

# 13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## ST. NICHOLAS PARISH

From the Pastor's Desk

Every year our parish participates in supporting various mission organizations of the Catholic Church. Over the years we have welcomed a missionary to the parish to preach a mission appeal. The objective of the program is to give parishioners information about the various charitable works of the Church throughout the world, most especially in the mission lands. The work of the Church is necessary in order to bring the Good News of the Gospel to people who have not had the chance to hear about Jesus Christ. This is the Good News that animates the work they do in places like hospitals and schools. The mission is always to bring the Love of God to the people they serve. This is an important work in the Church.

This year we were scheduled to welcome the Crosier Fathers and Brothers. Unfortunately, we are not able to welcome a missionary priest to preach this mission appeal in person. The same happened last year because of the pandemic. In scheduling this appeal several months ago it was decided then that we should repeat what we did a year ago. With that in mind the priest who was to come sent his talk that was to be delivered. The talk is below.

### MISSION APPEAL JULY 3-4, 2021

"My dear brothers and sisters, I am Father Hubert Kavusa of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers. The Crosier Fathers are also known as the Canons Regular of the Order of the Holy Cross. I was born and raised in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, formally known as Zaire. I am now serving the people of God with my Crosier Brothers in Phoenix, Arizona.

The Crosier Order - or the Order of the Holy Cross - is one of the oldest religious orders in the Roman Catholic Church. We were founded by Blessed Theodore de Celles in **1210** in what the diocese of Liege is now, in Belgium. Our mission is to **keep the Gospel alive and proclaimed as we touch suffering with hope**. Today, over 800 years since our foundation, we Crosiers Fathers and Brothers are serving the people of God in Europe, North America, South America, Asia and Africa. In the midst of these difficult time of COVID 19. I (send this talk) to tell the story of our mission in Africa, namely the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and invite you to support us as we strive to touch suffering with hope.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo is the **second-largest country in Africa** and one-fourth the size of the US. The Congo is an extremely rich country with a superabundance of natural resources like diamonds, gold, silver, copper, oil, water, forests... There are some 86 million Congolese (let me correct, that: there are now some 80 million Congolese. About 6 million people have died in the last 20 years as a result of war and its consequences - poverty, violence, hunger, sickness...).

The Congolese population is desperately poor. Nearly 70% of the Congolese population lives below the poverty level., subsisting on less than \$2 a day. You will certainly ask: **Why is that? Why are the people so poor in such a rich country?** The main reason why the Congolese population is so poor is that the country never had responsible political leaders since independence. Over the years, corruption and war have destroyed the country: those who are in power don't care about the common good; they don't care about the wellbeing of the people.

As a result, the Congo is one of the countries with the largest number of children out of school. Millions of children - especially girls - from very poor families do not go to school because their parents cannot afford tuition or because there is no

school around. Thousands of boys and girls have been recruited by rebel groups as children soldiers.

We Crosiers believe that education is a fundamental right for every child in the world. We believe that all children deserve quality and affordable education. We also believe that education is a critical means to instill a new culture, the culture of peace and reconciliation, and so put an end to the cycle of violence and poverty in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

This is why, besides our many services in parishes and hospitals, we Crosiers are building a K - 12 Catholic School in the city of Butembo/DRC. This school will serve approximately 1,600 children: boys and girls from low-income families, including refugees and displaced families. The first of 4 phases of building the new K - 12 Catholic School started last May. In order to complete this project, our goal is to raise \$1 million.

The Crosier Fathers and Brothers are dependent on the outside for support. The economic situation of the country does not give us any real opportunity for self-support. We cannot achieve our goal to build a new school without the help of generous people like you. This is why I am asking for your support today. I am (here) in the name of thousands of uneducated children in Butembo. I and (here) on behalf of the Crosier Fathers and Brothers in the Congo to ask for your help. I am (here) to invite you to partner with us in building a new school in Butembo. Together we can make a difference in the lives of many children in the Congo. Together, let us give them a chance for a better future. Please consider a donation for our K-12 school project in Butembo.

There are now 115 Crosiers in the Congo; 40 of them are in initial formation at various levels. The tuition for a seminarian in the Congo is \$1,500 a year. Would you consider supporting the education of one Crosier seminarian in the Congo?

In 2015, the Crosier Fathers and Brothers initiated a fund that provides scholarships for vulnerable students in DRC. Thanks to the contributions of generous people like you, 40 students, boys and girls, who would never get a chance to attend higher education are now studying at the Crosier Holy Cross College in Mulo, DRC. We rely on the generosity of people like you to continue this wonderful ministry and even expand it to more students. As you will know, higher education can be expensive, but it's not the same in the Congo as here in the U.S. If your son or daughter wants to go to a private university, you might pay \$20,000, \$30,000 or even \$40,000 a year. The tuition for a college student in the Congo is \$1,500 a year. Would you contribute to the Crosier Scholarship Fund by supporting one vulnerable Student?

There will be a second collection next Sunday after communion. If you write a check, please make it payable to the parish. The parish will then forward all contributions to the Missions Office for the Crosier Fathers and Brothers. Thank you for helping us to carry out our mission. Thank you for helping us continue the mission of the Church. God Bless you. Fr. Kavusa."

As noted above we will be taking up a second collection next weekend for the Crosier Fathers. As in the past our parish has been generous to this mission work of the Church. I am confident that we will be just as charitable as we have been in the past. God Bless you for this.

Have a Blessed Week  
Father Ralko

## This week we pray Week I of the Liturgy of the Hours.

**THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY  
JULY 5. HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

### Church Support

June 20, 2021	
OFFERTORY	\$11,226.00
Diocesan Tax	\$(770.00)
Fenwick Subsidy	\$(2,635.00)
Rosecrans subsidy	\$(485.00)
Available for Parish Operations	\$7,337.00
Parish Operating Expenses	\$(7,825.00)
Religious Education Expenses	<u>\$(890.00)</u>
Other Income	<u>\$1,855.00</u>
Surplus this week	\$477.00

**May God bless you for supporting your parish!**

#### The Catholic Schools of Zanesville

Our School Lunch Summer program is open from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. every Wednesday. This program is Free and open to all students 18 and under. We are serving now! Drive up and go style lunches.

**St. Nicholas Church** is looking for someone to take over the responsibility of decorating the church. The main times of the year are Easter and Christmas. If interested, please call the parish office, 453-0597.

**The Daughters of Isabella** seek to promote the welfare of the community in accordance with the teachings and rules of the Catholic Church through unity, friendship and charity. All women age 16 and up are welcome to join us. The next meeting is **Tuesday, July 13 at 6:00 p.m.** at the St. Nicholas Parish Office.

**St. Nicholas Parish Festival** – August 6 & 7 Help St. Nicholas Church continue to be a light in the community. Volunteers are needed. Many hands make light work and there are many small ways you can help. To volunteer contact Kevin Jones (614) 591-6381 or [kevin.jones@jonesschlaterflooring.com](mailto:kevin.jones@jonesschlaterflooring.com)

**Jr. Bishops Soccer Camp** July 19,20 and 21, 2021 5:30-7:00 p.m. at Rosecrans High School, ages Kindergarten - 8th Grade Cost \$35.00 Contact Hugh Maxwell at 740-319-4764.

#### Men of the East Traveling Holy Hour

St. Edwards Catholic Church 785 Newark Granville Rd., Granville, OH 43023 will host the Men of the East for a traveling Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration on **Thursday, July 8<sup>th</sup>** starting at 7:00 pm in the Church. All Men of the twelve-parish consortium are invited and encouraged to participate in these once-monthly Holy Hours.



**Vacation Bible School**–Volunteers, age 12 and up, are needed to help with planning, decorating, and to work at Vacation Bible School. (Behind the scenes, planning and the event itself) Actors and a director are also needed for character acting and skits. For more information please contact Patty Boggs (740) 453-0597 ext 14 or e-mail [pboggs@stnickparish.org](mailto:pboggs@stnickparish.org).

**WILDERNESS ADVENTURE BIBLE SCHOOL** Through the Sacraments - July 26-30 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in the Parish Activity Center (Bishop Fenwick School Gym) For kids ages 4-11. Registration is now open! Registration forms can be found near the entrances of the Church, on the parish website and in the parish office. Please register by July 20<sup>th</sup>. Questions? Please call the parish office at (740) 453-0597 ext. 14 or e-mail: [pboggs@stnickparish.org](mailto:pboggs@stnickparish.org).

**Real Presence, Real Future reflections: Arise and Eat!**  
**Stephanie Rapp, St. Paul Parish & RPRF Commission Member:**

In today's Gospel, Jesus takes a young girl's hand, instructs her to "arise," and then tells her parents to give her something to eat. He saves her from death and ensures that she is fed, and He does the same for us today. Jesus saves us from sin and death, invites us into a relationship with Him, and nourishes us with His Real Presence in the Eucharist! Alleluia! May we respond in faith to this invitation, take hold of His outstretched hand, and journey with our Lord into the future with faith, hope, love, and courage.

To read more about how we are growing together in the life of faith and discipleship in the Diocese of Columbus, visit [www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org](http://www.RealPresenceRealFuture.org).

**Blood Drive sponsored by  
Park National Bank  
at Bishop Fenwick Elementary**

Gym  
1030 East Main St.  
Zanesville, OH 43701

**Friday, July 16, 2021  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**

To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-RED-Cross or visit [RedCrossBlood.org](http://RedCrossBlood.org), sperson code: PNB

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## JOB OPPORTUNITY

Mt. Olive Cemetery has a part time position available. Duties would include mowing, weed eating, helping to open and close graves, help pouring footers for headstones and snow removal. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 453-0597.

## ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS

St. Nicholas Church has a convenient way to make your regular offerings. With our electronic giving program, you can easily set up a recurring giving schedule. If you are currently giving on a weekly basis, you will no longer need to write out 52 checks a year or prepare 52 envelopes. Even when something prevents you from attending services, our church will continue to receive your contributions on an uninterrupted basis. To become an electronic giver, call or visit the church office or our website: [stnickparish.org](http://stnickparish.org).

*Our thoughts and prayers remain with those serving our country currently and with their loved ones at home. We pray for a safe homecoming and that the world may one day be at peace.*

**PLEASE REMEMBER ST. NICHOLAS PARISH IN YOUR WILL. CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 453-0597 FOR MORE DETAILS.**

*Please join us each Monday at the St. Nicholas Parish Office Chapel at 2:00 p.m. as we gather to pray the Rosary asking Our Lady's Intercession or the many needs of our nation, community, and parish.*

## *Readings for Week of June 28*

Mon. . . . .	Gn 18:16-33	Mt 8:18-22
Tues. . . . .	Acts 12:1-11	Mt 16:13-19
Wed . . . . .	Gn 21:5, 8-20a	Mt 8:28-34
Thurs. . . . .	Gn 22:1b-19	Mt 9:1-8
Fri. . . . .	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67	Mt 9:9-13
Sat. . . . .	Eph 2:19-22	Jn 20:24-29
Sun . . . . .	Ez 2:2-5	Mk 6:1-6a

## *What's Happening in Our Parish*

### MONDAY, June 28, St. Irenaeus

8:00 a.m., Mass: *Thomas Trott, Church*  
2:00 p.m., Rosary, Parish Office Chapel  
7:00 p.m., Mercy Bible Study

### TUESDAY, June 29, SS Peter and Paul

9:00 a.m., Mass: *St. Thomas Intention, Church*  
10:00 a.m. Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Parish Office Upper Level

### WEDNESDAY, June 30, The First Martyrs of The Holy Roman Church

9:00 a.m., Mass: *Deacon Gene and Mary Lou Staker, wedding anniversary, Church*

### THURSDAY, July 1, St. Junipero Serra

8:00 a.m., Mass: *Ann Bronkar, Church*

### FRIDAY, July 2

8:00 a.m., Mass: *Judy Stolper White, Church*  
No Eucharistic Adoration this month due to the holiday

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### SATURDAY, July 3

4:15 p.m. p.m.-4:45 p.m., Confessions, Church  
5:15 p.m., Mass: *Clara Shumate, Church*

### SUNDAY, July 4

8:15 a.m., Mass: *St. Nicholas Parishioners, Church*  
10:45 a.m., Mass: *Harold Roessler, anniversary, Church*

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

It is your responsibility to find a substitute if needed.

**July 4, 2020**

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### Saturday, July 3 @ 5:15 p.m.

Cantor: Sister Bernadette  
Lector: Keena Hansel  
Eucharistic Minister – Coord: Daniel Snider  
Eucharistic Ministers: Charlotte Snider, Josh Wright

### Sunday, July 4 @ 8:15 a.m.

Cantor: Sandy Black  
Lector: Sue Hillis  
Eucharistic Minister – Coord: Scott Peterson  
Eucharistic Ministers: Dan Sylvester, Cheryl Sylvester

### Sunday, July 4 @ 10:45 a.m.

Cantor: Kerby Staker  
Lectors: Rocky Rowe  
Eucharistic Minister – Coord: Karen Hardman  
Eucharistic Ministers: Tim Hoffer, Jim McKee



# Real Presence Real Future Gathering

Mass | Praise & Worship | Liturgical Music | Exposition

**Friday, August 27**

St. Joseph Cathedral

Livestream begins at 6pm

**Saturday, August 28**

**In-Person or Online!**

St. Charles Preparatory School

Doors Open 7:30am

Livestream begins at 8am



**Real Presence  
Real Future**

Bishop Robert Brennan



Archbishop Nelson J. Perez



Register at [realpresencerealfuture.org](https://realpresencerealfuture.org)