

# St. Mary's Catholic Church

30<sup>th</sup> Ordinary Sunday

October 25, 2020

Dear Sisters and Brothers:

If a poll were taken asking people's opinion of who they would consider to be the greatest athlete or president or musician or movie star of all time I am sure that there would be many diverse answers. Likewise if a poll were taken in Jesus' time asking the various religious leaders: "Which commandment in the Mosaic Law would they consider to be the greatest?" there would be numerous diverse answers too. Why? Because in the Mosaic Law (Torah) there were 613 different oral commands: 248 positive, "you shall commands;" and 365 negative, "you shall **not**" commands. The Ten Commandments were merely a small part of these 613 precepts. For a population that was largely illiterate, the 613 precepts were more than most people could learn or understand, let alone put into practice. Yet it was common belief that one's salvation depended on the fulfillment of the Mosaic Law. I am sure that we can now see the bind that the ordinary Jewish person was in: How could one fulfill the Mosaic Law if one could not learn, remember or understand all of the Law's many precepts?

In today's Gospel text from St. Matthew "a scholar of the law" (scribe) tests Jesus by asking Him to name the greatest commandment: "Which commandment in the Law is the greatest?" This scholar along with the Pharisees and Sadducees thought that they had Jesus in a trap. If Jesus picked one commandment from the rest as being the greatest the Pharisees would accuse Him of downgrading the entire Torah. If Jesus replied that all were of equal importance, the Sadducees would argue He lacked common sense and He was placing the ordinary person in an impossible bind. Jesus escapes their trap by simply stating that **Love** is the greatest commandment: "You shall **love** the Lord God with all your heart, with all your soul, and all your mind" (Deuteronomy 6:5) **and** You should **love** your neighbor as yourself" (Leviticus 19:18). Jesus combines the teaching of Deuteronomy 6:5 with Leviticus 19:18 seeing them as **one**-the greatest commandment of all: **love** God, neighbor, and self.

Jesus made it clear that He came not to do away with the law and prophets, but rather to fulfill them. Jesus also pointed out that **love** is the summary of all of the teachings of the law and the prophets. He also stated that **love** of God, neighbor and self is the very core of Divine revelation.

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## Weekend Masses

Sat Oct 24	4:00 p.m.	In thanksgiving
Sun Oct 25	8:00 a.m.	For our parish
Sun Oct 25	10:00 a.m.	Urban Selhorst
Sat Oct 31	4:00 p.m.	Special Intention
Sun Nov 1	8:00 a.m.	For our parish
Sun Nov 1	10:00 a.m.	Nancy Brodman, Kathy Sehlhorst, Larry Mathewson, Betty Yant

## SUNDAY COLLECTION

Adults	\$2,045.00	Loose \$782.00
Total	\$2,827.00	
50 envelopes returned = 24%		



*Thank you for your generosity!  
Thank you also to those who give  
electronically!!*

## Assignments for October 31 & November 1, 2020

**Money Counters:** Chad Wolford, Nick Recker  
**4:00 p.m.**

**Cantor:** Steve McCullough  
**Ushers:** John Parinello and Bob Minto  
**Lector:** Amy Tabler  
**E.M.:** Jen Swartzlander  
**Servers:** Elizabeth Honse

### 8:00 a.m.

**Cantors:** Steve McCullough  
**Ushers:** *Volunteer*  
**Lector:** *Volunteer*  
**E.M.:** *Volunteer*  
**Server:** *Volunteer*

### 10:00 a.m.

**Cantor:** Steve McCullough  
**Ushers:** John Schlumbohm and Debbie Bullman  
**Lectors:** Jenia Freewalt  
**E.M.:** Wes Lovett  
**Servers:** Lovett Boys

## **Readings for November 1, 2020**

### **All Saints**

1<sup>st</sup> Reading: Revelation 7:2 – 4, 9 – 14

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading: 1 John 3:1 – 3

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1 – 12



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**A very generous donor** has donated the Formed.org subscriptions to all the parishes in the Toledo Diocese. This is a great opportunity to watch video programs that explain the Catholic faith, explore the deepest meaning of marriage, receive Bible studies on a variety of topics and includes inspiring audio talks. To register, go to: <https://signup.formed.org/> and type in St. Mary or use our zip code, 45817, and click on our parish. Enter your name and email, and then check your email for a link to begin using FORMED. It's that easy!

**Thank you for** your generous response to the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith last weekend on World Mission Sunday. Pope Francis encourages us to reflect on how we can be "ready to be completely at the service of God's will" all year round ([MISSIO.org](http://MISSIO.org))

**Landeck St. John the Baptist Church** will have their annual "Sausage & Sauerkraut" dinner on **Sunday, November 8, 2020**. This year, due to COVID 19, we will have drive-thru carry outs only. Cars will line up, heading north on Kill Rd, from 3-7pm. Volunteers will direct traffic, keeping the flow moving. Dinner includes Homemade Sauerkraut & Sausage, Mashed Potatoes, Pancakes, Applesauce and Pie. Adult tickets are \$10.00 and Children (8 and under) are \$5.00. Tickets can be purchased either pre-sale at the parish office or on the day.

**Sts. Peter and Paul Parish in Ottawa** is having its annual Fall Festival on Sunday, November 1. BBQ Chicken or Pork Chop dinners will be served from 11 – 1:30 p.m. as a drive thru at the Ottawa Fire Station, 805 N. Agner Street. Dinners are \$10.

**St. Mary's Catholic School Harvest Celebration – Leipsic** The harvest celebration will now be virtual and will be open until November 8th. To get tickets, please go to this site: <https://stmarys.ourraffle.org/>

- 1.) Visit the raffle website
- 2.) Click Enter Raffle

3.) Add the desired number of tickets to the cart (25/\$12)

Example: If you would like \$24.00 in tickets, then click "Add to Cart" twice.

Note: If you add too many tickets you will need to go to your Cart and revise, then return to the Raffle.

4.) Browse Items and add the desired number of tickets by clicking the + or -.

If you have questions, please contact [mknippen@sms.ls.noacsc.org](mailto:mknippen@sms.ls.noacsc.org)

*Winners will be announced by Wednesday, November 11th.* All prizes can be picked up at the School or in the Parish Office after that date.