

# 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



October 24, 2021

ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH –  
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From the Pastor's Desk

For more than a year we have been hearing about the diocesan program Real Presence, Real Future. You have seen articles submitted to our bulletin offering reflections about this program as well as updates. The current process for this program has to do with conversations taking place in all the parishes around the diocese. These conversations are a necessary component for gathering information and gaining insights from parishioners in planning for the future. The Diocese of Columbus has a vision or a good idea as to the directions we need to move, yet that vision remains incomplete without input from the local communities. The key point is that this needs to be a shared vision at all levels. Thus, the process needs our input. Our input will be the result of a conversation taking place on the local level. To that end we have scheduled two parish consultation sessions.

## THE ANNOUNCEMENT

### REAL PRESENCE, REAL FUTURE

#### FALL PARISH CONSULTATION SESSIONS.

Real Presence, Real Future is the Diocesan initiative which began last year with the parish survey. The purpose of this initiative is to effectively serve the people in light of the number of priests and resources available. Information gathered will be used by the Bishop to structure parishes in order to meet the future needs of the parishes. Priests and pastors are participant but not facilitators and while they are invited to be part of the sessions, they did not and will not draft the options to be presented. No decisions will be made during the consultation sessions. The purpose of the Fall Parish Consultation Sessions is to obtain feedback from the people. The sessions are conducted by Diocesan trained volunteer facilitators. They are impartial and make no decisions, they simply lead the discussion. THE ST. NICHOLAS FALL CONSULTATION SESSIONS WILL BE HELD VIA ZOOM on Monday, November 8<sup>th</sup> and again on Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in one of the parish meetings. Pre-registration is required.

Please register online at: <https://realpresencerealfuture.org/parish-sessions-register/>.

There is a link to register (probably easier) on the parish website at [stnickparish.org](http://stnickparish.org).

Thinking about the future is not always easy. One difficulty that does surface is rather obvious, no one knows the future. We can have our speculations, but we don't really know. The future is unknown. Thus, this takes imagination based upon those things that we do know. When we look at our past and see how that is playing out today, we may see a rather bleak picture. Things have definitely changed over the years. Our parish has aged. Our facilities are older and need continuous maintenance. Our families are smaller and many are older. Some of the major employers are no longer here. Even the city of Zanesville is smaller with fewer children. We can easily form a dim view for the future. Yet it is still good to be living in Zanesville. In spite of some of the decline this is also a good time to be Catholic Christians. When things seem to be declining and somewhat negative, we are to look at them

with the eyes of faith. These are the times that we can shine and bring the light of Christ to our community.

Some folks have anxiety about the future. Anxiety is about the future. We can easily worry about the future that is not knowable. Anxiety prevents us from living today. After we pray the Lord's Prayer at mass, the priest says: "*Deliver us, Lord, we pray, from every evil, graciously grant peace in our days, that, by the help of your mercy, we may be always free from sin and safe from all distress (anxiety), as we await the blessed hope and the coming of our Savior, Jesus Christ.*" When we pray as Jesus taught us with the Lord's Prayer, we are to put our trust in our Heavenly Father who knows what is truly for our genuine good. Trusting the goodness of our Heavenly Father we pray that God's will be done on earth as it is in heaven. We put all things in God's hands; namely the present times we live in and the unknown future. With trust in God, we ask that we may be free of distress, worries, fears and anxiety about the future. We put it all in God's hands. With all things in God's hands, we approach life with faith.

There are many things in life that we cannot control. Yet we still need to plan for the future. Our planning for the future has more to do with how we will face the future. Again, we face the future with faith in God's divine providence. We have little control over the "what". However, we can plan and have more control over the "how." This is a matter of preparedness.

I am reminded of a prayer composed by Thomas Merton. Merton was a Cistercian Monk and a priest who lived at the Abbey of Gethsemane in Bardstown, Kentucky. He had written numerous spiritual books and had great insights into the spiritual and faith life. Merton wrote: "*My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.*"

The best preparation we can make for the future takes place today. It happens in the manner in which we live our faith today. Our desire to please God today is a desire that we will carry into the future. Our prayerfulness today is exactly the prayerfulness that we will carry into the future. Our faithfulness to Jesus Christ and his church is the faithfulness that we will carry into the future. No matter what, this is God's church and God will lead us to where he wants us to be in the future, even when we do not have a clear view of the road ahead.

We have no idea what our parish, our community or the city of Zanesville and Muskingum County will look like in five or ten years from now. However, we can be sure that we will have a Catholic community here. It is our desire to have a strong Catholic Community of faith. With that desire we must act today by living our faith. We must practice our faith: practice makes perfect.

You are encouraged to join as a parish in the upcoming ZOOM meeting. I am aware that some do not have a computer or computer capabilities etc. We are working on that and are making plans to have a gathering space for a group during these sessions. We have been informed that this is not ideal since there will be an online survey taking place during these sessions. That survey is intended to give immediate feedback so that everyone has an idea how others are thinking during the session. I have been on such a ZOOM

**CATHOLIC MEN'S LUNCHEON CLUB –  
FRIDAY NOVEMBER 5, 2021**

Father Michael Hartge will address Catholic Men's Luncheon Club on Friday, November 5, 2021. Please join us Friday, November 5 at St. Patrick Church in downtown Columbus for lunch and to hear Father Michael Hartge, Moderator of the Curia, speak about the Columbus Diocese' Real Presence Real Future initiative. Holy Mass (optional) begins at 11:45 am followed by lunch at 12:10 pm and Father Hartge's remarks. Free parking available in the Columbus State Grant Avenue parking lot (25-S) across the street from St. Patrick. No reservations are necessary. \$10 covers the lunch and meeting. Bring a friend!

For information on Catholic Men's Luncheon Club, visit [www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc](http://www.catholicmensministry.com/cmlc). Our December luncheon will feature newly ordained Fr. Stephen Ondrey.

"The Rosary is a powerful weapon to put the demons to flight and to keep oneself from sin...If you desire peace in your hearts, in your homes, and in your country, assemble each evening to recite the Rosary. Let not even one day pass without saying it, no matter how burdened you may be with many cares and labors." ~Pope Pius XI



**In honor of Our Lady of the Most Holy Rosary, we will pray the Rosary in the church during the month of October before the weekend Masses. Rosaries can be found in the pews and are free to take.**

meeting and found the immediate feedback helpful. Just the same, we are making plans for both; individuals logging in at home and a gathering as a group accessing the online ZOOM meeting. More details will be forthcoming regarding the place for gathering as a group.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please join us on Monday, November 8, or Wednesday, November 10<sup>th</sup>.

Have a great week.  
Father Ralko

**This week we pray Week II  
of the Liturgy of the Hours.**



*We pray for those who have  
died recently:  
Donald L. Thompson*

*We welcome into the Church the recently baptized:  
Emily Pearl Knox daughter of  
Dr. & Mrs. Stephen Knox*



Next weekend, October 30 & 31,  
St. Vincent de Paul will be "Holding the Hat"  
during all Masses as a 2<sup>nd</sup> collection.

**Would you like to learn more about the Catholic Faith? RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults) meets Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Office located at 955 E. Main Street.** The meetings are open to anyone who desires to learn more about the Catholic faith. Join us as we study the Catechism of the Catholic Church and how living a life of faith can help us find our way in today's world. Please call (740) 453-0597 ext. 14 to pre-register or for more information.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!** Our annual Cemetery Visit and Bonfire will be held on Sunday, October 31st at 5:00 p.m. All are invited to join us at the Mt. Olive Cemetery as we remember those who have died. Our time together will include an opportunity for private grave visitation and prayer. We will then gather around the bonfire for the recitation of the names of the parishioners who have died within the past year followed by the Rosary for the Repose of Souls. Even if you do not have anyone buried in the Cemetery, it is good to come and pray for the repose of souls as some have no one to pray for them. The evening will end with refreshments including baked beans and hot dogs with all the fixin's from Al and Patti Logan catering, hot chocolate, bottled water, marshmallows and smore ingredients. Please bring your rosary (if you don't have one, no worries we will have extra), lawn chairs and roasting sticks.

**May the faithful departed, by the mercy of God, rest in peace!**

**Eucharistic Adoration:** All are encouraged to participate in Eucharistic Adoration, Friday, November 5th. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and will end at 4:00 p.m. Guardian adorers are essential and needed as Christ exposed in the Monstrance must never be left alone. While drop-ins are welcome and there is no limit on the number of participants at any given time, there is a need for a minimum of two people per hour or the day. If you are able to commit to an hour, please contact the parish office at (740) 453-0597 ext. 14 or [pboggs@stnickparish.org](mailto:pboggs@stnickparish.org).



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October 24, 2021  
*Real Presence, Real  
Future reflections: Preach the Good  
News of Jesus Christ to the world!*

**Deacon Joe Knapke, Ss. Simon & Jude Parish, West  
Jefferson, OH**

Today is World Mission Sunday, when we focus on the mission of the Church, which is to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to the whole world. When we think of missionaries, we think of men and women who have *detached themselves from physical things* and have dedicated their lives to bringing the Gospel to people in Third World countries. But we are all missionaries, witnessing by our own lives to the Good News we have come to know in the Lord. Let us recommit ourselves to that mission as we celebrate the Eucharist, our Lord's *Real Presence*.

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).

**Muskingum Valley Right to Life** meets the 4th Tuesday of each month. For more information contact Mike Musselman at (740) 452-9806.

**CATALYST NIGHTS:** Due to unforeseen circumstances, November 14th Net Nights will be from 1:00-3:45 p.m. If you have any questions, please contact Rob Rodgers at [rrodgers@saintthomaszanesville.org](mailto:rrodgers@saintthomaszanesville.org) or 740-453-3301, ext. 125.

**BISHOP ROSECRANS ATHLETIC BOOSTERS:** Booster Mania tickets are available for the upcoming year. \$25.00 each or three tickets for \$60.00, drawings for tickets are for every day for this next year. Questions or concerns, please contact Marvin Paul at 740-819-3429.

# 30th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## ST. ANN/ ST. MARY DINNER



What: St. Ann/St. Mary Annual Turkey Dinner

Where: 4th and Chestnut St. Dresden, OH

When: Sunday, November 7

Time: 11am-2pm (unless food runs out earlier)

Menu: Turkey, Dressing, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy,

Green Beans, Roll, Applesauce, & Pumpkin Pie

Cost: Adults \$9.00 Children \$6.00

### ELECTRONIC CONTRIBUTIONS

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*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.*

## *What's Happening in Our Parish*

### MONDAY, October 25

8:00 a.m., Mass: *The Wilson Family, Church*

2:00 p.m., Rosary, *Parish Office Chapel*

### TUESDAY, October 26

9:00 a.m., Mass: *St. Thomas Intention, Church*

10:00 a.m., *Tuesday Morning Bible Study, Parish Office Upper Level*

### WEDNESDAY, October 27

8:10 a.m., *School Mass: Thomas(b) & Margaret(a) Paul, Church*

7:00 p.m., *RCIA, Parish Office meeting room, upper level*

### THURSDAY, October 28, Sts. Simon & Jude

8:00 a.m., Mass: *St. Thomas Intention, Church*

7:00 p.m., *Adult Children of Alcoholics Support Meeting,*

### FRIDAY, October 29

8:00 a.m., Mass: *Dixie Criswell, b, Church*

## **31st SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### SATURDAY, October 30

4:15 p.m. p.m.-4:45 p.m., *Confessions, Church*

5:15 p.m., Mass: *Eileen Gaab, Church*

### SUNDAY, October 31

8:15 a.m., Mass: *Knights of Columbus, Msgr. Dury Council 505., Church*

9:15 a.m., *Sunday School, Bishop Fenwick School*

10:45 a.m., Mass: *St. Nicholas Parishioners, Church*

## **Readings for Week of October 25**

Monday	Rom 8:12-17	Lk 13:10-17
Tuesday	Rom 8:18-25	Lk 13:18-21
Wednesday	Rom 8:26-30	Lk 13:22-30
Thursday	Eph 2:19-22	Lk 6:12-16
Friday	Rom 9:1-5	Lk 14:1-6
Saturday	Rom 11:1-2a	Lk 14:1, 7-11
Sunday	Dt 6:2-6	Mk 12:28b-34

LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE – October 30& 31, 2021 – 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time			
	CANTORS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
Saturday, October 30 5:15 p.m.	Kevin McCarthy	Tom Pitcock	Coord: Dan Snider Charlotte Snider, Josh Wright
Sunday, October 31 8:15 a.m.	Janet Moses	Susan Thompson	Coord: Jim Hillis Sue Hillis, Scott Peterson
Sunday, October 31 10:45 a.m.	Sandy Black	Bernie Budde	Coord: Karen Hardman Tim Hoffer, Jeff Shawger
(Please arrange a substitute if you are unavailable for your scheduled time)			

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# CATALYST

## NIGHTS Youth Ministry

GAMES | SKITS | FOOD | FRIENDS

Junior High and High School Welcome (Grades 7-12)

6:00—8:45 p.m. | St. Thomas Activity Center

Sun, October 10, 2021 Righteousness  
Sun, November 14, 2021 His Spirit  
Sun, December 12, 2021 His Presence  
Sun January 16, 2022 His Strength

Sun, February 13, 2022 His Faithfulness  
Sun, March 13, 2022 His Provision  
Sun, April 10, 2022 His Help in Temptation  
Sun, May 1, 2022 Gods Care for You

Saint Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church  
740.453-3301  
144 North Fifth Street, Zanesville, OH 43701  
[stthomasczanesville.org/faith-formation/youth-ministry/](http://stthomasczanesville.org/faith-formation/youth-ministry/)

Saint Nicholas Catholic Church  
740.453-0597  
955 East Main Street, Zanesville, OH 43701  
[stnicolsparch.org/get-the-latest](http://stnicolsparch.org/get-the-latest)



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Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup>

Friday November 19<sup>th</sup>

Saturday November 20<sup>th</sup>

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