history straight is important, not just as a matter of intellectual hygiene but for the future. Public officials who do not grasp the centrality of religious freedom to the collapse of European communism and the emergence of new democracies in central and eastern Europe are unlikely to appreciate the centrality of religious freedom to free and virtuous 21st-century societies and to 21st-century democracy. It is a sadness to note that Foreign Minister Maas is not alone in his ignorance, and in what one fears may be his insouciance about the first freedom.

A few days before the 30th anniversary of the wall coming down, former Irish president Mary McAleese gave a lecture at Trinity College in Dublin. Did she celebrate her Church’s role in liberating a continent? No. Instead, she made the bizarre claim that infant baptism and the consequent obligation of parents to raise their baptized children in the faith may violate the U.N.’s Covenant on the Rights of the Child.

Hard to believe, but true – and an urgent reminder that bad history makes for bad public policy.
Giving thanks each day for the many blessings in our lives

Thank you, Lord, for another day of life. Thank you for all of the good gifts I enjoy each day. Thank you for entrusting them to me. They are not mine, as I own nothing. As a sinner, too many things own me. Please continue to send me your grace and abundant love, as I do my best to be a good and faithful steward for you. May everything I say and do each day be a reflection of Eucharist, the greatest gift of all, which is true Thanksgiving. Jesus, I trust in you.

As children, parents, spouses, brothers and sisters, we all help one another get to heaven and eternal life with you. There is no more important goal. As we struggle with our Catholic Christian faith, keep us strong. These are indeed challenging times, and a very difficult time to loudly sing the praises of being a proud Catholic. But we must! Along with the life and love of Jesus Christ within us through the Eucharist, we have His promise that He will never abandon us and the Church will always be here.

As Bishop Robert Barron says in his book, A Letter to a Suffering Church, we are prohibited from losing hope. We must not. Many years ago, a good and trusted friend betrayed me and did something to me that I held as unforgivable for a long time. Unforgivable? How can I honestly seek God’s forgiveness if I do not forgive even one other person? I must. I absolutely forgive him, and only wish I could see him some day and tell him. Yes, we have a suffering Church, and the wounds will take generations to heal. But for now, healing can start with forgiveness. As Pope Francis has stated, God loves to forgive us and wants to show us His mercy. All of us are accountable, and no one escapes that. But in the meantime, let us forgive.

I give thanks each day for the gift of life. I thank God for that gift through my wonderful parents. I give thanks for two blessed godparents, one who passed away a couple of years ago, and one with whom I have reconnected in recent years. I am thankful for fantastic and supportive siblings. Two older sisters – the oldest (she is so old she will turn 16 this Feb. 29) has always been just great, and the one in between lived only a few weeks, but I know she prays for me even today. My three younger brothers are great, also. As their older brother, I terrorized them plenty as kids. Thank God for the good sisters who built my faith on the foundation taught by my parents, and the priests who kept our parish strong and thriving. I give thanks for all my teachers, spiritual directors, and brothers in high school seminary. And I thank the good Jesuits, professors, friends and fraternity brothers who helped me struggle through college, in various ways. In the 40 years of my life since then, I thank God for so very many people who have impacted my life in big ways and in very small ways. Funny how I tend to remember the small ways so vividly.

Most importantly, I give thanks each day as lovingly as I possibly can for my wife of 37 years. I do not deserve her, but I cherish and appreciate her. Equal in thanks and love, I simply have been blessed with three of the best children ever, and now two wonderful daughters-in-law. Whenever things get really tough, I stop and wonder how blessed I am, and how could I possibly stress and worry? This Thanksgiving, let us give thanks for all the people in our lives who got us here and who love us and help sustain us each day.

EVEN EVERYDAY CATHOLIC

Rick Jeric

Two invested into Order of Malta

Dr. Michael Parker (left) and Jeffrey Kaman, both residents of the Diocese of Columbus, were invested into the Sovereign Military Hospitalier Order of St. John of Jerusalem of Rhodes and of Malta, commonly known as the Order of Malta. The homilist at the investiture Mass was Fr. Thomas Blau, OP, of Columbus St. Patrick Priory, magistral chaplain of the Order, who spoke of the special place the Order has in the life of the Church. Parker and Kaman join 42 other new members welcomed into the Order from throughout the Midwest and the eastern United States. Locally, the Order of Malta operates the Center of Care Clinic at the St. John Center next to Columbus Holy Rosary-St. John Church.

Photo courtesy Order of Malta

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certification for youth ministry, campus ministry, parish leadership, RCIA, music ministry and other positions. The institute also offers a Hispanic faith and family track in Spanish.

For more information on partnering with the institute, visit www.FranciscanAtHome.com.

Dominican educators gather to learn, network

Representatives from six educational institutions in five states gathered at Ohio Dominican University last month for prayer, community building and networking at the ninth annual education sponsorship meeting of the Dominican Sisters of Peace.

This annual gathering brings together presidents, board members, chairs, delegates and other representatives of the congregation’s sponsored educational ministries: Ohio Dominican; Albertus Magnus College (New Haven, Connecticut); Dominican Academy (New York City); Our Lady of the Elms School (Akron); St. Agnes Academy-St. Dominic School (Memphis, Tennessee); and St. Mary’s Dominican High School (New Orleans).

The congregation also sponsors adult learning centers in Columbus; New Haven; and New Britain, Connecticut.

Guest speaker for the meeting was Dr. Kathy Lechman of the Kirwan Institute for the Study of Race and Ethnicity at Ohio State University. Her talk, “Equity and Inclusion: The Missing Pieces,” addressed issues around diversity, equity and implicit bias.

The group also celebrated outgoing Albertus Magnus board chair Jeanne Dennison, who was presented with an original painting by Sister Thoma Butler, director of founded ministries for the congregation.

“This annual gathering is an amazing opportunity for our sponsored educational ministries to not only network and explore important topics, but to celebrate the varied ways they are passing our Dominican charism to the next generation,” he said.

“This meeting provides our educational leaders the opportunity to share successes, learnings and challenges, as well as to find support and encouragement from their peers. Their study of diversity and its relationship to education were a great addition to the event. After the two days, everyone seemed to leave with renewed commitment to Dominican Catholic education,” said Sister Therese Leckett, OP, leadership liaison to the education ministries.
Before the Columbus Bishop Hartley and St. Francis DeSales football teams played each other in the final game of the season for the Central Catholic League championship, students engaged in a friendly rivalry for a good cause. Each high school challenged students to collect as many diapers and wipes as possible for the Bottoms Up diaper drive. Hartley’s collection at the game totaled 9,732 diapers. Pictured with some of the diapers are Hartley students (from left) Matthew McElligott, Jalen January, Griffen McCauley and Bradley Shuman. Bottoms Up collects and distributes more than 16,000 diaper wipes per month to families in need, in partnership with 25 food pantries and childcare centers. Photo courtesy Bishop Hartley High School

Columbus Our Lady of Bethlehem School and Childcare students collected more than 4,500 diapers for the Bottoms Up diaper drive as their fall service project. Bottoms Up collects and distributes diapers and wipes for families in need in central Ohio and is partnered with 25 food pantries and childcare centers. The basic need for diapers is a circumstance that the school’s young students and families can relate to since, during the regular academic year, the school is for students in preschool and kindergarten only. The success of the drive showed that even the smallest students can make a big impact. Photo courtesy Our Lady of Bethlehem School

Fifth-graders at Columbus St. Andrew School took part in a hands-on lesson in the way food was processed more than a century ago. St. Andrew graduates Wayne and Gretchen Kleman brought in a few of their restored antiques — machines that mechanically peel, core and extract juice from apples. The students were able to operate the machines and drink fresh apple juice made from raw apples they brought to school. Wayne Kleman is pictured showing student Mishelle Ellerbrock how to operate the machine while James Hufnagle looks on. Photo courtesy St. Andrew School

Members of the school’s Cub Scout pack and Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops carried flags for a ceremony marking Veterans Day at Columbus St. Cecilia School. Photo courtesy St. Cecilia School

Columbus Trinity Elementary School dedicated its media center in honor of William Miller, a longtime Columbus St. Christopher Church member and supporter of the school, who died last spring. A dedication Mass was celebrated by Miller’s son, Father Bill Miller, who is pastor of four churches in the Galesburg, Illinois, area, and Father David Poliafico, St. Christopher pastor. Pictured at the dedication are (from left): first row, Mia Murnane (William Miller’s granddaughter), Rose Miller (his wife), Mack Murnane and Myles Murnane (grandsons); second row, Keith Murnane (son-in-law), Mercy Murnane and Heidi Miller (granddaughters), Tom Miller (son), Monica Murnane (daughter), Father Miller, Heidi Yetter (daughter), Luisi Yetter (granddaughter), and Nick Miller and Mason Murnane (grandsons). Photo courtesy Trinity Elementary School
Hartley, Newark Catholic advance to regional finals

And then there were two.

Two diocesan teams will play for regional championships this weekend in the Ohio High School Athletic Association football playoffs.

Columbus Bishop Hartley (11-1) faces Plain city Jonathan Alder (12-0) in Division III, Region 11 at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 22 at Hilliard Darby High School. At 7 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 23, Newark Catholic (9-3) meets Columbus Harvest Prep (11-1) in Division VII, Region 27 at Westerville Central High School.

The winners will advance to the state semifinals the following week in their respective divisions.

Hartley overpowered Granville 35-13 in a regional semifinal last Friday at Pataskala Watkins Memorial. One night later, Newark Catholic rolled past Shadyside 40-0 at Byesville Meadowbrook.

Columbus St. Francis DeSales’ season ended last Friday night with a 42-7 loss to Harrison in a Division II, Region 8 regional semifinal. The Stallions finished with a 9-3 record.

Lancaster Fisher Catholic, the fourth diocesan school to make the playoffs, lost in the first round the previous week.

Hartley advanced with a herculean effort from senior running back Jalan January, who rushed for a whopping 407 yards and three touchdowns against Granville (10-2). He accounted for all but 56 of the Hawks’ 463 rushing yards in the game.

“Jalan is the type of player that gets better as the season goes on and as the game goes on,” Hartley coach Brad Burchfield said. “He has a punishing style, and that kind of style wears on defenses. It is tiring and debilitating to a defense. He has gotten so much better as the season has gone on as well, and that is typical of his play.”

Hawks quarterback Miles Fleming connected with Marcelis Parker on a 3-yard touchdown in the first half to cap a 99-yard drive that made it 14-0 then, they’ve won seven straight and showed no signs of slowing down.

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Last year, Hartley’s second-round playoff loss to Columbus Eastmoor Academy was the Hawks’ earliest exit since 2008. That’s not necessarily a motivating factor for this year’s team, but the players and coaches always set the bar high.

“It’s about being the best we can be and doing our very best to have the best possible team we can have,” Burchfield said. “I know that sounds cliché, but that’s true. We’re just trying to get better and have the team we were meant to have, and that’s every year.”

Newark Catholic’s expectations and rich tradition resemble Hartley’s. The Green Wave, who have claimed eight state titles during the playoff era, are looking to win their first regional championship since 2016 in Division VI.

2019 All-Central Catholic League football teams

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FIRST TEAM


SECOND TEAM


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Sandy Bonneville says she looks forward each year to the Thanksgiving Day dinner at Columbus St. Aloysius Church because it gives people an opportunity to be filled with food and love.

“It’s a great evangelization tool,” she said. “If you’d come here and see how folks are so thankful, you’d be amazed. The food is important, but it’s only the beginning. People have told me and the other volunteers at the dinner that this is one place where they know they will be treated decently. Through ordinary conversation, you get to know the people and their needs.”

Bonneville said this will be her 20th year as coordinator of the event, which will take place from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 28 in the family center of the church, at 2165 W. Broad St. in the city’s Hilltop neighborhood. The dinner has been served for more than 40 years. Bonneville began volunteering for the meal about 25 years ago, and a few years later was asked to take charge temporarily because the previous organizer, Steve Joyce, had become ill.

“I was told it would be for just a year,” she said. “Then it was for a second year. Steve died about a year after that, and I’m still here. I think it was just meant to be. Through time, the volunteers and the people who come here become like a family, and that helps us all year as we try to meet the needs of people in the neighborhood.”

Hilltop residents have been dealing for several years with the impact of the opioid crisis. “You see so many good people come here, including those involved with drugs and prostitution, and you wonder what makes them do this,” Bonneville said. “I wrestle with that, and then I remember Jesus said that you’ll always have the poor with you, and that when you get to heaven, the last shall be first and the first shall be last. You realize then that Jesus gave us the poor as a gift.

“We can look through the poor, or we can walk with them and try to understand them and be a healing presence, an example of prayer in action. We’re the hands and feet of Christ. That’s why we’re here. Kids in our parish religious education program have a good saying about this: ‘Don’t just say it; pray it.’

“People are working hard to change the negative things about the neighborhood, and I hope there will be less need for the dinners as the years go by, but we’ll be here as long as we’re needed,” Bonneville said. “Rich or poor, we all want to know someone cares for us, and that’s what this day is all about.”

St. Aloysius will serve about 600 meals, with most of those attending ported everything I’ve ever asked him for,” Bonneville said. This year for the first time, the dinner will have a visit from Santa Claus, who will provide treat bags for children. There also will be entertainment by the Columbus Folk Music Society. A prayer table will be available, with members of the St. Mary Magdalene conference of the St. Vincent de Paul Society accepting written requests for prayers.

Meals also will be provided for residents of homeless camps in the area quested and least collected items they need,” Bonneville said.

St. Aloysius has expanded its meal ministry by sponsoring free community dinners from 2 to 4 p.m. on the last Sunday of each month. Bonneville said about 100 people attended each of the first two dinners in September and October, and expects that number to grow through word of mouth. The next dinner will be on Sunday, Dec. 29, featuring spaghetti and meatballs. There is no Sunday dinner this month because of the Thanksgiving meal.

“The Sunday dinners are another opportunity to bring people to us and walk the walk that Jesus did so they can encounter him,” Bonneville said. “A man came to one of the dinners and said it was the first time he had ever been in church. He wasn’t actually in a church, but the way he said that was so reverent you knew something had connected with him. That connection is why we’re here.”

She said Knights of Columbus Santa Maria Council 2898 and Mike De Massimo, operator of a locally based maker of pasta sauces, have provided major donations for the meals.

Several other parishes throughout the Diocese of Columbus also will be sharing their blessings with others during the Thanksgiving season.

On the other side of town from the Hilltop, volunteers will serve hundreds of meals and take-home packages from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day in the Community Kitchen at the St. John Center, 640 S. Ohio Ave., next to Holy Rosary-St. John Church, said Allison Glasgow of the center staff. Entertainment for dinners will be provided by a saxophonist.

The Community Kitchen will serve holiday meals at the same time on Wednesday, Nov. 27 at its other location, St. Dominic Church, 453 N. 20th St.

Many of the turkeys for the dinners will come from Westerville St. Paul Church’s “Bring a Turkey to Church” weekend, which will take place on Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 23 and 24. The program began in 1998, when it collected 32 turkeys and a $20 gift certificate. Last year, 367 turkeys and $1,885 in cash were donated.

The Community Kitchen receives...
several requests each year from other human service organizations for turkeys for Thanksgiving meals. Because of the generosity of St. Paul parishioners, those requests are granted.

The Church of the Resurrection in New Albany distributes turkeys each year through St. Dominic and Columbus St. James the Less churches. The program is in its 12th year and collects 500 turkeys and more than $6,500 last year.

The St. Francis Evangelization Center at 404 W. South St. in McArthur doesn’t host a Thanksgiving Day dinner because it lacks the room, but it gives about 500 Vinton County families a chance to have a holiday dinner at home through its annual Turkey Toss program. Eligible families come to the center and receive $40 food vouchers for use at Campbell’s Market in McArthur, the county’s only full-service grocery store. Lisa Keita, director of the St. Francis Center and the Joint Organization for Inner-City Needs (JOIN) in Columbus, said the cards are donated through a partnership with the center’s supporters and the CARE United Methodist Outreach.

Families who have received vouchers from the center, but are unable or do not wish to travel there, will receive food and other items on Monday, Nov. 25 at sites at Ralcliffburg, New Plymouth, Wilkesville and Zaleski from volunteers led by Ed Yingling of Columbus.

JOIN, a diocesan agency at 578 E. Main St. that serves Columbus and Franklin County, will receive 200 boxes of food from the Byron Saunders Foundation, a central Ohio organization that provides Thanksgiving meals annually to more than 3,000 families in need. Grocery cards for $10 will be included with the boxes.

Circleville St. Joseph Church, 134 W. Mound St., will serve dinner from noon to 1:30 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day and will deliver dinners to the homebound. Knights of Columbus Council 5297 collected nonperishable food items for Thanksgiving baskets that will be distributed on Nov. 24.

Parishioners of Columbus St. Matthias Church, 1582 Ferris Road, brought nonperishable food to church during the two weekends leading to Thanksgiving, combining the donations with similar gifts from students of Columbus St. Francis DeSales High School, located next to the church. The food was donated to St. Stephen’s Community House.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry in Newark is providing turkey and other Thanksgiving fixings to the people who depend on it for food. Each family also will receive a $10 food coupon to be used at the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store before the end of the year. This is a joint effort of the six Licking County parishes – Newark St. Francis de Sales and Blessed Sacrament, Granville St. Edward, Heath St. Leonard, Buckeye Lake Our Lady of Mount Carmel and the Johnstown Church of the Ascension.

The SENT youth group of Granville St. Edward Church, 785 Newark-Granville Road, will join its counterparts from other Granville churches in baking pies for the St. Vincent de Paul men’s shelter in Newark on the evening of the Granville ecumenical Thanksgiving service, which will take place at 7 p.m. Nov. 24 at First Presbyterian Church, 110 W. Broadway.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of Logan St. John Church, 351 N. Market St., distributes Thanksgiving baskets including turkey and other food to the needy on the Sunday before Thanksgiving. The parish’s Knights of Columbus, Columbian Squires and youth group help by obtaining food donations from parishioners and others.

Sunbury St. John Neumann Church, 9633 E. State Route 37, is part of a Christmas box drive sponsored by Big Walnut Friends Who Share, an outreach organization of churches in the Sunbury and Galena areas. The St. Vincent de Paul Society and Knights of Columbus the county’s only full-service grocery store. The offerings were distributed by the Mount Carmel Outreach street medicine program.

The Mount Carmel College of Nursing in Columbus had its annual Thanksgiving interfaith prayer service on Monday, Nov. 18. Organized by Ellen O’Shaughnessy, director of campus ministry, and students who are part of the campus ministry program, it featured representatives of the Catholic and other Christian, Jewish and Islamic traditions reflecting on what their faith means to them.

During the service, gifts of warm clothing, hats, gloves, socks, blankets, tents and batteries were collected for people who live in homeless camps, on the streets and under the bridges of Columbus. The offerings were distributed by the Mount Carmel Outreach street medicine program.
2019-20 Girls High School Basketball Preview

Bishop Rosecrans

Top players: Maggie Hutcheson, 5-10, sr.; Kaley Zemb, 5-8, sr.; Jenna Carlisle, 5-9, soph. (9.0 points per game last season); McKaela McLaughlin, 6-1, soph.

Conference: Mid-State League Cardinal Division 2018-19 record: 17-6 overall, 12-2 MSL Cardinal Coach: Vince Tolson (17-6 overall and at Bishop Rosecrans)

Coach’s outlook: “Like every year, we have high expectations here at Rosecrans. We are a very young team with a lot of potential and are still searching for identity. We have two seniors who will lead this team by example in experience and effort. Maggie Hutcheson is our leading rebounder from a year ago. Kaley Zemb is our returning leader in 3-point shooting and our leading defender, and both seniors will be our focus in scoring and defense. Jenna Carlisle was our backup point guard in 2018-19 and our returning leader in scoring. She will start at point guard, with returning player McKaela McLaughlin at center.”

Bishop Ready

Top players: Bre Hejduk, 5-6, sr. (6.8 points per game last season); Danni Brown, 5-7, sr. (4.5 ppg); Abby Grunde, 5-6, soph. (2.3 ppg, 42 steals).

Conference: Central Catholic League 2018-19 record: 9-14 overall, 3-4 CCL Coach: Joe Lang (524-342 in 39 years overall and at Bishop Ready)

Coach’s outlook: “The team will be our youngest ever. Last year’s team averaged 36 points a game and only 14 of those points return. The absence of any experienced point guard is a cause for concern. We will have to push the ball offensively and try to beat the defense down the floor for some easy scores. If not, we will have to show great patience and maturity to get a good shot out of the half-court offense. Rebounding has been a major problem in the preseason – giving up second and third shots defensively and looking at one-and-done on the offensive side. Defensively, we are going to have to pressure and help. We will have little room for error. If we can take care of the ball and really understand the importance of our defensive effort, that will give us a chance to win.”

Roster: Hejduk; Brown; Grunde; Sierra Schlosser, 5-9, soph.; Reagan Wheatley, 5-8, soph.; Claire Larger, 5-6, soph.; Elizabeth Augustino, 5-6, soph.; Lyla Hurd, 5-5, fr.; Hope Orders, 5-2, fr.; Ava Barker, 5-7, fr.; Caleigh Cheatham, 5-6, fr.

Schedule: Nov. 22, Franklin Heights; Nov. 26, at Jonathan Alder; Dec. 3, Marion Pleasant; Dec. 12, Fisher Catholic; Dec. 14, Elgin; Dec. 18, Grandview Heights; Dec. 21, at London; Dec. 28, Columbus Briggs; Jan. 4, Columbus Centennial; Jan. 6, at Fairfield Christian; Jan. 9, Bishop Watterson; Jan. 11, Buckeye Valley; Jan. 18, at Bishop Hartley; Jan. 22, Hamilton Township; Jan. 23, St. Francis DeSales; Jan. 28, at Patriot Academy; Jan. 30, at Watterson; Feb. 6, Hartley; Feb. 8, Johnstown; Feb. 11, at DeSales; Feb. 13, Fairbanks; Feb. 15, at Newark Catholic

Bishop Watterson

Top players: Paige Woodford, 5-6, sr. (10.4 points per game last season); Danielle Grim, 5-8, jr. (6.5 ppg); Kilyn McGuff, 5-10, jr. (7.3 ppg); Emily Dixon, 5-7, sr. (1.2 ppg).

Conference: Central Catholic League 2018-19 record: 23-3 overall, 6-1 CCL (CCL co-champion, district runner-up)

Coach: Tom Woodford (394-154 overall, 2018-19 record: 12-11 overall, 6-1 CCL (CCL co-champion))

Coach’s outlook: “I am really looking forward to this season. We have two seniors, Paige Woodford and Emily Dixon, who who will both start for the Eagles this season. The team is made up of four juniors, Vini Paradiso, Danielle Grim, Bryn Mulligan and Kilyn McGuff, as well as four sophomores, Grace Cantwell, Camille Gregory, Norah Dorley and Kyle Graham.”

Roster: Woodford; Grim; McGuff; Dixon; Grace Cantwell, 5-5, soph.; Brynn Mulligan, 5-4, Jr.; Norah Dorley, 5-9, soph.; Kiley Graham, 6-0, soph.; Camille Gregory, 5-6, soph.; Vini Paradiso, 5-10, jr.

Schedule: Nov. 22, Teays Valley; Nov. 25, Olentangy Berlin; Nov. 26, at Upper Arlington; Nov. 29, Worthington Kilbourne; Dec. 7, Westerville North; Dec. 9, at Hilliard Davidson; Dec. 14, Gahanna; Dec. 16, Pickerington North; Dec. 21, at Logan; Dec. 27, Chillicothe (Watterson Christmas Classic); Dec. 28, Big Walnut (Watterson Christmas Classic); Jan. 4, Westerville North; Jan. 7, at Bexley; Jan. 9, at Bishop Ready; Jan. 11, at Grove City; Jan. 16, St. Francis DeSales; Jan. 18, Cleveland Villa Angela-St. Joseph at Hartley; Jan. 23, at Hartley; Jan. 25, at Westerville South; Jan. 27, Jonathan Alder; Jan. 30, Ready; Feb. 6, at DeSales; Feb. 11, Hartley

Cristo Rey

Top players: Nyla Williams, 5-6, sr.; Ebony Jewett, 5-10, jr.; Tylan Floyd, 5-5, jr.

Conference: Independent Coach: Not provided


Schedule: Dec. 2, at Newark Catholic; Dec. 4, at Grandview Heights; Dec. 6, at Wellington; Dec. 13, Genoa Christian Academy; Dec. 16, at Fisher Catholic; Dec. 17, at Gilead Christian; Dec. 20, at New
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Hope Christian Academy; Dec. 28, Fredericktown; Jan. 3, Bishop Rosecrans; Jan. 9, Columbus Torah Academy; Jan. 20, at Patriot Prep Academy; Jan. 24, at Harvest Prep; Jan. 28, at Genoa Christian

Fisher Catholic

Top players: Katie Maynard, 5-3, sr. (5.3 points per game, 35 percent 3-point shooting last season); Paige Gavvin, 5-6 jr. (8.3 ppg, 2.0 assists per game); Mallory Ortiz, 5-9, jr. (7.1 ppg, 6.0 rebounds per game).

Conference: Mid-State League Cardinal Division

2018-19 record: 11-13 overall, 7-7 MSL Cardinal

Coach: Ben Bethel (149-21 overall, first year at school)

Coach’s outlook: “The 2019-20 season should be a good one. We have a total of five seniors or juniors and multiple sophomores who will round out the lineup. The Irish are quick and should be a fast-paced, pressing team. We also have capable post players and experience from the 2018-19 season. This year’s team has 20 players – a large increase from past years. We are putting in a new system, which takes time, but the team should really benefit by the end of the season and tournament run.”

Roster: Maynard; Gavin; Ortiz; Lucy Reed, 5-5, sr.; Maeve Boley, 5-11, jr.; Hope Wright, 5-5, soph.; Kate Gavin, 5-6, soph.; Susan Craaybeek, 5-3, soph.; Brooke Vogel, 5-9, soph.; Emma Mitchell, 5-8, soph.; Marge “Meg” Saffell, 5-7, soph.; Tori Guzman, 5-5, soph.; Averie Bruce, 6-0, fr.; Ellie Funk, 5-7, fr.; Emiline Neighbor, 5-7, fr.; Emma McCrady, 5-8, fr.; Kaelyn Nagle, 5-7, fr.; Malia McClenaughan, 5-7, fr.; Sophie Shaw, 5-5, fr.


Newark Catholic

Top players: Harlei Antritt, 6-0, jr. (All-Licking County League and All-Central District last season); Brynn Peddicord, 5-7, jr. (second-team All-LCL); Brooklyn Smith, 5-9, soph.

Conference: Licking County League

2018-19 record: 24-4 overall, 11-2 LCL

Coach: Rob Smith (164-39 overall and in eight seasons at Newark Catholic)

Coach’s outlook: “With the loss of senior Shan- non Keck due to an injury, we will heavily rely on Harlei Antritt and Brynn Peddicord, as both have started since they were freshmen. We have several returning players who should make an immediate impact, including sophomore guard Brooklyn Smith and juniors Emma Franks, Nikki Langenbrunner and Anna Crumrine. Lilly Canning has come back for her senior year and should give us a scoring lift with her shooting. We play in a very strong league, and, with our volleyball team making a deep run in the state tournament, we are about three weeks behind and hope to get these girls to develop into league contenders by the beginning of the year.”

Roster: Antritt; Peddicord; Smith; Franks, 5-9, jr.; Langenbrunner, 5-9, jr.; Crumrine, 5-7, jr.; Canning, 5-8, sr.; Maddie Kauble, 5-9, fr.; Cameron Maurer, 5-9, fr.; Gabby Layton, 5-8, fr.


Portsmouth Notre Dame

Top players: Ava Hassel, 5-5, jr. (11.0 points per game, 3.0 steals per game last season); Taylor Schmidt, 5-6, sr. (7.0 ppg, 4.0 spg); Claire Dettwiller, 6-0, jr.; Isabel Cassidy, 5-8, jr. (6.5 ppg); Lauren Campbell, 5-9, sr.; Cassie Schaefer, 5-6, sr.

Conference: Southern Ohio Conference, Division I

2018-19 record: 24-2, 14-0 SOC

Coach: J.D. McKenzie (178-39 overall and at Notre Dame)

Coach’s outlook: “We return a veteran group of players this year and will look to continue to play a fast-paced, full-court style that has led us to five straight conference and two straight district titles. Notre Dame will look again to make its mark on the defensive side of the ball and force its opponents into mistakes on which to capitalize.”

Roster: Hassel; Schmidt; Dettwiller; Cassidy; Campbell; Schaefer; Mollie Creech, 5-5, soph.; Charlee Lansing, 5-6, fr.; Olivia Smith, 5-6, sr.; Annie Dettwiller, 6-1, fr.; Chloe Delabar, 5-9, jr.; Kamryn Bradford, 5-7, fr.; Ashley Holtgrewe, 5-6, jr.; Paetyn Collins, 5-9, sr.


St. Francis DeSales

Top players: Erin Burns, 5-7, sr.; Kate Schuler, 5-9, sr.; Grace Sabo, 5-10, jr.; Stefanie Karras, 5-8, jr.; Gracie Wilson, 5-4, jr.

Returning starters: 2

Conference: Central Catholic League

2018-19 record: 6-17 overall, 2-6 CCL

Coach: Chris Ellis (57-38 overall, first year at school)

Coach’s outlook: “We are very excited about the season. The girls had a great summer and were committed to off-season conditioning. The team is starting to jell and embrace new concepts. With great new talent and experienced leadership returning, we expect to have an exciting, improved and fun season.”

Roster: Burns; Schuler; Sabo; Karras; Wilson; Nicole Miller, 5-3, sr.; Kaylee Green, sr.; Lauren Mitevski, jr; Cara Jewett, jr; Adrian Lowery, jr.; Ava Roby, soph; Jaday Arnold, fr.

Schedule: Nov. 26, at Lancaster; Dec. 4, Westerville Central; Dec. 7, at Watkins Memorial; Dec. 9, at Mount Vernon; Dec. 12, Grove City; Dec. 14, at Dublin Scioto; Dec. 21, Columbus Whetstone; Dec. 27-28, Roosters Holiday Classic; Dec. 30, In-
2019-20 Girls High School Basketball Preview

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Madison Kopp  Annette Weston


Tuscarawas Central Catholic

Top players: Annette Weston, 5-8, sr. (17.5 points per game, Inter-Valley Conference North offensive player of the year, All-Ohio honorable mention last season); Madison Kopp, 5-7, sr. (7.0 ppg, second-team All-IVC North); Sophia Knight, 5-8, jr. (7.0 ppg); Sage DeBois-Winnie, 5-4, jr. (6.0 ppg).

Conference: Inter-Valley Conference North

Division

2018-19 record: 14-10 overall

Coach: Greg Triplett (14-10 overall and at the school; was school’s boys basketball coach 1998-2005)

Coach’s outlook: “We have 17 girls in our program this season and will field a junior varsity team for the first time in many years. We expect to be competitive in a tough IVC North Division, playing a challenging schedule including three area Catholic schools. The key will be our ability to defend and rebound. We should be a deeper team with greater flexibility.”

Roster: Weston; Kopp; Knight; DeBois-Winnie; Sami Demattio, 5-8, sr.; Andrea Garcia-Paez, 5-7, sr.; Maddie Lakota, 5-8, sr.; Gina Sciarretti, 5-7, soph.; Maddie Ferrell, 5-8, fr.; Reese Triplett, 5-8, fr.

Schedule: Nov. 22, at Waynedale; Nov. 25, Ridgewood; Nov. 30, at Garaway; Dec. 2, at Kingsway Christian; Dec. 4, at Conotton Valley; Dec. 7, East Canton; Dec. 11, at Strasburg; Dec. 14, Sandy Valley; Dec. 18, Tuscarawas Valley; Dec. 21, Canton Central Catholic; Dec. 28, Malvern; Jan. 4, Claymont; Jan. 6, Louisville Aquinas; Jan. 11, Conotton Valley; Jan. 15, at Ridgewood; Jan. 18, at East Canton; Jan. 22, Strasburg; Jan. 25, at Sandy Valley; Jan. 29, at Tuscarawas Valley; Feb. 5, at Malvern; Feb. 8, IVC Showcase at Hiland; Feb. 12, Steubenville Catholic Central

Bishop Watterson signees

Four Columbus Bishop Watterson High School seniors have signed letters of intent to play NCAA Division I or Division II college sports. Pictured are (left to right): front row: Abigail Stratford, volleyball, U.S. Military Academy; and Mia Brown, swimming, Georgetown; back row: Isabella Ginocchi, soccer, Ohio University; Deacon Chris Campbell, school principal; and Paige Woodford, basketball, Mercyhurst.

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This year’s team rolled into the regional final with a dominant performance against Shadyside last weekend.

Quarterback Matt Carlisle ran for 120 yards and two touchdowns. Derek Hawk scored in a 66-yard run for the game’s first touchdown, Slater Evans found the end zone twice after an interception return and a blocked field goal attempt, and Kyle Langenbrunner capped the scoring with an 82-yard return after recovering a fumble. Ryan Poly and Tyson Mummey added interceptions.

“Our kids did an awesome job,” Newark Catholic coach Ryan Aiello said. “That was a testament to their preparation and putting themselves in the right places to make plays. They came out and really executed. There was no complacency.”

Now comes an even greater test. Harvest Prep is the top seed in the region and the state’s fourth-ranked team in Division VII. Since an opening loss by one point to Eastmoor Academy on Aug. 30, the Warriors have won 11 in a row.

In the first two rounds of the playoffs, Harvest Prep breezed past Fisher Catholic (37-7) and Waterford (35-21).

The Warriors won a regional title in 2016, and they’ve qualified for the postseason and won the Mid-State League Ohio Division each of the past six years.

“That’s a great team,” Aiello said. “There are no chumps anymore.

“As talented as (Harvest Prep) is across the board, we’ve got to shore up a lot of things or they’ll take advantage. But our kids are hungry.”

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34th Sunday of Ordinary Time, Solemnity of Christ the King

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2 Samuel 5:1-3
Psalm 122:1-5
Colossians 1:12-20

Father Timothy Hayes

In 1899, Pope Leo XIII consecrated the world to the Sacred Heart, acknowledging the kingship of Jesus Christ over the world. Jesus is King of the Jews and King of the Gentiles. He is King of the Universe, leading us to salvation and redeeming all Creation. Jesus is our King because He gave His life for us, suffering and dying on the cross and rising from the dead in our human nature, promising us eternal life with Him in paradise. Jesus is our King because He is head of His body, the Church.

Jesus Christ, our King, leads us to the kingdom of God, because He is the prescience of the kingdom among us and He takes our humanity into the heart of the Trinity, commending Himself and us to His Father. Our choice to be followers of Jesus, acknowledging Him as King, is a choice that we make as individuals, as families and as a community of believers.

The Solemnity of Christ the King serves, in the current liturgical calendar, to bring to a close the season of ordinary time and the liturgical year. The vision of the Scriptures of this day is universal. All human history and the destiny of the whole human race are in view.

We are called to faith, hope and love in Christ. That is, we are called to be loyal, to trust Him and to belong fully and completely to Him, holding nothing back. To claim Christ as our King means that we discover something about our own nature.

The Israelites asked David to be their king because they saw what he could do. He had defeated the Philistines and brought order to his own tribe of Judah. They acknowledged that Saul’s clan had not been able to give them the peace they sought, and so they made peace with Saul’s son-in-law, David, asking him to be their king.

Jesus has shown us what He can do. He suffered without complaint, proving His strength as “bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh.” He died with a dignity and a courage that stretches our understanding of ourselves. To the “good thief” He made a promise that reveals to us that there is more in store for us: “Today you will be with me in Paradise.”

Suffering and death are not the worst that can happen to us. It is worse to live without hope. Many in our world are despairing; even among us, many experience anguish of which we are unaware.

Christ calls us to live in His kingdom, acknowledging Him as King and learning to be His subjects by imitating Him in the way we live. Can we look beyond our own suffering to see others around us who are in need? Do we see the depth of love that Jesus offers – inviting us not only to receive salvation from Him, but also to be a means of offering that gift to others?

“He is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead in our human nature, suffering and dying on the cross and rising from the dead in our human nature, and redeeming all Creation. Jesus is our King because He gave His life for us, and redeeming all Creation. Jesus is our King of the Jews and King of the Gentiles. He is King of the world. Jesus is King of the Jews and King of the Gentiles. He is King of the Universe, leading us to salvation and redeeming all Creation.

Follow Christ the King and lead others to Him.

Father Timothy Hayes is pastor of Columbus St. Timothy Church.
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Venerable Fulton Sheen to be beatified in December

Catholic News Agency

PEORIA, Ill. – The Diocese of Peoria announced Monday that Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen will be beatified on Saturday, Dec. 21 at the city’s Cathedral of St. Mary of the Immaculate Conception.

Sheen had been ordained a priest of the diocese in that cathedral on Sept. 20, 1919.

“It seems entirely fitting that the beatification will take place at the end of this 100-year anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood,” the Peoria diocese stated on Nov. 18.

Sheen was born in Illinois in 1895 and was 24 when he was ordained a priest.

He was appointed auxiliary bishop of New York in 1951 and remained there until his appointment as bishop of Rochester, New York in 1966. He retired in 1969 and returned to New York City, where he lived until his death in 1979.

Sheen was a beloved television catechist during the 1950s and ‘60s in the United States. His television show Life Is Worth Living reached an audience of millions.

The Congregation for the Causes of Saints promulgated a decree on July 6 recognizing a miracle attributed to Sheen’s intercession, which allowed for his beatification.

The miracle involves the unexplained recovery of James Fulton Engstrom, a boy apparently stillborn in September 2010 to Bonnie and Tra-
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NOVEMBER

22, FRIDAY
Holy Hour at St. Matthew
7 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Monthly Holy Hour with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and prayers for reparation, purification and sanctification of the universal Church. 614-471-0121

22-24, FRIDAY-SUNDAY
St. Charles Presents Men on Boats
8 p.m. Friday-Saturday, 3 p.m. Sunday, St. Charles Preparatory School, 2010 E. Broad St., Columbus. School’s drama department presents Men on Boats, a tale of John Wesley Powell’s 1869 expedition of the Colorado River. $10 adults, $5 students. 614-252-6714

23, SATURDAY
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
9 a.m. Mass, St. Joseph Church, 140 West Ave., Plain City. Saturday Life and Mercy Mass, followed by rosary and confession.
Adult Confirmation at Cathedral
10 to 11:30 a.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Bishop Robert Brennan administers the Sacrament of Confirmation to diocesan adults who were baptized earlier in life and have completed the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. 614-224-1295

24, SUNDAY
St. Christopher Adult Religious Education
10 to 11:20 a.m., Library, Trinity Catholic School, 1440 Grandview Ave., Columbus. Last of five talks on “The Biblical Prophets: Do They Have Anything to Tell Us Today?” with Scripture scholar Angela Burdge.

Praise Mass at Church of Our Lady
11 a.m., Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Church, 5225 Refugee Road, Columbus. Praise Mass with upbeat contemporary music. 614-861-1242

Open House at Bishop Watterson
1 to 3:30 p.m., Bishop Watterson High School, 99 E. Cooke Road, Columbus. Open house for prospective students and their parents. 614-268-8671

Community Supper at St. Aloysius
2 to 4 p.m., Family center, St. Aloysius Church, 2165 W. Broad St., Columbus. Free community supper, open to all. 614-875-5669

Taize Service at Buckeye Lake
4 p.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake. Prayer service in the Taize monastic community, with song, silence and reflection. 740-928-3266

Prayer Group Meeting at Christ the King
5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-866-8266

25, MONDAY
Rosary at St. Pius X
6:30 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Rosary for the sick of the parish and all who are ill. 614-866-2859

Benedicta Post-Abortion Healing Ministry
6:30 p.m., support group meeting, 2744 Dover Road, Columbus (Christ the King convent, first building west of church). 614-718-0227, 614-309-2651, 614-309-0157

Our Lady of Peace Men’s Bible Study
7 p.m., Our Lady of Peace Church, 20 E. Dominion Blvd., Columbus. Bible study of Sunday’s readings.

26, TUESDAY
Rosary for Life at St. Joan of Arc
Following 6:15 p.m. Mass, St. Joan of Arc Church, 10700 Liberty Road, Powell. Recital of Rosary for Life, sponsored by church’s respect life committee.

27, WEDNESDAY
Divine Mercy Chaplet at St. Pius X
6 p.m., St. Pius X Church, 1051 S. Waggoner Road, Reynoldsburg. Recital of Chaplet of Divine Mercy. 614-866-2859

28, THURSDAY
Cenacle at Holy Name
6 p.m., Holy Name Church, 154 E. Patterson Ave., Plain City. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, with prayers in the Cenacle format of the Marian Movement of Priests.

30, SATURDAY
Life and Mercy Mass in Plain City
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30-DEC. 8, SATURDAY-SUNDAY
Immaculate Conception Novena at St. Elizabeth
7 p.m., St. Elizabeth Church, 6077 Shaker Woods Blvd., Columbus. Novena in preparation for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. 614-891-0150

DECEMBER

1, SUNDAY
Exposition at Our Lady of Mount Carmel
9:30 to 10:30 a.m., Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 5133 Walnut Road S.E., Buckeye Lake. Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament every Sunday during Advent. 740-928-3266

Prayer for the Nation at St. Matthew
3 p.m., St. Matthew Church, 807 Havens Corners Road, Gahanna. Monthly Holy Hour of prayer for the nation, including the Divine Mercy Chaplet and the rosary of October. 614-866-2859

Solemn Vespers at Cathedral
4:45 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Sung Advent solemn Evening Vespers before 5:15 p.m. Mass. 614-241-2526

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5 to 7 p.m., Christ the King Church, 2777 E. Livingston Ave., Columbus (enter at daily Mass entrance). Weekly parish prayer group meets for praise, worship, ministry, and teaching. 614-866-8266

Lessons and Carols at St. Thomas Aquinas
5 p.m., St. Thomas Aquinas Church, 144 N. 5th St., Zanesville. Advent lessons and carols service. 740-483-3391

Catechesis at the Cathedral
6:45 p.m., St. Joseph Cathedral, 212 E. Broad St., Columbus. Twelfth of weekly series of sessions with Father Adam Streitenberger through December on the Catechism of the Catholic Church. 614-224-1295

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By Sarah Reinhard

Recently, a friend of mine commented that I read more than anyone should be able to. I took it as a compliment, and then wondered if she had seen my laundry piles. (No, she hadn’t. And if she did, I don’t think she would care.) Yes, I read. A lot. And many of the books I read are Catholic books. Here are my picks for you from the recently published books that have come across my desk. Though I haven’t read them all, I am planning to dive into each of them.

**Forgiveness Makes You Free: A Dramatic Story of Healing and Reconciliation from the Heart of Rwanda**, Father Ubald Rugirango-ga, Ave Maria Press, $16.95

This is, in the words of Immaculée Ilibagiza in the foreword, “the story of a priest who grappled with his own vocation, his own weaknesses, and his own losses and grief.” This book tells how Father Ubald survived the Rwandan genocide, in which he lost more than 80 of his family members and 45,000 of his parishioners. Father Ubald shares five spiritual principles and includes a guided meditation. Though the book includes reflection questions, they are part of the text and far more effective than what I’ve read in almost any other book with these types of questions. This is a book that challenges you to look beyond your struggles and into what God is asking of you.


The title says it all, and Deacon Greg – whose blog, “The Deacon’s Bench,” has been a must-read for me for many years – doesn’t disappoint. “But not everyone has the inclination – or, significantly, the time – to pray. And there’s the rub,” he writes in the introduction. “We want to pray, but who has the time?” What he offers in 124 cleverly designed pages is a plan of action, what he calls a “way to pray when you feel you just can’t.” He warns, though, that there are no magic formulas or easy solutions. You have to do the work. It’s a nice dose of fire under your feet if you need a little of that to get yourself going.

**Our Friend Faustina: Life Lessons in Divine Mercy**, Edited by Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet, Marian Press, $14.95

Local authors Faehnle and Jaminet have teamed up again, this time to gather a group of 11 other writers together around the topic of St. Faustina. This compilation covers how each of the women “met” Faustina and how that great saint, in turn, led them closer to Jesus. Each chapter is a personal story, often punctuated with excerpts from Faustina’s diary and closing with a prayer. Included in the back is a handy study guide, to use in your own reading or to guide you into making it a group study.


“This home is that place where we are meant to be safe, nurtured, known for who we are, and able to live and love freely,” write the authors, and when you pick up this hardbound, full-color book, you’re sure to want to curl up and just keep reading. This isn’t just a beautiful book – though it is indeed that! It is also an examination of what a home is and what a home can be. “Because secularism is so pervasive, interaction with a family in an orthodox and authentically Catholic home might be the only intimate exposure some will ever get to human lives struggling and striving to fully and sacramentally live according to God’s designs,” we read. If you love *Real Simple*, Martha Stewart and G.K. Chesterton, you’re going to love this.


This is going to be my Lenten read. How, you may ask, do I know this? Because, though I’m looking at this book longingly – my experience in reading Cardinal Sarah is that it’s fabulous, and slow, deep going – I know I won’t dive into it until I have to. This book is a conversation between Cardinal Sarah and author Nicholas Diat about the state of the world and the Catholic response to it. “In this book, I will not hesitate to use forceful language,” Cardinal Sarah writes in the beginning. His inspiration, he states, is from the Word of God, “which is like a two-edged sword.” If that doesn’t make you rub your hands together in anticipation (even as, if you’re like me, you battle the desire to hide under the table with a blankie), I don’t know what will.

Sarah Reinhard is a Catholic wife, mother, writer and Catholic Times columnist who lives in central Ohio. Get her Catholic take every weekday at http://bit.ly/TripleTakeOSV.
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