

C.O.O.L. NEWS

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Monthly Newsletter



*The queen stands
at your right hand,
arrayed in gold.*

*The Feast of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven!
Thursday, August 15 - Masses 9:30^{AM} & 7:00^{PM}*

ADORATION AT OUR LADY

FIRST FRIDAY
AUGUST 2ND - from
10:15^{AM} 'TIL NOON
ALL OTHER FRIDAYS
from 10:15^{AM} 'TIL 11:00^{AM}



FEAST OF THE ASSUMPTION
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15TH
MASSES AT 9:30^{AM} AND 7:00^{PM}
HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

WHAT IS THE CATHOLIC FAITH ALL ABOUT? "COME AND SEE" OCIA 2023 - 2024

As fall approaches we begin to plan for our OCIA [Order of Christian Initiation for Adults] program. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to refresh their knowledge of our Catholic Faith and to grow in wisdom and understanding of Christ's Mystery of the Church.

We are trying something new; this year we will host "Come and See" sessions. We will discuss the basic elements of the Catholic Faith, focusing on Old Testament and New Testament connections. We hope to answer your questions and provide additional materials to cover Church history and other important aspects of our Catholic tradition.

The first session will begin September 14th at 5:30^{pm}. The topic will be "The Tent of Meeting and the Catholic Church". Sign-up sheets are available in both lobbies. There is no cost for attending these sessions.

I am also looking for persons who would be interested in acting as support for our OCIA programs and to be sponsors for our catechumens/candidates when we get to this point. Email me at cool.sturm@gmail.com

Spanish, French and English speakers, please consider. It is such wonderful work! Thank you so much for your consideration, and may God bless!

Elaine Sturm, Catechist

AUGUST FEAST DAYS

AUGUST IS THE MONTH OF THE
IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY!

August 1 - St Alphonus Liguori, *Bishop, Doctor of the Church* & FEAST OF THE CHAINS OF ST. PETER

August 2 - **FIRST FRIDAY** - St. Eusebius of Vercelli, *Bishop* & St. Peter Julian Eymard, *Priest* & **FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS** (Portiuncula Indulgence)

August 3 - **FIRST SATURDAY** - St. Lydia & St. Nicodemus

August 4 - St. John Vianney, *Priest*

August 5 - DEDICATION OF THE BASILICA OF ST. MARY MAJOR (Our Lady of the Snows) in Rome

August 6 - THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

August 7 - St. Sixtus II, *Pope* & Cornelius, & St. Cajetan, *Priest*

August 8 - St. Dominic, *Priest Religious Founder*

August 9 - St. Teresa Benedicta of the Cross, *Virgin, Martyr (Edith Stein)* and her sister Rosa Stein

August 10 - St. Lawrence, *Deacon, Martyr*

August 11 - St. Clare, *Virgin*

August 12 - St. Jane Frances de Chantal, **OUR LADY OF LAS LASJAS**

August 13 - St. Frances X. Cabrini & St. Pontian, *Pope, Martyr*; St. Hippolytus, *Priest & Martyr*

August 14 - St. Maximilian Kolbe, *Priest, Martyr*

August 15 - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY **HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION**

August 16 - St. Stephen of Hungary & St. Joachim, *Father of BVM*

August 17 - St. Hyacinth, *Priest*

August 18 - St. Helena (finder of the True Cross)

August 19 - St. Eudes, *Priest* & **107TH ANNIVERSARY OUR LADY OF FATIMA #4 APPARITION**

August 20 - St. Bernard, *Abbot, Doctor of the Church*

August 21 - St. Pius X, *Pope*

August 22 - QUEENSHIP OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

August 23 - St. Rose of Lima. *Virgin*

August 24 - St. Bartholomew, Apostle

August 25 - St. Louis of France, *Married Man & King* & St. Joseph Calasanaz, *Priest, Educator*

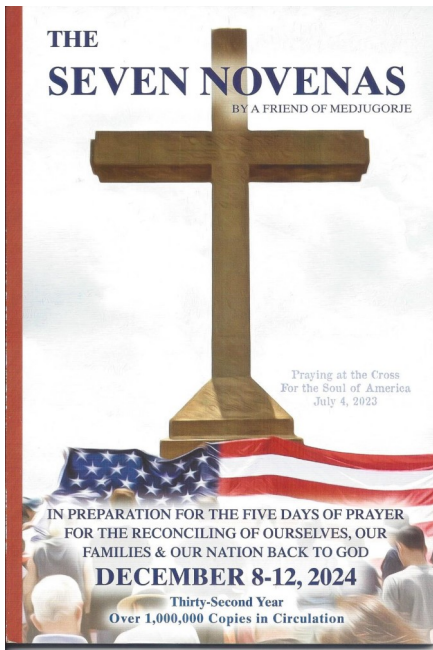
August 26 - **OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA** & St. Caesarius of Arles, *bishop & patron of the unmarried*

August 27 - St. Monica

August 28 - St. Augustine, *Bishop, Doctor of the Church*

August 29 - Passion of St. John The Baptist

THE SEVEN NOVENAS



THE SEVEN NOVENAS FOR RECONCILING OF OURSELVES, OUR FAMILIES & OUR NATION BACK TO GOD, continue in August. Here is the outline of intentions:

3rd Novena, August 25-September 2, is for INDIVIDUAL CONVERSIONS

4th, September 25-October 3, is for FAMILY

5th, October 25-November 2, is for NATION

6th, November 5-December 3, is for LOVE

7th, December 4-12, is for SPIRITUAL HEALING

If you have missed the first two months, it is not too late to join! The prayers are short to make it as easy as possible to participate. **FREE** books are available on the tables in both lobbies.

Novena for America

Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth, Intercede for us, your children in America, as we pray for our nation, our military, and our families.

We pray for our government leaders, that they will make just decisions and govern us in accordance with truth and the principles upon which our nation was founded.

We ask protection for those serving in the military and for our first responders. Bless them and their families as they sacrifice themselves to keep us safe.

We pray for our families. In a culture that seeks to destroy the morals and values upon which this country was founded, may our families be united in faith and charity.

Reclaim this great country for your Son's glory, that under His protection and guidance, we may stand together as a people of faith and trust in Him for the changes we seek.

Amen.

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Calling all parents!

Are your children registered for PSR 2024-2025?

Please find the registration form on the tables in the lobbies, and on the Church of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal website: <https://www.churchofourladycolumbus.org/>

There will be a PSR family meeting on Sunday, August 11TH following the 10:00^{AM} Mass.

Please plan to attend!
Carolyn Mack



PORTUNCULA INDULGENCE

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August 1ST & 2nd!

"BRETHREN, I WANT TO SEND YOU ALL TO HEAVEN!"

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Pamphlets available on the lobby tables.



FEAST OF OUR LADY OF THE ANGELS

ALTAR LINEN IRONING

Requires that you have an iron and ironing board. Alternate with two other persons in ironing the altar linens used at the Holy Mass. The linens are already washed so that all you need to do is the ironing. This takes about 1 hour of time.

USHERS

Volunteers, either adults or youths who have received Confirmation, minister to the parish at the weekend Masses, holy days, and other special liturgies. They assist people in finding their seat, take up the collection, and straighten up the church after Mass (e.g. putting away hymnals left on the pew seats, picking up litter, turning off the lights, closing the sanctuary and church doors, etc.). When handling the offertory collection, they work by 2's in bagging the basket contents and placing in the safe or in delivering the collection baskets to the counters directly.

PLEASE CALL THE PARISH OFFICE AT 1-614-861-1242 TO SIGN-UP FOR ONE (OR MORE) OF THESE ACTIVITIES TO SUPPORT OUR CHURCH!

PSR SUPPORT

Volunteers are needed to assist with the non-teaching activities at the Sunday PSR sessions: someone to take attendance from all of the various classes so that we have an accurate record; someone to help with hospitality - preparing the snacks and beverages that will be available to the students as needed.

SACRISTANS:

Description for a typical Sunday Mass:
Before Mass - Arrive at least 30 minutes prior to Mass. In the sacristy:

- 1) Turn on the PA system;
- 2) set up trays for the Mass (to be placed on the credence table)
 - a) *chalice set up: place one large host on the paten - insure that the chalice purificator, paten, pall and corporal are placed correctly on top of the chalice*
 - b) *place the cruet with the water on the tray along with the small bowl and cloth for the washing of the hands*
 - e) *place the tabernacle key on the tray*
 - f) *place extra ciboria (usually 2) for distribution of Holy Communion (this may require a second tray).*

3) Take the tray/s to the credence table and place the tabernacle key in the Tabernacle.

4) Fill the large gold bowl with a generous handful of hosts. Place the bowl and wine cruet on the table in the back aisle of the church for the gift bearers.

AFTER MASS:

Purify (rinse) the vessels used in the Holy Mass. Thoroughly rinse the altar cloths which might have Precious Blood spilled on them and open them over the hamper to dry.
Put everything away in the sacristy.
Lock the chalice in the cupboard.

GROUNDS MAINTENANCE

Our **Yardmaster**, John Laibe, is looking for volunteers to help keep our lawn well-trimmed and presentable. John will train you on the operation of the equipment. The goal is to have enough people so that each volunteer would work just once per month.

ALTAR FLOWER MINISTRY

We currently have the program in place for parishioners to either provide/arrange flowers themselves for the Altar **OR** give a donation for flowers to be purchased.

We have two volunteers who are currently available to act in purchasing and arranging the flowers from those who have donated money for the remembrance.

If you are a person who loves flowers and arranging them, please consider if you would like to participate as a volunteer to work alternately with our existing team.

LIGHT CHURCH CLEANING

Dusting pews, picking up trash from the church pews, cleaning cry-room windows, vacuuming as needed, straightening of east & west foyers, etc.

If you are unable to contribute as much as you would like in the weekly collection, please consider one of these opportunities to support the church.

CHRISTMAS DÉCOR COORDINATOR

The person who accepts this project will coordinate the activities to implement the beautiful Altar decorations at Christmas. The first step is to identify the timeframe available for the decoration (1) based on what day of the week Christmas falls, (2) when Dan Hueckle and the flowers will be available, and then, (3) when the Knights can set up the trees and stable.

Having established these times, you can coordinate a general decorating event and invite volunteers to help with the tree ornaments, wreaths and general décor in the sanctuary and finally the placing of flowers under direction of Dan Hueckle. In the past, events have been scheduled on multiple days to accommodate the help needed. Mary Bishel plans to be available to advise and help organize this work if her replacement desires assistance. Additionally, when the flowers are delivered, the person will oversee their storage until needed for placement.

A Pope's Little-Known Prayer to Our Lady of the Assumption Every Catholic Should Know

source:churchpop

The Church celebrates the Solemnity of the Assumption of Mary into Heaven every year on August 15.

On November 1, 1950, Pope Pius XII officially declared that Mary assumed into Heaven, body and soul. This is an official dogma of the Catholic Church.

“[The Blessed Virgin Mary] by an entirely unique privilege, completely overcame sin by her Immaculate Conception, and as a result, she was not subject to the law of remaining in the corruption of the grave, and she did not have to wait until the end of time for the redemption of her body.”

On this Solemnity of the Assumption, let us honor Our Lady who unceasingly intercedes for us.

Prayer to Our Lady of the Assumption by Pope Pius XII

O Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God and Mother of Humanity, we believe with all the fervor of our Faith in your triumphal Assumption both in body and in soul into Heaven where you are acclaimed as Queen by all the choirs of angels and all the legions of saints; we unite with them to praise and bless the Lord who has exalted you above all other pure creatures and to offer you the tribute of our devotion and our love.

We know that your gaze, which on Earth watched over the humble and suffering humanity of Jesus, in Heaven is filled with the vision of that humanity glorified and with the vision of uncreated Wisdom, and that the joy of your soul in the direct contemplation of the adorable Trinity causes your heart to throb with overwhelming tenderness; and we, poor sinners whose bodies weigh down the flight of the soul, beg you to purify our hearts so that, while we remain below, we may learn to see God

and God alone in the beauties of his creatures.

We trust that your merciful eyes may deign to gaze down upon our miseries and anguish, upon our struggles and our weaknesses; that your countenance may smile upon our joys and our victories; that you may hear the voice of Jesus saying to you of each one of us, as he once said to you of his Beloved Disciple: “Behold your son,” and we who call upon you as our Mother, we, like John, take you as the guide, strength and consolation of our mortal life.

We are inspired by the certainty that your eyes, which wept over the Earth crimsoned by the Blood of Jesus, are yet turned toward this world racked by wars and persecutions, the oppression of the just and the weak. From the shadows of this vale of tears, we seek in your heavenly assistance, tender mercy, comfort for our aching hearts, and help in the trials of Church and country.

We believe finally that in the glory where you reign, clothed with the sun and crowned with stars, you are, after Jesus, the joy and gladness of all the angels and the saints, and from this Earth, over which we tread as pilgrims, comforted by our faith in the future resurrection, we look to you our life, our sweetness, our hope; draw us onward with the sweetness of your voice, so that one day, after our exile, you may show us Jesus, the Blessed Fruit of Your Womb. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Our Lady of the Assumption, pray for us!

Novena for America to Return to One Nation Under God In Petition August 6-14, 2024. In Thanksgiving August 15-23, 2024



Mary, full of grace, all generations rejoice to call you blessed and to acknowledge the great things that God your Savior has done for you. In preserving you from the stain of sin, God already prepared you to be taken to the place that had been readied for your in Heaven. As we commemorate this Assumption of your body and soul into Heaven, we recall that you intercede for us powerfully in your reign as Queen of the Universe and that you remember us tenderly as Mother of the Church. Seeking the help of your intercession and the consolation of your gentle compassion, we ask that you join us in praying for the intentions that we now entrust to your loving attention. (*Intention*) “For America to return to One Nation Under God”.

As you join in presenting this petition to our Father in Heaven, pray too that we may accept God's response to our petitions with the spirit of joy that marked your life on Earth and which now fills your soul in Heaven. Help us to long for our own heavenly inheritance, so that we might join with you in praising God's goodness forever. Amen

Note from Mary: Please join in this prayer for America and any other nations that you would like to add. Our Lady wants to hear from us. I read recently when we ask something of Our Blessed Virgin Mary, she passes it on to Jesus in a purified form. How great is that!

The prayer for the Assumption is from a newsletter from EWTN.

Questions, see Mary Bishel



The Eucharistic Pilgrimage eastern route stopped at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish on Wednesday, June 26. The 6:00pm Mass was concelebrated by 14 priests!

Both Fr. Roger Landry and Fr. Tad Pacholczyk (*writes the syndicated bioethics column in the Catholic Times*) celebrated their 25th anniversary of ordination at this Mass!

Bishop Earl Fernandes spoke at the end of Mass. He also led the procession throughout parish grounds and the benediction following the procession!



NATIONAL
**Eucharistic
Pilgrimage**

FULFILMENT OF ALL DESIRE BOOK STUDY

**August 24
9:30- 10:30**

*Path to Holiness
as told by
7 Doctors of the Church*

In Person

**Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
5225 Refugee Road, Columbus**

or

Zoom # 849 0022 9798

Chapter 11

Adult Ed

Sundays in August & September

“Gospel of Mark” by Dr. Tim Gray



Please join us after the 10:00^{AM} Mass.

**Monday at 6:30^{PM} -
Gospel of Mark**

and Wednesday at 10:30^{AM} -
The Jewish Roots of the Mass in the
Old Testament, by Dr. Brant Pitre.

**ZOOM Meeting # 226 966 6248
Passcode 80V9a1**

Submitted by Joanne Farrell

What happens after the marvelous events of the Eucharistic Pilgrimages and the Eucharistic Congress?



MISSION

To form Catholics to live out of their Eucharistic encounters with Jesus and to send them as credible witnesses to the joy of the Gospel; to encourage centers of mission (parishes, dioceses, religious communities, apostolates, etc.) to continue providing opportunities for encounter that lead to a deeper Eucharistic identity and sustain a Eucharistic life.

VISION

To raise up a company of Catholics from across the country who have been healed, converted, formed, unified, and sent out on Eucharistic mission for the life of the world.

More activities will be planned as part of the ongoing focus to bring the life of Christ to fulfillment in our community.

Submit your article for the next C.O.O.L. NEWS to: Editor in Chief Elaine Sturm at cool.sturm@gmail.com

Or place your submission in the box marked "COOL NEWS" located in the sacristy
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION IS: August 15th

Join us on the WEB and FACEBOOK!
WEB: CHURCHOFMIRACULOUSMEDALCOLUMBUS.ORG
FACEBOOK: [FACEBOOK.COM/COOLCOLUMBUS](https://www.facebook.com/COOLCOLUMBUS)



Here is another great picture from Jeff & Josie Boston in costume on the set of "The Chosen". They were extras in the filming for Season 5 (Holy Week), for two weeks in May at Goshen, Utah.

The Columbus Catholic Renewal

COLUMBUS CATHOLIC RENEWAL

Praise & Worship

Mass at 9:00am

Saturday

August 17, 2024

from 9:00^{am} to Noon

Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal

5225 Refugee Road

Columbus, Ohio 43213



Scan the QR Code above below with your phone camera, then tap to open link for [Online Donation](#).

Look for it in our weekly bulletin!

A Short Meditation From Rea Okerberg

It's amazing, truly, how witty God is. Here's a little "God moment" for you all, and my hope in sharing this, if someone out there in your life struggles with needing "proof" that God does, in fact, hear us, here you are:

This past Sunday, after I'd gone to Confession, Father Robert and I were talking about the things I'd brought to the Cross. He offered some beautiful advice, and by God's Will, we will be meeting again soon for further discussion.

When I was leaving the church, I realized I had some time before I had to go to work that evening (not at all aware of what awaited me the last hour of my shift that broke my heart, but God knew!), so I went to grab something for lunch at the store down the road and as I was walking, I heard, "*Everything is grace.*" I've been working on a reflection for a few weeks now about our Beloved Lord, and how He's always patiently waiting for us to come to Him, and that little phrase just slammed into me and made me stop in my tracks for a second.

Throughout the rest of the day, I rolled that around in my mind, picking it apart, analyzing it, putting it back together, as I do. I went to work, the phrase still rolling around in my head, and when I got home that night, I was just a wreck! (Bad customer being nasty, it happens, I'm not bothered, God's got my back, and I'm happy to hide behind Him and let Him sort stuff out!)

I genuinely don't remember where I found the following little prayer, but I know it was Sunday night, and coming on the heels of what Fr. Robert and I had discussed after he heard my Confession and offered his wisdom and beautiful advice on how to handle things going forward, this certainly had to have been from none other than God reaching down and putting His Hand on my shoulder and saying, "Child, remember, just trust Me. It's okay."

The prayer: "Lord, today I pray that if I'm wrong, right me. If I'm lost, guide me. If I'm about to let someone take me back to a place I prayed my way out of, STOP ME! Amen"

I hope this helps soothe anyone's heart as they read this, because let's just be honest here: it seems the world has lost any sense of how to (be) "human" anymore. With all the fighting and toxicity in the world, we are too-easily swept up in things if we aren't careful. Please know that God hears, He sees, and He loves us far more than we could ever, EVER understand. I had a priest a few weeks ago tell me, "Our sins are but a drop in the ocean of God's Mercy." This is something we should remember, always, because the Sacrament of Confession is where He waits for us to come to Him so we can be healed by His love and mercy.

Never, ever lose hope, never, ever feel that you're too broken for God to heal, too ugly for God to love, because He does (love you).

"The Heart of Jesus is closer to a heart that's full of sorrow than one that is full of joy." - St Margaret Mary Alacoque

Friends of the Josephinum 4-Miler Run/Walk

Event: Josephinum 4-Miler Run / Walk

Date: September 28, 2024

Location: Pontifical
College Josephinum,
7625 N. High St.,
Columbus, Ohio
43235

Distance: 4 miles

Start Time: 9 a.m.



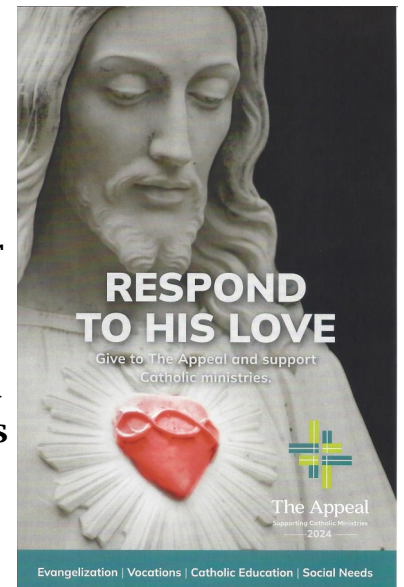
The Josephinum 4-Miler Run / Walk features a new, one-loop four-mile course this year that will take runners and walkers on a tour of the Pontifical College Josephinum and surrounding neighborhoods. The event will start at 9 a.m.

Proceeds are used for scholarships and the financial needs of seminarians at the Pontifical College Josephinum.

More information and registration can be found here: <https://m3ssports.com/events/josephinum-4-miler-run-walk/>

The official campaign for "The Appeal" for 2024 took place in May and June. However, donations will be accepted through the remainder of 2024.

Church of Our Lady's 2024 assessment was \$45,345.65. Thus far we have collected just over half, \$24,000+. Won't you consider making a pledge? Envelopes are still available in the pews.





A PILGRIMAGE

TO MARK THIS YEAR OF GOING OUT ON MISSION DURING THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL



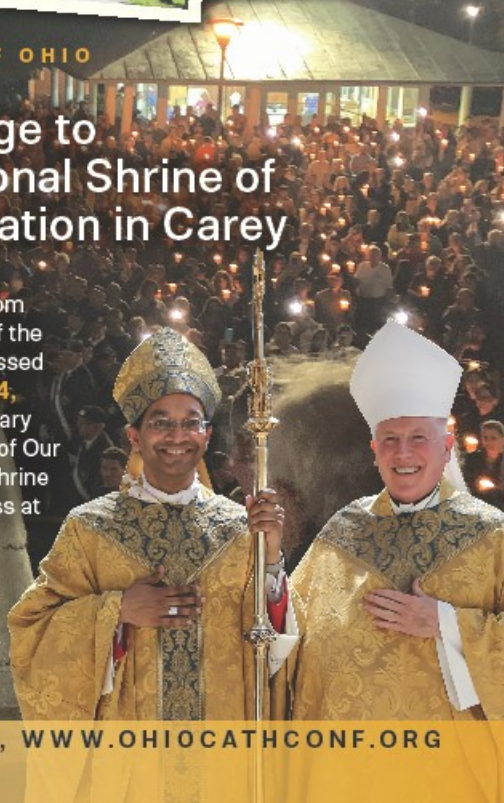
THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF OHIO INVITE ALL THE FAITHFUL

To Make a Pilgrimage to the Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Consolation in Carey

Join the bishops, priests, deacons, consecrated religious and lay faithful from across the state to celebrate the Vigil of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary **Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2024**, beginning at 9 p.m. for a candlelight rosary procession with the Miraculous Statue of Our Lady of Consolation from the Basilica Shrine to the Shrine Park followed by Holy Mass at the outdoor Altar in the Shrine Park.

Toledo Bishop Daniel E. Thomas, Celebrant
Columbus Bishop Earl K. Fernandes, Homilist

FOR MORE INFORMATION, WWW.OHIOCATHCONF.ORG



Easy Access to the Bible and Catechism

Ascension Press, www.ascensionpress.org, has a wealth of inspiring information for Catholics.

It features Fr. Mike Schmitz who, among other things, has made available in podcasts narrated by him 'The Bible in a Year' and 'The Catechism in a Year'. These are designed to cover the Bible and the Catechism, respectively, in a series of podcasts that, when viewed one per day, covers the entire Bible or Catechism in a year.

Fr. Schmitz also recently released a video "The Bible in Ten Minutes" that had reached over 600,000 views in just two days. The video can be accessed on the website and is a 10 minute overview of the Bible in 10 minutes using a style similar to a Pixar theatrical short.

Submitted by Tom Crosby



CHURCH OF OUR LADY

Men of the Medal

Saturday

September 14, 2024

9:00am - 11:00am

Continental Breakfast

Fellowship with like-minded men of Faith!

How Important Is Your Vote?

Since the period of civil unrest that began in the US in May 2020, there have been at least 433 attacks against Catholic churches in the United States, including acts of arson which damaged or destroyed historic churches; spray-painting and graffiti of satanic messages; rocks and bricks thrown through windows; statues destroyed (often with heads cut off); and illegal disruptions of Mass. At least 268 attacks have been perpetrated against Catholic churches since the draft Supreme Court opinion proposing to reverse *Roe v. Wade* was leaked in early May 2022, with many including graffiti with pro-abortion messages. Crucially, while a handful of the attacks have included thefts, the vast majority have only involved property destruction, indicating that the primary motive is not material gain.

The attacks on Catholic churches have been widespread across the country, affecting 42 states plus DC. This includes 16 attacks against churches in Ohio.

CatholicVote stated that they have found evidence of an arrest in connection with an attack against a church in only about 25% of cases. A letter was sent to the US Attorney General which pointed to a federal statute which requires the Attorney General to investigate and prosecute such crimes.

To date there have been no federal prosecutions in any of the cases, even though attacking a place of worship is a federal crime.

Excerpted from a 7/9/24 article in the online publication Catholic Vote <https://catholicvote.org/>
Submitted by Tom Crosby

Knight's News



Knights of Columbus
Silver Rose
 Prayer Service
 Booklet

Faith in Action Life

On Sunday, July 14, 2024, Knights' Council 11188 brought to Our Lady the Silver Rose. Before the 10:00^{AM} Mass, Grand Knight, Alex Esparza led the prayers to pray for life in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the Patroness of Life. The prayers included an 'Act of Consecration' to Our Mother from Evangelium Vitae, written by Pope St. John Paul II. Fr. Leo Connolly gave the final blessing. In the afternoon, Alex delivered the Rose to St. Marys, Delaware, the next stop on this year's section of the pilgrimage.

It is with deepest regret that we have to say "Farewell" to Fr. Cyprian Obioha. His departure is set for July 30. While this newsletter will be available from July 28, he will still be with us for a very short time.

We want to thank him for his generosity in sharing the Faith with us; his homilies were always both entertaining and very much to the point!

We send our prayers and our hearts with him on his journey and in his new post.
 Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parishioners



CHURCH OF OUR LADY OF
MIRACULOUS MEDAL

AFRICAN COMMUNITY

Invite you to the

ANNUAL SUPER PICNIC

AUGUST 10 2024

@ 4:00PM

5225 Refugee Rd,

Columbus OH 43232

COOL Calendar