



# ST. ROMUALD CATHOLIC CHURCH

394 N HWY 259 · HARDINSBURG KY 40143

October 14, 2018 - Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## dear Padre

### Does the Church consider homosexuality a sin?

Although Church teaching considers the homosexual orientation to be disordered because homosexual acts are closed to the gift of life and lack the “affective and sexual complementarity” necessary for marriage, the Church nonetheless clearly affirms the basic human dignity of homosexual persons and their ability to achieve graced and holy lives. Although the Church teaches that homosexual acts are immoral, the Catechism of the Catholic Church states unequivocally that homosexual persons “must be accepted with respect, compassion, and sensitivity. Every sign of unjust discrimination in their regard should be avoided” (CCC 2358).

Scientific evidence suggests that, in the vast majority of cases, sexual identity—homosexual, heterosexual, or somewhere in between—is not a matter of choice. It’s determined before we’re even aware of it, and we gradually grow into it as we mature. So even if there is an essential imperfection in homosexuality because of the lack of complementarity and inability to procreate, gay persons are in no way morally responsible for their orientation. They shouldn’t see it as an obstacle to a fulfilling and happy life.

It follows from this that a homosexual inclination is in no way incompatible with a Christian vocation or the pursuit of holiness. All of us have various inclinations to sin, and gay persons have the same hope of God’s friendship and grace as anybody else. —  
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# Masses for the Week

## October 15th - 21th

Mon	8:00 am	Lorene O'Reilly
Tues	1:00 pm	Joe O'Reilly (Extended Care)
Wed	5:00 pm	Bob & Margaret Hinton
Thurs	9:30 am	Jerry Schlesinger Fam (Medco)
Fri	9:00 am	Joey Walz Family (KofC)
Sat	5:00 pm	Buck Bland
Sun	7:00 am	St. Romuald Parishioners
	10:00 am	Larry J Henning (SH)

# Stewardship of Finance

## October 7 Collection

Sunday Collection.....	\$8,299.00
Children.....	\$2.00
Building Fund.....	\$479.00

## REGULAR COLLECTION (Envelopes and Loose)

Amount needed Weekly.....\$9,500.00

Weekend October 6/7 .....\$8,301.00

## Year to date Totals thru Oct 9th, 2018

Total All Income.....\$137,305.54

Total All Expenses.....(\$133,578.44)

Net Income .....\$3,727.10

# Worship and Sacrament

**Anointing of the Sick:** Anointing of the Sick is celebrated with the parish community every first Wednesday at 5:00 pm Mass. Yet, anytime, anointing is available for illness, preparation for surgery or for recovery, by calling Fr Tony.

**Baptism:** Congratulations on the birth of your child! Your Church Family is excited about your family growing and our family growing! We look forward to celebrating your child's baptism! Preparation for new parents or those new to the parish is held by appointment. Call Fr Tony.

**Marriage:** Congratulations on your engagement! Your Church Family wishes to help you fully prepare spiritually and walk with you into this lifetime commitment to each other. In order to allow sufficient time, couples must contact the parish office at least 6 months before the anticipated wedding date.

**Confession/Reconciliation:** Every Wednesday 4:00-4:45 pm; every Saturday 4:00-4:45 pm, every first Saturday after 8:00 am Mass, or anytime by simply asking or calling Fr Tony for appointment.

**Visitation of the Sick:** Please notify Father or the office upon admission of a family member into nursing homes or hospital. Often we rely upon word from the family about illnesses of a member. Please call.

**RCIA:** Interested in the Catholic Faith? The RCIA process is a "spiritual journey" that fully initiates those who are not baptized or who have baptism from another tradition and wish to join fully the Catholic Church. Classes are offered through the year culminating at Easter! Please call the office for details!

**Membership in the Parish:** Welcome to all new families or persons moving into our parish. We are glad that you are joining the parish community. We want to visit with you and help you settle into the church. Please register in the parish office as soon as possible.

# Ministers of the Liturgy - October 20th & 21st

	Eucharistic Ministers	Lectors	Ushers	Servers	Rosary Leaders	Music Ministers
5:00 pm	Volunteer Kathy Flood	Shannon Aldridge Pam Pollock	C-Tim Aldridge* C-Leroy Henning S-David Basham S-Mark Rhodes	Ben Aldridge Cameron Geeding	Jamesetta Whitfill	Shannon
7:00 am	Janet Bland Shirley Bland	Cathy Lewis	C-Chuck Hardesty* C-Tom Winchell S-Blake Flood S-Michael Flood	Benjamin Anthony Volunteer	Margie Wethington	
10:00 am	Sharon Hale Kathryn Ables Sandy Horsley Rosa Hockenberry	Joellen McGary Betsy Anthony	C-Ron O'Donoghue* C-Ethan O'Donoghue S-Mack Mattingly S-Chuck McGary	Mary Grace Mattingly Sydney Mattingly	Laura Frank	
Radio Minister: Volunteer                                      Children's Liturgy: NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY						

# Parish News and Events



If you are willing to serve on a RCIA refreshment

team *one time* between November 2018 - May 2019, please call Marie Rose at 756-2356 or 270-617-0538 to be placed on the schedule. We need you!! Thank you for volunteering for this ministry!!!



**RCIA Refreshment Team for Oct 17:**  
Sheila Drane, Susan Arnold, Robynn Brown  
**RCIA Refreshment Team for Oct. 24:**  
Laura Sturgeon, Shirley Bland, Sheila Pullen

**Thanks** to Jennifer Roberts, Maria Flood and Rita Whitfill for providing refreshments for RCIA this past week!

**Thanks** to all willing to help with this ministry!

## Advent Giving Tree:

This year our tree is going up Saturday November 24th! The tree will stay up for 3 full weeks. We are requesting gifts to be returned no later than Sunday December 16th. We ask that you don't wrap the gifts. Some changes are taking place regarding the Advent tree. The changes include:

1. We will not be placing the residents of Medco and Extended Care on the tree. We will instead be giving the Catholic residents a poinsettia.
2. We have simplified the application to one clothing item or shoes and one toy.
3. We will be more selective about the applicants placed on the tree, so if you know a family in need, we ask you contact Amelia Anthony (270)872-6431 or Deacon Tony Anthony(270)617-8032.

## Grades 7-12 Religious Education 2018-2019 Calendar

October 14, 2018	Class from 11:30-2
November 4, 2018	Outdoor Movie at 6:30
November 11, 2018	Class from 11:30-2
December 2, 2018	Class and service 11:30-2

### Celebration

#### BIRTHDAYS:

Walter Harper, October 17  
Phyllis Flood, October 19  
Nancy Walz, October 19  
Marie Burnette, October 22

#### ANNIVERSARY:

Alvin & Margie Mattingly, October 20, 56 Years

**Al-Anon Meeting:** Mondays 7:00 pm St Romuald Parish Hall. Come find support and understanding to recover a sense of serenity in your life.

## This Week at St. Romuald

Mon	8:00 am	MASS
	1:00 pm	Blue Army Rosary
	6:00 pm	Dave Ramsey Finance Peace Class
	7:00 pm	Al-Anon
Tues	1:00 pm	Mass (Extended Care)
	4:00 pm	Rosary
Wed	5:00 pm	Mass
	6:00 pm	RCIA
Thur	9:30 am	Mass (Medco)
Fri	9:00 am	School Mass
Sun	8:15 am	K-6 Religious Ed

# Around and About

**Pray to end abortion:** Join other Catholics and those from other faiths that gather each Saturday at 2nd and Market in Louisville from 7:00-8:00 am (EST) to pray for families entering the abortion clinic. Many children have been saved and mothers spared future grief by this prayer action and support. With God, all things are possible! Archbishop Kurtz is known to show up and pray with everyone too!

**Abortion Update:** Last week 53 women went into EMW Clinic for abortions at 2nd and Market Street in Louisville. **Please pray to end abortion.**

## Readings for the Week

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31 — 5:1; Ps 113:1b-5a, 6-7; Lk 11:29-32
- Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6; Ps 119:41, 43-45, 47-48; Lk 11:37-41
- Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 11:42-46
- Thursday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b; Ps 145:10-13, 17-18; Lk 10:1-9
- Friday: Eph 1:11-14; Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13; Lk 12:1-7
- Saturday: Eph 1:15-23; Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-7; Lk 12:8-12
- Sunday: Is 53:10-11; Ps 33:4-5, 18-20, 22; Heb 4:14-16; Mk 10:35-45 [42-45]



**Fulfilling the Promise, Renewing the Pledge | Listening Sessions with Bishop William F. Medley**

You are invited to join Bishop Medley and a few members of the Diocesan Review Board for an opportunity to share your concerns and thoughts regarding the recent clergy abuse scandals. Bishop Medley wants to listen to you at the following session:

- Wednesday, October 24 at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Owensboro from 6:30 – 8 p.m.
- Monday, October 29th at Sts. Peter & Paul Parish in Hopkinsville from 6:30-8pm
- Thursday, November 8th at St. Thomas More Parish in Paducah from 6:30-8pm

## Knights of Columbus

### Memorial Service for Departed Brothers and their Families.

Brother Knights, please join me at our annual Memorial Service for Departed Brothers and their Families at St Romuald's 7am Mass, 28 Oct.

### FOOTBALL FRENZY.

Once again the Kentucky Knights of Columbus are selling Football Frenzy tickets. Membership Card Cost-Buy 2 Get 1 Free: Membership Card is \$10. By purchasing the Membership Card, the card holder is automatically entered into the Football Frenzy Game. By purchasing two membership cards you can go to [www.footballsweeps.com/FREE](http://www.footballsweeps.com/FREE) to get a FREE third ticket! Free Tickets) will be emailed to you (while supplies last, valid until 10/24/2018. Contact a KofC Member or Pat O'Reilly at 270-617-0754 to get your ticket(s).

### BECOME A KNIGHT:

"Why Join the Knights of Columbus?" We covered Lead with Faith, Protect your Family and to Server Others and the now the final part "Defend Your Values". Defend the faith. Defend the truth. As a member of the Knights of Columbus, your voice is joined with 1.9 million fellow members. You receive tools and resources to stay informed, take action, and support local, national, and international efforts on issues that are important to you. The Catholic faith is worth defending, and with the Knights you never act alone. As a member you:

- Stand up for the unborn and the dignity of all human life
  - Fight for religious liberty and our persecuted brothers and sisters in the Middle East
  - Join in our ongoing work in support of the Church
- Deep within the heart of every man is a call to live with purpose and meaning; a call to lead, to protect, to serve and to defend.

Men today need a band of brothers – other Catholic men to share in that call, who walk together on the journey towards something better. YOU ARE BORN A MAN, YOU BECOME A KNIGHT. Join today. Visit [KofC.org/JoinUs](http://KofC.org/JoinUs) or contact James O'Reilly at 270-617-0754, Hardinsburg Council 2499

If you're interested in helping those in need, serving your parish, growing in your faith or having exclusive access to top-rated insurance protection for your family, then the Knights of Columbus is the organization for you. Hardinsburg Council 2499 will conduct a membership drive after each Mass on 14 October. Please consider joining us. For more information visit [www.kofc.org](http://www.kofc.org).

## Priesthood Sunday October 28<sup>th</sup>



Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> is Priesthood Sunday. Priesthood Sunday is a time to celebrate and affirm the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church in the Sacrament of Holy Orders. It is an opportunity for Catholic parishioners to thank, affirm, and share their love and support for our priests. On this day, parishioners are encouraged to make a

commitment to pray for all priests and especially for their own parish priests. It is also a time to pray for vocations to priesthood and to encourage young men to courageously seek God's will and follow his call.

## National Vocation Awareness Week (Nov 4-10)

National Vocation Awareness Week is being celebrated November 2-10. This annual observance of the Catholic Church in the United States is designed to focus on vocations to the priesthood, religious life and diaconate. It is a time to encourage young people to ask themselves: "To what vocation in life is God calling me?" It is also an opportunity to bring awareness to and pray for those already in discernment of one of these vocations. Parishes and schools are encouraged to include, during the first week in November, prayer and special activities that focus on vocation awareness.

During National Vocation Awareness Week, we encourage all Catholics to:

Take time to pray for vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life.

Reflect on our own vocation and strengthen our personal relationship with Christ.

Participate in the **CALLED BY NAME** process

Invite and encourage young people to consider a vocation to priesthood or religious life and to consider participating in our discernment opportunities

Educate our young people about the importance of silent prayer and taking the time to truly listen to God's voice in our hearts

Every Catholic parish and school is invited to incorporate "Vocation Lessons" into their curriculum. These materials have been provided by the vocations office.

## Diocesan Prayer for Vocations

God our Father, we thank you for calling men and women from the Diocese of Owensboro to serve in your Son's kingdom as priests, deacons and religious

We pray that you continue to inspire young men and women to respond courageously to your call and give themselves generously to the Church in service of the Gospel.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon our parishes, schools, and families and assist us in building a culture of vocations in which many will hear your call to serve your people.

Help us to remain faithful to the call of the Gospel as we support and encourage vocations of sacrificial love in our youth.

We ask this through Christ our Lord  
Amen

Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for us!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### We Pray For:

Frank Adkins, Charles Alloway, Keith Androski, Frank Baker, Baby Barr, **Glenn Basham**, **Gene Bennett**, Roy Bennett, Pat Bland, Debbie Bowlds, Becky Brown, Ava Bruner, Juanita Burch, Kathy Burns, Mike Clark, Anna Carrico, Elias R. Carter, Ashley Carwile, Robert Chambliss, Donnie Claycomb, H.L. DeJarnette, Pat Driskell, Debbie Dubree, Davye Duggins, Sammy Duggins, Glenda Farris, Tessa Farris, Bonnie Gail Fentress, Ginny Flood, Don Ford, Dorothy Greenwell, Linda Greenwood, The Henry Family, Austin Harris, Kay Harris, JoAnn Henning, Patricia Miller Henning, Joe Hess, Kitty Himmelhaver, Bill Hinton, Jacqueline Huddleston, Mary Hurt, Robert Jackey, Alfred Jarboe, Joe Jarboe, Virginia Jeffries, Mary Ann Johnson, Ashley Jones, Becky Keenan, David Lane, Daniel Lewis, Rebecca Logsdon, Mary Ann Flood Lynch, **Mark Masterson**, Jim Mattingly, Jude Mattingly, Janie Maysey, Bevan Michael Miller, Joe Miller, Richard Miller, Joe & Sharon Morgan, Anna Christine Mundt, Eddie O'Bryan, Joe Oelze, Patsy Oelze, Janet O'Reilly, Peggy Phillips, Jason Pirtle, Bobby Potts, Joan & Tom Powers, Marilyn Preher, Joe Priest, Mary Jo Rankin, Rita Roach, Kimberly Rolen, Suzanne Rose, Darcy Satterly, Dale Severs, Max Sharp, Bob Smith, Deborah Sue Stevens, Casey Sturgeon, Pam Sturgeon, Adalee Taul, Gina Thornsberry, Rufus Tivitt, Pat Watkins, Raymond Wethington, Charles Whitehead, Diane Whitney, Darrell Whitfill, Leona Whitworth, Madelyn Whitworth, Carolyn Wilcheck, Kevin Wilcheck, Tom Winchell, Anne Wolfe, Brandy Young **Serving in the Armed Forces:** Mandie Adams, Kevin Arnold, Fred Barham, Austin Brown, Timothy Cashen, Ryan Critchelow, Cody Garst, Parker Findlay, James Hanor, Christian Hansen, Jack Hayes, Charles Kuhlman, Bradford O'Reilly, Jordan Pate, Jeff Smith, Lane D. Taul, Liana Tindle, Chase Upchurch, Garrett Wadsworth



## PRAYER AND SPIRITUALITY



### GOSPEL MEDITATION

**October 14, 2018**  
**28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Christian author C.S. Lewis once wrote that Christianity is not so much about being nice people but in being "new men." We see this contrast in today's Gospel. "Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus first answers in the predictable way. Follow the commandments! "Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth." Perhaps for some of us it's easy to answer this way. "I'm a good person!" he seems to reply. Does he truly follow all the commandments he professes to follow? Does he -- in word and deed -- check off all the boxes of the moral law? Perhaps. Whether he's being honest or fudging the truth, Jesus accepts his answer at face value with compassion. "Jesus, looking at him, loved him."

But he's not done yet! Jesus wants to remind us that this attitude alone is not enough. "Go, sell what you have ... then come, follow me." Jesus' invitation to the young man is radical. Abandon everything that gives you any sense of security. Give it all up for an unknown future with a wandering preacher.

The Christian life is not easy. "How hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!" It's easier, Jesus says, for a gigantic camel to squeeze itself through a tiny needle's eye. But the God of the universe creates out of nothing, breaks the bars of hell, and raises the dead to life. Is a needle's eye really such an obstacle? Jesus' invitation is always bigger than our own limitations. This week, what do we need to offer up? How is Jesus inviting us to follow him?

**Blue Army Meeting and Rosary** at the home of Mary Ann Johnson (219 W2nd Street) on Monday at 1:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.



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**Sunday, Oct 14, 2018**

**TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
A modest proposal**

Jonathan Swift set his 18th-century readers on fire when he “modestly” suggested that poverty in Ireland could be ended if the Irish would but resolve to eat their children. This grotesque recommendation was neither serious nor a joke, but something else: a wake-up call to the plight of the desperate. When Jesus offers his modest proposal of total renunciation of our property, we’re left in the same boat as Swift’s audience. Is Jesus serious or kidding? What is he saying about what’s most vital for life? Can’t we follow him—and drag all our cool stuff along?

TODAY’S READINGS: *Wisdom 7:7-11; Hebrews 4:12-13; Mark 10:17-30 or 10:17-27 (143).* “Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor . . . then come, follow me.”

**Monday, Oct 15, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF TERESA OF JESUS, VIRGIN, DOCTOR OF THE CHURCH**

**Be bold in prayer**

A sampling from Saint Teresa of Ávila’s autobiography (completed in 1565) reveals her bold, brilliant, and utterly endearing approach to prayer: “I had quite lost trust in myself and was placing all my confidence in God. I believe I told Him then that I would not rise from that spot until He had granted me what I was beseeching. I feel sure that this did me good, for from that time onward I began to improve.” Teresa was fearless in her demand for God’s attention as she worked her way toward divine union. Be brave today and let the Holy Spirit with Teresa’s aid teach you what to say as you pray.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Galatians 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1; Luke 11:29-32 (467).* “At the preaching of Jonah they repented, and there is something greater than Jonah here.”

**Tuesday, Oct 16, 2018**

**MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE, VIRGIN**

**Set your heart on fire**

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque had a deep and abiding devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, which is often depicted as a heart on fire and pierced with a crown of thorns. For Margaret Mary, this image was a reminder of the very real suffering and sacrifices Jesus made out of unending love for us. Call to mind the Sacred Heart the next time you are having a difficult day and need a reminder of the intensity of God’s love for you. There is nothing that can keep you from receiving God’s healing embrace except your own will to do so.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Galatians 5:1-6; Luke 11:37-41 (468).* “Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish, inside you are filled with plunder and evil.”

**Wednesday, Oct 17, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH, BISHOP, MARTYR  
Everyone is welcome**

If it weren’t for Saint Ignatius of Antioch (c. 50-107), who way back in the first century used the word *catholic* in his description of the early church, what might our church be called today? *Catholic* works because it speaks to the unity and the diversity that continues to make the church universal for all people of all times and all places. That ours is the church of the apostles and those who followed them, like Ignatius, is both reassuring and challenging. Today savor the richness of our universal church.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Galatians 5:18-25; Luke 11:42-46 (469).* “You impose on people burdens hard to carry, but you

*yourself do not lift one finger to touch them.”*

**Thursday, Oct 18, 2018**

**FEAST OF LUKE, EVANGELIST**

**Shared meals are doubly blessed**

We probably think of the Last Supper as the moment when Jesus made all meals sacred. But, according to Saint Luke, whose feast we celebrate today, nearly every meal Jesus ate was a radical act of love. He sat down with anyone and everyone: saints and sinners, Pharisees and prostitutes. Dorothy Day understood Jesus’ actions this way: “We cannot love God unless we love each other, and to love each other we must know each other in the breaking of the bread. . . . Heaven is a banquet and life is a banquet, too, even with a crust, where there is companionship. Love comes with community.”

TODAY’S READINGS: *2 Timothy 4:10-17b; Luke 10:1-9 (661).* “Remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid.”

**Friday, Oct 19, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF JOHN DE BRÉBEUF AND ISAAC JOGUES, PRIESTS, AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS**

**Give your all**

The Jesuit Saints John de Brébeuf and Isaac Jogues came to North America largely to convert as many members of the Huron tribe to the Catholic faith as possible. The story of the encounter of these men with the indigenous people had consequences for both sides. But their lives and deaths watered the seeds of faith, as the blood of martyrs often does, and helped bring Catholicism to this continent. Remember their courage and perseverance the next time you are called upon to make a sacrifice.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Ephesians 1:11-14; Luke 12:1-7 (471).* “Even the hairs of your head have all been counted. Do not be afraid.”

**Saturday, Oct 20, 2018**

**MEMORIAL OF PAUL OF THE CROSS, PRIEST**

**Wait for your answer**

While a young man, Saint Paul of the Cross was unsure which direction his life should take—a military or business career? Marriage? Then one day he was listening to a homily on the sufferings of Jesus, and it all made sense to him: He would redirect his life to bring others the message of God’s love expressed in Christ’s Passion. He desired to form a community of the like-minded to pursue this mission, but he had to wait more than two decades—years he spent as a hospital chaplain and traveling preacher—before the church officially gave him permission to found a religious order, the Passionists. It can take time to find one’s calling and be confirmed in it. But the satisfaction is worth the wait.

TODAY’S READINGS: *Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 12:8-12 (472).* “The Holy Spirit will teach you at that moment what you should say.”

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