

Thoughts from the Deacon

Memorial St John Vianney August 4, 2020

St John Vianney was a great priest who came up during the French Revolution when churches were closed, Sacraments were banned and priests loyal to the Church were being killed for their faith. It was a very difficult time for the Church in France, much worse than the Covid virus lockdown. God always sends Saints in times of need to stand for the truths of the faith and to give the faithful hope. We can all strive to be that saint!!

We will be having **First Friday at St Mary this Friday at 6pm.** with Exposition and Adoration, and the Divine Mercy Chaplet. I plan to extend the period of **Adoration until 9pm** to give honor and glory to Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist and to offer reparation for all the attacks and blasphemous actions against the Church recently in our country. Come and give at least an hour of your time to worship Our Lord, and let him pour His graces upon you.

There will be **no Mass next Tuesday, August 11.** Father is unavailable.

The Men of the East Retreat is on hold or may be virtual due to Covid Restrictions.

As this year's election draws near, it is time to prayerfully consider our votes. The dignity of Human life is at the top of the hierarchy of values. It surpasses all other concerns because it is so fundamental. All other rights given us by God (as all rights come from God and not the government) are dependent on the dignity, and the intrinsic worth of all individuals, from conception until natural death. We are all made in the image of God and as such each life is sacred. This is the basis for civilization and needs to be protected as the primary concern that it is. Here is good website discussing voting from a Catholic standpoint:

https://www.church-militant.com/2020-catholic-voters-guide?gclid=CjwKCAjwjqT5BRAP EiwAJlBuBfy6sov3E_Sj3D5ljOIHRNYeaQqE7xvbfEoldP_eFvAMIJGPwwVgeBoCjI4QAvD_BwE

Do not forget about Rural King's Church Week August 2-15, 2020. They will donate 10% of the total bill back to us. We are registered for the Zanesville and Coshocton stores. You have to submit receipts as per their web page. www.ruralking.com/churchweek. If you do not have access to the webpage you can drop receipts in the collection basket or bring them to the office during usual hours: 9-12 M-F. Please patronize Rural King and thank them.

Viva Cristo Rey!!!! St John Vianney, pray for us!!