

## It's Not Fair

**T**he story in the Gospel doesn't sound fair. Some people worked from early morning until evening; others joined them at the end of the workday. But they all got the same pay. How can that be fair? Perhaps fairness isn't the point of the story. But then, what is?

The landowner, symbolizing God, hired the workers "after agreeing with them for the usual daily wage" (Matthew 20:2). If the earliest workers presumed that the agreed-upon wage would be changed, does that make God unfair? Those workers expected God to conform to what they considered just—and justice certainly is a very important value. However, God acted out of divine generosity—a quality we hope to benefit from but which might engender resentment when it is bestowed upon others.

As difficult as this story might seem to us, it raises some important questions about ourselves. Perhaps the story is not so much about God as it is about our

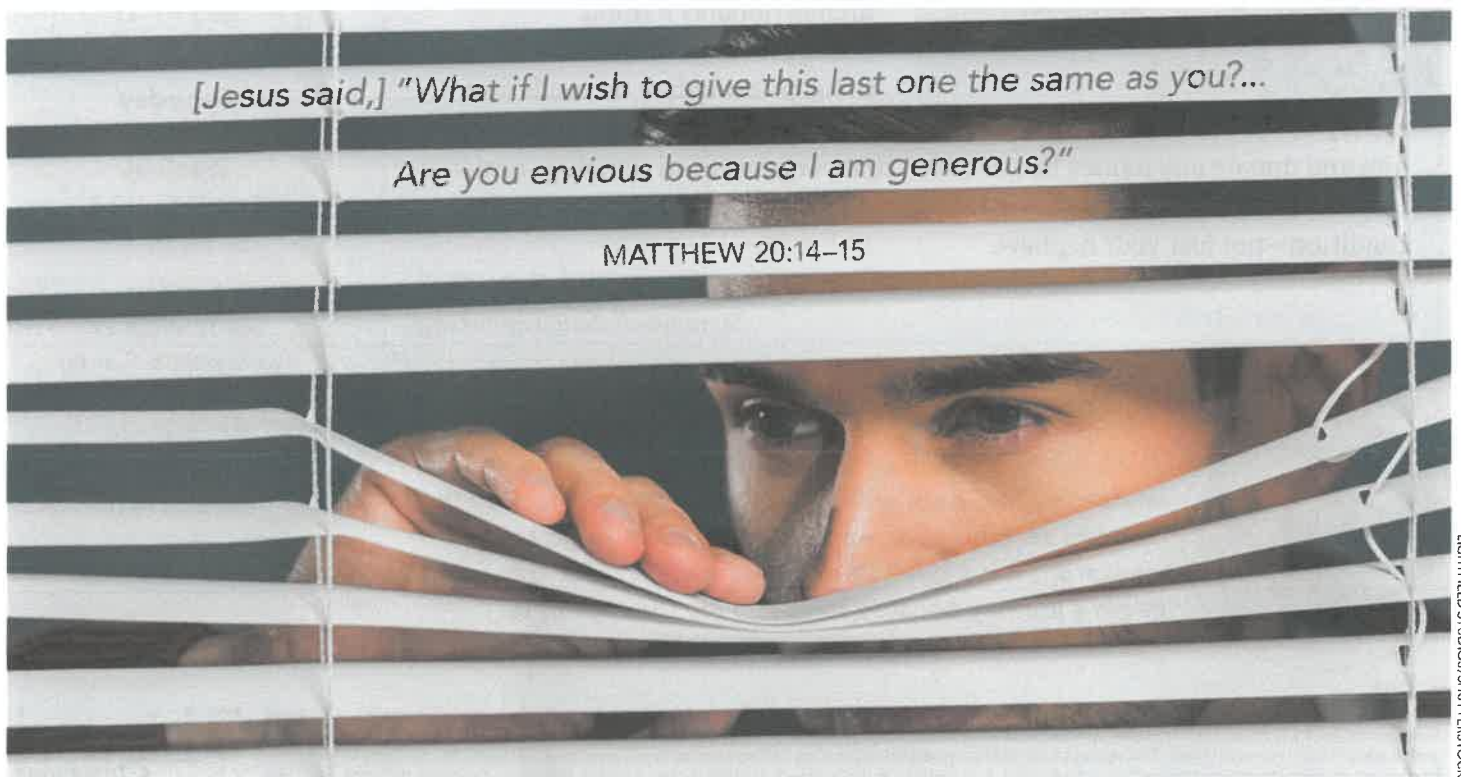
own attitudes. If we are faithful to what we believe is God's will for us, do we then presume that God owes us some kind of compensation? Do we expect that God will act according to our standards of retributive justice (this-for-that) rather than restorative justice (bring-it-back-to-life)? Do we resent God's graciousness toward others?

It is better that we all look to God for generosity than for justice. If we do, we will find, as the psalm response tells us: "The LORD is gracious and merciful" (Psalm 145:8).

—Sr. Dianne Bergant, CSA

### FOR *Reflection*

- ★ Do you resent others who seem to have an easier life? Does this lead you to question God's justice?
- ★ Pray for the insight to realize that we earn nothing; everything is a gift from God.



Blessed Sacrament + **St. Edward** + St. Joseph

**PARISH FAMILY UPCOMING EVENTS**  
**Sunday September 13, 2020**

**Blessed Sacrament + St. Edward + St. Joseph**  
**Parishioners**

**Introducing**  
**for Fall 2020**  
**H.O.P.E.**



**Introducing CREED HOPE:**  
**Catholic Religious Education Empowering Discipleship**  
**Home-based Curriculum**  
**Online Mass and Livestream events**  
**Parish Center activities including guest speakers and discussion**  
**Educate in Exciting New Ways!**

*First CREED HOPE Group Event.....*  
*For students grade 7-12*  
*Wednesday, October 7th + 7-8:30pm + Blessed Sacrament*

## Faithful Citizenship

Political engagement is part of our Catholic Call  
In their statement on *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, the U.S. Catholic bishops urge Catholics to form their consciences through being open to truth, studying Scripture and Church teaching, examining facts and background information, and prayerful reflection (no. 18). Visit [FaithfulCitizenship.org](http://FaithfulCitizenship.org) to learn about the steps you can take to form your conscience, watch videos and access other great resources on conscience formation for faithful citizens.

# 25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

## Parish Staff

### Father George Noel,

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Her office hours: **Wednesdays 1:30-4:30pm**

### VICTIM ASSISTANCE STATEMENT OF THE DIOCESE OF CROOKSTON

If you or someone you know has been the victim of sexual misconduct on the part of a priest, deacon, or individual representing the Diocese of Crookston, its parishes, or its schools, your first call should be to law enforcement. In addition, the diocesan Victim Assistance Coordinator is available at 218-281-7895 (24-hour confidential number).

**PARISH WEBSITE: [www.bscgreenbush.com](http://www.bscgreenbush.com)**

Live Stream Url:

<https://ipcamlive.com/5e73d7191d178>

**PARISH PHONE: 218-782-2467**

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Monday at 12 Noon

**Use of Parish Facility :** Call the parish office, 782-2467

**BAPTISM:** To present your child for baptism, please call Fr. George for an appointment.

**MARRIAGES:** "Congratulations" Please contact the parish office as soon as possible (at least six months in advance) so that we can work with you to prepare for your Marriage. Marriage Ceremonies will be no later than **2:00pm Saturday afternoons.**

**PASTORAL VISITATION:** If you desire a home visit, communion for the homebound, or the Sacrament of the Sick, call the parish office. We want to be part of your life.

## FOR THE WEEK OF September 21

**Tuesday, September 22**

**5:30pm** +Veronica Shoen

**Live Streamed Mass  
Blessed Sacrament**

**Wednesday, September 23**

**5:30pm**

+Rudy Blawat

**Live Streamed Mass  
Blessed Sacrament**

**Thursday, September 24**

**5:30pm**

+David Koehmstedt

**St. Joseph**

**Friday, September 25**

**5:30pm** +End to abortion

**St. Edward**

### WEEKEND MASS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, September 26**

**Live Streamed 5:00pm**

+Doris Kranz

**Blessed Sacrament**

**Sunday, September 27**

**Live Streamed 8:00am**

+Frank & Frances Janoucek

**Blessed Sacrament**

**9:45am** +For the People

**St. Edward**

**11:30am**

+David Koehmstedt

**St. Joseph**

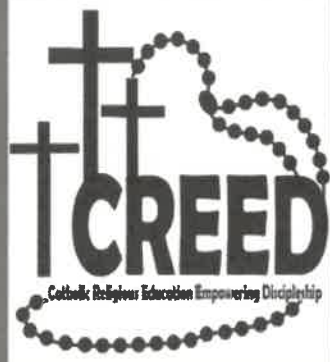
Blessed Sacrament will be live streaming the weekday Masses and weekend Masses. Go to our webpage: [www.bscgreenbush.com](http://www.bscgreenbush.com) or use this address: <https://www.ipcamlive.com/5e73d7191d178>



25<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
of  
Ordinary  
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please contact  
Fr. George for an  
appointment. 218-289-1735

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **WEDNESDAY, October 7th + 7-8:30pm** grades 7-12 Evening Group Event at BSC
- **WEDNESDAY, October 14th + 7-8:30pm** grades 7-12 Evening Group Event at BSC
- **NO CREED HOPE WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21st**
- **WEDNESDAY, October 28th + 6-7pm** the first CREED Hope Event for grades 1-6 at BSC

### SAFE ENVIRONMENT

**Reminder: July 1st those who are CREED Volunteers, Music Ministers, Independent Contractors Employees you must do Safe Environment. go to the diocesan web site and click on the safe environment tab. Please get it done!**

**Blessed Sacrament  
St. Edward - St. Joseph  
Religious Education (RE) Committee**

Elle Frislie	Chairperson
Mary Stauffenecker	Secretary
Jess Foss	DRE
Sarah Novacek	BSC
Rachel Lund	BSC
Tina Taus	St. Joseph
Lynette Cudnik	St. Edward

### BLESSED SACRAMENT CORNER

#### Prayer Line Request.....

Ann Novacek at Home:782-2749 Cell: 218-242-0212  
Kathy Schafer at 528-3241  
Shelly Kern for email prayer request: 782-2467 office or  
Email: michellebsc@wiktel.com

#### Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...

Lauren Stenberg      Sandy Stauffenecker  
Maribeth Gonshorowski  
Donna Langaas      Inez Kappes

#### St. Ann's Altar Cloth Laundry:

**June –September:** Elinor Koshenina



The Season of  
ORDINARY TIME

### WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

#### BSC + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual

**Sunday, September 13**

Fiscal Year Budget \$138,150.00

Budget as of 9/13	Received as of 9/13	Difference
\$29,224.00	\$30,511.00	\$1,287.00
<b>Adult Stewardship:</b>	<b>\$2,189.00</b>	
<b>EFT Stewardship</b>	<b>\$ 345.00</b>	
<b>Latin America</b>	<b>\$ 295.00</b>	

### BLESSED SACRAMENT MINISTRY SCHEDULE

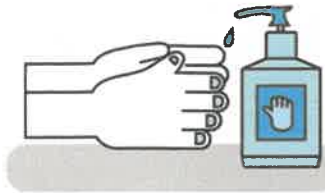
Saturday, Sept 26 5:00pm	Sunday, Sept 27 8:00am
<b>Proclaimer/Prayers of the Faithful</b>	<b>Proclaimer/Prayers of the Faithful</b>
Joy Sand	Ryan Hlucny
<b>Organist/ Announcements</b>	<b>Organist/ Announcements</b>
Jeanne Novacek	Jeanne Novacek
<b>Sacristan/Sanitizer</b>	<b>Sacristan/Sanitizer</b>
Shelly Kern	
<b>Crowd Control Usher</b>	<b>Crowd Control Usher</b>
Shelly Kern	

**PLEASE VOLUNTEER IF YOU ARE  
COMFORTABLE DOING SO**

## ST. JOSEPH'S CORNER

**Prayer Line Contact:** Phyllis Blazek 222-3316

**Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...**  
Karen Gonshorowski



**USE  
SANITIZER  
OFTEN.....**

## ST. EDWARD CORNER

**Those Celebrating Birthdays this week...**  
Benedict Kleinwachter

**REMEMBER TO KEEP SOCIAL DISTANCE AT MASS**



### WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

**St. Joseph + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual**

Sunday, September 13

**Fiscal Year Budget \$34,500.00**

Budget As of 9/13	Received as of 9/13	Difference
\$7,298.00	\$7,258.00	<\$40.00>
Stewardship:	\$930.00	
Latin America:	\$ 3.00	

### WEEKLY STEWARSHIP

**St. Edward + Weekly Stewardship Budget to Actual**

Sunday, September 13

**Fiscal Year Budget \$40,350.00**

Budget As of 9/13	Received as of 9/13	Difference
\$8,536.00	\$10,172.00	\$1,636.00
Stewardship:	\$893.00	
Latin America:	\$ 45.00	

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### September 27

Proclaimer/Prayers of the Faithful  
Anita Blazjewski  
Commentator  
Candy Gram  
Organist:  
Cathy Erickson/Rachel Bukowski  
Usher/Sanitizer  
Kenny & Sybil Cwikla

## MINISTRY SCHEDULE

### Sunday, September 27 + 9:45 am

Sacristan/Usher:  
Joanie Krantz  
Organist:  
Pat Larson  
Announcements:  
Joanie Krantz  
Proclaimer/Prayers of the Faithful:  
David Cudnik

### 2020 DAA Status as of September 11

	Goal	Donated	% of Goal
BSC	13,818	17,041.00	127.06%
St Edward	4,182	2,865.00	63.37%
St Joseph	4,004	1,695.00	44.62%
Diocese Goal	900,000.00	750,678.93	83.41%

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# Dear Padre,

**My nephew has a chronic illness. My father is saving money to send to him so he can send it to a faith healer my dad has seen on TV. What can I say to my dad to convince him this is a bad idea?**

**T**he Catholic Church teaches that “those who dwell in heaven” regularly intercede with God on our behalf (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, 956), and those intercessions include healings.

But living people with the power to instantly heal physical and mental ailments are rare. Some “healers” have accomplices who fake illness or disability and are then “cured” for the sole purpose of getting people to



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give money to the “healer.” We should be very skeptical about these claims, because scam artists understand how easy it is to take advantage of people who are desperate for relief of pain or for the cure of a chronic or terminal illness.

One thing is certain: healing ultimately comes from God. Anyone who claims he or she is the healer and not simply God’s instrument is unquestionably a fraud.

Suggest to your dad that he talk to his priest before he sends any

money to the “healer.” The best way for him to help his grandson is to pray for him and donate any money he has saved to an organization that does research into the condition. That way, your father will be helping everyone with the condition—not just your nephew.

—Fr. Rick Potts, CSSR  
[Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org](mailto:Sundaybulletin@Liguori.org)



## A WORD FROM *Pope Francis*

*Jesus wants to make us contemplate the gaze of that landowner: the gaze with which he looks upon each of the laborers searching for work and calls them to go to his vineyard....It is a gaze which calls, invites one to get up and begin a journey because he wants life for each of us.*

—ANGELUS, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

## Calendar

### Monday

SEPTEMBER 21  
St. Matthew,  
Apostle and  
Evangelist  
Eph 4:1–7, 11–13  
Mt 9:9–13

### Tuesday

SEPTEMBER 22  
Weekday  
Prv 21:1–6, 10–13  
Lk 8:19–21

### Wednesday

SEPTEMBER 23  
St. Pius of Pietrelcina,  
Priest  
Prv 30:5–9  
Lk 9:1–6

### Thursday

SEPTEMBER 24  
Weekday  
Eccl 1:2–11  
Lk 9:7–9

### Friday

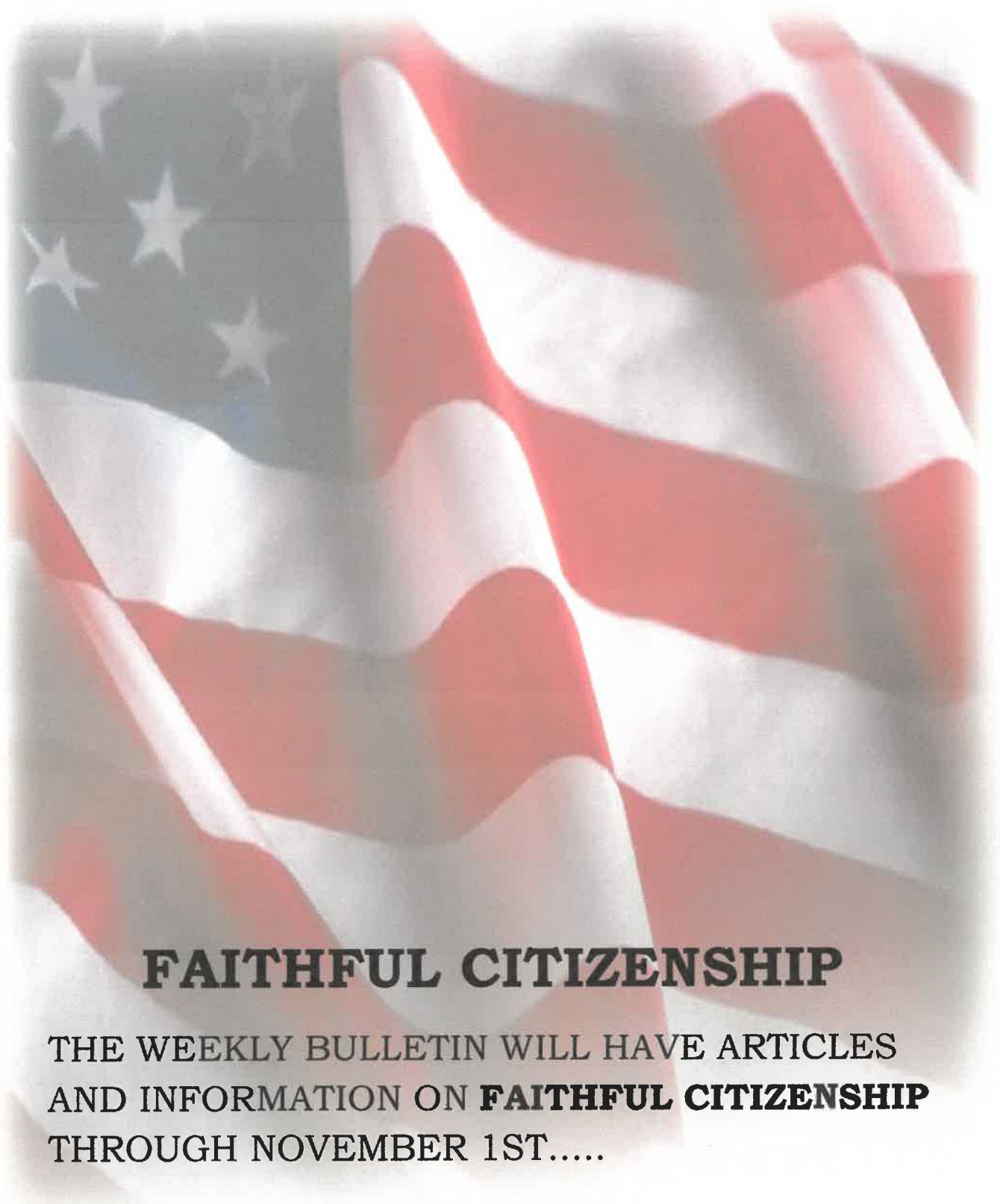
SEPTEMBER 25  
Weekday  
Eccl 3:1–11  
Lk 9:18–22

### Saturday

SEPTEMBER 26  
Weekday  
Eccl 11:9–12:8  
Lk 9:43b–45

### Sunday

SEPTEMBER 27  
Twenty-sixth Sunday  
in Ordinary Time  
Ez 18:25–28  
Phil 2:1–11 or 2:1–5  
Mt 21:28–32



## **FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP**

THE WEEKLY BULLETIN WILL HAVE ARTICLES  
AND INFORMATION ON **FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP**  
THROUGH NOVEMBER 1ST.....

# CIVILIZE IT



## DIGNITY BEYOND THE DEBATE

2020

### What does it mean to form my conscience?

Catholics have a long tradition of engagement in the public square. Sometimes that engagement requires making difficult moral decisions that impact our own lives and those of others. Our conscience can help guide the decisions we make. The Second Vatican Council guides us: “Always summoning [one] to love good and avoid evil, the voice of conscience can when necessary speak to [one’s] heart more specifically: do this, shun that” (*Gaudium et Spes* 16). However, our conscience doesn’t just come to us when we are born. We must work throughout our lives to form it through prayer, learning, and conversation.

#### How do I form my conscience?

It takes time to form our consciences so that we can make well-reasoned judgments about particular, real-life situations. The Church teaches that it is important to work continually on conscience formation so we can be prepared to make decisions whenever the opportunity arises. Some specific ideas to form your conscience are:

- 1) Begin by **being open to the truth** and what is right.
- 2) **Study Sacred Scripture** and the **teaching** of the Church.
- 3) **Examine the facts and background information** about various choices and be discerning in where we gather information.
- 4) **Prayerfully reflect** to discern the will of God (*Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*, no. 18).

Additionally, it is important to consider how

our community of faith can help us form good consciences through some of these steps:

- 1) Seek the **prudent advice** and **good example** of trusted leaders and others to support and enlighten our conscience.
- 2) Learn about the **authoritative teaching** of the Church.
- 3) Pray for the **gifts of the Holy Spirit** to help us develop our conscience.
- 4) Regularly partake in an **examination of conscience** to hear God’s voice in your life.<sup>1</sup>

Doing the work of forming our consciences can seem daunting. Fortunately, we have many church teachings that can help us in this important task. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship* is an important resource for U.S. Catholics and helps us prayerfully reflect on how we can apply Church teaching in our civic life. “Conscience is not something that allows us to justify doing whatever we want, nor is it a mere “feeling” about what we should or should not do. Rather, **conscience is the voice of God resounding in the human heart**, revealing the truth to us and calling us to do what is good while shunning what is evil.”<sup>2</sup>

Here are some questions for further reflection:

1. When has my conscience guided me to “do good and avoid evil”?
2. What are some key resources I can use to form my conscience?
3. Forming conscience is a “lifelong task.” What do I do to *regularly* form my conscience? What more should I do?

<sup>1</sup> Catechism of the Catholic Church (2nd ed.). Washington, DC: Libreria Editrice Vaticana–United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB), 2000, no 1777

<sup>2</sup> USCCB. *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship*. Washington, DC: 2015, no. 17





## Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> Announcements

- Sunday, October 4<sup>th</sup> the weekend Mass schedule for St. Edward's & St. Joseph will change to the following; St. Joseph 9:45am & St. Edward 11:30am
- Shelly Kern will be out of the office Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>