



2021-2022

Better FOR Others
Gospel of Matthew 25:31-46

THE SUNDAY SCOOP SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Happy Sunday!

The scripture this weekend was full of many ideas to contemplate as they relate to our lives. What is it that struck you and your family? One passage that always causes me to pause and truly reflect: **Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.** What does that look like in my daily life and am I joyfully taking up the cross? Does that mean that when I see a need, but I really don't feel like doing anything about it, do I take up my cross and do what is asked of me? Where is the balance of faithful works and rest? There is much to consider. **If you did not make it to in-person Mass yet today, there is still 5:30pm at Saint Charles. Make a plan!**

As we commemorate the events of 9/11/2001 this weekend, we pray for those who continue to suffer from the losses and we pray for peace - that begins in our own hearts, families, communities, etc. Thank you to the Boy/Cub Scouts for leading us in prayer at school Mass with Fr. Josh as our celebrant on Friday at 8:30am. (In case you want to watch that Mass: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hKPA0n5bGiQ>) Thank you specifically to Gabe Corrigan and Sean Marko for their leadership. Finally, thanks to Mr. Skelley for coordinating the set up of the flags to be used not only during Mass on Friday, but also through the entire weekend at Saint Charles. **Mr. Skelley shared with me that there have been a number of weekends this summer that various scouts have cleaned up the yard of a senior who needed help. What a great example of being Better FOR Others!**

Before the reminders for this week at Saint Charles, **if you have a high schooler - he/she is invited to the Saint Charles High School Youth Group kick-off tonight. It starts with 5:30pm Mass and then there is MESSY GAMES NIGHT.** All are invited. Fr. Josh welcomes all!

We have a student who has tested positive for Covid. The student is in third grade and while the parents and doctor both thought it was allergies, the test did come back as positive. The symptoms were a headache and congestion. **The student's sibling is in sixth grade and went home Friday when test results were received.** Thank you to the family for being so responsible. There have been some families whose parents have had Covid symptoms and have kept their child(ren) home until the results are received. Thank you to them for being responsible and thinking of others! Some parents have tested negative and therefore sent their child(ren) back to school; others tested positive, so the students are in quarantine. Interestingly, while discussing these situations with the Cuyahoga County Board of Health, if the older student had been vaccinated, he/she could have returned to school wearing a mask (no quarantine needed). Of course, we pray for all who are sick with Covid. Please continue to monitor your children's health - as you always do!

MAP testing begins tomorrow. Thank you for not scheduling appointments during the school day this week and next week. If there is an appointment - please contact the homeroom teacher now and let him/her know so we can arrange make-up test sessions.

Math lab for students in junior high begins tomorrow after school in room 9 from 2:45-3:15pm.

Attention seventh graders... who wants to be part of our awesome Power of the Pen team this year?!?! We have had a number of students in past years reach state competition - thanks to the guidance of Mrs. Seguin. **There is an informational meeting tomorrow (Monday) in Mrs. Seguin's room from 2:45-3:15pm.** Even if unsure, come to the meeting to learn more. Writing practice will begin on Wednesday until 3:30pm - more info at the meeting.

There is an Open House for boys and parents interested in Cub Scouts (grades K-4) on Tuesday from 6-8pm in the Lower Parish Hall. You do not have to come for the whole time - it is an Open House - come when you can to learn more about joining a wonderful parish organization with a rich history at Saint Charles. Interested in being a part of Pack 73? See you Tuesday. Any questions, contact Cub Master, Gary Skelley at 216-375-5899.

Starting this Wednesday, your children are invited to join Mrs. Hamer in attending 7:00am Mass. What a fabulous way to start the day! **If your child(ren) will be attending 7am Mass, students should be in church between 6:50 and 6:57am.** Mrs. Hamer will be sitting on the "Mary side" of the church. You are certainly invited to stay, but do not have to - that is why Mrs. Hamer is there :) **After Mass, students are welcome to go to Mrs. Hamer's room - and if they want to bring a simple morning snack to eat, that is great as well.**

Thanks to everyone who brought clothes and other household items to the PTU clothing give-away yesterday - 5,493 pounds were collected! Special thanks to the chairperson of the event, Jackie Todd, and to all those who helped.

Speaking of PTU, the first meeting of the year is THIS WEDNESDAY, at 7pm in the John XXIII room. Where is THAT, you ask? In the Parish Activity Center (the building on the campus furthest east). The room is on the second floor. There are signs in the building to direct you to the room. Please join us for the meeting.

MORE PTU events - the PTU Paint Night is Thursday from 6:30-8:30pm in Lower Parish Hall. Pre-registration required.

Math tutoring for grade five is Thursday morning at 7:30am and for grade six is Friday morning at 7:30am. Thanks Mrs. Gerity!

On Friday, the eighth graders will meet their kindergarten buddies for the first time. The kindergarten-eighth grade buddy program is a long-lasting tradition at Saint Charles. They meet each month to play, read, and other fun activities.

Junior high students are invited to a junior high dance on Friday from 7:30-10pm at Saint Thomas More. Students from Saint Charles, Saint Leo, and Mary, Queen of Peace are invited to the dance. We have been graciously invited to attend monthly dances there for years. This first dance will be outside. **Junior high parents, look for a second email with more details.**

Next Sunday (September 19) will be the final Sunday Mass with Fr. Chris Cox at 10am. There is a reception in Lower Parish Hall after Mass. All are welcome and invited. As you know, Fr. Chris has been assigned to Saint Anselm Parish in Chesterland as administrator and then, in a year, installed as pastor. **Congratulations to Fr. Christopher Cox!**

Ms. Cindy Zalek, pastoral associate at Saint Charles, asked me to extend this invitation to all families:

The Fall Foliage Holy Hikes is open to all and I wanted to extend the invitation and information to the parents and kids in the school. Here are the dates:

Sunday - October 3 - Hinckley Reservation



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Sunday - October 10 - Ohio and Erie Canal Reservation

Sunday - October 17 - Brecksville Reservation (By The Train Station)

Sunday - October 24 - Wallace Lake

Time is from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm. Sign up online at stcharlesonline.org/fall-2021 or in the Parish Office with your contact information (name, address, email, phone number and T-shirt size if you would like to order one).

Registration deadline is Monday, September 20, 2021.

The good thing is that 3 of the 4 Sundays the Browns play after 4 pm. And I did not touch the 31st because it is Halloween!!!

Looking into the next week:

Mandatory parent meeting for those who have students in grades 2 or 8 - this is a wonderful time for adult catechesis! It is from 7-8pm in the Lower Parish Hall on September 20.

Individual picture day is Monday, September 20 (dress up or down); class picture day (everyone in grade 1-8 in complete uniform) is Tuesday, September 21. Preschool will have both individual and class pictures on their respective days of class.

Drama Club auditions are Wednesday and Thursday (Sept. 22 and 23). Eighth graders should plan to audition on Wednesday.

The first eighth grade shadow day for high school is Sept. 23. There is no school for eighth grade on that day.

Have a beautiful rest of your Sunday and...

GO BROWNS!

Eileen M. Updegrove